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Distinguished guests from home and abroad, ladies and gentlemen, Before I begin, I would like to ask you to bear in mind that I do not stand here before you on this momentous day to greet you with a perfunctory, conventionally worded address. I have come to earth in the capacity of the True Parent, to save humanity from sin. Although I will speak only briefly, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you a message sent to us from God. My speech is entitled, ‘True Parents Are the Incarnation of God.’

Is there anyone here who has seen God? He exists as a being without form. Even when we pass on to the spirit world, we will not be able to see Him. Therefore, for God to establish a relationship with human beings, who are composed of flesh and blood, and live together with us, He needs to manifest as the Father here on earth, through a physical body. Working within this heavenly law, God created our first ancestors, Adam and Eve. Through them, He intended to manifest Himself on earth, both in spirit and body. Adam and Eve would have also symbolized the earthly and the spiritual worlds coming together in harmony and unity—the unification of the universe.

Then how can human beings, born with a physical body, become the manifestations of God, who has none? God’s nature is absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal. And He created His greatest masterpiece, human beings, to reflect fully all aspects of that nature. The physical body, created based on the principles of the temporal world of substance, cannot exist forever. Once Adam and Eve had reached perfection, therefore, God planned to dwell within them, to achieve complete oneness with them. He planned that they would enter a relationship of eternal, true love wherever He would be Adam, and at the same time, God. Likewise, God would be Eve, and at the same time God. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, had abided by the commandments of God, achieved perfection as individuals, and been brought together in a holy matrimonial union with the blessing of God, not only their children but their descendants for generations to come would have lived forevermore as His substantial embodiments, inheriting His nature generation after generation.

The Realm of True Love

The realm of true love’s absolute value can be achieved only when the sphere of true love relationships is established firmly. Thus, if Adam and Eve had attained such a standard, humanity automatically would have been elevated to the position of God’s absolute object partner, from which position they would have enjoyed an eternal life of joy and happiness through their descendants. In the end, however, the human Fall dealt the severest blow to God. From the vertical perspective, God and humankind were in a relationship of parent and children. From a horizontal viewpoint, human beings are God Himself as well as His children.
Through the Fall, God lost all of this.

Once Adam and Eve had become the very forms of God, He would have dwelt in their hearts and reigned over the corporeal, physical world and the invisible, spiritual world. In other words, God would have reigned over the world together with Adam and Eve. Together, they would have created the kingdom of God on earth, that is, the Peace Kingdom. Adam would have become the king of the kingdom of heaven on earth, as well as the king of the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world. Having inherited the nature of God in all its glory, Adam would have stood above all creation as an absolute being, a unique being, and an eternal being. He would have been the unchanging parent, owner, teacher, and king of true love in this world of substance. Moreover, each of the six billion people living in the world today would have been the visible form and incarnation of God.

What stood in the way of achieving this? As I have said, the central problem was the Human Fall. The Fall drove the human race into the sphere of ignorance. It turned them into lonely orphans. Though their eyes may gaze upon the natural scenery spread out before them, the Fall revealed the indignity of having to deny Himself as the Creator, it has been six thousand years since the Fall. The Fall made them insensible to God, though their eyes may gaze upon the visible form and incarnation of God. Though their ears may be aware of how the voice came, but they could not trample on the Word of God. They were not aware of it, but I cannot help seeing this: the Fall destroyed all its glory, Adam would have stood above all creation as an absolute being, a unique being, and an eternal being. He would have been the unchanging parent, owner, teacher, and king of true love in this world of substance. Moreover, each of the six billion people living in the world today would have been the visible form and incarnation of God.

God thus found himself in a unique and wretched situation. It was a horrid, wretched situation. How torn with sorrow and grief God’s heart was! There were no words to describe it: it was a horrid, wretched situation. How many tears have you shed out of sympathy for God and His plight? It was God who was plunged into greater ordeals, all to reveal the mystery of the creation and find the answers regarding the salvation of humanity. I learned that, according to heavenly law, the salvation of the spiritual world had to preceed the salvation of the physical world: therefore I completed the path of the spirit world first. On that foundation, I have arrived at this stage of accomplishment at a run. My path is that of a complete man transcends the individual, family, tribe, nation and worldwide level, as well as the human race, all of whom are blind. The path I have followed is now more than clear. There are no further obstacles in your way as you travel at top speed on the superhighway in the Era after the Coming of Heaven. Open up your hearts, receive the word of God, and take the path to individual perfection. Become representatives of the True Parents, Heav- en’s true parents in the Era after the Coming of Heaven, passing on the blessing of God to others freely and without reserve. Build the Peace Kingdom here on earth and become the blessed citizens of the kingdom of heaven, serv- ing God forevermore as true parents yourselves.

Even as we speak, cries of pain can be heard in many parts of the world. I ask you to be aware of how important your roles are and be aware of the task you have been given. I ask you to put your hearts into this task and act as God’s messengers. Become true parents yourselves. Please leave here tonight with the new hope of Heaven in your hearts. I hope and pray that, as the people attending True Parents, you will stand at the forefront in the ranks of those who will establish the Peace Kingdom.

May the blessings of God forever be with you and your nations. Thank you.
I am grateful that so many of you have gathered here today, in spite of your busy public and private schedules. Let me begin my address by reading an excerpt from a prayer that I offered forty-seven years ago. The year was 1958, and I was a 38-year-old single man. This prayer is recorded in the Cheong Seong Gyeong, a collection of passages from sermons I have delivered over the course of my ministry.

This message is Heaven's warning that, whether we live in the United States and the whole world in June during my four-city U.S. speaking tour, I have to once again convey this urgent and serious message to all of you world leaders.

Prayer

"Loving Father, thank You for the grace by which You have protected Your humble son, who has fought enemies so that Heaven may not suffer humiliation and insult. Even the finest things of this earth are worthless when measured against the original heart by which You act. Considering this, we should feel boundless longing to stand in a position where we can connect to Your heart. A person who encounters Your true love could lose the entire world and not miss it. Beloved Father, we must now establish the ideal world, our original homeland, where Your love saturates every person's life. During our earthly lives we must prepare for the day when we will make the transition into the next life as Your liberated children, inhabiting a realm of freedom there. Just as a child must be healthy in the womb for it to be healthy during its life in this world, we must lead wholesome lives in this world if we are to be healthy and complete after entering Heaven. Nevertheless, the world in which we live today is under the dominion of evil and therefore is full of contradictions. Thus the only way that heaven and earth can support us in our endeavors, and the only way we can harmonize with the dynamic ebb and flow of the universe, is for we are victorious over ourselves to the extent that we are ready to give our lives. We must not leave behind such tragic legacy to our descendants. Loving Father, You have toiled throughout history to create a new springtime of hope for us. Let us recognize that, in order to greet the new spring, our lives must be bound to Your life. We must assimilate ourselves completely into You and be absorbed in You. Allow us the certain knowledge that this is the only way to receive Your spring and break forth as Your beautiful blossoms. Help us to also understand that just as a tree that blossoms in spring must pass through summer and autumn before it bears fruit, so too our lives must pass through a certain process before we can bear fruit. No matter how long it takes, or how stormy the environment, we cannot allow our inner self to be invaded. We must continue a course of steady development. This is the only way we can reach the next spring as a mother's body for a new life, a mature seed ready to be sown in the fertile soil.

Though we may appear shabbily and wretched, we must not forget that we are people whose internal form is as a crystal, capable of gathering the infin- ite force to be planted as life-bearing seeds in the infinite world. I beseech You that we always remember, in the face of difficulties, that the more pitiful our external appearance, the more significant and substantial is our intern- al value.

"We know, loving Father, that any- one whose heart is not overflowing with longing to attend You and bow down before You in that eternal world. Let us open our hearts now, so that we may feel Your heart. Let us hear Your voice today as it wells up within our hearts, so that we may establish our lives in Your truth. Let us appreciate with our whole heart the tragic course You walked as You struggled behind the scenes of histo- ry to reclaim each one of us. Of our own accord, we bow our heads in Your presence. Amen!"
the things that we planned to do in the morning. This is all the more the case as we take on a greater public role. We find that we need proportionally greater determination and driving force in order to conclude each day of our lives with victory. The days add up to become months, then years. Ultimately, they add up to form our entire life.

Ladies and gentlemen, while living on the earth, neither we nor anyone in history can escape the confines of time. Individuals, families, tribes, peoples, nations, and the world move within one realm of time. Each person has a certain purpose to fulfill during the course of his or her life. A person will strive for ten years, twenty years, or an entire lifetime in pursuit of this purpose. The longer the purpose, the stronger must be the person's internal resolution and dedication. To accomplish or fulfill his or her purpose, a person must possess an internal determination strong enough to overcome any adversity. You may not understand about the spiritual world. But through God's special grace, I came to know that unknown world with certainty. Looking at the fundamentals of that world, I saw that it operates on a strictly logical plane. When people cross over into that world, those who lived for the sake of others according to God's heavenly laws and principles will enter Heaven, while those who lived selfishly and only for themselves cannot cross over into that plane. What is heaven? Heaven is a kingdom of peace. It is where the original ideal of creation that God purposed from the beginning is completed. It is the true homeland all human beings must seek and find. Father安县 and sister Eva, who were expelled from the original homeland, could not return there by human effort alone. It is possible to enter only because God has worked through history to enable fallen human beings to go there. God established various religions, suited to each peoples' diverse cultures and traditions, to guide humanity. Religion, however, only trains people to acquire the qualifications. To actually bring us to this higher dimension, God is now leading humanity above and beyond the cultural back-grounds of the various world religions, towards a single unified religious world.

The Goal of Life
All religions teach their followers to live for the sake of others because their purpose is to live in the original homeland. Living for the sake of others is the essence of true love. To truly understand the religious give highest priority to the practice of meekness and humility. They teach us to place others before ourselves and to live for their benefit. They teach sacrifice and service.

Ladies and gentlemen, what is the ultimate goal of life? It is to possess God's love completely. To reach that final destination, a man and a woman must travel the road together. They may encounter life-threatening situations dozens or even hundreds of times, or even die on the way, yet that is the path of life that leads them back to God.

What is the ultimate human desire? It is to possess God's love completely. True love is the core of God's being. You may possess God's attention completely, yet God will not be your God unless you possess God's true love. On the other hand, if you completely possess God's true love then you will not mind even if God is not with you. You enter a state where everything that is God's is yours, and everything that is yours is God's. Then for the first time, the internal and external will be one. The place filled with such love is the ideal Kingdom of Heaven. Once you reach this state, you will perceive beauty in all beings in the world, and everything in the world will live for your sake. And, ladies and gentlemen, because of the fall of the first human ancestors, all people without exception have inherited Satan's false love and were born with Satan as their parents. Satan's lineage has been passed down to you through your mother and father. This is the picture of who you are here today. Our beginning was in error because false parents inherited us; therefore, we must go back and begin again in the lineage of the True Parents.

This is how deadly serious our lives are. You must inherit God's love, God's life, and God's lineage. It is possible only through the Holy Blessing Ceremony. This ceremony is not a religious rite of the Unification Church alone but grace from God. You were dying because you were blocked by Satan's poisoned needle, but through this ceremony you will be revived.

The Purpose of Creation
Then, let us look from God's view-point at the reasons He created human beings. There are three. First, God created human beings with material form in order for Him to be the Parent of all material existence. God, being invisible and without material form, cannot have dominion over things that have material form. In other words, God needed to exist as a being with form: that if Adam and Eve call God “Father,” then should their children call Him “Grandfather”? No, they would also call Him “Father.” God is the vertical cen- ter. From God's perspective, all the part- ners of His love are equal. Each part- ner of God's love possesses equal value transcending time and space. After all, each is produced when God's vertical love is extended horizontally on the same plane. This means the value of perfected love is always equal.

Intermediaries between the Spiritual and Physical Worlds
Next, let us look at the process of God's creation. When God created the universe, first He created the natural environment and then on that foun-dation He created human beings. In the beginning, God was the center of everything. In the end, He desired that humanity be the center of the universe and unity throughout the natural world. Thus, human beings would be in the central position—with the spirit world relating to the material world and the physical world relating to the body. Humanity has a mission: to serve as the intermedi- ary between the spiritual and physical worlds.

Look at the natural world in which we live. It contains two axies: one visi- ble and the other invisible. The Earth, as an object partner, revolves around the sun, its subject partner, at the same time that it rotates on its own axis. Like- wise, our body revolves around our mind by following the mind's directions at the same time that it also engages in its own rotational motion that enables it to exist and function. In order to illustrate a universal principle, one that illuminates all things, it leads to the salvation of fallen human- ity.

Human beings have a body that revolves around the physical mind. The physical mind revolves around a high- er center—the spirit mind, and above the spirit mind is yet a higher center— God. Human beings are complete only when they are completely one with God. Yet, a complete human being, though he or she may appear to be an insignifi- cant individual, represents all of his- tory and all relationships of the future. That person's value is equal to that of the entire cosmos. If we wish to attain such cosmic value, we will let our spir- it mind lead the way as we go about our life. This is heavenly law. The time has come when Heaven will judge who- ever goes against the commandments of his or her conscience, which speaks through the spirit mind.

We are not living in the Age After the Coming of Heaven. This is an era when your sincerity, your dedication and your sacrifice both count. The founders and saints of the great reli- gions, accompanied by myriads of good ancestors, have descended to the earth and are participating in the works of
At the Cheonan Sports Complex the participants of the IPSF together with the International IIFWP Assembly, Korean War Veterans and local supporters gathered together to celebrate the opening of the World Cultural and Sports Festival 2005 on July 29th. The athletes of the IPSF entered the stadium carrying the flags representing their countries followed by the remaining participants. The IPSF opening ceremony took place at the gymnasium of SunMoon University, Asan campus. 100 foreign athletes and over 200 Korean athletes participated. VIP’s such as Dr. Kyung June Lee, president of SunMoon University, the mayor of Asan city, and congressmen from Asan city were present.

The event began with congratulatory performances, welcoming greetings, and main speeches with Mr. Bernard Chellew and Mr. In teck Suh, assistant director of international affairs as M.C. Dr. Kyung June Lee who is the chairwoman of IPSF stated, “This event is not just a sports event, but it is for creating new ties with and understanding the religions of different countries.” Ms. Hueebok Kang, mayor of Asan city said in her welcoming remarks, “After all the events are finished, I wish for all the athletes to have long lasting fond memories of SunMoon University and Asan city.” Rev. John Gehring said, “If you want to jump higher and become better, I want for us to do this through training and challenging ourselves.”

Srilanka performed sports dance and Malaysia showed a display of dance for the opening ceremony. And the atmosphere was elevated through songs by the Asan City Coir and Colors of Love. The IPSF opening ceremony was concluded by the song from Colors of Love. Fong Sao Seng (Malaysia) commented, “It was fun to be able to see cultures of each country. I was especially impressed by the sports dance.”

The audience was entertained with a spectacular flag dance as well as a synchronized umbrella dance. The grand finale beautifully symbolized the unity of the world in colorful harmony and excitement.

In the evening the IPSF participants gathered together with the local people of Cheonan to celebrate the Global Family Festival. Hundreds of people enjoyed the foods and folk art of the world’s cultures and were entertained as they share together in the spirit of one world family.

One of the most unique aspects of the program was when the community gathered around the gigantic bowl of Bibimbap ingredients and had the honor of mixing the evening’s meal. It was truly an inter-cultural experience.
The 6th phase of the Interreligious and International Blessing Ceremony of 400 million couples was held in the Yu Gwan Soon Gymnasium in Chonan, Korea, at 11 a.m. on August 1, 2005. The gymnasium was packed with young couples and representatives of the religions and nations of the world who gathered for the celebration of marriage, family and peace.

Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, master of ceremonies with the translation of Dr. Kim Lin, began the worldwide blessing ceremony. Mr. Song Young-seok, chairman of the preparation committee of the World Cultural and Sports Festival 2005, offered the opening prayer. After that the chairman of the organizing committee, Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, gave the main address.

Emphasizing the importance of the family and true education within the family, he said that without the foundation of the ideal family, peace and prosperity in society cannot be realized. He said the recent conferences and seminars demonstrated to world leaders that the problems of the world today can be solved by establishing good families. Accordingly, this ceremony was not just a religious ritual by one particular religion but a ceremony for the salvation of nations and the world.

Following Dr. Kwak's address, representatives of the world's major religions -- Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism -- offered invocations and congratulations.

After the entrance of 16 attendants (exemplary couples who had been blessed in the past), the True Parents of humankind entered the main hall to officiate at the ceremony.

Dr. Kwak read the report to heaven, asking Heavenly Father to let all the couples around the world who were participating in this ceremony be blessed to establish ideal families. Following that, True Parents conducted the holy water ceremony on the stage; this was carried out by their representatives throughout the gymnasium and every corner of the world. This was followed by the affirmation of the blessing vows, in which all participants promised to become ideal men and women and ideal husbands and wives, create ideal families by giving birth to ideal children, and become ideal leaders for the future.

True Parents gave the blessing invocation. True Father poured out his love and energy, reporting about the course of history and the trials he went through in order to indemnify all the failures of the past so that humanity could reach this stage of receiving the blessing of marriage.

After that, True Parents gave blessing rings to three couples on the stage. Each couple then exchanged rings, symbolizing the true love, true life and true lineage which will characterize their relationship for eternity. After that, True Parents proclaimed the holy blessing of 400 million couples before heaven and earth.

Then the former prime minister of Mongolia gave the congratulatory address. He said that he was so happy to be present, and he felt that the happiest participant in this celebration of love and marriage must be God. He referred to the conferences that took place during the WCSF 2005 and thanked True Parents for all their hard work for world peace. He noted that many good young people in his nation had been educated by the Unification Movement during the past ten years.

The Color of Love singing group offered a congratulatory song, followed by the presentation of flowers and gifts by two representative couples in appreciation to True Parents. Then all the brides and grooms offered a bow of appreciation, first to the True Parents of humankind and then to their parents and families in their home countries. The ceremony concluded with three cheers of eog mansei, led by True Parents.
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The historic 3rd International STF Assembly 2005 came as the exciting experience of a lifetime for the 460 STF members who attended, at the Cheongshim Youth Center at Cheong Pyeong Lake in Korea from July 26th to 31st. They came as representatives of STF chapters in Korea, Japan, USA, Europe, and Latin America. It was a profound experience for these young brothers and sisters to discover a common heart, transcending languages and cultures, and a common longing to liberate the heart of our Heavenly Father, True Parents and True Family. All could feel a strong oneness of purpose for the 2nd Generation, to become the Owners of God’s Providence.

All the STF members have been working hard fundraising, witnessing and serving with Service for Peace throughout this past year. Their hard work and efforts paid off when they could share their experiences over the past year with one another. Besides the opportunity to share testimonies, they were also able to entertain each other with well-prepared heartistic performances.

The schedule was packed with activities and opportunities to learn. Each day began with Hoon Dok Hae, followed by activities such as white water rafting, a prayer walk to Cheong Pyeong Training Center, sports activities, fundraising and Service for Peace activities, and inspirational talks from Shin Won-nim (Hyun Jin-nim’s eldest son), Rev. Kwak, the STF directors, Akiko Ikeno and others. The days often ended with testimonies, entertainment and prayer.

Of course the highlight of the International STF Assembly was Hyun Jin-nim’s speech to almost 1,300 brothers and sisters, (mostly 2nd Generation.) He seemed to feel very comfortable in the presence of STF members and shared his heart very freely. He inspired the STF members to challenge themselves more, and they responded to his challenge enthusiastically!

The following morning STF members attended Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents at Hanamdong; for many of them it was their first opportunity to meet with True Parents.

All of the activities were meant to challenge and inspire, and energize. It was an unforgettable experience for all in attendance and the only sadness experienced was when we had to part from brothers and sisters in order to return to our home countries.
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The providence. Now is the time to flee from the world of evil, to free the people from the world of evil, and to pursue the kingdom of peace. I hope that all the people who are fully aware of the importance of this cause will support and cooperate with us. This is a responsibility bestowed upon us in order to build peace in the world.

The State of Resonance

Ladies and gentlemen, how can we become intermediaries who can unite with the will of heaven? We should enter into a state of resonance with God. In nature, resonance occurs when two objects vibrate with the same frequency. Sound waves of harmonic frequency create resonance. The resonating objects no longer vibrate independently, but vibrate in step with each other. God is the ultimate center. In the same way, when a person's spirit self and physical self resonate, we can understand that the human mind is a part of the universe. The body and mind become one by the explosive force of true love, which resonates with the earthly world, the heavenly world, and even with God. What is the force that can move our mind and body into a state where they resonate 100 percent? It is not God's wisdom, efficacy, or power. Only His true love can do it.

Every human being has a dual structure, consisting of mind and body. Each man and each woman has a mind and a body. So when a man and a woman come together, it could be said that there are four entities present. If they are not married, two people are married, but these four become naturally one when they resonate with God's true love.

Lord of Creation Who Can Inherit God's Kingdom

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a law of the universe that for every particular being or central core, there will always be a second being that revolves around it as its partner. The relationship between God and human beings is an expression of the same principle that causes electrons to revolve around protons. The human mind, like an electron, forms a relationship with and interacts with God's mind as if it were protons. By this principle God carries out His Providence. The mind and body become a lord of creation simply by virtue of being human. To be minimal- ly qualified, a person must not live mainly for himself or herself. They are rightly called lords who live for others and serve the whole. God is trying to accomplish His will through such people. God is not building the Kingdom of Heaven for Himself. By having such selfless people build the Kingdom, He wants it to belong to them.

God created human beings to live forever. But, if we were unable to cast off the yoke of this evil world during our sojourn of one hundred years or so on the earth, how would our life be superior to that of an animal? Indeed, human beings are spiritual beings, we should differ from animals. It turns out that the reason human beings can be lords of creation is that our hearts never grow old. Nature is always changing. Even a rock, a symbol of permanence, cannot endure forever the effects of erosion. Only the human heart was created with the potential to remain unchanging for eternity. Hence the title, "lord of creation," cannot be awarded based upon one's money or knowledge. It is not based on power. It is only based on the true unchang- ing love—God's love.

Becoming Original Human Beings

Ladies and gentlemen, what are the ties that will bind original human beings to each other? Original relationships involve sharing joy and exhibiting the values of praise and respect for each other. Above all, they manifest perfect true love within the realm of God's absolute love. Originally human beings are to encapsulate the harmonious oneness of all relationships in heaven and on earth. This is the very reason we have

both an invisible mind and a visible body. If we had preserved the relationship of mind and body that God had intended, then the mind and body, though distinct and different from each other in terms of function, would be eternally united and whole.

Please consider your own life. I don't think you can deny that your mind and body are often fighting each other. How much longer are you going to allow this fight to continue? Ten years? A hundred years? Or will it not end even when you die? There is a definite order designed for all beings in the universe. This means God did not create us to exist in the imperfect state in which we now find ourselves. Your task now is to empower your mind and subdue your body. The grace of Heaven will be with you in this effort.

In the relationship between the mind and body, the mind is the more impor- tant of the two. The body persists for about a hundred years and then pass- es away, but the mind, or spirit, will live for eternity, transcendent of time and space. You may spend your days on earth eating and dressing extravag- aantly, but someday you will die, and then what? You are better off setting a good spiritual standard and then har- monizing your physical body to that stan- dard. Make of yourself a person of integri- ty and wholeness embracing both spir- itual and physical. Building the Peace Kingdom

Respected leaders of the United States, we are now entering a glorious age. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth, God's ideal of creation, is being established before your eyes. This is the Peace Kingdom. In my life of more than 80 years. I have walked a lonely path. Heaven called me to walk that path, soaked with blood, sweat and tears. Now, that effort is bear- ing victorious fruit for the sake of all six billion people of the world.

In more than 180 countries, Ambas- sadors for Peace have inherited Heav- en's will and tradition. They are work- ing hard, day and night, proclaiming the values of true love and true fami- lies. They are moving forward with full force to establish world peace. In the Middle East, one of the world's tinder- boxes, Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philos- ophy of peace to engage in a new dimen- sion of dialogue for peace. Unification Thought played an important role in ending the Cold War. I am now playing a decisive role behind the scenes to bring about the unification of my home- land, Korea.

But ladies and gentlemen, is this not enough? I have a greater task for you to work at the command of Heaven. I have come as the True Parent of humankind with the mission to establish true families. I am determined to keep my promise to Him to create a united world of peace. I am sure that this will not be the end of this platform. I would like to make a truly im- portant historic declaration to humanity. For thousands of years, Satan used the Bering Strait to separate East and West, North and South, as well as North Amer- ica and Russia geographically. I pro- pose that a bridge be constructed over the Bering Strait, a tunnel dug under it, so that it will be able to con- nect the world super high way start- ing from the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa to Santiago in Chile, and from London to New York; mak- ing the world a single community. I would call this, "The World Peace Bridge-Tunnel." Ladies and Gentlemen, to succeed with this dramatic and historic proj- ect, The United States of America, Russia, Europe, China, India, Japan, Brazil and all the nations and reli- gions of the world should work hand in hand. With the complete success of this project, humankind will be one family in the world. We are now build- ing on the earth where there is no more division and war.

Heaven warns us that we can no longer tolerate separation and divi- sion. So let us really bind the world together as one community, tear down the walls of race, culture, reli- gion, and nationality, and establish a world of peace on this earth. This has been God's fervent desire. There is no other way. Humankind's current course of conflict and selfishness is a dead-end street. People are beginning to realize the significance and the hope in my teachings of "true love, true life and true lineage" which are the pivots of building the world peace. As the power of Peace sweeps down from Heaven, people in even countries and peoples that appear strange will run out of options and will surrender.

The choice is now yours. The Will of Heaven that I have received from God is that I, as the True Parent who I received in prayer 47 years ago is the same message to you who are liv- ing in the twenty-first century. If you are given the power and fortune of Heaven, you have the ability to establish true families, true soci- eties, true nations and a true world on this earth? Or will you continue as a Satan's captive behind the wall of your religion, the wall of your culture, the wall of your nationality and the wall of your race, and spend the remainder of your life in agony and regret? Heaven is summoning brave generals who will turn this world of evil upside down and establish a new heaven on this earth.

It is my sincere wish that each of you will have a fruitful and joyful experi- ence during the World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF), in whatever aspect of the festival you are partici- pating.

Today I have delivered Heaven's mes- sage. Please accept it deep in your hearts and lives, and bring it to your lives so that you may become wise lead- ers in the providence of God. And I believe that blessing will be upon your families and upon your nations.
In the Global Family Festival, people of all nations, races, religions, and cultures are invited to participate in a range of service activities, contribute to world peace, and share their cultural experiences. The festival aims to foster harmony and unity among God, humankind, and nature by promoting true love and a culture of heart 

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Several major conferences have been held in Seoul including the United Nations Peacekeeping Korean War Memorial Federation (UPKMF). Veterans from sixteen nations gathered with us to commemorate those who were lost in the Korean war and to rekindle the commitment of those 16 nations for the reunification of Korea. These nations are Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, United States and the United States of America.

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Interreligious Peace Sports Festival

The closing of IPSF took place in the midst of great enthusiasm and excitement on August 1st at the Gymnasium of the Sun Moon, Asan campus. All those involved in the festivities of the last nine days were faced with the finality of the moment. From the next day many would be leaving to their respective homes and the excitement of the festival would only be a sweet memory. But the closing itself gave another precious moment to be added to our collage of cherished recollections.

As the program began the crowd joined together in harmony chanting the symbol of peace in Hinduism ‘OM’ permeating the air with the spirit of peace. Dr. Lee, the President of Sun Moon, addressed the crowd reminding them that through IPSF we could show the world how to live in peace and harmony.

A special award was given to the two dance teams from Sri Lanka one representing the Sinhalese ethnic group and one representing the Tamil ethnic group. These two groups are now in confrontation in their own country unable to come to a peaceful solution. As part of the closing program the two troupes did a beautiful peace dance together symbolizing their desire to create unity and peace in their war torn country.

As a central part of the program, Spirituosity Awards were given to individuals as well as teams representing each religion that embodied the spirit of IPSF. The Individual Spirituos-ship Awards went to: Shin Solani, Afghanistan. The Team Spirituos-ship Awards went to: Women’s Team-Basketball, Judaisn, Israel; Men’s Team-Basketball, Christianity, Sri Lanka.

As a new addition this year there was an award presented, the Founder’s Award, which is given to the IPSF participant who demonstrated an example of service and high moral standard in the past year. Gayan Sameera form Sri Lanka who participated in the shot put event also last year was given the honor for his involvement in service projects especially helping not only his own countrymen but also those in Thailand who suffered from last year’s tsunami disaster.

In the final address of the closing program IPSF International Director, John Gehring encouraged the athletes to bring the things they learned home with them to their community. He reminded us that the participants should model character, goodness and service in their daily life. John Gehring said, “We must create a revolution of the Heart.”

The evening was capped with music and dancing with a peace dance being presented by the Taiwanese group. The spirit was lifted to the highest level when Kelly from the educational committee led us in an appreciation exercise. She encouraged us to distribute roses to all those we felt to appreciate after our times together. Sharing the rose coupled with words of appreciation filled the hall with love and happiness as we passed the love around the room.

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Afghans have a Taste of Peace through IPSF

Referring to the UN International Year of Sport 2005, Kofi Annan said, “Sport is a universal language that can bring people together, no matter what their origin, background, religious beliefs or economic status.” The world is looking to the value of sport to help the world to come together and develop on a new level. The Inter-religious Peace Sports Festival with over 1,200 participants took place in South Korea from July 23rd to August 1st has the same intention. Bringing 54 nations together from 11 different religious backgrounds the festival had the goal to transcend cultural barriers and form deep bonds of friendship and cooperation. This year the countries included in the competition included such war torn countries as Afghanistan, Cambodia, Laos and Sri Lanka.

There were many barriers to overcome but finally the first Afghan delegation to the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival in Korea arrived. Three young representatives from the Afghan National Olympic Committee arrived to participate in the sports festival whose goal is to promote peace and cooperation. Only Abdul Latif Wabidi had been out of the country for competitions before to Saudi Arabia and to Islam. Abdul Raquib Samidi and Zabbehullah Sokang, they had only ventured out of Afghanistan as refugees during the time of the Talibah. It was all new and exciting and this opportunity gave them an experience that they could never have imagined. The international scope of the event was something the Afghans could never have imagined in the past. It gave them a new outlook on the world. Zabbehullah is only seventeen. Although one of the youngest in the competition he did well in the tennis contest. Coming from the Afghan mountains of Solang his family is poor. Now he was here in Korea ready to face the challenge. In the competitions he was able to make it to the quarter finals but was defeated by Yi Ming Wu a Taiwanese Confucianist contestant who finally took the gold. It was tough luck for Zabe to meet Wu at such an early stage of the competition but he felt it was all worth it.

When Zabe was only eight years old a rocket hit his house in Kabul and killed his little sister. After that his family went to Iran as refugees where he was introduced to the “King’s game”, tennis. He taught himself the game with an old broken racket that was given to him by one of the members of a tennis club where he worked to help support his family. He trained himself and when he returned to Afghanistan the Olympic Committee took him under their wing and helped him develop his talents. His desire has always been to win an award on the international level.

Because of the political and economic situation in Afghanistan sports is not high on the national priority list, there are many more crucial issues in the war torn country that need attention. But these Afghan sportspersons realize that they can help their country through their sport. They want to change the image many have of Afghanistan through their excellence in their field. Although they weren't able to gain a medal during this festival they did receive an award for good sportsmanship. Zabbehullah was awarded the Sportsmanship Award from the Muslim participants for his dedication to the spirit of IPSF. Because of his effort to go beyond his own nation, culture and religion and make friends and forge relationships of cooperation Zabe was given the award.

At IPSF 2005 the vision of the UN International Year of sports was realized in the hearts of all those involved. As Kofi Annan said sports became their universal language and they came together overcoming barriers and building bridges. The Afghan participants went home tasting the spirit of peace through the harmonious interaction of all the athletes and staff giving them a vision of the bright future that is ahead of them.
O n July 30, the 27th Mister and Miss University 2005 Beauty Pageant was held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul, Korea. Student delegates from different parts of the globe participated in this prestigious event to celebrate peace, beauty, culture and human values.

The winners are to become Campus Peace Ambassadors for One World Family to spread the culture of peace in their campuses, communities and the world.

It started out more impressive than ever with dazzling 3D laser special effects and dance performances. The MMUI was first held in Tokyo, Japan in 1978. Since then it has welcomed delegates from different parts of the globe participating in this event. MMUI focuses on the internal qualities of the human being such as academics, service, attitude and mind-set, leadership, character, sincerity, and purity.

A total of 16 countries participated in this year’s event: America, Chinese Taipei, Estonia, Hungary, India, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Russia, Tanzania, Thailand, and Tianjin China. There was a male and a female contestant from each nation. Eight judges evaluated performances including a talent show, formal wear parade, and on-the-spot open interview to select the winners.

Mr. America and Miss Thailand were announced as First Runners Up. The Talent Awards went to Mr. Tanzania, who performed a creative show about cooking, and Miss Tianjin China, who performed a traditional Chinese dance.

Mr. Tianjin China and Miss Philippines won the Service Awards for their outstanding performance and leadership during the DMZ project.

The Mr. and Miss University International 2005 Awards went to Mr. Korea and Miss Russia, who thanked all the organizers and each delegate for the memorable experience that they had in Korea during the entire course of the pageant.

On the day everyone was waiting for finally arrived. Even as the day started getting ready, with a makeup room set up in between the guys and girls, the delegates were better prepared having a better sense of knowing where to stand and when to enter and get off stage. Just like the day before, however, standing on stage in the hot light and doing a lot of walking behind stage drained the delegates. But huge grins filled their faces when they saw the pizza and hamburgers arriving for lunch.

All the delegates enjoyed their meal as many quickly gobbled down their food. Before resuming the next session, some of the delegates got in a little fun on stage. Miss America and Tanzania imitated being emcees, calling on people to perform songs; some good, some not bad. But the key ingredient was fun and laughter as they enjoyed a time to relax as one family before the big show.

A small practice of announcing the finalists and winners took place before the delegates started getting ready. With a makeup room set up between the men’s and women’s dressing rooms, the delegates came out flashing in their national costumes. Even before the main event, just being in back stage with these beautiful young men and women was an honor. Some family, friends, and guests of the delegates came to take pictures, but most of them were found being anxious, practicing their Q&A answers or walking around trying to calm themselves down.

When the clock ticked 7pm, the show was ready to begin. There was a short opening dance performance before the delegates entered the stage in their glamorous national costumes and introduced themselves by country. Right from the start, the delegates wowed the crowd in their dazzling national wear, taking the breath from everyone in the audience.

Director of HR Development for MMUI, Mr. Massimo Trombin, who witnessed the pageant as one of the judges, said, “The collection of all the participants in their national costumes held so much power. It was such a stunning sight that left the whole place feeling moved by beauty, rather than emphasizing external beauty.”

It was a captivating night as small firesworks went off to signal the end of the show, as the winner were announced. Some people were left being anxious, but there was nothing but cheers that left the whole place feeling moved by this show of harmony between external and internal beauty.

Drum finished the talent performances, leaving the crowd wanting to see more.

Next was the formal wear parade where the misters got to show off their striking suits and the misses got to display their elegant dresses. It was another showcase of beauty, with the crowd enjoying every moment. Before going into intermission, the delegates gave a short but cute performance where the guys and girls were first separated, but later found one another’s ‘partner’, mixing humor with dance. At this point, the crowd was a little disappointed when the emcees announced it was time for intermission.

Their wait for the second half ended as the theater became dark and a video presentation hit the screens. It was about the trip to the DMZ and the service projects they participated in, which helped the audience get more of a personal feeling for the delegates. Once the lights were back on, the 8 finalists were announced. Each finalist could be seen trying to hold in their excitement. Out of the misters, Mr. America, Korea, Philippines, and Tianjin China were chosen with the misses being, Miss Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, and Russia. Soon after, the Q&A session took place between the delegates and the judges.

As the scoring was taking place, the group, Colors of Love performed. Many of the delegates rushed to the sides of the stage to enjoy their performance, taking many pictures. Before the announcement of the winner of the awards, Mister and Miss University International 2004 came on stage for a small interview explaining their experiences from last year’s program and the service project they were called on to do as Campus Peace Ambassadors.

Finally, the moment of anticipation came as many of the delegates could be sensed with tension. There were four prizes for each: the Talent Award, Service Award, First Runner-up, and Mister & Miss University International 2005. The Talent Awards went to Mr. Tanzania, who performed a creative show of cooking and Miss Tianjin China, who performed a traditional Chinese dance. Mr. Tianjin China and Miss Philippines won the Service Award for their outstanding performance and leadership during the DMZ project.

Momentum was building up as Mr. America and Miss Thailand were announced as First Runners-Up leaving the air chilled and the crowd on the edge of their seats. As the winners of this year’s pageant were being announced, a huge roar came from the audience as their homeland representative. Mr. Korea took the title of Mr. University International 2005. Before Miss University International 2005 could be announced, he was mobbed by the male delegates, showing the closeness of brotherhood that they built together. Miss University International 2005 went to Miss Russia, and in her Q&A, she shed tears of joy, congratulating and thanking every delegate for the awesome time she was able to experience.

It was a captivating night as small fireworks went off to signal the end of this wonderful festive event of beauty. It took awhile for the theater to empty, but there was nothing but cheers that left the whole place feeling moved by this show of harmony between external and internal beauty.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I feel compelled to write this letter concerning Dr. Pak's incarceration due to the tragic nature of the case and the strange turn of events that is keeping him in prison. One thing that I'd like to make clear from the beginning is that Dr. Pak has neither asked nor encouraged me to write this letter on his behalf. Frankly, I have not spoken to him for the past several years. But I know, having spoken to different members of his family, that Dr. Pak is truly sorry for the events that led up to his arrest and for bringing shame and embarrassment to his family, the brothers and sisters of the movement, and my own family.

Dr. Pak knows that he has made a terrible mistake in following bad investment advice from people with criminal motives and he takes full responsibility for his mistakes. If reprieve is not forthcoming, he will carry out his sentence faithfully to the end. After all, first and foremost, Dr. Pak is a soldier. He will live and die on whatever battlefield he finds himself.

He has faithfully served his country during the Korean War as a Colonel and he has continued that service for God and True Parents over the course of five decades. Regardless of what battles await him, Dr. Pak will continue to live and fight for the cause that his heart has chosen with dignity, courage, and honor.

As a sister to my brother Dr. Pak, however, I cannot be at peace knowing that a beloved leader of our heavenly community is needlessly behind bars. Regardless of how people might feel about the circumstances that led to his arrest, the bottom line is that he is one of our own. How can we be a movement that turns our head away from a brother in need of our forgiveness, help, and love? Should we not forgive our brother's lapse in judgment? Let us not forget my father's call to forgive, love, and unite during the Watergate scandals in order to help President Nixon survive his Presidency. My father understood that Nixon was more than a man. He was a symbol of this nation. Likewise, Dr. Pak is not just a man. For many, he is a symbol of a faithful public servant carrying out his duties as a prominent elder of our church. He is the face of Rev. Moon's most loyal disciple.

Thus, Dr. Pak's embarrassment is our own and his incarceration is an embarrassment to my father, Rev. Moon. Who can claim that he or she has never made mistakes in the course of his or her life? No one is perfect in that sense. Dr. Pak made a terrible mistake entrusting his faith in certain church members who introduced him to the fraudulent deal and believing that he possessed immunity from harm because he is God's and True Parent's disciple. As naïve as this may sound, it could have happened to anyone. It could have happened to either you or me.

As a daughter of Rev. Moon, moreover, I cannot sit quietly and watch the world belittle my father as a callous and an uncaring person. Ever since the first news break on Dr. Pak's situation, I have been bombarded with questions and looks of disbelief from numerous friends and associates who see my father as a man without principles for letting a loyal follower, a friend, and a member of the Reverend's family through marriage, sit and rot away in prison. They ask why my father cannot find it in himself to forgive and help his in-law. They ask why my father allows certain individuals to advise his every move to the detriment of the very religion he has founded. They say that my father is an insecure man destroying the very visible disciple who helped him, along with other faithful followers, build the church. They ask why Dr. Pak is denied the hope of forgiveness and deliverance. They ask why millions are raised and spent on the promise of buying one's salvation with no regard for thinking beyond one's immediate family and lineage. They ridicule our church's feeding frenzy in wanting to liberate ancestors when one of our Elders is trapped in prison in need of immediate and desperate liberation.

Everyone is waiting for my father to act and save my father-in-law from prison. Why should this be the burden of my father alone? Why can't we help? In fact, why can't we take care of this problem by raising the money...
needed to get Dr. Pak out of prison? My father is a noble man, despite the fact that his inaction makes him look like a heartless leader. A king is only as good as the advisers with whom he surrounds himself and my father is no exception. He is making the best decision with the reports and advice that are made available to him by current leaders. This is the reason why I have put together a Save DP website where anyone interested in the case can have the facts at their fingertips.

As a mother of my children, furthermore, I want to raise my children in a movement that is worthy of their respect and devotion. Our children need heroes to inspire them. The young people of our movement need first generation examples of undying loyal service to True Parents and God that our elders have shown in their life of faith. Our young ones need to see and experience the admiration and appreciation awarded to old timers of our church who have sacrificed everything for the Providence. Our children need to know that their service to God will be remembered in the twilight years of their life as a badge of honor and not as a reason for resentment and regret.

But what kind of lessons are to be gleaned from the lack of action that our church is taking in regard to Dr. Pak’s predicament? The church asks members for a lifetime of loyalty and service to God and True Parents. If so, shouldn’t the church take care of those who have sacrificed their lives by returning the same loyalty and service that it has receive over the years? Who wants to dedicate his or her life to a movement that uses people and tosses them aside the minute that person becomes a liability? How can we discard one of the most visible followers of our True Parents when we’re in the business of salvation and redemption? If my father can forgive the dastardly crimes of Hitler, Mussolini and etc, surely Dr. Pak should be forgiven. And if not, what does it say about our church? Obviously we are not a church that puts murderers’ salvation before our elder who was simply deceived by unsavory scam artists.

We must take care of our elders who have come before us. They gave their lives to the Providence and we must allow and facilitate a respectful retirement in old age. A community that does not respect its elders will be a community without an appreciation for a sense of communal history and belonging. How can we expect our children to care for us in our old age if we discard one of the most visible followers of our True Parents when we’re in the business of salvation and redemption? If my father can forgive the dastardly crimes of Hitler, Mussolini and etc, surely Dr. Pak should be forgiven. And if not, what does it say about our church? Obviously we are not a church that puts murderers’ salvation before our elder who was simply deceived by unsavory scam artists.

It is precisely during trying times that bonds of love and understanding are tested. If our movement is indeed a family then we have a moral obligation to help our brother in need. We cannot sit silently, letting our inaction speak louder than words. We cannot let the world criticize our True Family as a cold and a malicious man. We cannot let our elder brother, Dr. Pak, waste away in prison.

For the sake of this effort, I have put together a CD called Crimson Sketches. This is a homemade cause-driven product, an offering from my family to help raise funds needed to save Dr. Pak. I’m not delusional in my old age to think that I’m a professional singer or a fine musician. It’s just an expression of my heart, mere sketches of feelings in the course of one’s life. It’s not a confessional piece of work or a diary etched in song. It is what it is.

Thank you so much for your hard work over the years. We, as members of the True Family, are grateful for your sacrifice and service. I truly hope that we can pull together as a community to save Dr. Pak. I believe that we can accomplish our goal without burdening my father with pleas for help. Please contribute as generously as your heart dictates.

For information please visit:
www.savebohipak.org
www.crimsonsketches.com

To order a CD please send $30 ($100 for a personally signed copy) to:
Crimson Sketches
P.O. Box 320
Lexington MA 02420
Monday was an “inside classroom” educational day; the team leaders facilitated this session, presenting much of the information they had received at the team leaders training (Charity vs Social Justice; Defining Service; Cross-cultural Communication and CONNECTing it to the Service For Peace Core Values).

We did ice-breakers and teambuilding exercises as well, and the day ended with written reflections in their journals.

Days four and five took place at The Hope Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting people with developmental disabilities. This facility is a residential and day training facility that provides training, opportunities and care for people with developmental disabilities, opening doors to greater independence.

We painted the outside walls of the building, giving it a much needed sprucing up. One team painted the clinic. We began the first day with an introduction presentation on The Hope Center from the program director. At the end of the day we were given a tour of the facility. The SOS team was deeply moved by what Hope Center does — giving dignity and value to every human being, regardless of their physical or mental condition.

The Hope Center staff was very impressed with our group and what we are doing. They also thought we did a very good painting job. I had an opportunity to talk with a couple of the high school participants as they were waiting for their ride home and learned that one of them started a Model UN club at his high school last year and continues to build it up. He is currently the president of the club. This is his first time with our organization and he is so impressed with what we are doing.

Day six was Field Day … a day of fun with a purpose. We gathered at a beautiful nature reserve with a man made beach and a gigantic water slide. We started the day with written reflections about the day before (finishing up painting at the Hope Center). The facilitator for today’s activities explained why we were having a field day and what its role was in this 10-day program. She expressed the hope that the activities we were going to do would have something we could apply to our future work, education, home life, and just about everything else; especially in the areas of teamwork and ownership. We would have snapshot reflections after each activity to connect it with the objectives of the Summer Of Service program.

(One note: South Florida’s weather has been off this summer, beginning with double the rainfall we normally have.)

Today I realized that having a program with factors that cannot be controlled adds an important component to leadership-skills development. We are challenged to be creative, flexible, patient, and ultimately, successful.

When the rain decided to leave us be, we had swimming at the beach, braving the water slide, building turtles in the sand, and a very good lunch. There was opportunity for the participants and the team leaders to talk with each other, and get to know each other a little bit better.

The seventh day of our program was spent with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami. We worked from 7:30am until 3:00pm in Overtown. This area, located in the heart of the city of Miami, used to be one of the nicest spots downtown in the 1920’s and 1930’s. However, today it is one of the poorest and most dangerous locations in the city. We laid sod, planted trees, and exercised as well.

The Friday evening closing ceremony was very uplifting and lively.

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Miami Summer of Service
by Lili Kate

The third Summer Of Service (SOS) in Miami, Florida began on Saturday, June 18 with a focus on leadership skills development. Our group this summer is 30 participants — 15 high school students, 10 team leaders, 1 counselor, and 4 staff.

The first SOS program, in 2002, focused on community service as in many venues as possible. The next program in 2003 (one of 16 nationwide) focused on bringing people together from different backgrounds to do community service together. In 2004, we focused on giving participants different experiences through community service and this year’s SOS has escalated to the Leadership Training level.

Our program includes an interfaction component, disaster preparedness component (with the Red Cross), environmental component, working with other well-established non-profit organizations (Hands On Miami, Miami-Dade College, and education gleaned from the team leaders’ training; Charity vs Social Justice; Citizenship; Cross-cultural communication; Rights & Responsibilities; to name a few. This 10-day program will be a significant step for those who are interested in the Global Peacemaker programs.

The second day brought us to Miami Gardens Church of Christ. We were invited to their Father’s Day breakfast, sat in on their Young Adult Sunday school session, and attended the service. The sermon focused on DADS and their responsibilities. (D=diligent; A=affectionate; D=decisive; S=sincere). It was inspirational and lively.

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We began on June 10th at the West Charlotte Recreation Center in Charlotte where we helped with the Violence Prevention program with other kids in their community.

The next day, Service for Peace (SFP) along with Hopewell Young Life, from Hopewell High School, assisted in the opening of a new Goodwill Store in Charlotte. Here is a comment by a first time SFP volunteer named Ben from Africa. “I was extremely impressed with the hard work and teamwork that Service For Peace showed.”

On June 12, our group gathered at the Doggie Day Out event, which supported the Gateway Village YMCA of Charlotte, NC. Everyone had fun washing the dogs and because of our hard work we were offered Chick-Fil-A sandwiches.

The next day our group traveled 90 miles West toward Winston Salem. We worked alongside with the youth from Christ Rescue Temple Church and the youth from the housing projects where we collected trash at the apartments known as the ‘Housing Authority of Winston Salem.’ SFP youth leaders gave presentations about leadership and showed a video about the global projects that SFP is involved with all over the world. Our work was well received. Later we crowded into the Pizza Hut for complimentary lunch.

On June 14, we left for a few local churches; Christ Rescue Temple, Inglesia Christian, and Cornerstone Baptist Church. There we did various projects: landscaping, moving, and painting.

On June 15, we again set forth to Durham and the capital city of North Carolina, Raleigh. We first gathered at the Durham Rescue Mission where we were educated on the history of the building. This place was founded by volunteers that strived to help drug addicts to get back with reality. SFP was divided into two groups. One group known as the “Gatorade Cooler Tops,” was assigned the task of cleaning up the Great Samaritan Inn which will be opening soon to 120 families and women. The other group called the “North Carolina Finest” (which I was the leader of) set into trucks where donated items were bagged.

One of our SFP journalists asked Joseph Foster, the assistant Volunteer Coordinator, what he thought of SFP. He looked at me, chuckled and said, “Are you kidding? You guys are the ones that make this happen. I’m just in awe of this.”

The next day, we drove to Raleigh and again had two groups. The first group was with Helping Hands Mission and the second group painted new houses with Habitat for Humanity.

This wasn’t a week of just work, although we worked hard, we also played hard. A lot of fun was involved by playing basketball, soccer and volleyball. We offered awards to people that displayed key qualities such as leadership, outreach, teamwork and ownership.

The last day, we summoned to Jordan Lake. The lake felt wonderful under the hot summer sun. Again, we had lunches made by our supporting parents. Swimming, laughing and playing volleyball and just goofing around was a great conclusion to our week of Summer of Service.

That day, we left for home. tired but truly content and satisfied of our perseverance and diligence. We were looking forward to next year of Summer of Service.
Louisville Day of Service

Peter Hayes, our local SFP City Leader, has been building a strong relationship with Wal-Mart in the Louisville area. This project was the result of this strong partnership mobilizing over 200 Wal-Mart employees, their relatives and SFP volunteers.

ed trees and bushes for two of the homes that day, and it was some of the hardest work we have ever done! Also, the dirtiest! Habitat’s project manager was very pleased with our group. They had gotten behind on much of their work and needed to catch up. And catch up they did.

Most of the SOS participants had never worked with Habitat before and they all had a gratifying experience. As always, the Habitat site manager gave an orientation to the volunteers. Included in this orientation was a very moving testimony from one of the Habitat homeowners. Eight years ago he had been a drug user and would hide from the police under some trees in the lot that NOW has his home which he helped build with Habitat. It was truly a stunning testimonial. The SOS participants were moved and inspired and recognized the power of transforming lives through volunteerism and taking responsibility.

The work was hard and long, but the SOS team found new friends and meaning in the world of community service. One additional experience that was added to this day: at the end of Day 6 the SOS team was promised a surprise lunch at Habitat. Throughout this morning there were whispers and talk about this surprise lunch they were going to get, and visions of culinary delights were most likely dancing in their heads. After they all gathered for lunch and were awaiting their surprise, I asked Dr. Lenaghan to tell all of us what he was fed for lunch while in the Dominican Republic while working at the project site just recently. He told us “a big sweet potato, some raw nuts (sort of like cashews), and for dessert, man-goo”. He said it was delicious. Then I asked one of our team leaders who is from Peru about the food that is eaten by the country folk, living in the mountains where we might do a future project. Her reply was, “some baked bean and spaghetti soup” which is all that they have to eat. I also told them that the most popular food in Zambia, and what they would most likely be given to eat if they went there to do a project, is boiled mouse. The lesson was that what you eat is part of your project experience, whether you are here in a less fortunate neighborhood or somewhere else in the world. Oh, the surprise lunch?? Fiddle and apples. It was a surprise to them, but they were so hungry from their hard work there were no complaints.

Day eight, we worked with Hands On Miami, a volunteer center organization. The name of the project was “It’s the Little Things That Count”. This was a beach clean-up, focused on picking up the smallest trash, such as cigarette butts, tab tops, pieces of Styrofoam, etc., things that a turtle might mistake for food, and ultimately choke on and die. The section of beach we worked on is a nesting area for the turtles and home to other marine life. Afterwards, we had a barbeque, beach volleyball, and swimming, all the while getting to know each other. Day nine was our 2nd interfaith day in our Summer Of Service at the Tibetan Vajrayana Buddhist Dharma Center in Miami. This was a very interesting experience. We began with an introduction to Buddhism and a little background history. We were shown a short video, and afterwards we went into the meditation room and had the opportunity to experience meditating. It was fascinating to learn about the practices and beliefs of Buddhists, which added a new dimension to our ten-day program.

The final final day in the Miami Summer Of Service. We began with a post survey followed with written reflections. We verbally went over each day with all of the participants to remind them of their activities in order to help them with their writing. Next, each participant was asked to prepare a one-minute “snap shot” presentation of their experience over the last 10 days: their name, where they come from (which school), which day/project was their favorite, and why. The team leaders were asked the same thing, only they had to connect their favorite activity with the SFP Core Values. This was my favorite part of the 10 days! I really enjoyed all of their presentations. We had a really nice photo presentation (with music) which captured the energy and emotion of the 10 days, and left some humor as well. Certificates were then given out, with a photo of each participant/team leader receiving it. We had a group photo, congratulations, and a really nice lunch.

There will be ongoing projects with all the participants and team leaders through-out the coming months. These projects will include mini-certifications, along with their documented hours, which will be kept in their portfolios to be used as documentation of their training for national and international level projects.
This year was amazing. My spiritual life has grown so much. The first year of STF was laying the foundation of faith. After coming to the witnessing center, I could see how the second year was laying the foundation of substance. Without this year, I don’t know how I would have been able to adjust to living in a college environment or even putting the Principle into practice as well. Living with a large family in the CARP center, I could grow my heart to understand many different kinds of people. I feel it was great training for life and the blessing.

I had so many experiences here in Chicago that changed the entire course of my life. My work with STF as well as with the Chicago family church opened so many new possibilities. After being here for just a couple of months and seeing the ACLC work, I became inspired to read the Bible. I’m already up to the New Testament and I feel my understanding of the Principle growing so much. In the future, I would like to get involved in witnessing to ministers and churches because I see so much progress here in the city of Chicago.

In the beginning of my STF year, I was unsure about Chicago. I used to live here, but didn’t know what the city was going to be like. No one talked too much about Chicago while I was on my first year of STF. However, since coming here, I feel that I couldn’t have been put in a more amazing city, providentially speaking. I’m going to miss the city. Chicago is my second home. As a captain, I mentored most of the main city streets and I can navigate through Chicago better than I can in Boston. When I leave, I’m going to miss the city a lot. Even though I’m a little unsure of my plans now, I can be certain that at least God knows where I’m going.

Yoshie Toyomura

Out of all the places that I’ve been to in my life, I can honestly say that Chicago is my most memorable city. I am fortunate not simply because of being sent to this beautiful city along with my eleven unique brothers and sisters for my second year of STF, but because of the people that have had the pleasure to spend time with.

One thing that amazes me about Chicago is the leadership and how the blessed children’s community here puts so much effort in uniting with the directions that are given to attend God and True Parents. Many times what Bishop Kim said took me by surprise, because behind his firm discipline that he gives it, we all realized that it’s not a coincidence that we had two opportunities to meet True Parents within a year. All the experiences that I was able to have this year are very real to me. I’m truly grateful to everyone in Chicago for being so welcoming to us STFers. It was always so inspiring to have the 1st generation come over to our center and give their testimonies.

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Kazuaki Watanabe

This year in Chicago has been one of the most significant in my life in terms of spiritual growth, self-realization, and development of relationships. I feel strongly that God placed me here very specifically to grow in the way I really needed to.

Before coming to Chicago for witnessing, I was doing extra fundraising as an assistant captain for the first year of STF program. At that point I felt like I was doing pretty well internally, so I

In many ways and revealed to me many amazing things. Slowly, step-by-step, I was becoming more well-rounded. What made the Chicago witnessing center unique from the other two centers (Maryland and Berkeley), besides the weather, was the community there. I was never around such a strong, united church community before, centering on Bishop Kim. I really felt that these people were on the frontline of God’s providence every day. The strong sense of unity there inspired me every time I was surrounded by it.

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I am grateful to have been put in Chicago. Maryland is too close to home, and Berkeley already has all the foundation it could need. My experience in this 2nd year has been defined through three main aspects: the actual frontline activity, the blessed children's community, and learning about myself.

Witninessing frontline is a lot different from fundraising. The main point that kept me spiritually centered was the awareness that every guy and girl on campus is a child of God. The most difficult aspect of witnessing is the heart to keep going and keep investing. Equally difficult are those extreme pivotal moments when a guest is not sure whether to go to a workshop or not. Mrs. Sometani contributed a lot to making the workshops special.

I feel the Chicago-blessed children's community was an important part of my 2nd year, too, because I realized that these are my brothers and sisters. They need us elder 2nd generations. They need us elder 2nd generations. Mrs. Sometani, who is a great friend of mine, has worked with the Chicago community. Bishop Kim gave us such a warm welcome that it already felt like home. As an STF team we went through so much together - good times and bad. I will always remember the lessons that I have learned here during my 2nd year of STF and the wonderful people I could meet in the beautiful city of Chicago.

Caroline Chen

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The U.S. has two established Won Jeon. (1) The oldest is in Tarrytown, New York, at Sleepy Hollow, a cemetery that can trace its history back to 1650. Rev. Takeru Kanayama purchased the 100 plots around 1965. There are two other burial sites in New York, both purchased by Dr. David S.C. Kim. One is at St. Sylvia's Cemetery on Rt. 9G about 5-7 miles north of Red Hook, and the other is on Rt. 9 on the south side of Poughkeepsie.

(2) The second Won Jeon is in Fort Lincoln Cemetery just 5 minutes from The Washington Times. During the Civil War, Fort Lincoln's soldiers and cannons protected the city's eastern gateway. Named in honor of President Lincoln, who met there with his generals and advisors, the land was chartered as a cemetery in 1912. The Won Jeon was acquired on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the Movement's purchase of the Mormon Church in 1976. In September 2001, the cemetery made us an offer for a group burial space after the ascension of our brother Thomas Wojcik.

The following year, on July 26, 2002, True Father gave his blessing to have the National Won Jeon Shrine in our nation's capital. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Oct. 9, 2003.

There are 15 members buried at Fort Lincoln. We have 150 plots. For further information, log on at: www.national-jeon.org

CONCLUSION: “For we know not the day nor the hour,” says the Bible, but if we truly understand the substantial reality of the spiritual world as the meaning of the Segu Hwa, then the more we prepare for the inevitable, the smoother will be the transition from the physical world to the spiritual world – for ourselves and our loved ones.

Special thanks to Anne Inoue and Julian Gray for providing background material. William Selig is director of the National Won Jeon Shrine in Washington, D.C.
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This year I organized two events in two different counties in order to celebrate the Parents’ Day.

Why? Because I knew many Christian leaders and civic leaders as well as the Moslem and Jewish leaders in the both county that I knew God wanted to reach out to. And I knew that there is no other family member living close by them who would go and visit them and bring true parents blessing to them.

In Southern California all the church outreach has been concentrated in the central Los Angeles and Orange county. Thus the North East end of the Los Angels County which is called Antelope valley has been ignored and neglected.

I moved to the area two years ago. However, I live two and half hours away from trip from the other main cities in the Antelope valley. But I did not allow far distance drive and expensive gas prices stop me from doing what God had asked me to do.

It was my prayer to bring true parents blessing to this far end of the Los Angeles county.

Well God answered my prayer. Soon True Parents decided to visit Los angels angles.

The spiritual world was already mobilized to help me based on true parents prayer. I had to physically accomplish what true parents expect of me. I had to bless four thousand people with the GIF holy candy in my area. So I got busy and started to visit churches and give out Holy candy to pastors and their congregations.

Sometimes I was asked to give a short talk to prepare people to receive the holy candy. I also went door to door to shop or even the schools. Until I accomplished that task. Based on that small spiritual foundation I could move forward.

Why that was a small condition? Because there are 100’s of thousands of people living in the antelope valley and kern county and only four thousand received the holy candy. There were no other family members living in this area. There were no other family members who would go around the area and bless the people except me and my efforts were not enough for that vast area. But God can still use this small work and multiply it.

Mother Teresa once said: we can do no GREAT work. Only we can do small works with GREAT LOVE.

I started to prepare for the Parents’ Day celebration in two different cities in two different counties six months in advance. To start with I needed two big banquet halls in two different city, and it must be free of charge.

I did not even had the liability insurance money for the potential three hundred people invited to NPD celebration. Either I was able to put any deposit down. I had to rent an office space to hold meetings and make phone calls and send invitation letters and faxes for the event in Lancaster.

I could use my own home office for the NPD event in my own city in Kern county. But it was not close enough to organize an event in Lancaster/Palmdale area.

I needed a new computer and printer and ink cartridge. I needed a copier and long distance phone service and as it comes closer to the event I had to think about celebration cake, flowers, refreshments, decoration items, registration forms, office supplies, table cloths and plastic cups and plates and balloons and gifts to give away.

Who is going to pay for all these? I had absolutely had no financial support to help me do work for my unification church. I was relying on God and true parents to provide for His project. I only can work hard and expect miracles. Besides, I had organized and financed Parents Day events for the past nine years and I knew God will show up...but when and at what period in the project is He going to show up, I did not know...I walk by faith and not by sight.

Soon God opened the doors one after the other...The City of California county had hosted our program. The mayor Larry Adams accepted to be the honorary chairman for the NPD 2005. Thus we could use the city facilities including the sport center free of charge. They did not even asked me to put deposit for the liability insurance.

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Then soon another door was opened. One of my Christian contacts, Patricia St. Pierre, a very well off lady of good family fortune, volunteered to attend some of the meetings with me. She was very impressed by my presentations at one of the local ministiral alliances prayer breakfast meetings. One day she handed me a key to her home office and told me...please feel free to come anytime and use my office and even if it is too late for you to drive back home, just stay in my guest room. I was almost jumped out of joy. It was a miracle...how she could trust me just knowing me for a few months.

I think about it for weeks and cannot figure it out. But I knew that Lord put it in her heart. That was truly a miracle...without her house as a base for my NPD activities it was impossible for me to accomplish any thing. It was truly a miracle.

Everything was coming together little by little. I knew God is behind all these things. So I was working hard. Everyday I worked the whole day in the office and in the afternoon I would go door to door fundraising. I often asked for donations and people were supportive. When I received donations, I felt God and the spirit world is supporting me.

In the month of June, church had many projects going on. Pasadena b.a.q. were sending letters asking for financial support. I felt obligated to support them too. I was already burdened by my NPD events. But I had to support church projects as well.

I had three four projects going on at the same time and no time to fundraise. I started to spend from my emergency savings. I had my own household bills that needed to be paid off. I had to sacrifice my personal life and personal bills that needed to be paid off. I had to sacrifice my personal life and personal bills that needed to be paid off. I had to sacrifice my personal life and personal bills that needed to be paid off. I had to sacrifice my personal life and personal bills that needed to be paid off.

Then God showed up again and answered my prayer....It was in that time that I often were visited by pastors who just stopped by my house to hand me money or a check.

It happened many times that a pastors’ wife would come to my house and hand me money or bring me a bag full of good quality groceries. I asked them why?

The City of California county had hosted our program. The mayor Larry Adams accepted to be the honorary chairman for the NPD 2005. Thus we could use the city facilities including the sport center free of charge. They did not even asked me to put deposit for the liability insurance. Mayor Frank Roberts from the city of Lancaster volunteered his time to be the honorary chairman for NPD 2005. We could use his name in our flyers and benefit from his good popularity. But that could not take care of 10.000 dollars liability fee for the use of the city facilities. Again mayor Roberts stepped in and lead me to receive the support of the private organizations. Based on Mayors’ recommendation I was able to secure a big hall in the Elk lodge...though it was exclusively for its members. But they made an exception for us letting us use their facilities free of charge. That was a miracle.

Then soon another door was opened. One of my Christian contacts, Patricia St. Pierre, a very well off lady of good family fortune, volunteered to attend some of the meetings with me. She was very impressed by my presentations at one of the local ministiral alliances prayer breakfast meetings. One day she handed me a key to her home office and told me...please feel free to come anytime and use my office and even if it is too late for you to drive back home, just stay in my guest room. I was almost jumped out of joy. It was a miracle...how she could trust me just knowing me.}

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Antelope Valley Celebration of Parents Day and Holy Wine

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Camp Tongil 2nd Gen in the Pacific Northwest

What a blast! It was better than we expected. The power of God's loving spirit poured out on all of us for six straight days giving renewal and joy to young and old alike.

There were 120 Blessed Children aged 8 to 13 enjoying lectures, games and crafts in a glorious environment. These 14 teams were led by 20 2nd Gen teenagers, who poured out energy, enthusiasm and fun all week. There was vibrant musical accomplishment and theatrical performances of varying qualities.

The support staff included some 2nd Gen students and about 30 volunteer parents to oil the wheels, cook the food and keep us all on task. In addition to the staff, we had 15 young people in our Counselor-in-Training program, led by Mrs. Rose Ann Kennedy, subject matter expert, and Rev. Sandra Querin, the Christian community church. The keynote speaker was the prominent speaker and author Rev. Sandra Querin, the founder of the Abba’s ministry from the Four Square church in Fresno, California.

We had the representation of the Congregational officers of the Los Angeles county board of supervisor, districts 5 th and 6th, and the assembly women Sharon Runner and the congressman George Runner. The congratulatory address from the office of the state of California honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, was read by the vice mayor of the city of the Lancaster, bishop Henry Hearnis. Bishop Henry hearings is also the founder of the Baptist church and the university campus in the city of little rock, la county.

There were the representative couples from the Jewish faith, Islamic faith, Bahai faith present. There were over ten different churches had send their minister of the Parents Day.

The certificates for the honorees prepared by the office of the Mayor Frank Robinson. There had some honoree personally. Mayor Roberts was the honorary chairman of the NPF in antelope valley.

The program conclude by the cutting of cake and All the audience were asked to recite the pure love pledge in their heart and take the cup of the GIK holy wine. everybody drank the cup even Mr. Norm Hecking, representative office of the Los Angeles board of supervisor.

The program was a total victory for God and True Parents.

And most of all, we wish to thank God and True Parents for their inspiration and vision of the Kingdom that we are privileged to share.

Kim Jong Il Receives President of Washington Times Corporation

August 16 - Leader Kim Jong Il Tuesday received Joo Dong Mun, president of the Washington Times Corporation, on a visit to Pyongyang. On the occasion the president offered his congratulations to Kim Jong Il on the 60th anniversary of the Korean invention.

Kim Jong Il welcomed the Pyongyang visit of the president, had a cordial talk with him and posed for a photograph with him.

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Why are you giving me money? They would tell me Lord asked me to. They said: ‘God put it in my heart’ One time a pastor’s wife stopped by my house and handed me a fifty dollar and said, I was coming back from my church and Lord told me to make a u-turn at your house and dropped off the money.

Three weeks before the Parents Day events, one lady minister stopped by my house and handed me a six hundred dollars check. She told me Lord asked me to give this money to you. I jumped out of joy. It was a miracle. Money out of heaven landed on my door. I felt God was watching me all this time and he knows what I need.

There has been one miracle after the other. A banner was donated to us by a sign maker who lives on the mountain of Tachachapi. He even drove all the way down to my house to drop off the banner at my home office. Imagine that.

The media were very supportive as well. They aired three interviews with me three times right before the parents day event to raise public awareness and solicit it as their support.

On July 17 the Channel three Local TV station on its evening news aired the parents day event and it was on the radio news the same evening as well.

First Annual Parents/ Students/ teachers’ model business of the year Award Ceremony in Antelope valley Day program started by presentation of the National Anthem by Mrs. Donna Swiekew, Gold-En Hill band. a happily married young grandmother of deeply Christian father. The pledge of allegiance was recited by Pastor Clarence Bel-ton, one of Ambassador’s for peace candidate. It proceeds by the invocation by the Pastor Kathryn Ellford, senior pastor of the Christian community church. The key note speaker was the prominent speaker and author Rev. Sandra Querin, the founder of the Abba’s ministry from the Four Square church in Fresno, California.

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Conclusion

Most American clergy accept the Bible alone, and our Unificationist belief in the Principal has been a challenge to unity. We need to emphasise our clear understanding of Jesus Christ, and his life and mission. This leads to an increased reverence for Jesus, and to a heartistic closeness.

We can meet Dualists halfway, in seeing God’s love and destiny in nature. Also by offering them clarity, and the path to untainted, eternal love.

As for leftist and atheists, their own ancestors and intellectual forebearers, now in the spirit world, are working to open their eyes to a greater reality. Meanwhile, it’s often possible to engage them intellectually, and plant a few seeds of divine truth.

Because of mental and emotional factors, a fundamentalist would have a difficult time doing any of this. Only folks who will ask serious questions, and are able to see major issues from different points of view, can engage in effective give-and-take.

At the Bay Area Family Church we’ve been talking about a ‘practicable’ spirituality. We’d like to establish the best possible standard of belief, and of believers, for this savvy and skeptical region of America. In our True Parents, and now in Yrong-g, Jin Sim, we have great examples to follow.
In June 11th, 2005, the community of Billings, Montana, took part in the 8th Annual March Against Drugs and Violence. Youth, community members, civic, church and political leaders participated in this annual event. Co-sponsored by the Family Church, Billings Police Department, Tumble Weed, several other community organizations and churches, the march had an exceptional turnout this year.

Originally founded by ACLC clergy eight years ago with less than ten participants, it has grown into a community event. Today it exceeded 250 people in attendance. The program began with an enthusiastic group at the Courthouse Lawn. With music in the background by the Dirty Jones Band (a popular Billings Band), Rev. Tom Schloterback of the Lutheran King of Glory Church offered a prayer. Preceding this were encouraging words of praise and pride by Deputy Police Chief Archer, who commented, “This showing of so many people shows a serious concern for our community.”

Our march then began, led by a Boy Scout troop. The entire group of marchers walked about one mile around the downtown. The Billings Police Department guided the group, stopping traffic all along the way. It was indeed a novel way to walk down the middle of 27th Street, the busiest street in town.

The group then returned to the Courthouse Lawn for the main event. Rev. Dr. Vernon Johnson of All Nations Christian Fellowship Church led the group in a prayer of thanksgiving and protection. As people proceeded to a wonderful barbecue on the lawn provided by many volunteers, they listened to the event’s speakers.

Our co-sponsor of our event, a Montana state government Republican leader, commented: “Every legislative session has a long list of bills attempting to do something about the problems resulting from drugs and violence. Families are being destroyed and lives are being lost. Yet even with more legislation and more resources put in place, the problem continues to grow. The solution lies in a grassroots effort by dedicated community members who are willing to step forward and do what they can to alleviate this scourge on our society.”

A Montana U.S. congressman commented: “Drugs and violence destroy the hopes, dreams, security, and health of children and families. You can make such a difference, and you do. You are the eyes and ears of conscience of this community. You set the standards...Thank you for gathering to reaffirm our commitment to end illegal drug use and violence in our lives.”

And the mayor said, “When you demonstrate by your participation in this march that drugs and violence are not what we want in our community, you are setting an example for others.” We had a band performing and a youth ensemble from the Family Church. Also, local organizations and companies donated some great door prizes and helped cover the cost of the food.

The local media was a fantastic support. The local ABC and NBC affiliates did interviews with us earlier in the week and then placed our event on that night’s local news programs. The Billings Gazette printed a guest editorial about the event from one of our key sponsors. The weekly paper, The OutPost, also had a nice public service announcement of the event.

You could sense a real community atmosphere. There were many children with their parents as well as elderly with wheelchairs and canes. Numerous races, faiths, and cultures were represented. Our closing prayer was given by a Native American from Wolf Point, Montana, who thanked the Creator for such a beautiful day. And it was a miraculous day, since it rained consecutively for the past five days but on this day the clouds opened up to give us 72 degree weather with much sunshine and good cheer.

Here is some background on the event. Montana is one of the crystal meth capitals of the country. Why? Because people who move from inner cities to rural areas to get their youth away from drugs sometimes bring such problems with them, and rural America can be a safe corridor for dealers to distribute drugs between larger cities.

When my wife and I moved back to Montana from Manhattan, I was astonished to see the drugs and violence in rural communities. A young girl was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting a few houses from where we were living. Later, I was shot at and my children were finding drug needles in the street. A clergy friend and I talked about doing something publicly and substantially as a way of addressing this problem. On the first March we had ten people. We had three major goals, (1) to educate, (2) to find common ground to work together with other churches and community organizations, and (3) to provide a positive event for the community.

We find that we are getting information out to our community in a creative way and that we are stimulating ways for groups and people to work more together.

We are very grateful for Bishop Lee, Rev. Mary Anglin, and Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger, who provided important guidance and support on the regional level. We are indebted to the many local families, friends from the local schools, and members of our church for all their hard work and investment in the program. Certainly, we are grateful for our Montana's 8th Annual March v. Drugs & Violence
Camp Sunrise 2005

by Soniyae Stephens

This year I was in Unit 1. Team 5. Our counselor was Hope and our Counselor-In-Training was Rachel. My cabin mates were going in bed order) Mwaa, Maria, Annie, Tracey, Misha, Jungye, and Francesca. I love you guys! Good times in the cabin, with all those fake tattoos, and really random, weird, and funny conversations. ^_^ I LOVE YOU GUYS! Ok, let’s see… this is now my 5th year at Camp Sunrise. Camp this year was very different than the others, well I think so. But, change for the better.

This year there was “praise and worship”. Where you sing songs and connect with God. For me it was… what’s the word… moving. I felt like I was connecting with God for the first time. (I think that’s cool!) Before I didn’t really connect with God because I didn’t really know how. But through singing I think I did connect. Through some of the songs we sang, I could feel God’s heart. I guess I found a way to understand God.

I realized that everyone has different ways to connect/understand God. For instance, praising. For me praying wasn’t my specialty. I just couldn’t really pray. I mean, I would pray silently and in my head, and then I would get off-topic. Also, when I really try to pray to God and hear a voice, for some reason I don’t think it’s Him. I just think it’s me answering my own questions or son I don’t think it’s Him. I just think and in my head, and then I would get

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time. (I think that’s cool!) When I got really high and flung backwards and landed on my neck, on mulch. (ouch) Robby was probably thinking “she’s dead” but I got up, trying to breathe. I remember sitting up and seeing Robby telling me “I’ll go get your dad!” and seeing him run as fast as he could to my house. After a while of just sitting on the mulch, then I see my dad running with open arms. I think any normal kid would be terrified sitting up and seeing Robby telling me “she’s dead” but I felt like I was connect- ing with God because that whole game was some-"wow…he made this for me" But I kind of feel selfish after that. Some under- stand God by being a parent, I’m only 14 so I am definitely not a parent yet, so I can’t try that method out yet. There are many more I am sure. If you haven’t really connected with God, don’t worry, there will be a time when you really try. And who knows it might be another way to experience God. ^_^ I remember when I didn’t really think God wanted to answer me, or help me out. But it’s kind of funny how many times he has helped me. Oh like when I was about 7 years old, I remember my dad telling me that if I get the chicken pox when I am older then I might die. But it’s kind of funny how many times he has helped me. Oh like when I was about 7 years old, I remember my dad telling me that if I get the chicken pox when I am older then I might die or something like that. After I heard that I was so scared, because I didn’t have the chicken pox yet. So I prayed so hard. I probably said something like this “Dear Heavenly Father, PLEASE,

PLEASE, PLEASE give me the chicken pox! … Amen.” I think I prayed that for maybe 2 days and about a week later, I got the chicken pox. I am really glad I got them so I don’t have to worry about them anymore! Funny story but true. I have another story. I don’t remem- ber the age I was, but I was about in the 3rd grade. I was at the park near my house with my next door neighbor, Robby. I was on the swing trying to look all cool by not hold- ing onto it. So I was swinging with ‘no hands’ when I really high and flung back- wards and landed on my neck, on mulch. (ouch) Robby was probably thinking ‘she’s dead’ but I got up, trying to breathe. I remem- ber sitting up and seeing Robby telling me ‘I’ll go get your dad!’ and seeing him run as fast as he could to my house. After a while of just sitting on the mulch, then I see my dad running with open arms. I think any normal kid would have gotten a broken neck from that. So I thank God for that and think about how usu-

ly safe. I am very thankful for everything little thing God has done for me. I prob- ably don’t even notice how lucky I am to be a 2nd gen. From now on I will thank God for everyday of my life.

Ok, enough with the little stories. I am really here to talk about Camp Sunrise. Yeah, as I said before the praise and worship really helped me connect with God. I hope the singing helped others as it helped me.

During camp we had Uncle Joe Leonard give the lectures. Personally I thought he was a great lecturer. He kept me interested when he started talking. He talked about God, and God’s heart. Also, what is “my God” as in how do we see him. For me he is like a Jew. I am not Jewish, yet soft, at first I thought he was just a ball of light, but as the days went by at camp I realized that I actually thought of him as my dad. I really respect my dad. I love him so much.

This year we didn’t have to do little skits. When I first did the skits, which was a couple years ago. I hated them. I guess back then, I just had stage fright. So this year I was happy there wasn’t any, but once I thought about it, that was a good part of camp. I always remember the skits, and usually they were funny and fun to do. Oh and how can I forgot some where embarrassing… (which I made it even funnier) If you read my testimony last year you would remem- ber my skit, if you don’t, it’s ok you don’t really want to know about that anyway. ^_^ During the planning of the skits I think the units got to know each other better. I thought the “name game” that Unit 1 played at the beach was not helpful at getting to know each other, at all. I thought that game was scary because that whole game was some-"what a blur to me. This is just me, maybe for others that game was helpful.

This year was the first year I ever for- got my camera!… that really got me sad. I really have right now is the whole camp picture from Sara! Thanks Sara if you’re reading this! J

Ok, so for the Obajathon (sorry if I spelled that wrong…) where practi- cally the same from last year. nothing new. But it was still fun. There was that one game where you had a string attached to two trees and everyone from a team has to get over it without touching it. Man, I really get over it every year. Over it last year. This year everyone got over except Tracey and I, we were just trying to figure out how to do it. I was trying to think of what I did last year but nothing came to my mind, weird huh? Anyway, that was a lit- tle experience I had… Food, was good. Like every year it’s good. J Thank you kitchen staff and the head chef! I cannot wait until I become 16! So I can become a CIT, doesn’t it seem exciting to be one? Don’t you think so? Well you might not, but anyway… I think if I were a CIT, I would get closer to God. I real- ly want that relation- ship to get stronger. Also, I get to meet new people and be a ‘mini’ leader. I guess. So that’s something I will look forward to in two years. All in all camp was great! It’s always great! Can’t wait until next year! Hope to see every- one next year!
Over 120 families attended the three sessions of the 11th year of Family Camp, held July 25 - August 11, 2005. This was the largest and most ambitious undertaking yet. Three new initiatives were introduced this year: stand-alone management teams for each week, senior second-generation staff, and a new educational track, Introduction to the Blessing, Marriage and Family Life.

The management teams were responsible for every aspect of their week of camp. The positions were: Camp Director, Education Director, On-Site Registrar, Food Services Director and General Affairs Director. These key positions recruited and formed each workshop and workshop group, formed and managed each work group in camp, and oversaw the various activities offered and organized during camp. Bringing together a diverse group of people, some of whom had not worked closely together before, to orchestrate Family Camp was not an easy task. The unity developed and teamwork exhibited were truly amazing and a strong testimony to our children of what unity and teamwork are really all about.

We specifically recruited second generation to work in key positions this year, including Education Director, Assistant Camp Director and key workshop positions. These kids performed magnificently! Many stayed two weeks and a few stayed for three. They provided continuity between weeks, built the spirit and provided the core leadership for all the workshops. We predict that within two years, at least one week of camp will be run by the second generation.

Finally, we introduced a new educational track, centered on preparing for the Blessing. Not an official Blessing Workshop, but a stepping-stone toward the commitment to the matching and Blessing, this turned out to be a resounding success. Our hats are off to Henri Schauffler, Gerry Servito and Alan Saunders, who developed the curriculum and inspired young and old alike with their lectures.

We also had three generations of blessed families attending for the first time, which was an inspiration to all. It won’t be too long before three generations at camp will be the norm! This truly is island-gon-building work!

This year began the first official C.I.G. Surf Challenge. Eighteen second generation teens joined instructors John Modesitt and Jack Ashworth for a powerful and challenging three and a half days of instruction and adventure. The Culture of Heart that True Parents are teaching was the basis for this program. Beginning with HDK, we read from Father’s words about the ocean. Next, we headed for a full day of surfing. Many that joined had never been in the ocean and went beyond their limitations. Everyone was exhausted and sunburned towards the end but we all had a new sense of appreciation for the power and beauty of God’s incredible creation.

The goal was to elevate our awareness of the creation and discover Heavenly Father in a whole new way! More information on this program, email at chateaugod@yahoo.com
Angry mobs threatened his life. But then, around 1750, certain pastors made the same kind of irrational objection, in opposition to Benjamin Franklin's newfangled lightning rods.

Around the year 1800 silent movies were first developed, and huge scandals erupted over the depiction of men and women kissing. Preachers thundered that such films (originally, about a minute long) would ruin society. If they saw half today's TV shows, not to mention the rest of our pop culture, they'd probably have a heart attack. (Hmnm, could they have been right after all?)

Today, a lot of people (including one lady I knew) are Young Earth Creationists. Not only do they bash Darwin, but the entire weight and canons of science! They claim the universe is about ten thousand years old, so that items such as dinosaur fossils, ancient craters, and the Milky Way must either be debris from Noah's Flood, durable misunderstandings, or Godly deceptions.

Fundamentalists

Every religion has its zealots. Most are small scale annoyances, and a few are vengeful crusaders. In almost every case, they aren't doing anyone, including their own religion, much good.

What sets them apart? More than just conviction, it’s a powerful emotion and will, accompanied by little, if any, deep thought. These fundamentalists have latched on to some leader or (tight-knit group), and to his (rarely her) histrionics, and proceeded to believe and do anything they’re told. If that trusted leader says so, it’s enough. No doubts or questions are entertained. Just instant, emotional agreement. At worst, there are infamous charlatans who justify, encourage, or even condone terrorism; be it in Iraq, Sri Lanka, or Northern Ireland.

On a personal level, fundamentalists can be equally harsh. They usually have a deep but narrow certainty; because they assume their every idea and opinion is also God’s own. Thus, anyone who doubts or disagrees is not only wrong, but evil. This sort of woman might feel sad about that; or a man, contemplation. And then, with a shake of their heads, anger rises instead of compassion, and “righteous” punishment is administered. These days it’s popular to/bash religion for producing such people, but other belief systems have fundamentalists of their own. It could be a political ideology, or some nutritional theory, or the gansta rap culture. Because they lack “internal” skepticism, their mindset also sustains a host of wild conspiracy theories. (Listen to talk radio shows and you’ll hear plenty.)

Fortunately for humankind, genuine fundamentalists are rare. Your author has met several hard-shelled Old Time Religionists, and all were friendly, at church and at home. As with lawyers, a nasty few give the rest a bad name.

It’s rare for everyone. Billions of Saudi oil dollars are funding Wahhabi madrasa schools all over the world, churning out ignorant, hateful young people as fast as they can.

Dualism

Another common religious belief, which can be found in almost any town or fantasy novel, is Dualism. (I don’t mean Cartesian philosophy here, but that’s another tough issue.) Theologically, you often find Dualism blended into New Age beliefs. (Most of these folks don’t know about it, but they may be Zoroastrian.) In Jesus’ time it was popular as Mithraism. Later, in Europe, it revolved as the Cathar heresy.

Dualism is enjoying another big revival. My writer friend Candace Gilmer put the concept succinctly: “There will always be a balance between darkness and light, always between good and evil. There is no top without a bottom, no left without a right, no up without a down, and of course, no God without a Devil.”

The popular Star Wars genre is perhaps the greatest fount of such ideas. The theme of “bringing balance to the Force” can easily be interpreted as Dualism. It may be a coincidence, but Can- dice operates one of the largest Stars Wars fan fic web sites out there.

Ultimately, Dualism is hopeless belief, since it makes God and Satan eternal and coequal. Thus, neither ourselves or the universe could really be cleansed of evil, contradiction, or suffering. It’s nearly the opposite of the Principle of Sufficient Reason.

Dualism doesn’t accept One God, but atheists don’t acknowledge a God of any kind. I’ve been participating in a couple of discussion groups, online forums that include many scholars and technicians. Always fascinating! For every believer who speaks up on a topic, there’s an atheist to respond, and so on.

It turns out that atheists can be as passionate, and defensive about their beliefs, as any of us. For example, they’ll slam crtics of Darwin in a manner that would make a gopnik comment and be heard.

Not all leftists are atheists, but in virtually every case, their God is so wishy-washy they might as well be. Among thinkers on the left (the handful of folks who have followers of their own), many are agnostics. If they believe, they get just as intense as the ones between theologians. At places like Berkeley’s KPFK radio station, arguments and scandals often erupt; sometimes over ideology and tactics, but also from clashing personalities. This is Marxism’s special version of “how many angels can dance on the head of a pin.” But in the past, it just became as deadly as any classical religious conflict of the Sunni-Shia war. Just ask Leon Tret- sky...

Dualism does not deny One God, but it’s hard to know what that One God is. For example, in Islam it’s Allah, in Judaism it’s God, in Hinduism it’s Brahma, in Buddhism it’s empty, in Catholicism it’s the Triune God, in Atheism it’s whatever you want it to be. In the end, it’s never really settled, until the big showdown.

Theology is a science, in the same sense of the world, churned by Saudi oil dollars into a panoply of social change.^

Dualism

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