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Dr. Michael Balcomb outside Seoul Detention Center November 7, 2025

A personal account of seeing Mother Han in Seoul Detention Center - and her message: "Tell them that I love them."

Extracts from a message delivered by Dr. Michael Balcomb, President of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) in Europe and the Middle East, at an international prayer meeting on Zoom 12th November 2025. Slightly edited.

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Tuesday [11th Nov.], at last, it was time to visit [True Mother](#).

[...] And I know you'll be disappointed, but [...] I can't say much about the details of this visit [...].



From the prayer tent in front of Seoul Detention Center, October 2025

I had prepared a short report for [True Mother](#), which I read in Korean. [...]

And [Mother](#) kindly responded,

"Wow, your Korean is improving. Please explain well about my situation to all the members of Europe and tell them that I love them."

[...] Then I can just share a little bit about my impression on meeting [True Mother](#). Frankly, it was pretty shocking.

The first interesting thing was that I was told by the Korean team to wait in the wrong place. So I was waiting down at the detention center prayer tent, and about half an hour went by and I thought, "This might not be right."



Moon Yeon-a, October 2025



Julia Hoon-sook Moon, here delivering her message at a prayer vigil in Gapyeong, South Korea October 16, 2025

So I called Yeon-a, who told me, "No, you have to go into the detention center."

And [...] I thought, "How can I get in?" But it turns out it's very easy - show your passport and you walk in. You go into the reception area and show your passport again. You surrender your cell phone and other things, and then you take a number.

And there are 30 visiting rooms at the detention center. They're all in use all the time - 15 for men, 15 for women. There are a lot of people there waiting to see their loved ones in detention.

In the lobby, I met with Julia, with Shin-chul, and with Shin-heung, and this "brother" that I didn't really know called Peter Kim, not the [Peter Kim who ascended](#), but Peter Eun-sang Kim who was coordinating the visits to the detention center and also working with [True Mother](#)'s lawyers.

You stand in line and get called, and then you make your way to the interview room.

The interview room is really small. It's like two and a half meters by two and a half meters.

And then there's a solid glass wall with bars as well. It's completely soundproofed.

The person you've come to visit is on the other side. And the only communication is through a small microphone on something like an iPad, [...] which also gives you a countdown.

You get exactly ten minutes, no more, no less. And it's not easy in 10 minutes to really convey your heart.

[Mother](#) was already waiting there when we came in, but the sound wasn't switched on.

And because her eyesight is not very good, especially after the medical procedure during her [brief release](#), you know, she was just sitting there impassively waiting for the sound to come on so that we could greet her.

And she looked healthy, but very thoughtful, I will say. It was also, of course, shocking to see her in her prison fatigues, with her number across her chest. This is not how I'm used to seeing [True Mother](#).

Also, there's a guard there, a female guard, who brought [Mother](#) in in her wheelchair.

Anyway, as soon as we started, Shin-chul explained to [True Mother](#) who was there, because - actually it's pretty crowded, and even without visual challenges - to introduce people is important.

And then [Mother](#) invited Peter Eun-sang Kim to give a quick report. And his report, which you probably heard about, was that the lawyers - and [Mother](#) has a lot of lawyers - have been visiting [Gapyeong](#) to try to get a better understanding of who [True Parents](#) are, because most of the lawyers are young and they don't know [Mother](#) too well.

And then it was my turn, so I sat down quickly. One of the reasons for speaking in Korean was because of

time. If I speak in English and it's translated, then all the time would be used up. But also I thought, "At least this is one thing I can do to try to make it easier for [True Mother](#)."



Moon Shin-heung October 14, 2025 in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea



Moon Shin-chul October 2025 in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea

And after that, Shin-heung talked a little bit about his children, [True Mother](#)'s great grandchildren. That was the first time that [Mother](#) really smiled.

Even the guard smiled at that point because it was cute. And then there were a few moments left, and [Mother](#) said, "Why don't you all sing me a song?"

Of course, we never sung together before. We glanced at each other and thanks [God](#) we did not sing "Country Roads", but we sang "Top of the World" instead.

We did pretty good, I would say, and we finished with about two seconds to spare. And then the mic went dead, and [True Mother](#) was wheeled out. She waved as she went.

But anyway, afterwards we had a little "debrief" back in the reception area. I asked Shin-chul,

"Is that normally how it is? [Mother](#) seemed pretty thoughtful and quiet."

[...] And yes, Shin-chul and Julia both confirmed, "Yes, it was different today."

Of course, it was [Mother](#)'s first visit since coming back from the hospital. And there is also a pretty busy time is ahead. On 18th November - six days from now - there'll be another procedural hearing. And then on December 1st, the actual trial will begin.

Usually those hearings last six months, but apparently, they may try to do it more quickly, but that still means about four months. So there's a long hard road ahead.

And I think we need to remind ourselves what [True Mother](#) has said, which is, "Keep going! Work hard!"

And of course we have to pray hard. But I think the point is there's no point worrying about things that we can't change ourselves.



Young members of the [Family Federation](#) at a prayer vigil outside Seoul Detention Center in October 2025

Some people have asked me, "Isn't it time to be more vociferous and to speak out and challenge what is

going on?"

And that might be true, but one thing to bear in mind is that until now, this whole process has been driven by the prosecution team, and they've been doing what prosecutors do, but now it's transitioning to the judges.

There are three pretty senior judges in the Seoul court. And one thing I know about judges from experience in the UK and in America is they don't like being told what to do or think.

So we definitely want to pray for them. [...] We want to pray that [God](#) gives them wisdom and insight because this is not a simple case.

And Korea at the moment is rather strange. There's a lot of activity going on which I don't really recognize, but I'm not going to speculate it here because you don't want to hear that.

I think what you want to hear is that [Mother](#) is well, yes, she's well. Her medical procedure went well.

She's very thoughtful. She has time to think about the people she loves, and that includes us.

She asked me to explain to you the situation as it is. I've done that. And she said, "I love you." I think we all want to see her soon.

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The gate to the Seoul Detention Center in November 2025. Photo: Michael Balcomb

[...] As you know, the **True Parents** have lived their entire lives for the **providence** of Heaven – for the realization of a peaceful world centered on our Heavenly Parent, where all humanity becomes one family. They are truly unique in all of history.

And yet, as you are all painfully aware, despite the tremendous achievements **True Mother** has made even at her advanced age, the current situation – in which her efforts are neither properly understood, appreciated, nor reported – is utterly unreasonable. Still, that is the present reality we are facing.

In this situation, every word we speak must be chosen with extreme care, so as not to cause misunderstanding. Especially because **True Mother** has said that the truth will be revealed in due time, we must be careful that our words or writings do not lead to any false suspicion – such as accusations of “evidence tampering” or “interference”. Because of that, there are severe limits to what we can say or do. I am truly sorry.

Once again, I ask you: until this specific period passes, please continue, as you have so far, with patience, love, and devotion for **True Mother**. Every word we speak, every letter we write – we must do so with the utmost care so that no misunderstanding or harmful accusation arises.

As the saying goes, “Even when crossing a stone bridge, tap it first.” We must act that carefully.



Posters in support of **Mother Han** in front of Seoul Detention Center in November 2025. Photo: Michael Balcomb

[...] I met **True Mother** today. Actually, there was no visitation on Monday [10th Nov.] this week. Because of that, we began receiving updates again from Tuesday. The reason there was no meeting on Monday is that **True Mother** was temporarily [4th to 7th Nov.] **granted a suspension** of her detention order, and she went to the hospital.

When that happens – when a **suspension of detention** is issued – all the previous conditions related to her confinement are nullified. In other words, all prior visitation permissions are automatically canceled, since she is no longer considered to be “in detention”.

That’s why we could not schedule a visit on Monday, but resumed from Tuesday onward.

Sometimes, due to special circumstances or schedules, visitations do not take place as planned – either because of our own unavoidable commitments, or because **True Mother** has necessary appointments related to her situation. That can mean there are days, from Monday to Friday, when a meeting does not happen.

I want to explain this clearly, so that those of you who wait and hope for updates won’t be disappointed unexpectedly.

Today, when the door opened, we entered the room. A few seconds later, **True Mother** came in, seated in her wheelchair.

As always, her expression was calm and composed. However, compared to before, I noticed that her face has grown thinner – in a positive sense, one might say she looks more slender – and that made me think again about her daily living conditions.

Since the weather has turned cold, I know many of you are worried. Those of you who care



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worked. Those of you who care for elderly parents know how important it is during wintertime to take precautions – even when it's unpleasant, you still go for vaccinations.



Mother Han in a wheelchair as she appeared at the detention hearing in September 2025.
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Usually, one would hope a single vaccination would suffice, but there are several types needed.

It seems that **True Mother** also received her vaccinations a few days ago.

Depending on the type of vaccination, as you know, sometimes it takes a while for the body to adjust and for the immune system to stabilize – and in that process, some side effects or symptoms can appear.

It seems that **True Mother** was feeling somewhat fatigued for a few days because of that.

When she entered the room, just before we began the meeting, **True Mother** immediately looked at us, and as we bowed in greeting, I could see her lips moving as if she were saying, "Who came today?"

So Moon Shin-chul replied, telling her the names of those who had come.

He said that today, Director Kim Eun-sang, Director Kim Jin-chul, I myself, and missionaries Cheon Hye-chuk and Seung-ja were present.

Then, Director Kim Eun-sang asked **True Mother** first about her vaccination:

"Mother, how have you been since your vaccination? It must have been painful, right?"

True Mother replied, "Yes, it hurt a lot."

Director Kim explained that when the immune system functions naturally, it's normal to experience mild fever or some muscle pain, but even though it's a natural reaction, **True Mother** said it hurt so much that she couldn't sleep.



*From a prayer rally in support of **Mother Han** in front of Seoul Detention Center November 2025. Screenshot from video by [FFWPU](#)*

So of course, there are different types of medicine that can help with that – like Tylenol, or sometimes, if necessary, something that helps one fall asleep more easily.

When asked about that, **True Mother** said that she normally doesn't take such medication often, but this time she asked for something to help her sleep because the pain was so strong.

Despite her discomfort, she still greeted us warmly, with a bright and gentle smile. We were so deeply grateful for that.

Then **True Mother** again emphasized that *the truth must be revealed*.

After that, Director Kim Jin-chul reported about some of the things that **True Mother** might need – items that can be permitted according to the procedural rules.

Normally, as you know, food or daily necessities cannot be sent from outside. That is the rule. [...] So, as it stands, we cannot officially deliver various items to **True Mother** from outside, due to the established regulations. Inside, however, there is a small shop that sells certain goods depending on the season and situation. She must purchase and use things from there.

Regarding her prescribed medications – vitamins, supplements, or any necessary medicines – these are carefully reviewed and approved through the proper procedures before being provided to her.

So we explained that all the permissible items had been prepared in accordance with those rules.

True Mother said, "You did well to take care of that in advance," and praised us.

Then, as you may have already heard, **True Mother** was told that religious leaders around the world have been expressing great love and respect for her. [...]

After hearing this, **True Mother** spoke about the value of religion and peace, and noted that all of these efforts are deeply connected with the **providential** work that **True Parents** have carried out – all the struggles and achievements they have made over the years.

She said that it would be good for these things to be spoken about publicly and reported in the media.

Moon Shin-chul explained that press conferences and interviews are already being arranged to that effect.

True Mother said,

"Yes, that's what must be done. The truth must be revealed. Christianity and all religions around the world must become harmonized as one."

True Mother said,

"All religions must work together so that a peaceful world – one human family of peace – can come. That is the responsibility of all people of faith."



Moon Shin-chul, here in October 2025 in Gapyeong, South Korea. Screenshot from video by [FFWPU](#).

Hearing that, I was once again deeply moved. Even in such difficult circumstances, **True Mother** is always thinking about the will of our Heavenly Parent and the dream of the Heavenly Parent – constantly devoting herself to how the world should move forward and what responsibilities the world's religious leaders must now take on.

Today, as always, she reminded us that even while she is in a challenging environment, her heart and thoughts are completely aligned with Heaven.

Now, as you know, there is a separate system for attorney meetings. That is permitted, since there are preparations for the legal proceedings. During one of those attorney visits, apparently one of the religious leaders from another faith had written a poem dedicated to **True Mother**, and it was read to her.

True Mother said this about it:

"Today, a poem about me was read aloud – it was very moving. The person who wrote it has never met me, but expressed me as the 'Mother of Peace' through tears. The poem was beautiful. I want you to know about it. Even though the writer has never seen me, perhaps he has heard of me. The poem was written with tears, crying out that this age needs a *Mother of Peace*." [...]

Then, near the end of our time, **True Mother** said,

"For the world to become one, people of faith must first become one."

She again emphasized that the unity of religious people is the key to realizing our Heavenly Parent's dream – the ideal world of one human family centered on Heavenly Parent – the dream that **True Parents** have devoted their entire lives to building. [...]

Afterward, Director Kim Eun-sang said,

"**Mother** actually looked more peaceful than I expected. Even though she's been through much, she seemed calm. It's good that she received her vaccinations – hopefully she can keep her condition stable through the winter."

[...] Thank you.

Translated from the transcription of the original Korean text. Slightly edited.

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