Foundation Day of the Nation of the Unified World Celebrated in Brazil

The morning of October 3rd, 1998, one group of Korean National Messiahs and local leaders and other representatives gathered at the 5th floor temple of the Brazil FFWPU HQ to celebrate the 11th Foundation Day of the Nation of the Unified World.

True Parents, accompanied by Young Jin and Hyung Jin, entered at 7 am to initiate the ceremony.

Rev. Kwak called the name of the groups for the representative bows, then True Parents, standing and facing the audience, raised their arms and True Father offered the prayer. After they ate some food from the offerings on the altar, Father gave one piece of rice cake to Young Jin and Hyung Jin.

Everybody joined in singing for the cake cutting.

Father then gave a speech in Korean for about two hours. He talked about many different topics: sometimes I could get some translations in Portuguese from Alejandro sitting in the back with a small group of Brazilians. History of restoration, Cain and Abel, Israel, Jesus, lineage, Christianity, globalization of the Blessing.

Pastor Thomas explained the nature of the place, “New Hope.”

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The education we enter is the era of the world of liberation. As a family, we enter the Completed Testament Age, the era of the New Testament “children” were the offering. “Parents” are the offering in the Completed Testament era. The future will be the era of liberation; the world of liberation; the completion of God’s Will. So here in this Garden of Eden we can reflect on how we can offer everything to God, thus restoring these 4 eras of time.

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Rev. Kwak mentioned the 5 declarations of Jardim, that the 40 days in Olimpo is compulsory for the Korean national messiahs, etc.

Then Father sat on the floor and started to demonstrate some exercises. Rev. Kim mentioned to him that the main temple was full of Brazilian members who had gathered from the Sao Paulo area. Some came from neighboring states, some started to come at 8am. They were singing and waiting for True Father speech. It was about 10:15 am then. Without breakfast, Father asked everybody to go down to the main temple.

Everywhere True Father spoke to the audience of 700 to 800 members with the translation into Portuguese by Alejandro. He explained the history of the Family, centered on True Love.

BLESSED FAMILIES NOW have the opportunity to go to South America for the 40-day Ideal Family workshops. Senior blessed couples should plan to go to South America.

At this workshop you are liberated, your family is liberated. This is the place of liberation. As a result, you become stronger, “Birds that migrate become stronger,” True Father said. “The world of God's perfection is the era of the world of liberation.”

During this Ideal Family Education for World Peace we find ourselves being cleansed and renewed. Parents have been separated. Brothers and sisters have been separated. Through this 40-day work-
how many church leaders are here? What are the other missions? You are speaking to foreigners. Do you know the responsibility of blessed couples?

Spirit world is the position of cause. Human beings in this world are resultant beings. The purpose of the providence of restoration is to go back to the world of cause and fix it for the fallen descendants, then to come back here. Therefore, without knowing the world of cause clearly, we cannot understand the world of body.

What is the crux of spirit world? (God) Yes. God. But that is too simple. Since God is the cause and we are the objects who resemble Him, we consist of dual characteristics, and so does God. We have mind and body relations, resembling God's original nature. Our mind connects us to God. Do you feel it? (We feel it) Do you feel God's mind every day, or does it change? The body changes even more than the mind. Why? Our mind is perfect and body changeable or unchangeable? (Unchangeable) But how can you prove that? (We believe it) What you believe is right, but that is too simple.

In Korea I was labeled a thief of Western women. It started from the opposition of Christianity. They knew that I brought the most powerful truth, which they feared. Once they accepted it, they knew it would unify Christianity. Catholic and Protestant, as well as all religions and the secular world. That's why the men stood against me. The women looked at their husbands' reactions and decided to check it out. They discovered the truth and decided to follow. Then the fathers and husbands went crazy because their children and wives were following me. Threats and persecutions came to me. Men with rifles and bats came at me. Which are more beautiful, oriental or western women? Orientals' faces are flat, which is nice, but western women have higher and lower aspects to their face, much more variety. Oriental women smile just with their face, but western women do so with their entire body. Their laugh is much louder. So, the CIA tried to tempt me by sending out women agents. Those agents wrote confessions to Father about it later. So, the CIA tried to tempt me by sending out women agents. Those agents wrote confessions to Father about it later. So, the CIA tried to tempt me by sending out women agents. Those agents wrote confessions to Father about it later. So, the CIA tried to tempt me by sending out women agents. Those agents wrote confessions to Father about it later.
of how the world will respect and adore the True Family. The time is coming when all nations will understand the suffering of the True Family for the sake of humanity. Once the foundation of all humanity being blessed, God will arrange this.

If True Family had stayed in Korea, this would not have happened. It is not a result of the culture of extreme privacy and individualism, which is evil. Does anyone disagree? We are in the midst of suffering for our moral and spiritual life. So we are standing up and fighting. If Christians had accepted Christianity, I could have united Christians in Korea, Asia, and the world. Why would I need a divorce? I violated no Korean laws, but because women followed me so fervently, their husbands plotted against me. I cannot express my love for my family in America. If I speak untruthfully, they will kill me. Even the communist world fell. The religious world is falling as well, and the secular family is falling. The core place is the real family. Smoothly going over every level to the spirit world. The True Family is the center. It is the starting point and returning point of every kingdom.

There are people who are working against my family and me for a selfish purpose, despite the sacrifice of myself and my family for all humanity in America. If I sympathize with them, God will judge us. I do not judge those who speak untruthfully against my family. Have a strong spirit and nothing will happen. They will perish. Do not pray that they will perish; rather, have parental hearts. If your son were about to be executed for murder, you would wish there were no such law as the death penalty.

As the UC founder, my life is to practice true love. Then why is there trouble in my family? I was united with two women. If True Parents only can fix it. The restored Adam came in the place of God, and when True Parents play the role of God practicing absolute sex, think of the cross they will have to carry. God has trained them in the spirit of true love. So why was Jesus a divorcee? He was trained to control himself even with the most beautiful woman tempting him in bed, even if he can turn around and cut it off. So Father cannot think of another woman or of divorce. Women destroyed Adam's family. Jesus' family, and now are trying to destroy my family, the family of the Lord of the Second Advent. What shall I do? Is it the course of the cross. True Parents are the only ones in history to take the road carrying the cross of love. Even after 1960, my first wife still loved me. I may have set the world's record at dealing with attempted seductions. Crazy things happened. I had to put four locks on my bedroom door. A woman once took down the door. A woman came in naked and took my blanket and said, please save me. Then, when I said no, she said, it takes only five minutes; aren’t you a man? I said, I am doing the worst I can to make it work, but I made it not work. This woman was the daughter of a tycoon, very influential. I knew that I would be putting God’s love organ into a trash can. So I couldn’t do it. I had the responsibility to continue the true love line even at the cost of divorce. As with Jacob and like Muslims today, there were different stages of wives. For Jacob to have 12 sons, he had two wives and two concubines. In the restoration history through Jacob’s course, the lineage went through the second wife, the concubine. It is my responsibility to accomplish the true love lineage. This is the course of the love cross, for the sake of women.

Women killed Adam and Jesus, and are ready to kill the Lord of the Second Advent. Because of this chaos created by women, my family was destroyed and I married a second time. Korea was divided and the world suffered. Eight years elapsed before I could choose a teenage girl as my wife. It was such a heavy public mission, but I could not accuse God. The entire spirit world was against me, preventing me from going back the original way. At one point I spent 43 days fighting the entire spirit world. All the creation was against me as well. Finally God approved and the entire spirit world bowed down. Why did all of this happen? Because of the history of false marriage and the false use of the sexual organ. All of Satan’s world power was against us. Finally the Cain and Abel worlds connected and made the foundation to choose a bride. This explanation can come in the last days, 2,000 years after Jesus, at the time of the Second Advent coming down. This power controls the poles and east and west. It takes off and never stops. To build the kingdom of God, I should use the Internet technology. I predicted it many years ago and they thought I was crazy. One Christian minister laughed and opposed this prophecy, and now he realizes my predications came true and he is now deeply repenting. Similarly, you may not believe what I’ve said today, but God is using True Parents to create pure love and true families. At Madison Square Garden I blessed Sung Jin Nim’s mother and grandmother. Those who are opposing do not understand how precious it is for me to be in this world. When they understand, they will change and follow me.

Dozens of women offered themselves as candidates to be True Mother. They are still waiting for me to hold their hand or kiss them, but I never will. They know me as cold as a rock or tree stump, a man with no feelings. But if I ask them for their honest answer as to whether I should love them or pursue the straight path of the Lord, they cry tears, bow down and say that what I am doing is right, and that is why they like me. There are many like that. Please remember that there are millions of opponents of the Unification Church, but we forgive and embrace them to build the true family and true kingdom on earth. I will be recognized as the eternal king eventually. Those who follow are glorious couples. Concerning the secular world, say, “I don’t care!”

No matter what interference, God ignores it and just loves and gives His mission to me, so that I can go through persecution and prosper. Similarly, we will ignore the flack and continue to build the kingdom of God on earth. (Applause) Even if the entire nation of America opposes me, I ignore it, because if God exists, the secular world is like dew in the morning. It will disappear. I don’t care about the media. So send me to South America with a comfortable heart, by reassuring me that you will be strong to deal with this media and keep going toward the goal.
The first thing Andrew did, according to scripture, was to go to his brother Simon. Andrew and James and they followed Jesus. Jesus spoke to Andrew was deeply moved by this experience, that Jesus was the son of God.

We see in John 1:35-42 that Andrew and James were watching from the top balcony in Kodiak, Alaska, God/Man, Man/Woman, living for others, and that Andrew was always looking for the Messiah. This point is the essence of messiahship. The Messiah is the one whoκον月 is the Messiah. The start¬tion of faith is the revelation of the identity of the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon are the True Parents, of all humankind.

Confession is a form of witness. Con¬siander Andrew, Peter's spiritual father. We see in John 1:35-42 that Andrew was a follower of John the Baptist. Andrew was always looking for the Messiah. Andrew witnessed John's baptism of Jesus and recognized, by revelation, that Jesus was the son of God. Andrew was deeply moved by this experience. Out of curiosity Andrew asked James who was Jesus, and they both started following Jesus. Jesus communicated briefly, but directly, with Andrew and James and they followed Jesus as the Messiah.

The first thing Andrew did, according to scripture, was to go to his brother Peter. Peter asked Peter, "We have found the Messiah." This was the first act of faith among us. We usually say indirectly that the True Parents are the Messiah, sharing many other people. The first step to faith is, as did Andrew, "I have found the Messiah." I have found True Parents. Later, in Matthew 16:13-18 he read Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ. There were many names among Jesus in that society, so Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered "Messiah-confessing Jesus is "the Christ, the son of the liv¬ing God." We must answer this ques¬tion. When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" he was happy with Peter's answer because he wanted to give his mission to someone who could understand who he was. Jesus blessed Peter, called him "the rock," and gave him the keys to the kingdom.

Based upon our confession, we receive blessings. Sadly, we are often unappreci¬ate God's blessing. We easily take it for granted. We treat it as if it is a com¬mon stone on the street, not the divine that it really is. But if we look in the Bible, we can see that it is really vital to receive God's blessing. God directly blessed only Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The New Testament, only the Baptist, Peter and the disciples received a direct blessing from True Parents. True Parent's blessing is most valuable. Conveying the blessing is just as valuable as receiving it. The True Parents had enough faith that meant that the True Parents gave their inheritance to us as blessed families. The result of our faith in the True Parents means that the True Parents' blessing is most valuable. Conveying the blessing is just as valuable as receiving it. The True Parents had enough faith that meant that the True Parents gave their inheritance to us as blessed families.

The next program was the evening entertainment at the Pusan, the first member in South Korea. The question of the Messiah is, "Who do you say that I am?" We have the answer clearly from the True Parents through dreams and visions. They were called, chosen, and justified directly by the Holy Spirit.

In Pusan, the first member in South Korea, Miss Hyun Shil Kang, had been searching for the Messiah. Reverend Mrs. Kang, now National Messiah of Russia, heard directly from God that she should go to a particular moun¬tain to meet the Messiah. She had been looking for the glorious Messiah com¬ing on the clouds. She was so shocked to see a small, shabby hut on that mountain. God told her to open the door, but she ran away from the door, disbelieving that the glorious Messiah could be inside such a place. She was told again by God to open the door. Again, she ran away in disbelief. Where were the trumpets and angels sur¬rounding the coming of the Lord? Finally, she opened the door and Reverend Moon welcomed her. He was there by himself, kneeling on the floor and look¬ing up at her. He said that he had been waiting for her to come, that Heaven was waiting for her father to come. The Money family and Mrs. Kang, who she had struggled to open the door.

There are two important lessons to be learned. First is that the true spiritual world witnessed directly to the early members, those members will never ever be able to understand. In this light, it is important to realize the messianic prophecies of world-level spiritualists that have already been fulfilled. My spiritual scholar listed the possible candidates for the position of the Messiah based upon the prophecies of Nostradamus. Of those whom he suggested, one was Reverend Moon. The others have faded away, and the only one who has main¬tained his mission and thus his qualifica¬tions is Reverend Moon.

The second is that the Messiah appears not in external glory, but as a human being. By my spiritual eyes, I can see his internal glory. He suffers from heat and cold, he endures hunger and thirst, he lives like us in just ways like us. The main difference is that he is consumed by God's love and is anointed by God to establish his life, love and lineage on earth as Jesus did in Heaven. You may ask, "Who is the Messiah?" He discovered that the path of God's people is the life of indemnity. Human beings are debtors; they have made so many mistakes. The Messiah is a person who bonds the family and for¬mates humankind. He walks the road of indemnity. Laws and values change according to the time and place. The Messiah obeys the laws of his society but at the same time obeyes the law of indemnity. Generally, a person sacri¬fices only to benefit himself and his family. But the Messiah sacrifices for many people in public life and has no private life.

No one sought to comfort and serve Jesus after the 40 day fast. Who came? Satan appeared to show a kindness to Jesus. Satan offered food, angelic sup¬port and all the knowledge of the world. Jesus refused the temptations and tri¬umphed over Satan. Satan is afraid of those who obey the Holy Spirit. If he had followed Satan, no one would have persecuted Jesus. Persecution comes when we follow the way of indemnity.

True Parents' entire life has been one of paying indemnity. Reverend Moon went through the entire eight stages of the indemnity course, as servant of servants, to servant, to step son, to adopted son, to true son, to mother position, to father position, to God Himself. He celebrated this victory with the Pal Jong Shik ceremony in 1989 here in Kodiak.

5. I always strive to see Reverend Moon with my spiritual eyes. Simon of Cyrene met Jesus on the road to Cal¬vary. He saw Jesus carrying the heavy cross. Simon was a very practical man, who knew what is now Libya in North Africa. He had come to Jerusalem on a pilgrim¬age. Simon had heard that the Messiah was in Jerusalem. Not one of the disciples was there to help Jesus, but Simon looked at Jesus and said, "If you returned Simon's gaze. Simon and Jesus communicated briefly, but direct¬ly, eyes on the cross. At that moment, with one look, Simon realized that this pitiful young man could not possibly be the Messiah. Simon had sought. I want to see True Parents with that perception. I live in the pres¬ent of the New Testament and the life of Jesus.
be even stronger than Simon's.

Naturally Simon sought to help Jesus. He was one of the last people to whom Jesus
witnessed before his death. Without a word, through only eye to eye
communication, Simon recognized Jesus as the Messiah (Matt 27:32).

The book of Acts records the presence
of Simon's family along with the
12 disciples at the Pentecost (2:10).

Upon his return to Cyrene, Simon must
have witnessed to his wife and son.

There is no further record of Simon,
but in Romans 16:13 there is an
interesting reference. St. Paul sent this
letter to the church in Rome to let them
know that he had plans to come to
Rome. Since it would be a while before he
left for Rome, he sent this letter to give spiritual guidance.

In the last part of the letter he greeted
the church members in Rome. In Rom
16:13, Paul mentions Rufus and his
mother, who was Simon of Cyrene's
wife. He referred to her as her mother too. This means that Paul saw
her as a mother figure for the Roman church.

It seems that Rufus and his
mother went to Rome and gained Roman citi-
zenship. The other question is whether Rufus
and his mother legally. She could
take care of the early members. Simul-
-taneously, the missionary work of Paul spread
over the world.

Jesus witnessed to Simon of Cyrene just before the cross. Simon then witnessed to his wife and
son, and went to Rome and pio-
nereed one of the early churches. This
was the plan of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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do not know what moved the heart of
that thief, but it came from Jesus on the
cross. The thief could see that Jesus had
committed no sin. He was moved to
defend Jesus publicly. The other thief tested Jesus. "If you are the
Messiah, save yourself and us too" he said.

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(Luke 23:39-43). This thief saw Jesus' innocence and in the midst of the world
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6. I pray to God deeply and study
the Divine Principle and Unification
Thought, and through these means I
understand that Reverend and Mrs.
Moon are the Messiah and True Par-
ents. My deep original mind tells me
that following Reverend and Mrs.
Moon is the right path to follow, and
accordingly I follow the Principle and
act.

I see Reverend Moon's messianic sta-
tus in his provision of this bold vision
for the world. Before the year 2000,
Father wants to establish the earth to
life within the true love of God.
This means that we all will become chil-
dren of God in the household of God
and citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven
in the kingdom of God. Man's true
father's responsibility is to pioneer the path
for betterment in all areas, technolo-
y, culture, politics, and so forth. Most important though,
the Messiah is a spiritual giant; a reli-
gious giant who brings the revolution
of heart, the revolution of love and life
style and the revolution of blood lin-
ence. This is a true love revolution cen-
tering on the perfection of love within
the family. This is very simple. This
vision is not completed without the ful-
fillment of the responsibility of each
and every person.

By the year 2000 our blessed cou-
ples and everyone have to reach one-
ness with the heart of God. The Mes-
siah's primary job, the job that truly
True Parents can do, is to bring a trans-
formation in our fundamental rela-
tionship with God and Satan. Jesus on
the cross made the condition for all to
receive not a better term, physical
rebirth. This means that our entire
being, spiritual as well as physical, can
separate from the realm of the fall, the
realm of sin. St. Paul offered a glimpse
of this in Ephesians chapter 5, but
could not grasp it totally and he fin-
ally called it a mystery.

Our True Parents have fulfilled the
pre-blessing of 360 million couples, and
by the year 2000 all the couples
of world will receive this grace. Who,
can we conceive, would ever be given
by God such a vision of love and the
responsibility to bring it to pass? Only
a messianic figure. If only by the scale
of what he is conceiving and taking
upon himself, I know that Reverend
Sun Myung Moon is the messiah.

A New Standard of Judgment

We need a new set of eye-glasses,
a new approach, a new standard of judg-
ment. This standard by which we are
measured is absolute faith, absolute love
and absolute obedience. Does absolute
faith mean absolute faith in oneself?
No! As Reverend Zin Moon Kim puts it,
"Do not try to deny ourselves more and more and
realize absolute faith. Does absolute
love mean to love oneself absolutely?
No! As Reverend Zin Moon Kim puts it, we
need to end our fixation on 'I, my,
myself'. "I need to deny myself and
become an unworthy person." Further, I need to
give up true love, live sacri-ificially for
others and follow the True Parents, not
my own will. God used this standard of
judgment at the time of the creation.
True Parents have followed it and been
continued and exempli-
fied this stan-
dard. This stan-
dard is my new eye-
glasses. The lens
of these eye glasses should be my own tears. I seek to
see the world through the lens of tears.
The True Parents are not just fight-
ing visible evil but are also fighting the
conflict of the invisible power of Satan. Father
covered the principle of separating from
and subjugating Satan, which explained
the course of God's providence revealed
in the Bible. We separate from Satan
by our faithful offering of our material
existence to the work of God. We share
of love to this world. Through my faith in
him, my heart is substantially changed.
True Parents have sacrificed both spiritually
and physically to restore true love. I testi-
fy without hesitation that our True Par-
ents have never misused love, man-
ter, power or time. They have
absolutely followed the Principle and
have paid the indemnity required at
each stage of the restoration provi-
dence.

Conclusion

In the early days of Christianity, the
church went through great difficulties
and challenges to their faith. Peter
told his brothers and sisters about this,
saying “Believers should not be surprised
at the fiery ordeal among you, which
comes upon you for your testing, as
though some strange thing were hap-
pening to you; but to the degree that
you share the sufferings of Christ, keep
on rejoicing; so that also at the r ele-
vation of His glory, you may rejoice with
excelling one another in mutual love.
For the name of Christ is blessed, because
the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon
you.” (1 Peter 4:12-14)

With this spirit, let us make a new
start with absolute faith, absolute love
and absolute obedience. Let us boldly
declare, as Andrew did to Peter, “I have
found the Messiah and the True Par-
ents. Who are they? They are the Re-
verend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.”
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Parents and be proud of them. Heav-
en is ready to support us if we first
helped in the blessedness of the time
in which we are living and go forward.

In this faith we can build the
kingdom of heaven on earth. We
have received the blessing directly from
God and the True Parents. We
repay the source of love from God, which is
the mother, who was Simon of Cyrene's
wife. She also supported Paul financially.

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Celebration of Chusok Festival in Sao Paulo

by Christian Lepelletier—Sao Paulo, Brazil

The Chusok festival, or Moon festival, is widely celebrated throughout the Oriental culture. In Korea the families gather at their ancestor's graves on the 15th of the 8th month of the lunar calendar, the most beautiful full moon of the year. Yesterday Father addressed the members in the South Wing of this conference center that the American 40-day workshop was being held. The meeting room—which can accommodate 1,200—and has a large stage and high-ceiling—is fully decorated with the bright faces of our adorable Japanese brothers and sisters, over 300 families, and the 300 Korean families likewise brings a great deal of spirit and dignity to the floor. The small American contingent—11 families—sat in the back where we can receive interpretations. True Father's message that first night was the commitment of us during these times: Absolute love, Absolute Faith and Absolute Obedience. Certainly not a new message but one that had a whole new impact when heard here in this developing model village, set in a floral and faunal paradise.

New Hope East Garden, the Place to Go After Chung Pyung Lake

by Lorenda Swarts—New Hope East Garden, Brazil

I can't thank God enough for allowing me the recent opportunity to visit New Hope East Garden in Jardim, Brazil—or rather to return home, since I was born and raised in a small city only 500 kilometers further south. I came to this area this past August in order to take part in the first American 40-day workshop in New Hope East Garden. “New Hope East Garden” is, of course, the legal entity comprising what was formally known simply as New Hope Farm, but which has grown so large, with innumerable educational and business sub-entities, that the word farm became misleading. This corporation now includes, or has grown so large, with innumerable individual rooms (with private baths) to accommodate 1,000 people. The top of the restaurant also serves as a conference center, and it was in the south east wing of this conference center that the American 40-day workshop was being held.

This is the place where heaven is to begin. To top it all, the great breeze makes you feel like God is saying, “Welcome, I am here! You are at my home!” I immediately joined the workshop and was able to attend True Father’s speech—one of many he gave to this first workshop.

The meeting room—which can accommodate 1,200, and has a large stage and high-ceiling—is fully decorated with the bright faces of our adorable Japanese brothers and sisters, over 300 families, and the 300 Korean families likewise brings a great deal of spirit and dignity to the floor. The small American contingent—11 families—sat in the back where we can receive interpretations. True Father’s message that first night was the commitment of us during these times: Absolute love, Absolute Faith and Absolute Obedience. Certainly not a new message but one that had a whole new impact when heard here in this developing model village, set in a floral and faunal paradise. With Father looking at us, we can sense the intensity of his heart. The heart of father wanting his children to become a unique reflection of divinity, and of a Father wanting to be loved and understood. I wish I could whisper into Father’s ears a word of love. But he has heard so many false words over the years that the thought causes pained reflections.

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Dae Mo Nim’s Visit to Europe

by Remy Hammett—Frankfurt, Germany

We recently had a series of special workshops here in Europe together with Dae Mo Nim. The workshops have brought about a lot of hope through the liberation of our members from countless evil spirits. The success of these workshops could only come about through the incredible hard work and investment made by both leaders and members alike. Every workshop was a victory. European members could receive from Dae Mo Nim incredible spiritual support during this precious time.

In Germany, the preparation of the workshop was very good. They set a good standard for the other countries. Through two workshops in Camberg, over one thousand brothers and sisters from Germany and neighboring countries could reflect upon their life of faith, repent for their daily deeds, and liberate their hearts.

The start in Great Britain was a little difficult, but everything ended up with a victory. Dae Mo Nim had to speak very strongly to wake up the member’s spirits. She was very inspired but the big problem was to make them understand. The help of the Korean students from the Sun Moon University was one of the supporting factors for a wonderful workshop. Dae Mo Nim was very happy after the workshop, saying, “It was very good.” The British movement was also able to organize a wonderful event in Colle Mattia - their national headquarter - and support us in our work.

In Italy, the hall was full of brothers and sisters. The Italian movement was also able to organize a wonderful event in the workshop, saying, “It was very nice.” The Italian brothers and sisters were present. The Hungarian brothers and sisters gave all their hearts to welcome Dae Mo Nim. The hall was full of brothers and sisters (almost one thousand from 14 nations) who have been waiting for Dae Mo Nim. With hope and desire. They were so enthusiastic that even Dae Mo Nim warned that the police might cause some problems. The help of the Korean students from the Sun Moon University was one of the supporting factors for a wonderful workshop.

Dae Mo Nim was very happy after the workshop, saying, “It was very good.” The Hungarian movement was also able to organize a wonderful event in Colle Mattia - their national headquarters. The hall was full of around 800 brothers and sisters. The Italian family could organize a separate room for mothers and their children apart from the main from where Dae Mo Nim spoke. Through this, Dae Mo Nim was more able to concentrate on her speech and her spiritual work. She was very happy about the atmosphere brought about by the fully heartistic participation of the Italian brothers and sisters.

Dae Mo Nim brought many good spirits to Europe who had been liberated from European members whilst they attended workshops in Chung Pyung. These spirits who were originally evil spirits liberated from our members’ bodies have since been educated by Heung Jin Nim in the spiritual world and have now been able to return to our members as good spirits and as their spiritual children. At the same time, Dae Mo Nim took away many evil spirits, which have been attached to our bodies and has sent them to a hundred-day workshop in the spiritual world. In the same way, they will eventually be able to return to members as “good spiritual children” and support us in our work.

Through Dae Mo Nim’s tour throughout Europe, the hearts of our brothers and sisters has been very much moved. We could see and feel her True Love toward our brothers and sisters in everything she did and said. Dae Mo Nim promised to bring a special gift for European brothers and sisters when she visits Europe again in the near future. In Chung Pyung Dae Mo Nim found and established a unique water spring with a source that is 940 meters deep. All of her messages varied slightly from nation to nation, the underlying content was the same. During all of her speeches, Dae Mo Nim emphasized some fundamental points necessary for our life of faith:

1) We have to establish True Families. Husbands and wives must practice True Love between themselves. They should not fight with each other but unite and make harmony.
2) This point relates to the Fall of Man. Do not look, touch or eat. There must be no compromise. You have only one body. There cannot be any other objects.
3) Do not hurt the heart of others. We have to be careful what we say about others. When we talk we should speak nice and beautiful words.
4) We have to give tithing. It is a condition to offer everything to God. In Korea and Japan even three times ten percent is offered according to True Father’s direction. 6) Pledge service on the first day of each month, Sundays and each holiday must be kept. 7) We must respect and attend the church leader. The church leader is in the position to represent God and True Parents. Heavenly blessing can only come through the church leader. Therefore, we should be eager to attend the church leader.

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not imagining going down such a thorny path.

The schedule at the 40-day workshop was not the intensity one finds at the Chung Pyung workshops. Here the premium is placed on personal and family reflection, and experiencing the principle and Father’s words in a paradise-like setting. Surrounded by beautiful trees, gardens, and coasts, in an environment where change and growth are evident and croaking frogs replace traffic noise, and walks on dirt roads replace traffic congestion, the principle seems to come alive. Many participants, and especially my husband, have commented on how many intense insights one can get from studying principle and Father’s words in such an environment. The laws of the universe, the meaning of unconditional love and richness of interpersonal relationships, and the basic principles of creation, all become so much clearer. Father has stated that one must leave the cities in order to better understand principle. That becomes much clearer.

The schedule also includes tours to other properties owned in the area, including the Solado Hotel in the Pananal area, the Fuerte Olimpo workshop area on the Paraguay River, and the Rio Perdido, which is a beautiful, clear river with shoals of beautiful fish visible. Individually, the families walk to the ostrich farm, or take a nearby tour to the escargot farm.

This workshop is a workshop for couples and families —not individuals. Many individuals without their spouse were quite distressed when realizing the fullness of the blessing available was reserved for families. Indeed, as we know, it is couples and families that will enter the Kingdom of Heaven together. Not individually, and thus the Registration for the Kingdom of Heaven requires a family or couple registration together.

All the sounds of love can be heard at this Educational Center of New Hope East Garden. The squawks of the parakeets, the chirps of crickets, the low bellowing of the wild rhinos on the property, the occasional chatter of monkeys, the calls of the parrots, and the croaks of innumerable frogs pierce the air. But the most beautiful sounds were that of the words of harmony between our brothers and sisters gathered from the far corners of the world engaged in constructing a literal Garden of Eden on the earth.
Producing Blessing ’98: Behind the Scenes

by David Eaton—NYU

The Blessing ’98 event at Madison Square Garden was undoubtedly one of the most significant events that our movement in America has produced. As producer of the overall MSG program, I was presented with the challenge of fashioning an event that would reflect the spirit of True Parent’s vision and values. With guidance of Rev. Chung Hwan Roak, Rev. Joong Hyung Pak, Mr. Neil Salonen and Dr. Tyler Hendricks, and with the talents of numerous individuals, we were able to produce an event that many felt True Parents could be truly proud.

Assembling “The Team”

Needless to say, an event this magnitude in a major venue such as Madison Square Garden, required enormous logistical planning and preparation. Productions aspects such as lighting, sound, video recording and production, satellite broadcasting, image magnification (I-mag), art design, staging, decorations, credentials, security, talent, coordination, production, finances, media coordination, transportation, catering and archival photography made this event extraordinarily complex. Working in Madison Square Garden with the various trade unions that are part of the Garden’s infrastructure made the task even more daunting.

Fortunately, having produced the Blessing ’97 event at RFK Stadium with a talent group of professionals, we could mobilize seven months earlier, made the MSG project a bit more manageable, as we were able to reassemble most of our production team for Blessing ’98.

Key to this was our ability to hire Robert “Mo” Morrison as our production manager. Renowned as the “father of event production” (affectionately known) is one the production industry’s most talented and highly regarded producers. With concerts and tours with Michael Jackson, the Grateful Dead, and Woodstock under his belt, Mo has a wealth of experience that we were able to draw upon.

The fact that he was a pivotal player in the RFK production and had previously worked at MSG, made his presence on the Blessing ’98 team all the more helpful.

In addition to Mo Morrison there were several talented individuals who were on board to expedite the Blessing ’98 program. Television Director Ron DeMoraes (another RFK veteran) was the executive in charge of the line broadcast and satellite shots, Alan Gray and Jimman of METRO in Amsterdam were the television line producer, Bill Pope (who was with us at RFK) was the satellite up-link operator, Sohn Hyoung Min of Metropolitan (also at RFK) was our security liaison with the union.

The contributions of FPWPU members were also crucial. An international audience was present for the essence of Blessing ’98. Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Dr. Linda Eisenberg and Larry Mofet were the script writers, Peter van Geldern was the art director, Simon Kinney was the I-Mag director, Adriana Vicenta and Sandra Lewen were the line producers for the 2,000 Voice Inter-church Choir. Jerry Heyting was our director of security. Michael Logan was the credential manager. There were numerous conference meet- ings at Madison Square Garden to work through labor requirements, scheduling and finances, so that we had only two and a half days to accomplish all load-in and set-up tasks made scheduling and advance preparations crucial. A one hour delay in production procedure could have potentially added tens of thousands of dollars in labor charges as several trade unions were involved in providing the necessary technical support.

Working through all the production parameters with Mo Morrison, Ron DeMoraes and the Garden staff provided valuable experience for all of us.

The 2,000 Voice Inter-church Choir

One of the most significant aspects of the Blessing ’98 was the participation of the 2,000 Voice Inter-church Choir which was comprised of 83 choirs from various churches from the East to the West Coast. The inter-church choir was based on the inspiration of Rev. Joong Hyung Pak, North American Co-oordinator. Rev. Pak felt that this choir would give strong impetus to our mobilization effort as congregations of the participating choirs would attend in order to support their church’s choir. It was strategy that worked brilliantly.

Originally the idea was said to have a 1,000 voice choir, but as the idea caught on the number of churches wanting to be part of this historic ensemble increased rapidly. Rev. Pak felt that any church willing to participate would be accepted. Singers from New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Cleveland, Richmond and Washington, DC were involved with the New Life Tabernacle Church of Brookly and their dynamic conductor, Angela Mosese, acting as the lead choir.

Assembling the choir was not without its challenges, however. We needed to be sure to observe. By this I mean it was beyond normal everyday justiciation, and I, being an observer, was challenged as to whether I would do the same were I in their shoes. It was at this time that we realized that youth and young adults who truly made this providential event a success. The first generation played their part in organizing it, but they were not able to complete the work the way that the hope and innocence of the second generation did. Through this, young and old spiritual leaders, both internal and external, no longer an issue and the Principle was pronounced.

Secondly there will be a fifth semi- nal, a sixth and more. It is my hope that these will develop and expand the foundation of the past four there is always room to improve, and I strongly encour- age anyone who is thinking to partici- pate in the next one to get involved as soon as possible. Remember, this is open to all students, and Rev. Won Pil Rim’s definition of being young is simply some- one who wants to take responsibility. True Father even defines the age bracket as extending up into the late twenties! So come on! With strong hearts, open minds and willing bodies, we can achieve our great goals. The good things that we have been waiting for are already on the way.

Ajay Rai is the president of CARP in Great Britain. Reprinted From Today’s World 20230111.
There is so much going on in this world that it seems so hard to keep up. Yet, in this fast-paced world, I try to take time to reflect once again as the of Christian time reverberates in my soul. How Great Thou Art! How Great Thou Art! We have all been inundated with the media and other forms of scrutiny. It was during this time that I received a phone call from a friend who requested me to marry some friends of hers. She being the maid of honor could only think of me to marry her friends. Through some marital counseling on the Blessing Intercourse, the couple sat down to hear some lectures at the church and deeper explanation of the Blessing vows they were set. On Oct. 4, with my wife’s support, I conducted the wedding in their friend’s home with 50 guests. It was so wonderful to be invited and allowed to share such a Blessing. The rest of the story however remains. Let me call her Pauline. Pauline (the maid of honor) met me out fund-raising a few years ago. She was an employee in a business which often had a hard time to welcome church members who were fund-raising. She expressed this to me very sincerely. Yet, with patience and a good heart, she was moved by the Christian response. She was moved by the Christmas cards and other acts of kindness to a point she requested me to marry her good friends. This is the way of our founder which I could see as a testing.

And now, we have had so many other activities lately with the media. Yet, within the community, so moving to me has been the letters and cards from the leaders in the community who continue to encourage me to keep going. As one community leader wrote, “You and your members of the church are like army ants...working hard and not being always recognized...don’t forget that others see your efforts...don’t ever give up!” With the opportunity to host some of the activities of the IOWC team in our region, it has been a great opportunity to continue to build our outreach. We could focus a lot on social service as a way to reach out and witness. One local paper covered the river rafting trip we had sponsored years ago. We give international singing performances in the local convolvent homes. Seeing our members singing, sharing and embracing the elderly residents was both heart-moving and inspiring for both the participant and observer, entertainer and entertainer. We have so much to be proud of. As the Billings Gazette reported, one IOWC member, Chris Saito, stated, “It’s a good feeling to help people accomplish something so mundane basic, but if you donate your time to others, the pleasure really comes back to us.” In conclusion, our lives can be so rich and rewarding. Seeing both new and old friends coming to our center to hear Divine Principle seminars is so encouraging and inspiring. There are many people out in our communities who do appreciate our friendship and others who long to meet one of our churches. We think, however, one can see with relative ease and stubbornly build faith communities. As we dwell more on what we can each offer to our communities, I believe we will be astounded how much we are not only welcomed but vitally needed. As the Stillwater County News reported in the article, “The focus of the group is to help families stay together in the face of social struggles, such as drugs and alcohol.” As I work in our center and more and more how much people need our support, our friendship, and our community, our internal guidance and external role is needed. So much so that many can offer within our church. As Jesus reminds me again and again, let us not hide our candle under a basket but let it shine for all to see.

Earlier this year, several students of Dr. Dietrich Solter, a class on Religion and Science at UTS participated in the Templeton Foundation’s international essay competition for graduate students on that topic. In August, it was announced that Claude Perrottet had won the fourth prize for his essay entitled Can Scientific Research Enhance Theology? A Case Study on the Understanding of Scientific Research and the Mystery of Creation. Claude’s essay, which was based on his work at the IOWC, was selected for publication in the journal of the Templeton Foundation. Claude’s essay focuses on the relationship between scientific research and the mystery of creation, and how scientific research can enhance theological understanding. Claude’s essay is a call for an open and engaging dialogue between science and religion. Claude’s essay is a reminder that the mystery of creation is a mystery that we can probe with the tools of science and faith. Claude’s essay is a reminder that the mystery of creation is a mystery that we can probe with the tools of science and faith. Claude’s essay is a reminder that the mystery of creation is a mystery that we can probe with the tools of science and faith. Claude’s essay is a reminder that the mystery of creation is a mystery that we can probe with the tools of science and faith.

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By Claude Perrottet—Barrytown, NY

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I imagine marching in line, under porous moonsun rain with 300 other people. Sound like the army? Close. This is what it was like during many of our marches during the Pure Love ’98 tour across Japan and Korea. It was an all out war against Free Sex. Dressed in our blue “PLA” (Pure Love Alliance) caps, Pure Love ’98 T-shirts and blue shorts, we were ready to fight with our banners, placards and slogans, such as “One love, one life, one man, one wife!” In less than three weeks we hit five cities in Japan and three in Korea, blitzkrieg-style, then concluded it all with an intense three days at Chung Pyung Lake. Although it was tough physically, as we were always on the go, this year’s tour was not only an eye-opening cultural experience, but a heart-moving life experience.

Our first and most important city in Japan was Tokyo. The outcome of the Tokyo rally would set the tone for the rest of the Japanese cities. Hundreds showed up at Yoyogi Park in the heart of Tokyo and proved to be a loyal and supportive crowd even under the heavy rain. I had the honor of being chosen as the student speaker from America. Actually, I had volunteered the night before, prepared the speech that morning in less than 30 minutes, and then just prayed desperately as I awaited my turn to go on stage. As the rally schedule kept changing by the minute, I wasn’t even certain that I would make it to my speech until one minute prior to going on stage. I felt that through my being able to keep a prayerful heart here, God let me give my speech and helped me do it with much confidence and passion. The rally in Tokyo was a success. The Associated Press covered our event, allowing news of the Pure Love Alliance to be heard around the world.

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There was more of a joyful spirit at our last Japanese rally, held in Fukuoka. Everyone patiently endured the hour-and-a-half long rally sitting on the streets during the march there. Even though that morning we had seen how silent the city had been some 53 years earlier after the A-bomb had been dropped, that afternoon there were so many people coming and going in such a hurry, I didn’t know whom to approach first. I did approach many people but few even smiled and fewer still stopped to listen and sign the pledge. Once again I had a taste of God’s heart.

As I look through my pictures of the tour, I realize how much I came to the other participants and that together we made memories which will last a lifetime. I am grateful for the opportunity we had not only in reaching out to the youth of Japan and Korea, but in strengthening our hearts as the people I ate, slept and bathed with each day. Pure Love ’98 gave me profound understanding of the importance of purity and the determination to practice purity in its complete sense, and I can’t wait for all the new experiences I’ll have on Pure Love ’99, wherever it will take place.

Victoria was blessed with Mr. Tomhiro Onishi (second son of Mr. and Mrs. Kanzhiro Onishi). Portrait Blessing in June 13, 1998 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Word Poem

Mortal man maimed by tempest treason
Scarlet scions searing steadfast reason
Tulips transpire tuneful odors
Beguiling breezes brace balfeul boulders
Paradise proposes perplexing paradox
Misbegotten mind mocks heaven’s fox
Sweet silence surmises pallid proposition
Torrential tears challenge immutable inhibition
Forsaken fighter fondles frivolous fate
Ephemeral eternity enounced on God’s Gate

Christopher Seidel

Victoria with husband, Tomihiro, in Japan with the PLA tour

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Life Without Dad

by Alise Emmanuel Lawrence—NYC

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John Doroski to be my seat companion and to keep an eye out for me while I was in Korea, for which I was grateful. I was never flying alone; of course, after all, I've done it so often that I don't think about it. I started to feel even a little adventurous as I saw other members arrive. My parents intro-
duced me to many of the people, who knew how proud they were of me, and how brave I was for going off on this spiritual adventure at 16. Then it was time to go.

Immigration was returning a criminal to Seoul on my flight. They had locked him up, and he passed me as I turned to raise my hands in a Manse response to my family, who were Manse-
ing like crazy on the other side of the security glass. It was the last of the line as I entered the ramp to the plane.

Seoul City

What can I say? It was a plane flight. We had a great choice of movies. I talked with a 17-year-old friend from the Hope Dae books, advised me to get a bottle of water for my Water, and warned me not to touch the trees or go to the mountain late at night. Mom had care-
fully stuffed a pocket in envelopes for me (for transportation, touring, workshop fee— I was particularly interested in the one making my way not to be spent more than 84 days). Uncle John maneuver-
ed us through immigration and onto the plane. We took our places, and we were on our way.

I was very happy to see Su-jin Bow-
mans there, doing the 40 days as I was. I did wonder if everyone would be 50, and I would be the only kid. What a relief! Su-jin is 19 years old, and want-
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What's a '17-year-old country' supposed to do in a foreign country alone and with no direction? Why, to quote my dad, to witness, of course. I was soon off to the streets, giving the pre-Blessing to everyone in sight.

A Brief Trip Home

It was hard for me to leave Thailand for the return trip home, even though I had grown so close to the Aparos that at times I called them "mom" and "dad", and I thought of their children as my own siblings. The coun-
try was very beautiful, and the people were very wonderful. It was definitely not New York.

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I finally concluded that to take music was infectious. Their relaxation with the music, I began to see that this idea was that the note reading habit has to be established in the beginning stages of learning piano. Sun Jin-nim and Boun Jin-nim would be prone to neglect this area only because they caught the melody quickly through listening because they were born with what the musicians call a “light ear”. My next two student’s instrument was the violin. They, being also blessed with “good ears” and taking the Suzuki method that emphasized ear training rather than note reading, were also in need of help. They had the advantage of age on their side, however, they were taught enough (6 and 8 yr. old) that I might have some success teaching them note reading via the piano The first thing I did was compose a song that could be used to learn the “nasty notes” that eluded them. This was the start of composing many pieces that eventually I would publish. The first book called 21 Wonders, Op. 10 for Beginners was published, using the precious “seed” money that True Parents presented to me in 1987 after Shin Won birth. True Father asked me to continue to publish more books. I eagerly took on the task to complete and publish 74 more piano solos. Father’s idea at that time was the note reading habit. When he knew the three 5 finger C positions to the whole world. What an inspiring idea that was! The opportunity for trying a different and more simplified way of teaching a young child would come to me. I introduced the piano keyboard by pointing out only 5 alphabet letter keys located in the middle of the piano. They were Middle C, D, E, F, and G. They were given names as follows: cat, dog, nut, elephant, fish and “good”. Meaning “Good, you now know 5 keys” I made standard note reading billboard style cards with the animals etc. pasted on them and I would ask my students to place them on the piano keys. After he knew the keys well, I presented him with a sheet of paper divided into 8 squares. I wrote a song, choosing, for the right hand, any of the 5 alphabet letters mentioned above and for the left thumb, the G below middle C. With the right hand letters written “high” inside the square and the left “low” in the square, there was no confusion. Because most children are right handed, they can manage to play any of 5 notes without too much problem. The left hand being more awkward, playing with only the thumb would make their playing the “balance” necessary to help them in their coordination of both hands for future playing. I found his facility developed rapidly because he was focused on only one thing. That was meeting all the specific alphabet letter to the piano key that had that name. By having to do the “see-saw” action from right hand to left hand, he was able to utilize the “relaxation technique” more quickly. I was happy that this particular range in the piano was easy for him to sing. Rhythm by singing became a part of his whole being when the whole notes became “squat notes”, the quarter notes “walk” notes, the eighth notes “run” and the whole notes “touch the bench” notes or “sit down” if it’s at the end of the song. In this way Shin Myung was able to have fun by thoroughly understanding the two very important aspects of the early stages of playing piano, relaxation technique and counting. His hands began to look as if they were doing a dance, rhythmically bouncing back and forth. Thus, the book, 5 Finger Letter Names, was born.

Note reading

The next big step was not impossible when I introduced note reading through the book, NOTES. Our Friends, Op. 19 It was the whole mind to transfer his playing skills in C position to reading the notes on the music staff in the same position. He surprised himself when he could apply the written notes to his playing so quickly. His parents were also surprised at his sudden progress. If he ever forgot the name of the notes, I would start singing the Note Song and he would correct the song with me and proceed to tell me the correct notes without missing a beat. This is how easy it is for children to latch on to something difficult when it is through songs.

Shin Won who had been studying with me was a Russian teacher before he came to me was playing intermediate level music at that time he bruised his left “pinkie” playing ball. I decided to use this time to test his sight reading through these simple 5 finger C position songs, later, his sincere comment was, “This book is simple and enjoyable!” That was a sign that signaled to me that many children would have the same reaction. We don’t know what kind of gem we can uncover unless we give every child a chance to become successful in the early stages so we can make a decision whether he wants to continue piano or not. Note reading should be an adventure of meeting new friends and looking forward to their becoming their best friends. I heard that my student’s younger sisters or brothers were dancing and singing with the music, I began to see that this music was infectious. Their relaxation approach imbued rhythm to the music and their note reading gave them confidence. My plan was taking “root”.

Relaxation

The next question was how can I instill enthusiasm from teachers to incorporate this kind of teaching? They could use my books and help their students from “alphabet letter reading” to “note reading” but they wouldn’t know how to teach them the “relaxation technique” if this isn’t taught in the early years, they would develop what the professionals call, pianists’ syndrome; their fingers would be “tight” and their rhythm “offbeat”. With this kind of emergency, I thought I must make a video. One day, a student, who was in my choir knew how to play piano, asked me to teach her daughter. Her schedule was filled up; however, I knew I could not refuse her. My heart responded to her because she would always tell me how much she loved music, so much so that she couldn’t stop singing a song I had composed for the choir. Trying to solve the problem of already having too many students, I hoped that I could train her to be my future teacher under me. I told her I would teach her daughter on the condition that she would videotape the lessons, study my teaching style and eventually take over teaching her daughter. She happily agreed. As we started working together, I was surprised she was so creative with the camera angles. I found her comments helpful for improving the quality of the video. She, in turn, was so enraptured with any ideas that had to do with my music dreams that she would force me to stay for lunch so she could hear more. It was a wonderful time for me with her by my side. For the introduction to be aesthetically beautiful, she took scenes of East Garden in full bloom and the majestic pine trees at East Garden. I was anticipating making more videos after we finished the first one because this “tool for teaching” is a wonderful way to quickly spread this kind of teaching. I taped a song called Circle of Love which I had composed for Shin Jinni and this provided the background music for this opening video.

When I donated a set of my music and this completed video to the music director of Hackett school, she was elated to understand what was wrong with her piano technique by watching this video. I wanted to share this video with my devoted camera lady friend and her devoted father took her to Spirit world before I could do so.

The ultimate testing of my theory of teaching came with Shin Yeon. I was live-in Housekeeper Wanted!

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by Mary Jane Yasuko Tashiro—Tarrytown, NY
through Playing an Instrument

Teaching Shin Eh and Shin Won in the music room at East Garden when Shin Yeon, taken by their music making, would come in every week, begging to also be taught. At that time, she was not yet 6 years old. After spending a few minutes with her, I realized she needed a little more time to physically develop the coordination demands of playing the piano. I told her to wait until she was 7; however, I explained I would spend 5 minutes every week just to teach her the "let- ter names" of the piano keys and the "rest" or "shoulder" position just for a "tidbit" of what piano was about. As she approached her 7th birthday, I knew that she understood everything I was saying because she is a very bright girl, but she still could not play without further instruction. I decided then to hide her to be xeroxed and one song, Snowflakes was her downfall. She couldn't handle it and said she usually had to wait a little longer. My conclusion was that maybe she would be better off pursuing sports or some other instrument.

In the fall of that same year, I hoped Shin Yeon would have forgotten about piano but when I saw her, she asked again about lessons. I really was moved that she was so persistent to teach her on a regular basis was difficult because suddenly she would have to take a trip with her parents and then there would be no way that she would be able to play Snowflakes without any problem. From that day on, whether she was sick or very happy after a trip and was tired, she came to her lesson and was willing to even come twice a week to "make up." Her "relaxation approach" is so natural and "right" that this sound which I call the "window into one's soul," makes her piano playing very pleasing to everyone who hears her. There is a real sparkle in her eyes due to a certain rapport about Shin Yeon. She proved to me again that 7 years old is the most advanta-
geous age to start piano lessons. To find out more about the history behind my conclusions, please read my book, Piano Teaching with Love. In Op. 15, I outline what the 3 age groups are for optimum nat-
ture working at this task. I remember the forte to my heart that I needed to continue the teaching process gives me the luxury of chang-
ing the notes any time I want. The com-
puter is sitting next to my piano but after completing the notes, I don't have to move over to the piano to test it. All I do is point to the icon button that says, "play" and I can hear it exactly as I engraved it. What a time saver this is! I never have to hand-write the changes anymore! I remem-
ber the many years of losing sleep because I couldn't make any changes after the music was sent to the engraver. Last but not least, Jin Hong Park, Yun Shim's brother-in-law and now my relative through her marriage, got "snagged" by Yun Shim and gave me more confidence in per-
forming. Although it usually means that a "gift from God" was given and so I had an obligation to try to make a difference in my playing, but as a full time university student, I had a partial scholar-
ship but it did not cover paying for piano lessons. I needed to find a job but I had to fit this job into my schedule. I auditioned for a job accompanying bal-
et which required I play non-stop for 3 hours. I was accepted. I was tired to play "forte" (loud) to help the dancers in the "lifts" and the "grande battements" but it helped pay for my music lessons and gave me more confidence in per-
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through Wedding Wish to the "public at large" with words of love and God. God could become an integral part of many people and children's lives through their hearts responding to this music. Shin Won, being a boy, wanted solos that cel-

through Playing an Instrument
WORKSHOP

Pioneer Ideal Family Workshop

one day be, with tree-lined avenues, sparkling lakes and such. We also have to realize that the property as a whole here is vast, and we are just talking about one area which is set aside for the educational grounds and facilities. There are other areas adjoining, such as property with 22 natural waterfalls which will be used for other purposes; and there are other properties, in addition to all this, which are to be used for various projects.

The Grounds

But even in its present state you will find the educational facilities to be quite adequate. You will room in a house with eight units. There are many such houses. Each of the eight rooms have ample space and each has its own bath and hot shower. You will take your meals buffet-style in a beautiful, large 2-story structure with 4 dining halls and a veranda all around. A lake and a veranda all around. A lake will soon be made behind this hall. Of course, the whole community is surrounded by bodies of water, but this lake will be in full view of the "restaurant" as the community calls it. The two upstairs dining halls are used for classrooms right now, with windows on all sides.

Just across the street and a few steps away is the splendid Temple (the main lecture hall), which seats 1,000 and is used for worship, classes and special events. Behind the Temple, there are six good-looking schools, three in a row, which are scheduled to open in February, grades 1-12. Washing is done by hand, in your own bath or in outdoor laundry tubs, with nearby clotheslines. Speaking of clothing—some people dress up, some people dress down. To dress comfortably, casually and respectably might be a good code. And put a couple of “dress up” items in your bag. There is Sunday Pledge service to consider, maybe some stage entertainment, an invitation to lunch or dinner with the Educational Director Rev. Jung Rho Yoon or you might have to lead a group sometime. You might even find yourself in some nearby town having your photo taken for community events. Behind the Temple, there are lecture halls, which seats 1,000 and is used for worship, classes and special events. Behind the Temple, there are six good-looking schools, three in a row, which are scheduled to open in February, grades 1-12.

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People are very much aware of ancestors accompanying them for learning. Answers come through more clearly to questions you might have on your mind. Until this time, the Blessing has been on an individual level. It is now the era of the family-level Blessing. On attending the Ideal Family 40-day workshop, participants can resurrect to the family-level Blessing, which represents the national level. Upon receiving the family-level Blessing, the family is then entered into the Eternal Family Register of True Parents. On this foundation a family then becomes one having the same value as

On the veranda of the dining hall

A Holy Day children’s performance
True Parents family. When your family is entered in the Register of True Parents Family you have then entered the era of the Fourth Adam, as tribal messiahs, so that now your family can inherit the authority to give the Blessing to your tribe.

During the 40-days we 1) become educated about the heavenly traditions of God and True Parents and 2) we learn to put these traditions into practice. We study True Father’s New Hope Farm, Jardim declarations.

The Four Declarations

For example, in True Father’s 1st Declaration—April 3, 1995, at New Hope, Jardim, in front of leaders representing 160 nations—Father declared: Have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. At that time we learned of the purpose for the establishment of the model for an ideal society and ideal nation, where God’s people will live in cooperation and true love; where nature can be respected 160 nations—Father declared: Have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. At that time we learned of the purpose for the establishment of the model for an ideal society and ideal nation, where God’s people will live in cooperation and true love; where nature can be loved and preserved; a place where blessed couples have restored their bloodline and the realm of ownership and will center their lives on God’s heart, language and culture: where all will live for the sake of others, transcending all barriers known to humankind in absolute faith, love and obedience to God. (Read Way of Unification, v. 2, ch. 8, for details.

The 2nd Jardim Declaration centers on God’s four major attributes. As citizens of the Kingdom of God, we must become people of God’s character. The new nation will center on God’s character and attributes. During this 40 day period, we study God’s attributes and realize that we must quickly take on these attributes ourselves in a substantial way:

- God is Absolute. Unique, Eternal and Unchanging.
- As God’s children we also become Absolute, Unique, Eternal and Unchanging.
- We live as Absolute couples, Unique partners, Eternal partners, and Unchanging couples.
- We become Absolute parents, Unique parents, Eternal parents and Unchanging parents.
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At the 3rd Jardim Declaration Father declared: the first creator is God; the second creator is Adam and Eve; the third creator is their children. God can now say He has grandchildren. The creation of the universe is the ideal of God’s creation, in a real, visible sense. The entire universe is becoming perfected now in our 3-level family structure. We have entered the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the great era of transition. The Elder Son must save the universe and be, that you played (or lack there-of) can be put to use. It is interesting to move to another country, especially this one, Brazil, where you can gain the benefits of being in the midst of the providence. The 40-day family workshop is the equivalent of attending True Parents directly for a three-year period.

From the 4th Jardim Declaration we learn that as blessed couples we offer ourselves and all we possess on the altar, as conditional offerings for the sake of humanity and restoration.

On the foundation of this 40 days, your family resurrects to the formation level of the perfection realm. In this new era we will come into the direct dominion of God. Through this workshop True Father is opening a new age. This workshop is different from the past.

Schedule

Following the Blessings of June 13, 1998 and February 7, 1999, a new world will start. True Father will solve the youth problems and family problems as we go into the new age.

It is best to take three generations to the workshops. Husband and wife is a must, and children and grandparents should accompany the couple if possible. This will enrich and empower your 40 days of learning and practicing.

At this workshop we inherit True Parents’ heart and tradition. Through the first 21 days you will be in the classroom reading and sharing together The Exposition of the Divine Principle; Blessing and Ideal Family: The Way of God’s Will: True Parents (v.10, HDH series); Life in the Spiritual World on Earth (and Father’s Prayers when it is translated into English). Be sure to take all these books.

This is a family-style workshop; it is serious but relaxed at the same time. The schedule we had, for example, was as follows:

- 6:00am Pledge & Hoon Dok Hae
- 7:00am Breakfast

There are some variations, especially in the afternoons and evenings. Your group, for example, might want to visit the local ostrich farm and learn the interesting aspects of that project, or whatever else might come up. Some groups extend the evening sessions to 9:30 or 10pm. Some groups keep late, late prayer conditions and meetings.

Our group would occasionally set aside mission sessions to have guest speakers. There are meetings on the property, for instance, with special missions that are of interest to everyone. Or sometimes we invited a leader from another workshop to speak.

Workshops were called to meet together in the Temple and the mayor of Jardim came to speak to us.

In the second part of the workshop you will be spending 7 days traveling back and forth by bus to various other church properties. At these places you will be educated about the projects going on there and you will most probably be doing some fishing. Each family should take fishing equipment. They sell things like leaders and hooks at New Hope but you need to bring your rod and reel. Various baits are used: live small fish, corn, meat, worms, artificial bait and such. You will probably want to fish also at the local lakes on New Hope property during breaktime.

The third and final session involves 12 days of working for the community. The workshop leaders categorize to have guest speakers. There are many categories to choose from so everybody’s skills (or lack there-of) can be put to use. When you someday look back on this and realize, no matter where you may be, that you played a part (though maybe it was only a matter of hours or days) in building this kingdom, it will be your heavenly pride.

As far as children are concerned, you just hang loose. There were toddlers, pre-schoolers, on up to teenagers and young adult second generation. Japan had the largest group of children. So many, in fact, that the Japanese set up two age group classes to keep the children occupied, probably rotting the caretakers.

For others, you just do what you see WORKSHOP on page 18.
Our North American group — some were not present for the photo.

**WORKSHOP from page 17**

have to do. In our class some brought their children and hoped they would quietly play in the corner. Some sat on their parent’s laps. Some children found friends there and went off to play. Or sometimes the father or mother would stay in their room while a child was sleeping. It is something that needs to be worried about. The children enjoy the fishing and walking times, meal-times, the bus trips to other places, the animals, and just being with other families.

**Way of Life**

Speaking of walking times: One day a couple of us were strolling down a dirt road and suddenly we heard a loud hissing sound! It was undoubtedly targeted at us. We stopped dead in our tracks, our hearts thumping! Then, out of the corner of our eyes we saw a mama duck nestled in the brush, sitting on her eggs, hissing at the top of her lungs! We had great disturber. We politely hurled on our way.

The meals at the workshop are good — a combination of oriental and Brazilian food. It would be nice, however, if they would include some wild or brown rice to add some nutrients and fiber to the white rice! You can have plenty of fruits, ice cream and snacks which are sold at a concession as well as the “shopping center.” I laughed when I first saw the crude little sign with an arrow pointing “shop.”

Each day after the bus trip we toured around a day long in one of the buildings, but there’s a whole lot of stuff in that little room. Baby diapers and such are no problem. And if they don’t have what you need, they can probably pick it up for you on one of their daily trips to Jardim. Take any special medicines you need; maybe throw in some stomach medicine and laxatives, just in case the change in diet and water might effect you, but probably it will not. Take mosquito repellent and itch medicine as well.

Our first workshop was incredibly fortunate to have True Parents there a great deal of time. In truth, because they were with us so much we were hardly aware that Par- ents actually came and went so many times, between us and the National Messiah work- shop, which was a day’s jour- ney away, not to mention their coming and going as well to the Northern Hemisphere workshops during that time! It was quite incredible. True Father is so seemingly omnipresent! So that first pioneering work- shop had a more varied sched- ule than the one time is likely to have! Our little band of pilgrims from North America, symbol- izing the number of Jesus’ dis- ciples, held strongly and tigh- tly to the schedule, and though our 12 representative families came along at staggered times, still we anchored ourselves as much as we were able; and as a continuation of our vow we knew how, we made our mark

**Inheritance**

Upon completing this workshop, blessed couples should now substan- tially become the couples that God intended for Adam and Eve, having no national, racial, cultural or language barriers. All will become one. This is how we secure our eternal life. We learn to live earthly life correctly—in prac- tice. In our life of prayer we begin to be one in Christ, in the house of God, in our family. And True Father’s instructions. Through practice of Absolute Love, we can obtain Absolute Lineage. And so, we were, one baby in arm, three small children and one teenager all singing together. A true family group, it felt good.

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**RIVER** means departing the satanic world and reaching the heavenly shore. The Jordan River lies between these two borders. (Read Way of Unification from the HJD series, v. 1, p. 189.) At this workshop we can cross the Jor- dan. Soon we will reach the other great shoreline.

We have to inherit God’s tradition of loving and protecting nature. South America is the place to do that. In fact, it can begin at your very door, where you most certainly will feed, hold or just chat with the gorgeous macaws that dwell in the trees in front of True Parents porch. With their beautiful feathers of green, yellow, red, and blue, they will perform for you on the wire.

When we return to our nations after this workshop we return as Abel- type citizens. There is now no opposi- tion and no persecution for us. We begin anew with inordinate love.

True Father is the victor of land and water. The National Messiah fishing workshops that we took part in sent the water, and the classroom work- shops represent the land, so land and water are being joined. And by having simultaneous north and south workshops, True Father has been connecting the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. He long ago connected the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. How marvelously wondrous and all- encompassing is our beautiful True Father. Who else in all of history past or that which is yet to come could so beautifully weave all things, all beings togeth- er in the Cosmos to be harmon- ized only? There is only One — Our Loving and Revered True Father. March- ing in complete harmony with God, True Father and True Mother have brought that harmony to the horizontal level, that all of humankind and all crea- ture can frolic together in that same harmony on Earth and in the Spiritual World forever.

Imagine how Jesus Christ and all the Christian mar- tyrs feel right now. As the blood they shed, all the suf- fering paths they trod will now be totally glorified on Earth as well as in Heaven. Christianity itself can be united. What a glorious new age this is. Daytime is com- ing.

(For this article, I have drawn from my own expe- riences at the Ideal Family Workshops. The material here is taken from True Father’s talks or those of other lead- ers; some notes come from Rev. Koala’s memos; some notes come from True Father’s recent speeches at Belvedere; and some words were taken from True Father’s Moon Dol Hae series.)

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OUR NORTH AMERICAN GROUP – SOME WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THE PHOTO.
Bringing the Blessing to Burkina Faso

by Will Suttles—Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

In recent months you have probably heard that Burkina Faso was one of the top ten Blessing countries for the 40 Million Couples Blessing, after such well-known luminaries as Ukraine, Philippines and Zaire (now Congo). Your first response may well have been, Burkina Faso? Where is that? (Or worse: What is that?) Burkina Faso, formerly known as Upper Volta, is a relatively poor, landlocked country in the center of West Africa.

I came to this country in 1996 as a part of the National Messiah providence. At that time there were two cities with church centers and an active membership of around 20. Using a method pioneered in Burkina Faso called “community Blessing,” the members had blessed over 3,000 couples in the 360,000 Couple Blessing. They were preparing to do the community Blessing for 1998 with basically the same people and same method. At this point our Korean National Messiah, Rev. Dae Sub Jung, appeared on the scene and transformed the country. He and the former missionary, Kenichi Ito, held a 21-day workshop in the Chung Pyung tradition with clapping and singing and reading in addition to lecture practice and Divine Principle lectures. Then all the members who were willing were sent pioneering. Fundraisers or office members or CARP leader or general affairs, all who volunteered were given a province. Where before there was one team which covered the whole country, now there were 12 pioneer centers focused on the Blessing. We spent the next 9 months helping with the Blessing providence.

In our faithful 1983 Peugeot 305, Rev. Jung or Peter Haller and his wife, or myself and my wife and sometimes Jason (our 4-year-old son) would travel from village to village with the local pioneer giving the blessing. The chief or his representative would call the people and they would come out. The pioneer would give an inspirational talk and reveal why all needed the blessing. Then all who agreed, usually everyone, would line up for the Holy Nectar. Since most villages had substantial Moslem populations, no alcohol was served. Sometimes a mint syrup drink was used or a local drink called Zoom Room, made with millet and sugar. Rev. Jung would pray Father’s prayer, and three cheers of Manseki and a photo would complete the ceremony. Sometimes the Chief would present Rev. Jung with a chicken or even a sheep. Or they would have a presentation of dance with African mask figure. Then on to the next pre-Blessing.

Many of the villages were off the main asphalt road. Many were off anything which could be called a road, and we pushed our Peugeot to the limit more than once, sometimes driving through dry river beds, sometimes through not-so-dry river beds. Many times the asphalt road turned to a dirt road, which turned to a track, which turned to a path, which would have been a challenge for a Land Rover. But we never turned back.

After the Blessing of Nov. 27, 1997, the country was one team which covered the whole country, now there were 12 pioneer centers focused on the Blessing. In Ouagadougou, where the power of community and the authority of the chief are much less, we are starting a different pattern. The motto will be “It’s good to be Blessed!” How about you? Don’t you think it’s good to be Blessed?

Now we are looking to the future. While the village Blessing continues, Rev. Jung has started a system of workshops and witness teams to train especially those bound for the matching. The witnessing team will visit villages all over the country and stay in the local church center, a kind of KWOC.

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If you have any suggestions (or donations) feel free to contact us at FPMMU, 01BP 1255, Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso, West Africa or by e-mail at afrom@cenatrtn.bf. (Mention FPMMU in the subject line.)
Family restoration and hometown tribal love have been a challenge for me and my family. The hometown providence has given me and my family a perspective on the historical anticipation through the enduring situations. This story of family perseverance shows that to gain victories, one has to set the goal and, step by step through God's formula of True Love, establish victory.

In 1990, the message for home town sent us from the World Mission Center (full-time mission- ary) to do hometown in north- eastern Ohio; we could move to my home neighborhood in 1992. There, with family and clan and all my home schoolmates, we started the tribal love work. Every year in my town there is a summer celebration for the towns to gather in the town square. From here I started our family's work by having a booth set up to bring them the Blessing. The first year I made a booth for sales of gift items. That following year I made information booths for Women's Federation, then Family Federation, and now the True Blessing Booth. We became known as the city's Moon family. At first we were only internally per- ceived; sometimes we were even reject- ed. But folks in this town are still friendly and know the good basic family root that I came from. I was known as the rebel. The one who did things different from others: becoming a hip- pie, rock and roll and being a Moonie! People believed me in heart, but I was a Moonie disciple for the last 20 years. People might feel pride, but the job of being a parent is just at its

Blessing '98 Family/Tribe

After returning from Puerto Rico, working at the Navy base. I had a chance to bless many for the '98 Blessing. My wife being Japanese, she went to do Blessing work and family witnessing in her hometown for three weeks in Japan. Back at the Blessing '97, I worked for three weeks in Washington DC, so now my wife was working in Japan this year. This family sacrifice and offering was made by all the family. Coming to America 25 years ago, my wife only vis- ited her hometown once; it was 10 years ago, and my first son was born. She really did not get to see anyone of her childhood friends. This time she could go home as a Moonie and proclaim her Love of God and True Par- ents. Testifying to the international Holy Blessing, she could give many Blessings to her hometown family.

On Father's Day, June 21, both Eiko and I had the opportunity to Bless our Tribal Clans. In America, my cousin (who has received us warmly since 1962) had a graduation party for their youngest daughter. I blessed the celebration cake with Holy Wine with permission to give this special Blessing to all my relatives young and old, creating a true cele- bration day. On the other side of the planet, my wife was having a special banquet with all her relatives and she also had a special Holy Wine cere- mony sharing the cup of True Love Bless- ing with them. This is now a Tribal Hol- iday for us!

Hometown Tribal Blessing

My family became involved in sign- making and poster-making for this special event. After seven days, I met many ancestors of the city and dreamed of holding a Blessing rally every night. Most of the booths at this city fair are 10 feet by 10 feet, but I rented two spaces mak- ing a very large statement about what I was doing. I felt the need for as much spiritual space as possible. I used some special gifts, showing the banners and flags to really decorate and honor the Blessing booths. I set up a Holy Wine table with blessed lemonade as well as a video display table, which accent the charts from the True Family Val- ues book.

One of the best situations working to create this hometown Blessing was with the Blessed children, who were really investing themselves giving out the holy wine and candies. There's a person, director, Joel Lindstrom, along with three blessed wives and their children, who participated in the Blessing Fe- stival. This is the Northeast Ohio Blessed Families who together could make this victory. We also had others who had been Blessed last year come to the booth and stay for hours.

Buying and pre-Blessing the can- dies was important because when the festival was on, so many could receive the blessing as fast as we could give it. Reiko Bid- de, Martha Tschosker and Megu- mi Lindstrom helped to make that foundation of having the big, ready and putting them together with flyers. The Blessed children were so pure in their eyes, even the hard- est of hearts I have known for five years broke down and received their Blessing from them. Yoko, my six year old daughter, was out there for three days.

But the support of my two boys, ages 12 and 10, supplying a tan- dem effort, played a part in reaching the goal. I truly did not expect at first the 8,000 goal beforehand, but by that Sun- day evening we were out of Holy Juice and Holy Candy and were well beyond the goal. This made a joyous sound unto the Lord!

My biggest joy was Blessing so many friends and family in my True Tribal Hometown. Example: my high school friend's band was ready to play music for the townpeople in the gazebo. I went with a silver tray holding 12 cups of Holy Wine to the band. I announced this is the time of Blessing. One of the Carrol twins (in this famous local band) said "OK, everybody, drink!" The bass man said, "Is this Moonshine?" The other twin said, "Not! It is Moon Wine!" I said, "Yes! It is Holy Wine! I give you the Blessing!" The whole band drank up, said thank you and the music played.

Next year is the concert for the Northeast Ohio FPWPU has a Family Booth, and we will also have a Family Federation Trailer in the County Fair. The Blessing is coming! Truly the King- dom is come like the lightning flash- ing. All shall enter the gates of Heav- en! Now is Parental birth and responsi- bility.
Testimony to Mrs. Chang Song Kim
by Enrie Garau—Cypress
I had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Kim as she was guiding the prayer to support the campaign for RFK. I had the privilege to be there when she gave a short testimony.

Her paternal Grandmother was a very devoted Buddhista. When her mother became pregnant with Mrs. Kim, the grandmother had a dream that she would become a paraplegic. But Mrs. Kim was not a very special child. Therefore she prayed that the child would become a paraplegic and not be a buddhista, every day going to the temple and making offerings and prayers for the sake of the child.

Her Mother was a very strong and faithful Christian and she prayed every day “Please Jesus take this child and let her be a mission for you”. Mrs. Kim grew up with these two very strong spiritual influences. She was absolutely and totally loved by all her relatives and grew up surrounded by the love and attendance of her family.

After she joined the Church she could not understand why people had resentment or hated each other. At the time of our engagement, the spring of 1981, she was in Kwangju, her wife’s home town, and I prob-ably met her at the church at that time. She was a regular member, her husband was the local VOC leader while she was busy raising her three small children. Although aware of her spiritual gift, she did not want to have anything to do with it until she was at her husband’s inauguration. He needed her and she accepted. True Father had said that she is a gifted person and wherever she goes, she is the ability to move the spirit world. He also said that if he could have ten people like her he would have a very easy task to do in this world, and that a person like that is born every three or four hundred years. True Father called her “My friend”. She always teaches to put your trust in God and you will be blessed in every way. She fits this description perfectly.

Her greatest wish is that we all can have the ability to live a life devoting our efforts. Usually it would be difficult to gather many people to travel far distances. We believe that God is not limited by time and space because the event directly supports God’s central providence. Rehearsals went well and we were able to learn the two pieces, “He Watching Over Israel” by Mendelssohn and “If I Can Help Some-ody”, a traditional gospel number. Francesco Santelli directed, Rikoazo Asanuma accompanied, and Daryl Franklin performed a solo.

But most inspiring was what followed—the speech by Dr. Tyler Hendricks. In the heart of his speech Dr. Hendricks said that Jesus told the woman at the well to go and get her husband. Jesus couldn’t give the “Living Water” to her alone. Surely, if she had brought her husband to Jesus he would have blessed their marriage. “Go and get your spouse,” Dr. Hendricks told the congregation. “But you’ve got to get serious, you’ve got to be faithful...you’ve got to be able to invite God into your home and your family.”

Rev. Billings added that it’s okay to tell people of Jesus, but “You’d better bring Jose along, too, because just you and Jesus aint gonna fill my church; but you and your kids will!” He also really liked Francesco’s baton for conduct-ing. The closing prayer was power-ful. Citing specific problems in the com-munity, Rev. Billings prayed that some person had “gonna feel convicted by this prayer and come back to fulfill his responsibility. Some teenager going astray from mother’s guidance is going to feel convicted and make a change this day.”

We are thankful for the spirit of true brotherhood and sisterhood and unity of all races which permeated the atmosphere. We are thankful for the warm wel-come and the honor of your hearty applause given in appreciation of our performance. I would like to commend the UTS stu-dents and all others who made a won-derful offering by dedicating their heart and time to participate in this event. Spe-cial thanks to Rev. Hank and the New York church whose support of the regional-church has been so consistent. There is so much more I want to say in appreci-ation of the exemplary service, sacrifice and untold dedication of Heavenly broth-ers and sisters, yet somehow it is now possible or appropriate. However, when we do this in the bless, these precious treasures are being held in store, and when the time comes to pass out the gold-en crowns, the most wonderful deeds will be made known.

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Disability and Spirituality
Reviewed by Cathi Close—Arlington, VA
JONI (pronounced “Johnny”) is not only an unforgettable story but Joni, herself, is an unfor-gettable person. Paralyzed from the neck down at the age of sixteen as a result of a diving accident, Joni’s life, as she knew it, changed forever. This is her story, written from the heart, about her experience from agony to acceptance to rebirth. Joni tran- scended her physical condition to find true spiritual purpose and joy. During the process of rehabilita-tion, Joni learned to write and draw by using her mouth to hold pencils and paintbrushes. Her work is astounding, incredibly detailed and professional. Joni also founded the PTL (Praises the Lord) ministry which reaches out to aid hand-i capped people throughout the world. Her spirit and determination are truly amaz-ing as is her faith and love for God.

Our family had the unique opportunity to hear Joni Tada speak, in person, this past spring at a local Chris-tian church. Physi-cally, she is a beau-tiful woman who bears an interesting resem-blance to the late Princess Diana. Spiritually, one feels to be in the presence of an American Moth-er.

Joni openly shares her long cherished story. She has an unwill-ingness to move the spirit world and prays to the power of the Lord working through it. She has been an invalu-able resource for your will”. She grew up with these two very strong spiritu-al influences. She was absolute-ly and totally loved by all her rel-atives and grew up surrounded by the love and attendance of her fam-ily.

Joni has written a shorter version of her autobiography for young readers (8 - 12) which sells only for $5. There is also a video avail-able based on her book in which Joni plays herself.

Most Christian bookstores stock Joni. One or you can call 1-800-523-7777 or contact your local bookstore. Check with the PTL ministry. Many other mate-rials are available as well as information about Joni’s gift shop, which includes wheelchairs and other aids for the handicapped and their families. Con-tact Joni’s website at http://www.jafministries.com.
Then you have an idea. “Perhaps today I should get up enough nerve to ask him about his own story. I’d really like to know more about him. Maybe when he’s regular lecture is done, I should ask him. Maybe he’d be surprised. Probably, people don’t ask him about his own story; but maybe he’d really like to tell it but is too modest to volunteer.”

Mr. Eu’s life had been difficult. He had wanted to know about God so much that it almost made him crazy at times. He was a very educated man. He had a logical and scientific mind. That means he could think things through and figure things out. It was hard for him to believe anything unless it made clear sense to him. So he studied and learned, and he had many, many thoughts going through his mind. “How do things work in this world? Why were things created this way? Why were they created at all? Did God create them? If there is a God, why can’t He create them?” He had many, many thoughts going through his mind. “How do things work in this world? Why were things created this way? Why were they created at all? Did God create them? If there is a God, why can’t He create them?”

Mr. Eu had an inquiring mind and liked to learn about everything. But the most difficult thing for him to study was the Bible. So many things in the Bible seemed mysterious to a scientific person such as he. It didn’t always make sense to him, and it didn’t seem to fit with what he knew about science.

Mr. Eu also had a disease in his bones that made him crippled, so he couldn’t do much work. In fact, he couldn’t even walk. Much of his time, therefore, was spent studying and thinking. He thought about God a lot, and he wished he could be a person God could use; but how could God ever use a crippled man for much of anything? It was very frustrating to have a mind so bright, and a body so weak. Many times, he felt that there was no hope for him in this world; and many times, he even thought he might just give up and kill himself.

At those desperate moments, he would always remember something. When he was a little boy, his mother had loved him so very much and had prayed for him every day. She believed in him. Thinking of her, he would then begin when he had to study something difficult.
The Origin of Conflict and Suffering

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M any people acknowledge the fact of individual sin, but they are reluctant to trace it back to a primal point of origin. In the New Testament and lay Christian alike have wondered how a single sin, whatever its gravity, could corrupt the entire human race.

To answer this question, different analogies have been offered. The original sin has been compared to one puncture of the eye which causes permanent blindness or to a single perforation of the heart which brings life to an end for the whole body. Several rabbis compared it to a poison whose effect is inevitable.

Psychologists have often traced severe mental disturbances back to a single psychic shock. One could further say that it is like the contamination of a water supply at its source which inevitably affects an entire city, or like a tree that causes the rotting of a root and eventually infects every branch and leaf. In the family tree of man, Adam and Eve were the roots.

In addition to original sin, we may mention hereditary, collective and individual sin. Hereditary sin is passed on from our ancestors and is conveyed to us, the descendents, through our blood lineage.

Collective sin is neither one’s own sin nor hereditary sin, but it is the sin for which all members of a particular group are responsible; for instance if a group of people lynch an innocent man, everyone in the group is responsible for the action.

Finally, individual sin is the sin committed by each individual in his daily life. For Divine Principle, it is god’s will that each person be liberated from all sin, even while we are on earth. However, we cannot be cleansed of sin without first removing original sin, the root.

Such a task is one aspect of the mission of the messiah, a mission that will be the subject of the next section.

Fallen nature

God created everyone and everything to be good, including Adam, Eve and Lucifer. While Adam and Eve were still growing to fulfill this ideal, the fall took place.

Throughout the fall, the personality and character of Adam and Eve were corrupted, changed from what God had originally intended. In a word, Adam and Eve inherited a fallen nature.

Throughout history, this fallen nature, or as it is termed in Roman Catholic theology, “second nature,” has been passed on to Adam and Eve’s descendents.

Divine Principle identifies four major aspects of humanity’s fallen nature. Let us look at them briefly.

1. God’s viewpoint, our viewpoint

One dynamic contributing to the fall was the failure to see things from the standpoint of God. As we have said, before the birth of Adam and Eve, Lucifer was the major recipient of God’s love. If, after their arrival, Lucifer had loved Adam and Eve in the same way as God loved them, he would not have fallen. If he had struggled to stand with God, loving what God loved, instead of subduing to Adam, and Eve in the same way as God did, this tendency to see things from the viewpoint of God. As we have said, our tendency has been passed down to us through our blood lineage.

A well-known example of this inherited tendency was displayed in the lives of the twelve sons of Jacob. Of all his sons, Jacob favored his eleventh son, Joseph, which the ten older sons knew. Had they truly loved their father, they would have struggled to see his point of view, accepting Joseph and remaining confident that their father loved them, too. Rather than striving for this response, however, they became jealous of Joseph, hated him and sold him into Egypt.

We may see something of this same tendency today. Students may feel jealous of another student because of his diligent work. In these instances, we may say such jealous individuals, like Lucifer, have failed to appreciate things from God’s point of view. The task is to appreciate people for their own merit, regardless of how their position relates to one’s own personal status.

2. Improper position

We have also inherited the tendency to leave a position that has been given to us. In God’s original creation, a position was ordained each creature. Angels, for instance, were created as servants of god while Adam and Eve were created as His children. If these positions had been maintained, order and harmony would have emerged. Sadly, they weren’t. Reflecting this, a New Testament author wrote, “And the angels that did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal judgment - - - ” (Jude 1:6)

Similar phenomena occur today. In each of our lives there are proper roles which, when fulfilled, lead to happiness and satisfaction for ourselves and for God. When the proper relationship is established between parent and child, or student and teacher, or husband and wife, for example, both parties can be pleased and contented. Apart from working out these roles, however, no larger order or individual peace is possible.

3. False dominion

Another aspect of fallen nature that we inherit today is the tendency to reverse dominion. As was previously indicated, there was a certain authority of the creation: God, Adam, Eve, followed by the angels, and finally by the things of creation. When the Fall took place, this order was reversed. The archangel successfully enticed Eve to sin, bringing her under his sordid, and Eve, in turn, led Adam to sin. Ultimately God was left entirely out of the picture.

The tendency to reverse dominion has been passed on to us, often originating in a Lucifer-like desire to receive more love. We all wish to be the teacher’s favorite. In the present day, thus, through our first parents a world of happiness and joy was to have come about - - - the Kingdom of God on earth.

However, because of the fall, Adam and Eve were disconnected from God, severing the link between God and all their children. Ever since the fall, both God and mankind have been seeking happiness and peace. Yet, apart from each other there has been no way for either to reach these goals.

To solve this problem, God’s strategy has been to establish a mediator between Himself and mankind, this is the role of the Messiah.

4. Multiplying evil

A final quality we tend to inherit from the orig- inal dynamics of the fall is the tendency to want to get other people involved in the wrongs that we have done. Eve appropriated to herself the archangel’s unsurpassed desire and further multiplied her wrong by tempting Adam. If Eve had not multiplied her crime Adam could have remained pure and ultimately could have restored his mate. Adam could have remained pure and, if Eve had not multiplied her crime, ultimately could have restored his mate. However, Eve multiplied her wrong in Adam, and the fall was completed.

Our tendency today is also to get others involved in our wrongs. In this way we seek to project, support and justify ourselves. Perhaps in gaining the minimal support of others, we seek to defend ourselves against our own internal sense that what we have done is unacceptable. As we do, however, we spread the evil we have done. The fact that in our present world evil is more rapidly multiplied than good is a manifest of the reality of this original fallen nature.

Throughout modern society all of these fallen nature have practically become a way of life. It is common to see jealous of someone who receives more love than we, and common to see dis- loyalty in families, betrayal among ‘friends’, and grab for power and recog- nition. Finally it is common to see evil passed from person to person as a regard for the reality of the fallen nature that originated with Lucifer, Eve and Adam.

The Messiah

Adam and Eve were meant to be the link between God and all of their descendants, up to the present day. Thus, through our first parents a world of happiness and joy was to have come about - - - the Kingdom of God on earth. However, because of the fall, Adam and Eve were disconnected from God, severing the link between God and all their children. Ever since the fall, both God and mankind have been seeking happiness and peace. Yet, apart from each other there has been no way for either to reach these goals.

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The Messiah is a world of happiness and Our mission today is to get
by Simon Kinney—NYC

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Which then was the correct one? The case in point was not a matter of opinion, but of fact. After a short period of consideration, I realized that actually in all likelihood, none of them were accurate.

This experience was nothing new for me. However on this occasion it was undermining the faith of several friends, and since I was not able to access a clear answer, it was hard to help clear their concerns. As in most situations like this, it was evident that a much larger scenario was at play, and any one-dimensional explanation of the facts was not going to cut it, even though that was what people wanted to hear.

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The Big Picture

by Simon Kinney—NYC

With all the recent activity in television and the print media giving a generous amount of coverage to our movement, it has become increasingly difficult for many members to see the forest for the trees. People I have spoken to seemed either wounded or confused about what they have heard or seen on television. For at least two people I had met, it meant turning the lights off and leaving the movement for good.

Such a dramatic turn of events seemed almost surrealistic. Only a few weeks earlier some level of confusion reigned in my mind when I approached one church official about a particular issue. This person’s explanation of the situation differed dramatically from a previous discussion I had with another church official. In fact three or four discussions had yielded three or four completely conflicting explanations of the same important question I had posed to them.

Which then was the correct one? The case in point was not a matter of opinion, but of fact. After a short period of consideration, I realized that actually in all likelihood, none of them were accurate.

This experience was nothing new for me. However on this occasion it was undermining the faith of several friends, and since I was not able to access a clear answer, it was hard to help clear their concerns. As in most situations like this, it was evident that a much larger scenario was at play, and any one-dimensional explanation of the facts was not going to cut it, even though that was what people wanted to hear.

Without expectation I made my way to Belvedere on Sunday morning, September 20th to hear Father speak. I arrived shortly after 6am. Parents had not arrived and I took a spot on the grass overlooking the dense fog rising from the Hudson River. The place was jammed to the rafters with the flock, not only in anticipation of Parents, but also of the impending television airing that evening on 60 Minutes.

As I stood in thought, I glanced above the roof of Belvedere training center towards the Hudson. I must have been standing still for less than ten seconds when the last movement of Bruckner’s Fourth Symphony came crashing into my conscience. Almost simultaneously, one very clear sentence presented itself: “Father represents only God’s viewpoint.”

That was it. Since this kind of activity, as dramatic as it was, had happened on numerous occasions, it came as no shock to me. However it managed to clear my mind of the most recent vagaries. Even though Parents had not even arrived, I could have left right at that moment and I would have felt completely happy.

If only every day could be so dramatically directional.

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The Mobile Homes' 
One God, One World, One Family

by Cathi Close—Arlington, VA

The first time I came across the name of Rev. Sun Myung Moon was reading a book of his speeches entitled, "The New Hope." I was eighteen years old and wandering through the college campus at U-Mass in Amherst. The book was sent to me by friends, and I thought they were lending and the cover of that particular one caught my eye. I could use some "new hope." I bought the book and as I read the speeches I was quite amazed. While so much of what Rev. Moon spoke about was difficult for me to comprehend [and still is], I remember thinking this guy really knows what he’s talking about. In other words, he “spoke with authority, not as one of the scribes or Pharisees” (and he still does!). I decided right then and there to join this group, whatever it was. Boy, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. God knew, though, and He pushed me right along.

As I look back over the years and experiences, both good and bad, I like to think in terms of the Native American concept of time. Progress and growth are not looked upon in a linear perspective but as concentric circles that are ever-expanding and evolving. Picture a spiral that gets wider as it gets higher.

Now, when I consider my own and the many, many lives which have been touched throughout the world with this same message, the organizations, the campaigns, the families, etc. that have multiplied, I find myself in a parallel space on the spiral of my life — once again of questioning, wondering and struggling to understand our purpose and the complexities of God’s providence. (This isn’t a first. I’ve been here many times before.)

What is the role of the church? How do I or don’t I fit in? Is the church an institution where we attempt to help ourselves get into something that’s not a church? Will the external form change or will the internal need to change? Will there be any encouragement toward or opportunity for reflection and renew- al? Do we want to start from where we are or through the chrysalis stage before opening it to new wings to fly? And a baby spends time in the womb before birth, so also spend some time in the tomb before the resurrection. No matter how much we like to believe we are making progress, even without doing so, we are going through the same cycles that affect everything in the universe. Preceding the seed is a time of dormancy, the time of dark- ness, a time of going and growing within ourselves before the spring, darkness before dawn.

I have a lot of questions now and not all the answers. I have some of the pieces of the puzzle, I think, but the puzzle also seems to be getting bigger. Instead of aggressively challenging myself to find answers to every question all at once, I feel that it would be more fruitful to reflect instead upon what I know and to build upon that. Recently my husband and I took a trip West to look at possible areas to relocate to once out of the RHICD in Utah as we stayed with and met members in both Colorado and Arizona area. Along with spiritual growth and development I also had the opportunity to have interesting discussions with these members about what our spiritual roles are in our life of faith. I found that regardless of to what degree a person is involved in church activities, regardless of our own personal perspectives or priorities, there is a real genuine element that binds us together. Even if we’ve never met each other previously, it didn’t matter. There was a comfortable and secure feeling that we were brothers and sis- ters. We were family. We have True Par- ents. We have True Parents. We are each other’s par- ent. What a blessing and comfort! This is so precious to me because it is one of the things that gives me the most comfort at the same time. Consider that, compared to friends, family mem- bers don’t choose each other (how many times mates don’t either?) We can be as different as night and day and often don’t even get along. However, when true love is there, it transcends this. It is our families that we turn to for help and support. It is interesting that no mat- ter how different our familial relationships are, they are all based on a love that is so precious to me because it is one of the things that gives me the most comfort at the same time.

I hope that we can weave a tapestry that will become a masterpiece of its own. It will be a long time before this world and cosmos are completely restored and healed and love flows to every corner of the globe and beyond. A long time before all families are close to being ideal. Who knows how long before the need for reli- gion and churches no longer exists or jads and armies become obsolete? There are still many challenges before us. There will be successes and yes, defeats as well. Happiness and also suffering. It’s nowhere near over yet. Along with the privilege we have the responsibility and burden to be a part of this heavenly healing effort. However, in our eager- ness to reach out to as many others as we can, let’s not forget our own family. Along with outreach and campaigns we must pay attention to the needs of each other. Within our immediate families, within our communities, within ourselves. There are wounded among us and it’s impor- tant that we acknowledge and tend to those as best we can.

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A Mistake?

Harris reflects on Beth Bailey's work being as natural as Mom and apple pie. in the cultural perspective, what is the logical goal of such a relationship? The heart of members from around the world would be given for America. And they gave abundantly. The American movement would have falttered without world support. The leader who would awaken the American mind with the Religious Freedom Crusade would empower America through the CAUSA movement, with conferences, slide and projectors, and renewal. Then, church buildings in every state would be purchased. The ACC would begin. Years later, the most gifted and dedicated church members had established themselves in society. That must make Father feel very good. I remember Father once said to us long ago, "You are my calling card." We serve that role on the front line.

He said long ago that it is vitally important to know the Providential Time, "to know what time it is." What is God doing at this moment? He taught us to inquire. Father has always demonstrated that he is responsive to God's time table, and consistently demonstrated that he was instrumented in what God is doing. Our pride as church members has been, in part, being on the front line and cutting edge of the Providence. Father can see a broader dimension than I, and knows how He is working in hospitals and what part we play in the incremental steps to its fruition. We have all come to regard Father's directions with this understanding.

Standing, and have attempted to respond with the proper attitude, willingness, and urgency. In hindsight, I can see that the course of action was the right thing to do... in the grand scheme of things was also in our own best interest.

A section in the new "Exposition of the Divine Principle," "Sexual Love" is a popular subject from Noah's Family." (P. 203, section 2.3) reads: "Yet instead of trusting Noah, who had been justified and blessed by God, criticized him from a self-centered perspective and showed his displeasure by his actions. He disregarded the effect of frustrating God's long labors to work His providence through Noah's family. We, too, need humility, obedience, and patience to walk the path toward Heaven." I would emphasize the part about "God's long efforts," and apply this quote to the idea of "what is God doing now?" and how I reflect on a direction and a leader. Noah wasn't perfect. Sometimes I can't get the picture without really thinking it through.

We have tried to avoid being a barrier to the work in progress. My offering is lamentably small. Many people endure the consequences of our shortcomings. Some areas are yielded and what part we play in the incremental steps to its fruition. We have all come to regard Father's directions with this understanding.

Looking at a broader ideal, to be "True Adams" displaced the image and character of God, as Jesus did, in male-female perspective. So dating is flawed. As Harris says, "God's true love pretty much nullifies anything you can know it. Incidentally, this is why the True Love Waives movement, as it stands now, is not likely to succeed. Loving in a dating project and saying "control yourself" is a losing proposition. Harris' proposals for an alternative lifestyle are to be commended: singleness is a gift from God to be used to its fullest while one can. A better way to get to know someone is by working with him on a service project rather than putting one's energy into creating false impressions on a date. Parents of both partners should be involved and what scene we get when knowing to get other person. Good as they are, they still come short of the perspective presented by Unificationism. That perspective includes nothing less than the creation of a marriage culture. It's only when we realize that God designed the world around the marriage of man and woman, that the goal of life is not to be a holy individual, but a holy couple, that we get a true perspective of marriage. When children are given this vision with the extensive guidance and example of how to apply Harris' proposals, we have hope of transforming our sex obsessed culture into a culture of the highest dignity of conjugal and parental love.

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"Although we have seen some relief from America's obsession with sex in the 'True Love Waives' movement, Joshua Harris' book is a breath of fresh air in that it goes beyond the pledges of abstinence to propose a new lifestyle for singles, that of not dating. It is a solid, principled proposal, and has the extra punch of being written by a 21-year-old and directed to young people his age. Parents with teenagers who have experienced the problems of dating will also benefit from having this 'comfort of the self' experience. It is a marriage culture. It's only through a marriage culture that we get a true perspective on marriage. We have tried to avoid being a barrier to the work in progress. My offering is lamentably small. Many people endure the consequences of our shortcomings. Some areas are yielded and what part we play in the incremental steps to its fruition. We have all come to regard Father's directions with this understanding. "

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coming his son to fish, a mother helping her
can be trusted to serve his parents breakfast in bed. Reflecting the character of
true learning, to classroom teachers who,
have strict rules, and continue to flour-
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Private schools normally outside their
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The Christian Schools are

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comes in external glory, we can trust
Him, but it doesn’t help us to trust each
other. Many parents (especially large ones)
are non-Catholic.

Now, we know that Jesus wants to be
with us, everything that we do, in every-
thing I mentioned—our love, our teach-
ing, our sharing, our service, and yet, there’s a little more to it than that. Jesus doesn’t
just want to be with us. Jesus wants to do it.
He wants to do these things Himself. That’s why Jesus said, the Lord will come again. And He
will come again not in external glory, for He
already has the external glory. He will come
in internal glory, because that allows us to
complete our unfinished business.

The business will be done face to face.

Jesus will surely do this as He promised,
and we trust Him. Because we trust Him,
we know that He will come again. But how?
Will he assume a new body? The
Bible rejects reincarnation, Christianity
rejects reincarnation. When God creates a
new body, He creates a new spirit within it. He doesn’t create a body empty of
spirit to allow somebody else’s spirit to

Before discussing how he will come, let us consider why he needs to come. Hebrews 9:28 says “To
those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second
time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

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"Church,” while
"State" would end up supporting the
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schools do become popular, are non-Catholic.

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ing their schools to compete for students,
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Trust in the God Whose Ways are not Man’s Ways

Those who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior have a wonderful assurance. His disciples did not trust him enough to display confidence that he would not betray him. When he said, “one of you will betray me,” each said, “Is it, Lord?” They did not trust him enough to stay with him when the soldiers came, or to testify on his behalf in the trial. They did not trust in his power. They saw it in the loaves and fishes, they saw him walk on the water, they watched him raise the dead. More than that, they saw him forgive sins and teach truth. But they always came back to the physical reality: he’s a man; he looks just like you and me. He’s not very popular. The scribes and Pharisees, those very respected leaders, they don’t like him. They say he’s crazy. It was enough to plant the seed of doubt. It was enough to compromise their trust in Jesus. Trust relates to love. If we truly love someone, we will trust him. When you do not trust him, do you still love him? God foresook Jesus on the cross. Did Jesus still trust in God? In him we have the firm foundation: “in thy hands I commit my spirit.”

Trust is necessary for a relationship to persist. A relationship upon trust is a by-produ ct of trust. A relationship is measured by the ability to allow a partner latitude to risk something of value. A relationship upon trust is a relationship in which a partner encountered a friend who told her of a summer home up in the mountains for rent. They had a good time, but was time of the essence and she went ahead and signed and made a down payment. The homeowner discovered that she had encountered a friend who told her of a summer home up in the mountains for rent. They had a good time, but was time of the essence and she went ahead and signed and made a down payment. The homeowner discovered that she had mislead her with the bank account. Also, my mother trusted her friend’s word that this was a good place to go. It was a lot of risk involved, but it worked out because there was a lot of trust. And we have to be worthy of trust. Don’t abuse it. If you inadvertently violate it, atone for it, which means be worthy of trust. If you see me, you see the Father-I and the Father are one. We human beings would send the Messiah and He gave us the Messiah himself as the Messiah, it dis-confirmed God’s trustworthiness. But for those to whom the spirit revealed Jesus’ identity, God was proven trustwor-thy. And when we accept Jesus, we encounter God’s trustworthiness.

God told the people of Israel that He would send the Messiah and He gave them certain expectations of a king of kings, a magnificent leader who would vanquish their enemies, a new King David. Then He test them. When Jesus presented himself as the Messiah, it dis-confirmed God’s trustworthiness. But for those to whom the spirit revealed Jesus’ identity, God was proven trustwor-thy. And when we accept Jesus, we encounter God’s trustworthiness. God is proven righteous.

The Bible teaches that the Lord will come again. As in the Old Testament, there are many diverse prophecies in the New Testament about this. He will come in glory! He will come with trumpets blasting. He will come like a thief in the night. Every eye shall see him and everyone shall know. Those who are asleep will not know that he came and went. Those who confess the name of Jesus will be saved. He will call many who did mighty works in his name, “evildoers” and cast him out his sight. In reality, even the disciples of Jesus did not recognize God in him. If they had, they never would have left him, denied him. It was not until he returned from the dead that they really trusted him. As a man on earth, Jesus was no different from you or I. He told people that to see him was to see God, but they did not see him. He said that he was the way, the truth, and the light, but they did not trust him. They were not willing to risk what they valued for him. Con- sider the rich young man. They did not trust Jesus when he told them God’s way of life in the Sermon on the Mount. His parents did not trust him when he told them he would teach the teachers of Israel in the Temple. His mother and brothers did not trust him when he was teaching in the villages. "Man’s Ways are not Man’s Ways" by Tyler O. Hendricks, in The Unificationist Perspective on Religion and Society, p. 29

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IRFF Hurricane Georges Relief Effort
by Kathy Winings—Tarrytown, NY

This is to let you know that IRFF is mounting a relief effort and project for those affected by Hurricane Georges. If you are interested in donating anything or have friends in other networks that would be interested, please contact me at this email address: IRFFint@aol.com. I can then describe what would be needed and what would be useful and other details.

As IRFF is True Parents’ relief agency, we have been consistently working on projects since 1975. Though you may not hear a lot from us, we have been there. We have also become involved in partnering with other agencies for American disasters as well - such as Hurricane Hugo and the flooding in North Dakota as well as the international projects such as North Korea, etc.

Besides trying to respond in some form to Hurricane Georges now, we are also planning a Christmas service learning project for second generation teenagers. We will be doing clean up and work in an area affected by Georges and possibly, by then, Hurricane Jeanne.

Contact me either by email at IRFFint@aol.com or directly by phone for any information: (914) 366-0558.
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