MINISTERS MOBILIZE

Washington, DC

Saturday, January 15th, 2005 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative breakfast in DC. I had a vision. It was a powerful vision that brought me to tears. It was a most meaningful vision because it was not only spiritual, but actual. In fact, it was unfolding right before my eyes! I observed three ACLC ministers come to the stage and give the deep, life-giving, traditional content of the Divine Principle. Rev. Arnold Hong has been a constant proponent of the Divine Principle. Rev. Arnold Hong has been a constant proponent of the Divine Principle.

And Pray

Bay Area

In the spirit of fulfilling our founder’s goal of educating 8000 clergy in America, Archbishop George A. Stallings, Jr. flew out to Northern California and was the keynote speaker at a special Community of Faith Breakfast held at the Bay Area Family Church (BAFC) in San Leandro on Saturday, Jan. 8. At least 175 people attended, including ACLC clergy, local Ambassadors for Peace, and members of the BAFC.

Archbishop Stallings gave a stirring presentation on God’s Ideal of Creation (particularly the plan for the God-centered family). His grief at the Fall, God’s hopes for restoration, the mission of True Parents, and the importance of interreligious unity to raise up humanity in this era of Cheon Il Guk. He spoke with passion and enthusiasm, as is his trademark.

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It was a great day to be alive in Memphis Saturday January 22, 2005. The TN ACLC, TN Family Church and the TN AFC sponsored a seminar and luncheon. This was done to bring our current Memphis contacts and new contacts together in the spirit of God’s embrace and to enlighten them about the activities and the responsibilities of Heavenly Father’s providential work at this time and age.

The turnout was nothing short of phenomenal, especially for the time and effort that we were able to offer for this event. There are only two church families in West Tennessee (Memphis area) with neither being able to offer themselves full-time to this event. We had one week to prepare. Similar efforts and programs in the past have

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This is the time of substantially entering Cheon Il Guk. Therefore Heavenly law is now becoming a central point.

FEBRUARY 2005

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th
1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
2 Geoy Ilbo Established (1989)
3 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
4 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
6 IFWP Established (1999)
7 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
9 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
10 Lunar New Year
11 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
12 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
13 First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
14 Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
16 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
17 Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
18 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)
19Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
20 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
24 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
25 Montevideo Declaration World University Federation (1996)
26 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
27 Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
28 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
29 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
30 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
31 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
32 One World Crusade Established (1972)
33 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

MARCH 2005

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th
3 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
15 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
19 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/58)
21 WRIST Established (1984)
25 Awom (Garden of Love) Bank Established (1994)
26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
27 Hoon Dok Hae at Han Nam Dong. Korean is also essential. Every UC member should speak Korean. There will be no translators after four more years.

From now everything will be focused on building the Kingdom of God. We have to create a beautiful environment for the Kingdom of God. We must be aware of the environment. We must purify the water and the environment. We must be very sensitive to the environment from now on as we have entered Cheon Il Guk. To do this we must take care of the immediate environment around our own homes.

Korea must become the highest form of a garden of flowers. There are 4,000 islands around Korea. All the worlds cultures and nationalities should be planted there, so that Korea will become a microcosm of the world. Blessed Couples will move to Korea. They will bring all the seeds of vegetables and flowers from every nation and then we can create Korea as the center of all creation. We must keep the concept of Sal Ja (living well).

There are challenges to the Kingdom, however.
with True Parents

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n January 13, around 150 members (including Japanese wives, SFP member and some leaders) attended morning Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. Jeong Won-ju read chapter 2 of Cheon Seong Gyeong. (“Sin and Restoration through Indemnity.”) Shumin, grandson of True Parents—son of Hyung-jinnim—also attended. He was trying to say something; his features were so cute, giving joy to all members as well.

True Father said that because peace was destroyed by the selfish life of religious people in the past, now through True Parents peace has to be realized anew. “Heaven and Earth should become the place without any need of savior, messiah, or lord of Second Advent. For that, we need to establish the original ideal family and ideal world...

Mrs. Jeong Won-ju prayed and then gave a brief testimony, saying that she attended Sunday service when she was 12 years old and received an international blessing after joining the Hansun ballet team and then serving True Parents. She said when she was young and received Sunday service, she attended the New Testament so many times to search out the original problem.

Michael Jenkins, you have to continue to change and go up. Do you understand? You must go up and up. You must learn Korean. (All gey summida! I understand).

The second generation should gain subjectivity when they go to the satanic world. When

blessed couples make chapter 2 problems their ancestors and descendants are trapped in hell. This is the most serious of all problems.

When in the hospital the doctors thought he had SARS, so he was held like a prisoner there.

Father called four leaders from South America, then had them do scissors, paper, and rock to see who would be the major leader of business and other activities. One leader was established (Rev. Cho.)

Every two to two and one half years Father will change the representatives of the church and the economic foundation. Promotion should occur through evaluation promotion.

Father had one Korean sister from China sing. Then he gave her a flower from the vase in front of him. He pulled the ribbon off and gave it to Mrs. Kang (wife of Saint Augustine).

Father then emphasized that we will build the Kingdom of Heaven. We must love creation and create the heavenly environment to do this. (He then gave Rev. Kwak, Rev. Sun Jo Hwang and Dr. Yang one of the flowers from the vase).

Father ended by speaking with the sisters as he was walking out. The atmosphere was one of vast depth, stability and security that the Kingdom has already come and it will now rapidly expand.

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Blood lineage is most important. The grandchild doesn't understand my thinking yet.

Motto - Let us complete the internal and external ideal of Cheon Il Guk. Internal means spirit world; external means the physical world. This means we are now creating the Kingdom of God in the spirit world and on earth. The spirit world is going to come down in full force to earth now. Blessed Couples must understand.

The Coronation of December 22, Feb. 4, March 23, August 20th were all connected to the fulfillment of responsibility of the first, second and third Israel. Then the Coronation of December 11 was the religious world and the political world supporting the King and Queen of Peace. - Father. It will be supported completely on the Cosmic level (which means support by heaven and earth.)

The Federation will conclude this provision of IIFWP and Mongolian Peoples Federation. A special prayer must be done.

On the world of the political world supporting the King and Queen of Peace, the religious world must support this by heavenly and earthy support. It will be supported completely by heaven and earth.

The second generation should become the place without any need of savior, messiah, or lord of Second Advent. This is the desired world.

The original ideal family is waiting for you.

When you endure 10 years, 20 years and 50 years, heavenly fortune is waiting for you.

Won Ju sang "Millennium Rock." After the first part of the song, True Father said, "Shall I speak a little bit?" Then he continued, saying, "This song reminds me of the time when I went to the Danbury prison. It is the place where I went throughout my life... People want to realize their desire, but happiness is not realized when our desire is fulfilled. In my case, I am going the way that my desire doesn't want to go. Thinking about flower gardens along the way of life, I am adding this song to the holy songs... You came here as gypsies looking for a resting place...

In his prayer, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, the international president of the FFWPU, said that True Parents cannot rest at all, as they are working hard to liberate heaven and to save humanity with their sincere hearts. Rev. Hwang thanked True Parents and asked everyone to become people who can inherit that kind of life.

After the morning program, True Father went to visit Mok-po and Mok-po with some leaders.
February 4, 2005

Seoul, South Korea

The president of the Federation of Korean Christian Organizations, Park Jin-Nam, has called for a nationwide prayer vigil for the reunification of Korea. The vigil, which will be held on January 22, is expected to draw thousands of participants from across the country.

In his statement, Park emphasized the importance of prayer in achieving the goal of Korean reunification. He said, "Let us turn our hearts to God and pray for the reunification of our nation."

The vigil will take place at 4:00 PM on January 22 at the National Assembly Plaza in Seoul. Participants are encouraged to come early to pray and to bring their own prayer flags.

"We believe that prayer is the most powerful tool we have in our efforts to bring about the reunification of Korea," said Park. "Through prayer, we can connect with God and with each other in a way that transcends political and geographical boundaries."
Commemorative Service for the 10th Anniversary of the Cheongpyeong Providence

Around 15,000 people gathered in the main hall and other halls of the Cheongpyeong training center to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of the Heaven and Earth Training Center, its work of liberation of spirit and our ancestors in the spirit world through 700 workshops which were held during the last 10 years. With True Parents entrance in the main hall of the training center, the commemorative service began at the 10:45 on January 19, 2005.

Rev. Choi Jae-soon as the master of the ceremonies guided everyone with holy songs and the orders of the commemorative service were as follow: opening remarks, prayer by Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, president of the FFWPU International, a report about history of Cheongpyeong training center by Rev. Ha yeong-ho, vice president of the training center, congratulatory message by professor Kim mi-ran, and then True Parents gave the word of life in the main speech of the service.

Ha Yeong-ho mentioned in his report that the very first time True Parents came to visit this area was the year 1980, which was followed by purchasing the land here. And this was the beginning of the history of this land... Later on January 19, 1995, the new history of this training center began with the work of Heung-jin nim. Due to the work of Hoon-mo nim and Kim Hyo-nam (Hoon-mo nim). From that time till today, with out any rest they have held 2-day workshop which we are having the 700th of it now.

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...If we ask that who is the owner of the animals, plants and fishes living in the sea and the mountains? Children of God, True Parents, are the owners...

...Humanity created so many nations during its growth, but to establish the nation of peace, it should become the one united nation centering on God, which is with one united culture, and one united blood lineage, and connect...

Dedication Ceremony of Peace TV

On January 21, 50 members and leaders joined True Parents in 14th floor of the Dowon Bldg, Seoul Korea, for the Dedication ceremony of the Peace TV broadcasting.

After the sanctification of the whole offices of the Peace TV by True Parents, offering ceremony was held in the meeting. This ceremony included a video presentation, report by Mr. Kim Seok-byung, president of the Peace TV broadcasting, screen meeting, introduction of internet broad casting, Father’s speech, congratulatory song and prayer by Sa Kwang-ki.

True Parents mentioned about the name of the company (in Korean) Pyeong training center to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Cheongpyeong Providence.

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Father asked this company to become representative of art and technology activities and report about visible world and the invisible world to the people of the world. Through internet, this company can broadcast, give news and information to everyone. He said we have to be proud of what we are, we have to be proud of ourselves as the unificationist members...

Father asked Dr. Peter Kim to sing a song for all the participants, which was followed by the three cheers of the Segye Times.

True Parents took some photos and look around the rooms with some explanations from Mr. Kim Seok-byung, president of the Peace TV and then they wrote calligraphy.

For more information about this broadcasting, please check the the website at this address: http://www.ipeacetv.com
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Leaders in The Holy Land...

bers of Parliament who came to the holy site during the World Pilgrimages. They honestly expressed that they were almost helpless, in terms of the world’s seemingly deaf ear to their plight. Suddenly, however, the IFWP showed up, led by Father Moon, and brought ten thousand visitors – hundreds and hundreds coming every month. Month after month, month after month. This is the fulfillment of the will of God. Truly God’s people can bind together and help one another.

They extended their warmth and opened their hearts. They also recommitted that all Ambassadors for Peace have a home at Al Aspa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Allah welcomes all believers there.

Again, Dr. Yang was able to share Father’s vision. Thanks in great part to Imam Bundakji, we discussed the deeper meaning of the Koran, concluding that, when understood properly, it does not condone destruction or bloodshed. Truly the religious leaders of the Holy Land have been profoundly important in history and must, especially at this time in the crosscurrents of Jerusalem during the last days. They understand fully that religious leaders must be involved if reconciliation is to occur. Without that, true reconciliation is not possible.

Also during the trip we had a meeting of our interreligious council of Jews, Muslims, and Christians – the faith leaders whom God has called to truly be a light unto the path to peace. It is profound to see Muslims, Christians, and Jews from the Holy Land sitting together, harmonizing, and speaking according to the teachings of the Peace Kingdom. They are not just in dialogue; they are bonding in friendship as a family before God.

Baruch Shalev told us, “I cannot believe what we are achieving with each step. The most beautiful aspect of it is that it’s based on God, but not limited to only religious expression. It also has an expression through women in leadership, youth and service, touching the hearts of the people without words but with actions, and even teaching people purity and abstinence.” (Soon the WAIT team will perform in Jerusalem schools, teaching about the dangers of immorality and the absolute safety that’s provided by purity and abstinence.)

Dr. Joshua Ben Ami, a scholar who truly understands the historical significance of the three Abrahamic faiths coming together, is studying the Torah to identify those elements that confirm that Father Moon may be the one who is fulfilling its prophecies. He is drawing upon its reference to Cyrus, who was not a Jew but earned the title of messiah because he liberated the Jews to return to their homeland. In that light, Dr. Ben Ami working through the Torah to affirm that once again a man who is not a Jew has been sent by God as the messiah, this time to liberate not only Jews but also Christians and Muslims, bringing the family of God together and ultimately liberating God Himself.

These dialogues are gaining more depth as we go forward. Ambassadors for Peace in the Holy Land are dispensational figures. The three Jewish leaders are especially aware of the role they are playing to restore what happened 2,000 years ago. They have told me that the fact that there are three of them, supported by other rabbis and scholars, is no coincidence. They believe that they must transcend history and religious boundaries to become one family with their cousins, Islam’s family. Otherwise the process will get stuck and grind to a halt. This is the work of God. The Interreligious Council and God’s providence are gaining great strength in the Holy Land.

Now we are educating 8,000 religious leaders in America to implement these principles so that we can bring healing to the family and reconciliation to our communities. America can shine once again, bringing healing to the Middle East and Asia, ultimately tearing down the 36th parallel.

by Rev. Jenkins

Our recent trip to Gaza was very different from past trips, in which we had dialogue with religious leaders, held conferences, and visited areas of conflict. This time we went for the championship soccer game on January 8, 2005 that was organized by WANGO and Mr. Taj Hamad, together with IFWP.

With the support of the Palestinian Authority, we were able to formally register the IFWP office as an NGO in the Gaza strip. No one can operate in Gaza without formal approval from the government. Getting that legal certification was a great step forward for our work and our efforts to bring harmony and unity among the people.

The soccer tournament was inspired by True Parents through the World Peace King Cup tournament of July of 2004, in which Father donated money to inspire soccer tournaments through-out the world, especially between religious peoples and also between enemy nations. The first step has been to hold the tournaments within each nation. Over 44 nations have conducted such tournaments but it was particularly special that Gaza was chosen representing the Palestinian Authority.

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In December the first meetings were held for the soccer tournament; 16 teams sent representatives to the committee meeting to set the event. Thanks to Father’s donation, new uniforms could be purchased for each one of the 16 teams, and prize money was available for every team, all the way through the $1,000 grand prize for the champion. Prizes were also given to runners-up and the best team of Gaza. This tournament is the most important event of the year in Gaza. The Gaza press called it the King Cup tournament of July of 2004, by Father donated money to inspire soccer tournaments throughout the world, especially between religious peoples and also between enemy nations. The first step has been to hold the tournaments within each nation. Over 44 nations have conducted such tournaments but it was particularly special that Gaza was chosen representing the Palestinian Authority.

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He announced, “Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins, Dr. Hamad and all of our friends from Abrahaim Moon. We are no longer guests in Gaza, but you are family and you are part of this Palestinian community. Your contribution today through the Tobacco Association is what we love to see in the McCabe.”

As we embraced and said good-bye, we were overwhelmed with the feeling of joy at the celebration on the billboard among the families of the players and the two finalists. We celebrated together and also thanked God for giving us this chance to make another step towards love, peace and understanding.

Play Soccer – Make Peace.” The WANGO soccer tournaments that will be repeated in the coming week. We want to encourage the whole world to reach out and support the IFWP in Gaza and the WANGO soccer tournaments that will be repeated in the spring. We thank God for this great opportunity to go into Gaza in a different way, not only to heal and to embrace the suffering of the people but also to show a positive path of sports and competition that can lead to honor, dignity and joy. Peace is coming now in the Middle East, although there are many, many obstacles and dangers along the way. However, the people that God has prepared from among the Jewish and the Palestinian communities are truly emerging now. That’s why the new step that has been taken towards a democratic, free society, through the elections on January 10 is one that must be cheered up with cultural, spiritual, and sports activities that continue to help bind the hearts of the people together with God and another. We can overcome the divisions of humanity by recognizing an absolute faith in God and respect for all faiths and the dignity of each person.

Truly Gaza is the vortex of the conflict. The young men came from every community in Gaza. Some came from the Jabalya refugee camp, from Rafa, some from Gaza City. They came from all over the Gaza Strip. We must realize that there is tremendous hope in Gaza. We want to encourage all who are working for the peace process throughout the world that the key to liberate any nation is to go to the worst place of human suffering and bring God’s love and hope there. It was through our work in Gaza that we began to be trusted in Ramallah. It was through the work in Gaza that we gained respect among the Israeli leadership in Jerusalem. They see our work as truly the work to benefit all humanity. 

Then Abu Ali Shaheen rose to speak. Abu Ali is a very prominent elder in the community, who spent 23 years in prison and has come to be known by Israelis and Palestinians alike as a man of integrity, a man of his word. One former Shin Bet leader shared with us that Abu Ali Shaheen is the most respected of all the Palestinian leaders in Gaza because no matter what happened in prison, he seemed to become more and more positive, and more and more true to his purpose. He could not be compromised, and yet he did not harbor hate. He overcame the resentment and hatred that comes from being oppressed and somehow emerged with a feeling of love. That’s why we believe that of all the Palestinian leaders that we met, somehow our relationship with him became deeply rooted.

course the yellow team was great anguish, but it played with great distinction. In the closing ceremony we welcomed each one of the players to the review stand, where they all received silver medals and certificates for victory. The team manager and team captain received a donation for the team and recognition.

At the opening of the ceremony, Taj Hamad gave a very excellent speech on the need for competition among youth to focus their energies on the great spirit that can come from friendly sports competitions. Sportsmanship also teaches sacrifice and responsibility as well as ethics and morality in terms of treating even your opponent with respect. That was the atmosphere of the whole tournament. Taj mentioned that though we chose 44 countries throughout the world, Gaza and Palestine could not be missed. This truly touched the hearts of the Palestinian leaders. When the black team members stepped forward to receive their medals, there were tears in many players’ eyes – they never had such an experience. For the representatives from Korea, America, and the Sudan, as well as Muslims and Christians in the remaining stands, it was a profound experience. They were overwhelmed and truly moved. There was hope and there was joy.

The celebration banquet was at the Grand Hotel, which was newly built on the street closest to the Mediterranean beach. Gaza has one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Once Ismail and Isaac are recognized, it will become a major resort area. At the hotel Dr. Yang gave a congratulatory address honoring the players and recognizing the integrity, competitive spirit, and fairness they developed.

Dr. Yang mentioned Father’s teaching on peace is that we love the enemy and respect all people – Christian, Muslim, Jew. We must love Gaza. That’s why Father Moon sent us here.

We are very happy that all the factions in Gaza had representation through our teams. This also meant that we were being trusted more as we walked down the road toward peace. What we are accomplishing in Gaza is the start of the road to peace. People began to discover that that comes from being oppressed and somehow emerged with a feeling of love. That’s why we believe that of all the Palestinian leaders that we met, somehow our relationship with him became deeply rooted.
A 7 pm on January 27, 2004, the little room at the back of Cocos restaurant was filling up for our ACLC prayer dinner. Every minute, or two, another minister walked through the door, and hugs and shouts of “Good to see you, Reverend” filled the room. Islamic imams were shaking hands and embracing Christian pastors who proudly wore their ACLC pin everywhere they went. The publisher for the local paper for the African-American community greeted his friends as a photographer for the paper snapped pictures for the next edition.

The noise and activity centered around Archbishop Stallings, who had arrived in San Diego that day to address the meeting. Earlier I had met him at the airport, and was surprised how humble and friendly he was. Within minutes of stepping off the plane, he was calling up ministers we hadn’t seen in awhile, and I could hear the excitement in their voices as they promised to be there that night.

Our brothers and sisters have made incredible efforts to bring salvation to the world but sometimes they struggle to solidify the relationship. But today those ministers and many others were crowding into the room, ready to hear our message. This was truly the power of the faithful John the Baptist that Archbishop Stallings has become. Seventeen religious leaders had joined other community leaders and several of our San Diego Family Church members to fill to overflowing a room that officially could hold only 36 people. The restaurant staff, not anticipating such a crowd, was late in serving dinner, but even as the room grew hot from the heat generated by the assembled bodies, spirits grew brighter as the warmup and fellowship filled the room. When Rev. Marcus Beresford, acting as MC, introduced Pastor Walter Frank to start the program, we were already almost an hour behind schedule, and the entrees had only just been placed in front of the guests.

However, the noise of clinking cutlery and shifting plates soon died down as the assembled leaders turned away from their food to hear Pastor Frank give an impassioned presentation using the PowerPoint slides prepared by national headquarters. His call to action to join together to save this world inspired them and set the stage for the powerful “Crown of Peace” video, which was shown next.

When it became time for Archbishop Stallings to speak, it was already 9:30 pm. But the guests were excited, and not a tired face was seen in the crowd. The beautiful spirit of unity and faith apparent in the room so inspired Rev. Beresford as he introduced Archbishop Stallings that he broke into tears at the beautiful spirit of unity and faith apparent in the group.

On this foundation, Archbishop Stallings spoke for almost an hour about our vital role in liberating the heart of God, constantly spurred on by cries of “Amen!” and “Preach it, Bishop!” He spoke deeply of our imprinted God and our necessity as His children to liberate him through our absolute faith, love, and obedience. A minister who had previously said he could never believe that God suffered said he finally understood what we were talking about.

Bishop Stallings described how Jesus did not come to die, any more than did Martin Luther King or Malcolm X; ministers who previously opposed our efforts to put down the cross shouted “Amen.” He spoke of our True Father’s mission to bring salvation to the world today, and the ministers nodded their heads and understood. Finally at the end of the speech, everyone in the room came together in a beautiful unity of applause and mutual understanding. A minister we had not seen for a while since the burying of cross gave a moving prayer in closing the evening.

Even though it was past 10:30 pm, the ministers didn’t want to leave. Instead they stayed around to shake hands with Bishop Stallings and get his autograph in his book. When we finally left at 11:00 pm, they stood around in the parking lot, hoping to share just a few more words. We truly saw the power of True Father’s teachings when they fall on ears that have been opened through the testimony of a true John the Baptist: God can use a righteous man in that position to change the hearts that have never completely opened before. We saw the miracle of God providing us working right before our eyes.

Toronto holds IIFWP Education Events

by Rev. Mitch Dixon

Each region in North America was asked to hold 10 events between January 3 and February 13, 2005. Canada, which is region 23 in the North American organizational structure, is a very large land territory but has few blessed central families. We divided the 10 events into the following areas: Montreal, 2; Ottawa, 1; Toronto, 2; Stoney Creek, 1; Sudbury, 1; Saskatoon, 1; and Vancouver, 2.

The first event was held on Sunday, January 23. About 20 people attended. Speakers included Dr. Hoessen Auckbaraulle (Brampton Multifaith Council), who spoke about efforts of the Middle East peace initiative; Rev. Earl Smith (Pastor of the Church of Scientology), who spoke about tsunami relief efforts; and Rev. Mitch Dixon (Family Federation for World Peace), who presented a PowerPoint presentation “Faith Leadership for Our Fractured World.” Heaven’s Call, a gospel group of four Zimbabwe sisters, performed for the occasion. Mr. Brian Winters served as Master of Ceremonies. A short video, “Crown of Peace,” was shown, which summarized life events of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The second event was held on Saturday, January 29. About 25 people attended. Rev. Smith, who was inspired by the first event, returned with eight of his parishioners, including a singing trio, the Unstones, who performed along with Heaven’s Call. In addition 5 Muslim ladies from the Ahmadiyya Muslim community attended. Both Nudrat Rafiq and Saadia Basil spoke of peace among religions while enriching the atmosphere with mothers’ hearts. Dr. Auckbaraulle, Rev. Smith, and Rev. Dixon spoke at this event as well. Lunch was prepared and served afterward by volunteers headed by Mrs. Lilly Tadin.

A promotion of the Middle East Peace Initiative was given by Dr. Auckbaraulle. Nearly 100% in attendance committed to attend the next Pilgrimage. From reports given, the effectiveness of these Pilgrimages is beginning to be felt.
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ing overtime helping to prepare our three teams of Divine Principle lecturers. We wanted to share the basic Creation. Fall. Restoration para- digm at the MLK commemorative event and at the same time link the content with the idea of "the Dream." Of Dr. King.

In Baltimore, Rev. Matsui and Lynn Sofi- nowski had been holding a regular Thursday night Divine Principle study session with Rev. Howard. Rev. St. George. Rev. Wilkerson. Bishop Bey and many others. Rev. Howard was tapped to give the Prin- ciple of Creation at our MLK event.

In Washington, we had been work- ing hands-on with a growing number of clergy that are getting excited about Father's core teaching. Bishop C. Phillip Johnson has been leading the way and is developing a powerful repertoire of Divine Principle content. We selected Bishop Johnson to give the presenta- tion on Jesus and the Second Coming of Christ at the King event. Rev. Ron Brown of the Divine Principle Church was recently made head of the Fall of Man content and was chosen to give that presentation. It would be his first public presentation of the Divine Principle.

The process of minister education has been moving forward around the strategy of adapting to the educa- tion methodology of sermon, Bible study and hands-on training. Many clergy very rarely find themselves in a lecture- giving mode. As a result, ministers were not sure how to incorporate lec- ture-style study of the Divine Prin- ciple into their own educational meth- ods. To help facilitate that was the rea- son I wrote The Master Plan. With a more bible-centric method of study, ministers are more able to quickly incor- porate the content of the Divine Prin- ciple into their sermon and bible study for- mat. The benefit is that they can start to share with their congregations the rich content gleaned through their per- sonal Divine Principle studies. When ministers can give the Divine Principle to others, they experience the power and richness of our dream, our world will go off! They begin to understand it is important that they bring us the turn, motivates clergy to study more. Another benefit of this process is that ministers begin to understand Father on a much deeper level. They can begin to understand what motiv- ates Father to do all that he is doing. They begin to understand Father, not just as a hero, a great man or even just within the traditional concept of messiah. Instead they begin to understand that Father is the liberator of God. By offering to God a lineage of his very own. True Parents attend God’s deep- est hope and ideal.

It also opens the door for clergy to understand the historical grief of God and the grief of Jesus. They understand now how much Jesus was longing to offer to God his very own lin- eage, yet could not. In that understand- ing, the grieving Lord of Gethsemane becomes known to them in a new and most profound way.

At the January 15th event, our theme focused on understanding the dream and remembering the commentary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. toward real- izing the dream. Over 150 clergy and friends attended. The pro- gram began with a stirring ren- dition of Dr. King’s “I have a dream” speech given by representatives from the group “Women in Min- istry.” Mrs. Sonnie Johnson, wife of Bishop C. Phillip Johnson stirred the crowd with not only the words of Dr. King but also by being the only person who was able to recog- nize the very same spirit of God that was present with Dr. King when he spoke those historical words. For a moment, time stood still.

Rev. Arnold Howard was our first presenter. It was a master- ful presentation using the con- tent of the Principle of Creation to shed light on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. affirm- ing that Dr. King’s dream was God’s original dream of creation. Rev. Howard’s full text is view- able online. The link is: www.sphenak.com/storyview.php? StoryID=28665. This was a very special address and set a firm foundation for the next two presentations. Here is a brief excerpt:

“For those who still dream, these words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoken at the March on Wash- ington August 28, 1963 reverberate like a mighty river. It was a holy wave of God’s power. It was a holy wave that washed away the altars built for the purpose of power and hope. These words help fuel the Faith that still keeps us marching, a Faith that brings us alive.

These words are a repeat of the word of the Lord to Abraham renewing his search for a new city, a new community. Not one made by hands of bricks and mortar but one which is eternal in the heavens. These words reflect the mind of the Lord as to His Original Intention for all of Humanity. These words resonate with the heart of the Lord and His desire to see it all come to pass. These words reverberate with the Spirit of the Lord of His Life, His Love and His Longing for a Lineage of His making … and I know that my Heavenly Father’s heart is broken and torn to shreds, because it is not yet realized.” Everyone was deeply moved.

Next was Rev. Ronald Brown of Chris- tian Love Baptist and the presentation of the Fall of Man. In keeping with our theme, we were billing it as “The Dream. Lost.” Just as Rev. Howard asserted that the origin of the dream was God’s dream of creation, Rev. Brown revealed that the dream was lost by the first human ancestors in the Garden of Eden.

This was Rev. Brown’s first pub- lic Divine Principle presentation. Rev. Ron Brown was also very excited to chal- lenge himself with incorporating the Powerpoint slides into his presenta- tion. Honestly, I was a little worried. We had spent several hours helping Rev. Brown prepare for his presen- tation and although I was amazed at how rapidly he was gaining own- ership over the content of the Fall of Man. I was just a little concerned that maybe we were pushing him too rap- idly to the forefront.

One thing I am quickly learning. Never underestimate the ability of ALC Clergy. Quick study and eager grasp of the essence of the Divine Principle and the Fall of Man. Rev. Brown was off and running. He was completely at ease and nailed all of the major points while using his presen- tation slides. He was completely at ease and immensely inter- esting and inspiring. It was a Home Run!

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over a foot of snow all over the high- ways, nearly 25 guests still showed up for the cancelled breakfast. And they had a joyful time with our Chicago leaders and enjoyed a wonderful informal breakfast.

Now fast-forward one week. Much of the snow has melted, although Saturday’s forecast was still calling for a little more of the white stuff. Over 340 guests were re-con- firmed and Rev. Jenkins would come in the day before.

And as soon as word of Rev. Jenkins early arrival came in, many brothers and sisters in Chicago wanted to get together with their elder broth- er. Bishop Kim quickly arranged for a wonderful Chinese dinner and Rev. Jenkins was welcomed with open arms back to his hometown.

Afterward we all moved over to the home of David and Agnes Rendel. Here nearly 100 Chicago members crowded into the Rendel’s comfortable Elk Grove Village home, where for the next 2 hours Rev. Jenkins shared many intimate details of life with our True Parents. He shared about breakfast meetings, Father’s exact guidance, meeting with King, Jins Life, new life in Israel and his experience with the recent Palestinian election. He shared many historical times being with True Par- ents. But most of all what he shared was internal guidance from True Father’s words:

not just the historical providential guidance, but also much of Father’s day- to-day guidance for living in the bosom of God’s love. Finally, we dis- missed in order to prepare the final details for the next morning’s prayer breakfast. But many members lingered 20 years and arrived at the banquet hall, nearly every seat was filled.

One important point that I must make is that this was a dual occasion. Yes, it was, Chicago ACLC’s first prayer breakfast of 2005. And yes, Rev. Michael Jenkins had come home to deliver the morning message to the assembled crowds, but this was also the birth- day celebration for Chicago’s Bishop Ki Hoon Kim. And this fact added a special touch to the entire occasion.

Chicago’s ACLC convener, Dr. A. Harold White, served as our master of ceremonies. Bish- op Kim gave welcoming greet- ings and the Chicago Family Church band and our Japan- ese True Family Values Choir entertained the congregation.

Rev. Ricardo Maldonado, a Hispanic Catholic priest, Dr. Paul Swansom, a Lutheran pro- fessor of theology, and Minis- ter Thomas Muhammad from the Nation of Islam offered prayers of unity. And the spir- it as it room reflected the unity of these prayers. One is called to wonder where else in Chica- go were Catholics, Protestants, Mus- lims, Jews, Zoroastrians, Buddhists, African-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans all coming together in a regular basis to pray for peace and then to work together to create it.

After an introductory video featur- ing many of our guests including Pas- tor T.L. Barrett, Jr., and Rev. Leroy Elliott, Rev. Jenkins came to the podium to deliver the morning mes- sage. Those of us who have known Rev. Jenkins for many years can see how God is molding and grow- ing him. Through a PowerPoint pres- entation he talked about the real- ity of America and the world. He shared so much of True Father’s heart and ideals. And much like True Father, he challenged the minis- ters in the audience to live Jesus’ words from the Bible. Muhammad’s words from the Koran and Moses’ words from the Torah. He talked about the issue of church and state, but not from the political point of view. He chal- lenged America’s clergy to take respon- sibility to lead America through the moral malaise that she is being con- fronted with. He challenged every per- son in the room to realize that only God can lead us through this moral wilderness in the same way that he led the Israelites across Sinai.

Those of you who have read Charles Dickins’ classic 19th century novel, “The Tale of Two Cities,” remember its awesome initial paragraph, “It was Best of Times, it was the worst of times.” But as you read through the entire paragraph it concludes that “we were all going to heaven, we were all going the other way but all in the peri- od was so far like the present period.”

Upon his conclusion, our dear broth- er and national ACLC convener, Pas- tor T.L. Barrett, Jr. took the podium and paid great respect to Bishop Ki Hoon Kim. Then our AFC brother David Rendel, who with Jon and Marina Acevedo were instrumental in bring- ing over 500 Hispanic guests to the breakfast, led a wonderful Ambas- sadors for Peace celebration awarding leaders of the Hispanic community with the mandate to become Ambas- sadors for Peace.

We concluded with singing Happy Birthday to our Bishop and shower- ing him with gifts. Many ministers joined Bishop Kim on stage in order to cut the cake, and the congrega- tion was then dismissed.

The main body of the congregation lingered, wanting the fellowship to con- tinue. It was a wonderful time representing all races, denominations, cultures and generations – from our young CARP/STF second generation to elders such as Rev. M. E. Sardon (93), Rev. A.I. Dunlap and oth- ers who have been marching on the front line with us for over 20 years. And Rev. Princella Hudgins and Rev. Helen Cooper, who had journeyed through last week’s snowstorm, returned again with their 17 guests to experience the whole nine yards. Many were in atten- dance because they had come to Washington, D.C., last month, and one can see that our True Parents’ Ambas- sadors for Peace is truly tak- ing root.

As the clergy just kept pouring in the doors everyone realized that this would be a very significant morning in Los Angeles. Gospel songs, and finally ‘By the Spring of Little Origin and the Sadoc Christ- ian Simon opened the meeting on a joyous tone. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Mar- vin Parks, of Heavenly Tabernacle Peace Family Church at Bayside Baptist Church. After remarks by the Councilman and Imam Haidhun Bundakji, the Chairman of the Orange County Islamic Society, our Co-Convenor in Los Angeles, Dr. William R. Elliott, given his greetings. He read the “I Have a Dream” speech of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. given at the Lin- coln Memorial in 1963:

Then, Mr. Andrew Weiss, the American Family Coalition Director from San Diego, read the conclusion of the speech, “Filial Children of God are Patri- ots Who Strive to Liberate His Heart” given December 19th, 2004 by True Father. Truly the dream of Dr. King, all races and faiths together realizing true freedom, is being ful- filled through the ACLC ministry of the True Parents. With much food for thought the breakfast buffet began after a table grace deliv- ered by the Rev. Dr. Nicholas Benson of First Summit Evangelical Peace Family Church.

The Hollywood Choir under the direc- tion of Blokk Williams poured in spir- it and energy in their performance dur- ing the breakfast. Then the thirteen- minute ‘Crown of Peace’ DVD presentation made a tremendous impression on every- one. Rev. T. L. Henning, Pastor of the LA Family Church and Co-Convenor in Los Angeles, presented the ‘Faith Lead- ership in Our Fractured World’ slide show.

Next, Archbishop George Augustus Stallings delivered his keynote address, “Realizing the Dream of True Peace”. Generating the excitement he has become famous for, he astonished and electri- fied the clergy. Many already knew the Archbishop from earlier days in his career. Some had their first experience. He artic- ulated the message of True Father to realize God’s ideal of Creation through cooper- ation and unity in building the New Kingdom. All rose to give him a standing ova- tion. A group of Native Amer- icans, encouraged by Mr. Gayokla Nichi, made a pres- entation of a fine art statue of a warrior brave and a hand- painted shirt to honor him and express their wish to realize True Father’s vision for the Peace Kingdom.

Rev. George Gatson closed the event with a prayer and a long line to get Archbishop Stallings’ new book formed. All agreed; history had been made that morning in Los Angeles.

This event was the major event in January for educating clergy and civic leaders in the greater Los Angeles area. Another large conference event, this for the Ambassadors for Peace and other civic leaders, is planned for February.
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brought meager results to add to the current foundation. But, this time a great and miraculous outpouring of participa-
tion occurred. In all we had 26 guests in attendance, split equally between alumni and new guests. 15 preachers were in attendance with 12 of those being church pastors. We were happy to see both old and some new preachers in attendance. Additionally, there was a seminar staff of 7 if we include Bishop C. Philip John-
son, who attended as the keynote speaker. The 3 from Nashville were Rev. Nishikawa, a reverend older member from Japan, who brought a powerful spirit of God’s love and truth. Rev. Sato, TN Family Church pas-
tor, and Rev. Serge Mon-
desor, TN Family Church assistant pastor. Mem-
phian staff members were Mr. Gary Abrahams — TN AFC coordinator and program emcee, Mrs. Friedeman Abrahams and Mrs. Geraldia Shiroshita who were host-
es and prepared food.

The night before this seminar Dr. Dannie D. Holmes, Rev. Nishikawa, Rev. Sato and I welcomed Bishop John-
son and took him to din-
er. As I listened to his many experiences and long support of our True Parents I felt very repent-
ful worries about the probability of a small turnout for this great emissary of God. God and Bishop-Johnson have pre-
pared a large load of hay for only a few cows. I regretted that I could not do more and bring larger numbers for this wonderful opportunity of blessing which would happen the next day.

On Saturday morning as we pre-
pared to go to Greater Hope Baptist Church for the event my wife and I went over our lists of anyone we could call to attend at the last minute: anyone we may have overlooked. We arrived at the church and began final prepara-
tions for the day. As the clock ticked toward the 10 am opening I was amazed to see so many guest arriving; both new and old including a cou-
pel of older contacts who had recent-
ly been a bit distant. In particular Rev.
Van Ford, who had backed out of sev-
eral commitments to attend our MEPI con-
ferences. He was very happy to be with us and apol-
deged deeply for not keeping his commitmen
t in the past.

He was able to stay for the whole program seemed to be very inspired with a new com-
mittment. The program began on time with us adding tables to accommodate the larger than anticipated crowd. The spirit of God was evident in the room from start to finish. After a short introduction we went right into the video presentation of “Path to Peace”. This was followed by host Dr. Holmes’ testimony of his atten-
dance at 2 MEPI events. Mr. Gary Abrahams read Father Moon’s speech from the Dec. 13 Coronation Ceremony in WDC, “Our Mission In The Last Days Of Prov-
idential History”. After a tasty brunch with live-
ly conversation, Rev.
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our fishing rods. The time was 3 pm.

We had only 1 hour and a half left. Using a fish worm and ridge a kid fishing for a porgy, anyway we caught a fish! Oh! I got it!” a shout of president Yoon. We were so happy at catching our first mackerel fish ever for God’s offering. From that time a school of mackerel swam past. We changed the hook and ignored the pain. Finally representa-
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It was a great honor for STF to have re-
representative attend True Parents. Father is advancing the providence: though we can not understand all the workings by follow-
ing Father we are building the eternal king-

dom of God on Earth. Each one of us realizes that the blessings we received from True Parent was not just for ourselves, but rather for all of the 2nd generation and more importantly for all the people of the world.

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families who work in different businesses and organizations connected with our True Parents who are truly engaged in the work of the providence. Rev. Jim Edgerly has taken responsibility to help guide and develop our family members in their understanding, cooperation, planning and development to develop our community of faith. We could see the results through the program on Monday night. The diversity of religious leaders was most striking, and it was very encouraging for me to see how Father’s direction (Education of 8,000 Religious Leaders) always has a very deep root in the providential steps that must be taken to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

The religious leaders are bonding heart-to-heart with Father Moon, and this is becoming contagious not only among Christians but now is truly spreading to the Muslim and Jewish family. In particular, a significant number of very prominent Muslim leaders in the Boston community were in attendance for the first time. Through our outreach they have been touched by the spirit we convey that there is one God. Our programs now have the quality and depth that Muslim leaders can see the work of Allah in them, and therefore a new move- ment of all of God’s people is beginning to form. This was true in Boston. Imam Seifullah, who is a Boston-area leader of the Muslim American Society, has become a prominent ACLC leader. It was beautiful to see how he embraced the other Islamic leaders and helped build the bridge so they could understand where ACLC was going. What is also encouraging is that the Christian leaders feel even greater power and anointing of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as they stand side by side with Muslim leaders.

The program began with prayer and then led right into a beautiful banquet dinner. Rev. Edgerly was the MC who guided the well-developed program. Then Mrs. Shelly Watanabe read from the December 13th morning address, “Fifth Children of God Are Patriots Who Strive to be One in Heart.” This speech as well as the speech from the evening of the 13th, which was given through the Powerpoint presentation, are the two anchors for which a new step in the education of 8,000 religious leaders in America is occurring.

The morning speech conveys creation, fall, restoration and the meaning of the blessing. The evening speech helps the religious leaders understand the stand of the resurrection of conscience, revolution in man’s heart and revolution of heart that is essential for building a world of peace and harmony. As Mrs. Watanabe read from Father’s words it was beautiful to see all the religious leaders following along with the text. We can never underestimate the value of God’s word and how it changes people. Many new religious leaders came in the door, taking their first step to a unique experience. Many of them have been in inter- religious dialogue or conferences with people of different faiths before, but the special quality of the ACLC meetings is the inspirational component that draws upon the Koran, Bible and Torah in such a way that the spirit of oneness and the mon- common covenant and commitment to God is experienced and embraced. This is very different from dialogue, in which we are just seeking to under- stand one another — although that is a very necessary com- ponent of interreligious work. Howev- er, this activity is going beyond dia- logue in establishing our identity as chil- dren before the one God of mankind. That identity is essential to make one family.

Once we understand that God is the parent of all humankind, then we can truly understand that we are brothers and sisters with one par- ent. This understanding is spreading like wildfire — from Boston to Baltimore, from Washington to Ramallah. There is one God and he is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of people, Chris- tianity and Islam.

Muslim leaders were in attendance from the Middle East who play prominent roles in Boston. As we met them after the conference, each and every one of them wanted to join the ACLC, and some expressed a new hope that God had sent Father Moon to bring this group together. Through the Pow- erpoint presentation, we could see sub- stantially how barri- ers are being broken down in the Holy Land, and it was a confirmation that this is truly the work of the God for all mankind.

The Christian leaders also now are walking beyond the barriers and bound- aries of Christianity. Rev. LaRocche, who has 1,100 in attendance every Sunday at his Christian church and is a very powerful force in Boston, is coming step by step into the ACLC fellowship, and now he knows the spirit of Jesus is guiding this. At the same time, these prominent Chris- tian leaders are coming to see that God has a plan for Christians with the spirit of Jesus’ love to become one in heart with Muslims, that there should be no bar- riers separating God’s peo- ple. If we go forth with the true love of Jesus, we will bind together as one and deal with the challenges of youth, family, and world peace. Truth and Love must guide our path.

Historically when God’s people come together a condition is set for the weakening of those who would stand against the Will of Heaven. Throughout the Bible these conditions are set. As the central figures of God’s providence come together and unite. When Saul unit- ed and received the anointing of God through Samuel, Saul and Samuel could stand together strongly to advance the will of God. However, when Saul denied the importance of the prophet and dis- unity came about, Saul’s kingship fell and lost its power.

Therefore, these religious lead- ers are coming to understand very deeply that Father Moon is set- ting the condition to bring togeth- er God’s people beyond bound- aries. Our covenant is that there is one God, and God is now engrav- ing all the people of God into the true olive tree. That engraving process comes through the holy juice or holy candy and the bless- ing of the family, which True Par- ents have now established in such a way that the blessing can be extended through Muslim, Chris- tian, and Jewish clerics, and indeed through leaders of all faith traditions.

Father Moon has established clearly that religious leaders have the authority from God after the coming of the King- dom of Heaven in which they truly can eliminate the problems of divorce and adultery from their families and commu- nities. God has chosen the religious lead- ers for this providential role. Therefore, through the education of 8,000 religious leaders we are preparing a new body, the body of the Lord, upon which the condi- tions of unity will be set and the forces of darkness can be chased out of the fam- ily, community, and even the nation.

Rev. Jim Flynn, president of APC, and Rev. Phillip Sanner, director of educa- tion for PFPU, did an excellent job of putting together the essence of Father’s December 13 morning and evening addresses to convey the heart of God. The new Powerpoint pres- entation is entitled “Hope for a Fractured World – The Role of Reli- gious Leaders.”

It was my first time giving the full presentation in public, and I must say I was inspired to see that Father’s direction for his curricula is always a mysterious and unknown power to it. By linking this education of 8,000 religious leaders to the December 13th speeches, a new dimension of education is com- ing out in which Muslims, Christians and Jews are inspired in the same way the ACLC clergy were inspired years ago. They can feel the power of the Holy Spirit and they see the confirmation of the word of God in the Koran, Torah and Torah. With this component of the word and the spirit, a profound conviction is
ACLC Christmas Dinner in Winston-Salem

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

On December 6th, 2004, at 6 pm NC ACLC had its traditional Christmas Dinner. We gathered at the CRT Christian Farm. We had 21 guests and 16 FFWPU members, which made a total of 37 attendees. Out of the 21 guests 7 were ministers.

The gathering was very joyful. I was the MC of the event. Bishop Willie Davis, Jr., Pastor of the Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic church gave the invocation and the welcoming remarks. Then our Regional Director, Rev. Dyinge Seek Cho greeted the gathering. Brother John Winfrey gave a testimony about his work with ACLC and how it strengthened his walk with Christ. He spoke about his unwavering faith in service to the Lord.

Gospel Singer Su Niles offered a beautiful song in Korean. When the Word is sown from the Bible. Her voice touched the hearts of the participants.

Rev. John Pace, educator of the NC Family Church, gave the keynote address. He gave Fathers message from the 4- city tour, “God’s Providence to Establish the World Transcending Religions.”

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Really listening to Archbishop Stallings, we see that we are truly going to every camp in America. We know that the work to bring God’s love and truth will have a hard time keeping up with us. We sincerely thank Rev. Kim and especially Rev. Richard Wright, one of our ACLC key leaders, Bishop End Skiers, Rev. Bradshaw, and Imam Seifullah, and other imams carried the holy juice to every couple and person in the audience. Together we shared the new covenant with this holy love, and all in the room entered into the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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We sincerely thank Rev. Kim and especially Rev. Bismarck Bamio and Rev. Catherine Cho, who spent two months in the Middle East with our Peace Task Force, has also been bringing that kind of commitment and outreach to the clergy. Her introduction to Archbishop Stallings was truly outstanding. When Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings spoke, immediately the room boom and that He somehow we can see that the power of the spirit of the ACLC ministry is bringing sense of great hope and expectation. The clergy are so excited to come together now and hear the message from True Parents and the message from the ACLC.

As a national leader of ACLC, Archbishop Stallings stepped out of the box so far that when we hear him speak we forget there ever was a box. We see that was broken, God’s heart was poured into His throne of God. This testimony is not just one day when religious leaders truly understand who Father Moon is, they will come to such a profound and energized commitment that even the core members of Father Moon’s movement will have a hard time keeping up with them. I can see this phase is coming into Archbishop Stallings’ life. He not only preached the word but also taught the word, and taught it from his heart. His speech dealt with the course of religious and the heart of God. It delved into purpose of creation, that God’s ideal was to have a family, that God’s heart was poured into His children and that He desired to have a blood lineage in which He could dwell with His children forever. When that was broken, God’s heart was broken. The purpose of religion is to bring mankind back to God. For that to happen another Adam has to emerge. That was the purpose of Jesus’ coming, to do what Adam could not do. That purpose of the coming of Father and Mother Moon, to restore what Adam was to do and extend it to Eve and the family— to become the true parents of the world.

Really listening to Archbishop Stallings, I see how much Father’s blood, sweat and scars have poured out over these religious leaders. For many years we were skeptical that religious leaders would listen to us. We would see them work with us for years and still not understand what God was really doing with us. Sometimes our work was simply as interfaith work and not as the work to bring the Kingdom and Nations based upon the Absolute Values of True Love. He never fails to raise up the ministers. It was very educational and impacting to all participants.

Over a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Tracy Hairston from the CRT Christian Church, we were treated to some Japanese songs by the missionary and to the Christmas song “Silent Night, Holy Night” in its original German version by the choir of Sisters. Also our brother Bob Huneycutt poured his heart out with his guitar.

Then Rev. Cho presented to the ACLC the leaders some gifts of appreciation; Bishop Davis, Rev. saw that Brother John Winfrey for his 60th birthday, which he had just celebrated. We also invited the leaders to the upcoming banquet in Washington DC on December 13th. With “Let there be Peace on earth!” we closed the day. Given by Rev. Jimmie Bonham, we concluded the yearly Christmas dinner. Bishop Davis was so inspired that he commented that next year we will have 200 people attending. Hal- leujah!
The ten mobile teams of the International Leadership Training Program traveling from every corner of the US have arrived in Colorado for their New Year workshop amidst a beautiful Rocky Mountain setting.

They came on their field training with many testimonies of embracing and overcoming challenges, and of deep realizations through real experiences of God’s love and of their own identity as God’s son and daughter.

Naturally ILTP’s Southeast Asian members were concerned about the fate of their families, relatives and nations in the Tsunami disaster and some still need to connect with their homes. Thankfully so far it appears that none of their families were directly affected.

Public speech contest: W CARP Division of Leadership Development and ILTP organized this workshop, which is aimed at letting ILTP members gain greater ownership over the program. The program contents revolve around Alignment to the Culture of Heart, the Family Pledge and a public speech contest, in which many hearts were moved by the passion and conviction of ILTP members.

“The workshop means a new beginning for me. Here I understand what it means to live my life for the sake of others.” - Evgeny Martinov

“This is such an international program. At this workshop I have a new sense of ownership as a representative of my country. I am moved by those members who came to ILTP knowing only a little English; they came by faith.”

“I was first attracted to World CARP by its culture. Coming here, I notice the same culture. This workshop enables me to try to adopt the mindset of a true leader.”

“I am learning how to respect others. I especially value the discussion groups. I can see the meaning of team work.” - Sherefiah Tomlinson

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Mountain-high Happy New Year for ILTP

by Gary Abrahams

A beautiful Rocky Mountain setting.

I was a great day to be alive in Mem-phis, Saturday January 22, 2005. The turnout was nothing short of pheno- menal, especially for the time and effort that we were able to offer for this event. There are only 2 BICFs in all of West Ten- nessee (Memphis area) with neither being able to offer themselves full-time to this event. We had one week to prepare. Sim- ilar efforts and programs in the past have brought major results to add to the cur- rent foundation. But, this time a great and miraculous outpouring of participa- tion occurred.

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was just a beginning of the much larger partnership that brought hundreds of
thousands of Americans out to volunteer.

An important focus this year was the effort
to develop of sustainable programs that would
mobilize continuous volunteer commitment. In conjunction with public-
service announcements, we asked people to make a personal commit-
tment that in 2006 they would join other volunteers to earn it during the
MLK 2006 celebration and long term com-
munity partnerships. This commitment.

One important lesson is that planning must start earlier! Even as we
report these improved results of 2005 we have big plans for a much bigger impact in 2006. We
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Jamie Pear, Site Director at Horizons for Homeless Children, the only non-profit in the state dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of homeless children and their families, discussed ways volunteers could continue to give to their communities through the PlaysSpace Program.

Our MLK Day activity started with planning sessions in November and December. We started a clothing drive in several high schools the first week of January, ran a full day of activities on the 17th and will conclude with a Read In for elementary school children in after-school programs on the 27th. By the end of the month, we will have engaged between 70 and 100 volunteers, performed over 400 service hours, and distributed books and clothing valued at over $4,000 between 100 volunteers, performed over 400 service hours, and distributed books and clothing valued at over $4,000.

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Service for Peace joined City Year, Americorps, EarthCorps, & other volunteers in bringing out some 243 volunteers to brave the pouring rain to work on a number of environmentally oriented projects. One group worked with Seattle Parks & Trail Maintenance crews on a project to restore Ravenna Park, an inner city park that serves principally low-income and minority families. Our goal was to make it inviting and safe. Meanwhile, a larger group cleared non-native species and poured buckets of mulch for the freshly cleared hillside at Mount Baker Park. Funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day effort was assisted by a grant from the Hands On Network.

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At reflection time, we asked, "What did you learn/realize from Dr. King's legacy as it relates to his values, his commitment to service, community and harmony?" Some of the replies-- "Having respect for someone can take you far. You can be a leader. You can be a difference." "The odds against you matter less than whether it's the right thing to do or not." "Through service, you can really change a community and more people believe in it than I thought.

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We held a major community effort at the Eco Village Farm Learning Center, made possible by a grant from California Service Corps. Other partners included the East Bay Conservation Corps, Americorps and Operation Dignity. Among the several distinguished speakers were Congressman George Miller; the Deputy Chief of Police in Oakland Michael słow, Michael Smith, Bay Area Director for Americorps.

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The award-winning Eco Farm Learning Center brings out school groups to learn about waste-sheds, and the importance of protecting the environment. Brush was cleared away so that a platform could be built, and more of the creek life could be experienced by the children. Elsewhere, volunteers carefully removed the invasive ivy vines along the main trails, so that plant species native to the area could be replanted.

HARRISBURG, PA

Students from the ACTS program and other community volunteers from several local churches, the Hindu Society of Harrisburg, and several prominent local lawyer gathered at 8:30 am to begin the cleaning up and painting of the William Penn High School. The project was focused on painting and cleaning 8 bathrooms and the back of an auditorium used frequently to host gathering of the students and serve the community as well. A hallway covered with graffiti proved no match to the students who tackled this project with great energy. By close of day the bathrooms were thoroughly cleaned and two were completely repainted. Happily, a number of volunteers agreed to come back to complete the work on a later date.

The adult volunteers were mightily impressed by the Penn school students who came in for nine full hours — longer than school day — making their day off a day on. Though in recent years the Harrisburg schools have had more than their share of difficulties, the young students made a powerful case by their actions for the need for the community to pull together, a theme repeated in the annual Martin Luther King Day essay contest with more than 800 contestants.

Selma, AL

Our local affiliate CH4SM provided safe places for children out of school at Valley Creek, Felix Heights and Rangeline Housing Authority while their parents worked on MLK Day.

A Community Non-Violence Forum was held with Father’s Faith at an apartment complex located next to the Brown Chapel Church — the site for many civil rights meetings attended by Dr. King — to address the growing challenge of gun violence, on the increase throughout 2004. Local volunteers also participated in events for Justice Sunday 2005.

HARRISBURG, PA

The annual city-wide food drive, in association with United Way and the CUMAC food bank, was promoted through schools and colleges and faith based groups in Paterson. More than 200 volunteers including Americorps and the New Jersey Community Development Council involved in this effort, and some distributed leaflets and hand posters encouraging people to sign up for our ongoing tutoring program in the Paterson City schools.

DetroIt, MI

Detroit Service For Peace began the year of service by visiting two Rescue Mission Ministries and taking gift bags for the children there. We were pleased to partner with a local college, the University of Detroit and fifteen students of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. We were not able to take pictures of the children at the shelters because of client confidentiality. Something new that we ran into. But our volunteers had a great time putting the gift bags together and the rescue mission kids had a great time receiving them.

Everyone was a winner!

CARY, NC

The MLK Cary Dreamiest week end events started with the One Song Musical Celebration where Service For Peace volunteered giving out programs, and taking care of the entertainers. The next day was the Dream of Community Expo where SFP helped with organizing tables, giving out tickets, cleaning and helping out. On King Day we

went to one of our regular service sites, the Helping Hands Mission to work with youth and parents.

ST. LOUIS, MO

On Sunday, January 16, 18 youth and 4 adults from St. Louis visited Pony Bird, a facility in Jefferson County, Missouri, that provides total care for severely disabled youth. Several members of the American Family Coalition and Service for Peace toured Pony Bird’s four on site facilities and entertained the residents with uplifting songs. Everyone joined in and all had a great time. One of the counselors remarked, “I haven’t seen these kids so happy and excited in a long time!” Plans are being made for another visit in the near future.

LOS ANGELES, CA

Service For Peace volunteered for the third year with the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department interfait prayer breakfast, followed up with a community youth weekend. Ongoing plans include working with Project JADE and the Los Angeles Schools District J to raise young high school and college age residents with mentor middle and elementary youth in schools and at the Los Angeles schools farm projects.

FFWPU Hoon Dok Hae Audio Editions

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, North America continues to produce its series of audio Hoon Dok Hae. The new CD series includes Father’s Madison Square Garden speech (The New Future of Christianity) as well as the historical series of Hoon Dok Hae messages given at East Garden in May and June of 2003.

In addition to the English versions of these speeches a Japanese version is now being produced as well as several new CDs highlighting Father’s profoundly important speeches in the era of Cheon Il Guk.

These audio versions will be a great addition to the HDH materials that are so essential to our life of faith. Having the portability of CDs allows for listening to Father’s words while traveling or at work and home.

The original complete seven CD set is 850 (plus 85 per set for shipping and handling.)

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for the tsunami victims of Sri Lanka. Students have been active in making posters and soliciting donations from individuals and businesses to send to that ravaged country at the end of the month.

At Jin A Child Care Center last fall the children participated in a food drive to help needy families in the Clifton area. Such projects help to teach children in a concrete way what it means to live for the sake of others.

Both schools offer ESL instruction from a state-certified teacher as well as special education services for those in need of it. New Hope Pyung Hwa School also opens its doors to groups of Korean students during the winter and summer months for special education in English and American culture. Currently 20 students from Korea are studying at the school and are living with various families in the area.

Both Jin A and New Hope are accepting registrations for the next school year. For more information, you may visit our website at:

www.njpyunghwaschool.com and www.jinachool.com

or call Jin A Child Care Center at 973-279-1203 or New Hope Pyung Hwa School at 973-473-4144.
Educating the Hearts and Character NJ Children

by Robert Beebe

The New Jerusalem Community of Northern New Jersey is home to the Jin-A Child Care Center and the New Hope Pyung Hwa School. These two educational institutions, located in Clifton, NJ, are dedicated to giving Principled-based education to both second generation children and children in the general community. Currently in its 18th year, Jin-A Child Care Center has 70 pre-school and kindergarten students and is run by Mrs. Christl Brunkhorst. This is a licensed, state-certified and NAEYC accredited full day child care facility that operates all year round from Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 6:00pm. In its 18 years of operation, Jin-A has provided needed day care support for blessed families, freeing mothers to work in many of the businesses in the NY/NJ area. This month it is expanding its service by opening an infant care facility on its premises for the first time.

Situated in a breathtaking natural setting, Jin-A is dedicated to providing children with a happy learning experience in a safe and healthy environment. The curriculum includes math, language, science and nature, social studies, computers, arts and crafts, music, and story time. Finger play and singing for the younger children. A variety of indoor and outdoor recreational activities, like swimming and free play on an impressively landscaped playground, are also available. Jin-A’s qualified staff is made up of carefully chosen professionals who are continually encouraged to develop their teaching skills through in-house seminars.

The New Hope Pyung Hwa School was founded by Mrs. Jeanne Carroll in 1996 in the garage of her home with 6 first grade students. The school now enrolls 53 students from the first through sixth grades and operates out of the facilities of a Reformed Church. In the fall of 2003, the school’s staff received a special invitation to come to East Garfield, Seattle. They were looking at the Jin-A Children’s Center and the New Hope Pyung Hwa School and were impressed with the dedication and commitment of the school. In the spring of 2005, they returned to Seattle with a group of parents and students to see the school in action.

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The school is committed to high academic standards for its students. This has been reflected in the students’ performance in the Terra Nova standardized tests where they have consistently scored well above the national and state average at all grade levels. Many graduates of New Hope School have tested to the excellent preparation they received for their subsequent education at the high school level and beyond.

Besides academics, the school works to integrate heavenly values into all aspects of the curriculum. Beginning with a 30 minute morning service each day, and passing through lessons in mathematics, science, history/social studies, language, reading and literature, teachers look for opportunities to teach good values to the students. On the playground and at PE, students are encouraged to engage in cooperative team play, to show respect for each other, to take responsibility for their behavior and to help and serve one another.

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Character education necessary raises the question of purpose and meaning. According to the Divine Principle, the purpose of life is to fulfill the Three Great Blessings: perfection of individual character, creating a God-centered family and establishing loving dominion over the natural world. The Three Blessings provide a comprehensive framework through which educating for character can be effectively understood and implemented. Under the motto “Respect, Responsibility and Service,” the New Hope Pyung Hwa School’s character education program seeks to support the spiritual and moral development of its students as a foundation for their eventual fulfillment of the Three Blessings. While the program is based primarily on the Divine Principle, it also employs other supplemental materials, such as the My-Journey in Life Curriculum developed by the International Educational Foundation. Wiseskills, Character Education Connections, Kids "My Journey in Life" and the Three Blessings are all employed in the character education program.

Elements of the character education program include moral reflection and discipline, teaching conflict resolution skills and service learning projects as effective tools in building character. As an example of the latter, in the month of February the school is engaging its students in a relief aid project with Character and a literature-based program developed by the Heartwood Institute. The program seeks to support the spir-
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IIPC of the Holy Land

...and a Fact Finding tour in the Negev Desert

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alism, ideological conflict, and other forms of separatism and intolerance. Hardening these boundaries plays a big role in the horrors of hatred, war, and oppression. As a result it is all but a tautology to make “living without boundaries” a core principle of a peace organization.

In this second case too, how can we understand IFPW to be saying anything other than the patently obvious? Furthermore, what principles guide decisions in grey areas? Are people's

Religious beliefs of no consequence? Are people’s cultural and national heritage of no consequence? What if others threaten these treasures and irreplaceable legacies? Is the answer a simplistic “live without boundaries”? The aspect of IFPW thought which creates of this a workable, and applicable principle is the recognition of categories in the human experience which are so universal and such a compelling force for harmony that they transcend and harmonize all difference, regardless of how essential, or extreme the difference might be. The category must be so basic and so far-reaching that even religious difference cannot put us apart. What could possibly stand safe and convincingly so as universal and transcendent that it can make all boundaries dissolve in an atmosphere of peace and reconciliation? The IFPW grounded in Dr. Moon’s revolution and worldview is family. The universal experience of family reflecting true and eternal love is greater than every difference. He says black, white, or yellow, you are still a mother a father, a brother, sister, son or daughter. He says Christian, Muslim or Jew, the same is true. Rich poor, high low, urban or rural, rap music, or Brahams, the revelation and worldview is family. The categories dissolve in an atmosphere of peace and harmony which creates of this a workable, and applicable principle.

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IIFWP's Methodology For Peace

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

This is from an address given at the IIFWP 4th World Summit, Washington D.C., December 12, 2004

IIFWP identifies two core principles for the effective pursuit of peace. These are "living for the sake of others" and "life without boundaries." These concepts carry a great danger of misunderstanding, which could do serious damage to our peace efforts. Why? It is because people use terms like these meaning they have a single, universal meaning. In fact the meanings can vary greatly from person to person. We can end up speaking past each other, while thinking we are on a shared road of understanding.

So how do IIFWP experts define living for the sake of others? And what does "life without boundaries" mean? Let us consider the first core IIFWP principle, "living for the sake of others," more accurately.

One goes down the road of legalism to think that the term "living for the sake of others," more accurately follows the dynamic of the smaller living for the sake of the larger. This is also why IIFWP attempts to nail down common understandings to the first core IIFWP principle, "life for the sake of others," more accurately than "living for the sake of others," more accurately.

Life Lived for the Sake of Others

We can gain greater clarity in our understanding of the term "living for the sake of others," when we approach all of reality as grounded in purpose. This can guide our sacrificial activity and remove the guesswork from making this into a legitimate principle on which to build a peace movement. The ground of purpose renders most questions like "how much to give?" and "to whom shall we give?" Our guideline is to give in the way which effects the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Two corollaries for this principle point to greater clarity for IIFWP's notion of living for the sake of others. These are: A. Everything you do should help account for the vitality, and transforming power of the IIFWP as a peace movement. As I already said, one cannot in a facile manner proclaim oneself committed to removing all boundaries, when simply navigating life surely requires the recognition of countless boundaries.

Obviously conflict results from hostility toward some one or some group or some cause. We need to embrace, care for, and support. We place a boundary between ourselves and others. Ordinary goals include racism, religious intolerance, nation-see PEACE on page 20
Play Soccer, Make Peace!
An Initiative for Developing Countries

by Robin Graham

The most popular sport in the world, soccer has played an important role in helping unify and heal communities and societies, especially in the context of wars and conflicts. There are many examples of the roles sports, and soccer in particular, have played in war-torn societies to help bring people together and promote peace. Soccer can be a great way to overcome enmities between nations. Known as football elsewhere in the world, this sport has brought traditional enemies together, and has even stopped wars.

During World War I, British and German troops on the front lines came out of their trenches on Christmas Day of 1914, put down their guns, and played a soccer game. Brazilians star Pele's 1969 trip to Israel with his soccer club, Sanyos, spurred a three-day ceasefire in the Biafran War. In 1990, warring factions in the Lebanon War took time out from killing each other to watch World Cup games beamed intoI

In 2002, Japan and South Korea, longtime enemies with lingering animosity, worked together to co-host the World Cup. In 2000, historic rivals Belgium and Holland hosted the European Championship. More recently, when American and British troops arrived in Afghanistan and Iraq, soccer games were arranged for the local population, and coalition forces even played against an Iraqi team while the fighting was ongoing. At the 2004 Olympics, Iraq's soccer team overcame significant obstacles, was adored by its own people and by spectators from throughout the world, and gave hope to the citizens of a war-torn country.

Soccer may have many problems with stadium stampedes, hegelanism, and overly zealous fans who resort to violence against opposing fans, referees and even players, but more often than not it has been a unifying force. It was for the sake of supporting such positive possibilities that the Play Soccer Make Peace! project was initiated by the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO). This project came about because WANGO was selected by the Sun Moon Sun Moon Foundation to be the conduit for the distribution of one million dollars for the specific purpose of developing soccer worldwide and fostering the worldwide peace movement. This funds, in turn, came from proceeds of the 2003 Peace Cup Soccer Tournament.

The biannual Peace Cup Korea will be held every other year, bringing together small clubs from around the world participating, the event's host Seongnam Ilhwa announced.

The 2003 winner, ISV Endhoven, and runners-up, Olympique Lyonnaise, are again to play, with Tottenham Hotspur of England and Spain's Real Sociedad being other big names from Europe. Argentina's Boca Juniors, Besiktas JK (Turkey), PSV Eindhoven (Holland), Olympique Lyon (France), Los Angeles Galaxy (United States), and Seongnam Ilhwa (Korea). Also competing are teams from Germany, South Africa and Uruguay. The final matches of the tournament were played at the Seoul Olympic Stadium with PSV Eindhoven being the winner of the 2003 Peace Cup.

According to the Peace Cup's Chairman, "The objective of the tournament is to present and spread the vision of peace and culture in the world through football. Profits from the games will be used to nurture the hopes and dreams of unfortunate youths in the Third World Countries."

The Sun Moon Peace Foundation met this challenge when it announced that it would be promoting world peace by contributing to the growth and training of young soccer players in the world's emerging and developing countries. This initiative recognizes the enormous potential of young people to develop their creativity and productivity when they focus on their energy. Soccer is a great activity for them to do so. Because of WANGO's international network and grass-roots connections, the Association was selected to design and carry out a soccer project. The purpose is for the Play Soccer Make Peace! to generate support and impetus to NGOs dedicated to serving and uplifting their community in peace and goodwill. With the goal to encourage the development and training of youth soccer teams with football countries worldwide, the central feature of the project is the creation of a tournament to be conducted in each of the countries during which eight selected soccer teams compete. Monetary awards are given to all the competitors to help develop soccer and codes of conduct to follow, and emotions to control. In line with this, Play Soccer Make Peace! emphasizes adhering to the legal, professional, and fair play behavior in order to help guide the players, build cooperation within the team and encourage respect between the teams. The selected soccer teams must agree to pursue and maintain these principles and codes.

The teams' accomplishments are recognized in the tournament. Even the runners-up are awarded significant prize money. By becoming a member of the Play Soccer Make Peace! community, the soccer players and teams can work with NGOs to help to multiply a peace culture throughout the soccer leagues and associations of their country. A growing worldwide community of youth soccer players and teams will result. The soccer project, Play Soccer Make Peace!, is putting in place the necessary framework and resources to encourage this potential.

Mr. Taj Hamad, Secretary General of WANGO, noted several similarities that NGOs share with soccer. This first of these is teamwork. In order to win a soccer competition, the players must work together as a team. In order for an NGO to work successfully, the members need to work together within their organization, and need to work harmoniously together in their community. Ascend is fair play. The highest ideal in sports is to play fair. The same element is necessary for an NGO to operate in an ethical manner in order to be trusted and to establish peace and justice within the society. Endurance is a third similarity between soccer and NGOs. In order to play well, soccer players need endurance, perseverance, and the spirit never give up. It often takes great effort to score even a single goal. Soccer players always need to constant re-group and reorganize in order to mount the next offensive. NGOs need to make ceaseless effort time and time again, never giving up, and always looking to improve and move forward. A fourth similarity is youth. Soccer is a game for the young! At least, the young by Pele. It takes great energy. Great idealism and youthful energy also needed by NGOs to accomplish their goals and mission. It is work for the young of heart.

Play Soccer Make Peace! is moving quickly and achieving its goal. Plans are being made to replicate and sustain the project in each of the designated countries. A report on Play Soccer Make Peace! will be given at the Annual Conference in Budapest highlighting the project details and the progress of the tournament, past, present and future.

The site of the first tournament launching the Play Soccer Make Peace! initiative was Kaduna, Nigeria. Under the key leadership of Mr. Mohammad Attah, WANGO National Representative in Nigeria, and in a markedly short period of time, eight soccer teams were selected and all the details for the tournament were finalized—the stadium, referees, nurses, security, publicity, programs, and so forth. The tournament was held July 6-11, 2004. All of the competitors agreed to fundamental principles of non-violence and goodmanship.

Mr. Taj Hamad, Secretary General of WANGO, was present on the final day of the tournament. He greeted all the teams, the tournament officials, and volunteers and organizers and gave an address to launch the Play Soccer Make Peace! soccer project. He strove to inspire all to the higher ideals for which they were gathering and to the development of self-esteem and character as the basis for building healthy families, good societies and peaceful nations and world.

The final matches were exciting, with each of the teams playing their best before enthusiastic spectators. In addition to the eight competitors, two more teams played a demonstration match. All of the teams gave good efforts and showed their participation in the Play Soccer Make Peace! tournament, and received monetary awards to help develop soccer in their communities.
When the tsunami struck on December 26, it took several days for the world to recognize the full scope of the devastation and to mobilize the massive relief effort that is now providing help for those who survived. For many of the people in the areas surrounding the disaster, there was no choice but to rush forward to help in any way they could. In Thailand, Service For Peace volunteers arrived in Phuket the day after the disaster and joined in the grim task of finding bodies and, hopefully, survivors among the wreckage. On December 30, they were joined by a group of volunteers from the Korean chapter of Service For Peace, including national director Song Yong Jang. All reported being initially overwhelmed by the chaos and misery that they witnessed.

Song Yong Jang was there to assess the situation and to decide on the best way in which Service For Peace could help. The most urgent needs are for food, water and medicine for the millions who had been left homeless. As these immediate needs are being addressed, however, there is a growing recognition of the need to care for the emotional needs of those who survived, especially the children. They have lost homes, schools, parents, siblings, friends and teachers and the psychological damage will take longer to repair than the physical destruction of their communities.

This is an area where Service For Peace can help. Both the Japanese and Korean chapters of SFP have extensive experience in conducting educational and recreational programs for children. Working together with students of psychology from Thai universities, the SFP volunteers are now working with the children of Phuket, playing with them, teaching them and providing comfort and reassurance when they are overwhelmed by what has happened. During January, the numbers of volunteers will grow as additional SFP volunteers from Japan, Korea and Taiwan arrive in Thailand. Service For Peace is currently developing a long term plan of action for its involvement in the disaster area, with a particular focus on the children who have suffered so much.

Letter from SFP President

The devastation wreaked by the earthquake and tsunami in Asia last week is beyond our comprehension in terms of the loss of life and human suffering. Our heart goes out to the families of the victims and the survivors in South Asia who are continuing to suffer under adverse conditions.

Service For Peace is joining the international relief effort and we already have a small team on the ground in Thailand, which will be the focus of our efforts. More than 11,000 are dead and tens of thousands are injured or homeless in that country.

Mr. Sung Yong Jang, our International Vice President and two other staff members are now on site in assessing the needs and determining how Service For Peace can be most effective in offering help. They are currently based with other NGOs at the Phuket City Hall and have recruited local college students in immediate support of the disaster relief. This week their main task is assisting in the search for and identification of bodies.

The most urgent needs are for food, water, medicine and shelter. In the aftermath of the disaster, however, there will be a huge need for rebuilding and healing in the areas that have been affected and this is where our assistance may be most effective.

In the first phase of our efforts, we will do whatever we can to show our support for the hundreds of thousands of people who are currently homeless, hungry and grief-stricken as a result of this disaster. Every chapter, affiliate or associate of Service For Peace is encouraged to collect donations from volunteers and friends and send to Service For Peace, Inc., 34 State Street, Ossining, NY 10562 designated for the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund.

Charles T. Phillips, International President

SFP Tsunami Relief Efforts

UTS Intensive Course on Muslim-Christian Relations

Rev. Dr. Clinton Bennett, a recognized authority in the field of Muslim-Christian relations, will offer his course in a 1-week intensive from April 4-9, 2005. This course examines Christian attitudes towards Muslims, Muslim attitudes towards Christians, and offers new approaches to mutual understanding and tolerance. Dr. Bennett is former Executive Secretary for Interfaith Relations of the British Council of Churches and a consultant for the Word Council of Churches on Jewish-Christian and Muslim-Christian Relations, as well as an ordained Baptist minister and an Ambassador for Peace. Alumni and friends of UTS have the option of taking the course non-credit at a 50% discount. If you are interested, please contact the UTS Registrar at registrar@uts.edu and pre-register with a small deposit.
by Bruce Hutcherson

Once 4th, 2005, leaders of the North Carolina Family Church and the NC-IRFF leadership went on a one-day fishing trip on the coast to make a good condition to start the New Year. It was also a good opportunity for these two departments to work together. Attending were our regional leader, Rev. Byung Seok Cho, IRFF leaders Rev. Mike Lamson with his son Tremont Lamson, Rev. Mike’s brother Mr. Art Lamson, NC state leader Rev. Burgi Hutcherson and myself.

We met at brother Art’s house in Raleigh the evening before and received our “Big Fish” pep talk from Rev. Mike Lamson. He let Rev. Burgi know that as the only woman on the team, her unity with her husband was the key to our victory. He was even planning to bring a special candle for our couple to assist us in creating unity that evening. We made the four-hour drive to our motel in Nags Head while Rev. Mike Lamson frequently checked on us to see if we were thinking of the “Big Fish” and visually checking on our couple’s unity.

After Hoon Dok Hae the next morning, we drove to the marina. We climbed onto our rented charter boat and watched a beautiful sunrise as we motored our way out to the ocean beyond the Outer Banks. The weather had been splendid as we were fortunate this time to have planned a January ocean fishing trip that happened to coincide with a record warm spell for our area.

Rev. Mike Lamson wanted to know how big a fish everyone planned to catch. Rev. Burgi’s goal was 40 inches. During the day we caught four striped bass. Rev. Burgi Hutcherson pulled in the largest fish, which amazingly measured just over 40 inches.

In conclusion, the “Big Fish” must mean good fortune and blessing is coming to our region in 2005. I’m happy that we could create unity as a couple and good harmony in the whole team, aligned with our regional leader.

...and Fishing in North Carolina
Blessing Candidate and Parent Workshop

Laying the Foundation for True Love and True Families

UTS, Barrytown, NY, December 27-30, 2004

by Nari Stephens

The week before the workshop there were only 45 people signed up to attend. However, when the final count was made there was a whopping 131 participants, mostly because of the matching and Blessing by True Parents at East Garden.

Participants included: 37 Blessed 2nd Generation, 36 of whom were just recently matched and Blessed by Father on December 26th; 11 of the 2nd Generation matched by their Parents; 59 Single 2nd Generation (ages 16 – 26 years old); 23 Parents.

The original purposes of this Workshop were for participants to: 1) Experience insight from God regarding their own matching and Blessing centered on the ideal in the D. P. 2) Improve relationships between BC’s and their parents regarding the matching, Blessing, and married life. 3) Create a practical plan of procedures to follow after this Blessing Workshop.

Our original goal was to bring parents and their children together in the whole process of matching and Blessing. The relationship between parent and child is very significant starting from before the matching and the way through to and including family life after the Blessing. The workshop was not originally designed for only 2nd Generation but for everyone as families. However, because of True Father’s matching and Blessing activity the week before, a huge number of 2nd Generation turned out for the workshop without their parents and we had several very diverse groups seeking guidance and inspiration.

The Workshop lasted 3 days with, in my opinion, a pretty relaxed and non-demanding schedule from 7:00am until 9:30pm. Every morning started with HDH by family or group. Morning Services were short and simple, preparing everyone with inspirations for the day.

The rest of the day was filled with the presentations. His talks were often centered on the bigger picture while based on the Principle. The titles were: 1. The Family Ideal and the Blessing. 2. The Origin of Family Break Down. 3. True Love. True Life. True Lineage; 4. Preparation: When Am I Ready?

The final lecture was followed by written confessions, an important part of the workshop in helping BC’s connect with God’s heart and understand their position in His true lineage. Then they could better repent for mistakes they had made and take responsibility to change and better live according to His true ideal.

We also had Mr. Alan Saunders give two presentations. His talks were down to earth and focused mainly on relationships and communication between men and women, something infinitely valuable. His titles were: What is Love? Differences Between Men and Women

Mrs. Betsy Jones also spoke on interpersonal relationships. Her talk elaborated more on Mr. Saunders content and also added something of her own extensive training in “conflict resolution”. Her son and his wife demonstrated conflict/resolution strategies, the Five Love Languages (how we receive love), and other such practical advice.

Each presentation was followed with group discussions and the groups were created based on matching status. In other words those 2nd Gen. who were matched by their parents were together, those who were matched by Father were together and so on. In general, parents and children were kept together in the same group to keep with the theme of support for parent/child relationships.

During the day there was also a “Picture Room” available for parents only. This room contained pictures and profiles of matching candidates for parents to browse. There was also a computer there to check out the matching websites.

The workshop ended with a family night of sorts where people could have a good time. We finished with a graduation ceremony, presentation of certificates and group photo!

The final morning included a testimony and inspiration from Josie Hauer followed by breakfast and a massive clean-up of the whole UTS facility by all the participants. Just walking around the building, we know it felt really “loved up”.

A CD was produced with pictures, all the powerpoint presentations, and the audio of all the lectures and sold for $10. Definitely it is worth the price. If you want to get a copy, contact: Takamitsu Sakuwa at <sakuwa@worldcarp.org>.
Old Testament Age, the New Testament age with you in three stages: the

Yet despite his good works, Josiah was killed in battle against the Egyptians. The Babylonians then besieged Jerusalem under the reign of his sons. One would think that if Josiah were really as good as the bible says, God would have rewarded him differently. Even Jeremiah, the prophet of doom, adumbed:

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Song of Magdala
by Marilyn Roberts Onoda

A her reading the Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown, one of my coworkers came to me and said she really had a desire to read more about Mary Magdalene. I referred her to a newly published book called, Song of Magdala. The spirit is high now days with the desire to know more about this special woman—special because she was able to live with and witness the love of Jesus of Nazareth first hand. In addition to knowing about Mary one may want to know other questions dared never asked. Questions like, what did she learn from Jesus, did she know things—secrets about Jesus that are not in the Bible? As a woman, did Jesus share things with her that he didn’t share with others. How well did she know Jesus? If she could come back to us in the physical world, what could she tell us about Jesus that would deepen our relationship with him?

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ten to the way he prayed to God when people turned against him. “Listen to me, O LORD; hear what my accusers are saying! 20 Should God be repaid with evil? Yet they have dug a pit for me. 21 So give their children over to famine; let their men be put to death, their young men slain by the sword in battle. 22... Do not forgive their crimes or blot out their sins from your sight. Let them be overthrown before you; deal with them in the time of your anger.” (jer 18)

Compare the spirit of Jeremiah’s prayer to the prayer of Jesus on the cross: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:24)

Here, I think, is the real difference: “No caring parent would stand by and allow his children to be mistreated. Then why does God allow it? He should save this completely.” (Rev. Moon)

To what extent should God save this sinful world, by all means. The sinful world came to be filled with misery due to the human Fall, the experience from it the world of goodness and even casting them into everlasting fire. “The messiah will judge. Once the center is set, there is no forgiveness. If you have the law, you have to live by the law. However, before the messiah comes, we are also speaking of God as an angry judge or landowner who is quite merciless to those who do not do all right. He speaks of God doing such things as casting them into prison, having them whipped, and even casting them into everlasting fire. Many of us today believe that we are living in what the bible refers to as the Last Days. And once again we find our-selves faced with a quandary. Divine Prin-ciple teaches us that ultimately everyone will be saved – even Hitler, even Satan.

The sinful world brings humankind sor-row and causes God to grieve. (Gen 6:6) Would God abandon this world in its pres-ent misery? God intended to create a world of goodness and experience from it the utmost joy; yet due to the human fall, the world came to be filled with sin and sorrow. If this sinful world were to continue forever in its present state, then God would be an impotent and ineffectual God who failed in His creation. Therefore, God will save this sinful world, by all means. To what extent should God save this world? He should save it completely. DP Part 1 Sect 3.2

Yet we also have some sayings from Reverend Moon that lead us to wonder: “The messiah will judge. Once the cen-ter is set and determined, there is no forgiveness. If you have the law, you have to live by the law. However, before the messiah comes, we are also speaking of God as an angry judge or landowner who is quite merciless to those who do not do all right. He speaks of God doing such things as casting them into prison, having them whipped, and even casting them into everlasting fire. Many of us today believe that we are living in what the bible refers to as the Last Days. And once again we find our-selves faced with a quandary. Divine Prin-ciple teaches us that ultimately everyone will be saved – even Hitler, even Satan.”

A distraught mother recently-sent this message to Rev. Hudson Grahman: “My son...died of cancer recently... He was a fine Christian, and many people prayed and believed he’d get well, but he didn’t. Why would God take someone like him?”

Rev. Graham responded with these words of consolation: “No matter what happens to us, God still loves us and He still cares for us. He knows your pain and heartache, and he knows the pain you and your son’s family are going through... Take comfort in the fact that your son knew Christ and that he now is safely in heaven beyond the pain and sorrow of this world. And take comfort also in the fact that someday you will see him again.”

I’m very happy to announce the launch of the BFD Prayer Ministry. Mrs. Angelika Selle has volunteered to coordinate the ministry. She has been very active in prayer ministries in the Washington, DC, area for many years.

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On the right side about half way down is the button to click on to go to the Prayer Ministry. You can sign up to be on the email list. Soon we will be putting up pages and testimonies up for you. Already we have up some testimonies: www.familyfed.com/mdprayer_2004.htm

A Father’s Lesson of Love for His Son

by Raven Bradford Gow

In his own bed, and with me by his side, my father died with peace of mind and soul; he understood that one not only must live nobly but die nobly as well. I thanked God for inspiring and giving me the strength and nobility to rule, the prin-ciple of forgiveness and “re-salvation” are natural to believe that God is merci-ful, loving and forgiving. So per-haps the conclusion is that we may never know the exact nature of God by studying theology, philosophy or bibli-cal history. But if we have good par-ents, we are likely to be optimistic about God. And if we are good parents to our own children, they are likely to have a good impression of God too.

Let us conclude with Matthew’s ver-sion of the Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” For you if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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This is a short testimony that may help other brothers & sisters in their hometown pride. My family and I moved to my home-state 10 years ago. We initially came with the necessary focus to restore damaged or neglected relationships. We focused on this and did fairly well in this area. However, there was no plan or set-up in our state for foster care and nursery training. The resistance was fairly well in this area. However, there was no progress in that area. Consequently, my tribe was nearly abandoned by us.

Recently, some of my siblings began fighting, via e-mail. Nasty messages were being sent back & forth, copied to the rest of us. My initial reaction was to just delete these. I didn’t want to give my opinion or advice because somebody would be estranged. At the same time, I realized I was totally responsible, because as their messiah it was up to me to educate them and take them to higher spiritual levels. What could I do? I got the inspiration to implement a “daily inspiration” e-mail. I sent a nice little intro letter, telling my siblings, consuls, & some nieces & nephews that I would be doing this because most of us are so busy that we don’t feed ourselves spiritually. Each day I send out an email with several passages of scripture, or another bit of inspiration. One day I sent out something from the Koran. Eventually I will get to Father’s words, but I want to make sure they’re softened up sufficiently first.

By the third day, the nasty emails stopped. I’ve received numerous expressions of gratitude, e-mails, etc. People I haven’t spoken with in ages are emailing me. Several people have told me they can’t wait to get to their computers each morning to see what is waiting for them.

We are so busy that we think we can’t reach out. This takes me 10-15 minutes a day and has re-opened a lot of doors. There are 16 people on my list. Imagine reaching 16 people each day in only 15 minutes! I do this right after lunch, while in a focused & spiritual state of mind.

There are several good websites which make scriptural research or wisdom-searching easy. Some of these are: http://bible.gospelcom.net/. This site will look up bible passages for you if you only know a few key words of what you want.

www.guideposts.org/index.asp is good for little bits of inspiration. Another is www.beliefnet.com. I hope this can help other busy Tribal Messiahs bring success in tribal ministries.

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In the previous article we discussed how crowded this planet Earth is becoming. Ideally, children should be raised amidst nature, yet rural areas only remain because almost everyone prefers to live in cities. Humanity needs more room! Fortunately, new worlds beckon. An earlier version of this article appeared in 1997.

PLANETS

Astronomers have found more than one hundred planets around other stars. So far they’re all big ones, Jupiter-sized and larger. No one knows whether any of these solar systems bear life. We still haven’t found any civilized aliens out there.

Humankind may settle on the Moon, and then Mars. Eventually, millions could check in. Once the first 慵

ous factions (in the broadest sense of the term) will arise. Each colony, or even a Dyson Sphere, built on ahead to begin that work.

The best starship plans are entirely realistic. Any computer-company bilional could, if she wished, invest a portion of her wealth to back such a venture. What a legacy!

Many science-fiction writers postulate a ‘jump’ technology that allows spaceships to leap across huge distances in an instant. Best of all would be a ‘stargate,’ a doorway that directly connects distant locations. (Theoretical physicists call this an ‘EPR bridge.’)

It is said that the gap between the stars is too great. We shall see.

SETTLEMENT

Our Earth is covered by the works of humanity. Graded road and rail beds, dams, mines, and canals leave marks that can be seen from orbit. Metal and wooden pole lines crisscross the landscape. Factories and power plants occupy, and often pollute, large areas. Farms require vast acreage.

New need a world be scarred in this way?

Technology will enable its settlers to dispense with all those things. One-third of Earth is not land. The first large cities will be nearly obsolete. There are ways to make more room.

There are many verdant planets. If only a few are found, humans could alter themselves to live on harsher worlds. Gills to live underwater, special organs to neutralize alien toxins, blood that endures intense heat or cold; the possibilities are endless.

There are ways to make more room. Asteroids, which are numerous, could be used to set up aventh Saturn. Yet Saturn is nearby, compared to the nearest star, several light years distant. (The nearest star is Alpha Centauri.) Presumably, we’d like to complete such a journey within our own lifetime.

Past explorations were carried out by hardy pioneers, as were the first jet and space flights. (As depicted in the novel and film The Right Stuff.) It wasn’t long before air travel became routine. Soon, space will be opened to regular travel. The successors to Burt Rutan’s amazing Space Ship One will likely provide the means.

However, those private ships (also NASA’s troubled space shuttles) can only reach low Earth orbit, a mere fraction of the way to the Moon. Better ships must be built for routine flights there, much as the Sun’s other planets.

STARSHIPS

Enthusiastic scientists are already planning genuine starships. Most of the starships in popular fiction depend upon imaginary propulsion systems, such as ‘ warp drive,’ that might as well be sheer magic. They’re just as fanciful as magic forms. Most would accelerate a craft to a substantial fraction of the speed of light, and still their journeys will take years.

The first starship might be unmanned: a large, swift Starship. Or created: a fusion-driven Daedalus. Even a popular space ark: a lumbering O'Neill Colony. Several web sites have good information. (See, HYPERLINK ‘http://www.centauri-dreams.org’ www.centauri-dreams.org)

The universe has a built-in speed limit, the speed of light itself. Nothing material can reach, much less exceed, that velocity. The universe does provide one hourglass counter, first taught by Einstein, called time dilation. Crudely put, the faster you go, the slower time passes. Albert’s ‘slows’ dramatically. A voyage of a cen-
by Jim Stephens

I just want to share with you an inspiration that I had in prayer the other day. Several people have expressed concerns to me, and I have felt it myself, for the many BCI’s that are not eligible to be matched by Father at this time.

Some of them must certainly be experiencing the proverbial “lack of love” feelings because Father has set such strong qualifications of purity as the requirements to attend his direct matchings. What will happen to the rest of the BCI’s? Is he never going to match them? I have also heard some others wondering if Father is setting up “first class” and “second class” Blessed Children.

In my prayer I asked God if He loved the BC’s who have made mistakes any less than those that remained the most pure.

This is what I think is what Father is talking about when we read in the memo “in the form in which Blessings would have been held in the original world without the fall.”

What a wonderful gift for our Heavenly Father! This is something that Heavenly Father has longed for since the beginning of creation….a big wedding day with no taint from the sinful world.

In that original world, the minds and hearts of the boy and girl would have been only pure and innocent. They would never have gone on a date, never have hugged or touched or kissed or partnered off this with someone of the opposite sex. Because we live in this fallen world, we seldom think about what it should have been like according to God’s original plan. We do our best, but sometimes forget who we really are and what we are supposed to be like.

If you could, wouldn’t you want to give a gift to God like this blessing day? Try to imagine His joy and happiness on such a day. Most of us haven’t married off our children yet, but deep inside we have a longing to see the wedding day of our grandchildren.

Let’s not give in to feelings of “lack of love”. Everyone’s time is limited. Let’s just come and love our brother and God. Our Father sees in us. Let’s not disappoint Him. Let’s make God proud of us.

Let’s not disappoint Him. Let’s hold on to the ideal. Let’s rededicate ourselves to becoming the pure and true families that Heavenly Father sees in us.

Science tells you to laugh more

When things are looking bleak for your health… at work… or in your personal life, it’s difficult to see anything funny about anything. But there’s a school of thought that says that’s just what you should do — use humor to reduce stress and encourage physical and emotional wellness and healing.

To get the inside scoop on humor in healing, I spoke with Allen Klein (aka “Mr. Jollytologist”), MA, incoming president of the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor and author of The Healing Power of Humor. Klein gives speeches and conducts workshops around the world to teach people how to use humor to deal with challenges, and the not-so-funny stuff, from everyday trials to triumphing over tragedy.

Medical Fact or Fiction? There are many theories to explain how humor promotes physical and emotional wellness. In a study by Lee Berk, PhD, at Loma Linda University in California, the immune-suppressing hormone cortisol was found to be less prevalent in people’s blood when they laughed. Another theory is that laughter triggers the secretion of pleasure-inducing endorphins, although this has never been proven.

While no one knows the precise connection between humor and healing, Klein points out that we do know that laughter...

1. Raises and then lowers our heart rate and blood pressure, similar to aerobic exercise.
2. Releases our muscles.
3. Oxygenates the blood, so we think better after a laugh.

Of course, a lot of the evidence linking humor with health and health is anecdotal. Klein advises that you ask your doctor, “where do I find... when I laugh?”. Chances are, you feel pretty good. Just as anger and hostility are bad for your heart and health, humor and laughter are good for you.

Open up Your “Humor Eyes”; “Humor is all around you,” says Klein. “All you have to do is open your eyes and ears and look.” He advises that you try to reframe things... see GIF on page 28

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