

Approaching the Providential Year 2020

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Since that fateful day in September of that fateful year 2012 when our precious, loving and victorious True Father ascended from this physical world to join our Heavenly Parent in heaven, my heart, like that of so many other members, went through so many emotions. Of course, I know we will see our True Father again. Of course, I know how victorious his life on earth was, but my heart was heavy, sad and full of repentance. I knew that sending our True Father to Heaven should have happened from a nation that belonged to our Heavenly Parent! I knew that I should be repenting!

Sometime later, our amazing True Mother spoke to all of us. She, better than any of us, knew God's providence and knew we should have restored at least one nation before True Father departed. Our Mother, out of her love for us, her children, gave us a special grace.

She announced that by offering all our heart and devotion, we have a grace period to restore God's nation before 2020, the year of our True Father's 100th birthday! So began the work toward the realization of Vision 2020. With the passage of time, my heart grew worried. Which nation will we restore? What plan can we make to bring this important victory? Sometimes, I cannot sleep from thinking about this. During meetings with members and with other leaders, we try to find a formula to succeed. Time is short.

Suddenly, in March, we learned from our International Headquarters in Korea that our True Mother was sending her precious staff to meet with ALL African leaders -- regional presidents, national leaders, UPF leaders, special envoys and special emissaries to discuss plans to restore Africa and to be victorious for Vision 2020! We were excited and grateful to have this special time, guided by leaders who live daily with our True Mother, to discuss practical methods of restoring nations! Finally, in Lusaka, Zambia, on March 31, we received at the airport Rev. Cho Sung Il, director general of World Missions, Dr. Yun Young Ho, secretary general of World Missions, Dr. Thomas Walsh, president of UPF and Mr. Hyunook Suh, manager of World Missions Department in Korea. Our hearts were beating with anticipation. When we saw the delegation walking from the airplane toward the airport terminal, it was possible to imagine that True Mother is perhaps just behind them; perhaps, somewhere in the crowd, perhaps if we look carefully, we will find her, because with these important brothers came the spirit and the heart of Cheon Cheong Gung, the spirit and the heart of the only, amazingly precious, daughter of God.

From the opening ceremony, every moment was filled with Heaven's heart. Rev. Cho Sung Il guided us with deep heart, conveying True Mother's directives, her heart of love for each of us and her desperate desire for us to feel the urgency of the providential time we are living in to bring about national restoration.

Dr. Yun Young Ho, with certain clarity, never losing focus on our objectives but with a humble and loving heart, taught us strategies and methods to restore our nations before 2020. He explained the practices that bring results and overcome obstacles. They both listened to each and every report with patience and later carefully showed us the flow of ideas that can help us to find the victory.

Dr. Walsh, who always has UPF's objectives as they pertain to national restoration clear in his mind, also

conveyed enormous love for True Mother, the underlying motivation that we all need to achieve our goal.

Hyunook Suh, a child of Africa, came home to the continent he knew as a young boy growing into a man. He was bright and shining and extremely effective in translating and supporting Rev. Cho Sung Il and Dr. Yun Young Ho in innumerable ways. Africa was so proud of him.

Finally, our focus was clear.

- 1) Focus on all members daily accomplishing as heavenly tribal messiahs, centering on village chiefs, religious and community leaders.
- 2) Focus on contacting each nation's VVIPs -- president, vice-president, prime minister, MPs, government ministers -- to witness about True Parents, thus preparing a proper environment for national witnessing. Inaugurate IAPP in each nation.
- 3) Focus on youth education. By inaugurating Youth and Students for Peace in each nation, we can educate the youth with Pure Love and thus prepare the environment for Cheon Il Guk.

Gratitude can't describe our feelings. With hearts full of love and thankfulness to our True Mother we said goodbye to her delegation. Our African leaders returned to their nations. Our minds are clear and our hearts are determined to continue until we can offer victory to Heaven and Vision 2020 can begin here on this precious continent of Africa prepared by God for this very moment!