



Global Peace Festival





One Family Under God



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— Dr. Hyun Jin Moon
Chairman, Global Peace Festival



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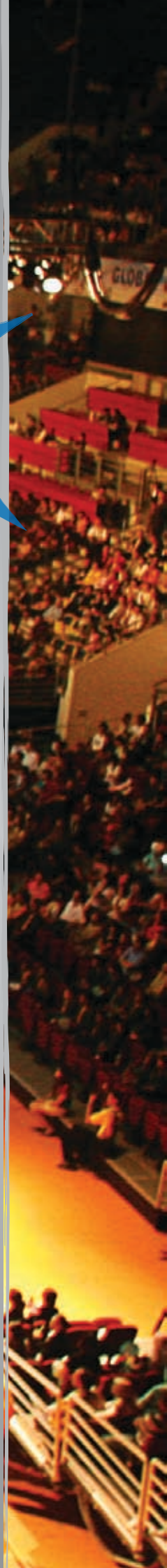
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WHAT IS THE GLOBAL PEACE FESTIVAL?

Over the past two years Global Peace Festivals in more than 20 countries have brought people together in an unprecedented way united by the vision of creating “One Family Under God.”

The Global Peace Festival is an idea whose time has come, bringing a new hope for peace through—

Promoting interfaith cooperation: Peace among faith traditions cannot come about through mere dialogue or through “tolerating” one another’s prayers and rituals. A true interfaith experience is a celebration of the core principles, values, and aspirations that bind all people together as one family.

Strengthening marriage and family: The family is the cornerstone of peace. We use familial terms to describe the closeness of any relationship saying, “that person is like my father, like my mother, my brother, my sister, my son and like my daughter.” Therefore, the family should be the school of love where we learn to love all humanity in its richness and diversity.

Building a culture of service. The Global Peace Festival is promoting a spirit of volunteerism and peaceful cooperation around the world. Communities and nations are being transformed through our efforts to build a culture of service rooted in the peace philosophy of “living for the sake of others.”





"When people from Jerusalem and other trouble spots embrace each other in tears of forgiveness and reconciliation on the stage, it moves people of all faiths in the crowd."

—Rev. Paul Murray
Executive Director, GPF USA



"The Global Peace Festival is a strong ally for peace in Mindanao. We are now in a renaissance period, this is the dawning and awakening of a new era."

—Dr. Estrella Abid Babano
Philippine Department of
Education Region 10



"I saw how small, how perfect our planet really is, and then I reflected on all the conflict and suffering we cause each other, and I decided I had to do something about it."

—Datuk Muszaphar Shukor
Malaysian Astronaut



— Manila Bay Coastal
Clean-up Drive



GRE PHILIPPINES

*Eight peace festivals
took place throughout
the nation, including
one on the UN*

*International Day of
Peace in Mindanao,*

where people who have suffered from interreligious conflict welcomed the Global Peace Festival call to reconciliation and peace.

Religious and political leaders from various nations shared the limelight on December 13 at the grand finale at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila in a show of unity and symbolic breaking of cultural barriers. Marching bands, dancers, and pop singers offered colorful entertainment. Service projects took place throughout the city.

— (Middle): Performance
in Mindanao;
(From left to right): Iya Villania
and Jay-R



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Global Peace Festival USA, which took place on a beautiful August day on the lawn of the US Capitol, celebrated the power of service to transform people and build communities.

"Service is just another way of saying I love you," said Rev. Mark Farr of the Points of Light Institute, which joined other agencies in organizing a citywide day of service.

A food drive helped fill the shelves of the Capitol Area Food Bank, and nationally, a campaign began to register a "Million Acts of Service and Kindness."





"We appeal to people of courage and conscience to become the 'Joshua Generation' that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned leading the world into a promised land where we as One Family Under God would work together to end the barbarism of war, the insanity of racism, and the scourge of poverty."

—Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, President Emeritus, Southern Christian Leadership Conference USA.

—Sgt. Elisabeth Quinones of the US Marines sings the national anthem





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LATIN AMERICA: PARAGUAY

The energetic crowd filling Asunción's Club Olimpia Stadium were inspired by the Global Peace Festival call to action on public service




— Paraguay Senator
Lilian Samaniego
co-chaired the Global
Peace Festival



Local soccer legend José Luis Chilavert welcomed delegates from six continents. Students from 75 schools found a new passion of service to their city as they helped clean streets and parks. Interest in the Global Peace Festival was so strong that thousands mobbed a local radio station with donations of food and clothing in exchange for tickets.



A large indoor arena filled with people at night, with a woman in a white and blue uniform in the foreground. The woman is wearing a white hat with a silver ornament and a white jacket with blue trim and gold buttons. She is holding a silver pole. In the background, a large crowd of people is visible, and a banner reads "Copa do Mundo de Futsal, da FIFA-Brasil". Another banner reads "BRASILIA, BRASIL E O MUNDO PELA PAZ" and "Valores do network EGSMAR" and "Projeto de ADEG".

Bishop Manoel Ferreira, a member of the National Assembly, hosted a leadership conference at the Congress which addressed the moral and spiritual challenges facing the nations of the Americas. In nearby Gama, 150 trees were planted and band shelters and playgrounds were painted on International Volunteer Day.

— The Global Peace Festival in Brasilia, December 7, 2008



CDE BRAZIL

The Nelson Nilson stadium in Brasilia filled with enthusiastic youth. The gala evening of traditional performances also included Christian and country music entertainers led by multi-platinum artist Frank Aguiar.



“Although Brazil has its full share of social and economic problems, the most urgent problems facing our 180 million people are not primarily material or economic, but moral and spiritual. Governments can’t solve these problems alone. We have to empower our nation’s youth and heal our families. We need to restore our traditional values.”

—Bishop Manoel Ferreira, President,
Assemblies of God, Brazil



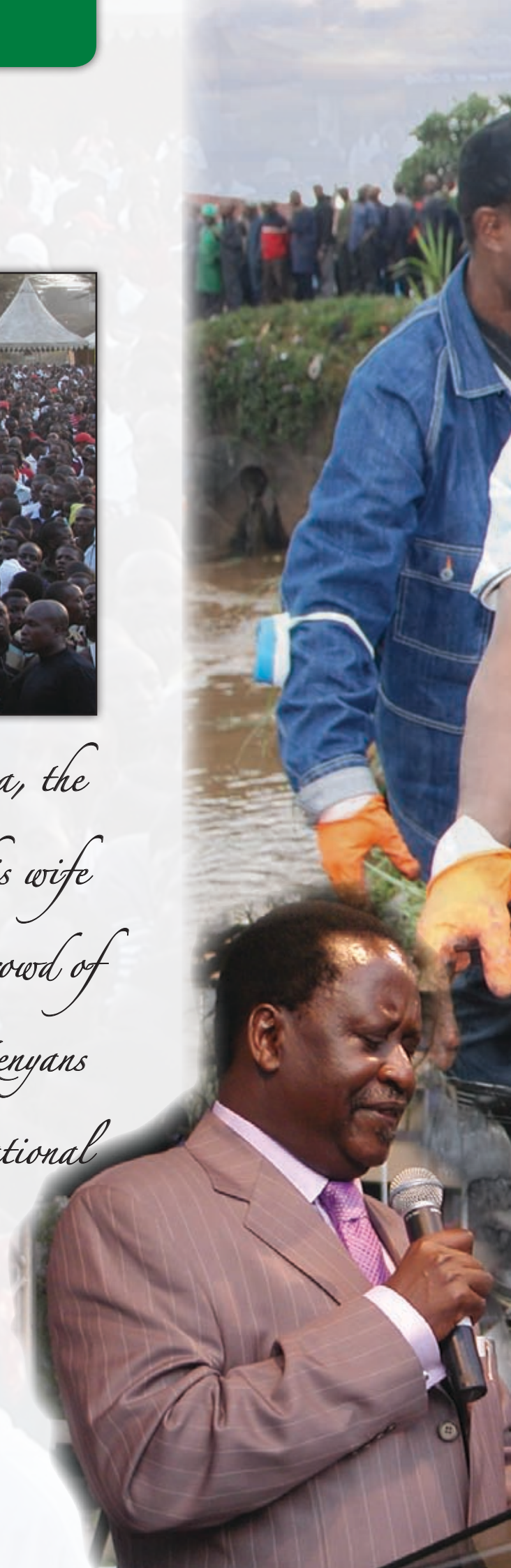
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AFRICA: KENYA



The Prime Minister of Kenya, the Hon. Raila Odinga, and his wife Ida Odinga welcomed by a crowd of over 10,000 enthusiastic Kenyans to the Jomo Kenyatta International

Center in Nairobi August 31. For weeks, people from surrounding neighborhoods worked together to clean garbage from the Nairobi River. The City of Nairobi and UN Environmental Programme joined in an ongoing commitment to care for the river.





"This is an important day for Kenya and for Africa. It is a new beginning in the quest for our nation to be once again known as a nation of peace and security."

—Hon. Raila Odinga,
Prime Minister, Kenya

"You are not just cleaning the river but also cleaning up the environment, cleaning up criminal activities, and making people come out into the light and become better people."

—Mrs. Ida Odinga,
Chair, League of Women Voters, Kenya



CPE WORLDWIDE



— UNITED KINGDOM:
International Leadership
Conference in the House of
Commons



A ceremony in London symbolizing bringing together
the resources of many cultures and faith traditions.
All Global Peace Festivals make interfaith harmony a
priority, together with service and family.



— KOREA: Tens of thousands of citizens of
Seoul filled Yoido Plaza to voice their support
for a peaceful reunification with the North.



— JAPAN: Parents and children worked
together to pick up trash along the
seashore in Toyama City, Japan.



— MALAYSIA'S
"Power of 10
Sen" campaign to
reduce poverty.

Malaysia's
"Power of
10 Cents"
campaign to
reduce poverty.



"We must anchor peace on earth, and that can only come through faith.

Religions' purpose is to advocate the brotherhood of man, and if you are a brother you don't fight against each other."

—TUN DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMMAD,
Prime Minister, Malaysia, 1981-2003

— MALAYSIA: A packed house gathered at the Bukit Jalil Stadium in Kuala Lumpur for GPF Malaysia



— ALBANIA: Young people from all the schools in the city planted trees and cleaned schoolyards, the first step in reversing decades of environmental neglect.



— MOLDOVA: Music brought people together on November 9 in Chisinau as pop stars sang of peace and dancers offered traditional performances from many cultures.

GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION

*The theme of the Global Peace Convention is
“Building a World of Lasting Peace:
One Family Under God.”*

The world is in crisis along lines of fracture that include violent conflict among people of faith, global family disintegration and the disillusionment of youth. There is a growing awareness of the urgent need for innovative ideas and bold leadership to address the critical issues of our time if we are to pass on to our children a world free of fear and exploitation, the urgency grows more acute.

The Global Peace Convention brings together key leaders in the realms of politics, civil society, and religion to discuss creative approaches to pressing global problems based on interfaith cooperation, strengthening marriage and family, and promoting a culture of service.





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*You're invited
to join forces to
build a movement
of kindness and
service that seeks
to simply live
for the sake of
others and make
a difference.*

*Global Peace Convention
Venue: Manila Hotel, Philippines
Date: December 10-14, 2009*

*The Convention brings together all the
Global Peace Festival partners for —*

- *Symposiums and Workshops*
- *Exhibitions and Networking*
- *Service Projects*
- *Celebrations*
- *Planning and Collaboration*
- *And much more ...*



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