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New Heaven, New Earth, New World

Two-thousand years ago, John had a vision: *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God..."* (Revelation 21:1-3).

New Heaven and New Earth does not only mean blue skies and green mountains, but rather a new spiritual world, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and the Kingdom of Heaven in Heaven. All hell in the spiritual world and all hell on Earth will be liberated. Satan's dominion and power will disappear and God's sovereignty will appear on the Earth. People who were once Satan's sons and daughters will be liberated to become God's sons and daughters. In this new relationship, they will become citizens of Heaven. This important, dramatic vision that John had is exactly what we have to fulfill on the Earth through the Messiah.

As tribal messiahs, our responsibility is to establish a new Heaven, a new Earth, and a new world. We are family messiahs, tribal messiahs, national messiahs. But we forget. Even this morning as we came from our home, we checked our wallet to make sure we had our money, our drivers license, and such. And we made sure we had the keys to our house. Then we were satisfied. We have a certain routine, certain preparation in our individual lives over which we have dominion.

Before Jesus Christ departed for the spiritual world he made a certain preparation. He left the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth with Peter. Peter himself had changed from living an individualistic, selfish life to living a universal, messianic life. Now he held the keys which would open the Kingdom. People throughout the Earth could become liberated from Satan and become citizens in the Kingdom of God. This is the messiah's responsibility.

Building the Universal Family

Family Pledge #4 reads: *Our family pledges to build the universal family encompassing Heaven and Earth, which is God's ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on true love.* So, as messiahs, our goal is not only to establish our nuclear families but we have to build the universal family—the family on Earth and the family in Heaven. We forget our responsibility to the spiritual world. There is Paradise, the middle spiritual world, the Hell realms and we can say that our ancestors have been living somewhere in those places. They need to be liberated. They need the Blessing. This is building the universal family. This is the goal of the blessed fam-

ilies.

We have to establish the world of freedom, the world of peace and unity and the world of happiness. But logically, before we can build this kind of world, we need to liberate all the people in Heaven and on Earth from the dominion of Satan. So let's turn our thoughts now to Family Pledge #8: *Our family pledges, as we enter the Completed Testament Age, to achieve the ideal oneness of God and humankind in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, thereby liberating the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on true love.* This is the climax. We liberate the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

Great Mother Dae Mo Nim came here to conduct the liberation ceremony. This

messiahs, world messiahs, True Parents, the cosmic messiahs, even God Himself—this is the destiny of us all—to liberate all humankind, PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE.

When Father gave us this year's motto which included that we must "root out all of Satan's blood lineage" he meant in the spiritual world as well as on Earth. In both worlds we have Satan's blood lineage running through us so we must all be liberated. It is the most wonderful news of news that Dae Mo Nim came to liberate many ancestors for us. We kept the conditions and she conducted the ceremony. How wonderful! We must spread this good news to our families and our Christian friends and everyone on the Earth! This must not be kept a private matter. Billions of people are

this, be careful of that." Isn't that so? So in this upside-down world, don't we need extra protection? It is coming.

In Korea, if someone does not respect his ancestry they call that person a barbarian.

New spirit

The spiritual climate is changing now. In America people are beginning to think more and more of their roots and their ancestry. We see evidence of this in magazines, books, on television programs and on the computer. There are computer services now to help you trace your genealogy. Everyone is getting into it. They are excited about it. God prepared this atmosphere. Please believe.

In this age of technology, we have built things that are wider, go deeper and higher than at any time in history.

And we also have the technology to make large entities into extremely small, minute sizes such as computer components. At its beginning, the computer was a huge, walk-in mechanism. There will come a time soon when some machine will produce the voices from the spiritual world. People are becoming more and more interested in the unseen. And daily, many are having spiritual experiences.

In May, as True Father was leaving for South America, he gave the title *Cho Shil Yong Un Dong*, meaning something like "Interfaith Holy Spirit Movement." *Cho* means Interfaith; *Shil Yong* means Holy Spirit. *Un Dong* means movement. We are more developed so we can say Interfaith Holy Spirit Family Festival. Our family, our ancestors, together, forever.

What is the most famous symbol of America? The MacDonald hamburger sign? No. It is the Statue of Liberty! A woman, a liberator. This year 1999, the peak of the last year before the millennium, the last year

of the twentieth century, who is liberating America? True Mother and Dae Mo Nim. They have brought the torch of eternal light, life and love, liberating us and our ancestors from the kingdom of Hell. The Statue of Liberty symbolizes a liberated America, the new world. This symbol is made of stone and metal, but the living Statue of Liberty is True Mother and Dae Mo Nim. True Mother takes care of the Earth and Dae Mo Nim takes care of the spiritual world. Same time together. Earth has the key which True Parents used to open the spiritual world, and now Dae Mo Nim follows with the liberation of the spiritual world.

Externally, two or three hundred years ago, the ancestors in the spiritual world knew that the time would come when America would be a liberator, opening the way to the world. It signals America leading the world to the New Heaven and New Earth.

Tribal Messiahs' tradition

The Israel people kept the Babylonians in captivity for 400 years and then liberated them to come back to Jerusalem. They became symbolic messianic figures. They received the liberated life but that was not good enough. Because they

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is indeed something very important for our spiritual life. This is a special dispensation. We heard all the details connected to this prior to the ceremony. This is good news for us. It means we have almost arrived at the peak of the mountain! The last peak. It doesn't matter how hard the winds blow or how stormy it is, we have to reach the peak, because this is the Kingdom of Heaven we are reaching.

Liberating our ancestors

In liberation, we have three stages: (1) liberating our generation, our family; (2) liberating the future generations. For this we connect with Pure Love Alliance, and second and third generation education, bequeathing the heavenly tradition; and (3) liberating our past, our ancestors ["back to the future" as someone said!]. Without liberating our ancestors, more trouble will continue to come on the Earth and we will never have the Kingdom. This is our destiny, to liberate our ancestors. Divine Principle is the Principle of resurrection. Clearly our ancestors want to come down and be with us and help us so that together we can practice true love and life and resurrection. We hold the key to their resurrection. Tribal messiahs, national

waiting to be liberated in both worlds.

Many of us have seen the movie *What Dreams May Come*. I urge those of you who have not seen this movie to quickly get the video. It gives a most realistic portrayal of life in the spiritual world and the situation of many of our people. You will see a love story but you will also receive an excellent education about the muddy, dirty, smelly, jail-like kingdom of Hell. Someone in the spiritual world must have helped produce that movie because you will see the Hell realms in a very realistic way. It makes us realize the urgency of the matter of cleaning up both worlds as quickly as possible. Through being liberated on through to the Blessing, our ancestors go from Satan's lineage to God's lineage—forever.

Our ancestors will become spiritual world tribal messiahs. They will protect us. They will pay us back. You will see. This is a good investment. We need the power of protection, for ourselves and for our descendants. When you send your children off to school each day you warn them, "Be careful on the way to school. Watch out for cars when you cross the streets; watch out for strangers that might do you harm; be careful of

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Declaration of the Day of Congratulations for Our True Parents' East-West (Global) Victory

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is from a unofficial notes taken by David Stadleoffer at the speech given at Belvedere, Tarrytown, NY, on Sunday, May 30, 1999, 7:00 a.m.

Most people in the world don't know the content of the Fall of Man. From now on, the entire world will come to know the content of the Divine Principle. In the Old Testament, centering on the Israelites, all the central figures had to cut offerings in two, but they didn't know why. The God of all creation had to shed Satan's blood. After Cain killed Abel there was no foundation in Adam's family. The history from Adam to Jacob was a history of dividing Satan. All the offerings had to be divided.

If there were no Fall, all things would have been united. God had to restore all things. The Lord of the Second Advent comes to restore the original mission of Adam. The New Testament is the history of offering children; therefore there was so much bloodshed. Those who believe that Jesus simply came to die are putting a nail into God's heart. Jesus said that if you seek to live, then you will die; but if you seek to die, you will live." The New Testament era tries to find the bridegroom.

The purpose of the Second Coming is to establish a new foundation. Jews lost their foundation as the chosen people at Jesus' crucifixion. Also Christians have only spiritual salvation. Christians don't know God. But in the future, nobody can avoid Father's providence. Without liberating the spirit world, we can't form unity in the physical world.

Now even Communists are following Rev. Moon. Everyone in the world is a criminal. Who are the enemies of True Parents? America. America opposed Father through Korean Christianity. Father has worked for 24 years in America. Even when Father was in prison he created 6 different organizations. Father even formed the Washington Times during the time of his trial.

Father knows the principle of forgiveness. If he went to South America he could have built up enough power to oppose America, but this is not his desire.

God has worked for 6000 years, and knows the pain and anguish of God. The CIA and the FBI have recorded Father's action everyday. Father has been claiming "One world under God." [Father comments that the American members here today look like statues with no life]

The Old Testament (old promise) was not fulfilled. The New Testament (new promise) was not fulfilled. The history of restoration was necessary because parents were chased out of this world.

We must solve the problem of the corruption of youth. Who can save the young people of this world? Shall we follow Rev. Moon who teaches "One world under God," or shall we follow the American way which teaches "One nation under God?" If Rev. Moon came to America having a white face then the CIA and FBI would long ago have accepted Father, and the world would have nearly been restored.

When there is a fight between God and Satan then only another being, not God, can come and mediate and liberate them using the principle of true love. God cannot mediate for Himself; that is the Messiah's responsibility. Not with the power of force but with the power of love, all of humanity will surrender.

We should study Hon Dok Hae every morning.



The fight is over. Now we have to build the world. We have to offer everything to God. God will say "actually, it is all yours, my children". Although America has been prosperous, Americans should have the concept that they

don't own anything and offer everything to the world. In the ideal world we will dance and commune with God; everything will be shared.

[Father asked everyone to shout and recite these words three times "I AM THE PRINCE OF THE COMPLETED TESTAMENT AGE!"]

Over 54 years ago Father wanted to give the Blessing to virgins. He wanted to bless nuns and priests, and monks, etc. not only in Catholicism, but of other denominations and religions. His original intention was to bless young, pure, second generation children.

In taking back God's children from the satanic world we must use power. Reach out to second generation young couples. God can't do it. We have to be His voice, his bodies.

In the Bible Jesus taught us that if we seek to gain our lives, we will lose our lives, but if we seek to lose our lives, for his sake, we will gain our lives. If we are dying by fasting Father will come to rescue you. We must save the young people of this world, at the risk of our lives. We

must save the elementary children, we must save the middle school children, we must save the high school youth, we must even save the newly married young couples.

Because we are now ready to take responsibility, Father can go to his hometown, pass into the spirit world. [many people shout "no"] Now we are ready to go to the front-line.

If we use photo albums of blessed couples, the young people will get inspired to see so many wonderful matches made by Father. They will want to get matched by Rev. Moon. [Father said that it was not good for some people to be eating and also moving about. He said that today is a Holy Day and they should not eat until lunchtime. Also people to resist using the bathroom until the end. Father is almost 80 you are still young]

We have to understand the sin of Satan. He made a young boy and girl to fall. The over 400 million youths who will receive the Blessing will be in the position of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Now there is no gate to Hell. All is liberated. The ideal world is a world of peace, no suffering, no pain. The innocent young people must be liberated. The spirit world will be liberated to assist in their blessing and protection.

Satan can be forgiven and liberated by helping with the Blessing of 400 million. The 400 million couples who were blessed in 1999 can be the foundation for the 400 million youth blessing. Just one youth for every couple. The spirit world must be mobilized. They will even resort to force if their descendants on earth do not respond. Saints and sages in the spirit world are ready to help. We have to bring people. Don't be defeated by Satan.

Satan has been leading 5 billion. We can't restore all these people by "my" power, but only by the power of True Parents can we do it. The True Parents'

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- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 6 Shin Yeon Nim's 9th Birthday (lunar)
- 13 39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
- First Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 TRUE DAY OF ALL THINGS (lunar)
- Jeung Jin Nim's 17th Birthday (lunar)
- 23 Day of One Heart (1989)
- 30 Young Jin Nim's 21st Birthday (lunar)

JULY

- 1 2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- Declaration Day Of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
- 23 Shin Ha Nim's 1st Birthday (lunar)
- 24 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
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- 1 Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
- 16 Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 DECLARATION OF THE REALM OF THE COSMIC SABBATH FOR PARENTS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH (lunar)
- 20 Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love(1989)
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- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)
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- 28 In Jin Nim's 34th Birthday (lunar)
- 29 Hwa Jung Nim's 22nd Birthday (lunar)
- 31 Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)



MOTHER'S TOUR

Uruguay

by Steven Boyd—Montevideo, Uruguay

Upon her arrival in Montevideo, True Mother was received in the government VIP lounge by a welcoming committee of VIPs headed by the Minister of Tourism and the Vice Minister of Education and Culture. After a brief conversation with the welcoming committee, True Mother traveled to the Victoria Plaza Hotel, which is property of the Unification Group.

Public and private support for Mother's visit to Uruguay was evident through the media coverage both prior to and after her speech. Letters of welcome and congratulations were sent to True Mother from 41 Congressmen, 11 Senators, one former President, a cabinet minister, two governors, 3 presidents of government agencies, 8 directors of government agencies and two state police chiefs.

In the evening over 1,000 people gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Victoria Plaza Hotel to hear Mother's speech. Among those in attendance were one Cabinet Minister, two Senators, 8 Congressmen, two Governors, two Generals from the Armed Forces.

The evening began with welcoming remarks from the Master of Ceremonies. His words were followed by an invocation from the former Secretary General of the Catholic Bishops Conference, Dr.

Gregorio Rivero.

Welcoming remarks were given by the Minister of Education and Culture, Prof. Yamandú Fau in representation of the Uruguayan government. His works acclaimed True Mother as an outstanding example of one who preaches and lives the family values that are needed so much by our societies today.

He explained that the family transcends all barriers, and is the true basis of the nation, as the 40th Article of the Uruguayan constitution affirms. To emphasize the importance of the family, the Minister quoted the 80th Article of the Constitution which explains that any citizen who seeks to undermine the family unit could as a result even forfeit his citizenship. In this light, he warmly welcomed True Mother and her message in favor of true family values and world peace.

Mother's speech was favorably received by all those in attendance who read her speech while hearing simultaneous translation from English to Spanish over their headsets. Several times in the second

half of her speech the audience warmly applauded those points which referred to importance of family unity.

At the conclusion of her speech, True Mother received a bouquet of flowers from the Mr. Enrique Alvarez (a member of the committee of 33 leaders that head the Federation to Save the New Nation), and his wife Mrs. Maria Albini de Alvarez (President of the WFWP in Uruguay), representing the couples most recently Blessed in Uruguay by True Parents. Their gift was followed by the presentation of a plaque offered by Mr. Oscar Magurno in the name of the Honorary Commission for the Fight against Cancer. The gift was an expression of its gratitude for a donation of

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US\$ 200,000 given by True Parents for the purchase of a mobile unit for the detection of breast cancer in Uruguayan women. Finally, a plaque was presented by the Vice Minister of Education and Culture, Prof. Antonio Guerra and Congressman Leon Morelli on behalf of the National Welcoming Committee, made up of distinguished leaders in the public and private sector.

Just when the audience thought that the program had come to a conclusion, they were surprised and delighted by an unexpected appearance on stage by True Father. During the previous 58 speeches that True Mother had delivered on her tour, our True Parents had always been separated physically, communicating with each other over the telephone and through the Internet. Uruguay proved, however, to be the exception as our True Parents met each other here. On stage, Father first shook Mother's hand and then, to the delight of the audience, embraced her. Afterwards, he shared a few words of greeting to the audience, and then, with hands held high, True Parents waved to the guests as they received a standing ovation. Everyone was left touched by the spirit of unity of love of True Parents, and by their deep feeling for people and nation of Uruguay.

The victory celebration was then held in True Parents suite in the Victoria Plaza, with the attendance of many of the first time guests who took part in the main speech in the Ballroom.

Media coverage in newspapers, radio and especially television was particularly favorable. The three major television stations in Montevideo all showed extensive footage of the event, all highlighting the importance of the ideas expressed in Mother's speech. ❖

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received the liberated life they had freedom, so they now said "Oh, now we are free. Now we can enjoy our life." But God meant for them to have special missions; God's Spirit gave them special missions to now "go and liberate other people." This is what God was saying to them.

As we read in Isaiah 61:1-3, *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.*

So these people felt the splendor of God; they were so appreciative of the freedom that had been granted them. The Spirit of God encouraged them and told them to go and liberate other people in need. Jesus Christ said (as we read in Luke 4: 18-19), *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.* This is the tradition of the Messiah.

To his disciples and apostles Jesus said in Acts 1:8, *...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and*

you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. And in Acts 2:17, *Jesus told them, In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

Peter received the Holy Spirit and what happened? *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"* (Acts 2:37). There were 3,000 people gathered there. *But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand* (Acts 4:4). Five thousand people repented, and by Peter they were liberated from the satanic life to a godly life. This is the tradition of True Parents. They also followed Isaiah 61:1-3.

All of God's people in the world have had to follow this tradition, including us as tribal messiahs. Dae Mo Nim actually gave a message of true family values when she visited us. "If you want to be a true family, you have to liberate this bad family life." In her liberating message she said (1) go from a false family life to a true family life; (2) go from Satan's evil nature to God's divine nature; (3) do not drink, smoke, or take drugs, but live the heavenly lifestyle; (4) go from an immoral life to a pure life; (5) do not misuse public funds; in other words, be economically righteous. So we must all follow this tradition.

True liberation

We can trust True Parents. This is true liberation. We have to be completely liberated to God's heavenly way of life. Ancestors of several thousand members

were liberated through Dae Mo Nim. Dae Mo Nim has great hope for America. We have received God's blessings in this nation. We recently had the privilege of welcoming 106 Saints to America to give us spiritual assistance. There is much to be done and we have so much reinforcement now to help us, and more to come.

When you go out to teach, heavenly forces are there to help. When we open our mouths to speak, the Spirit of God will be there to speak through us, to use our tongue. God has always provided this for His people, no matter which Testament age we are living in. God has to borrow our voice. He will provide the words. Two-thousand years ago, Jesus' movement was very small and not so powerful. But Pentecost came and empowered them. We are now being empowered. We can help revitalize Christianity. With True Life, Love and Lineage given us by our True Parents and the holy spirit power coming through Dae Mo Nim, we are having our own Pentecost empowerment.

Does being liberated, being Blessed, mean we can settle back and take life easy and never open our mouth? No. There is a world in need out there. There are people in political captivity; there are miserable, hungry people; many hungry for God; there are prisoners behind bars; there are millions and millions of people everywhere with need. Shall we do nothing? Do we let the world perish?

God and True Parents are now expecting us to "learn and develop." We are entering this new stage now. In our movement we are always growing and advancing by stages and in that sense we are constant pioneers and must therefore

always be developing techniques and practical ways to fulfill each stage.

We have advanced to the stage of give and take with the spiritual world. It is our responsibility to help the spiritual world. We have physical bodies through which they can pay the indemnity for their sins and through which they can receive the Blessing.

The expectations for the upcoming spiritual world Blessing in September are that each of us will bring three more people, preferably those closest to us—our relatives, our friends, neighbors, and so forth. Already many Christians have received the Blessing and they should be encouraged to come to the September event. This Blessing will be an observance time for them and also a time when they can liberate their 7 generations of ancestors as we did. At that time, as I understand it, we who had our seven generations blessed already now advance to liberating the 8th through the 14th generation of ancestors.

The remainder of this year we must concentrate on accomplishing the February 13 Blessing of 400 million young couples. How? If we continuously bless couples between now and February 13, those couples we bless will likely have children of eligible age. We extend invitations for them to be a part of the 400 million. This is one possibility.

We were all once captive slaves of Satan. We have truth to give. We have hope to give. We have freedom. Go, please, and convey this message to your departments, to your churches and to people everywhere: as liberated people, our mission is to become Liberators.

We must work for the world of freedom, peace, unification and happiness. ❖



MOTHER'S TOUR



Minnesota

by Jim Gavin and Betsy Orman

T rue Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, arrived in Minnesota at approximately 1:00 p.m., March 31st. She was accompanied by Rev. Peter Kim, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Rev. Michael Jenkins, Mrs. Won Ju McDevitt and the other capable people that attend her from city to city on her tour of major American cities. Rev. Hun Suk Lee and members from the central mid-west region welcomed True Mother and the group to the state.

A Minnesota State patrol officer guided the group from the airport, along the Mississippi River through downtown St. Paul to the Minnesota Korean War Memorial, at the Minnesota State Capitol. When we arrived at the memorial True Mother was met by the President of the Minnesota Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 1, Mr. Ed Valle. This was the third year in a row that Mr. Valle had met True Mother.

The Memorial is very impressive. On the granite stones that form the pathway of the memorial are most of the important dates that commemorate the beginning of the war, the famous battles and the end of the conflict. True Mother studied it all as Mr. Valle explained how the memorial was built and what each element of the memorial represented. There is a lone soldier that stands about 10 feet high who is looking into the silhouette of a soldier formed in bronze. The sculpture represents the soldier looking for his lost comrades who will never return. There are pillars that circle this image with the names of the over 900 men who were killed or who are missing in action from Minnesota. Mother listened to Mr. Valle, asked questions and took in the beauty and the profound meaning of the monument. She was very thoughtful, very peaceful and very warm. It was a pleasure to be with her. Mother took pictures and she and the entire group were given commemorative brochures from the dedication of the memorial, by Mr. Valle.

Led by the Minnesota State Patrol officer's car the group headed for the Raddison-Metrodome Hotel next to the University of Minnesota. True Mother went to her room to prepare for the evening program and the rest of the group went about preparing in their own ways, as well.

Under the leadership of Rev. Hun Suk Lee and his wife Mrs. Ok Hee Lee, our region had prepared well for the

event. On the University of Minnesota campus Mrs. Lee and Eri Pehling headed up the effort to reach out to students. Flore Mathison, Keiko Borer, Marika Hoegl, Yoshiko Miller, Aiko Stearns, Sachiko Johnson, Noriko Pearson, Makiko Schutte, Elizabeth Patterson, Yuriko Bohle, Toyoko Schimdt, Kieko Smith, Hiedi Vetterli, Esther Moyongo and Annemarie Pankow, among others, went out to meet students with flyers and enthusiasm; explaining to all who would listen, who Dr. Moon was and why they should

visiting key people.

The program began at 6:30pm, with awards and music and the room was filled with over 800 people by 6:40pm. Jim Gavin emceed the awards presentation, which began...

"The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of Minnesota is honored to present Leadership Awards to people who have provided exemplary leadership that inspire the community to live and give on a higher level and who have significantly contributed to the lives of others. Tonight we are privileged to have a number of these people with us and we want to take a moment to recognize them now. During our main program,

later tonight, we request that all those receiving awards assemble on the stage after Dr. Moon's address for a special presentation."

Rev. Hun Suk Lee, the Regional Director of the Family Federation for World Peace presented over 20 awards to: Minnesota Korean War Veterans, chapter 1, the four past presidents and current president, Mr. Larry Goga, Mr. Tom Clawson, Mrs. Mary Trabing, who accepted the award for her recently deceased husband, Mr. Ed Trabing, and Mr. Ed Valle, a past and current president of the Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter 1, Vy Pham the Founder and first president of the Vietnamese Association of Minnesota, Rev. Kenneth and Mrs. Olivia Garnier Pastor of the Minneapolis Church of Christ, Mr. Adam Nhot-savong, president of the Lao Lutheran Church, Yen Pham, the most recent past president of the Vietnamese community of Minnesota, Brother Charles and Sister Yvonne Muhammad—pioneers for the Nation of Islam in Minnesota, Mrs.

Karen Morehead Forrest Lake school board member, Carlos F. Gallego the founder and executive director of the Hmong & Chicano/Latino Educational Enrichment Program in St Paul, Robert L Smith—co-founder of The Black Alliance, Eun Woo Lee, president of the Korean elders association, Pastor Joe Fox, of Wilwaukee Wisconsin, the Pastor of Heaven Bound, Church of God in Christ, Charlise E. Clark—

president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Iyabo G. Lawal—vice-president of the African Student Association, T.J. Nguyen—president of the Vietnamese Student Association of Minnesota, Marguerita

Grace Carlin—vice president of the Korean Student Association, Chong Vang—president of the Hmong Minnesota Student Association, Kosal Nong—president of the Cambodian Student



True Mother speak. Jim Gavin worked primarily with veterans groups and with the Vietnamese community. Mary Jane Anderson, Rosemary Yokoi, Jeanette Henry, Jim Bard and Gudrun Gavin concentrated on Women's Federation contacts, local governments and churches. Glen Willis focused on letters of welcome from politicians and Nadiyah Chang supported Glen and everyone else working in the office and

Association of Minnesota, Mee Ng—educational Chairperson Asian American Student Cultural Center and president, Chinese American Student Association and Chaokee Vang—Program Coordinator of the Hmong National Organization.

Following the awards presentation a Gospel ensemble performed and created a beautiful atmosphere for the main program.

At 7:00 Rev. Michael Jenkins began the main program. Michael had a subdued enthusiasm and warm manner emceeding the program. He made everyone feel comfortable as he began to set the stage for True Mother. Rev. Kenneth Ganier provided a spirited invocation that embraced True Parents and the audience. Dr. Tyler Hendricks energized and inspired the audience with his remarks about True Mother and the efforts she and True Father constantly pour out to the people of the world. True Mother was introduced by Mrs. Joan Kennedy; a member of the Women's Federation for World Peace and a nationally renowned motivational speaker. Her introduction was warm and in parts touched with humor. The video presentation of True Mother's life and partnership with True Father was well received. People were deeply moved and prepared to listen to the speech.

True Mother's delivery of the talk was wonderful. Her pronunciation was easily understood and her warmth and passion were felt by all. She looked very beautiful and she frequently looked up from her speech copy and looked into the eyes of the audience. Many times during her presentation she built up to an important point and punc-

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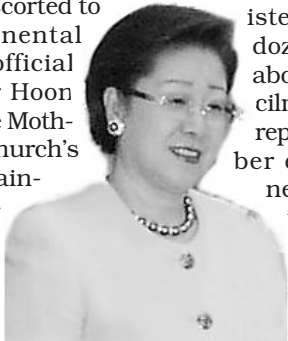
by Kathy Rigney

Nairobi, Kenya:

April 27—True Mother arrived at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and was escorted to the Intercontinental Hotel where there were official greetings. April 28—After Hoon Dok Hae and breakfast True Mother went to inaugurate our church's newly built Sassamoto Training Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Hundreds of members gave our True Mother an enthusiastic greeting with songs and dancing. True Mother spoke to the members briefly and seemed especially delighted with the children. She then offered a \$100,000 donation to Kenya for the purchase of a new National Headquarters in Nairobi.

By 4:30 pm people started filling the hall of the Kenyatta International Conference Center in the center of Nairobi where True Mother spoke once before in 1993. The official program started at 6:00 pm with approximately 1,000 people in attendance. Included in the hall

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were one minister, two deputy ministers, two former ministers, a dozen members of parliament, about 10 mayors and city councilmen, 14 ambassadors or their representatives and a large number of professionals and businessmen. The victory celebration was also held in the main hall but was shorter than usual because True Father was traveling from Korea to America at the time and was unavailable for the victory celebration.

A leaders meeting was held from 9:30 pm that evening in the Intercontinental Hotel lead by the Continental Director. The main content was on how to accomplish the 400 Million Couples Goal for the Feb. 13th Blessing next year. The meeting was attended by representatives of Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Seychelles, and Comoros as well as nearly all of the National Messiahs, Japanese missionaries and nation-

al leadership of Kenya.

Kampala, Uganda:

April 29—Uganda was a very special case as True Mother was officially invited by the government as the special guest of honor of the Vice President, Dr. Mrs. Speciosa Wandira Kazibwe. The Vice President Kazibwe's office organized high-level delegations to meet True Mother at the airport, the motorcade and security, hotel accommodations in the presidential suite of the government owned Nile Hotel where all state visitors stay, use of the National Conference Center attached to the Hotel and a special dinner banquet in True Mother's Honor after the main event.

But even more special than the official welcome was the personal warmth and heart the Vice President poured out on our True Mother. Mrs. Kazibwe may be lucky to go down in history as the Vice President who gave the most hugs to the True Mother of Heaven and Earth!

About 2,500 people gathered at the International Conference Center by the time the main event program began at 5:00 pm. Among them were 5 active cab-

inet ministers and several retired ministers, 40 members of parliament, 10 ambassadors or their representatives, 30 city officials for Kampala and the surrounding towns and a large number of civil servants, deans and professors from the local universities and religious leaders. Because of the official nature of the event, protocol required that the Vice President sit with her special guest on the stage at a special "high table" together with two cabinet ministers—the Minister assigned to the Prime Minister's office Jane Francis Kuka and the Minister assigned to the Vice President's office Mrs. Betty Okwir—as well as Mr. Peter Kim and the Ugandan Ambassador to the United Nations who had flown back from New York specially to attend the meeting with True Mother (he had also attended the her speech in at Bridgeport). The Ambassador gave the main introduction to True Mother and, again for reasons of protocol, the Vice President made a speech to express her appreciation to our True Mother after True Mother read her speech. After flowers and awards were offered to True Mother, True Mother offered a special award to the President of Uganda through the

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tuated the line with extra energy. The audience responded frequently with applause throughout the speech. At those moments True Mother would respond with a warm smile. The speech was very well received.

Immediately following the speech the Minnesota Korean War Veterans, chapter 1, four past presidents and current president came on the stage and presented True Mother with a bronze replica of the soldier featured in the Minnesota Korean War Memorial. Mr. Ed Valle stepped up to the podium and said:

"Three years ago members of our chapter came to hear you speak to the people of Minnesota. After your visit to our state, you and your husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, honored Minnesota Korean War veterans and Korean War veterans living and dead everywhere by making one of the largest contributions to the Korean War memorial fund in Minnesota. Your contribution, with the contributions that came from the larger Korean community was deeply appreciated.

We gave our blood, sweat and tears in defense of freedom in your country and many of our comrades never came home from that bloody war. We are proud to have fought for the freedom of the noble Korean people. The heart of gratitude and love that we feel from you and your husband, our Korean friends in Minnesota and Koreans everywhere moves us deeply.

We want to thank you and your husband for the stand you continue to take

for freedom and democracy everyday, through The Washington Times daily newspaper and your worldwide activities. After all, that is what we fought and died for in Korea. We fought for families. We fought for mothers and fathers and children that they could live free under God. We join you today in that spirit and heart.

On behalf of all Minnesota Korean War veterans we present you and your



husband with this bronze statue, a replica of the lone soldier who is looking for his lost comrades in the Korean War Memorial that stands at the Minnesota State capitol in St. Paul. Thank you and may God bless you and your family."

The audience all rose and gave a warm applause as Mr. Valle concluded his remarks. All of the Korean War Veterans and all of the award winners then stood with True mother and took a picture on stage. True Mother received flowers and some concluding remarks were made to end the program. As people left they turned in written responses to the speech. Young and old from all nationalities and races wrote very

positively regarding True Mother and the message she presented in Minnesota.

The victory celebration following the program in another room was the icing on the cake. We were fortunate to hook up with True Father in South America via the Internet. The Party went on for at least two hours. Many members in South America sang songs to True Father and True Mother and many

members in Minnesota reciprocated. The second generation was represented by songs from

Ke Sung and Sue Anderson, the six Gavin boys, Jaga, Jago Jatin, Jatoma, Jario and Jaka and all of the children from our region sang together *Zippadee Do Da* led by Rev. Peter Kim and True Mother. A large contingent of Korean War Veterans sang *America the Beautiful*. Their voices were a little unpracticed but their hearts really touched everyone.

True Parents concluded the evening with songs to each other and all of us. The love True Parents shared with each other and with all of us across the thousands of miles between South and North America was tangible. Everyone felt deeply grateful to True Parents for coming to Minnesota and for bringing their message of hope and true love to the people of the world.

The following morning we joined true Mother for Hoon Dok Yae. Rev. Peter Kim read in Korean and Dr. Tyler Hendricks read in English. True Mother spoke to us about the importance of learning Korean and establishing strong spiritual traditions within our families. She spoke of the work Heung Jin Nim

and Dae Mo Nim are doing to open the way for those in the spirit world to work with us on earth. She told us how important it was for us to read True Father's words and bring them to life in our communities.

During breakfast Rev. Lee brought out 100's of written responses to the speech from the audience and Rev. Michael Jenkins read many of them to True Mother. It was very moving to hear how so many people were deeply moved by the talk. It was also gratifying to see that a majority of the audience had taken the time to put their thoughts into writing.

Mr. Bruce Smith reported to True Mother that he had received a government grant to teach "Free Teens", an abstinence based curriculum in Wisconsin schools. He showed her a presentation book he uses in the schools and spoke of the good response he is receiving from the students and teachers. True Mother told us that it was wonderful to be able to take True Parents message to the public in such a way.

True Mother quickly left the hotel following breakfast. She was ahead of schedule. In fact the Minnesota State Trooper had to catch up to the entourage on the highway to lead us to the airport. Later he told us he drove at speeds of up to 120 miles an hour to intercept the group and make sure True Mother got to the airport. True Mother took time to take pictures with the small group from the North Central Region and then she and those with her flew on to the next city. Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin, our entire region, our nation and our world, was richly blessed with True Parents love, concern and compassion. The memory of this tour will continually enrich us and will always be cherished. ❖



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Philippines

by Lito Juliano—Manila, Philippines

Early afternoon, on the 25th of April, True Mother arrived in Manila on her world tour.

True Mother and her entourage arrived on a private jet, which True Parents can use, when they travel around the world. At a special airport, the Continental Directors Dr. and Mrs. Kim and the national leader received True Mother. They accompanied her to the Manila Hotel and were escorted by a special police motorcade and police cars using their sirens to make way for True Mother in the busy streets of the nine million Mega-city of Manila.

It was the third time for True mother to honor the Philippines with her visit. This time, Manila was True Mother's 63rd speaking event on her world tour covering 80 cities, which began in Washington DC, last March, and which is scheduled to end in Beijing, on the last week of May. At the prestigious Manila Hotel, the 'red carpet', an honor, which is reserved only for heads of state, was prepared for True Mother to many people's surprise. It is really amazing how much now True Parents are respected, as they appear on the world stage. When TM entered the Hotel, she was welcomed with a bouquet of flowers by blessed children and our members who lined the red carpet on this truly historical occasion and by the Vice president of the famous Hotel. TM gave everyone a sweet smile. More than a thousand Filipino members and our leaders had worked very hard for the preparations and many of them had come from far away places to meet True Mother. For many of them it was the first time.

Naturally, security was tight and aided by special units of the Philippine National Police. So True Mother was very secure under the direct protection of 'our' capable Generals Florencio Magsino and Honesto Bumanglag. All the practical details were prepared beforehand, so True Mother did not have to go through any immigration or airline procedure but disembarked directly from the plane to enter the special Mercedes prepared for her. She was treated as a head of state in all respects with the exception that she did not have to walk down a military honor guard. Let us pray and work for it to happen, next time when True Parents are coming! Official visits by our True Parents even more important than head-of-state visits in this country. They truly bring God's fortune with them to its country and they come to us for the sake of all mankind.

On the same evening, the Continental Directors Rev. Dr. Byung Wooh Kim & Mrs. Chung Hae Kim, organized a conference of Asian leaders with many of the NM's from the South East Asia region attending. On the next morning, True Mother led the Hoon Dok Hae at the Mac Arthur Suite. That is the same place where the famous American hero of World War II, General Douglas Mac Arthur conceived the plans to defeat Japan which had invaded the entire Philippines and much of South East Asia during WWII. At this historical place God's revolution of heart was launched by our True Mother to liberate the heart of God and bring mankind to the bosom of God from this part of the world.

True Mother asked Mr. Peter Kim to read

from True Father's prayer books. He started in Korean and then granted us an English translation, after True Mother had emphasized again that we need to hurry to learn the Korean language; in our own interest before the year 2000. The topic True Mother chose was from Book # 6 on 'filial piety.' All were deeply moved by True Mother's attendance to True fathers words. Her eyes were closed in prayer and deep concentration and one could sense how closely True Mother's heart is connected with True Father's. This particular book is being sold now in public bookstores all over Korea and Japan, Rev. Peter Kim reported.

True Mother, while wiping away a tear, reminded us that in the early days of our church in Korea True Father's life was incredibly difficult. If we, as leaders, face some difficulties in our mission countries, they can never compare with what True Father and True Mother had to go through for us. There were many important and serious points that TM expressed to us leaders during that morning. To mention one of them: 'Now is the time to harvest the blood, sweet and tears invested in Christian Churches and the ministers every where and particularly in America. The spiritual world is truly supporting all of us in this, she said. You can see this in the attendance of many clergy and Christian leaders and by the positive media coverage of TM's speaking engagements in America. We were so much familiar with negative media. But now media is truly reporting not just the facts, but amazingly present our purposes and goals in a sympathetic and supportive manner.

During the ensuing breakfast our Continental Directors introduced Filipino leaders, especially Col. Jaime Canatoy, and General Florencio Magsino to True Mother. She encouraged them not to worry as they already had paid a certain prize for going such an extraordinary, historical course ahead of many others, which would follow soon. Often these reprisals and setbacks in the past were caused by the negative images about our movement in the media, coming from America. Then, she asked Peter Kim to present the recent amazing changes in media perception from America, which are so hopeful and exciting. These changes come now, True Mother said, on the foundation of our True Parents forty years of suffering. They have provided us with a new environment, in which we can freely witness to everyone about the coming of True Parents and

the Completed Testament Age, without the impediments of the past. As a result, many influential people will be moved to support the causes of True Parents. There were many news clippings with large beautiful articles and color prints from True Mother and her speaking tour in American daily papers.

The same day became the very fulfillment of True Mothers prediction at the banquet tendered in her honor at the Centennial Hall of the Manila Hotel. The intensive follow-up of those VIPs who had received an official invitation to hear Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon speak was crowned with a rousing success. So great in fact, that many VIPs spontaneously congratulated our convenors, the Continental Directors of Asia Dr. and Mrs. Kim, before leaving the Hotel. Our guests lingered on and waited until they had a chance to take pictures with them. Among them were Under Secretaries, Presidential Advisors, and Commissioners of government ministries, Ambassadors with their spouses, Bishops, Religious Leaders, Generals of the Armed Forces, Justices,

and Presidents of Universities, Business and Civic Leaders and, last not least, prominent leaders of Filipino print media. A truly large section of Filipino officialdom had gathered at this extraordinary event,

the inauguration of the International and Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace through Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. All in all 1200 People came, 500 VIPs, and 700 church leaders with selected core members.

Particular mentioned should be the Hon. Justo Ortiz, the presidential adviser for civic affairs, the Hon. Justice Regina Benitez and Dr. Amelou Reyes, Commissioners on the Role of Filipino Women, Mrs. Eva De Leon, presidential adviser on poverty alleviation, all coming from the office of the President. President Estrada, expressed his sincere regrets, being not able to come while on a tour to the south of the country, as well as the First Lady, Dr. Loi Ejercito Estrada, who was visiting Australia. The President sent a most beautiful message to True Mother with the following content:

Greetings of peace to the Inter-Religious and International Federation for World Peace as you give honors to an internationally-acclaimed civic and religious leader, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, on April 26, 1999.

This tribute to a guardian of peace, unity
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THE KOREAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (KLI)

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Students who wish to improve their Korean language skills can do so by taking the Korean Language Intensive Course for Overseas at the Korean Language Institute of Sun Moon University. KLI has two 16-week intakes per year (March and August session). Students can start studying in any session. **Description of classes:** Classes are given at 3 levels of proficiency, from introductory to advanced level.

Course Schedule: 20 hours of classroom instruction, each week. Classes meet 5 days a week Monday through Friday, for 4 hours per day from 9:00 to 13:00. The program gives them extensive practices in listening, speaking, reading and writing Korean while covering grammar, composition, vocabulary development, Korean culture and history, religious education, cultural training, etc.

Lodging: The school provides students with accommodation facilities in two campus dormitories. Students can live in the campus dormitory or rent a house in town. **Student Advisors:** Faculty advisors keep track of students academic progress, assist and guide them about religious life, health problem, individual study, entering university, etc.

Application Procedure: 1. Students should complete an application form. This form may be obtained from the university by writing to the KLI office. 2. Students should send the application form (with 1 photograph) to the KLI office. Please take care to fill all relevant details on the application form 3. Certified copy of an international health and injury insurance 4. Certified copy of one's health signed by a doctor. 5. Personal Resume 6. Confirmation of enrollment, the school invitation letter and other supporting documents for visa obtaining will be forwarded to the student by the KLI. Items 1. - 4. must be sent to the KLI by fax. **Application Deadline:** July 20, 1999. (One month prior to session for visa processing reasons)

Fees (per semester): US\$ 1270 (tuition \$1,200 + registration \$70) Admission inquiry letters must be followed by a notice of payment made to Mr. Lee Hun Ki through postal money order. Account # 312694-0055220 Chunan Post Office, Ministry of Information and Communication of Korea. Other: 1. Cultural trip 100,000 Won 2. Teaching materials 40,000 Won 3. Dormitory 900,000, food included. (Exchange rate 1\$=1200 Won).

Visa Application: Students should apply for a student D-4 visa at the Korean Embassy or Consulate in their countries. The tourist C-3 visa is improper. However, visa procedures vary slightly from one consulate or embassy to another. Before you apply for your visa, check with the office where you plan to apply in order to determine exactly what supporting documentation is required.

Free Airport Pick-Up Service (Aug. 19!-21): This free service is available to new students. Students will be sent an On-Campus Arrival form with the Confirmation of Enrollment form. Once you have obtained your training visa and confirmed your travel arrangements, you should send the On-Campus Arrival form to the KLI office. The form needs to be sent at least 72 hours before your arrival to Korea. Students should prepare a round trip air ticket, clothes, living expenses, stereo, 12 head-and shoulder photos (3cmX4cm) and other personal items.

Arrival Deadline: August 21, 1999 - Opening Ceremony: August 23, 1999 Make sure that you arrive ahead of time before the semester starts.

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and harmony in society is a celebration as well of the Filipino's recognition of these societal values as the guiding principles to lasting and equitable socio-economic growth.

I admire the movement's investment in education, media, cybernetics, business and industry, health and relief missions and the amazing advances of Dr. and Mrs. Moon themselves in harmonizing religions, sciences, races and cultures that have led to harmonious solutions to world problems. I am inspired by your efforts to achieve unity and peace and influence government and society for positive change.

My most profound and best wishes to your movement as we all help to lead our people to a life of peace, harmony and prosperity in the 21st century.

True Mothers keynote speech, The Path of Life for all Humankind was printed in a high class, glossy brochure 'Unification Movement Philippines' and given to all VIPs at the registration table. It was very moving, seeing them later turning the pages while following True Mother's presentation.

When True Mother was about to enter the hall, her coming was announced by the two emcees and the audience rose in expectation. True Mother's exceptional literally breathtaking, dignified appearance was responded to with a rousing, standing ovation and she captured these high VIPs by her warmth, sincerity and exceptional beauty. The crowd kept clapping enthusiastically for a long time, and True Mother smiled. Then, dinner was served, first at the presidential table, where Mother was seated with special VIPs, then throughout the banquet hall. With an opening Prayer which was delivered by Bishop Pedro Maglaya of the Manila United Church and followed by the Philippine national anthem, the official program began. During dinner, the audience was entertained by a famous duo with classical music and the Choir 'Musica Sacra' who performed the Hallelujah chorus of Handel, a truly fitting musical masterpiece. After Hon. Justino Ortiz the Message had read the message of His Excellency, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, Justice Regina Benitez introduced True Mother in a very warm and personal manner, which was seconded by a beautiful video presentation 'Towards World Peace', about True Mothers biography and accomplishments. All were inspired to see and watch True Mother's life story on large screens placed on both sides of the head table. TV monitors were placed in front of it for the convenience of True Mother's special guests beside her. With this, the atmosphere was well prepared for True Mother's special message.

With confidence, anticipating the positive response from her audience, True Mother calmly and well poised, presented the profound and spiritually uplifting speech. Many VIPs were reading along in their brochures. During the speech the cameras captured True Mother's amazing beautiful and sincere facial expression of her personality, cast on the screen. From time to time, the attentive faces of VIPs from the floor and the head table were captured on screen. Throughout the whole speaking event the screens proved to be invaluable assets of communication, and still for more to come. At the end of the official program, and new unexpected experience was pre-

pared for the audience, which would capture even the hearts of the most critical guest. True Mother presented this profound and timely message with great elegance and composure and elicited spontaneous applause many times. Her speech had started, after most had finished their dinner and everyone was ready to listen. Ten times, so counted one newspaper report, the audience responded with spontaneous applause at high points of the speech. True Mother's message, of true love for young and old, touched everyone present, guests, members, and media people.

After the speech, everyone rose and offered enthusiastic applause. True Mother had virtually touched the hearts of everyone in the whole audience and we have reason to believe, this became a special night for many, which a heart transforming experience.

One famous journalist and writer, known for his critical stance in almost everything he covers, came to stay on throughout the whole night. Many times, he had plagued our movement with his acid and cynical critiques about our movement. He stayed on, even for the informal part of the 'victory celebration', which was attended by 99 % of the guests, almost no one left except for a few diplomats. Usually, VIPs in this country plan to engage in several events during the evening, but this time they were totally captivated by the beauty of this event, that was taking shape at the head table and in the audience itself. The particular writer mentioned, who is the lead columnist of the second largest newspaper, reversed his hostile stance and wrote an amazingly brilliant and appreciative article the next day. Beside that, the biggest newspaper published two very positive articles and many others followed suit. Only one carried a critical head line - maybe to remind us that a lot of work still has to be done.

Another former detractor of our movement who is also the owner of two Universities and a former member of the Philippine Overseas Workers Association was so inspired that he expressed his desire to invite us to teach the Divine Principle and its moral precepts in one of his universities. A pastor and historian from the Indigenous Filipino Methodist Church expressed about True Mother his deepest respect as a truly charismatic world leader. Another one invited us to give a sermon on family life to his congregation. We come to see, not just believe that history is changing in a dramatic manner. People of stature, position and power with righteous ancestors are drawn to our True Parents as they are seeking a truly ecumenical spirit and find it being alive and at work in our True Parents they become aware of a global mission. Oikumeneis being seen in a new dimension: God's true love for the world becomes manifest in our True Parents, 'True Parents embracing the whole world'. All of this was concluded, and expressed when Bishop Maglaya's declared the inauguration of the Inter-religious and International Foundation for World Peace in the Philippines. Musically this was beautifully underscored by the closing rendition of the Choir, Musica Sacra, performing from

Handel's Messiah the Hallelujah Chorus.

After the official event came to its end in rousing applause for True Mother, the MCs took care of a smooth transition of the program into a less formal portion, yet, one that was personally even more inspiring for many. Reverend Peter Kim introduced the live Video-Phone-Hook-up with True Father in Han Nam Dong (in Seoul, Korea). Over the large screens all could witness that True Father had been watching our program from Seoul, Korea. We could see him cutting a celebration cake in Seoul, while simultaneously here in Manila it was done by True Mother joined by the dignitaries seated at the head table. 'Congratulations to you' was song to the tune of "Happy Birthday To You" by our VIPs joined by the crowd, creating a unique, festive family atmosphere.

As True Mother personally fed the VIPs at the head table, we could feel that even the highest leaders of society are being taken care of in a special manner by our True Parents. This became the start of a unique joint alternating cultural program starting from Seoul, Korea, alternating with presentations



from Manila, Philippines and Seoul, Korea. A Korean sister in Seoul offered a classical vocal piece which was responded to by a brilliant presentation of vocals and guitar by Kyle Kim with: 'If I had a dream.' The excitement of the competition over the air kept growing. This family-style entertainment, we are so used to, caught many of our VIPs by surprise, a very pleasant surprise, indeed and after a short time the whole banquet hall was filled with exhilarating celebration centered on our True Parents. It was the first time, that VIPs in such a number joined our family members together with our True Parents. Our VIPs had never had such an experience before, yet, they truly did enjoy this natural family atmosphere created by our True Parents.

The Continental Director Dr. Kim offered to our True Father the Lords Prayer and the Philippine Choir of members offered the chorus: 'Resurrect the Philippines' with everybody joining and waving hands. While True Mother was singing Edelweiss for True Father, our VIPs from the head table joined in with True Mother, a truly beautiful sight. In the end, to crown the event, True Parents themselves sang and with it, many hearts were reborn and connected with our True Parents. We could feel True Father was very pleased about True Mother's victorious banquet-rally and celebration in our country. Many will remember for a long time the tune of the enchanting and beautiful song *Ummaya-Nunnaya*, led by our True Parents with everybody joining. Finally True Mother was escorted to her suite and everybody started slowly to leave. The only regret of the evening was, that it seemed to be so short even though it had lasted for almost five hours. Even, the most beautiful evening has to come to an end. But, I am sure the celebration went on in the spirit world and will be still going on.

Upon special request, True Mother granted to have a public Hoon Dok Hae the next morning at 6:00 am. The Hotel allowed us to use the same beautiful hall that was used for the banquet celebration at the evening before. Two thousand brothers and sisters had arrived as early as four thirty a.m. at the hotel. Some had slept through the night in their vehicles from the provinces at the nearby Rizal Park. Still not everyone of our members could be accommodated.

Again, True Mother spoke to all of us, emphasizing how important it is to seriously study Korean language. Especially, she encouraged everyone to witness to young people in the Philippines for the 400 million couple Blessing. She said: 'When I look at your life of faith I can see that your standard of faith is not as high as True Father expects from you. I know that our movement in the Philippines has gone through difficult circumstances. However, these are small in comparison to the difficulties True Father encountered in the early time of his mission. Because of the failure of Christianity, True Father had to go through these extreme difficulties - a period of indemnity and persecution. Yet, True Father kept unwavering faith and continued to proclaim God's Hope for the world. Read this book (VOL.6) on Filial Piety containing Father's prayers from the early life of his ministry. It is impossible to translate Korean exactly into English. If you wait too long to speak Korean it will be too late. You should seriously study Korean. The next time, I will come I will not use for you anymore the help of an interpreter. Also, you have to eliminate your evil desires completely. If there remains evil desire in you sin will remain with you. We need to purify our minds. When we from the earth face Heaven with pure minds, Heaven cannot help but support us here on earth. We are sinners, so we have to we have to be resurrected.

Do you remember last night's message? It means we should bring unity of mind and body by studying Father's words every day, because they contain absolute truth. This message: 'The Path of Humankind' should be spread among all people. Can you do it. Are you willing to do it? Next year, the Philippines should be the first country, to welcome True Parents. Can you do it? She had asked Reverend Peter Kim to read from True Father's book of prayer and then the message she gave the previous night. After finishing with prayer, and cheers of Manse True Mother led us in singing Ummaya-Nunnaya. Then True Mother had to leave in preparation for her departure to Kenya.

At the breakfast True Mother called for Philippine leaders who contributed most to the banquet to come to join her at the breakfast table. What a special grace that was! After breakfast, True Mother generously signed many copies of the brochure we had printed for this occasion of her third visit to the Philippines.

True Mother left earlier than scheduled and was escorted like a head of state by the special police force with a motorcade through the morning traffic of Manila to the airport. There her private jet was waiting. She waved a long time before she left and it remains ingrained in all of our memories. Let us work hard to fulfill God's dreams and our True Parents expectations for this country. ❖



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by Matthias Weisner—Dominican Rep.

Dominican Republic

While five days have passed since True Mother was here. I'm still feeling completely exhausted but I try to find some energy to write a reflection about that special visit from the beginning. When I heard that True Mother was coming to the Dominican Republic. It was clear to me that this was not just a visit to our country but to the whole Caribbean region. Soon afterwards we send invitations to all the 15 nations which belong to our region. I felt that this was a special opportunity for all the National Messiahs to meet True Mother in our region, a total of 60 National Messiahs maybe 120 together with their wives!

Our invitation was for three different events. First for a VIP conference for religious and political leaders in order to inaugurate IIFWP. This was the afternoon program, just before True Mother's speech. Second for the evening program culminating in True Mother's speech and the victory celebration or family celebration as we called it. Finally we invited all National Messiahs to stay for a 2 Day conference starting directly after True Mother's departure. Our Abel National Messiah Rick and Lourdes Swarts helped us to organize a VIP conference by putting us in contact with Dr. Frank Kaufmann and Rev. Jesse Edwards from Philadelphia. David Stuart came from Venezuela as another guest speaker and together we could make a nice presentation of Mr. and Mrs. Moon's life and ministry. Projects for world peace, and a session on the purpose of IIFWP. To conclude the conference we had a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially inaugurate the Caribbean Chapter of IIFWP. We had expected a maximum of 80 participant, but finally we counted 120. A good problem, only we had to quickly inform the kitchen to prepare some more food for the evening buffet, and stretch our budget.

Among the participants we had: one President of the Senate, one Speaker of the House of Assembly, two former Presidents, six former Cabinet Ministers, the leader of a national Hindu Association and about fifty Christian Pastors. From the VIP conference everybody was then directly escorted to True Mother's Speech.

In the front rows we had about 200 chairs reserved for all our VIP guests. As the Hall was filling up we realized that we hadn't prepared space for all the special guests. We simultaneously held the inaugural meeting of the World University Federation with 17 Rectors and Vice Rectors of the main universities in Santo Domingo — even they were not able to be seated at the main ballroom. They were having trouble getting through the doors because of the large number of people standing in the doors to get in. The hall had a seating capacity of 650 people but we managed to squeeze another 300 plastic chairs into the rear as people continued to arrive. Together with those who were left outside we must have had well over a thousand guests.

Most of our VIP guests came out of respect for True Mother, having participated in some previous conference or learned directly from our members or their National Messiah about True Par-

ents' activities. As True Mother approached the podium all the guests in the front rows rose up first to welcome True Mother with a standing ovation. The same happened at the end of True Mother's speech and at the end of the victory celebration. Many of our VIPs seemed to be more excited about our True Mother than our members. Especially the lady who introduced True Mother. She spoke with such vigor and excitement, I never saw anybody before getting emotionally so carried away introducing our True Mother. I think even Dr. Bo Hi Pak would have been impressed. It seemed almost like a pentecostal sermon urging everybody to put their differences aside and embrace each other because the Messiah had come.

That lady actually is a very prominent figure in the political field of the Dom. Rep. In the last election campaign she was running as a presidential candidate for one of the major parties. Because of her powerful introduction the atmosphere was really loaded and when finally True Mother appeared on the stage everybody felt they were welcoming a truly heroic woman. But then, how different was True Mother's speech! She spoke so soft and calm, without many gestures. Talking so gently so as not to frighten anybody but creating an atmosphere for everybody to feel at home. The following victory celebration was for all of us new. On the big video screen suddenly True Father appeared cutting a huge celebration cake in Jardim. He was surrounded by the Korean National Messiahs and western members. The picture motion was abrupt like in a slow motion movie but True Father's voice was loud and clear.

We took turns in presenting songs to each other and at one point True Father must have asked our Korean National Messiah Rev. Ra to sing. We saw him on the big screen. He was beaming and looked so happy as he was presenting one Korean song. Then True Mother sang two songs. One dedicated to the Caribic, Santa Lucia, which is the name of one of our Islands. The other song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" in Korean must have been dedicated to the Christian pastors. Well, that's my interpretation. True Father then gave his version of Umayya right down from the belly and ended in shouting "Dominican Republic, Mansei, Mansei, Mansei!!!" On our side we joined in, Alejandro translating mansei into "Viva la Rep. Dom." and everybody, including our VIPs were throwing up their arms, absorbed by that expression of happiness.

A few days later we heard that on this same day True Father had held an important liberation ceremony in Jardim for which he had called all Korean National Messiahs of Latin America to come (never mind their preparations to welcome True Mother into their country.) We heard it

was a ceremony to restore Lucifer to his original position, giving him now the responsibility to help True Parents in the restoration work. I don't know if there was any connection to this, but True Mother could meet the same day at 6 pm the President of our country at the presidential palace. We had prepared for this meeting more than three months ago but

the confirmation for this meeting came only the day before True Mother's arrival. At that stage we had already given up hope, well at least most of us. Now listen to that, one of the first words

True Mother said after greeting our President were: "Mr. President you are more handsome than I have ever imagined". I was not there but I was told that the President was so surprised about this unexpected compliment that he almost turned red, he was caught completely off guard, and didn't know what to respond to such a compliment. By the way, our President has been divorced a few years ago and has since that time remained single even he is only 46 years old.

With that opening True Mother was clearly in charge of the conversation, which she finally guided to the point that if the President wanted to find a good wife, she and her husband were able to assist him. After this ten min. talk by True Mother the President finally asked if he could also say a few words. He then commented about True Parents' world wide effort to achieve world peace and then gave a moving testimony about two Japanese sisters who had followed him around for more than a year. Every day he saw them standing at the same corner near the presidential palace. Every day they were waving at him when he

arrived for his daily work. This small daily gesture meant so much to him. He felt those two sisters were every day waiting for him to give him support and encouragement. Many times they went to see his mother and brought gifts to her. Because these two Japanese sisters had caught his attention he insisted that they too had to come with True Mother to meet him at the presidential palace.

When hearing this testimony some of us had to do some repentance, because not everybody had appreciated the two Japanese sisters' effort. We thought it was a waste of time, a ridiculous way to get the President's attention. They rather should have done some witnessing or fund raising. But strangely enough the President appreciated their effort and understood their heart more than their own brothers and sisters. Actually three months ago one of the two Japanese sisters had a serious car accident on her way to the presidential palace. For more than a month she couldn't do her daily duty to wave to the President. She felt so miserable. The car was a complete write off. When she finally had recovered and returned to her spot to wave to the President something unusual happened. As the presidential convoy was passing, suddenly the President's car pulled out of the convoy and stopped right in front of her. The sun tinted window opened and the President looked out and asked her, "Where have you been?" "Oh, I was sick, I had a car accident", she answered. "Do you need any help?", the President inquired. "No thank you, I'm much better now," the Japanese sister responded, although that was not completely true. Until that moment she must have doubted herself many times. Was she really doing the right thing, how come she had that tragic car accident.

Shouldn't she go back to Japan to get proper medical help? The President's testimony must have been an amazing comfort to her heart. Finally when the talk of the President with True Mother came towards the end he mentioned, like in a

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MOTHER'S TOUR



Sao Paulo

by Christian Lepelletier and Peter Haider—Sao Paulo, Brazil

True Mother's airplane landed at Sao Paulo international airport on the 4th of May at 3:10 pm. The four National Messiahs, Rev H.T. Kim, Rev H.Oyamada, Rev P. Haider and myself, the national leader and few other members helping for the security and the transport were waiting for her. She came out with her entourage about 20 minutes later. She received a bouquet of flowers and went directly to the waiting Mercedes outside.

About 40 min later she arrived at the Headquarters building where a large group of members were waiting for her with flowers offered by a couple of children from the Colegio Sung Hwa primary school. Then she went to the 6th floor apartment to prepare for the event.

From 18:00h the VIP guests started to arrive at the Hall of the Sport Club of Pinheiros to participate at the inaugural meeting of the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace. They received one packet containing the speech given in Seoul on February 6th by True Father, one declaration of support to sign, one brochure in color about the FFWPU and one copy of the speech: "The path of life for all humankind". Mr. Peter Kim gave a short introduction about the IIFWP for the 70 guests sitting in the upper floor, and Prof. Waldir Cipriani read the inaugural speech in Portuguese.

At 7pm the program of the main event started, the hall was still filling up with people coming late, about 100 buses and vans came from all around the city, and gradually all seats became occupied. The MC asked everyone to stand to sing the national anthem. Then the opening prayer was said by Prof. Roberto Andersen representing the Faculty of philosophy and theology of the state of Bahia. Several government personalities like senators, deputies and officials who could not participate at the event sent congratulatory messages that were read to the audience. Following was the Corasons Unification Choir who performed the Sound of Music. Mrs. Rosemary Correa, member of the Federal Parliament gave a powerful introductory speech for True Mother and invited everyone to unite with the activities of our movement. Then the video in Portuguese language was presented on a large screen.

Everyone stood up to welcome True Mother entering the stage. She read her message: "The Path of Life for all Humankind" in English and Alejandro was simultaneously following with the Portuguese language. The speech was well received and the crowd expressed support by applauding several times. After the message one couple presented the flowers, and several personalities

offered gifts representing diverse organizations like the group of Spiritual Religions, the Brazilian Association of Referees and the Deputies of the Assembly of the State of Amapa. Finally Prof. Roberto Anderson of the faculty of philosophy and theology of the state of Bahia announced that the Title of Doctor Honoris Causa will be presented to Mrs. H.J.H. Moon. He spoke shortly to praise and congratulate the work of True Mother. She received the doctorate and was dressed in the green uniform and the hat according to the traditional graduation ceremony of that university.

At the end of the program the audience was asked to remain for the Victory Celebration. Prof. Cipriani was commenting on the special relationship between True Mother and True Father when the stage was being prepared and the technical staff was arranging the telephone link between Montevideo and S? Paulo. A huge cake was quickly brought to the stage, and twelve personalities were asked to sit on the stage on each side of TP's armchairs. Then Mother came in again and talked to Father appearing on the screen. Songs were exchanged between Montevideo and S? Paulo. The public enjoyed the celebration and remained seated until the end. Mother shook hands with each VIP on

stage thanking them for their support.

After 10:00 pm a small group gathered with True Mother at the 6th floor of the HQ. Rev. Heung Tae Kim and Prof. Cipriani reported how the event was prepared during the preceding two months. A special group centered on Mr. Ivan Rebus was formed to contact the VIPs and members worked hard to invite guests and fill the buses. More than 10,000 invitations card were mailed.

The next morning True Mother came for Hoon Dok Hae at the 5th floor temple where members gathered. We heard a report from Mr. Peter Kim, explaining the great success and accomplishments of True Mother's world tour, showing positive newspaper articles and telling testimonies of people moved by the power of True Mother as the living Holy Spirit and by her words. To conclude True Mother stood up and gave words of encouragement and hope for all members to persevere and to offer great results for the next seven months until True Father's 80th birthday:

"What are we doing at the present time? We are in a position to influence the past through our ancestors, the present and the future through our descendants. Our success is the success of our ancestors and our descendants, they will be eternally grateful, if we fulfill our responsibility for the spiritual life of all humankind and eradicate the satanic lineage." ❖

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Vice President, and a second award to the Vice President herself. She then offered a donation of ,10,000 to the Entebbe Mayor's School for orphans whose talented youth choir had performed at the airport, at the main speech event and later at the special dinner banquet.

One problem in Uganda was that nobody reported to True Father about the Vice President's speech after True Mother's speech and he was expecting to start the Victory Celebration according to the regular schedule. Later, Mr. Peter Kim explained that True Father was upset at the time but after the event True Mother called him and explained about the circumstances of the state visit.

At the dinner banquet offered by the Vice President for True Mother about 60 high-level government officials and VIPs attended including the 5 ministers and many of the members of parliament who also attended the speech. After dinner and entertainment, the Vice President told True Mother she knew she must be very tired but wouldn't she just sing one lullaby for her children! True Mother sang one of her favorite songs and then asked the Vice President to sing, and she did—together with two other lady ministers and the lady President of our Church in Uganda. Then the Vice President and her two lady ministers accompanied True Mother up to her suite.

The next morning, the two ministers again accompanied True Mother to her airplane—one on each side of her on the tarmac with True Mother holding their

hands. The country's two main newspapers gave full positive coverage to the event and the national television rebroadcast the entire evening speech program nationwide.

Harare, Zimbabwe:

April 30—True Mother's speech in Harare, Zimbabwe, on Friday, April 30th, was a smashing success. A very enthusiastic crowd of approximately 3,500 people warmly embraced our True Mother's talk after a rousing and very nice entertainment program. There were about 600 Christian ministers in attendance as well as a number of government officials and heads of NGOs. Many proclamations were presented, including one from the vice-president of Zimbabwe, one from his wife and one from his daughter. The former Minister of Science and Technology (now an MP) of Zambia gave an address in support of True Mother, as well.

As a result of Mother's inspiring talk, another church denomination, The Apostolic Faith Church, has decided to join our Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. This denomination has 30,000 members.

The Victory Celebration went very well this time in another room off of the main hall. There was a good telephone and video hookup with True Father. On the following morning we celebrated True Parents' 40th Wedding Anniversary with True Mother after a prolonged Hoon Dok Hae session.

Once again, we held a leaders meeting for all of the countries in the region

to go over the guidelines for the 400 million couple Blessing next year. In attendance were representatives from Botswana, South Africa, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia, Namibia and Gabon.

Cotonou, Benin:

May 1—The Benin campaign started out very well with an official invitation from the government organized by one very outspoken lady cabinet minister who is close to President Kerekou. But only three days before the event a special ministerial meeting was called and the event was suddenly canceled. Our high level friends in Benin told us several things happened that lead to this. First, the 29 year old son of the lady minister who pushed for our invitation broke his leg in an accident in France and unexpectedly died during a simple operation because of heart failure. This took the lady minister completely out of public activity just before True Mother arrived. At the same time, some reports said France and one other European country put pressure on the Benin government to cancel the event. Thirdly, the Catholic church of Benin put pressure on members of the Benin government to cancel the event. Three days before True Mother was scheduled to speak, the Benin ministers met to discuss True Mother's visit. Without the presence of the Lady minister who moved for the event they gave in to pressure to cancel.

Rev. Cho reported that President Kerekou himself called later to say that he was

not informed of the cancellation until the ministers had already made the announcement of cancellation through radio, TV and newspapers.

Our movement in Benin has several ministers and very high level government VIPs who are close to us but in recent parliamentary elections they were all defeated and will lose their positions in only a few days from now. That is another reason they did not have the ability to reverse the decision to cancel the official invitation.

Despite the official cancellation, 500 people showed up at the meeting hall where the meeting was originally supposed to take place. We could not go ahead and hold the meeting because it would look like we were defying the government's orders. So True Mother instructed that the Continental Director should organize a new meeting in which the president of WFWP in Benin will read True Mother's message.

In the meantime, True Mother did stop in Benin and held a meeting with more than 800 of our members in attendance. She spoke to and encouraged the members who were devastated by the government's decision and the members gave their wholehearted response to True Mother, making it a truly memorable occasion.

We also held a leaders meeting for the 400 Million Couple Blessing which included representatives from Benin, Togo, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Cameroon, Sao Tome, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Chad and Congo. ❖



MOTHER'S TOUR

London

by Tim Read

As I watched True Mother's plane taxi to its stand, I was very aware that her visit to Britain came on the back of a number of difficulties that the European church is facing in getting permission for True Parents to enter, and I was wondering if I would have to organize an immediate exodus of the 100 or so National Messiahs and National leaders that were awaiting True Mother here to the next country on her itinerary.

There is an agreement (the Schengen treaty) between 11 nations in Europe to have a borderless zone where no passports are necessary. With this new agreement came an immigration law which included a blacklist of persona non grata, and various reasons were found to put True Parents on the list. Fortunately for us, Britain is not part of the treaty, and although True Father was not allowed into Britain in 1995, the decision to disallow him from entering the country was ruled to be unlawful, and as a result True Parents are not banned from entering the country. To secure a visa for True Mother, we had to apply a while beforehand and were delighted to hear that she had been granted a visa on the day of her application. However, we were still wary in case the Government, fickle as governments usually are, should decide on a reversal. You can imagine my partial relief when True Mother stepped off the plane and into her car; partial because instead of one potential disaster, now there were almost limitless opportunities for things to go wrong over the next day or so!

We have a beautiful house on the edge of London which was built for David Livingstone, the famous explorer and missionary. It was later used as a convent, and bought by us and prepared as a house for True Parents. The staff at Livingstone House were preparing the garden and house 6 weeks in advance; there was so much to be done, so many things to be repaired and painted. There was damp in the walls in a number of places, dirt and dust everywhere, windows to be cleaned, rooms to be repaired and pre-

pared, and the gardens to be tidied up.

Over the visit weekend, meals had to be arranged for True Mother, her party, the 40 staff in the house, not to mention the European leaders (who descended on us for a European level leaders conference)—who had to be accommodated in, and transported from a nearby hotel, and fed in a marquee in the garden. In spite of the fact that most mobilisable members (at least another 80) were involved in preparing the venue where True Mother would speak, we had to arrange transport for the European Leaders from various ports to Chislehurst, their hotel and the venue, and run the leader's meeting itself under Pres. Sa and Rev Kwak's guidance.

The leaders meeting and Hoon Dok Hae were held on the morning prior to True Mother's speech in a room originally used by the nuns as a chapel. Many people commented on the beauty of the house and its gardens, which is a credit to all those involved in its preparation and those who have taken care of it over the years.

The mobilization went off to a slow start—the PA dept. after having sent 500 letters out, only received 7 replies after ten days. The Women's Federation who brought in a large number of guests also had very little response at the beginning. However on the day of the event there were 1300 people including around 440 guests and VIPs.

I arrived at the speech venue an hour early, to find great activity (to put it mildly) and tension as people rushed hither and thither trying to put the finishing touches, and even starting touches, to the flowers, stage, sound system, cameras, lights, seats, stage, refreshments, True Mother's room, VIP reception room, World University Federation Inauguration meeting room, children and parents room and anything else that could be set up or taken down.

As the starting time drew closer, the preparations were as complete as they could be and our MC Mr. David Hanna

began the proceedings. At first it seemed as though all was going well, until all 1300 of us discovered together that the backing tape to the first song wasn't going to play. Sound problems stayed with us during the introduction to True Mother's video, and as I sat in the front seats trying to look calm, all sorts of ghastly scenarios floated unbidden through my mind, the worst being one in which True Mother had to shout to the audience. Thankfully, due to a great twiddling of knobs and checking of leads behind the scenes, most of the problems were resolved. True Mother didn't have to shout and everything afterwards went smoothly.

George Robertson, our media man, who was at the back of the hall commented: As True Mother read her speech the lady sitting beside me grew very excited. "Praise God" she said and "yes! yes!" she turned to me at one point and looked very carefully over her glasses "This is from heaven. Are you listening deeply?" I assured her I was trying. Half way through Mother spoke about God's tears and my earnest companion clutched my arm. I thought she was going to hug me instead she whispered loudly, "Tears! Jesus weeps through Mrs. Moon." I was curiously struck by her insight.

Some people had traveled far to be there. A Scottish man, guest of an Edinburgh member was enormously impressed with the whole event. He said it was a "grand wee ceilidh (Gaelic for party)". When the bagpipes started he said "if I had been a wee bit closer to the stage I would have asked her (True Mother) to join me in a Highland fling"

Marshall de Souza, our interfaith man wrote: "Overall, I think the event was very successful; the spirit was good; the attendance was great; and it seemed that Father and Mother were happy with the occasion.

Two things made me especially happy: firstly my guest (and college supervisor), was able to make a heart-felt (and beautifully inscribed plaque) presentation to

True Parents in recognition of their inspirational youth work, notably the Religious Youth Service. It's a shame the inscription was not read out aloud!

And secondly, I sat next to an academic during the satellite link-up celebration. I asked him what he felt about the idea of Father and Mother sharing like that after an event. He very positively said, "It's great!", and something else like, "that's how families should celebrate across the miles..."

A close English Christian guest of ours, well known for her 50 years of interfaith work commented, "The satellite communication between Mrs. Moon and Rev. Moon was delightful and so loving and spontaneous."

After we had returned to Chislehurst at dinner and during the breakfast on the last day, we were able to get some positive feedback about the whole stay. Peter Kim remarked on the beauty and tranquillity of the house and its grounds, and True Mother was happy with the event. Pres. Sa, the European Continental President, was happy with the overall result, and despite the technical setbacks also felt that the whole event was a success.

As we drove True Mother to the airport I was thanking whoever is working with me from the spirit world for pushing me to double the estimated journey time; we were quite stuck in a traffic jam and arrived at the airport just in time. I could finally stop worrying when I saw True Mother's little jet whistle overhead and disappear into a bank of inevitable English clouds on its way to Holland.

I was relieved that True Mother could enter the country, and amazed that we could pull the weekend off as well as we did; many people had good and also difficult experiences in the time prior to and during the visit, and a lot of lessons could be learnt. I gained a deeper insight into True Mother's character and even got a personal telling off from her for not being strong enough (when I read her speech at Hoon Dok Hae)—for which I'm grateful. After all, it's not often that we can get direct guidance from the Messiah. ❖

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self reflecting way, "The next time I'm going to get married I probably have to go through Korea". We don't know how serious he was about this, but somehow it seemed that he got the point. Another honor was bestowed upon True Mother at the evening victory celebration. The city council declared True Mother an honorary citizen of Santo Domingo, the oldest city in the new world. In this way True Mother could conclude her ten nation speaking tour of Latin America. The next day was already time to fly to Europe, the old world, 12 more countries were waiting for her.

Finally a last point. After the victory celebration True Mother invited all the National Messiahs up to her room. Everybody gave a short report. Most of the National Messiahs were not able to get

into their nations or to work openly there. True Mother felt sad about that because True Parents gave so much blessings. One tiny island had received the same number of National Messiahs and 120 Japanese sisters as big countries like Brazil or Argentina, but they rejected the blessing not realizing what heavenly fortune they were about to throw away. She asked us to deepen our heart and understanding of True Parents through this kind of experience. To feel how they had suffered, especially during the early days. Then True Mother explained that we are now entering a time when we can become very close to the spiritual world. Now after the heaven and earth blessing and the liberation of ancestors up to the seventh generation. For a long time I will have to digest and reflect what really happened during True Mother's visit. Something is very different now. I can feel it, but it is very difficult to describe. ❖



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MOTHER'S TOUR

Moscow

by Gunnard Johnston

As you all know, Russia is going some very turbulent times right now. After the changeover of 1991, when the Soviet Union was officially ended and a new era begun, with a new Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) born, the Russian Federation has experienced quite of shock, not unlike a non-swimmer being dropped into deep water and told, "Swim or die!"

Externally, I have never seen Moscow more beautiful than it is now: buildings are looking newer, brighter, more shining and clean. Especially around the main center of Moscow, near the Kremlin, the city looks like an emerging jewel that rivals New York, Paris, or London for stately and charming presence. Parks and streets are taking on a brighter, more colorful, more alive look to them. But economically, for many people there is a great deal of desperation to make ends meet: lots of street merchants everywhere, and, unfortunately, a number of older people begging on the streets and in the Metro (subway system).

To the midst of all of this, internally, Mother's visit brought a breath of such freshness, it was like the day started anew after a long hard winter. The weather, by the way, had been unseasonably cold and forbiddingly cloudy for about two weeks prior. Then just two days before Mother arrived, the spring breeze descended with warmth and sunshine bright and crystal clear. It was, in a word, gorgeous!

For Mother's speech itself I had the good fortune to attend a short meeting of the World University Federation, headed by Rev. Kwak. It is an extension of the Professors World Peace Academy, and has the purpose to link universities and scholars around the world under the True Parents' ideal of world peace. To this

meeting I accompanied one professor from my nation of Lithuania, a man who has been with PWA for seven years. Rev. Kwak conveyed True Father's hopes and dreams for these scholarly men and women, with the hope of uniting them together in the great quest: world peace, true family values, open education, ending hunger and want. About forty prominent guests attended this distinguished meeting.

Then, it was on to Mother's speech. Here there was a most inspiring mix of 90% young people (17 to 24 years old) and the rest was us old fogies! Upon going into the theater 30 minutes before the program was to start, Professor Buracas and I found we could not get a seat! The first two sections were maxed out, so we had to try a third door. (We had not known there was reserved seating for VIPs, like the professor, so we continued to grope for an opening somewhere, anywhere.) But everywhere we turned, there were walls of young folks all bouncing around joining their friends or charging to open spaces, as we were trying to do.

Finally, I got the notion to just push down to the front. I had seen some open seats in the very first row, and thought that perhaps they might still be available when we got there. Sure enough, seats were available — right in the front row, not more than ten meters from Mother's podium!

The dignified master of ceremonies gave a very elegant introduction of True Parents, with many letters of welcome and congratulations from various prominent members of society, those who were not physically in attendance. I'm sorry I do not have the names at hand, but I am

sure someone else will provide such details later. A children's violin ensemble performed a beautiful piece. One opera diva gave a love-

ly rendition of "Ave Maria". And the mood was set. Finally, Mother appeared.

It was like the sun had risen on a cool fresh morning when Mother walked out to the podium. Her pure dignified motherly poise immediately elevated the atmosphere to unforeseen heights! Mother's warmth and charm filled the entire theater. No corner was left untouched. The quiet radiance of pure love flowed in wave after wave, like an invisible pulse of super-rarefied energy, yet so gentle you simply feel embraced and enfolded at your mother's breast.

As Mother spoke it was like being breast-fed by your true eternal mother, the Mother of life itself, the Holy Spirit of the living Heaven on earth. As Mother spoke the words of her talk, it was as if the spiritual Heaven came and settled in that theater, making Heaven and earth one. The audience, some of whom in the VIP section had come obviously with doubt or some trepidation, was quickly drawn into the warmth of the True Parents' heart. It was unmistakable. It was also utterly and absolutely genuine. It was the fruit of tears, sweat, and blood, shed for us all for decades and millennia, by God Himself. Mother was standing on Father's foundation who stands on God's foundation. All the years of yearning, hoping, praying, and crying for unity and love among His children is born out in Mother's presence as she speaks from the depth of her heart.

By the end of Mother's speech, even the most doubtful of the dignified VIPs were all clapping approvingly at Mother's punctuated declarations for "true families, true love ideals, and True Parents". No one held back. All joined in.

When Mother concluded her speech, after she received several flower gifts, several more personal gifts, and several rounds of cheering applause, she finally departed the stage to a standing ovation!

A few moments later, the stage was quickly transformed into a comfortable area for Mother, about ten dignitaries, and Rev. Kwak to sit and celebrate with True Father, who had listened to the speech and was waiting with brothers and sisters in South America. The internet and telephone connections were fragile, and several times we lost internet video contact with Father, but through it all, Mother carried on as a champion of warmth and love, fulfilling her role as mother to the world. It is amazing that, as Mother has given her speech now to over eighty audiences around the world in fulfilling her duty to bring God's and True Parents' love to the everyone, she is still as fresh and spontaneous as if she were coming to give a special visit to Russia alone. Each place and every person that Mother meets is special — this is the spirit Mother gives: we are ALL special in God's and True Parents' eyes.

Father, Mother, and brothers and sisters, from South America to Moscow, were exchanging their love and greetings, and we were all treated to this demonstration of Heaven on earth! Truly, we were MOST privileged to be able to attend such an historic event. This will go down in the Book of Life as one more example of how much God and particularly True Parents themselves really and truly love us all. *Nobody* left that wonderful meeting with True Parents without being eternally touched. I did not see one person who did not have a smile on their face after this evening. There was no escaping the love of God and True Parents on this evening. It was surely a night to remember and cherish for all eternity. ❖

Australia

by Mark Andrew Burfield—Sydney, Australia

Preparations for True Mother's visit to Oceania as part of her World Speaking Tour began in February 1999. The initial plan was for Mother to speak at an afternoon event in the Sydney Town Hall. However, when we received unacceptable contract details from the Town Hall and detailed instructions from FFWPU International, we changed our plan, choosing instead for an evening event at the Sydney Hilton Hotel, which has the largest hotel ballroom. Suitable accommodation for Mother and her entourage was arranged at the nearby Hotel Nikko Darling Harbour.

As this was to be Mother's only speaking engagement in Oceania, it was decided to hold a Federation of Island Nations for World Peace (FINWP) Conference concurrently, thereby ensuring VIP representation from several of the South Pacific island nations. This idea worked successfully, whilst providing some logistical and staffing challenges.

The sisters commenced a forty days' condition of midnight prayer and bowing. Leaders did three day fasts and mem-

bers did one day chain fasting. All families were encouraged to donate AUD,1200 to support Mother's visit, and the island nations contributed where possible.

As circumstances unfolded, Mother's visa was not approved until three weeks before her arrival, and at one stage there was even a contingency plan to move the event to New Zealand!

Just ten days prior to Mother's arrival, a devastating and unprecedented electrical hailstorm hit parts of Sydney. Giant hailstones smashed roofing, windows, cars, and other property causing over one billion dollars' worth of damage, but miraculously no loss of life.

Mother arrived in Sydney by private jet from Taiwan on Friday 23 April. She was escorted directly to the Hotel Nikko Darling Harbour in Sydney city, where Unification Family members greeted her around 11pm.

By 6am the next day, members, including National Messiahs and missionaries from all over Oceania, had gathered in Mother's room for Hoon Dok Hae. Mother

explained how she is establishing the tradition of reading True Father's prayers at the start of Hoon Dok Hae. "Have you heard about this book of Father's prayers?" Mother asked. ("No," we replied). The books have been available in Korean and Japanese for about 2 years but English translation commenced just recently. So Mother urged us to study Korean in order to gain a deeper understanding of Father's heart and keep up with God's providence.

We couldn't respond affirmatively when Mother asked if we had heard about the successes of her US tour. "Aren't you a bit slow to hear news?" said Mother. We had not received the positive internet reports about Mother's tour. "Where have you been, in the 18th or 19th century?" said Mother. Rev Peter Kim explained that Mother feels God's providence is moving rapidly but we have been rather slow to catch up.

Rev Kim gave a report about Mother's world tour which has included 8 cities in Korea, 16 in Japan and 24 in the USA prior to her current 32 nation world tour.

The main difference between this tour and previous speaking tours is that all the audience is invited to attend the victory celebration after Mother's speech. Rev Kim showed us a number of newspaper articles which show that the general attitude of the media has changed. They now generally produce objective reports without any of the prejudice of the previous era.

Australia was one of the first countries on Mother's 32 nation tour. She expressed her joy about the events in Taiwan and Malaysia. "What about Australia?" Mother asked. Rev Hyung Keun Kim, Oceania Continental Director, replied that the venue had a capacity for 700 people and Mother said that such a small number was "out of the question." We felt anxious because this was Mother's fourth visit to Australia since 1992 and we had previously struggled to bring even 400 people.

Rev Peter Kim read two of Father's prayers which mention our responsibility to resolve the grief of Heaven and to become children who fulfill our responsibility. By this point the whole room was filled with a feeling of repentance as brothers and sisters from the front to the back

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MOTHER'S TOUR



by Nora Spurgin—Managua, Nicaragua

On May 12, 1999, Nicaraguan members, National Messiahs, and Japanese missionaries welcomed True Mother to Nicaragua where she spoke to 600 governmental, religious, judicial and business leaders at a banquet in the Camino Real Hotel, Managua. True Mother was most warmly welcomed on her third visit to Nicaragua.

We can see how God prepared everything for True Parents through an amazing miracle that took place the day before her arrival. Rev. No Hi Pak, National Messiah from Korea, deeply desired to provide a Mercedes Benz for True Mother's transportation. Upon inquiring about rental cars he was informed that it is impossible to rent such a car, even from the dealership. With much disappointment he rented the best car Nicaragua's rental service could provide, a Ford Taurus.

On the late afternoon the day before Mother's arrival, Franz Haslhofer, National Messiah from Austria and general manager of *Tiempos del Mundo*, noticed a Peugeot 600 in a shopping center parking lot. "Maybe we can rent it from the owner," he thought as he approached the driver. "I have a problem; Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is arriving tomorrow. Nicaragua should welcome her with a better car than we can rent. Would it be possible for us to rent this car?" The driver informed him that the owner was Christiana Chamorro, daughter of former president, Violeta Chamorro, and asked Mr. Haslhofer to wait for her to return. When the beautiful lady arrived, she responded immediately to his request, saying that she knew how much Mrs. Moon meant to us and her family would want to welcome her well. She said, "don't worry, I will provide a car for her. Please give me your phone number and I will call you this evening".

Finally at 10 p.m. she called personally to say she had arranged for a Mercedes Benz and a chauffeur for True Mother's visit. It was the limousine that is used for visiting diplomats and had just been freshly painted. Franz's inspi-

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ration allowed God to work in a great way.

True Mother was most pleased with such a welcome representing the heart of Nicaragua and the Chamorro family. This is also a beautiful testimony to the help of the spiritual world and the faith of our members.

Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, Violeta Chamorro's son, is Nicaragua's Minister of Defense. He expressed his desire to come to the speech but had a cabinet meeting and did not know when it would end. However, near the end of True Mother's speech he made an appearance and arranged to stop by to greet and hold a short meeting with True Mother at the hotel the following morning.

The religious community, both Catholic and Protestant also reached out to receive True Mother's party. Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, the country's Catholic head, granted a meeting with Rev. Kwak, as the president of Family Federation for World Peace International. Since Rev. Kwak could not come to Nicaragua, True Mother sent Peter Kim and Mr. Salonen as special representatives of Rev. and Mrs. Moon to meet with Cardinal Obando. At first the meeting was tense with the Cardinal expressing concern about twisted information he had received regarding Rev. Moon and the his movement. He asked very direct questions and Mr. Salonen carefully explained True Fathers tireless investment and vision for strengthening families worldwide. The tension eased as they found common ground in their views regarding family values. When asked to pray for the evening event, Nicaragua's spiritual leader who in the past had expressed opposition to our work, gave his blessing in prayer. He also graciously posed for photos with our local church leaders.

Representing Protestant churches, Rev. Norman Bent, president of the Moravian Church in Latin America, gave the invocation at the banquet. Afterwards he commented that he was moved by the event and offered his cooperation for the future.



The evening banquet was an elegant event attended by 600 top-level Nicaraguan leaders. Dr. Maria Eugenia Acevedo, president of The Association of Women Lawyers, who also serves as president of WFWP in Nicaragua, invited 120 women lawyers to the event. She also introduced True Mother and presented a plaque from the lawyers association.

True Mother, resplendent and glowing in a delicate pink suit, was greeted warmly. One guest commented that she has so much charisma that people could not take their eyes off her.

The guests responded enthusiastically to the speech, and the victory celebration immediately afterwards won their hearts as well. When the Japanese missionaries, dressed in Nicaraguan blouses, sang "Nicaragua mia" (How beau-

tiful is Nicaragua), the spirit of the celebration was caught by the whole audience.

In observing the interaction between True Father in Jardim and True Mother in Nicaragua, the guests experienced a living example of the speech in action.

This part of the program included the usual cake cutting, singing and speaking to each other. True Mother sang two songs, Santa Lucia and Edelweiss, then True Parents joyfully sang *Umaya Nunaya* together.

The following morning 60 to 70 members gathered at the hotel for Hoon Dok Hae. During that time True Mother spoke, emphasizing two major points: First, we should read the book of True Fathers prayers, No. 6; these prayers capture his heart of faith during his wilderness course. Secondly we need to learn the Korean language.

When True Mother, happy and relaxed, waved good bye, everyone felt the joy of an event well received and well organized. The National Messiah's of Nicaragua, centered on Rev. and Mrs. No Hi Pak worked together with Rev. Mrs. Jorge Oliveira, Nicaraguan church president, Franz Haslhofer, *Tiempos del Mundo* and the 39 Japanese missionaries to bring a great

victory.

The daily "La Noticia" called True Mother "an international spiritual leader whose message is destined to awaken humankind's conscience about life's basic issues such as the transcendence of our eternal existence, the meaning of spiritual values and the strengthening of families to become true schools of life". There were no negative words.

Another newspaper, "Bolsa de Noticias" pointed out that Dr. Moon's message called for "sowing love, justice and truth to harvest eternal happiness".

Through this third visit, True Mother gave great blessing to this country, spiritually and physically. If we can really develop this foundation I am sure the Nicaraguan church will prosper. ♦

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of the room shed tears. Rev Peter Kim could not continue reading and Rev Hyung Keun Kim took over. Tears streamed down his cheeks as he read the English translation of Father's prayer including Father's plea that Heavenly Father "help us to become children who do not throw back the mission."

A member of Mother's touring group commented later that it was the first time during this year's tour that he had witnessed such a scene of repentance and new determination. He said that this is the kind of heart which Mother looks for and she feels hope for the future when brothers and sisters repent for past failures and make heartfelt determination to fulfill their mission.

Mother's speech event in the Grand Ballroom of the Sydney Hilton Hotel began at 6.30pm with cultural performances

by Chinese puppeteers, a German choir, and a Tongan dance group. To everyone's great relief, the room was full! Moreover, The Invocation was given by one of the FINWP Conference attendees, the only female ordained minister in the Solomon Islands. The inspiring song "Power of the Dream" was performed, and Mother was introduced by a Muslim Sheik before screening of the insightful and touching video. Mother received a standing ovation as she entered the ballroom, and also when she finished her speech. The audience remained very attentive and responsive throughout, clapping on several occasions.

Most of the audience stayed on for the victory celebration, including current and former government and religious leaders from all over Oceania who shared the stage with Mother. Father appeared on the two big screens linked via the internet and we were all impressed with Father and Mother's intimate sharing though

physically separated by thousands of miles. They each cut three tier cakes simultaneously and the whole audience joined in as Father started chanting "chomp, chomp, chomp" when Mother tasted a small portion.. Father's group in Seoul and our group took turns to provide entertainment and we all joined in as Mother sang "Edelweiss."

An hour after Mother had finally left the room many were still around the stage singing and dancing, including some of the VIP group.. The spirit of True Parents brings peace and harmony beyond race and creed. We had heard reports of such events in other countries, and now it was happening in Sydney, the biggest city in Oceania, which is also preparing to host the Olympic Games next year.

At the 5am Pledge Service the next morning, Mother was happy. One brother commented that this day, Sunday 25 April, was ANZAC ("Australia and New Zealand Army Corps") Day - commemo-

rating the loss of many thousands of lives during the World Wars and other wars by people of this region. We could sense that the victory of True Parent's lives in general, and Mother's visit at this time in particular, was now able to provide some comfort and vindication for their ultimate sacrifice.

Mother departed from the hotel at 7am and flew off to the Philippines. That evening, leaders, missionaries and elder Blessed couples gathered for a two-day Workshop at the William Arnott Lodge, Elanora Heights (about 20km north of Sydney). Through the testimonies that were shared, we could recognize the tremendous grace and blessing that had been bestowed on Oceania by the presence of our True Mother. There was a deep spirit of repentance and forgiveness, and a new determination to unite with Mother's desire that we fulfill our mission and "make a new life, completely different from last year and before." ♦

DAEMONIM'S VISIT TO AMERICA

Spiritual Liberation

This is from the speech Daemonim gave at the Liberation ceremony at Belvedere on April 25.

The Chung Pyung providence came here to Belvedere today. Today this is Chung Pyung. Now at Chung Pyung each session follows a two-day schedule. Before I came here, we had finished the 323rd session. 40 day participants are also there from Japan now. They are being trained first on Cheju Island for 7 days, then they come to Chung Pyung for the next 7 days. Today I came here to see so many of you. One hundred percent of your ancestors were found. (Applause.) But it was not easy. You do not have any idea how hard it was to find them. You do not have any feelings about this because you do not know the spiritual world. I pray to God, saying, "Dear Heavenly Father, at other times, it's okay that they don't see anything, but at the time when they have the liberation, please help them see the spirits." The reason I pray this way is if you could just see how they look when they arrive here and from where they are coming, not one of you would be able to stop crying.

If you could see your ancestors you would be so grateful to True Parents. You would become filial sons and daughters to God and True Parents. Therefore, at this time God can let you see your ancestors' spirits. I really wish for you to see them. Dear brothers and sisters, you may think your ancestors are in a good place, a comfortable place. You may think, how could my ancestors be in a bad place?

There is pollution in the world poses a threat to people. But more fearful is the spiritual pollution. I do not think the natural pollution is that dangerous. Why? Because you can see it. You can therefore solve the problem. Yet, you don't see the spiritual pollution. Therefore you do not know what is happening, how it is affecting you.

Until now Satan has worked through evil spirits, completely dominating the spiritual world. They even gradually influenced the good spiritual world. There has been much liberation done of ancestors by certain people here and there. But then after liberating those ancestors, we were not able to change them into absolutely good spirits. So they were dominated later on by evil spirits and again went to the low spiritual world. Therefore, when I find the ancestors I do not find them in the good realms. I start deep in hell and other low areas so I can find them more quickly.

I will explain in a way you can understand more easily. In the evil places in the spiritual world, in the deep and muddy bed of complete hell, many spirits are there yelling and screaming to be saved, "Please help me, help me." Looking at your list I go to find your ancestors there. I cannot just sit here and call them to come. I have to go down to hell where they are and grab them from there. Oth-

erwise I could never save them and liberate them. I have to go down and put my feet into the muddy bed of hell to be able to grab them out. This is how they have come here together—out of that situation.

Since I have been carrying out the liberation of ancestors, never once have I not cried. Every time, looking at them, I can only cry and cry. How miserable they are; such a difficult situation they are in. They are trapped by evil spirits and can



only obey what Satan says to do. Our ancestors have been in that miserable place, but we did not know it. All of us are so blinded spiritually. Therefore we did not know they are crying and crying, begging and begging in hell. Who knew this? True Parents. Therefore True Parents directed me to initially do this seven-generation ancestral liberation, and then later from the 8th to the 14th generations, then 15th to 21st generations and so on, seven generations at a time up to 120 generations.

According to Principle, only those on earth should receive the blessing, not those in the spirit world. This is what Father originally said. But because True Parents brought victory, and because of True Parents' special authority, spirits can now be blessed. We should be very grateful. Truly we must be continuously grateful. These ancestors who were pulled out from deep in the muddy bed, from under huge rocks and other scary places, are brought up here. Afterwards they are sent to Heung Jin Nim's workshop site for 100 days to study Principle and learn about True Parents' words. When they go to Heung Jin Nim's workshop site, finally they are able to see themselves for what they are. Heung Jin Nim shows them around the entire spiritual world from top to bottom and lets them know where they belong. The way a person's spirit looks coincides with where they will reside. These people are therefore brought back to Heung Jin Nim's training center and taught about the providence of restoration, taught Principle and True Parents' words. Through this process they become good spirits. All these evil spirits are being changed into good spirits. They are cleansed. It is a very difficult process. One hundred days later, they are brought down to

receive the blessing on the earth.

The blessing ceremony will be carried out exactly as it was when we went through the blessing, with a holy wine ceremony and holy water ceremony. Resurrected through the blessing, they will come down to help us. This is what we are doing. Until now, we have accomplished the blessing of 60 billion spiritual people. But after seven generations of our ancestors have been educated to be able to live with us, just like people live together on the earth, we will be able to have skin-touch experiences with them. They will support the liberation of the 8th to 120th generations of ancestors by going out and helping find them.

When True Parents enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, there will be a certain ceremony to settle the Kingdom of Heaven. These seven generations of ancestors will enter together with True Parents into the Kingdom of Heaven. While they were on the earth they may have lived carelessly; some of them are good, some of them are evil. Because we have received the blessing on earth, with that condition they are able to receive the blessing in the spiritual world and go to the Kingdom of Heaven. They have such a special privilege. When you see

those restored spirits, they are so beautiful, so absolutely good; they are shining lights. They are made to be that way. How wonderful, how incredible it is. I wish so much that you could see them after they change.

At the beginning of our Chung Pyung providence, you were taught that you have so many evil, resentful spirits in you. When I told everyone about these evil, resentful spirits, they could not understand it. Why? You thought, "We are blessed couples. When we are blessed couples how can we have such spirits in us?" You thought that you only had your own spirit in you. This is how you questioned inside.

There are many, many evil, resentful spirits in every layer of your skin. The more I open, the more there are, even inside of your blood stream, inside your bone marrow. All these spirits are not good spirits. A little while ago, you were singing holy songs. I wish you could have put more effort into it, work harder. If you could see the spirits inside of you, you would not do it that way. If you could see them, you could not sit like this, relaxed. You have seen how they are working. They are more and more dominating, making you get sick. We cannot sit like this, happily. If you could see them, you would only think, "How can I get rid of these spirits? How can I get them out of me?" You would do anything to learn how to get rid of these evil, resentful spirits. There are so many. You need to know that. We need to get this cleaned up. It is True Parents who have allowed this and prepared the environment to do it in.

Why do we have so many evil spirits in us? In the very beginning, God was not planning to give the blessing to people like us who were unprepared. Two thou-

sand years ago, Jesus prophesied that the Messiah would come. We should have known that there would be a blessing. If we didn't, someone in the position of John the Baptist was needed to help purify us and prepare for the day the Messiah would come.

True Parents should have blessed those who were prepared. But according to Father, he could not wait for us to become perfect because of Satan's work, because of all the ancestral and collective sin, and our fallen nature and personal sins, and these evil spirits in us. It was impossible to expect man to reach perfection in this situation. Therefore from that evil world, he brought us up to the realm of goodness. There Father wanted us to reach perfection. This is the blessing, Father said. We should have been perfect first. Instead we received the blessing first, then had the chance to reach perfection. Therefore we should have become perfected with God and True Parents. Then we would not have needed any Chung Pyung providence. We would not have needed this singing and clapping. We would have united completely with God and True Parents and lived with absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience. We could have naturally cleansed our ancestors' sins, collective sins, fallen nature and personal sins. The spirits would have left us automatically.

But we did not live absolutely the Principle way. We did not have absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience. Therefore we could not be cleansed and get rid of those sins and evil spirits. Instead we have made so many mistakes while living as blessed couples. We committed more and more sins and more evil spirits got into us. Now they are settled in us completely. They have made their house and are completely dominating and controlling us every day. You may think sickness and suffering are far away. But they are not. The evil spirits are actually causing us to get sick, to be miserable. These evil spirits want revenge for everything because of which they have resentment toward our ancestors. They are thinking every day about how to get revenge for the things that have hurt them, and causing us more and more difficulty.

We have so much fallen nature. There are so many ways we do not live according to the Principle. All this is caused by the evil spirits in us. Satan is working through these evil spirits. Brothers and sisters, the spirits inside you are making it so difficult for you to get rid of your personal sins, and difficult for you to get rid of your fallen nature. In order to be rid of the sins of our ancestors, we should have lived with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. We must. Now, while we are living on the earth, we need to know the spiritual world clearly. We need to know our own spiritual level by understanding the Principle. We all know that life on the earth is very short. Later, we go to the spiritual world forever. We know that, but we are living for the moment. We take eating, sleeping, drinking seriously. We do not think about our spirit so seriously. We do not think about the house we will be occupying in

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DAEMONIM'S VISIT TO AMERICA

New York

by Rev. Eric Holt—NYC

Sunday, April 25 turned out to be a glorious spring day in Tarrytown, New York. At first a trickle, then a steady stream of families flowed into the beautiful Belvedere estate to participate in the *Ancestor Liberation Ceremony* to be conducted by Daemonim. Belvedere is listed as one of the ten most beautiful properties in the U.S.—(according to a reliable source) and not without reason. Standing atop the main hill, one has a commanding view of the mighty Hudson River and many miles beyond. Pastel spring blossoms and variegated green shrubbery decorate the graciously landscaped grounds. As the morning wore on, families took their seats under a giant 4,000-seat tent behind the main house. Another 1,000 or so assembled for a simultaneous screening in a nearby tent-for-toddlers.

Rev. Daryl Clarke as emcee opened the proceedings with a spirited call to worship and praise God. Rev. Sang Chil Cha from Chung Pyung spoke for about 40 minutes explaining the meaning of the events of the day and offering an introduction to the spiritual activities associated with the Chung Pyung workshop site in Korea. Our North American Continental Director, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak then offered an introduction to Daemonim, including her unique role in God's Providence as a true grandmother and as a force of great love. Rev. Pak noted that today's phenomenal increase of interest in genealogy is not coincidental. In such disparate nations as the U.S. and North

Korea more and more people are being inspired by their ancestors to research their roots.

Daemonim spoke for about an hour. During her speech she exhorted brothers and sisters to purify and re-center their lives in preparation for eternal life in the spirit world. She said that God wants to give us so many Blessings, but we must clean ourselves up and live public lives. She strongly cautioned against sexual immorality, financial impropriety, hurting brothers' and sisters' hearts, etc. Many of those in attendance felt that Daemonim was speaking directly to them.

After Daemonim's speech we joined in an intense unison prayer to welcome our newly-liberated ancestors. Many brothers and sisters had spiritual experiences. Some saw their ancestors lining up, wearing white robes. Others had conversations with grandparents, great grandparents, etc. Still others had visions of angels protecting the gates of Belvedere. Some people experienced immediate physical healing or a break with past chronic problems or habits. For some people, the serenity of the

day and the beauty of the environment were inspiration enough. In all, this was a day to experience the works of God and the Holy Spirit — experience rather than mere intellectual understanding. We all look forward to the



smoothly. Rev. Hiro coordinated all the transportation. Rev. Daryl Clarke took care of hospitality, aided by Sang Moo Borneman, Mrs. Strater, Christine Morimoto. Francisco Rondon, Ralph Oppenheimer, Mark Nilson, Barry Geller, Robert Kitchens did all the driving. Steve Honey did a remarkable job as the general coordinator of the event. David

Eaton coordinated the program. Simon Kinney and Peter van Geldern took care of the tents, stage and related matters. Victor Matos coordinated the volunteers. Gary Veith and Terry McMahon made excellent professional signs. Marilyn Onoda headed up the nursing staff including Guylaine Kinney, Mrs. Fong, Gail Veith, Anne Nilson, Jean Rondon and Takako Bates organized the lunches and snacks. Jorg Heller kept all

the lists of attendants and prepared all the official memos. Phyllis Kim and the Belvedere staff were most gracious hosts. Keiko Sakai and Yoshiko Moik took care of the bookkeeping. Many students from UTS and Bridgeport volunteered for the day. Chris Antel headed up the ushers. The list of those due special thanks includes Piotr and Laura Sucharski, Irina Kouznetsova, Margaret Hill, and many others. ❖

return of Daemonim and the subsequent Blessing of our ancestors!

Thanks are due to many people. Jack LaValley coordinated bus parking. Mike McDevitt and Jerry Heying coordinated car parking and traffic control. The police officers of the Tarrytown Police Department were most helpful from the early morning until the evening to ensure that no accidents took place and that the traffic flowed

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by Mardi Esselstyn—Portland, OR

Every moment since the liberation team experience I have found a growing build-up of joy. I am truly happier than I have ever been in all of my 77 years of life, and it is better every day.

Stronger repentance...clearer mind...more patience...more heart...compassion. More gratitude...more humility...happy in silence...better approach to reading Hoon Dok Hae...having a husband...wedding bouquet supplied by the Dehens family and a special recognition of a wedding without immediate feeling the stark realization that I do indeed have a husband is most fulfilling toward more honesty with myself.

The Fred Dehens family have been like...True Parents position to me. Thank you, Heavenly and earthly True Parents, the Liberation Team, especially Dae Mo Nim!

The Dehens said I became a different person after the event. ❖



by Blane Hardin Andrus—Sachse, TX

My testimony started about nine months ago when I began to have some physical problems. I began to ask the doctors to try and diagnose my problem, but none of the four doctors I went to found any acute medical conditions. After exhausting my efforts, I asked Rev. You, and he suggested that the problems may have some spiritual basis; so I began to try and understand more about my problems and search for the answers. I began taking some medication for anxiety from one doctor to keep me calmed down while trying to resolve the unusual feeling I was having. As I began to resolve my problems, I began reading a lot of Divine Principle and talking to other people. They had similar experiences. I was amazed how many people in our church (and outside) were having similar experiences to mine, and how all my family members (my father, mother, brother and three sisters) all had similar experiences at about the same time in their lives (around 40 years old). The feelings are like a cold fear up and down one's spine and a sense of things around us in the physical world not having any substance—almost as if you could walk through things. Everyone seemed to have had a similar

experience and everyone mentioned how they got a feeling of the things they were doing in life really not mattering that much (like material things—a sense that their life needed some-



thing more to it). After talking to my family and other people and reading Divine Principle and True Father's speeches, I began to understand more that I needed to restore some personal and family problems, so my wife and I began to tithe exactly 10% of every dollar that came into our house, and we started getting serious about helping God and True Parents by attending Sunday service every week. My wife would clean up the church after service, and I began to invest my heart and help Rev. You create a good Sun-

day service format. I began to give sermons and to MC the service when someone else was giving the sermon. My purpose was to serve Rev. You as my central figure as much as we could as a family.

This had been going on for about eight months; then True Mother's speech was coming, and I had tried many times to stop taking the medication. However, when I would stop the same symptoms would return. When True Mother came I worked to get the \$700 offering and contributed as much as I could in tithes to help support financially, and my wife Lydia brought her guest from the Philippine community. When True Mother came to Dallas and Rev. You asked me to drive Mother's car, I was very grateful and hon-

ored; then he asked me to have dinner that night with True Mother. I did not understand why I was receiving so much blessing, until after the event (and eating dinner with Mother) we had *hoon dok hae* with True Mother; I began to see myself differently as a real son of True Parents because of grace and investment—God could work! So after the event I got the strength to stop my medicine and on the fourth day after I stopped I understood something about the date spir-

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tree is bigger than Satan's. We should say to ourselves, "I am representing True Parents". We want to make this truth spread out all over the world. We engraft Satan's branches to True Parent's tree. If we do this, will Satan rest? Satan is a servant. But we are sons and daughters. So we must work harder. Father gave us a secret. Don't be defeated by Satan; we should be the victors. We have to see ourselves as victors because if we are told by Father to fast, for example, we could do it. Can we bring 120 young people back to God? Time to make a decision.

We should use the ambassadors. [Father throws 7 bananas out to the audience] Who caught a banana? Raise your hand. The banana represents fruition, year round, because bananas can be harvested year round. Those who caught a banana, can you bring 700 youth to the Blessing? How about 7000 each? Suppose the president of the United States was a blessed member, then we could mobilize the power of God!

Unless we work with the young Christians then the Communists will take them, or other religions. Jesus Christ was sent to save America. Jesus' couple lives in Belvedere. Whenever you visit Jesus' home would it not be appropriate to greet Jesus' couple?

Are we mobilizing the spirit world? Our ancestors may challenge us, punish us. But if we are still lazy and resist, we may be taken to the spirit world. The spirit world obeys Father.

On May 14, 1999 Father held the Universal Liberation Ceremony in Pantanal, South America. Last year, Father had a

showdown prayer to God on May 13 to May 15, 1998 in preparation for Blessing 98 on June 13. So the middle date, May 14 is the representative date. 14 equals 10 plus 4. 10 represents God, and 4 represents the four position foundation. So Pantanal is the holy ground of holy grounds. Everyone should visit there. There are 16 days to June 14, or 8 times 2 days. Eight is the number for a new start. We should have confidence that the entire spirit world is on our side. [Father spoke about Lady General Kim and Rev. Oh, and Rev, Kwak. Father asked Dr. Shimmyo of the Seminary if he could sell his wife to save the world. Father said that if we really could sell our wife to sell the world, we should be willing to do that]

All of the world will become our friends; even criminals. There should not be a wall between people. How much God has labored to prepare this time!



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We are a heavenly warehouse in which all of God's historical effort has been stored. We have to follow in Father's footsteps. If Father says that something is sweet, then even if we think it is sour, still you say... "sweet". This is a deeper and higher form of obedience. Bringing 7700 people to God is our individual goal. If government officials refuse to cooperate with us then we can scold them and confront them. If we visit a country, we have to think big. "I am God's messenger to change the destiny of this country."

Father doesn't like to hear an

interpreter, because Father knows enough English to know that the translation is inadequate full of mistakes. Using an interpreter is a sin for this reason. You should invite Koreans to your home to learn Korean even if you have to pay them a lot of money.

Advanced countries took wealth from other countries. Is Father an old man or a young man? [many shout "young man"] The Hon Dok Hae tradition is bequeathed to us from Father.

Please offer a special prayer condition between now and June 14 (True Day of All Things). This is a condition to inherit from True Parents. ♦

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Our True Parents' East-West (Global) Victory

by Rev. Eric Holt—NYC

When True Mother arrived in New York, having flown directly from Beijing, the last stop on True Parents' world speaking tour, she was greeted by a veritable flurry of balloons held by beaming brothers and sisters. Later that day, Father related to us the deeper meaning of the speaking tour, Blessing 99, the Ceremony of Universal Liberation (declared May 14 in the Pantanal), and other recent providential developments. Father subsequently announced a new Holy Day: "The Declaration of the Day of Congratulations for True Parents' East West (Global) Victory". This holy day was to be celebrated in two parts, the first to be held on May 30, 1999 in New York, and the second to take place concurrent with the True Day of All Things in Korea on June 14.

It was a perfect day on Sunday, May 30 when 3,000 brothers and sisters arrived at Belvedere in the early morning hours. We sat outside on chairs set up on the lawn behind the main house. An ample tent was set up covering the stage. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak had the inspiration to place flags of all the nations of the world tour on the

stage and on each side of the long driveway.

The ceremony began with Family Pledge with True Parents, followed by representative bows. Then, Father sang a beautiful Korean song—a favorite of True Mother. The cake cutting was followed by flower offerings and the presentation of a magnificent crystal trophy depicting the globe and all eighty cities of the world tour.

Father spoke about the history of God's providence. He described the history of bloodshed and sacrifice as God sought to claim His portion out of the fallen and stained world. Later, Father had Dr. Chang Shik Yang read from a text containing recent revelations from Dr. Sang Hun Lee, of which the most astonishing pertained to several letters of apology from Lucifer. Father urged us not to take these revelations lightly, but to believe in them as genuine and from God. Father spoke at length about the upcoming 400

million Blessing for young people, finally encouraging each of us to witness to 7,700 young people.

Accolades are due many hard-working brothers and sisters. Rev. Hiro and his cadre of volunteers toiled overnight to assemble a massive yet exquisite offering table. Paul Fontaine and his crew labored to build and re-build the stage—again, almost overnight. David Eaton took care of the program in all its details. Simon Kinney and Peter van Geldern put in long hours in response to almost-hourly changes in the set-up. Mike McDevitt and his staff

confidently parking over 550 cars on the property. Victor Matos ably assembled a crew of volunteers from UTS and Bridgeport at the last moment. Terry McMahon made the beautiful banner. Phyllis Kim and her staff worked throughout the night attending to many details. Mr. Tashiro and company created the breathtaking crystal award. Rev. Chris Hempowicz from Connecticut brought all the flags. Jorg Heller took care of a flurry of communications. Above all, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak provided the vision and artistic inspiration for the whole event. ❖



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Universal Ballet Tours Japan



The Universal Ballet is touring Japan this May and June with performances in 15 cities. Above, Julia Moon and the corps de ballet in Tokyo performing a new dance set to Mozart's *Requiem*.

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by Dr. Andrew Wilson—Barrytown, NY

Biblical and Christian Saints Mobilized to America

I have begun to investigate the identities of the biblical and Christian saints whom True Parents blessed on February 7, 1999, and who have now been mobilized to work in America. Many of the names are familiar, but some are not. Most are great, a few are regarded as wicked, and some are nearly invisible. Let's become more acquainted with them:

Biblical figures Blessed at Madison Square Garden in 1998:

Adam & Eve
Noah
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph
Moses
Joshua
Caleb
John the Baptist
Mary
Jesus

Old Testament Figures

Cain
Abel
Enoch
Gideon — a brave judge
Samuel
David
Solomon
Elijah
Job
Jeremiah
Daniel (1) — probably the anonymous author of the book of Daniel, c. 165 b.c.
Joel
Obadiah
Micah
Habakkuk
Haggai
Malachi
Elisha
Hezekiah — a good king of Judah
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Isaiah
Ezekiel
Hosea
Amos
Jonah (1) — probably the anonymous author of the book of Jonah
Nahum
Zephaniah
Zechariah — the prophet
Canaan — Ham's son
Kedemah — a son of Ishmael and an Arab chief, Gen. 25:15
Korah — leader of a rebellion in the wilderness, who died when the earth swallowed him and his band. He is the arch-representative of rebellion and faithlessness in Jewish tradition (Num 16).
Tamar
Rachel
Benjamin — second son of Jacob and Rachel
Shem
Ham

Naarah or Naarai or Naharai — either Naarah, a good woman in Judah's lineage (1 Chr 4:5-6); Naarai, one of David's soldiers (1 Chr 11:37); or Naharai, another of David's soldiers (1 Chr 11:39).

Nogah — a son of David (1 Chr 3:7)

Nimrod — Mesopotamian hero-king (Gen 10:8-12)

Daniel (2) — the legendary prophet Daniel of the Babylonian exile; the second son of David, by Abigail (1 Chr 3:1); or a supporter of Ezra (Ezr 8:2, Neh 10:6).

Dalphon — the second of ten sons of the evil Haman, who were all killed in retribution for Haman's plot against the Jews (Esth 9:7)

Tarshish — either in the lineage of Benjamin (1 Chr 7:10) or of Noah (Gen 10:4)

Teman — in Esau's lineage, an Edomite chief, Gen. 36:11, 42. However, I suspect that Teman may also have been a Midianite chief who guarded Mt. Sinai, given the association of Sinai and the region of Teman (Hab 3:3)

Deborah — great woman Judge, led fight against Canaanites (Jdg 5).

Laban
Levi — third son of Jacob and Leah

Lot — Abraham's brother
Menan — in Jesus' lineage according to Luke's genealogy (Luke 3:31)

Medad — a leader the wilderness. He prophesied along with Eldad, and when Joshua complained, Moses said, "Would that all God's people be prophets" (Num 11:26-29).

Manasseh — wicked king of Judah who repented (2 Kgs 21-22, 2 Chr 33:10-13).

Mikloth — a captain in David's army (1 Chr 27:4); or a Benjaminite a son of Gibeon (1 Chr 8:32, 9:38).

Perez — son of Tamar

Berechiah — the father of Zechariah the prophet (Zech 1:1, Matt 23:35); a Levite the father of Asaph (1 Chr 6:39); a Levite and gatekeeper for the Ark (1 Chr 9:16); a son of Zerubbabel (1 Chr 3:20); or an Ephraimite chief (2 Chr. 28:12). Berechiah is also the full name of Jeremiah's scribe Baruch.

Baara or Baalah — Baara was a Benjaminite woman

wronged by her husband (1 Chr 8:8). Baalah was a common Israelite woman's name and town name, but a particular figure of that name is not recorded in the Bible.

Pagiel — a leader of tribe of Asher in the wilderness. (Num 1:13, 7:72, 10:26)

Asa — a king of Judah

Bongl — A wealthy tax collector who repented before Jesus and pledged to restore fourfold his ill-gotten wealth. (Luke 19:1-10)

Judas Iscariot

Candace — probably the Ethiopian eunuch, a minister of the Candace (queen), who was converted by Philip (Acts 8:27).

Nicodemus — the Pharisee who asked Jesus about rebirth (John 3:1) and who later embraced Jesus' body and helped bury him. (John 19:39)

Nathanael — witnessed to by Philip, he confessed that Jesus was the Son of God (John 1:43-51) and became a

disciple. Jesus appeared to him after his resurrection (John 21:2).

Thaddeus — one of the 12 Apostles (Matt 10:3, Mk 3:18)

Phanuel — father of Anna the prophetess (Luke 2:36)

Titus — a missionary associate of Paul

Christian History

St. Augustine [blessed with Kang Hyun Shil] — (from list of New Testament figures)

Polycarp — bishop of Smyrna (69-155) who linked the Apostolic Age with the 2nd. c. church fathers. His martyrdom was famous.

Justin Martyr — 2nd. c. theologian and apologist; among the first theologians who explained Christianity to the pagan world.

Origen — 3rd. c. Alexandrian theologian and biblical scholar; one of the greatest minds in the history of Christian thought

Tertullian — 3th c. Latin theologian who developed the orthodox view of the Trinity

Montanus — 2nd. c. heretic, founded a very rigorous apocalyptic movement and criticized the Catholic church as too lax.

Constantine — Roman emperor who favored Christianity
Athanasius — 4th c. bishop of Alexandria and church father who fought against Arianism and defended the orthodox creed.

Anthony of Egypt — hermit monk who who left the solitary life to organize one of the first monastic communities (d. 356)

John Chrysostom — patriarch of Constantinople and one of the great preachers of the church; popular with the people; deposed and exiled to a miserable death (d. 407)

Ambrose — bishop of Milan and a Doctor of the Church, he made Christianity attractive to the Roman elite. His preaching helped convert St. Augustine. (339-397)

Jerome — biblical scholar who translated the Vulgate; noted for his ascetic life. (342-420)

Nestorius — 5th c. monk and patriarch of Constantinople. He opposed the excessive worship of Mary. When his Christological teachings—though probably orthodox—were condemned as heretical, he was banished. The Nestorian church flourished especially in the East, sending missionaries to China.

Pope Gregory I, the Great — Greatest pope of the period of church patriarchs, he labored to spread Christianity throughout Europe. His writings were influential, laying the foundations of monasticism and developing the doctrine of purgatory. (540-604).

Willibrord — missionary in the 5-6th c. Worked in what is now Belgium; considered a minor figure, but laid the foundation for his successor Boniface.

Boniface — missionary in German lands (680-754) who organized churches in Hesse, Thuringia, Bavaria and strengthened the church throughout Germany.

Hildebrand (Pope Gregory VII) — great medieval reformer of the church who fought corruption and moral laxity among the clergy and worked to strengthen Papal power against secular interference. (1021-1085)

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Thomas Aquinas

John Wycliffe — English reformer, pioneer in translating the Bible into English.

Martin Luther — central figure of the Reformation

John Calvin — central figure of the Reformation

Jan Huss — Czech reformer who anticipated Luther

Albert Schweitzer — organist and biblical scholar, who followed Christ to become a medical missionary to Africa

Teresa — Probably Mother Teresa, the contemporary saint who worked among the poor in India; or Teresa of Avila the Spanish mystic (1515-1582); or Teresa of Lisieux (1873-97)

Martin Luther King, Jr.

John Wesley — English preacher and founder of the Methodist church (1703-1791) ♦



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Abiel — grandfather of Saul (1 Sam 9:1) and Abner (1 Sam 14:51).

Jonah (2) — a minor prophet; or Peter's father (Matt. 16:17)

New Testament

Andrew — one of the first of the 12 Apostles, Peter's brother, and formerly a follower of John the Baptist.

James — most likely James the son of Zebedee, one of the 12 Apostles. Could also be James the Younger, another of the 12, or even James the brother of Jesus who led the Jerusalem church.

Philip — one of the 12 Apostles
Bartholomew — one of the 12 Apostles

Matthais — successor to Judas Iscariot as last of the 12 Apostles (Acts 1:15-26)

Thomas — one of the 12 Apostles, portrayed as strong (John 11:16) and doubting (John 20:24-29)

Matthew — one of the 12 Apostles, or the anonymous evangelist who authored the Gospel of Matthew.

Mark — an early Christian at whose house the Pentecost occurred (Acts 2:1), who sheltered Peter (Acts 12:12), and became a missionary with Paul and Barnabas (Acts 12:25, 15:36-40). Or a companion of Peter in Rome and author of the Gospel of Mark.

Paul
John — John the brother of James and one of the 12 Apostles; or John the Evangelist; or John of Patmos who wrote Revelation

Stephen
Zacchaeus [blessed with Kim Ok

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Washington, DC

Dae Mo Nim's visit to the Washington, DC community on April 23-24, 1999 brought

a powerful spirit of renewal to the membership here. Among the nearly 2000 who met her were members from Regions 4 (Charlotte, NC), 5 (Atlanta, Ga.) and 9 (Texas) as well. On Friday night, April 23, nearly 500 second generation youth 3rd grade and above met Dae Mo Nim in the Washington, DC church building. More than 100 parents joined them as well, filling the chapel and the cultural hall to overflowing. Radios throughout the church were tuned in to Dae Mo Nim's message, and many adults listened from downstairs while preparing lunches for the next day. Both Dae Mo Nim and the children were inspired by the meeting.

On the following morning, members began arriving at 6:30 a.m. for the 8:45 meeting. The hall at Martin's Crosswinds was filled to capacity, as another 1200-1300 members joined for that meeting.

In the brief but powerful session that morning, many members had profound experiences of meeting their ancestors. Some testimonies:

Claire Cotter, wife of Alabama State Leader Joshua Cotter, had experienced the ancestor liberation at Chung Pyung just six weeks ago, where she had a deep, personal encounter with her mother in spirit world, the deepest connection they had ever had in her life. So this time she focused upon her hus-

band's lineage. While he was on the stage drumming and leading the singing, Claire reached out to his ancestors in prayer. She didn't know any of them except one older brother of her husband who had died 2 years earlier from a brain tumor, leaving a wife and 2 children. A strong Christian, he had



rejected the principle and opposed Joshua's faith, persecuting him in their family and blocking their efforts to witness. A large and strong man during his physical life, he appeared to Claire during the liberation session looking thin, weak, and with a sad and lonely disposition. He greeted her hesitantly, asked how Joshua and the family were doing, and asked her mournfully if she had seen his family. Claire reported to him about them, and strongly encour-

aged him to study the Principle sincerely once again at the 100 days workshop, returning to work together, lead his family on the right path, and help witness to his younger brothers and sisters who are still single, to lead the to the Blessing.

Claudette Kambara, State Leader of West Virginia, felt the presence of her ancestors during the clapping session. Looking to her right, she saw her grandmother, who was widowed during the last 14 years of her life. None of her 14 children cared for her in her final years, and she died a lonely death in a nursing home. She came near to Claudette, placing her head on her granddaughter's chest like a baby. Claudette felt like her mother, comforting her, as they wept tears of joy together.

Matthew Goldberg, during the liberation ceremony. Looked to his right and saw a row of graves burst open, with Jewish Rabbis flying out of them, liberated.

Dyonne Galli had a strong dream of True Parents during the 2 weeks of preparation for the ceremony, showing her that we are naked in front of True Parents and that they can see all within us. During the ceremony, as she sang and clapped, she saw a line of as many as 200 ancestors kneel down on her right side, some even approaching to kiss her cheek afterward. The first 5 knew where to go, but the 6th one

asked what to do and where to go. Dyonne sent them to Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim's training session. Dyonne saw three groups of her ancestors gathered and sent by Dae Mo Nim while she was on stage. The first were dressed in rich, softly colored robes like an old painting. They treated Dyonne with respect, as a living representative of True Parents. 200 to 300 of them, bowing one by one, they then asked permission to go to Dae Mo Nim. They dashed to Dae Mo Nim, eager to be included. The second group came out of Dyonne's body as she tapped herself, emanating from the painful, troubled areas of her body. There were 6 or 7 of these, darkly outlined and seeming like parasites. The last group seemed like thousands. She couldn't see them, but felt them depart. Dyonne sent them off and felt soothed and cleansed. Dyonne felt deep gratitude to her ancestors who had made it possible for her to meet True Parents, and is determined to witness and find 3 Blessing Candidates on their behalf. She felt that they had to pass True Parents' scrutiny as they went to attend the workshop. Afterwards, Dyonne felt that she could more clearly differentiate between principled and unprincipled aspects in her character and actions.

Afterwards, Dae Mo Nim spent time ministering to many individual situations and hearing testimonies from members before leaving. ❖

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itually: it was 4-10-99, and I had an intuition about 4x10=40 (I had understood from Principle Level 4 about the generations) and 9+9=18 meant I was going through some kind of family restoration, because that next weekend my mom and dad came to my house in Dallas to visit. My mother is open to Principle and she read True Mother's speech cover to cover that weekend, so I got to witness to her; it was a special week. I started to feel very light, and that's when I got a feeling that I had passed away and was stuck on earth and could not ascend to heaven.

That's when I called my wife and she suggested I call Rev. You; Rev. You explained about the Ancestors Ceremony and asked my wife and me to set some conditions before going. We did, and we attended the Chicago event. It was an amazing experience in Chicago; earthly words cannot describe the grace given at that event. After True Mother's speech and the Liberation ceremony led by Dae Mo Nim, I feel reborn and resurrected and have made a new commitment to God and True Parents. My wife and I are doing our 100-day condition to liberate our ancestors and support God and True Parents with a new found commitment to achieve God's

Will here on earth by working as closely with Rev. You as possible to do whatever we can to successfully bring Dallas, Texas back to God and True Parents.



by BillieAnn Sabo—Region 11

I work at Regional HQ and I have been so busy for the past two months with the preparation for True Mother's Tour, I could hardly focus on Dae Mo Nim's visit. The week before she came to Oakland, again Regional HQ was so busy, there was no time to think. I have not been to Chungpyung Lake, so I didn't really know what to expect. All I knew was, last week was an extremely busy time and I was happy to go away for a few days with my husband, Joe. I joined the church just a few years ago, and somewhat believed in the spirit world already, but reading Dr. Lee's "Life in the Spirit World" book, really helped to develop my spiritual senses and visions.

I had no idea what to expect from the liberation ceremony, but I knew my

ancestors must have made very good conditions for me to join the church so easily and I now wanted to make good conditions for them to be liberated so we could work together. I had concepts of what Dae Mo Nim would look like and I was very shocked. In my mind, Dae Mo Nim would look like an 'old country' Korean woman with a long very humble dress, no make-up, hair very simple and holding straw shakers in both hands, and looking very serious!

Boy was I ever surprised!! She was so beautiful, modern and had a very sweet, warm & loving smile.

The event in Oakland was on April 20th. For 3 nights prior to the event, I participated in the 2 hour prayer condition at the church. So many members

were present it was heartwarming. I could feel something very special in atmosphere and was now getting very excited. On the day of the event, my husband and I worked at the registration tables which were very hectic. Hundreds of members came from 10 states.



It was so busy, I wasn't sure if we would get to see any of the ceremony. But hearing all the clapping and practice singing, I was drawn like a moth to light and I knew we couldn't miss out.

Dae Mo Nim arrived and entered the main room. I could feel my blood surging through my veins and my heart beating so rapidly, I was so excited! The room was thrilling! There was "cheer leaders" on the stage and lining the aisles. They were all dressed in white tee shirts (Chungpyung style). Our Regional Director, Rev. In Hoi Lee, was center stage and looked so inspired and energized. My husband and I stood at the back of the room and started clapping and singing. I was determined I was going to invest myself 100% in the ceremony and connect with my ancestors. For 30 minutes, I clapped so hard. I was singing, singing, singing Grace of the Holy Garden over and over until it consumed my entire body. My eyes were closed so tight, tears were being pushed out. I felt like I was on a cloud drifting around the spirit world. After 20 minutes, I opened my eyes and could see hundreds of small white circular spirits circling the room and going back and forth over the heads of our members. It was an incredible sight, but I couldn't believe my eyes. I thought this must be a hallucination. I closed them again and 5 minutes later when I opened

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the spiritual world.

Dear brothers and sisters, in the Principle book it says the way we live on earth determines the way we will live in the spiritual world. It is the result of what we did here. Our spirits grow. If we live in a good way, we become a good spirit. If we live an evil life, our spirit develops into an evil spirit. Our position in the spiritual world is not determined by anyone else. God is not going to decide where to send you, but rather you yourself by what you have built up and created. There will be no judge sitting up there sending you to this or that place. You may think there are two places, heaven and hell. You may think that even though you are not yet perfected individually, you should be going to the Kingdom of Heaven just because you are blessed and because you are children of True Parents. But the spiritual world is not just divided into two places. There are many, many different levels there. Just as there are so many ways to commit sins, there are so many different personalities, and this is how all these different levels are decided in the spiritual world.

While we are living on earth, therefore, we are creating ourselves. When we live only according to Principle, we will end up going to a good place. But when we create our own spirit as evil we will end up going to an evil place, exactly as we fashioned it.

Dear brothers and sisters, you don't know how miserable it will be if you go to hell. Clearly, all things done on earth need to be resolved on earth. All things need to be resolved here while we have a body. If you create your spirit the wrong

way, you cannot resolve this in the spiritual world. You cannot make conditions there and improve your level. If you could make indemnity conditions and move up to another level it would be wonderful, but heavenly law is not set up that way. We created the type of spirit we have in the spiritual world while we had a body on earth.

So we have to act more purely, we have to be forgiven and changed into good spirits to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But when you go there and recognize that this has to be undone on the earth and you come back down, your body is no longer there. Then you will think, "I had better change my spirit to be good." But after you have already gone to the spiritual world, your body is gone. Then who will have to do this work? Our children will have to do this. Our descendants. But these descendants, first of all, do not know that their ancestors are in their bodies. Their parents try to tell them what kind of sins they committed and try to make indemnity conditions for them. They do not know. Even when I tell you clearly you have so many evil, resentful spirits in you, you don't truly believe it.

When I see a possessed person, I see an evil spirit that ten men cannot control, a spirit that is so strong. You do not know much about the spiritual world. These evil spirits are in you, but you do not feel it. You cannot even feel how heavy they feel. This is how ignorant you are. Although I tell you this, you don't know. Even though I tell you, you don't see, you don't feel, you don't know this. Then if you, as a spirit, go to your children and try to tell them, "I am in you. I have committed this and this sin, therefore I am in you," it will be very difficult for them to recognize. Father said that in order to recognize this, it may take 100 years,

1000 years, maybe longer. Therefore while we are on the earth, we must live according to Principle only, with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience to grow our spirits. Our spirits need to be made good spirits.

Brothers and sisters, you do not know the spiritual world. You have not paid much attention to the spiritual world because you do not see your spirit. We have the Messiah, the central figure here with us. The Principle teaches us what is the world of goodness and what is the world of evil. It tells us how we can realize the Kingdom of Heaven but we did not make it our own, for me and my family. Maybe we thought it was just a tool to be used for witnessing. We should have recognized this is meant for me and for my family to grow. We could have built the Kingdom of Heaven. We could have gone to the Kingdom of Heaven. If we had taken this seriously, we would have been reading every single day, and checking if we were qualified to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter what we did, we would have lived with absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience. We could have completely dedicated ourselves. Even though theoretically we know the Principle so well inside and out, in reality we did not apply it in our lives.

After True Parents give us the blessing we are supposed to reach perfection. We have to check each point how we can reach perfection. Otherwise, our spirits cannot grow to be perfect to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. You need to know this clearly, dear brothers and sisters. I am sorry to say this to you. The way you look now, the way you are now, you cannot go to the Kingdom of Heaven. On the earth you have to change to the original way. We have to go back for this, the

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ancestors' sins and collective sins will be cleared up by True Parents at Chung Pyung. Now through the liberation of ancestors, those ancestral sins are being cleansed.

We need to get rid of fallen nature, clean up our personal sins, be free of those evil, resentful spirits and live absolutely centering on Principle. We can go back to that original way and build the Kingdom of Heaven on the earth and in the spiritual world. 1999 is a very important year. A new millennium, a new era is coming. This year of 1999 is a year of preparation for a new era.

True Parents have given us so much. Those who never received the blessing, who never cleared up the original sin, cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We read in the Principle that without being blessed by True Parents no one can go to the Kingdom of Heaven. True Parents took away our original sin and gave us the blessing. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus—when they worked it was so different. When they worked to restore the world, evil was not settled as it is now. They were taught, step by step, how to do everything. Each step of the way, God directed what to do. But at the time of True Parents, evil was completely settled down. This is why God could not teach True Father how everything had to be done. By Father making conditions, shedding tears, sweat and blood, enduring the most excruciating pain. On that foundation, Father found out what evil is, found out about God's providence, and went up to a level where Satan could not touch him.

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them, I could see the spirits again, so I knew it must be true – they were really there. Our singing soon stopped and it was time for 7-8 minute unison prayer. I screamed my prayer out crying Aboje, Aboje, Aboje over and over. I wanted all of my ancestors to hear my plea for them to come down and be liberated. When we first started praying, my husband and I were standing side by side. While praying, I could really feel the presence of my deceased parents and my grandparents. I could actually see them. When I opened my eyes, my husband and I were at least 3 feet apart!! It was like my ancestors had entered on my right side and united with us.

When the ceremony was over, I was speechless. I felt like I was in a daze. It was so beautiful and we were so blessed to have Father send Dae Mo Nim to us. I felt so alive, and so connected to my ancestors. I felt absolutely determined. My faith became stronger, my love for God and True Parents and the Unification Church became deeper and I felt like I had the world in my hands. My husband was so amazed and inspired with the liberation ceremony, he wanted to attend another!

But my story is not over yet!! We live in Southern California which is a 7 hour drive from Oakland. We had been

driving home for about 4 hours and I wanted to stop by a little town called Solvang, but my husband did not. Finally, I convinced him and we got off the freeway. While there, we stopped by bathrooms. Inside my bathroom was a woman who looked exactly like my mother who died two years ago. I couldn't believe my eyes. I have never seen anyone in my life who reminded me of my mother, until now. All I could do was stare at her. She didn't say anything to me, but gave me a big smile. I told my husband about this, but we didn't think too much of it, at the time. A few minutes later, we stopped for gas before getting back on the freeway. By chance, a man at the station spotted something funny with our back tire. The tire had worn down to metal and had a big hole in it. The gas station attendant was amazed we hadn't had a blow out, which would have surely turned our Explorer over and probably killed us. We were so close to danger, but we were protected. My husband and I really believe the spirit world saved us.

God bless you, Dae Mo Nim. Through you, brothers & sisters have liberated their direct ancestors and we can be absolutely powerful united together in these remaining months before the New Millennium. Thank you Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon — the True Parents of all humankind, the givers of life! ❖

by Michael P. Downey—Washington State Leader

In April and May of 1997 I attended the 40 day workshop at Chung Pyung. At that time I had a profound experience including dreams and visions of spirit men liberated. I realized that the key to my having this kind of experience was based on a conscious decision to believe Dae Mo Nim and to not intellectually analyze the process.

In preparation for the meeting I was not able to focus on specific prayer or fasting conditions but was fully focused on preparing for True Mother's events in Seattle and Portland. I believed that this was the best kind of preparation. Based on this, I felt happy and optimistic towards the meeting with Dae Mo Nim.

Upon arriving at the hall in Oakland I realized how different the external atmosphere was from Chung Pyung. When we began singing and clapping I thought that many people present had been to Chung Pyung and the internal feeling was quickly elevated. I did not know what to expect but listened carefully to Dae Mo Nim's speech. The key point that I heard was that if we imagined it we could feel our ancestors on

our right side. Also she said that we could communicate with them.

Recently I have been studying kki-kung and the teachers emphasize the importance of using the mind to cultivate and move energy through the body. I believed what Dae Mo Nim said and first imagined that my ancestors were gathered above and behind my right shoulder. Quickly I perceived that they were there and I called them by name. I only know my father, grand father and grand mother and the name of my great grand father but I asked them to call the others that they knew.

At that time I felt deeply parental and loving towards them. I explained to them that because of True

Parents I could now take the position of parent to them and I can help them. I asked them to work directly and cooperate with me in witnessing to my brothers and sisters and other living relatives. Also I felt strongly that this process has to be played out on the earth over time so it was important for me to continue to pray, communicate with them and encourage them.



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This is how True Parents have led this providence. True Father himself made the conditions for us. Father is continuously pulling us up. When Father goes up one level, he pulls us up again. After Father did this, we should all be able to stay on that level, but have not even done that. We did not live centering on Principle. Although we are pulled up, we come down again.

Yet True Parents never left us down there. They paid indemnity again, and pulled us up again and again and again. Even recently, Father said to us, "Let's build ideal families," and gave us the Jardim workshop. After we were blessed, we were supposed to reach perfection from then on. We misunderstood that, and now we misunderstand about the Jardim workshop too. True Parents allow us to have that status. They are opening the way. It is not already achieved. But we mistakenly think once we go through that workshop that we have already realized an ideal family even though we did not work hard. We should have been working very hard to build that ideal family. We think we have already made it, but this is an illusion.

True God wants to accomplish God's will. Why are True Parents on the earth? Without being told what should be done, True Father knows already how to make indemnity conditions by looking into God's eyes. This is why God really wants to accomplish this while True Parents are still on the earth. But True Parents cannot do it alone. We must all help them, otherwise they cannot do it. While True Parents are on the earth so many things

need to be done, so much needs to be accomplished. Therefore even though True Parents announced the settlement, in 1999

they are still unable to settle. Until now all the things we could not do, we must do. So this is a new era, a new providence. True Parents can settle and rest. They have given us the responsibility to fulfill the 400 million single people's blessing. We must fulfill this. Then True Parents can rest at the age of 80. But now we only center on ourselves, on our family, living for ourselves and not paying attention to achieving the 400 million couples blessing.

Again after 2000, again and again, I will have to work. You need to understand this, brothers and sisters. Today I was looking for your ancestors. I saw them crying out loud, wanting to be saved. If only you could see them, you would be so grateful to True Parents who have freed them. Even if you were told to stay and rest you would go and run and run and think about what they want and try to achieve it. You have to make it. Without being forgiven for our original sin and without receiving the blessing, we would never be able to go to the Kingdom of Heaven. We should be grateful. We will work hard to fulfill our responsibility. If had not fallen, we could have dominated the realm of the angels. Because of the fall we were dominated by Satan. If we want to get out of Satan's realm, we must make indemnity conditions. That condition is that in the providence of restoration we need to achieve the goal of the 400 million couples blessing. We must work hard day and night. We must make plans, every single day. Not missing one day go out on the front line working hard. This is how we should spend our year of

1999, so that in the year 00 in February we can repay what we have received from True Parents and our responsibility for True Parents' 80th birthday. Together, True Parents and we can sing and dance and enjoy that day. This is what I think we should do.

Today I really beg and ask this of you. I will take care of the spiritual problems. Please give everything to me, all your problems, all your sicknesses. I will take care of your problems. I will take them to Chung Pyung so that you will be able to have a family that can have heavenly fortune—so you can be able to repay True Parents. I sincerely ask this of you. We have the good spirit world behind us—sixty billion of them. True Parents are not asking you to go out to perform an impossible task. True Parents have made indemnity conditions to be able to bless 1.6 billion single spirit people so that two couples can help to bring one couple. You can unite with that and go out and work successfully. This is what True Parents have done for you.

I am giving every one of you families two couples. You can take four people home with you. They will work with you. The good spirits said they will do it. They want to do the work, but they do not have a body. You are letting them use your body. They say please let me borrow your body. They are asking and asking, saying "I will do it. I will go and work."

Now I see God differently. In the past, when I saw someone's problem, I went to ask God how we could solve this problem. God said, "You must make conditions until Satan has no accusation any more." That is why many times I did 10,000 bows in a day. When I saw someone's problem, I continued bowing, 500 times, 1,000 times. But recently it has been different. God is very happy. Why? Now, God

has his people, from True Parents, because True Parents carry special authority. This good spiritual world can be set up to have 60 billion spirits who are on God's side, completely united. God says, "Don't you worry. I am alive. I am here. Believe in my almighty power." God created to have joy. He created us to have joy. We must live to make God happy. This is our responsibility. But ever since the fall of Adam and Eve, evil has developed and gotten stronger and stronger, working within us to make us suffer. By sin we are suffering in a crippled way. God had been crying, thinking, "I cannot do anything." But now God is saying, "I am not just going to sit here and look at our children suffer. I am going out to grab my children."

This is the kind of time we are in now. Therefore, brothers and sisters, from now on we should go out and put ourselves to work. Then the spirit world will be behind us, working.

I see many of you came in the very beginning of our church and suffered so much. I thank you very much. God knows you so well. There was no good spirit world. The evil spirits were grabbing onto us, never letting go. But by the victorious foundation made by True Parents, we were able to wait and wait until this day for God to give something to us. Those people who did public work in the past could not be successful. But from now on, the more you work for God, the more you can be prosperous. This has to be right. God has been working so hard to get one blessed couple in one day. God so badly wanted to give the blessing, wanted to come and touch, wanted to give anything His children asked for. But Satan was all around. Even though He heard the voice of His children who wanted to have something, He could not give.

Brothers and sisters, you must under-

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by Dennis & Mayuri Hoffman—Sioux Falls, SD

We made a 21-day break-fast-fasting condition before meeting Dae Mo Nim at the Ancestor Liberation ceremony in Chicago.

One of my relatives made my Sev-



enth Generation Family Tree book. I even had a picture of 4th Generation-Couple's picture who came to America from Lunemberg, Germany.

Every morning before the ceremony my wife had a dream about her father, who died when he was 59 years old. He was a member of the Unification Church. He met True Parents five times.

During the ceremony, when Dae Mo Nim asked us to pray for our ancestors, tears came like a river—tears

poured out as never before.

I saw my grandfather, who died when he was 90 years old, and my uncle, who died when he was 18 years old by being crushed in an elevator accident (he was pure and never married—my grandmother always talked about him and that point). I saw them registering for Heung Jin Nim's workshop. There was a desk and paper and they had pens in their hands as they registered and signed up for the 100-day workshop.

Also, my wife had a dream about a young couple three days after the ceremony. They were in our living room with her, getting to know each other—talking about their backgrounds. And she felt they were Oriental, but she wasn't sure from which nation.



by John Jackson—Little Rock, AR

I was so happy to see Dae Mo Nim in Chicago last week. Along with my spiritual son Scott, my wife Fusae and our five children Sean, Aaron, Christina, Saraha and Yusukie, I got in the van and made the trip.

I knew I would meet

many people there, so on the way I told everyone not to talk too much but to prepare for the liberation ceremony. So we registered and got into place.

When Dae Mo Nim came into the room, I was looking at her as she sat down. I could see her aura as clear and bright as could be; it just glowed about three feet all around her. She was praising True Parents. It was very moving for me. My wife openly cried and so did I. Even our children (the oldest is six) could tell this was important. They were on their best behavior. They clapped and sang with us, and I was so proud of them for being so good.

When Dae Mo Nim said that she had found all of our ancestors and that they were all sitting on our right, I looked over and saw all of them in a row. I

could tell that they had come from places that were not at all pretty. Even one (my grandfather Charlie Jackson) had come from a very low place. My heart filled with joy because they had received such grace from God and True Parents. I told them that this is their best hope for salvation and that they should listen to Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim.

Also, when we were clapping the final time, my daughter was looking over my

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stand the heart of a parent. You have suffered so much. God says, "I will pay for everything you have done. You must understand this age. As the spirit world becomes good, I can now cure anyone just like at the time of Jesus." When Jesus healed people, it seems as if people were just touched and they were cured. But if you read the Bible carefully and pray, it was just like what is being done at Chung Pyung. Jesus liberated the troublesome spirits. As the spirits left them, people were cured: the blind man could see, lepers were cleansed. Now at Chung Pyung, the mentally ill are cured. These sicknesses are cured, and women who previously could not conceive a child become pregnant. We are building a sanctuary now to hold 10,000 people. We are starting now also to build the hospital. We are doing this so that all people who are mentally ill can come and be healed, all the blind men can come, all the people who cannot have babies can come.

This is an incredible era we are now living in. I have confidence, brothers and sisters. In the past, church leaders have been poor, but they can become the richest people. When many people pour into our church, the leaders of the church will be living in the best fashion.

We must raise the second generation purely and cleanly so they can teach all people to come. All religious people will come. They should be able to be good

teachers. True Parents have come. They will not fail this mission. Father will not leave this earth without properly accomplishing. They will be victorious in building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. They are our True Parents. We can help them. As I go around, I feel confident. I feel we can do everything we need to do. We can be able to go out witnessing or fundraising. True Parents can do anything they want to do. I believe in you. Can I believe in you? [Yes.] I believe in you 100 percent. So I will be working even harder to bring more result.

Because we are sincere, because there is love, because we care about all the members coming to Chung Pyung, that is why the Chung Pyung providence could go forward. Trust the Chung Pyung providence and work hard wherever you are. When you need spiritual support I will send it to you. If you ask for angels, I will send them to you. I want you to work hard. We need to know how we can go to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We need to keep certain points in our everyday life. Number one, you need to have a true family, you need to build a true family. In everyday life, sometimes you do not like your husband or your wife. But you must overcome that. You can only go to the Kingdom of Heaven together, as husband and wife. You cannot go alone. Therefore, husband and wife must unite so that they can live happily together eternally in the Kingdom of Heaven. The husband must give absolute, unconditional love to his wife.

I restored Lucifer at the beginning of the preparation of Chung Pyung. Otherwise I could not have liberated the evil spirits. I restored Lucifer. When God first met Lucifer, I was so shocked. I learned what love is. Since the fall of Adam and Eve, he is the very cause of God's children being sick. It is very, very complicated and difficult. I can not mention everything. But when I took Lucifer to God, God cried and cried. He said to Lucifer, "Good you came, good. You must be suffering so much. You knew what the purpose of creation is. But you made the world this way. How much have you suffered."

God taught Lucifer, gave such love. When I saw that, I felt husband and wife should be learning this love. Truly, husbands, there is no condition involved in why you have to love your wives. God never asked why you did this and that. Completely and unconditionally, God loves Lucifer. We should be doing the same. In coming to the western world, of course I have to say this although you may not like to hear it: wives must be absolutely obedient to their husbands. Western sisters, you may not like to hear me say you should obey your husband. It is very difficult, but you must. I see so many people having struggle between husband and wife. When the wife is very strong, the husband cannot be successful because object stands over the subject. Even children cannot be successful. But if, as subject, a husband is over his wife, success comes. To put her husband in the sub-

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ject position, a wife has to be obedient and return beauty to him. The husband should absolutely love his wife and the wife should absolutely obey and return beauty. Then how could you not build a true family? We must build true families in order to go to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Next, you must get rid of fallen nature: jealousy, anger, hatred, arrogance, self-centeredness. These must go. When I met Grandpa Noah, he told me, "You must not be arrogant. You must be completely selfless." For 120 years he built that ark. Then there was the incident where he laid down. Until that moment he had given all the credit to God. But at that moment, he thought, "What did I do? How great. I have done this." Then Satan came through him. This is what he told me.

I also met Cain and Abel. If Abel had said to Cain at that time, "I'm sorry, I don't know why God only received my offering," Cain said he would not have killed him. We really have to get rid of jealousy, anger, self-centered ways and arrogance. These belong to Satan, not God. God is only goodness and love. You need to know this clearly. That is why we must really focus to get rid of our fallen nature.

Brothers and sisters, we have to offer pledge and *kyung bae* on the first of each month and every Sunday—of course, on

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shoulder—just looking up and down the way you would look at someone from head to toe. I turned to look but nothing was there; but when I turned around she was still looking. I asked her, "What are you looking at?" and she said, "Someone." I asked, "A man or a woman?" and she said, "A man." "Young or old?" "A boy." I am so happy she was there with us.

As I was praying I could feel a spirit trying to hang on (one who was being pulled out of me but did not want to go). I told him there is no more time; you need to go with Dae Mo Nim. I was so sorry for what my ancestor had done to him, that I asked him to forgive me please: go for your sake, just follow, and I would pray for him and with tears begged him to go so he could be better. Finally he let go and was released. I don't understand it all but I know that this was very special for my family. I am so grateful to True Parents for giving this chance to us who have failed so many times. Truly I am not worthy, but God's and True Parents' love is so endless we all have hope, even people like us.

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by Joy Garratt

I experienced my father, who died about 15 years ago, gathering up my ancestors and helping them get lined up and ready for everything. He was very busy and focused. After the ceremony, my family along with several New Mexican members was able to attend the celebration dinner with

Daemo-nim. Belvedere is a very special and precious place to me, and to sit in the dining room of the Main House, where I have experienced so much, with Daemo-nim and my beloved elders and brothers and sisters, was deeply moving. Two of our members are widows whose blessed husbands died, one exactly one year ago. I felt their husbands were present at that time. Finally, I have felt that the terrible racism in the history of New Mexico is something I must help resolve. Many of our NM members who attended the liberation ceremony have roots that go back nearly 400 years. I felt that the liberation ceremony was an answer to my prayer; only such a unique and special ceremony can help resolve the historical resentments and violence that have occurred among the Indian, Spanish and Anglo people who have peopled this state and who are our ancestors.

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by John B. Parker—Columbus, OH

My experience at the 10-day workshop at Chungpyung Lake in March 1997 changed my life forever. My main motivation for going was to be liberated from my chronic health problems, but Heavenly Father chose to heal my heart and straighten out my faith instead. I didn't have any spiritual experiences at Chungpyung, but my life changed substantially in several ways. I was liberated from fear and resentment towards my former MFT commander, which had haunted me for 16 years. And for the very first time, I started tithing regularly to the church (and have ever since). I felt closer to True Parents, and felt more love for

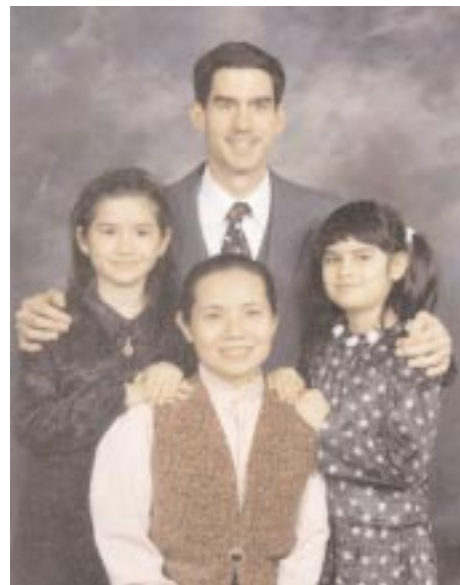
brothers and sisters, I even felt somewhat closer to my wife Yuko, but something was still keeping us from loving each other. One of my concerns was the fact that I was born on Pearl Harbor Day, and have had several dreams about the sailors who died there. Forty days after our Blessing in 1982, I dreamed about the sailors at Pearl Harbor, who stood on top of their overturned battleships, and cheered me on, like spectators at a sporting event. Lady Dr. Kim interpreted this as a manifestation of their gratitude that I was liberating them from their resentment against Japanese. But whatever was preventing Yuko and me from loving each other, I knew intuitively that we must meet with Dae Mo Nim in order for us finally to break through.

So I was excited to hear the news that Dae Mo Nim was coming to the United States. I became very serious about her visit, and even more repentful when I discovered the details of the collective and inherited sins which were documented in my lineage. Both my father and mother had several ancestors who owned African American slaves, and one of my ancestors had even been killed in a slave uprising. Another had gained fame for killing many Native Americans.

As Dae Mo Nim spoke at the Liberation Ceremony (in Chicago on April 22, 1999), I felt my original mind awaken, just as it had at Chungpyung Lake. But during the prayer for liberation, I did not feel "liberated," even though I sincerely repented for the sins of my ancestors. I felt as though I was fighting in mud, not able to get anywhere. But despite the spiritual difficulties, I just focused on giving my whole heart, and prayed for everyone to go with the angels to Heung Jin Nim's workshop.

I did not have any spiritual experiences in Chicago, but following the seven generation ancestor liberation, I have felt more spiritual power in my life. And I am very happy that it is now much easier to love my wife! I feel more love for Yuko, and she has become much more affectionate and loving. Yuko is starting to make lovemaking everything True Father said it could be! Wow! Yuko

and I are both very grateful to God, True Parents and Dae Mo Nim for enabling us to love each other in a way we couldn't before. I can now say with confidence that True Father really did choose the perfect spouse for me! I am eternally grateful. Yuko and I also have a renewed determination to build a true family and dedicate everything for the sake of building God's Kingdom on Earth. ◆



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holy days also. We are doing Hoon Dok Hae. You must attend the Sunday services every Sunday. Also we have to pay our tithes. Actually, going to the church, is part of the tithe. All week, we have been living within the world. We only go to church on Sunday. We have to go and meet with God. The first day of the new year is God's Day. But we should think that Sunday is God's Day, and go and see God there in the church. Of course, God loves everyone and goes to their homes. But on Sunday, this is God's day, so we have to take offerings and bring them to God. God waits for us on Sundays. Next, we have to tithe. All things are given to us by God. So we have to return the portion that belongs to God. There is no place to go if you are open spiritually. We go around not knowing what will happen. So we must *kyung bae* before we leave our house, reporting to God, "I will come home safely." And when you come back, coming back safely from the dangerous world, you *kyung bae* thanking God for protecting you. Suppose God did not do anything on that day, yet you bow and thank Him for keeping you safe, how would God feel about that? The next day, God

would definitely protect you. We must do this. You must know that this is truly an evil world. So we must continuously connect to God. Every day you must be alert, not just praying when you get up and when you go to sleep, but all day every day reporting to God, "Heavenly Father, True Parents, I am here, I am doing this." Converse with God. This is what we need to do. Then we will definitely be able to go to the original world and live with our True Parents happily. I want you to believe in this.

At Chung Pyung we will be building a hospital. After construction is completed, we will be able to cure sicknesses very quickly. You can be freed from sicknesses. This is the time when the spirit world

wants to show how quickly evil spirits can be liberated. From April 13 on is a special period. I prayed before I left, "Dear Heavenly Father, please come to America, give this blessing, the same as at Chung Pyung." So when you sing holy songs, if you have a certain problem, give *ansu* to that area also and pray. The evil spirits are usually concentrated in those places where you have trouble. So if you have not been able to bear children, *ansu* the lower part of your abdomen. If you have a liver problem, *ansu* the liver area. If you have an eye problem, take off your glasses and *ansu* that area. So get rid of all the trouble-makers. All the spirits who have come in as a result of seven generations of your ancestors will be liberated at this time. Your ancestors are already here. They will come to your side as soon

as the ancestor liberation begins. At that time, when you call *Aboji* out loud, they will come to your right, sitting there beside you. You have to hold a conversation with them. So far you have not done much for your parents. You can share your heart with them. Then they are so happy that you have saved them. They will come around rubbing your cheeks and hugging you and ask if this or that problem has been resolved. "How is your family? How many children do you have," and so forth, asking everything about you. Answer them, although you don't see them. You know what they would like to know.

Dear brothers and sisters, I am so happy to be here. We have hope. Our task is not an impossible one. We can do this if we work hard. Those of you who live poorly, you have not lived to receive heav-

enly fortune. You will be ashamed if you are not successful. From now on, we can live with blessing. Please have hope. For 6,000 years, God has been working hard. Now finally True Parents are victorious. We will not live like this forever. We should be living forever within God and True Parents' love and blessing. I pray for blessings upon your family.

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by Stephen and Jeannette Henry—
Minnesota

When we heard that Dae Mo Nim is coming here to America, we were so joyful and in tears for such opportunity. Our personal testimony tells why we are so appreciative and grateful to the occasion.

This is a testimony of a true witness to the handiwork of Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim's spiritual power and ability to liberate the spiritual world and in turn bring true liberation here on the earth.

Our experiences with Dae Mo Nim began with our first visit to Chump Pyung two and a half years ago in 1996. Our second daughter, Anellia was then eight years old. Already she was older, as an autistic child, and had gone through several years of frustra-



tion and difficulty. She had all the problems of an autistic child—difficulty in paying attention, language and social as well as emotional problems. The rate of recovery for autistic children is very dismal, about 2%! With therapy and intense programming, the process and the results are still not very assuring of true recovery. Anellia was severely autistic, self injurious and injurious to others at times. It was a very serious situ-

ation to deal with.

Following our first visit to Chung pyung which lasted 47 days, Anellia had become much calmer and gained better focus. She gained new skills at a faster rate than ever. We made other visits to Chump Pyung which was very difficult for our family of four children to do as well as having to spend time and money. Yet, Anellia's astonishing improvement convinced us that we should make every effort not to stop this liberation process,

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while she is still young. Our last visit was in the summer of 98. We stayed 67 days and it was quite challenging again for the entire family. Afterward, Anellia started progressing at an amazing rate at home and at school who

became so inspired then to work on advancing her academic and social skills. We are working now at home and at school to help her catch up to her grade

level. This is truly an incredible change and accomplishment for an autistic child.

We are grateful for God's Grace and Love. We feel more grateful and even more hopeful now that Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim are liberating seven generations of our ancestry. Knowing the value of even one hour session of liberation with Dae Mo Nim, we made effort to attend in two places in Chicago and in New York. Anellia had already shown signs of improvements even in the short time Dae Mo Nim was here. She is initiating a lot of language and

seems much interested in the work she does. Our experience during the ancestral liberation prayer moved us to make another attempt to visit Chump Pyung this summer. Although it will be another challenge to face, we are willing to offer this time again and work towards complete liberation for our daughter because we know and believe that it will be done. Our deep appreciation goes also to all who are making it possible to happen. Our most gratitude is to True Parents, Dae Mo Nim, Heung Jin Nim and to Mrs. Kim who is expressing their heart to us more directly.

True Parents and Dae Mo Nim are wishing to bring liberation to all of us. We are grateful that such tremendous efforts and sacrifices were made on the part of Dae Mo Nim and Mrs. Kim to come here and make such liberation possible.

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by Doris Gaimi

My father died in 1965 and a rift occurred in my family separating us from his relatives. When I moved back to New Mexico I

connected for the first time to my father's brother. He did lots of research back to the 17th century about our family in New Mexico and because of him, I could write down names. When I returned to Albuquerque after New York, I called him and told him about the liberation. He was so eager to hear everything about the ceremony (he is 83) and I will meet him next week to share about it in detail. During the ceremony itself, I felt deep repentance and could not stop crying. Everyday life can be such a struggle sometimes. I felt such tremendous acceptance from Daemo-nim, no judgment. I feel hope to make my daily life more joyful and hopeful now.

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by Daryl Clarke—Tarrytown, NY

I understood more about who Daemonim is. I remember her testimony about raising up True Mother, how she taught her daughter. I am grateful that she is raising up my ancestors from Africa from the Mandingo tribe and from Cherokee Indians. My mother has five children from six different men. I heard my father went to spirit world. I looked my father's name in North Carolina. Went to spirit world in 1992.

Today when we were praying I started to talk to God and TP, then I realized I should talk to my ancestors. I thanked my father and mother for giving me life and for my mother supporting me in the UC. My uncle, a minister, was like a father for me. I felt his presence. I promised them I would get the money for the workshop and told them they could not space out.❖

DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

WHY CHRIST CAME AND WHY HE MUST COME AGAIN

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According to conventional theology, Jesus' death was in accordance with the fore-ordained will of God, the necessary ransom for the redemption of a fallen humanity. In support of this position many Christians point to the "Suffering Servant" passages of the Book of Isaiah.

One particular passage is often cited as offering incontrovertible authority that the Messiah was meant to be killed:

"Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ... He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief ... surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted." (Is. 53:1-4).

In explaining the significance of this passage, Divine Principle stresses that the purpose of God is fully accomplished only when people cooperate with Him. If men and women do not wholeheartedly obey Him, God's will cannot be fulfilled.

Accordingly, there were two possible responses to the Messiah: he could be received and supported by the people, or, failing that, he could be reject-

ed.

Two Avenues Of Prophecy

In line with these two possibilities we may identify two distinct avenues of prophecy reflected in the Old Testament. The prophecies of the King of Kings recorded in Isaiah 9, 11, and 60 (e.g. "of the increase of this government and of peace there will be no end:) express one line of prophecy and would have been fulfilled if the necessary people responded to the Messiah wholeheartedly.

However, if the proper people did not respond, the Messiah would be faced with a suffering curse. This prospect is reflected in the prediction of the Suffering Servant recorded in Isaiah 53. Either of the prophecies could have been fulfilled, depending on the people.

Traditionally Christians have assumed that Jesus came among men only to die. In understanding the roots of this belief, we should be aware that any other interpretation seems to have been purposefully excluded from consideration.

Modern research notes that as time passes by in the chronological order of the Gospels, the stark tragedy of the crucifixion is gradually covered up.

In Mark, our oldest Gospel, Jesus

utters a single agonizing cry from the cross: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" (Mk. 15:34) Even though Mark was probably written in Rome, the poignancy of that cry made such a lasting impression that the evangelist preserves it in the original Aramaic language spoken by Jesus.

Matthew copies the same account without major alterations. Luke, however, omits the cry of agony and replaces it with the serene words: "Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit!" (Lk 23:46). From a scene which evokes anguished despair, that recorded by Mark, the Third Gospel changes to a scene of confident acceptance.

In John, the divine Christ proclaims from the cross in majesty, "It is finished." (Jn. 19:30).

As the Gospel writers thus succeed each other, any thought that Jesus might have considered his mission a defeat is discreetly excluded from the record. In fact, in the Syriac version of the scriptures used by certain Christian sects of the Near East, Mark itself has been altered to read not "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" but "My God, my God, for this I was spared!"

Ultimately, the early Church seems to have followed a process of reverse logic. Professor Robert Morgan makes this point: "Why did Jesus die? ... The early Christians believed that they understood the meaning of Jesus, and this controlled their answers to the question. They worked backwards from the answer to the question and said that Jesus died because it was God's will. They then retold the story complete with this theological explanation in order to illuminate for others the whole meaning of Jesus as they understood." (The Trial of Jesus).

They will respect my son

Jesus' parable of the vineyard, as reported in Matthew, clearly indicates that he did not come to die:

"There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their season.' ... Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it." (Mt. 21:33-43).

In this parable the householder is God. Just as the householder expected the tenants in the parable to receive His son with respect and love, so God expected His chosen people to receive His son Jesus. As one may imagine the broken heart of the householder upon hearing of his son's death, so also we may imagine the sorrow of God over the crucifixion. At least this is reflected in Jesus' own experience in Gethsemane. ❖

Rebirth at 104!

by Hans and Felicitas Moyer—El Salvador

We are happy to announce the rebirth of our spiritual child, Mrs. Maria Hock, who this year became

104 years, young.

Mrs. Hock, "Oma Hock", turned 104 on January 3, 1999. During the recent, International Blessed Wives 40-day witnessing condition (Dec. 20 to January 28, 1999), her granddaughter Felicitas R. Moyer, performed the Blessing ceremony in her Grandmother's house in Krofdorf near Giessen, Germany. She has lived in this house for the last 65 years.

Oma Hock had signed full membership papers for the Unification Church during a family visit in 1990. Since then she has been waiting patiently to receive our True Parent's Blessing and make the transformation of the blood lineage. Her response, after the Holy Wine was given and the prayer of benediction was said before a picture of True Parents, was "please

say hello to Rev. and Mrs. Moon for me".

Being possibly, the oldest Blessed person on the face of the earth, she speaks as a representative of, God willing, three centuries of human history. Oma Hock eagerly awaits the dawning of the new millennium and her 105th year on earth on January 3, 2000. ❖



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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

by Linna Rapkins

Hak Ja Han's mother, Mrs. Hong, came home later than usual, and there was a new light in her eyes.

"Well, I had a most interesting day," she announced joyfully.

"Where were you, Omma?" asked her daughter, looking up from her studies. The grandmother stopped stirring the soup to listen.

"I met Kim Halmoni's uncle. Do you remember the Holy Lord Order? No, of course not; you weren't even born when I went to that church." They laughed together. "Well, anyway, I met him, and he invited me to a new church. I thought I was dropping in for a little visit, but I was there for hours. The church is called the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity."

"What a long name," observed her daughter.

"Yes—well, they want to bring together all Christians. And guess what? You know I've been talking about the Lord of the Second Advent all your life—right?"

"Right, Omma."

"Well, they say he is here in Korea, just as Kim Halmoni and Mrs. Ho said he would be. They said if I study their book, I will learn exactly who he is." Her daughter listened raptly.

In the days to follow, Mrs. Hong became very busy. She still had to work to earn money, but she spent every spare moment either attending the little church in Chun Chon or reading the book which explained the revelations of the founder and leader.

Whenever she studied the book at home, she would look up often and say excitedly to the others, "He must be a very intelligent man, a very spiritual man. Many of the things I learned at Kim Halmoni's and Mrs. Ho's church, he also says, but he explains much, much more.

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I can scarcely believe my good luck and great joy."

When she approached her daughter and asked, "Would you like to come to the service with me tonight?" Hak Ja Han was ready.

"I would like that," she said. She wanted to see what gave her mother so much joy.

When Mrs. Hong officially joined the church, her daughter joined with her. Except for reading about the saints, she hadn't studied other religions so much, but this felt very right. And as she studied the book, she knew she would dedicate her life to this.

Soon Mrs. Hong announced that she wanted to go to Seoul to meet this great man for herself.

"It will take only a few days," she said. "He may be the one I've been looking for all these years, but I can hardly believe it. I just have to meet him."

The grandmother, uncle, and daughter looked forward to her return, for they too wondered what he was like. But they waited a long time, because once Mrs. Hong got there, she didn't want to leave. She became the cook for the man they called their teacher—Sun Myung Moon. This was 1957.

Meanwhile, although she loved her grandmother dearly, Hak Ja Han missed her mother. A thirteen year old really needs her mother's care. Once again, she felt lonely, but this time she knew how to handle it better. She focused on her studies more than ever and led a very quiet life—almost like a nun in a

convent.

When Mrs. Hong finally came home, however, it was not to stay. She explained everything she had been doing and all about the people in the church in Seoul, and most of all, about Father.

"He's the one—the one I've been looking for and preparing for. Kim Halmoni and Mrs. Ho and all their followers were looking for this man, but I'm the only one who actually found him." Her eyes saddened as she remembered the sacrifices they had made, even unto death. Well, she would serve him remembering them, and she would teach her daughter to serve and remember, too.

She turned then to her daughter. "Hak Ja-Ya, would you like to go to Seoul and meet him, too?"

"Oh yes, I would, Omma," answered her daughter immediately. "I've been thinking about you and about him every day since you left."

As they made their way to the Chong Pa Dong church, everything in Seoul looked different than Hak Ja Han remembered. There were more buildings; more things to buy; more vehicles of all types; more noise. It was all so interesting.

As they walked up the steps to the church, she suddenly felt as if she were coming home. She felt calm and peace in her heart. Her mother led her into the main room.

"He is upstairs," someone told her, so she led her daughter up some little steps in the back. They tapped on the sliding door and were invited into a room with a man who looked very kind and thought-

ful.

Without being told, Hak Ja Han bowed deeply. Then she just stood still, waiting for him to begin the conversation.

"So this is he," she thought as gazed at him. Then she realized he was looking into her eyes.

"You have a very lovely daughter, don't you?" he said to her mother. Then, with a smile, he asked, "Does she study well?"

"Oh yes, she studies very well," answered her mother proudly.

"What is your name?" he asked her directly.

"My name is Hak Ja Han."

There was a pause as he continued to look at her thoughtfully. He closed his eyes a few moments, and then softly, almost as if in prayer, he said, "Oh Heavenly Father, you have given such a woman, Hak Ja Han, to this country of Korea!"

She looked down at the floor, wondering, "Why would a great spiritual leader say something like that about me?"

Later, after she was back in Chun Chon with her grandmother and uncle, she thought every day about that meeting. She resolved to be a strong member of this church and to follow him always. She decided she would live her life even more strictly than before, always praying to be pure and good.

As she attended Middle School and then High School, her days were filled with study, art, music, prayer, church—and thoughts about the man in Seoul who was the promised one for Korea, and indeed, for all the world.

The lesson of this story is: True Mother had inherited much from her mother's dedication and her own efforts to be good. When she met Father, he knew immediately that she was a very special person. ❖

by Diesa Seidel—Poughkeepsie, NY

Throughout life we encounter many different kinds of personalities. Two groups which can be analyzed are those who are early risers and those who are later risers. Early risers have a tendency to be more vigilant and dependable, whereas late risers are more inclined to be torpid and idle.

Early risers are always prepared for the lengthy day ahead of them. They are appreciative of each gift that is bestowed upon them throughout the day, including the day itself. Early risers yearn for deeper significance in their lives, and want to share their geniality with others. The constant willingness to sacrifice their own time for the sake of the community makes them essential to the well-being of the public. Soup kitchens, environmental programs, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and the Humane Society are just some of the place where one would find these generous individuals. Their never-ending contribution to society fulfills their life in such a way that they are able to attain a certain jubilant optimism.

Students who are "early to bed and early to rise" tend to be far more enthusiastic about their school life. This ideal conduct results in higher grades and a greater appreciation for knowledge. By completing assignments promptly and

The Early Bird Catches the Worm

meticulously, these pupils are able to attain a finer degree of success in the competitive academic world. Early risers are also known for their persistence in accomplishing any challenging task that is given to them. They are the first to volunteer for a presentation, or an extra credit assignment. Whatever the circumstance, early risers will find a way to get the job done.

In the athletic world, early risers fit in exceptionally well. They are the 5:30 runners who swiftly by the neighborhood every morning without fail. marathon runners, Olympians, world champions, or simply the dedicated high school and college athletes are all early risers. Because of their aggressive instinct, they are always ahead of the pack.

On the other hand, late risers miss a vital part of each day. Their haunting, laid-back habits of life jeopardize their status as individuals in society. In order to keep up with the rest of the world, they are required to accomplish their duties in half the given time. This setback is seldom overcome, and often reflected in the positions they hold. Late risers are more concerned with their own individual needs, rather than the needs of the community. They have no real understanding of a moral economy, where the wealthy help the needy in times of crisis. It becomes increasingly difficult to appreciate or to find life's simple treasures, such as sunrises or

misty morning fog. These characteristics, among others, accumulate for a pessimistic outlook on life.

In the academic realm, late risers find it strenuous to keep up with the demanding standards which are necessary for success. Their famous procrastination routine disables them so they cannot fulfill assignments to their fullest potential. This frustrating situation dampens the pupil's work ethic, and could eventually lead to school dropout.

Athletically, late risers have several disadvantages as well. Many sporting competitions are held in the morning and continue throughout the day. These include cross-country races, track and field meets, swim meets, and a variety of other competitions. To be able to perform favorably, athletes must acquire discipline in their lives. This includes habits such as eating healthily and allowing for adequate hours of rest before the contest. Late risers find it difficult to take charge over such areas. For these reasons, late risers struggle tremendously in many athletic areas.

In conclusion, early risers have a tendency to be more prosperous in various sectors of life, whereas late risers limit themselves vis-à-vis the

joys which await them. In order to see creation and all that is held within it, it is essential for one to be aware of all the possibilities which lie within our world. This can only be achieved with adequate time at hand. In life, it is often said, "the early bird catches the worm." ❖

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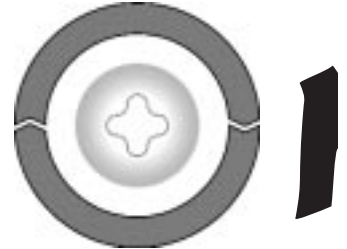
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to them saying, "Toast to UTS too!" True Father is happy to see that wherever he goes UTS students respond to his heart. These are good signs for UTS to fulfill True Parents expectations!

Harmony between Heart and Mind:

PROFILE OF CHRIS ANTAL

by Susumu Kotegawa

Since Chris joined the Unification movement he has been intent on finding the answer to one burning question in his mind, namely what is the best contribution he can make with his life for God?

Chris was born in western New York State, a hundred miles east of Elmira, where Joseph Smith founded the Mormon Church. When he was two years old his family moved to New England and he lived for sixteen years in a small fishing town on the coast of Maine. He recalls that New Englanders are deeply religious. To survive the harsh winters early settlers adopted a rugged individualism that earned them the nickname the "frozen chosen".

In September, 1992, while studying in New York, he met CARP and was introduced to the Divine Principle. Later he enrolled in seven and twenty-one day workshops, at the end of which he made a three year commitment to full-time missionary work for CARP, postponing his studies until a future date. At the end of three years he decided to join the upcoming Blessing Ceremony. On November 9, 1997 he met Mitsuko Ishikawa for the first time in Washington DC and they were Blessed together in holy matrimony.

Chris is a proud graduate of World CARP and has great respect for its leaders. He learned a lot from his World CARP activities and appreciates the close connections between brothers and sisters. Since most CARP leaders are UTS graduates, their example motivated him to attend UTS in the future.

On God's Day 1998 he attended the Chung Pyung Workshop in Korea. This was a time of great personal reflection and questioning for him. He especially reflected upon the best way to dedicate his life to God. He was a song leader at the workshop; his sincere dedication was conspicuous from the stage and caught the attention of Rev. Yang, leader of the Washington DC region. Rev. Yang approached Chris and advised him to come to UTS to prepare to become a future leader in America. This spurred Chris to more seriously consider coming to UTS.

When he returned to the United States, the country was reverberating with President Clinton's sex scandal. Chris saw the sad reality of how mired

Father Toasts UTS!

by Susumu Kotegawa

During True Mother's world speaking tour UTS students received many blessings from True Father. Whenever True Father spoke at Belvedere, UTS brothers and sisters were prominently featured. True Father threw a bouquet into the audience one day and a UTS brother caught it. Another day a UTS brother caught a 37.5 inches striped bass in the Hudson river, the season record at the time. That was bigger than True Father's, so, characteristically the next day, Father caught a 38 inches striped bass. On another occasion about 10 brothers had the opportunity to sing a Japanese song entitled "A Toast!" in front of True Father for True Mother's Victory party. They sang cheerfully and powerfully, rearranging part of the song to include the words "Toast to True Parents!!!" Suddenly True Father raised his coffee cup

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Chris Antal (4th from left) with other UTS students



in moral crisis America is. He realized that America, as well as CARP and the Unification movement, needs strong leaders for the future. However, when Chris was in World CARP he felt the amount he could contribute was limited.

Therefore, upon his return from Chung Pyung he proposed to his leader that he go to UTS. Both Jin Hun Nim and Mike Balcomb supported his decision and he received internal guidance and heard good testimonies about UTS from Jin Hun Nim. Mike Balcomb shared insights into the future of UTS including suggestions about what UTS needs to change in order to welcome young people, including Unificationist 2nd generation in the future. This helped him as he was preparing to come to UTS.

However, this was also a time of great turmoil. His wife was kidnapped and confined by an anti-Unificationist minister in Japan. She was missing for 70 days. As she planned her escape from the house in which she was being held, he took social action against faith-breaking to try to prevent this kind of unlawful activity from happening again.

By the grace of God, his spouse escaped, but Chris remains outraged that UC members continue to be kidnapped at the alarming rate of 200 - 300 per year. He sees God working even in the face of such difficulties. He feels he can effectively solve this problem with the support of the UTS community.

Thousands of UC members have had their faith broken by people opposed to the UC. He does not see this as a problem of such people or the Japanese government alone; he feels we must address the issue as a community and as a movement. Chris emphasizes that we need to strengthen and tighten our community bonds as brothers and sisters, as well as maintaining good ongoing relationships with our physical families. He believes that UTS is central to the development of such bonds, and can provide a model for such relationships.

Chris enrolled at UTS on January 1999, and was chosen as Junior Class President. He is seeking to serve brothers and sisters in the community in whatever ways he can, to inspire others through his example. He realizes UTS needs to grow and change in order to meet True Parent's hopes and expect-

tations for the future. He initiated a community birthday party during lunch at the beginning of the month. This inspired students ("it was short but extremely sweet" was an oft-heard comment) and staff alike. Several staff members are early UTS graduates and this sparked memories of

their early UTS spirit and the sense of community they experienced here.

He sincerely wants to inherit True Father's tradition and build deep relationships between brothers

and sisters. Academic Dean, Dr. Mickler, gave this advice to new students at orientation: "Develop harmony between your heart and mind!" This became Chris' favorite motto for his time at UTS.

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ALUMNI ALOHA: The Value of My UTS Experience

by John Gehring

Sometimes we wonder if we should take the chance and invest in purchasing a home for our family. After living in the home for ten or fifteen years it becomes clear if the investment was really worth it. I use this analogy to compare the investment of three years of my life in attending the Unification Theological Seminar. It

is fifteen years since I graduated from UTS and I can clearly see that a wise investment was made.

A good education always provides the student with an added sense of confidence. Education allows you to see how things work, it shows the paths that have been taken by some, and it stimulates you on your chosen path. I appreciate the education at UTS for three or four central reasons.

Life at UTS gave me a chance to read and study many of the themes I was interested in knowing about more deeply. I especially appreciated the hundreds of hours of reading that I could invest in studying the philosophy of Unificationism and learning how it compared with other ways of thinking. Confidence comes when you understand the valuable gift we have been given and you can see how that resource can be used to create a better living environment. By nature, the "God talk" in theology and the classes on counseling were inspiring and they have served to strengthen my relationship with God and with others.

One of the most exciting thing for me at the seminar was the professional training I received through field education. I spent two summers in Boston and Washington DC with Bill Brunhoffer and Patsy Cassino working with Christian ministers in the realm of social action. Many older ministers were happy to share deep life experiences with us. They treated us as fellow min-

isters and this was important in helping me find my own identity.

Other activities that added to the experience were the ICUS staff, taking part in minister conferences in the Bahamas (yes the beaches were fine), doing church visitation and developing the beginnings of a Home Church area. These diverse experiences balanced out the academic rigors of the seminary and have added knowledge, a little wisdom and some confidence that have been very useful in both my professional life and in teaching how to relate to a wide spectrum of humanity.

Even though academics and field education provide an excellent reason to go to UTS a third element stands out as a reminder of the good investment that I made. I have some life long friends that are eternally precious to me. Although I may not express my appreciation to them enough, their laughter, effort, support and care mean a great deal to me. Actually, the network of relationships that has been built as a result of my time in UTS is very large, it extends beyond my particular classmates and brushes the shoulders of each class that has gone through the 'same' seminary experience in the last

twenty one years.

UTS provided a path to my work with the International Religious Foundation and especially the Religious Youth Service (RYS). This work is an extension of the heart and vision of True Parents and it has helped stimulate tens of thousands of youth around the world. A part of that vision and heart was given to me at UTS and I am deeply grateful.

Now, that fifteen years have past since graduating from UTS a little self congratulation may be due. Who would of thought that a three year commitment to UTS would have turned out to have such a valuable impact on my life. Well, maybe luck had some part in it, but more seriously, my trusting Father's desire for me, had a much larger part in me choosing the path that passed through UTS.

John Gehring currently teaches "Practicum in Teaching" at UTS and is the International Director of the Religious Youth Service.

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Media Watchers

Unificationists have a long-standing relationship with the news media. From its earliest days, our movement has acted under the glare of publicity; far more than can be explained by common worldly interest. Thus, we should learn as much about the media as possible. (In modern usage, the word "media" is both singular and plural.) A shorter version of this article appeared in October 1992.

Radicals

Media watching is an art, and for some, a profession. Among conservatives, "liberal media bashing" is a well-developed sport. Yet, for New Left radicals, the mass media is a "corporate mouthpiece." The far left delights in listing the big corporations that own the TV networks, newspapers, etc. Supposedly this makes them "too right wing."

Actually, corporate and leftist interests often coincide. Several corporate fortunes support extreme-left causes, mainly through tax-exempt "charities" such as the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Endowment for World Peace.

Coercive government can be a tool for business as well as for social engineering. The idealistic graduates of Journalism School, and their cynical top bosses, often find themselves on the same team.

In California, the Sierra Club and other "environmentalists" found themselves supporting Big Oil, against a band of scrappy conservatives determined to ban the poisonous gasoline additive

MTBE. The charge was led by KSFO, San Francisco's only conservative talk radio station.

A ban was recently enacted, and the greensies changed their tune in a hurry! Their funding really ought to be investigated....

Muckrakers

The American news media got off to a good start. The Founding Fathers knew that a free press was essential for maintaining liberty, so they put it right into the First Amendment to the Constitution. We often see brave reporters covering wars, disasters, crimes, and official corruption—often at great personal risk.

People often deride the "tabloid press," but actually (except for sexual explicitness) the press has always been sensational. George Washington's critics drew him poised on an "American guillotine." A hundred years ago, famous muckrakers such as Lincoln Steffens exposed all sorts of juicy stories. If anything, mockery was more intense in those days—but people won libel suits, too.

Correctness

Everyone has spotted errors in reporting. As an armchair scientist, this author often catches them mangling some technical subject, or promoting "junk science." There are famous "hoaxers" who trick the media, easily and often.

Today the mainstream media is part of a vast "government-media complex." (So named by KSFO's Michael Savage.) The interests of the liberal media and the Federal government almost completely coincide. This ugly cooperation was foretold years ago by H.L. Menck-

en:

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed - and hence clamorous to be led to safety - by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

Such hobgoblins require a savior, even if he's almost as fantastical. Media-favored leaders can literally do no wrong. Credible allegations of rape disappear from the headlines in the space of a few days. The sale of nuclear missile technology to Red China, a past (and potential future) enemy, is almost ignored. A horribly bungled war against Serbia (once a staunch ally) is readily excused.

The media is infatuated with fads such as "diversity." As this article goes to press, America's newspaper editors are meeting nearby, and they're more worried about "staff diversity quotas" than in having their reporters get out and dig up the truth.

In the media's world, almost everyone gets to play victim—but there are still "fair game" targets. White males can be blamed for virtually anything, and if they are Christian, they're the ones granted metaphorical horns.

This goes triple for "moonies." The media has created a potent negative image in the minds of the public; unfortunately a willing public, as most people are naturally skeptical—when they want to be. Our own member's self-image has been partly formed by this constant barrage.

Coverage

Remember the old riddle: "If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?" Here's the modern version: "If an event comes

down in the forest, and the media isn't there to cover it, did it really happen?"

Many activist groups are great at getting coverage. They can get out the most terrible messages, and if they're "correct" (politically, that is), the media becomes a willing partner.

How does the media pick its friends? The answer is complex.

Around 1984 our movement inspired a March for Freedom, during which two thousand clergy marched on the White House. It got virtually no coverage.

At about the same time, at a farm in Idaho, some White Supremacists held their annual cross burning. Three guys stood around a flaming cross—surrounded by dozens of reporters, including several huge satellite-uplink trucks.

Those reporters made a few kooks into a worldwide, front-page story. Was it morbid curiosity, or did they have an agenda? Actually, both.

The public, while bemoaning the "shallowness" of the media, consistently hands Jerry Springer, and Monica Lewinsky, top ratings.

Many people have a love/hate relationship with the media. Most celebrities strive for recognition, but then shun publicity, sometimes punching out photographers. Politicians hog the limelight even while filling their closets with skeletons.

Media moguls now see themselves as arbiters, empowered to decide what the American people "ought to" see. Which stories are covered, experts consulted, interviews aired, guests invited—or not.

The media also brews up its own "news," with continual opinion polling. When and where they call, which questions they ask and how, and the way that data is tabulated, can produce any result they wish! Even those results are selectively applied. If polls were always followed, America would never have passed civil rights legislation, and partial birth abortion would be banned today.

Unfortunately, many conservatives have cozy, out of touch establishments of their own, and some right wing outlets are not above making distortions. (The Washington Times vows never to do this.)

At least America is better off than totalitarian countries, where the media is only a government mouthpiece, often to ridiculous extremes. This author's year of Marxist instruction (at a private High School) was soon cured, by means of a shortwave radio tuned to Radio Moscow.

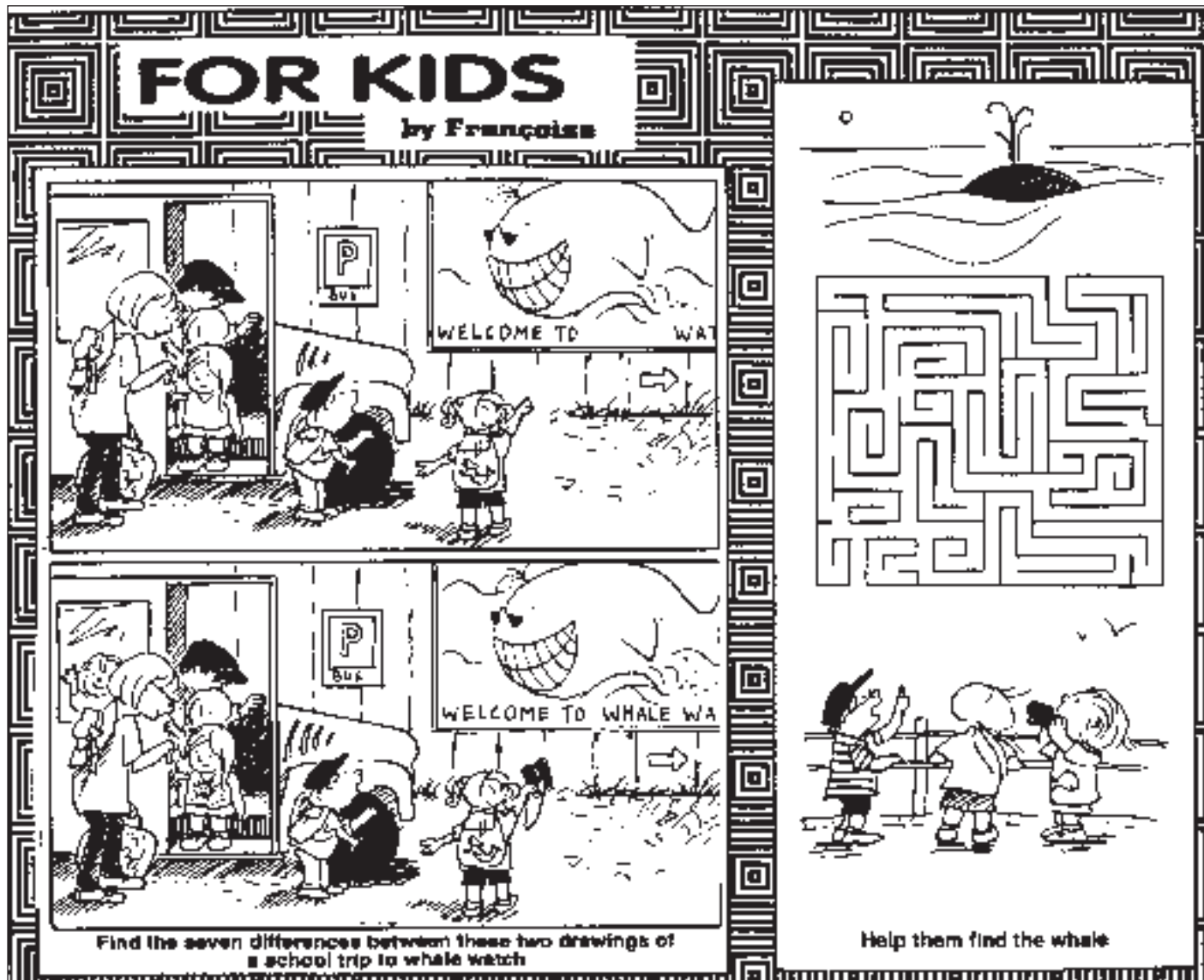
Media people have the same subtle biases as most Americans. This is perhaps clearer to Unificationists, since we travel, live, and marry amongst all the world's cultures.

The American media is really quite parochial, favoring reports about "their kind" of people. Media watchers call this the India Bus Plunge syndrome. Thousands may die in mountainside accidents, and it rarely gets more than five seconds on TV, or two paragraphs on page E3.

At this moment, in some 40 parts of the world, tens of thousands are getting brutally slaughtered, and it's all on page E3. The recent coverage of Kosovo, intense but one-sided, was a deliberate exception.

Conclusion

European and Japanese newspapers have many different political and ideological **MEDIA** on next page



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of a school trip to whale watch

Help them find the whale



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This is the second in a two-part series.

Cultural Shifts ...

This generation needs real help, substantial education and spiritual orientation on earth. It begins in the family. Here Reverend Moon has been a pioneer, a radical and even a revolutionary. Through his massive blessing ceremonies, he is bringing to the world's attention the centrality to social well being of the ceremony of marriage. He is proclaiming that this truth goes beyond race, nation or religion. Every culture celebrates marriage. It should be a common point for human convergence, but the problem is that each culture carries out its marriages with its own words, rituals and procedures. Variety is the spice of life, of course, but now is a time that the world needs to celebrate its commonality more than its differences. If each section of humanity clings to its own particular rituals, well, there is a reinforcement of separateness. We cannot depend upon secularism to bridge the gaps, because in doing so secularism robs the essential ceremonies of their meaning. Hence, in part, the reduced currency of marriage today. Ever since the sixties, modern youth say "the institution of marriage-yecchh!" Marriage has become an institution that should go the way of all institutions (that don't make money or entertainment)-out the door.

So the time has come for the world to celebrate that which we share in common, beginning with marriage. Hence, "mass marriages." And what's more, these celebrations of man-woman eternal love feature something else revolutionary: interracial, international and inter-religious couples. Jew and Muslim, Catholic and Protestant, black and white and yellow, north and south, east and west. All the lines of conflict blur in the melting pot of conjugal love. Marriage becomes a peace movement.

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logical leanings. Even the Russian media has developed variety. Hopefully the American media will regain a true diversity of viewpoints and opinions, and become fair in their coverage.

In one way the free market is already taking care of this, as liberal newspapers, and ego-driven TV networks, lose millions of customers to talk radio and the Internet.

We Unificationists have a lot to offer the world. If you're not intimidated, media people are usually quite approachable. They're always looking for information, and good stories!

Recently this author emailed a popular KSFO host a fact-filled letter about Kosovo (having been there), and he read the whole thing over the air. At least 100,000 people heard it.

(One wishes it had been a Principle lecture instead, but I chose something that would likely get covered. When our local church tried hosting its own radio

Where Are

The Revolutionaries?

The two ideals of youth-peace and love-merge into one.

Okay, you might say, this was revolutionary ten or twenty years ago, before Mao II was published, but the mass blessings get pretty good coverage these days. Didn't one television correspondent at RFK say that she wishes she had been there to be matched to a good husband earlier in the day? A joke, perhaps, but every joke has a kernel of truth in it. Aren't these mass affairs becoming-domesticated? Isn't another mainstreaming leader, Louis Farrakhan, talking about a marriage blessing of a million couples next year at Washington Mall? Well, they just might be entering the mainstream, and Reverend Moon would never be happy with that, would he? What will he do next? How will he push the envelope this time?

Before I answer that, I'd like to mention a couple of recently published books. One I discussed last month, I Kissed Dating Good-bye, by Joshua Harris. The second I just finished, A Return to Modesty, by Wendy Shalit. Both authors are young Americans, in their early twenties. Shalit praises the Jewish practice that a betrothed couple have no physical contact, none whatsoever, until their marriage. Harris is of the same mind. Both authors pose what I see as powerful counter salvos to the sexual and moral decadence of the past forty years. Mr. Harris's book deals, naturally, from the man's point of view, and Ms. Shalit's from the woman's. Both signal a profound cultural shift taking place in America-as Shalit puts it, a rejection of non-interventionist, value-free parenting. We want to be interfered with; we need to be told right and wrong. With Harris, his parents-strong Chris-

show, the ratings never got high enough to make it worthwhile.)

Rev. Moon understands the vital role of the media. The outlets he founded have a tremendous, and still growing, influence. On a smaller scale, several of our members have founded successful "weekly shopper" newspapers.

Everyone can contribute to the news of the day. If you feel the call, then by all means, become a "mover and shaker." Get involved in talk radio, the Internet, and alternative publications. Spread your God-centered insights. Be a producer of good news!

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tians-seem to provide his mooring. For Shalit, her grandparents, strong Jews, seem to provide the mooring.

ing. Harris's spiritual resource is the Bible. Shalit's is Jewish family laws and customs and pre-twentieth century western literature.

Shalit's book is very wordy; it's an overstuffed pillow. But for the values and virtues she espouses, it is worth the read. Modesty, for Shalit, boils down to this: "... a reflex, arising naturally to help a woman protect her hopes and guide their fulfillment-specifically, [the] hope for one man." (p. 94) I especially recommend Shalit's book to our WFWP leadership, as I offer another passage: "German legend tells us the 'eternal feminine' gives women the enduring power to spiritualize mankind, while the classic siren leads men to the destruction. These images point to a very real and important truth: what women will and will not permit does have a profound way of influencing the behavior of an entire society. This influence is felt not simply because a woman has traditionally inculcated-or failed to inculcate-the mores in her children and thereby those of the next generation. A woman's sexual modesty puts her, significantly, in a position to be the ultimate worldly arbiter of a man's worth . . . Since respect for her modesty gave her the freedom to withhold affection, so to speak, until a virtuous man came around, men were in turn inspired to become worthy of her. Whether the cause was liquor or something larger, if you strung together enough modest women, they could quite literally change society. This was why, as Stuart Cloete put it in his 1943 Congo Song, 'The woman was the stabilizing factor... world regeneration, when it came-if it came-must come through woman, as life came through her. She was the source.'" (p. 98)

... and Revolutions

The amazing thing is this: here are intelligent American youth themselves calling for a radical revisioning of the sexual mores of our society. Both authors argue for an end to the dating culture, to casual sex, to free sex. They call for rules, for do's and don'ts, for guidelines. Greg Rohloff, of the Amarillo Globe-News, backs up Shalit's book in his review of it. In Texas, at least, Rohloff finds that universities administrators are noting that traditional religious values have surpassed the values of the sexual revolution. "Most of our students are conservative and have strong religious and family values," Rohloff quotes George Mann, head of the division of education at West Texas A & M University. In Pennsylvania State University, the chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom says that some

of his members are more conservative than their parents. The percentage of collage freshman who approve of casual sex has decreased from a high of 57% in 1987, to 40% today. In 1990, 65% of college freshman supported legal abortion; today it is 50%.

But both Harris and Shalit, while they point out what is wrong, have no real solution. This is consistent with other current trends cited by Rohloff. In the 1960s, 80% of students wanted to develop "a meaningful philosophy of life," while today, only 40% find that objective compelling. Today, only 26% of college freshmen believe that "keeping up to date with political affairs" is a very important or essential life goal, while in 1966, the figure was 58%. Along with social conservative, which I laud, comes an increase in desire for financial success. Thus it is no surprise that neither Harris nor Shalit felt it necessary to search for a viable new tradition. Here is where Unificationism has its contribution to make.

The central axis around which all Unification thought revolves is the parent-child relationship. This is prior to the man-woman axis. It means that the revolution begins with the parents. This is the Completed Testament Age motif-the central role, the central sacrifice, is that of the parents, not, as in the New Testament Age, that of the children.

We as parents must establish true authority of love, centered on God. And we must win the hearts of our children in so doing. It is not an easy task, we can readily see, especially when we as parents are still in the midst of fulfilling our own responsibilities as servants (OT age) and children (NT age). But the primary indicator of parental authority is the authority to arbitrate our children's marriage. Here, there is also a cultural correlate, the "courtship movement" guided by Jim and Anne Ryan. Children refer any and all dating requests to their parents. The parents are intimately involved in their children's courtship. It is a magical step. And now, Reverend Moon's envelope push: arranged marriage for youth, through the cooperation of parents, church and school. This is the eternal tradition. Get back to the basics.

I often wondered why True Parents never instituted a rite of passage for our youngsters as they entered puberty. Recently, local members have created such a rite, the Il Shim Ceremony. This is fine, but the reason, it seems, that True Parents never started such a tradition is that they had in mind all along what should happen as people enter puberty, and it is an event far more momentous than what we conceived. It involves, finally, one's matching to one's eternal partner.

Okay, so you thought you were revolutionary. Reverend Moon has just upped the ante. ♦

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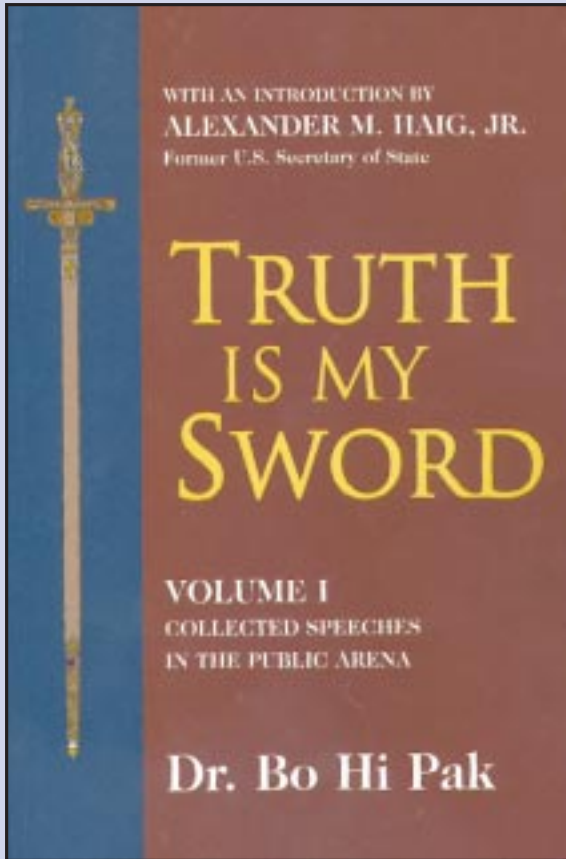
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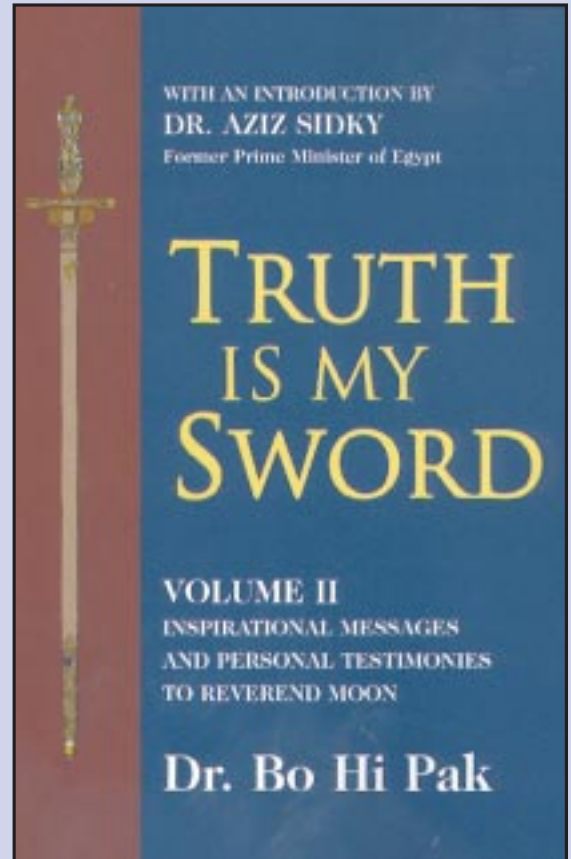
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For many Americans, the image of Reverend Sun Myung Moon that likely comes to mind is that of an enigmatic religious leader. For more than 40 years, Dr. Pak has worked side by side with Reverend Moon and has been the initiating force behind numerous projects; most notably *The Washington Times*. No one knows the inner workings better than Dr. Pak!

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