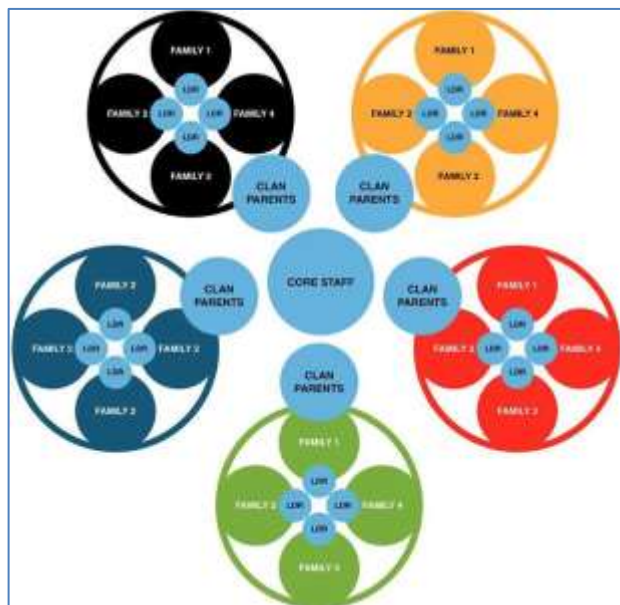


## What Really Happened at Global Top Gun?

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Some have asked me to share my experience at Global Top Gun. In advance I'd like to apologize for any inaccuracies or insufficiencies of these reports, but I wanted to open them up to the public because I feel like we participated in something significantly pivotal that should be shared. Heavenly Parent and True Parents are clearly leading the providence, and I believe our experiences in Korea this time was proof enough for all of us.

There are many reports and testimonies about Global Top Gun. I believe none of us feel that we will be given adequate time to describe all that was Global Top Gun.

I am sharing three reports: Acknowledgments, Program Report, and Testimonies. It may seem like a long read, but all these words represent only

a fraction of what I'd like to share.

### Report #1 - Acknowledgements

(I prepared this report for Dr. [Ki Hoon] Kim and Dr. [Michael] Balcomb on the day of True Father's 3rd Seonghwa anniversary. Dr. Kim shared this report with True Mother early the next morning before the Victory Celebration)

Global Top Gun 2015:

Gratefully, we were called by True Mother from four regions to come together, inherit from True Parents and develop true relationships among our young leaders from the international community.

This was an amazing journey, designed and led by God and True Parents. I felt so blessed to experience Heavenly Parent working every day.

I want to first acknowledge some of the people who made this workshop a success. I am so moved by all the leaders and participants of Global Top Gun, as I could recognize God working through each of us. Every participant contributed to running the workshop, but I wanted to honor a few of the key people. Aside from some key leaders, these people are from our USA team because these are the people we work with back home. However, there are many from Korea, Japan and Europe who played just as important a role.

I'm sorry, these words do not suffice to share everything in my heart for these brothers and sisters, but I wanted to show my gratitude for them in some way. Along with everyone else on Global Top Gun, it is because of these people that we brought a victory. These are some of the people that taught me deeply about the true power of teamwork. Here is my gratitude short-list:

#### True Mother

I am grateful True Mother considered the importance of a Global Top Gun meeting and trusted us to experience a new global standard together. Every time I had experiences with God, I felt True Mother designed it that way. I think we were able to touch, even just a little, what True Mother was hoping for.

I know it is important for True Mother that we follow up with the Top Gun leaders. We should keep in contact with them, but I feel we should also continue training together in person when possible. We can make preparations for the next Global Top Gun from now, to raise the standard even higher. We can continue to build our network, apply our training and continue to inherit from True Parents.

#### Dr. Kim

I am so grateful that you gave me the opportunity to lead the American team. I believe because of that, I

was eventually entrusted with guiding the workshop internally and I received so much blessing. Thank you for setting a higher standard of participation in America, you also encouraged us to exceed the original goal of 40 leaders to 70. I feel that was an incredible condition for America to be trusted by the other regions. Thank you for your intuition and guidance. Thank you also for taking the time to come and greet the Global Top Gun's and give your testimony.

### **Dr. Balcomb**

I really appreciate your leadership, Dr. Balcomb. You were insightful and supportive from the onset. You encouraged us to attend the workshop as owners, not just as participants. By yielding the space for us to figure some things out on our own, we were able to develop an ownership mindset from the beginning. Thank you for being so understanding and sharing the stories that helped us to take this chance seriously. Your guidance was multiplied to the members who attended. Thank you for visiting the workshop with a timely reminder of the realness of True Father through sharing a passage of the Cham Bumo Gyeong to participants.

### **President Kwon**

We only spent a small amount of time with President Kwon, but I was impressed by one thing in particular: he didn't lead with his own fixed viewpoint. He allowed us to take responsibility for the workshop, and trusted us to figure out all the internal matters. World Carp took care of the external logistics and that allowed us to completely focus on the experience and education for the participants. I also think it was heavenly timing, because World Carp was just formed, and needed our support.

### **Lim Dongsung**

Dongsung is really incredible. He is a talented entertainer and MC, but for Top Gun he was working hard on logistics. At the same time he was responsible to organize the Youth Assembly, so he was extremely busy. He is a really good and genuine brother. I wish he could have had time to participate in the workshop, but we are all grateful for his hard work, dedication and love. Next time I hope he can join as a participant as well!

### **Youth Special Envoys**

True Mother prepared these incredible brothers and sisters. Clearly they have the highest standard among young leaders. They worked especially hard for us during the pilgrimage. Everyone loves and respects the Special Youth Envoys. I hope we can recognize and appreciate them in some way.

### **Miilhan Stephens**

As you know, Miilhan was supportive of Global Top Gun from the beginning. After the youth Chung Pyung Lake workshop was cancelled, he had time to support with preparations and mobilizations in the USA. What I love about Miilhan is his faith. He is ready for anything, but he always seeks to simplify the situation and help to stay focused on the priorities. When he arrived at Global Top Gun, I felt God told me to not put him in too public a staff role for this workshop. Even though I knew he could handle any role well, I invited him to fully participate and stay close to the brothers and sisters. I felt God wanted him to move freely, develop relationships and have a parental heart towards them. He united with that mission in a beautiful way as a real brother. Miilhan is deep hearted and sincere. I know God trusts him to lead.

### **Mari Curry**

Mari, of course, also has incredible faith. She really encouraged us to make conditions and always considers people's situations seriously. I felt such a strong foundation for Global Top Gun by working in a trinity with Miilhan and Mari for one month before the workshop. We studied, prayed and mobilized together. Similarly to Miilhan, I didn't feel it was appropriate to lock her into a full-time staff role from the beginning, but allow her to settle in and enjoy the time with brothers and sisters. Naturally she also took on a parental role looking after the sisters, and nursing sick members. She really has a motherly heart towards everyone. We are so grateful for Mari's total investment. Both Mari and Miilhan showed great humility and took a parental role in the workshop, especially for the western regions.

### **Naokimi Ushiroda**

We couldn't have done it without Naokimi's insights and professional support. Also, because he already met and developed relations with President Kwon and Dongsung a few weeks before the workshop, it was easier to collaborate for Top Gun. Naokimi has been a great partner and advisor for program design and flow. We shared many deep moments and experiences together, always seeking to learn more together and improve the experience for participants. I can totally see why God has prepared Naokimi to make a huge contribution to many areas of leadership in our movement. We are all extremely grateful for his

enthusiastic support and leadership.

### **Koichi Nakai**

Koichi always works so hard during events, usually staying up late into the night. I didn't want him to have to work too hard behind his camera during this workshop, but he did put together a small volunteer media team to help with video and writing and photos. He still did a lot of work, mentoring his volunteers as well as taking photographs and uploading content each night. At least he was able to participate in the majority of events as a participant as well. Sometimes working behind a camera can be a lonely place, so I was happy to see him with time to develop friendships with his family members. Also, he brought his guitar and led songs. It was a huge breakthrough that helped lighten the spirit when people were struggling with language barriers.

### **Benjy Uyama**

Benjy served as the MC for the entire workshop. That includes all announcements, schedule handling and Q&A for participants. He put so much energy into his job and made friendships with every single participant. I think he remembers almost everyone's name. Because he speaks all three languages, he helped members to feel comfortable. Benjy was always ready to help and put members first before himself. What an amazing brother!

### **Teresa Ferrete**

Teresa attended with her husband Neil. Although she has many abilities I didn't ask her to work as staff until the third week. I wanted to allow time first to participate as a couple and then see how they could lead as a couple, instead of pushing her up alone. I think for her it felt frustrating a little at the beginning, but in the end we found ways for them to serve together in very important ways. Neil was a great support to simply love and take care of people, and Teresa helped with session facilitation and program design. Teresa also assimilated all the survey data which is very helpful. They were both totally reliable and supportive, and I think they had a great time together.

### **Nina Taupier**

I believe Nina speaks five languages, so of course she is extremely valuable in an international workshop. She supported Benjy as second MC and lead HDH every morning at 6AM. She is very patient and kind so members felt comfortable. She has been a great support and I suspect she will make a great contribution to the American movement.

### **Sammy Uyama and Yi Gyu Uyama**

When we divided the tribe into five clans, I was looking for clan leaders and I was especially interested in trying to find clan parents, male and female. I felt Sammy and Yi Gyu would do a great job. They were responsible for about 45 people. I watched how Yi Gyu constantly served her members with a deep heart. Sammy also worked very hard, always checking to see how their members were doing and helping to translate between Korean and Western members. It felt really nice to be led by parents. I was very impressed by their sincerity. I feel they will also make a great contribution to the American movement.

### **Thanh Le**

For week two and three we were in Chung Pyung Lake and I asked Thanh to manage the house. He was responsible for all things related to the main room. Layout, AV tech support, translation team and cleaning. After two days of doing it himself, he started to build a team to take care of the various areas, including rotating cleaning responsibilities between the clans. As you can imagine, he did a great job. Thanh is always ready to serve enthusiastically and faithfully.

### **David Young**

David is a very smart and capable brother. I asked him to help during week three. He has experience with teaching and coaching, but most of all I am impressed with how sincere he is and how he brings that out in others. He is always ready to support people with a heart of love. Naokimi formed a team of five coaches to support the leadership training activities. David exemplified such a loving and professional standard and many participants were extremely impressed with his leadership. I am very grateful that he attended Global Top Gun and I suspect we will be working together even more closely in the future.

### **Justin Okamoto**

Justin is a young pastor. I can see he has gone through many transformations personally. I am encouraged to see his determination to really put True Parents in the heart of his ministry, especially after attending

Top Gun. I trust that he can mature into his public role especially by networking with other leaders. He is very willing and honest.

### **Everyone back home**

We couldn't have done this without the support of our HQ team and our families back home. I hope we can have some time together when we return to share and inherit from each other.

### **Report #2 - Program Report**

(This written report was offered to Dr. Kim and Dr. Balcomb after returning home from Korea. The purpose was to try and describe some of the experiences that led to the Global Top Gun success)

We did not follow a strict pre-set program like a normal workshop. After much prayer and discussion, we first became one with the purpose and objectives according to our understanding of True Mother's direction. Because our vision was clear, it was easier to make appropriate decisions in the planning and running of the workshop. We were sensitive to the environment and flexible with the content and format, because we were focused on the purpose and objectives, not the format. This allowed more space to reveal how Heavenly Parent wanted to guide us.

### **Purpose of Global Top Gun 2015**

Be leaders of integrity and inherit a deeper heart of love for Heavenly Parent, True Parents, and humanity.

### **Three Core Objectives**

The three objectives reflect emotion, intellect and will respectively, and we emphasized one core objective per week, with each week building on the foundation of the previous week:

Week 1 - Pilgrimage. Emotional Objective: "Feel one in heart as an embracing global family"

Week 2 - DP Study. Intellectual Objective: "Rediscover the power of the word"

Week 3 - Leadership Training. Will Objective: "Take responsibility to build Cheon Il Guk together"

### **Tribe Structure**

Korea - 40  
Japan - 40  
America - 70  
Europe - 25  
UPA - 15  
*Total -190*

The World Carp team did a truly wonderful job to host the workshop. They took care of all external logistics, arranged special lectures, and reported to True Mother.

I was responsible for the workshop internally, including program design and flow, taking care of members and generally guiding the workshop. I worked closely with a core staff and clan parents to run everything.

The core staff was made up of about 10 people with representatives from each region. Each person played an important role, such as advisors, program designers, facilitators, MC's and internal logistics.

The whole Global Top Gun tribe was about 190 people. We divided the tribe into five clans of about 40 people. We divided each clan into four families. Each family was about 10 people.

Every clan had two parents who would take care of the entire clan and meet regularly with the family leaders.

Each family had a leader, which they would rotate each day to give everyone a chance to lead.

We distributed all the nationalities of the tribe into the clans and families equally. Language was of course an obstacle, but it was a great way to unite around a common challenge. It was also an opportunity to contribute for those who could speak two or more languages.

We had regional representatives for each region. They were available for members of a particular region to ask for help or voice concerns in their own language.



We also had tribal elders who were participating in all activities while keeping an eye on everyone. They would take care of the sick, or mentor those who were struggling. It was another way for responsible elders to contribute in a natural and familial way.

Youth Special Envoys were particularly busy during the pilgrimage, and they did a wonderful job. I was working closely with them during that time, but after we returned to Cheong Pyeong I asked them to join the families and help with translation. They kept such a high standard of heart and service. Everyone loves the Youth Special Envoys and UPA cadets.

### **Communication Process**

I stumbled upon a new word: communicationship, which is communication + relationship. I believe communicationship was an extremely important aspect of the Global Top Gun workshop success.

For most activities, the families and clans would work together. Every time there was HDH, or a lecture or an activity, the families would share their experiences together before closing the session. We would give them specific questions to ask each other, or they were free to ask their own questions, but the point was that every discussion was intentional. This was a great way to learn and get to know one another.

At the end of each day the families would close with a reflection meeting. They were to ask three questions of each person:

How are you feeling?

What was a highlight for you today?

What can you contribute to make your workshop experience even better?

During the family reflection meetings the family leaders would take notes. Afterwards the clan parents would meet with their clan's family leaders to hear reports on how all the members in their clans are doing.

The final meeting of the day was with the core staff and clan parents. We would first start by asking how everyone is doing, and then we would hear and compare reports from all the clan parents. This meant that each night we were able to hear how all 190 people were doing. We would carefully list out all the positive points as well as the negative points so we could continue to improve the environment the following day.

We also heard reports from the regional representatives, so for example, if there was something in particular that the Japanese, or Korean members were worried about, we could review the types of issues that are unique to each nation.

Every piece of information we would measure against the purpose and objectives of the workshop to determine the value and priority of the information. After doing this for two or three days, we started receiving reports from participants about how impressed they were that leadership was actually listening and adjusting the workshop according to the advice of the participants.

We were able to run the workshop fluidly because we were always in communication. We focused on the purpose and objectives, and allowed God to guide the development of the experience by building deeper relationships through communication, or communicationship.

### **Ownership Training**

The beauty of constant communication, was that it was very familial. Once we specified a particular problem, we would first determine if this is something the core staff should take care of directly, or whether it could be handled at the clan or even family level. We gave the clan and family leaders the freedom to lead according to their conscience as long as they maintained the purpose and core objectives of the Global Top Gun workshop.

Sometimes clans would tackle the same problem with different approaches. Because we were in constant communication, we could compare notes each day to see what way worked best to solve the problems. This approach invited greater ownership from every person in the tribe instead of expecting the core staff to fix everything. In reality, I can say that we had 190 people designing and running the workshop, not just a few core staff.

For example, a few of the participants were eager to join new teams instead of staying in the same teams for three weeks. I encouraged the clan leaders to decide how to solve these problems together with their

families. For example, one clan decided to move their members around within the clan, while other clans decided to keep the same families, but make a greater effort to meet other families. Over the next few days we compared strategies and learned the positive and negative outcomes from each other. For the most part, those who stayed with their original families, but made more efforts to reach out to others as a family seemed to have better experiences; but the beauty was having the freedom to try and compare.

By giving greater responsibility and freedom to the participants in this way, it allowed me to observe the bigger picture. Even though I feel capable in many areas, and I might be tempted to complete a task myself, I always stepped back to let someone else take on the responsibility if possible. Because of that, I felt very close to God and I was able to see clearly how to guide any situation. I didn't feel like I was guiding with my personal ideas, it felt like I was getting out of the way for God to work through me, and show me something greater everyday.

If a certain need arose, I wouldn't rush to solve it directly, neither would I rush to choose someone from my concept, but I would wait a little while to see how God revealed a possible solution to me. For example, for some days before the workshop I was considering how we would videotape our activities. I didn't want to ask our American media director to do everything because I wanted him to be able to participate more personally in the workshop. So, even though I know he can do it, and we can work together well, I waited for God to show another solution. Then, on the morning of the first day, one American brother walked into our office and desperately asked if he could participate in Global Top Gun even though he hadn't registered. I asked him what kind of passion he has for the providence, and he said that he wants to make movies to teach people about True Parents. When I asked if he would like to help videotape our experiences during the workshop he was extremely happy to help. Because one of our USA participants had just cancelled, this brother became the 70th USA participant. I had daily experiences like this.

## **Highlights**

### **Week 1**

The pilgrimage brought many to tears and most participants gained a deeper relationship with God and True Parents. For example, one young brother who offered a tearful representative prayer at the rock of tears, later testified how deeply he found God that day. It is amazing to see second generation Unificationists realize their true value and purpose. He has become serious about his mission and responsibility. Another brother, who had been struggling with the various distractions in our church, admitted that he truly believed True Parents are the Messiah, and the only reason he kept focusing on church problems was to avoid his own responsibility. I felt like I was watching him become a man in that moment.

#### **Testimonies:**

"I feel a genuine and deep relationship with God, and it's building every day."

"We are one global family. I feel that way for sure."

The pilgrimage was also a perfect environment to break down conceptual barriers between east and west. For example, eastern members were moved to see that western members have deep hearts and love for True Parents. I heard a report that the Korean Carp members were shocked to see how passionately the American members sang holy songs, because they said the Korean youth don't usually sing with the same passion. In turn, the western members were impressed with the heart of the Korean members, by how much they loved the younger brothers and sisters like their true siblings.

#### **Testimony:**

"The family style of running this workshop hits home for me. We actually practice this in my culture...each clan should choose a couple to lead the clan and bring issues to them."

We overcame many difficulties during the pilgrimage, and I think we definitely achieved the objective of feeling as one embracing global family. It was on that foundation that we started week two, which was a 7-Day Divine Principle workshop.

### **Week 2**

Usually members sit passively listening to lectures for long periods of time. Although this style is effective for conveying large amounts of information, it is very difficult to retain everything. It is especially difficult to connect what we are learning to our lives. However, for Global Top Gun we incorporated many approaches to learning; including reading, receiving lectures, discussion time within the families, and panel Q&A. This new approach made the experience more real. We were learning the

Divine Principle and discussing the ways we experience it in our lives. It was also another way to deepen our relationships with each other. We found out that each region has a slightly different way of interpreting and applying the Divine Principle, so we could learn from each other in this way.

#### **Testimonies:**

“Through the power of the word, I realized how significant it is to unite and have faith in True Parent's, regardless of doubts, opinions, etc. With so many people throughout the providence of restoration that could not fulfill a foundation of faith and substance, I as a second generation, feel empowered to take responsibility as the generation who can build CIG with the foundation of TPs and the first generation.”

“Divine Principle is a life and death matter. I can't treat it casually.”

“I now have the courage and confidence to witness and teach the Divine Principle and True Parents' words to my neighbors.”

Of course the biggest highlight of week two was being able to see True Mother. Based on the foundation of heart and unity that we created during the first two weeks, each clan spent time practicing their performances for True Mother. When True Mother entered the room we applauded with all our heart, wanting to offer her our strong youthful energy. We simply wanted to let True Mother know that we love her and are ready to help in any way we can. This was naturally in the heart of every Global Top Gun participant. Everyone was so grateful to receive love from True Parents and share that time together.

#### **Testimonies:**

“When I saw True Mother in person, I felt my heart open up immediately and I could realize why I'm here, why I want to live my life for True Parents, and how I can help True Mother and contribute to the providence.”

“I really feel so clear about who True Mother is and how much she loves us. I want to protect her.”

#### **Week 3.**

During the final week of Global Top Gun, we wanted participants to think of themselves not just as leaders, but owners of Cheon Il Guk. We wanted to create an environment where we had the space to connect with our original minds about this.

We started off the week with two days of life coaching. Many members struggle to unite with a higher purpose because we blame our church leaders or problems within the church. It is a way to avoid our own responsibility by hiding behind the problems of others. In order to build Cheon Il Guk, we need people who are empowered and in touch with the purpose of their existence.

The first area of coaching facilitated a process where we could remove all distractions and come back to being clear about who we are. To be present in the here and now. This is about being available to fully attend God and True Parents. Many members had life changing experiences during this time. For example, some were burdened with poor family relationships. Instead of blaming the circumstances in their lives they could realize how they could take ownership to solve the problems that were holding them back from being available for God and True Parents.

Each participant was guided to create a personal mission statement based on our original mind. Then we discussed our personal areas of interest according to the eight cultural spheres of society: religion, governance, education, arts, media, sports and entertainment, science and tech, and business. To build Cheon Il Guk we need many types of people with diverse capabilities, Global Top Gun was like a training ground for young Unificationsists to clarify our unique God-given talents and take time to recognize the missions God has prepared for each of us.

Next we reflected on what God is focused on according to True Mother's recent words. After listing several things, we voted as a group on the top four areas that we feel are important to God and True Parents: Blessing, Tribal Messiahship, Youth Education, and North/South Korea unification.

We then divided the tribe into four groups to brainstorm these four main areas. We assembled small teams of 8 - 10 people. Each team consisted of diverse skill sets. For example, one task force would be discussing youth education, and on the team there would be educators, business people, media people, and artistic people etc. Usually you might expect only educators to be discussing youth education, but having a representative from each cultural sphere dramatically enhances the potential for God to work through a broader platform. Of course, in a real world example, educators would take the lead for an education program, but there is great benefit in seeking input from other areas.

One highlight of this approach came out of a discussion about North and South Korea. I joined a small group of eight members to discuss how we would actually solve the North/South Korea unification problem. I was amazed to see where the conversation went. Obviously we didn't have sufficient time or information to do this properly, but in just 45 minutes of discussion, we felt God had so deeply guided the conversation, and we walked away feeling like we were actually prepared to help solve the North/South Korean unification issue.

We were so moved by the conversation, that we changed the evening program for everyone. At 10:30pm we invited the whole tribe up to the front of the stage in the small hall. The lights were dim, and it felt like a tribe meeting around a camp fire. We passed the microphone around and shared deeply on the reality of North Korea and how Unificationists have been uniquely prepared to help. I heard from several people they felt the entire meeting was led by the Holy Spirit and although many wanted to continue, I closed the meeting at 12 midnight with a prayer.

The next day we heard the news that the North South Korea peace talks had concluded on the same evening at 12 midnight, the exact same time we were closing in prayer. Several members are now committed to learning Korean just to be ready to help Korea in the event that the North Korean government starts to collapse. It was amazing to see the fervent faith that was being lit in the hearts of young people when they felt the Holy Spirit guiding them to participate substantially in God's providence.

### **Testimonies:**

"God needs me. God needs all of us for the providence. Never before have I felt that God needed me."

"I found my purpose in life! I absolutely want to devote my life to God through music and faith education. Whatever it takes because I believe in True Parents. Sungni! Sungni! Sungni!"

"I loved how this workshop truly gave many opportunities to contribute. The structure of the tribe: clans, and families was really perfect. Also, the fact that it was global made a huge difference."

"You are hardworking geniuses and I love and respect and thank all of you. Definite success by far."

### **Next steps:**

By the end of the workshop everyone was meeting about how they would continue to work together. Cranes club members were discussing Cranes Club development. Carp members were discussing how to open new chapters. European members were so inspired, they started planning a Top Gun workshop in Europe. American members are asking to meet together again soon and study more about North Korea. We can't stop the momentum that began at Global Top Gun 2015.

We are developing an international directory with every single Global Top Gun participant's contact information. This will include the mission statement and unique skill set of each participant, as well as in what areas they are interested to network. There could be an international team discussing about tribal messiahship or youth education for example.

In America we would love to host Global Top Gun 2016 and we would like to start planning now. We want to meet just among American leaders for a national Top Gun workshop within 6 months. We want to encourage local level Top Gun style meetings.

I would also like to set up a special conference at East Garden to learn more about North Korea. I would like to invite guest speakers and Global Top Gun participants who are interested in learning more about how we can substantially help God's providence to unite North and South Korea.

### **Some Lessons Learned from Global Top Gun**

Many times during the workshop, I imagined how we could run a city, or a nation in this way. Managing as tribes, clans and families has many benefits over managing as church and staff. Whenever we expect the church to solve something, it means we are not owners of that area. For years True Father has been encouraging us to do tribal messiahship, but we still think and operate as a church, and church leaders tend to keep it that way. Ownership has to be given. Members need to be owners, not just church members.

We all need a tangible and doable purpose. During week one, we were enjoying the tour and getting to know one another. But something special happened as soon as we heard we need to prepare songs for True Mother. The reality was that we had really no physical space or time in the schedule to do it. We were sleeping in Korean sauna's very late every night, and spending all day visiting Holy Sites. The only times available for practice were during travel on the bus, which is not easy because you cannot hear each



other well. However, the call came to prepare songs, and immediately all five clans started working on choosing and practicing songs together. It was the first mission for the clans, and it brought a unity of heart and purpose immediately.

Similarly, I feel each nation should be clear about its substantial role in the world. Without being clear on our national purpose, our domestic programs are unprotected and unguided.

Everyone can be responsible for something. Everyone on Global Top Gun had a chance to lead a family at least two or three times. On the pilgrimage each clan had one bus. Every day, one of the four families on each bus would be responsible to lead worship service for all 40 people. It's like leading a small community. Throughout the entire workshop everyone took on other responsibilities like singing, praying, performing, leading choir, taking notes, making reports, MC'ing, cleaning etc. This gave life to everyone, and fewer people complained because it was their workshop. We were all owners.

At the beginning of week two, some members approached me to say they were disappointed that we kept the same families from week one because they wanted to meet more people. I realized that this is an individualistic mentality. I challenged them, and everyone, to think now as families, not individuals. For example, if you want to meet more people, then discuss with your family how you want to do that. You can plan as a family and reach out to other families or individuals. Or you could think of what you can do for the clan.

I noticed that usually when we think of sacrificing the individual for the family, and the family for the tribe etc., we tend to still think as individuals. Yes, we may sacrifice the individual for the family, but in many cases, it is also an individual that sacrifices the family for the community or nation. It's not always the case that the family sacrifices willingly and knowingly together. At least in the era of Cheon Il Guk, I feel that if we communicate more evenly within the family, then we empower each family member to participate in the offering. I am still learning how to apply this in my own family situation.

We have thousands of second generation Unificationists that have been uniquely prepared by God to contribute to the providence, but their contributions are not always recognized or welcomed by pastors. When we consider building the nation of Cheon Il Guk, we need many types of people. All of us have God and True Parents at our core. All of us are to be blessed families and tribal messiahs. All of us are called to fulfill the third blessing. If we think of our movement as builders of Cheon Il Guk, I am sure we will attract many talented second generation and new members to our cause.

I have too many deep experiences and realizations through Global Top Gun to list here, but I hope that at least some of the heart that I feel can be expressed in this report.

Thank you again to True Parents for organizing Global Top Gun 2015, and for allowing us to take ownership for our experience. Thank you for giving us such an incredible blessing. I know without a doubt, that through this type of activity we can revitalize our youth and find many brothers and sisters who will substantially help Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Thank you True Mother, we truly love you and want to help lift your burden.

### **Report #3 - Survey Testimonies**

(The entire survey results, including the following quotes, were shared with Global Top Gun participants after returning home from the workshop)

Here are a few highlights and reflections from the participants. This doesn't include the Korean and Japanese comments. These are from the English speakers, but we can see from the survey scores that Korea and Japan had similar feelings:

What was one highlight or favorite experience?

“Seeing and performing for True Mother!”

“When I saw True Mother up close, I felt my heart open up immediately and could realize why I'm here, why I want to live my life for TPs, and how I can help TM and contribute to the providence.”

“I really feel so clear about who TM is and how much she loves us. I want to protect her.”

“The highlight for me was listening to Col. Bo Hi Pak. He is the example on how a politician or diplomat should be and behave when they truly believe in God and want to change the way society acts. By listening to him, my conviction of being a diplomat for CIG grew stronger.”

“Family Atmosphere of the workshop”

“I felt we achieved more than any of us were expecting.”

“For the first time in my life, I felt like I had a personal connection with TF...after going into his home.”

What’s one personal breakthrough you experienced?

“DP is a life and death matter. I can’t treat it casually.”

“I am re-convinced with the power of Principle. Only with principled lifestyle we can build the Kingdom of Heaven. If we don’t practice and share Principle, even God can’t do anything.”

“I’m not the only one on this mission.”

“We are one global family. I feel that way for sure.”

“Connecting to N/S Korea Unification.”

“Get prepared for a master’s degree (Pacific Rim). Letting God work through me. Spend more time developing my passions.”

“The discussion about the 8 cultural spheres helped release me from attributing religion as the sole focus of providential needs.”

“Cultural sphere discussions helped make clear that since all of us were encouraging each other’s passions and brainstorming how we individually and as a whole can impact the world through our respective spheres.”

“The personal breakthrough happened at the coaching session. All were very empowering and I realized how self-destructive I was acting by running away from the love that my brothers and sisters wanted to give me.”

“Connect to the heart of HP and TPs”

“Crying because I felt TP’s love.”

“I feel a genuine and deep relationship with God, and it’s building every day.”

“Through seeing the manager cry at The Ocean Hotel, as well as the example of so many people around me, I’ve learned a higher standard/culture of heart from Korea. They have so much reverence, heart of giving and heart of gratitude.”

“I’m excited about what God has shown for me to do.”

“The family style of running this workshop hits home for me. We actually practice this in my culture...each clan should choose a couple to lead the clan and bring issues to them.”

“This personal experience with TM was what I needed before heading to school again because I was reminded of the REAL love and grace that comes from a longing heart for our TM.”

“Through the power of the world, I realized how significant it is to unite and have faith in TPs, regardless of doubts, opinions, etc. With so many people throughout the providence of restoration that could not fulfill a Foundation of Faith and substance, I as a second generation, feel empowered to take responsibility as the generation who can build CIG with the foundation of TPs and the first generation.”

“Through knowing Korean, I was also able to see how responsibility and love connect and the power of being connected.”

“I could see myself as a daughter of HP. Also I could see other people as heavenly children.”

“Understanding that I can make God and TPs happy by pursuing my dreams...I just have to find a way to connect it to what God and TPs are doing.”

I realize what TM and TF were working towards. I learned we are all people (labels like nationality and culture do not matter).

“God needs me. God needs all of us for North Korea. Never before have I felt that God needed me.”

“Through David’s guided meditation, I felt God’s lonely heart (a small portion of GOD’s Heart of suffering.”

“I found my purpose in life! I absolutely want to devote my life to God through music and faith education. Whatever it takes because I believe in TPs. I believe in TF. Sungni! Sungni! Sungni!

“I feel like I have a job to do. I’m excited to do it and there’s no one else I’d rather do it with!”

“I realized (again) the importance of action and responsibility in my life. God is powerless to help me if I do not take action and invite help. God wants to help me fulfill my dreams, especially if I keep God and TPs as a priority. I’m going to start making action steps as a part of my prayers.”

“I learned the importance of looking at the good side of people/church and believing our potential rather than sighing over individuals/organization. I felt I glimpsed heaven while appreciating each other.”

“Courage and confidence to witness and teach DP and TPs’ words to neighbors.” -Wonderwoman

What’s one action step you can take after workshop?

“Move to Korea and help relations between Koreans and Westerners”

“Prayer/HDH”

“Witnessing”

“Learn Korean”

“DP Education”

“Bring vertical tradition into workshops.”

“Take on a pastor/leader role in my church

“Start CARP in my area

“Learn more about N/S Korea”

“Wake up every morning with the purpose of N/S unification.”

“God wants to laugh. I want to be his jester.”

Comments for Staff?

“You rock! Wish I could have seen you guys more though”

“Thank you for letting me meet TM in the Palace. That was an experience I will never forget. Because of this workshop I want to:

Become a Pastor

Learn how to play ultimate frisbee

Join UPA

Learn Korean

Be a better wife for my husband”

“I love the staff for their dedication.”

“I am grateful for your open minds and resilient hearts”

“I’m so impressed with the staff who really tried to resolve complaints and issues. I really appreciate that.”

“Each person was really incredible. I’m extremely grateful for each person for contributing and making my experience possible.”

“Honestly I’m very grateful that I could attend. To see many people with a heart to give and love TP...I feel hopeful. Thank you.”

“Really awesome! The down-to-earth atmosphere was awesome and also how young second gen, older first gen, and staff were all trusted on some level.”

“Thank you for all you do and ESPECIALLY for stepping back when needed. I would have lost ownership if you didn’t.

“I loved how this workshop truly gave many opportunities to contribute. Structure of tribe, clan, family was really perfect. Also the fact that it was global made a huge difference.”

“You are hardworking geniuses and I love and respect and thank all of you. Definite success by far.”

“Thank you for opening up this ws to students like me who don’t necessarily hold a church position. I learned a lot indirectly through just being around you staff as genuinely driven people here for God.”

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