

## FFWPU USA Newsletter for August 14, 2020: Picking Up the Pieces

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# The Newsletter

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**Hello family. Funds raised for Beirut blast rebuild. Treasure Box shares a love story. Midwest campers learn their essential value. And a special report from Korea.**

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## Picking Up the Pieces

### Unificationists Help Rebuild After Beirut Blast



*Photo: Thomas and Hermine Schellen, Unificationist missionaries in Lebanon*

Leaders of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) chapter in Lebanon are seeking help as they join scores of volunteers cleaning up Beirut after a deadly explosion tore through the port city on August 4. Unificationists Thomas and Hermine Schellen have lived in the nation's capital for 23 years, dedicating their lives to serving Lebanon as missionaries and peacemakers through UPF. Now among countless people affected by the devastating blasts, they are supporting the recovery efforts of community members through a special relief fund.

"My brother and I grew up there and consider it our home," said Natascha Phillips, the Schellens' daughter. Phillips lives in the U.S. and organized the Beirut Recovery Fund on GoFundMe to benefit locals. "Many lives were lost, and hundreds of

thousands of homes were damaged, including my parents' apartment. Windows and doors shattered and glass and other objects flew around the room. Miraculously, my parents were protected and not hurt by any of the flying debris.”

The powerful explosion, linked to a massive amount of ammonium nitrate stored at the Port of Beirut, has left approximately \$5 billion in property damage and an estimated 300,000 people homeless, according to multiple U.S. reports.

We invite you to support the Beirut Recovery Fund [here](#).

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## Meant for Each Other

### First Treasure Box Bonus Episode Released Today



*Chosen: Discovering the Life of True Parents* releases its first of four bonus episodes, starting with a love story.

The extended interview with Farley and Betsy Jones, "Meant for Each Other" tells their tearjerking life story of faith and love.

You can access this and more bonus episodes to come through your [Chosen Workshops account](#) in your paid Treasure Box package. Don't have access? You can purchase any of the Chosen series at [chosenworkshops.com](https://chosenworkshops.com)

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## I Am Essential

### Young Unificationists Explore Their Value to God and Community



From July 27 to 31, 88 youth and staff from around the United States, Canada, and even India gathered online to join Camp KOGAPE, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) Midwest Region's annual summer youth camp.

Within the theme of "I Am Essential," the participants explored why they were important to their community and God, all while enjoying each other's company...

Despite the challenges of the summer camp being online, the participants grew closer together through it. Helen Bond from California said, "Sisters night was eye-opening, heart breaking, and cleansing for everyone. I realized how important it is to offer daily activities constantly to an elder or to God."

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## From Korea



### **True Peace Magazine August 2020**

In this month's issue, we get a recap of the myriad events in Korea this past month, Mother's words to future leaders, and personal testimonies from Japanese Unificationists of their mission in Kodiak, Alaska.

Read in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Japanese](#), [Korean](#)

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### **Special Report on the Rally of Hope**

*Given by Dr. Young-ho Yun in Korea on August 9, 2020*

As we all saw, this Rally of Hope was True Mother's great gift of love to humanity.

Current and former Heads of State testified that at a time when humanity feels lost

and burdened by the weight of COVID-19, True Mother, the Mother of Peace, and the movement she is leading, is offering a ray of hope for humanity in the current darkness.

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