

Update on the providence in Senegal - Support our Senegalese family

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Family photo 2018.12.24 including parents of pregnant daughter-in-law

Dear Brother and Sister Missionaries and/or 'senior pastors' (True Mother's recent designation for our generation of members)

Happy victorious God's Day and Foundation Day 2019! We greet you and wish you abundant love from Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

To refresh your memories, Pat was the original missionary to Senegal, arriving there on May 1, 1975. Justin joined her later, and together we stayed continuously until February 1992. Four of our five sons were born there.

Accompanied by 4 of our kids plus the wives of two of them, we visited Senegal in June 2015.



Fleischman family being greeted at an assembly of Senegalese members, June 3, 2015

In January 2018, Justin and Pat were invited to support and attend the First Africa Summit in Dakar,

Senegal. In both 2015 and 2018, we were consistently and warmly received by all the members. The bonds of love never fade.



Some Senegalese and Malian members during a conference intermission

At first glance, it appeared that the mission had not progressed so much since we left in 1992. Recently IPeaceTV has also described the Senegal mission as a place "where our Unification missionaries (members) have a weaker foundation." But we didn't base our evaluation on the number of members. We found them all to be very solid, faithful, and hardworking – just as they had been when we lived with them. Their innocence and purity, and especially their willingness to share everything they have, even if they don't have very much, is reminiscent of the woman who poured oil over Jesus' feet. And most of all, they were wildly enthused by True Mother having chosen Senegal, initially, as the location to hold the summit conference, and then afterward, as the central location in which to implant all the major providential activities for Africa.



Dethie Diouf, UPF/AFP leader with Justin, a WFPW representative from Lebanon and Abdou Gaye, the Senegal National Leader – We are preparing to visit the leader of the largest Muslim sect in Senegal

We saw how much the members had invested for the success of the summit conference. The Senegalese delegation was far more numerous and encompassing than any other African delegation. In addition to the President and the Speaker of the House of the Senegal government, both of whom are still very positive and supportive, it also included parliamentarians, religious leaders, tribal chiefs, university professors, business leaders, women leaders, etc. There was a large contingent of UPF representatives and

Ambassadors for Peace, coordinated by a man who is very sincere, focused and connected heartistically with True Parents. He is also the head of one of the political parties in Senegal, and he recently received the Blessing at the Family Federation center. Heavenly Parent has clearly prepared many good people to support True Parents!

So, why Senegal? According to Reverend Ki-Hoon Kim, Mother chose Senegal because [1] there was a very prepared religious leader who had significant influence in the entire country (Cheikh Mansour Diouf), [2] the President of the country was ready to receive Mother at the level of a head of state, and [3] Senegal is a moderate Muslim country. In our prayers, we found this third reason to be very compelling. Muslims represent one-fourth of the world's population, and Senegal, as a moderate Muslim nation, could be True Parents' gateway to the Muslim world.



Cheikh Mansour Diouf, True Mother, President Macky Sall at the opening session of the conference

During Mother's visit, she prayed at the House of Slavery on Goree Island, a former crossroads in the days of slave trade, to open the door for liberation of millions of people in spirit world who have been suffering under pain and resentment caused by slavery. Ever since early 2017, when Mother decided to come to Senegal, she spoke about her intention to offer this prayer at Goree.



True Mother and Yeon-Ah Nim during their tour of the House of Slavery on Goree Island

Because of the amazing blessing which True Parents brought to Senegal, and its accompanying responsibility, following the Summit the members have been enthusiastically investing their efforts in various activities in their country – UPF, PWPA, service projects, 2G witnessing and workshops, 430 HTM Blessing campaigns (Yes, they do this even in a Muslim country where polygamy is the norm) and the Schools of Africa sewing school (partnered with WFWP).

As you have seen through IPeaceTV and other channels, there have been many major providential breakthroughs not only in Senegal but all throughout Africa. All of these have been happening despite adverse conditions. Mother has even hinted that 'the last shall be first'.



YSP event at University of Dakar attended by 865 VIPs, professors and students, 2019.01.19

familyfedihq.org/2019/01/senegal-inauguration-of-youth-and-students-for-peace/



Heavenly Tribal Messiah activity 2019.01.20

True Mother's immediate goal is to find seven prepared nations where the head of state can participate fundamentally in a National Blessing. We are hopeful that because of the support of Cheikh Mansour Diouf (religious leader) and other favorable VIPs, President Macky Sall could fulfill this condition in Senegal.

It is amazing to note that the accomplishments in Senegal have occurred while the local members own ZERO vehicles! What? Yes, neither the local church as an organization nor any of the members individually owns their own vehicle. They use inefficient public transportation for their everyday activities and expensive rented vehicles for public events.



Bakary Camara, Kathy Rigney, President Macky Sall, Tom McDevitt, Cheikh Mansour Diouf. Photo taken 2019.01.20

Since July 2018, we have been conducting a GoFundMe campaign to be able to fund the purchase of a minivan for public events and a small car for the national leader. The minivan can also be used to shuttle members to Sunday service, and, with painted logos of Family Fed, UPF, PWPA, etc. on its sides, it will be a good method to publicize and legitimize their presence in the country.

The members don't consider their life without vehicles as a handicap. They soldier forward toward the goal doing whatever it takes. However, they would be so much more grateful and appreciative to possess these vehicles which we in the developed material world take for granted.



The overall goal to purchase two vehicles is \$55,000, but other sponsors have recently pledged \$20,000. Our goal is the remaining \$35,000, of which \$22,000+ has already been earned.

We are appealing to you former missionaries because you are the most likely to understand and identify with this situation. Could 13 of you donate \$1000 or more to help us reach the goal right away? Or, could 25 of you donate \$500 or \$700? Could you please donate any amount – large or small -- to help us reach the goal? Our goal is to complete this campaign by April 6, 2109, the date of true Mother's public event in Los Angeles, CA (less than 40 days away). Use the third link below.

The following is a link to an article on the Family Fed website.

familyfed.org/news-story/former-missionaries-work-to-provide-transportation-for-senegal-church-48673/

The following is a powerful and passionate testimony from June Darby, who also attended the events in Senegal in January 2018. It includes many background details which you have probably not heard.

familyfedhq.org/2018/03/uk-an-african-summit-experience-in-senegal/

This link is the direct URL for the GoFundMe campaign website. Please give generously.

www.gofundme.com/purchase-2-vehicles-for-uc-senegal ← Use this link to donate

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you so much for supporting Senegal!

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone who can identify with this cause especially other missionaries. We do not yet have a list of missionaries from Europe or Japan, so you would be helping this campaign if you could contact them on our behalf.

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