

Reflections as We Cross the Country

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As taken from My Facebook Posts



Saturday, July 5, 2014 at 5:16pm UTC+09

I am leaving for America tomorrow to join the Holy Ground Tour. I will be gone for one month. A good opportunity to visit the tribe in Virginia before "getting on the bus."

Friday, July 11, 2014 at 12:09am UTC+09

Ok, after breakfast in College Park Maryland, I went out to buy an umbrella "just in case" and found a Best Buy. I was overcome by the spirit and broke down and bought a notebook. So I will be on-line during the tour. I may even share pics if I can figure out how to use Windows 8.

Friday, July 11, 2014 at 1:26am UTC+09

I arrived in DC and went directly to my sisters place. It was the first time in nearly ten years that I saw her. It was a shame that we couldn't visit the Pentagon memorial while we were together but neither of our travel schedules allowed for it. Many of her friends and co-workers have their names on stones at the memorial. The last time that she visited the site, as she was sitting on one of the stones a Hollywood type came by and started talking with her. A short time after he left an officer came running out of the pentagon calling for her. He said they had been looking for her and wanted to interview her on camera for a special. She does have a story to tell - the plane went through into the office next to hers.

Friday, July 11, 2014 at 8:01pm UTC+09

7AM in Maryland. Breakfast finished ... now what?

Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 6:35am UTC+09

The God's Hope for America Tour bus has arrived in College Park.

Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 5:20am UTC+09

Today was a great beginning for the beginning of the second half of the Pilgrimage and my first day. Ground in the middle of the south great lawn. Afterward we walked the length of the Mall to the Washington Monument and on to the Ellipse where the White House Holy Ground is located. There we actually many Christian groups due to an all day concert. We had a meaningful prayer meeting joined by many members of the community. After the Holy Ground events we went to the Washington

Family Church for lunch. Rev Zachary Oliver pastors a beautiful church. We then visited the Lincoln and Korean War Memorials. Tonight we will attend a banquet at the Washington Times. Its shaping up to be a memorable day. Thank you Heavenly Parent.



Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 11:32am UTC+09

We just returned from the Washington Times Banquet Event. The younger members of the community prepared a wonderful spread. It shows that one thing they inherited from their parents is how to prepare a feast for hundreds. Thomas McDevitt the Chairman gave an impassioned overview of the present state of the Times letting us know that they are on the verge of breaking even with expectations of profitability next year. They are very proud of securing True Father's legacy and look forward to being an increasingly major player in Washington. I do have to wonder though, if the Times has already or is yet to wrestle back the ownership of the actual physical plant. . All in all it was a deeply felt gathering of spiritual movers and shakers and old friends. So I leave DC with the hope that the Times will be saved.

Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 11:57am UTC+09

In leaving DC I am starting off this period thinking that the greatest victory of this pilgrimage will be to mend as many spiritual fences as possible and bring unity in our spiritual family. The secular power structure that has that very same need and will be looking for a model example to follow.

Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 6:08pm UTC+09

5AM and ready to join Heavenly Parent, True Parents and our family at the National Won Jeon Shrine in DC and Baltimore Holy Ground - <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/baltimore-maryland-31865-1610/>

Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 11:27pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Our first stop today was the National Won Jeon Shrine in DC at Fort Lincoln to honor and recognize those members who have gone on ahead. A moving ceremony. Rev Tom McDevitt offered the Benediction and Dr. William Sellig gave a background on the site and read the names of those interned. With prayers offered and photos, we moved on to the Baltimore Holy Ground and service and BBQ in the park. The Baltimore family made a great deal of effort and conditions to resurrect their Holy Ground. Good Job. It was very nice to see many friends there. I talked to the Wetzsteins. Cheryl seems hopeful for the Times, but I expressed some concern that their kids might be inspired to use the welding skills they are acquiring on the car (joke). I was sorry to hear Doug is still suffering back injuries, years of balancing heavy cameras must have taken its toll. I sat with Libby Henkins and Debra Gertz and a few others during the service. The young Church Minister is very motivated. Rev Ki Hoon Kim continued to

give reports on True Mother's interest and investment in following the Bus Pilgrimage. It was good to hear Dan Fefferman's band live - it sounds so much better than on the internet. Thank you Baltimore family and the surrounding community. A Sunday Service in the park with a BBQ is such a foreign concept in Japan. We then spent a couple of hours of outreach in Baltimore's renovated harbor - it is easy to see why it is such a popular spot for witnessing. Second Gen should set up a tent there if they could get permission. We are now at our motel for the night as we prepare for our visit tomorrow morning at the Hallowed holy ground at Gettysburg.



Monday, July 14, 2014 at 3:51pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Over night the sky around us was full of lighting as a mid-summer storm passed us. You could almost imagine artillery firing just north of us at Hanover Pa. outside the Gettysburg Monument. Our bus is full today; and many of the new additions that we picked up after the Baltimore event are young 2nd gen - 15 - 16 year olds looking to understand and relate to True Father. Its very inspiring to see the baton is being passed on and Father's legacy is being secured. After a morning in Gettysburg, we will move on to Delaware. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/wilmington-delaware-31865-1612/Monday, July 14, 2014 at 4:03pm UTC+09>

Michael Reiko Ito Shea shared a page: God's Hope for America.

Follow the tour in photos <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gods-Hope-for-America/833527253343703>

Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 8:48pm UTC+09

godshopeforamerica Today we began the day with a walking tour of the Gettysburg. Battleground. The sky was overcast so it was relatively cool so it really is impossible to imagine how the troops made out in the hot sun, weighed down with heavy uniforms, equipment and weapons. The space between Cemetery Ridge (the north high ground) and Seminary Ridge (the south high ground), is a depression that quickly filled with 5,000 dead as the south tried to over run the North's position. It was a slaughter. Beyond that, the purpose of each side was so different. The South was paying the price of the sin while the North was paying a price for allowing the sin. We then gathered a took respectful note of location at the Soldiers National Cemetery location where Lincoln gave the dedication in November 1865. " Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which

they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Abraham Lincoln November 19, 1863 After this moving reflection we moved on to Lancaster and had lunch at "A Bird in the Hand" a "Pennsylvania Dutch" town near Delaware where we also learned about the Amish and Mennonite - who are famous for their rejection of modern lifestyle "entrapment." We received a lecture at a scale model of the Jewish Tabernacle at Moses' time and the meaning of each piece and action taken in the Tabernacle. We then crossed in to Delaware to meet the small but enthusiastic Family and supporters, though under heavy threat of rain, welcomed us to the Holy Ground. It did sprinkle slightly but as we stood under a mighty tree, we did not feel it. It was an inspired service. At the end Bishop Kim came a to give a few last words and cheer. Heavenly Parent must have been listening closely. The moment Rev Kim thanked God for the Blessing of the rain, the heavens opened up at that exact moment. We then took the Delaware Family offering of watery watermelon and ran for the bus to have dinner at a Chinese Buffet. A remarkable day filled with inspiration, deep meaning and full blessing from our Heavenly Parent.



Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 11:29am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Today was again a day beginning as an immersion in American history. We visited Valley Forge, which as its name implies is a place to form by beating into shape through heating and hammering. A ragtag group of young men were "forged" into an orderly, trained and confident army through a season of great suffering. With prayer in Washington's Chapel we set our spirit. With several hymns appropriate to the Episcopal Chapel, Rev Kim spoke of True Father's respect for George Washington's faith and with Washington's letter to the OSDP workshop witnessing to his respect for True Parents read, we had a deep prayer for our ancestors and their offering to America's creation in God's name. After the traditional series of photos we visited Gen Washington's headquarters. A small rented house which at the time was both his home and his office, meaning that it was always busy and full and since Washington was a man of integrity, he lived under the same conditions as his men. After Valley Forge, we went into Philadelphia and spent the day sightseeing and outreach around Independence square and the Art Museum where the Rocky statue is located. Ron Musiol and I shared the day and went in search of a Philly Cheese Steak - I could move back to America just for the cheese steak - delicious. With the later addition of a swirl ice cream cone, I could easily understand why Americans are so overweight. Throughout the day we had good weather until we started to gather for the Holy Ground. The lightening display started and the rain started when we arrived at the Holy Ground. During the event, God again poured his Blessings upon us but our spirits were correspondingly lifted. From the Holy Ground we went to the Church Center near UPenn where the local family went all out to feed and entertain the members of the Pilgrimage. It was a good day. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/philadelphia-pennsylvania-31865-1614/>

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 11:34am UTC+09

The pilgrimage motto: Together, we can make God's presence in America a living reality. Rev. Sun Myung moon Rev Kim reported that True Mother is following the Tour from Hawaii - even looking at the

photos of the tour members each day. So SMILE! #godshopeforamerica



Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 12:08pm UTC+09

<https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/trenton-new-jersey-31865-1616/> Tomorrow we might visit the site where Washington rowed the boat ashore to surprise the Hessian forces in Trenton - I don't think we will have to row the boat, but it could be a bonding event. Tomorrow we are going to visit the site where Washington rowed the boat ashore to surprise the Hessian forces in Trenton - I don't think we will have to row the boat, but it could be a bonding event.

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 7:01pm UTC+09

Takumi - this morning was the first time in seven years since Mika was born that I woke up with a new body in my bed. These poor second gen teens traveling on the bus with us are floor residents in our rooms - unless they can negotiate a shared bed. I couldn't, in good conscious let the boy sleep on the floor in front of the air-conditioner so I promised I wouldn't bite if he wanted to share the bed - but I did say I might mistake him for my daughter and kiss him good night. #godshopeforamerica

Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 10:43am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Today we woke up in Trenton New Jersey. Trenton's Holy Ground is very beautiful. In 1965 when True Father made the HG, there was a small Ginko tree next to a Civil War monument dedicated to Pres Lincoln, Gen Grant and Admiral Farragot. That tree now towers over the monument. The New Jersey family came from all over the state and created an enthusiastic welcome for True Parents and the Pilgrimage Team. We made a loud shout out to Heavenly Parent and True Parents. After the ceremony, testimonies and prayers we were feasted by the members and had many good stories to share with each other. We then moved on to Elizabeth to Rev Greg Aguillar's Church. They did most of the work in setting up the Holy Ground event. So this was a "thank you" visit. Greg started the Church in his basement and grew it into a spiritually vital upstairs store front. The members gave inspired testimony. It seems to be the fastest growing Church in Jersey. We then went on to Clifton. Clifton is a large Church community and they wanted their Holy Ground to be blessed. This was a little difficult from a spiritual point of view. It was not True Father's Holy Ground, but it seems to have been created by a past Korean leader. This is no problem as such but because none of the local leaders had any clear information nothing official could be done; but we did not turn down an opportunity to pray at any Holy Ground. I think this was a good experience because the Church is going to grow so many local Holy Grounds will be wanted and clear direction and reporting will be needed in creating them. We had dinner and fellowship at the Clifton Church which is located in a beautiful old traditional church. At the conclusion we took a photo and cheer and, while many of our young 2nd Gen stayed for the evening youth service, the rest of us retired to our hotel to prepare for our New York events. See you tomorrow.



Friday, July 18, 2014 at 12:46pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica We began this morning crossing the George Washington Bridge into Manhattan. The first time I had been in New York in nearly 20 years ... We departed the bus at 72nd and 5th Avenue and trekked across Central Park to True Father's Holy Ground where a large number of New York members welcomed us. We had a nice service and a large several activities for which to plan. After the Holy Ground service we went off to find the WTC memorial. We broke up into many groups consisting of 6 members each, with Metro cards useful for groups of four. Its funny, the members of our group had two people who know New well, and we had directions on how to get to the memorial - but we technically got lost and walked a great deal farther than we had to. I think it is a minor miracle that no one really got lost. While riding the New York "whiplash" subway I realized that I have clearly been spoiled on Japan's modern subway. We had a rally at the base of the Freedom Tower with the support of several local politicians; and paid our respects at the 9-11 Memorial. Lower New York is actually beautiful and full of brand new construction. The next event was up at Central Park where we held a Bike Ride for Peace Tour in unity with the bike tour True Mother started in Korea and Japan. From there we went to the New Yorker for lunch and a tour of the building; especially interesting for those who have never been in the building. The building is being renovated and is striving for a 4 star rating; but sadly I think the lobby set up is firmly in the two star class. I wish them luck in lifting their class. At 3PM or so we went off to the jewel of True Father's Holy Grounds.

Friday, July 18, 2014 at 1:19pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica We entered the East Garden Estate, True Parents home in America a bit after 4PM. It is still as beautiful as it ever was, and having been around the estates regularly since 1975 it was very much like coming home. It was very nice to see the staff doing so well and keeping the place in top condition.. Of course we greeted True Parents properly and Michael McDevitt gave an overview of the house and we were given a short tour of the houses and gardens. It was sad that it had to be so short because of our time limitation but we were able to pray at True Fathers prayer "seat" over looking the Hudson. I really hope the staff is able to write a book of memories because there are so many. Just two for example: in the dining room where True Father planned the future of the movement the dining table is set with two chairs at the head of the table - but actually, when True .Parents lived there the was only one chair at the head of the table - True Mother would sit around the corner on True Father's right. Second, during the tax trial in 1982, True Father would pray at 5AM at his prayer bench every day and since this was during one of the worst winters, during February it was incredibly cold and Father only used a blanket and wore no hat. I personally remember many points of this time because I was Rev Won Pil Kim's driver and we were at the trial every day. After a short refreshment compliments of the staff we left for Belvedere where the main event was held. When we arrived at Belvedere the first thing was prayer at the Holy Rock. I was so happy to be back after so many years.

Friday, July 18, 2014 at 1:24pm UTC+09

<https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/new-haven-connecticut-31965-1620/>



Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 11:28am UTC+09

New Haven, Danbury and Bridgeport. #godshopeforamerica We started out at True Father's Holy Ground high above New Haven. An incredible view for an East Coast City. We had members and guests from all over Connecticut, including a message from a Connecticut native son - Nathan Hale. I admit that I shed a tear. we then went on to Danbury to pray at a place set aside by members near the prison. The most significant thing about this event was a petition created to express America's sorrow and repentance at unjustly imprisoning True Father. As an American living in Japan as I do, I really have to repent to Japanese members who gave their life's blood to build the American movement while we made it so True Father could not be seen by the Japanese members. America owes Japan big time. We received a tour of Bridgeport by Dr. Neil Salonen, and had dinner put up by the Bridgeport community. It was very nice to see so many friends I worked with throughout the years.

Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 11:37am UTC+09

Tomorrow <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/providence-rhode-island-31965-1622/>

Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 10:11am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Rodger Williams, a Puritan Separatist, kicked out of Plymouth who sought the "true church" and Ana Hutchinson, another Puritan who felt it necessary for people to have a personal relationship with God; both founders of Rhode Island after they were run out of the Puritan community in Massachusetts. These are just two of the people responsible for freedom of religion in America. True Father's Holy Ground is in Rodger William's Park in downtown Providence. Our prayers are filled with God's spirit and many of our participants are seeing ancestors and the spirits of the holy people expressing their ardent desire to "get on the bus." After the ceremony at the beautiful Holy Ground we walked across the street to the Church center for fellowship and testimonies. Participants, old and young are having such deep experiences. Next stop was Plymouth Rock. In 1620, 100 Puritans landed, known as Separatists. Ten years later in 1630 they were joined by 30,000 Congregationalists. While, theologically they believed the same - their view of Church governance were very different. They began a nation that God could recognize as His own. Even today they have a great influence on America. There are several on our bus who are direct descendants of the first group of Puritans

Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 10:15am UTC+09

Tomorrow will be very active: <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/boston-massachusetts-31965-1624/>



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<https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/kittery-maine-31965-1628/>

Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 10:19am UTC+09

Three States in one day: <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/portsmouth-new-hampshire-31965-1626/>

Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 6:11pm UTC+09

5AM, Boston and have my coffee in hand ... life is good

Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 6:16pm UTC+09

Assistance of the Spirit World and Ourselves (I) Sun Myung Moon "...first, you must treat everything as a holy object, holy object. You must treat it as hallowed. Next, you must regard people as holy. Then, you must consider your body as God's holy body and your mind as God's mind. As you train yourself to live like this, what will happen to you? You will hear a voice of your mind, a voice of your mind. When it happens, the evil spirits are no longer able to occupy your mind's environment. In other words, no evil spirit can come near you. Since there is an absence of evil spirits, only good spirits will surround you. You must cultivate your inner self in such a manner as well as developing such a living environment. Then you will attract spirit world. Then the spirit world will connect you with the strong power."

Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 6:33pm UTC+09

Traveling America in a brightly labeled "God's Hope for America" 44 foot mobile Holy Ground. Motivated by holy songs, holy words and testimonies of holy lifestyles. Guided by God, our Heavenly Parent; our constant companion, True Parents, lead our way from the front seats. #godshopeforamerica

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Overall Holy Ground Service Program: We begin with a gathering of faithful and those called by the spirit. Holy Songs Welcoming greeting Opening prayer An introduction to the local Holy Ground by the MC. Testimonies, esp by the local faithful. Each person announces their presence - name and where they are from. Prayer and Holy Songs Unison Prayer - each person prays or meditates together Four Cheers Photos Afterward a fellowship and luncheon at the site or local Church.



Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 8:08pm UTC+09

HDH: Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon & his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Moon are working under the authority of God to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Find out what Jesus has testified about them. Message from Jesus: Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, is using this opportunity to send this new message to people on Earth, including the Jews who are still waiting for the coming of the Messiah. Whether Christian or non-Christian, people know my name, Jesus. The heart of Jesus who is sending this message to the Earth is complex and perplexing. I feel sad that I cannot summarize and convey my message in a few words. In particular, I know that Christians will doubt the message rather than believe it. However, as a person who came to the Earth with the mission of saving the world as the Messiah in the New Testament Age, since the time to reveal the truth has arrived, I am telling you the truth before Heaven and Earth. I came to Earth with the mission from God to be the Messiah. In the Bible I could not reveal all of the conflicts between the religious believers and non-believers in those days. In fact, there are many providential matters that the Bible does not reveal.

With the flow of each providential age, God could not avoid changing His immediate plan. I am revealing clearly a part of this hidden providential content to the numerous clergy who have been waiting for the Lord's return. God created human beings to need a physical body during their earthly life. Once they lose it, they go to the spirit world and live there for eternity. Dear saints who are waiting for my return, why don't you pay attention to the fact that God gives dual prophecies in the Bible [blessings for those who follow His will, curses for those who disobey His will]? I came to Earth as the Messiah in the New Testament Age. What do you think is the meaning of the crucifixion? Do you really think that it was God's will from the beginning, or could it have been the result of human error? Have you thoroughly studied my life? I certainly came with the mission of the Messiah, yet I lived eating and sleeping like any other man on Earth. Even though I lived as an ordinary human being, my mission as the Messiah was unique. To state the conclusion, the way of redemption through my crucifixion was not God's original intention. Dear Christians and all people on Earth, please pray over this matter while fasting. Then I will appear to you and clearly tell you the truth.

When you do it, you should be totally focused on praying with a pure heart. Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the one who came to Earth to complete my mission that was not fulfilled through the redemption of the cross. He comes as the True Parent to conclude God's providence in the Completed Testament Age. I came with the mission of the Messiah in the New Testament, but people at that time crucified me. That is why there remained a task for God to fulfill, and the necessity of a Second Coming. The Messiah in the New Testament Age brought salvation to people in the spirit. Still, history continued with the homework of physical salvation remaining to be fulfilled. Wandering in the alleys of grievance, suffering, sorrow and pain, God endured endless tension and pressure while He waited to send the Messiah again to Earth. After separating good and evil in order to prepare his lineage, God could send Reverend Sun Myung Moon. You know where I was born; it was in a manger. Do you know what the heart of Mary was like at

that moment?

Dear fellow Christians, could you easily understand it from reading the Bible? Have you not struggled over some incomprehensible events or insoluble questions? How could you understand my heart, when I could not fully reveal all the secrets of heaven? How could you understand the intricacies of the providence, when so much was not recorded in the Bible? Why was the womb of Mary, Joseph's fiancée, growing large? You cannot understand all the secrets that have been veiled during the providence of restoration. Since human beings are children of God, God cannot help but love them. It is also difficult for you to fathom the heart of God. Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the returning Messiah for whom you have been waiting and waiting. He inherited my mission at the age of 16. Dear Christians, are you still looking up and waiting for Christ to return on the clouds? Reverend Moon travels throughout the world on the clouds. He is investing all of his heart and soul for the realization of world peace. Even today, although he is over 80 years old, he is fighting on the frontline. Are you going to hang him on the cross again, like the Romans who persecuted me 2,000 years ago? Aren't you aware of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah? God is love. He is waiting.

Please receive the Messiah who has descended in the Completed Testament Age. Do not reject his achievements and his dispensation for the salvation of humanity. Pray with sincerity. I, Jesus, will be with you in your earnest prayers. I sincerely wish that Christians would reflect deeply upon the circumstances when I, the Messiah of the New Testament Age, was crucified. I hope they pray about my life and about God's view on human salvation. Think about the circumstances that I could not be married even though I was 33. Think of how my 12 disciples and I often went hungry. My life was filled with grievances. Christians surmise that everything that happened to me was the will of God. However, think whether there was any responsibility on the part of human beings. I came as the Messiah and the Son of Man. As the begotten Son of God, I did my very best to fulfill my messianic mission, but I could not fully accomplish my dreams and desires. Had my will been entirely fulfilled, would it be necessary for me to return? Dear fellow Christians and religious believers, I am truly the Messiah. However, the one who returned to fulfill the messianic mission today is Reverend Sun Myung Moon. He is the Second Advent of the Lord. Think of the question John the Baptist asked me, when I was being hounded as a ringleader of heretics: "Are you the one who is to come?"

How do you now see Reverend Moon? Think of the flow of time and examine the incredible achievements he has wrought. Could he do this by human power and ability alone? Jesus who died physically cannot come back to physical life and appear to you. Human flesh is to return to the earth as dust, once it gives up the spirit. That is the truth and a heavenly law. Read again the Bible verse that states that people will rise from the tombs. God is the Author of science and mathematics as the Being of the Principle. The theory that a dead body that decomposed will be reassembled and float in the air assumes that God can do anything and everything. However, to have God violate His own Being is extremely contradictory! You cannot solve questions that way. Look at the world of nature. Look at the process of human growth and the design of human life. God and human beings are in a relationship of parent and child. You will have to experience the heart of God now, who has been leading the providence of salvation for humankind so patiently. What if you Christians could see me right now, sitting and talking with Buddha, whom you consider to be an idol worshipper?

What would you think of me? Dear fellow Christians, fellow Buddhists, and believers of various religions! The four great religious founders, Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, and Mohammed, and saints such as Socrates, Augustine and others, have already held this seminar a number of times. Its theme is always the same: "God is the Parent of All Humankind." During the seminars, we are always studying the Divine Principle revealed by Reverend Moon. We analyze and discuss it in depth. That is the homework given us by God, who carefully observes all the activities of Reverend Moon on Earth. God has also directed that the major religious leaders in the spirit world unite and cooperate with earthly people for the salvation of humankind. We religious founders have no barriers among us. We are united as one, through the Messiah who appears on Earth in the Completed Testament Age and gives rebirth to all humankind as the children of God. We are praying about and discussing how to create one world centered on God. The conflicts and confrontations often seen among religious people are resolved here in the spirit world. It took long time for this to happen, to persuade people to understand one ultimate truth: the Creator of human beings is God alone. Likewise, in order to bring peace on Earth, it will be necessary to break down the barriers among all religions on Earth. Earthly leaders of each religion should discuss the commonalities and differences among their different faiths.

Together they should choose the strongest points from each, while showing the virtue of humility before others. Would non-believers not be guided in the right direction by following their example? I hope that all religious followers, especially Christians, can unite as one, and that I can meet them all in one place. Rev. Moon is the Messiah sent by God and Jesus Christ himself! - (The fact that Jesus from Bethlehem in Judea could send a message to earthly people is due to the benefit of the age wrought with the arrival of the Completed Testament Age. Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the master of this era because he is the Messiah of the Second Coming. What will you do with him? Are you going to put him on the stand for judgment? Are you going to hang him, as I was hung 2,000 years ago? Are you willing to pray and fast

about this? I hope that you will make a wise decision as a religious follower. I send this message to earthly people with a desire to teach people about my responsibility as Jesus, the Messiah of the New Testament Age. April 5, 2001



Monday, July 21, 2014 at 12:31pm UTC+09

Boston Commons, the oldest city park in the country and site of some of the worst religious persecution in the country. A huge green in the middle of old Boston used for all manner of public purpose and the location of our Sunday Service today. Together with song and prayer our two speakers: Alexa Ward and Bishop Stallings spoke on topics relevant to the pilgrimage. Alexa spoke on the original process Rev Moon used to create the 55 Holy Grounds that we are visiting over 43 days. When he arrived in San Francisco at the beginning of February 1965 he wanted to go to the highest point in the city so that he could see the city. The next day he announced his desire to visit every one of the 48 states. When asked when - he said immediately. So, seven people plus True Father loaded themselves in to an old station wagon; and with no luggage took off, in the middle of winter. It wasn't so bad at first because they went south through California. Once they turned north along the east coast it was very apparent that without coats, hats and gloves they were ill prepared - yet Rev Moon was determined to create a Holy Ground in each state where God and man could meet. They ate baloney and peanut butter sandwiches and bought changes of clothes as necessary. At one point, in Fargo North Dakota one of the two Americans on the trip was so cold that all he could think of was getting into the warm car during the ceremony to create that Holy Ground; but he did not move.. After the ceremony, Rev Moon went up to him put his hands on the young man's freezing ears and said that he knew he was cold but it was important that he hadn't moved. It was through this hardship that Rev Moon made a condition to keep God from leaving America. After the service, we formed a procession through the Green and on to the Gardens where the Holy Ground is located and celebrated Heavenly Parent and True Parents. #godshopeforamerica

Monday, July 21, 2014 at 12:47pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Our second ceremony of the day on the Holy Ground ceremony was in Kittery Maine. The Holy Ground is in the John Paul Jones Memorial Park. An enthusiastic and faithful crowd was waiting for the bus. Many Christian ministers joining our prayers for God's blessing on America; but this was the first time I witnessed a 7th Day Adventist Minister in the gathering and he offered a deep prayer. The local congregation gave an inspired and rather unique view of Maine history - especially in regard to the process of giving Mass. its independence. The third site of the day was small park on the edge of the island in Portsmouth New Hampshire. It as very pleasant and we had a lot of foot and bike traffic stop with interest. The local representative were a very international group - possibly because Portsmouth is a major port.



Monday, July 21, 2014 at 12:52pm UTC+09

Tomorrow the bus turns west: <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/brattleboro-vermont-32065-1630/>

Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:44pm UTC+09

HDH: Mobilizing the spirit world to assist your activities Excerpt from the speech: "Proclamation of Celebrating True Parents' Cosmic Victory" You must become people who have the ability to mobilize the spirit world to assist your activities on earth. It is a very important question, how to utilize the spirit world. When I was in prison, other prisoners brought me food all of a sudden, because they were told by the spirit world. Such things happened frequently. Such inmates just walked as if their feet were moving them without knowing exactly where they were taking the foods. Then, their feet stopped in front of me. Would such people, who were called this way, follow me or not? (They would follow you.) I entered such a mysterious state. How far are you from such a state? You must treat everything as holy. You treat your body as holy. And you must have the most sincere intention and sincere heart. When you try to live centering on this attitude -- absorbing and digesting everything as Heavenly things -- then the spirit world will begin to assist you. When I was hungry while escaping to the south, I encountered so many occasions where people who dressed in white ceremonial clothing offered me feasts with so many kinds of delicacies in the morning -- even slaughtering their precious chickens. I experienced these types of events frequently. When I arrived at a train station, I was met by a person who was waiting with a train ticket for me. Can you believe this? You must know that I am doing my mission today with countless of these mysterious experiences as my background. In the early days, when we were struggling to do our mission because of lack of money, Heaven gave orders. For example, a woman came to a jewelry store to sell her precious jewels. Then she received an order from Heaven to bring every penny she made to me. She gave me every penny she made! This is not just talk. This was real fact. Can you believe such thing as a fact? So, you must know that the spirit world is near. Because you are not investing enough sincerity, God's Will has not been achieved. You must, honestly, open up with what you are thinking, completely, without hiding anything. Then, God knows clearly what you are thinking. Then you can be confident even if you are opposed. You will never be wishy-washy. Without any penny in your pocket, you can be adventurous and will be able to find a way to accomplish your task. When you are successful in this way, you will with confidence, want to continue going forward.

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:10am UTC+09

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retracing his steps are going slower, have luggage, good food and hotels to sleep in. But our spirit is high. This is the last Holy Ground in New England and we had guests from as far away as Canada. One young man I met told me he was recently saved asked me what he could do. I suggested he ask his church to pray for America because if America fails, the world will suffer greatly. I hope we can inspire the Churches of America to pray to be God's Hope for America. After having lunch together in the park we moved on to Barrytown. #godshopeforamerica



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Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:42am UTC+09

Barrytown is the site of the Unification Theological Seminary and Barrytown College. It is a place where, from 1974 True Father spent much of his time teaching members of the Movement and religious leaders throughout the world. There are too many stories to tell here. Upon arrival we were given a guided tour of "Father's Trail." a nature walk on the property along the Hudson that he often used to pray. We then held a service at the school's prayer rock and concluded with a meal served us by the school. I have to say that meal was far and away the best on the tour thus far. If the students eat like that they must be the healthiest kids in the world. It was so nice to be back on the campus and this holy ground. Thank you Heavenly Father. #godshopeforamerica

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:54am UTC+09

Tomorrow we move on to Niagara Falls where True Father stopped to visit on his way back across the country, in the dead of winter while creating Holy Grounds. With no hat, gloves or winter coat it must have been unimaginably cold. After that, the next Holy Ground is in my home state of Ohio. #godshopeforamerica

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 10:56am UTC+09

Why did I get on the bus? A few reasons: one, I was looking for something significant to do this summer because my spiritual life was in a rut. Two, Living in Japan I was expected to go to Korea for Father's

Seonghwa anniversary but I didn't really want to celebrate his death. Three, the Pilgrimage was a way to celebrate True Father's life and connect on an active spiritual and physical level not only with his life but also the points in my life where we "ran into" one another - and there were many, from our first meeting at the LAX airport in 1975 to our last at East Garden (My wife and I have beautiful pics of our receiving gifts from True Parents thanks to Ken and Graeme). #godshopeforamerica



Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 11:03pm UTC+09

March 21, 1965, the falls are nearly frozen and it is COLD! July 22 2014 nearly 50 years later and 50 degrees warmer we are on our way to the falls. This morning I awoke to the sounds and smells of the Hudson Valley with real birds outside my window and deer grazing the lawns. The UTS staff went all out serving the group a delicious breakfast and, for me a special serving of kimchee since the chef wanted my opinion of his version. Kimchee for breakfast - a revelation ... and it was great ... a spicy wake up call. Hitting the road at 8AM we are even now crossing New York, equipped with the modern convenience of wireless on the bus. #godshopeforamerica

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 9:52am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Niagara is a powerful force of nature that you really need to take in. We walked around the boardwalk following the path True Father took when he visited, from the Horseshoe to the American Falls and crossed the footbridge that passes over the American Falls, from one side to the other. A symbol of love in America it easy to see how it could represent God's love pouring down on America in massive amounts. "People are drawn to see the awesome power of Niagara Falls more than they are to see the smoothly flowing Amazon or Mississippi Rivers. Niagara Falls is much smaller but people are fascinated by the incredible activity of the water there. God is just the same. He is like a tourist looking down at the earth, seeing many rivers of men which resemble the Amazon or Mississippi, but being drawn to the person who is like Niagara Falls. I don't want to be like a smooth river. In order to attract God I want my activity and power and gusto to be even greater than Niagara Falls. A normal river doesn't have a Niagara Falls. Should the Unification Church be like other churches? The fact that we are not is the greatness of our Church and the greatness of our challenge. Things happen to us that never happen to other churches, with your own parents even trying to kidnap you and persecution coming on all sides. Do you still want to go ahead under those circumstances? If you do then you will create something even greater than Niagara Falls in the sight of God. In living that way of life you are writing the greatest poem and creating the greatest masterpiece of art. We are becoming the creators of great things." Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 9:58am UTC+09

Tomorrow we enter Ohio - my home state and the first Holy Ground created in the north outside New England. We will now go west all the way to Seattle:<https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/cleveland-ohio-32165-1632/>



Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 3:46am UTC+09

Praying with my ancestors in Ohio brought tears to my eyes. I am very grateful Heavenly Parent and True Parents allowed me to be in Ohio, perhaps for the last time in my physical life. The Cleveland Museum of Art is a beautiful location though True Father created the Holy Ground before the museum was built. The weather was overcast cool with sprinkles of God's grace. A very pleasant day actually.
#godshopeforamerica

Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 11:10am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica This evening we were welcomed to the Columbus Ohio community for fellowship and a celebration of True Parents and True Father's life of dedication and love for America. The Church hall was full of well wishers, community leaders and ministers who gave remarks prayers and testimonies of their encounters with True Parents. With Columbus being my hometown I was proud of the community and very happy to see friends like Arlene Candelaresi who came to celebrate and to get on the bus with those of us on the Pilgrimage.

Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 11:15am UTC+09

Tomorrow we move on to Detroit - a city looking forward to a true resurrection:<https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/detroit-michigan-32165-1635/>

Friday, July 25, 2014 at 11:41am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Detroit may be a city in desperate need but they have a very beautiful Holy Ground on Belle Island in the river mid-way between the US and Canada. We met many friends like Kathryn McLaughlin Coman who drove two hours down from her hometown and Mitch Dixon would brought several members from Canada. It was so good to see everyone after so many years. From the "shortened versions" of stories of the old times told I can tell that in spirit world we will spend a lot of time story telling. We left Columbus early after resting from an active night of celebration in Columbus. Arlene was my seat mate for the three hour trip to Detroit which gave us plenty of time to remember, revive and re-imagine the time from 1975 when we first met at Barrytown to today and the possibilities for tomorrow. The pilgrimage really is a time of reflection in all areas of our lives past, present and future. I was also able to meet and speak with Mr Takenaka, an elder member spent a lot of time with True Father and the Belvedere property. Is is very talented and has been able to take True Father's teachings into the business world and not only find great success through application of Principle but also help the Ohio regional Church community, especially help give the Blessed Children opportunities they might not otherwise have. The Detroit inter-religious community, along with several news channels turned out to celebrate and remember True Father's creation of Holy Ground with prayer and picnic lunch. The Holy Ground has a handsome rock with a plaque attached and a holy tree planted nearby. Thank you Detroit. We stopped for dinner at Camp KOHOE near Lake Michigan. It is the regional workshop campsite owned and run by a Blessed Family. We met a group of GPA members on their way home from Las Vegas. Again a delicious

meal put together with a lot of heart.



Friday, July 25, 2014 at 11:56am UTC+09

Tomorrow we begin with morning prayer on the beach at Lake Michigan and hold the prayer at the Indiana Holy Ground. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/hammond-indiana-32165-1637/>

Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 2:08am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Dipping the toes and other body parts into Lake Michigan. This morning, in keeping with the pilgrimage tradition of visiting America's four bodies of water (Pacific, Gulf, Atlantic and Great Lakes), we stopped at Michigan City Indiana to do a morning prayer and spend some time in the water. I don't remember ever going to Lake Michigan so it was good to dip my feet. Holy Ground #40 in Hammond Indiana, the hometown of two famous brothers (Mike and Tom) and perhaps the closest Holy Ground to an adjoining state was our next stop. Rev Dr Michael Balcomb gave an impassioned message to the group that included a large contingent of GPA students, members from throughout Indiana lead by 2nd Gen Church leader Toby Gullery and several other communities nearby; asking how many in the group visited the Indiana Holy Ground before. Out of the over one hundred - only six raised their hand. We should remember how many people will do anything or go anywhere to visit or touch something associated with Jesus. He expressed God's hope for America included keeping true Parents presence alive in Hammond by opening a church here again. We had lunch probably sponsored by the GPA kids since it was pizza. It was good, thanks guys ... but with my stomach I may regret eating the slice I ate. Next, we go into Chicago for a cycling event and a few other good times.

Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 2:23am UTC+09

Tomorrow <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/chicago-illinois-32265-1639/> #godshopeforamerica

Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 10:27am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica After Hammond we crossed the state line into Chicago, Illinois. This is the first time I have ever been to Chicago and it is an impressive city downtown. Since the Holy Ground event for Chicago is not til tomorrow we spent our time touring the center of the city. Our first stop was the Planetarium that sits out in the lake and has an impressive view of the skyline. Photo-op of course. We then went to the art museum for our drop off. The cyclists went off to rent their bikes - I might of joined them if we rented Segways - a very popular mode of transport in Chicago, with lines and lines of people riding them around the lakefront. Those of us who did not ride broke up and walked. I joined Mr and Mrs Inose and a few sisters. Mrs Inose arranged our walk because she wanted a report on Nagoya. It was very enjoyable. We ended the day at a "hibashi" buffet, where as usual most people filled multiple plates while I looked for a single plate with the healthiest food I could find.



Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 10:31am UTC+09

Tomorrow we begin with an ACLC prayer breakfast at Pastor T.L. Barrett's Church in South Chicago and at about 11AM we will join the Chicago family at True Father's Holy Gound. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/chicago-illinois-32265-1639/> #godshopeforamerica

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 3:40am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica We had breakfast at 6:30 at the hotel, but it was a shadow of the prayer breakfast held at Pastor T.L. Barret's Life Center C.O.G.I.C. Church.. 200 ministers and many guests. Many good words but one caught my attention: In God We Trust so to God Submit We Must. Afterwards we meet the whole community at True Father's Holy Ground. Easily 400 people - probably more. I learned the history of Chicago, both physically and spiritual. During our singing and prayer service, as a favored son of True Parents Pastor Barrett felt strongly lead to make a change to Amazing Grace: "Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me." As he said, we are not wretched.

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 4:57am UTC+09

We are on our way to Madison for our second Holy Ground celebration of the day <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/madison-wisconsin-32265-1641/> #godshopeforamerica

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 11:39am UTC+09

We had an inspired celebration at Madison's Holy Ground #42. There was a wedding being held near the Holy Ground. I'm sure they will have memories and perhaps photos. There were several older members who gave testimony of God working in their life and one son who read his father's testimony. That father son connection was very moving. The Christian minister who spoke of her experience had us take our shoes off on Holy Ground. Afterwards we had dinner at a local media company owned by a member. We were well taken care of, thank you Madison.

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 9:06pm UTC+09

Hello Michael Candelaresi, I'm taking good care of your wife ... do you want her back?

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 11:45am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Tomorrow we have an early start as we will as we will celebrate two Holy Grounds in Minnesota, North Dakota. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/st-paul-minnesota-32365-1643/> <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/fargo-north-dakota-32365-1645/>



Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 10:24pm UTC+09

This morning we observed two important occasions, 7.1 Jeol and 7.8 Jeol. ~ The 24th 7.1 Jeol (July 1st celebration day) The Declaration Day of the Victory of God's Eternal Blessing 칠일절 Chil Il Jeol; established on July 1, 1991 solar and observed each year on the 1st day of the 7th lunar month by the Heavenly Calendar. This year 7.1 H.C. is on Sunday, July 27, 2014 solar. #godshopeforamerica ~ The 18th 7.8 Jeol (Eight sevens celebration day) The Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. With Pledge and the reading of True Father's prayer at the original occasion and testimonies we had a great remembrance of the day and Sunday Service. True Father's Prayer: " Beloved Heavenly Father! Today is July 1, 1991. We understand that the year 1991 is the very last crucial moment in the dispensational transition period. From the very first day of this year until the end of June, we have persevered through many complications and difficulties, and are now finally entering the month of July. Now that the first half of 1991 has passed, we understand that the second half of this year is the time in your providential history when we can reach the summit of new hope to enter the world of freedom and peace in Your kingdom.

Now, the resentments caused by the North-South division of the Korean peninsula and all the suffering and struggle brought about by East-West complications have all been dissolved by the True Parents. All historical conflicts sown by the false parents have been victoriously overcome by the True Parents, and the era has arrived in which the communist and free worlds, and North and South Korea, can unify. Heavenly Father! Thank you for allowing me to perform the Declaration Ceremony of God's Eternal Blessing on this day, bringing to a culmination the sacrificial effort You have offered, together with everything representing Your providential history, and thus celebrate together this day of victory, liberation and glory. The overall meaning of providential history dictates that without having fulfilled the mission of tribal messiah, one's family and nation cannot be connected to the providence. We are so grateful to be able to welcome this day on which we can declare ourselves to be tribal messiahs. We are truly grateful that as of this day we are free to proclaim ourselves as the kindred of the True Parents. We are thankful that you protected each of our courses of faith up to this point, and that as of this day, July 1, 1991, we are finally able to eliminate the grievous course of historical indemnity.

We are aware that now is the time of declaration to reclaim the liberated world of original nature. This world will emerge when the left and right wings unite and when North and South Korea, plus the religious realm and the political realm inherit right of kingship in the parental realm, attending the Creator God and the horizontal True Parents who are the original parents. We should not stop there, however; centering upon the true love of original nature, we should fulfill the obligations of true love, which is the center for the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, and the whole universe. We understand that by so doing, we must become the foundation for the families living on earth who are the representatives of Your kingdom as originally intended. This is the absolute purpose and goal following the one absolute direction. In order to bring this to pass, we have been issued the order to advance and carry out this solemn task, which means breaking through in the local neighborhood activities (tong-ban gyeokpa). With this in mind as the final destination, all of us should realize that from the first of July we are entering

a new era of world history when we should march forward in full force to save our families and our tribes. Moreover, I have designated this day, the first day of July, to be the one on which we can apply and declare ourselves to be tribal messiahs across the world. All those who have applied to become tribal messiahs should not look to one side or look back, but, rather, follow the destiny You have given them directly and fulfill their missions as Blessed Families.

This is to first restore and establish in their families the standards of the right of the eldest son, right of the parent and right of kingship that were lost by Adam and Eve, and then firmly establish a victorious legacy that no one, not even Satan, can affect in any way. Please help us to never forget that such is the mission given for each Blessed Family to fulfill. In Your presence, there is no free world or communist world, no South or North, and no Satan. I declare in the name of the True Parents to both the spiritual and the physical worlds that all the works of evil will be cleared away and buried forever alongside fallen history, and that Your victorious and liberated kingdom will be established on earth. I therefore beseech You to let us become a shield for all generations to come. I proclaim this in the name of the True Parents at this time on this day of the first of July! Amen! I proclaim this in the name of the True Parents! Amen! I proclaim this in the name of the True Parents! Amen! Amen! Amen! (218-7, 1991.7.1)"

Heavenly Father, please take pleasure in welcoming this era in which You can be liberated from imprisonment, and in this state of liberation embrace Your loving cosmos, through the establishment of the Sabbath foundation of the eras of the right of kingship in the family, nation, world and cosmos, which has been Your long-cherished desire. We are aware of how much You grieved over not being able to help this son of Yours in his work, since all that You could do was shed tears and watch over his path. We beseech You with all of our hearts to bestow on us Your blessings, that You may achieve total, overriding, supreme and full authority as You have desired, and with the whole world under Your dominion we may march forward into Your liberated kingdom. Now the era has come when the stains created by tears of sorrow shed by the family of the True Parents will fade away. With the achievement of Your authority of liberation, the family of the True Parents can attain the privileged and highest position of the ideal of creation looking down over the beloved children, nations, world and cosmos, with the freedom to travel anywhere in the world. Therefore, please accept this proclamation which I am now making in the name of the True Parents, as contributing to the resolution of Your grief and sorrow, and to Your full liberation. At this hour, please accept with joy the proclamation of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Please proclaim this from heaven in order that the banner of victory of the harmonized realms on earth and heaven may fly high. I proclaim this day in the name of the True Parents! Amen! Amen! Amen! (286-78, 1996.11.11)" We are singing our way to St. Paul. It is a holiday afterall

Monday, July 28, 2014 at 5:28am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Today our first stop was the Korean War Memorial in Minneapolis. The leader of the Minnesota Korean Veterans, a long time contact who brought groups of veterans to True Father's speeches, gave us a tour. We then came to the St. Paul Holy Ground where we were met by a large inter-faith group of supporters. We had quite a lively service at this our #43rd Holy Ground. Minnesota has a fine choir lead by Scott E. Pankow and several talented young members. I met several friends and Maud's spiritual mother. We are now on our way to the second Holy Ground event of the day in Fargo, North Dakota. (rest in peace Kenn Hendricks, we will remember you there)

Monday, July 28, 2014 at 1:19pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Fargo, North Dakota, Holy Ground #44. It is easy to see why this Holy Ground has such a reputation. July 27 and it is the coldest we have visited ... so far. In 1965 it was -16 degrees when True Father consecrated it. On a more positive note, I think this Holy Ground has the freshest, cleanest and most most uplifting spirit of all I have visited so far. A beautiful experience, we remembered those pioneers of the state who have passed to the spirit world as well as how successful they were in receiving True Parents on their early speaking tours. Thank you North Dakota for your hospitality. Tomorrow: South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska

Monday, July 28, 2014 at 1:22pm UTC+09

Tomorrow: <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/sioux-falls-south-dakota-32365-1647/>

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 7:14am UTC+09

<https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/sioux-falls-south-dakota-32365-1647/> This morning the #godshopeforamerica Tour left Fargo at 7AM for the Sioux Falls Holy Ground event. In Sioux Falls we visited the falls for outreach and tourist activities and then moved on to the Holy Ground on a bluff overlooking the city. It is a very spiritual site both from the fact that it is a five mound burial site of the native peoples as well as a 120 day prayer condition of the South Dakota Churches. The

part of the celebration that stands out in my mind was the testimonies of the acts of restoring the sins against the native peoples and giving the blessing to the tribes who still live in quite miserable conditions.



Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 8:15am UTC+09

After our group photo and grabbing a drink in Sioux City, the #godshopeforamerica Tour left apologizing to everyone since we were running late and many people in Omaha were waiting for us. The Sioux City gathering was a pleasantly intimate gathering. A few older missionaries to Iowa including a brother just arrived from France, who spent many years in Iowa spoke from his heart at how lucky we in America are to be free to speak about and believe in God. And if America fails Europe has no hope. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/sioux-city-iowa-32365-1649/>

(Please note: Details are not here and somethings may have been forgotten. Got to the official page for accuracy)

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 8:22am UTC+09

Our last stop of the #godshopeforamerica for the day was at the Omaha Holy Ground. Omaha is an alternate site because the original is now in the Lincoln Zoo which we will visit early tomorrow. The unison prayer at the event tonight was incredible - the spirit of God came down on us and everyone was lifted up. We had three Pentecostal ministers praying with us and we were rally praying for the spirit to come down and uplift the city and state with God's love. After service we had fellowship at the Omaha Church - very lively as there were so many young people in the congregation. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/lincoln-nebraska-32465-1651/>

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 1:00pm UTC+09

Sailing with our Father - new chorus: And we'll be praying with our Father, You know his bus will never sway, God's hope on the horizon, We found the holy ground today. #godshopeforamerica

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 10:54pm UTC+09

Early this morning the #godshopeforamerica greeted our Heavenly Parent at the Lincoln Nebraska zoo. In 1965 there was no zoo but over the years the city developed. We don't really know why True Father chose the locations he did but we do know he was spiritually led and each location has a spiritual significance. There is the thought that this spot in Lincoln was a campsite of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Now it is the monkey enclosure at the zoo. God's sense of humour.

Question on the bus? How many Holy Grounds have a zoo connected with them?

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 11:18pm UTC+09

Cheyenne Wyoming 6 hours ahead for the #godshopeforamerica tour. I lived in Cheyenne from the age of one through three when my father was in the air force - so this will be a kind of homecoming. <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/cheyenne-wyoming-32465-1653/>



Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 12:13am UTC+09

Michael Reiko Ito Shea shared Arlene Candelaresi's photo.

Coffee break disguised as a restroom stop, somewhere in the middle of Nebraska.

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 8:15am UTC+09

Cheyenne with the Love family - not a small and quite an international family leading the way hosting #godshopeforamerica at a very lovely Holy Ground. Even though they live in Laramie. I lived in Cheyenne when I was one thru three years old so for me its a "baby" hometown.

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 9:01am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica on our way

to <https://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/denver-colorado-32565-1655/>

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 1:27pm UTC+09

Clark and his two brothers are leaving the bus tomorrow, three young brothers from Texas in the church three months or less are leaving he #godshopeforamerica tour bus tomorrow. I feel we will suffer a great loss both spiritually and physically on the bus. I'm sorry to see them go; I hope that through some miracle that they can stay.

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 1:28pm UTC+09

The #godshopeforamerica tour found it raining and cold in Denver - apparently it was hot and sunny yesterday. If I had to choose, I choose the rain. Denver was ready though, they had tents covering the Holy Ground so no one really got wet. The best part of that was that we had an international community of African and Arab Christians and Unificationists from around the world tightly packed under the tent together. The Holy Spirit was truly under that tent with us. For me during the unison prayer I was deeply called to pray that the second generation, no matter their situation, could deeply feel the love of God in their lives. After the service the rain stopped so we were able to take a photo of the rather large community and have fellowship and dinner. Thank you Heavenly Father and True Parents. One additional small miracle was that we were just four minutes late for this event. We started in Omaha Nebraska, traveled to Lincoln Holy Ground, then to Cheyenne Holy Ground And arrived in Denver pretty much on time. Time periods in Principle for offerings are very important. A Heavenly Parent and True Father are keeping us to our schedule.

Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 1:19am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica at Loveland Pass, 9:30AM 12,000 feet and snow on the ground at the end of July. This is on the Continental Divide, the highest pass in the country. Singing and praying for America we will now come down to Grand Junction to spend the day admiring in gratitude God's wondrous Holy Ground..and continue on our way to Salt Lake City. Speaking of holy ground, our fearless leader Dr. Michael Balcomb supplied us with the coffee of life on our desent from the heights. We are going through Glen Canyon, incredible walls of rock between which the Colorado River, the railroad and a double decker highway fit tightly. look up!

Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 11:50am UTC+09

We have arrived in Salt Lake, had dinner at the Chinatown Buffett and I am having coffee in the hotel. Tomorrow we have the Holy Ground event at eight AM and we expect a large crowd as the local paper did a story on the event tomorrow. We are then scheduled for a tour of the Temple. <http://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/salt-lake-city-utah-32665-1657/>

Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 12:24pm UTC+09

Advance announcement for #godshopeforamerica <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/blogsfaithblog/58233986-180/church-bus-moon-rev.html.csp>



Friday, August 1, 2014 at 12:31am UTC+09

Good morning America from the #godshopeforamerica tour bus. This morning we celebrated at True Father's Holy Ground with the Salt Lake community and interfaith ministers including a few members of the Mormon leadership. It was very good hearing their good wishes. An old friend, Galen Brooks joined us to retrace the footsteps of his youth, having joined the church in 1962 when his Sunday School teacher taught him the Principle. He was in Dr. David Kim's center in Seattle in 1965 when True Father came and Galen participated in the creation of the Seattle, Portland and Eugene Holy Grounds. when True Father Blessed the Holy Ground. He spent two years

in Salt Lake with David Kim so he gave a testimony of his time in Salt Lake with Dr David Kim. The Holy Ground we prayed at today is not the original site put down by True Father; that site now inaccessible was the place Brigham Young and his party stopped to look down on the Salt Lake basin. It is now a private subdivision. After the event we were given a tour of Temple Square. We are now on our way to Idaho.

Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 2:56am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica joined the Boise Church and a few guests and family. Under an old red oak we sang and prayed and rejoiced in each others blessings. The Boise Holy Ground is in a beautiful park dedicated to the poineers, especially a woman who died while helping those with typhoid; along the Boise River.

Friday, August 1, 2014 at 11:48am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica We visited the Shoshone Falls on the Snake River on our way to Boise. They are not the Niagara, but it is an impressive site - especially the canyon. Tomorrow we will hold an event at the Boise Holy Ground early in the morning then move on to Missoula, MT <http://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/boise-idaho-32665-1659/>

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Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 3:56am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica at McCall, Idaho 5,021 feet for lunch at Lake Ponderossa on the way to Missoula, MT 6 hours still ahead. This ride through the mountains and valleys of northern Idaho along white water rivers and calm water lakes is very beautiful.

Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 1:47pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Lolo Summit, Montana 45 minutes from Missoula. The forest Rangers made us a pot of coffee at the end of a very long dry spell. The Missoula Holy Ground is beautiful. A huge very tall spruce in a park lawn which we accessed by two footbridges over the Rattlesnake Creek which comes out of the base of the Bitterroot Mountain. The Montana family drove 320 miles from Billings to greet us and put on a feast after the ceremony at Greenough Park. There were many young people at the event with inspired testimony of God's work in their lives. Thank you "Moontana"

Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 1:59pm UTC+09

Tomorrow early morning #godshopeforamerica takes off on another long drive to Seattle, Washington.

This is a Holy Ground Galen Brooks helped choose. He has both memorable stories and an embarrassing one centered on Rev Moon's time in Seattle in 1965. I'll post it tomorrow. <http://ffwpu.org/us/usa-holy-ground-pilgrimage-and-revival-tour/seattle-washington-32865-1663/>



Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 7:50pm UTC+09

As we come to the last three Holy Grounds dedicated by True Father, we have someone on the bus who was there in 1965 and has a story to tell. In fact, he has quite a few. Hopefully they will get posted as we hear them. A testimony by Galen Brooks: True Father had a desire to see the mayor of Seattle in March 1965. He was being escorted in a four vehicle convoy without incident. The members had every intention of keeping the vehicles together and they were doing a bit poorly as they passed through the signal lights. So in an effort to keep them together, at one of the signals after it went yellow, Galen Brooks, driving a Volkswagon stopped to prevent the convoy from being separated. Unfortunately, the driver of the second car, Esther Carroll (then in the Portland Church), carrying Rev Moon was fully focused on True Father and not paying attention to the road ahead. The inevitable occurred and Galen's car, though not totaled, was not going anywhere. Galen got out of his car and was traumatized; not at the \$365 in damage to his car - but at the impediment he had just become to the Messiah! "Immediately afterwards Won Pak Che came up to me to reassure me that great blessings were coming. And they loaded back up in the cars and left me while I waited for the tow truck." "One car returned after City Hall to pick me up and we then drove to St Helens, Oregon for diner together at uncle John Shmedley's motel where he prepared our meal" "Immediately after dinner we went to Bless the Portland Holy Ground, then went to the Portland Chapel." #godshopeforamerica

Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 8:33pm UTC+09

During the sixties at the time of the being of the movement in the northwest under Dr David Kim in Portland and (Christine Hertz? under Dr David Kim in) Seattle and Dr. Young Oon Kim in Eugene; the members we now know as elders and those we no longer know because they left, went through tremendous spiritual pressure. The Principle is true and Satan is real and those members had daily confrontation in their lives as they went through the process of personal restoration and national restoration. Many of the people surrounding True Father at the time of the Holy Grounds creation are no longer with us mainly because, while they were needed and called by God they were unable to make the conditions to separate from Satan and keep their place. A few who left did try to come back but it was generally just too difficult. At the beginning, the Korean pioneers on the west coast concentrated on people who were spiritually aware and thus able to recognize the inherent truth of the Principle. Unfortunately those same kind of people were also more susceptible to spiritual attack and the tendency to believe when spirits told them how great they were and they often become arrogant, unable to keep their humility before God; thus Satan could use and abuse many of those early members. Making conditions to separate from Satan is still an important part of our faith but in the beginning Satan had more conditions to invade the American movement. Two of the early members American movement that the God's Hope for America Tour pilgrims are familiar with are George Norton the video camera man and Gordon Ross, True Father's driver, later left around 1970, now nearly 80, left and now lives a single life in San

Fransisco completely separate from the church. George Norton, who filmed and later narrated the setting down of the Holy Ground later was blessed in the 43 couple blessing in 1969 in Washington DC; often came back and did humble jobs around the Portland Center. We hope to see him when we arrive in Portland.



Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 1:37pm UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica We are at the Seattle Holy Ground having finished the ceremony, eaten our watermelon and greeted tons of old friends. There were many people here; a large group of people tightly packed together around a Douglas Fir and the weather is beautiful. My feeling about the event however, is that it wasn't nearly as inspiring as it should have been. It really didn't seem the Seattle Church put their heart into it. Because of the compactness of the site we took the group picture down the hill at the bus. It is a beautiful site in Seward Park north of the amphitheatre along a trail about 500 feet. Unfortunately if you take the same trail True Father took, it is block on the edge of the Holy Ground by a fallen tree.

Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 11:25pm UTC+09

We are now in the last day of the Pilgrimage as we enter Oregon the state in which it all began in 1959. We will be in Portland first, Dr David Kim's pioneering area and then Dr Young Oon Kim's first home in Eugene - the center of female spiritual power houses. It is interesting to note that Galen and Patty Pumphries, the first previously married couple, joined in Eugene; they were later blessed. They joined bringing their son, Lloyd with them. #godshopeforamerica

Monday, August 4, 2014 at 1:47am UTC+09

#godshopeforamerica Was on the top of the mountain in Portland, the end of the Oregon Trail and David Kim's favorite prayer spot while he was a student in Portland is True Father's Holy Ground. We were a pleasantly large group climbing the stairs to the top where we found several large beautiful fir trees on Mt. Tabor, a dormant volcano. The Holy Ground is next to the cone. I thank God for Paul Veterly the bus driver for being there to help me down the stairs at just the right time. This event was very uplifting and Heavenly Parent was definitely there. A local minister has joined our bus after the ceremony. Very nice. Next stop eugene

Monday, August 4, 2014 at 5:06am UTC+09

The #godshopeforamerica Pilgrimage last stop: Eugene, Oregon. Dr Young Oon Kim's home "town" when she first came to America to study at the University of Oregon. The first center. This was the beginning ... where several of the original sisters who pioneered Europe started their spiritual journey. True Father was going to finish his mission to create Holy Grounds in Portland but because the Church started in Eugene he decided to give the city a special honor by blessing one more Holy Ground. This Holy Ground is in a small garden, a small piece of Heaven at the end of the walk. A place of meditation and silent prayer. A place, not so much to talk to God but to listen to God. It is a place where I could

understand that I am not "from" Nagoya but being from Ohio America, on the pilgrimage I represented Americans sent out to the world by God and True Parents.

#godshopeforamerica - it is finished. I would like to thank Dr Michael Balcomb and his staff for being perfect hosts, and the advance team who stayed ahead of the bus to smooth our way. The hotel accommodations they found for us were in many ways unique with indoor waterfalls, aromatic perfumed rooms and stage phones as well as breakfasts of the continental style - though which continent I'm not sure. Their supply of coffee however won all our hearts. At least the hearts of the coffee drinkers, who after all have the biggest hearts of all. The sisters who were our official cat wranglers deserve special consideration - especially for the number of times they had to count to 50 in a day and their ability to climb through bus aisles over and around bodies that just wouldn't move.. And of course my thanks to Paul for getting everyone of us around the country - while staying sane, polite and accident free. Even when we were late getting back to the bus blowing his schedule out of the water, he still managed to get us there on time. And most of all, thank you Heavenly Parent and True Parent without whose love none of this would have any meaning.

August 4, 2014 - We are on our way to San Francisco and my flight home. This will be my last post in America. I bought this computer in America for the tour and it will not return to Japan with me.