Respected Ambassadors for Peace from around the world, leaders from throughout the United States, distinguished guests from Japan and Korea who have come from afar to honor this occasion with your presence, ladies and gentlemen! Together with my wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and my family, I extend my heartfelt welcome to you all.

Ladies and gentlemen, my heart is intense and filled with emotion as I stand before you today. It is not because of the Misoo celebrations being held around the world to commemorate my eighty-eighth birthday. Neither is it because, owing to the fact that I am as healthy as a young man, I am filled with the hope of living beyond my hundredth birthday!

The reason I am so serious is at the beginning of this year, 2007 (the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk), I declared a jubilee year in God’s providence, a jubilee year the likes of which God and humankind have never experienced in all the thousands of years of history. Heaven has greatly blessed this holy year.

God’s heart has been in pain throughout history because Satan’s dominion trapped humankind within its evil sovereignty in the shackles of the era before the coming of heaven. That age has finally come to an end. From this year on the gates to the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven are opened wide, ushering in the era of a new sovereignty of goodness when humanity can serve and attend God as the central being.

Without your being aware of it, Heaven’s providence has been expanding in extraordinary ways. Now numerous Ambassadors for Peace in 185 nations have received my teachings and are working day and night in response to a special decree from God. Hence, today I would like to convey to you Heaven’s message, which is entitled, “A Providential View of the Pacifistic Rim Era in Light of God’s Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World.” This is a declaration of God’s plan for His dispensation and the direction humanity should take.

If you carefully examine the progress of history, you will undoubtedly discover God’s plan and sense His presence as He tirelessly worked behind the scenes.

Consider the history of civilization, which began centering on four of the world’s great rivers. We are familiar with the Egyptian civilization centered around the Nile River, the Mesopotamian civilization between the Tigris
and Euphrates Rivers, the Indus Civilization flourished in Greece and Rome. As history continued to progress, the development of civilization became important. Civilization arrived on the North American continent and soon took on the armor of democracy, which was rooted in Christianity. This civilization raised the banner of the freedom of religion and respect for equal human rights in its struggle against communism, which sought to establish an atheistic sovereignty of evil. Through victories in the First and Second World Wars, and the third—the Cold War—it won victory over totalitarianism and communism.

However, that victory does not simply mean that America is great, and the development of human civilization did not stop there. Victory came because God had chosen and raised the United States of America as the Second Israel, which sought to fulfill the messianic mission during his lifetime in accordance with His providential plan, and had raised and trained the American people through Christianity. God worked through America to bring His providence to its present stage of fruition. Before heaven, nothing could prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim Era. Herein lies the special reason that Heaven declared this year to be a jubilee year. Our Mission

Ladies and gentlemen, the arrival of the Pacific Rim Era signifies many things. What do you think the world would have been like if Jesus had fulfilled the complete messianic mission during his lifetime on earth? Jesus came as the Savior and Messiah, to save all of humanity. He did not come just to save the people of Israel, a small nation located on a corner of the Mediterranean Sea.

At that time, Rome, based at the center of the Mediterranean, was the center of human civilization. Rome was ready to rule the seas. Heaven’s desire was that Jesus first teach and transform Rome and then rule over her, in order to bring salvation to all humanity through the vehicle of Rome’s brilliant civilization. Yet, Jesus was cruelly put to death on the cross, as we know through the biblical record.

After thousands of years of preparation, God finally had been able to send Jesus to the earth as His only son. There is no way to fathom God’s heart as He anxiously watched Jesus’ each and every action. Jesus’ death was a tragedy that broke God’s heart. It brought Him anguish even more extreme than the time when Adam and Eve, whom He created as the first ancestors of humankind, were lost from the Garden of Eden due to the Fall. During the two thousand years since the cross, God, in the background of history, has walked a suffering path that is beyond human imagination.

Through this course, He prepared the United States of America to serve as the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar. Yun Ah Nam and Liz Ji’s birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact us if you come across any errors. () 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman (kathycoman@worldnet.att.net)
The USA and the Future Direction of the UN and the World

The responsibility, within God's providence, to bring harmony and oneness among the world's six and a half billion people and to expedite the creation of a peaceful, ideal world, is on America's shoulders. These are not simply my words; this is Heaven's decree.

Then how can we unify Christianity? God has already revealed the solution through me, the True Parent of humankind. God has given me the supreme command to practice a life of true love, to understand completely the reality of the spirit world to which we go after we die, and to establish a model, ideal family, a true family.

Then what kind of love is true love, and what kind of family is a true family?

True Love and True Family

Ladies and gentlemen, God's absolute true love does not instill a desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake. Rather, true love's essence is giving, living for the sake of others and for the sake of God. Only true love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it. True love is sacrificial love, such as that of a devoted son who finds his greatest satisfaction in dedicating himself with all of his body and mind to helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continuingly increasing in the joy of each other's company, in the actual practice of true love gives all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barriers fallen people have created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so that whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to live together as one family with all of his body and mind to helping his parents.

The path is now wide open for humanity to establish true families. The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony. The warm environment of close connection and interaction between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings is the manifestation of the newly established ideal family.

This means that you need to establish a true family in which the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love. In this way the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children should live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as<!-- raw-text-values -->

tribal messiahs and Ambassadors for Peace to seek after and establish them—families of Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of God.

You should form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. You should raise families to which He can come freely as the Parent visiting His children. This is what it means to live in service to God.

In such a family, God is the subject partner over your conscience, acting vertically. Following God as your vertical subject partner, your mind then stands in the position of a vertical subject partner over your body; bringing your mind and body into unity. That is where parental love, conjugal love, children’s love, and sibling love—in short, the four realms of love or the four realms of heart—are perfected.

Only in such a family can the upper and lower, front and behind, left and right be connected as one and spherical motion exist. This leads to God's everlasting, model ideal families and nations, and His peace kingdom. If only the entire world were filled with such true families! It would be an orderly world where people govern themselves by the heavenly law and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

The Future of Humankind

Among the 6.5 billion people on the earth today, almost five billion are our neighbors, relatives, and brothers and sisters belonging to the Pacific Rim region. Many of us share the same roots and have the mission of resolving the world's problems. From a geo-political point of view, the Korean peninsula is still an arena of intense confrontation despite the ongoing work to secure world peace.

The principles of restoration through indemnity dictate that civilization must bear fruit in the Pacific Rim region, centering on Korea and the United States. Unfortunately, during the Korean War, the UN forces, centering on the United States, were mobilized to protect the peninsula. Yet, they did not recognize the land and hometown of God's desire as they should have according to God's will, and they left the job undone. As a result, global conflict and strife continued during "the Cold War." People were deprived of their possessions and displaced, leading them to search for God.

In order to restore this through indemnity, I established the Universal Peace Federation. (UPF) I then organized the "peace kingdom corps" and the "peace kingdom police force," comprising women on Heaven's side who have received the Message Blessing, who love peace, and who are willing to serve and sacrifice for the work of UPF. I have taken the lead in educating those involved with these organizations. As the peace organizations that stand in the forefront of actualizing a world of peace with God at its center, they will create the peaceful, ideal world that God desires.

You may not be aware of this, but I have been assisting the Six Party Talks now being held for the sake of resolving the nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsula and finally reconciling the democratic nations and communist nations. I am presenting a solution based on the principles of peace and harmony rooted in the new ideology with the Heavenly Father at its center.

At such intense times, what exactly should be the role of America and the United Nations? Hawaii in the Pacific and Norfolk on the Atlantic bridge East and West. Link North and South, and represent the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and all the great oceans of the world.

With the support and protection of the American continent, the Korean peninsula should be the role of America and the United Nations. As the peace kingdom corps I say this because the future of humankind lies in the promotion of the Pacific Rim region centering on Korea, Japan, and the United States.

As I was well aware of Heaven's plans for this area, I invested thirty-three of the prime years of my life in the United States beginning in the early 1970s, for the sake of world peace. I first visited Hawaii and prayed at a critical moment when I was on the board of the First Rm B Sung of North Korea in 1991 with the purpose of bringing an end to the
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Cold War era. In that atmosphere, foundation, I have now returned to Korea and I am working to complete the providence of establishing World Peace and Hallyu. This year, in particular, a jubilee year in the providence, I visited Hawaii as the first stop on my trip to America.

Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you closely analyze the current state of affairs in the world. Although the days of communism are gone, even now powerful nations such as China and Russia are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to aggressively pursue their own interests, both with the powerful and small island nations. Regardless of what nation it may be, no small island nation by itself can deal with these powerful surrounding nations and their economic, political or even military ambitions. Those nations are so powerful that, if they wanted to, they could dominate any of the smaller nations in a single day, without shedding blood.

Only when peace and security are settled in the Pacific Rim can peace for all mankind be guaranteed. As I have mentioned, the small island nations by themselves, will not be able to stop the incredible tsunami of powerful nations moving into the region.

The time has come, therefore, for all these small island nations in the Pacific Rim sphere to unite as one and build the homeland of the new civilization.

The small island nations dispersed in both the northern and southern regions of the Pacific, on either side of the equator, as well as Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Solomon Islands, Australia and New Zealand, as well as other countries, should become as one country and form one union to sustain peace throughout the Pacific Rim civilization. This will secure peace and stability for all people.

What I am saying is that we have the responsibility to protect the oceanic realm, which is a lifeline on which humanity’s future depends, and save it from the environmental destruction and conflicts that are worsening by the day, and shield the natural resources for the sake of peace in the future.

True Parents’ Work for Peace

Distinguished guests, I have surrounded and triumphed over a course of great suffering and tribulation. I have not lived for personal glory or comfort. Even as I walked that thorny path, often coming very close to death, I received Heaven’s seal and was made fully aware of the destination of God’s will. I held to Heaven’s command to bring salvation to humanity as I returned like a phoenix and continued my turbulent salvation to humanity as I returned like a phoenix.

Throughout my life, I have been doing my very best to dissolve God’s pain and sorrow and bring liberation and total freedom to His heart. Finally, on January 13, 2001, through the coronation ceremony of God’s kingship, I was able to restore His throne of glory and power and offer it to Him.

The second area has to do with the reality of Satan. Throughout history, human beings did not know the identity of the Devil, Satan who caused the human fall, leading to all kinds of evil. For fourteen years, I labored desperately to discover all secrets of the spirit world through many bruising spiritual battles. Finally, I came to find out the real identity of Satan, the origin all evil. Taking one step further, I also came to uncover Satan’s strategy and tactics to defeat Him.

These questions and others are expounded in detail in the Principle of Creation revealed to me by God. I have the intuitive ability to look into the hearts of men and women and predict their destiny. That is why many young people throughout the world come to me hoping to be matched with an ideal spouse.

The third area has to do with understanding of the human condition. Where are we human beings from, how should we live, and where should we go? Why are we fighting between the mind and the body, and struggle in conflicts? What is the meaning of life and death? Does the world after death truly exist? If so, how should we live on earth?

Each moment in our earthly life is recorded in the spirit world exactly as it takes place. On the day when we go to the spirit world, our life’s record will be shown to us. Therefore, why all human beings should practice a life of true love and sacrifice themselves. The fourth area has to do with know ledge about Jesus. I came to grasp the terrible tragedy of the crucifixion of Jesus. He came as God’s son, the Savior and Messiah, but he was rejected and opposed, even by the people that God had prepared. It was God’s will that Jesus, as the second Adam, should fulfill the model of God-centered ideal family, and encourage all human kinds to help.

Christians became the foundation of Western civilization through Rome, and then became the core for the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean civilizations. It has always stood in the position of the bride to receive the Lord of Second Coming. Therefore Christians in particular must comprehend the sorrowful heart of Jesus, who was driven to the cross, unable to fully unfold God’s will for his people.

My teachings clearly explain the truth of Jesus’ mission, the limitation of salvation from the cross, and the reason and purpose why he should return.

The sixth area is in knowledge of the core contents of the Bible and other religious scriptures. It is books of secret revelation that enable human beings trapped in ignorance after the fall of the first human ancestors to return to God.

Many of the important issues in scripture are dealt with in metaphors and symbols. The meaning of these metaphors and symbols are to be fully revealed only by the Messiah sent by Heaven. Hence, Jesus was able to disclose the core contents and deep meaning of the Old Testament.

In the same way, all the secrets of God regarding His providence of salvation, including the position of the Fall, and the path of restoration are now being clearly made known through the Divine Principle. Hardly answers all the questions that are raised in all the various scriptures.

The seventh area is in the knowledge and understanding of the goal human history. History is not merely a record of events that take place by coincidence. It is flowing toward a clear direction and purpose. It is a history for the providence for restoration of human beings through indemnity, and a history for restoration for their salvation.

Because of this insight into the origin and direction of history, I was able to successfully predict the sudden end of communism and dialectic materialism, in a speech delivered at the 1985 Professors World Peace Academy Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, a time when the Soviet Union was still at its peak.

Today, I am declaring that it is time for all people to break down their barriers. Through this, the era of “One World under God” will arrive and last forever.

God is leading history. With the help of heavenly fortune, centering on the Abel UN, we now make rapid progress toward a world transcending religions and nations, the Cheon Il Guk God’s kingdom in captivity.

The eighth area concerns true fami-
the sacred reign of peace on earth—is being carried out enthusiastically in all corners of the world, through the recovery of our ideal homeland and hometownt. This is God’s hope for changing the 6.5 billion people of the world to the lineage of the true tribe. At this very moment, these are competing to fulfill their responsibility to hold hoondok rallies and Marriage Blessings in twelve thousand locations in each of the 185 nations of the world.

The Coming Culture of Women

Ladies and Gentlemen, you have truly come to a meaningful occasion today. Please do not miss your chance to ride on the currents of heavenly fortune that will surge together during this important and sacred jubilee year. Take the lead in protecting and developing the realm of the oceans. Protect one percent of the earth. Where else will you find a new treasure-store of natural resources that hold the promise to resuscitate the earth, endangered by all kinds of pollution and resource depletion?

The oceanic era that has now begun is a time of great change throughout heaven and earth. A new culture of peace which transcends nations, oceans and continents will start in the Pacific Rim. The women of the world should now work together centering on True Mother to give birth to this new age of a holy civilization of peace.

The families of your good ancestors in heaven are now being blessed. Numbering in the billions, they have come to the earth today, and they are listening to this message with you. This is because they too must perfect themselves through you, their descendants, and advance to the positions of true parents, true teachers, and true lords and owners.

Furthermore, they must become one in heart and body with the True Parent, the king of kings. From the original position before the Fall, they must uphold the True Parents’ standard absolutely, take an active role in carrying out their works, and be mobilized for the creation of the kingdom of heaven here on earth through a life of service and attendance. Please do not forget that in this way, the spirit and the physical world will unite as one living entity, and move and breathe together.

There is one more special request I would like to ask of you today. Please immerse yourselves in the contents of my peace messages, to the point where you virtually know them by heart, and make them the guidelines for your life. These messages of peace are a summary of my teachings that can be found in more than a thousand volumes of True Parents’ speeches. God will stand at the forefront. The spirit world and the physical world will unite to protect and aid you in creating the peaceful, ideal world of God’s desire in which you can enjoy eternal liberation and complete freedom.

Again, I sincerely wish that you will engage in your heavenly mission that I have conveyed to you, and utilize them in educating your children, other young people, and the citizens of your nation. May God’s blessings be with your families, your nations, the Pacific Rim region and the peace UN.7
UPF CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Establishing the Abel United Nations

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was to the UPF convocation in New York on September 21, 2007.

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates from 192 nations and the world’s great religions, NGO Leaders, Ambassadors for Peace.

On behalf of the Founders of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon; and on behalf of the Presiding Council members, the Global Peace Council members and the Regional Affairs Council, Welcoming to the Universal Peace Federation’s Assembly 2007.

UPF is providing vision and leadership at a time of global crisis. This is not merely a slogan. It is a reality. Just two years ago, here in New York at Lincoln Center, we launched UPF.

The past two years have passed by at an amazing speed, and the UPF has developed, expanded and advanced in ways that few of us imagined.

Days after UPF was launched, our Founder took up a tour of 120 nations, which at that age was really at the risk of his life. Three months later, Mother Moon and several of their children and grandchildren took UPF’s vision to 180 nations.

Programs and projects expanded, including the Middle East Peace Initiative, the Northeast Asia Peace Initiative, Peace Initiatives in the Balkans, in South Asia, and in Africa. Then there are the UPF’s Character Education programs, the Inter-religious Peace Sports Festival, Play Soccer, Make Peace, the Global Peace Festivals and the International Leadership Conferences. The list goes on.

Globally, the vision, mission and work of the UPF are being recognized and appreciated more and more. Ambassadors for Peace are actively at work in every corner of the world.

There is a hunger and thirst in the world for a new vision and leadership. There is receptivity to innovative thinking and especially to a universal vision that allows us to see our way forward to a world that we all desire.

Search the heart of any child. Be they black or white, red or yellow, Muslim or Christian, Jew or Buddhist, Hindu or Sikh. You will find a heart that hopes for peace. A heart that hopes for love. A heart that hopes for joy. This is not foolishness or wishful thinking. This is our original nature as given to us by God, our Heavenly Parents. Peace is not a fantasy or vain utopia that only the foolish dream of.

The desire for peace lies within our hearts and minds and conscience of each one of us. Just as the desire and need for food, sunlight, and air are desired and needed by every human being, the same is true of peace.

To use a contemporary expression, we can say that “peace is in our genes.” That is, it is not a human creation. Rather it is a reflection of the nature of our creator. We aspire for peace, because that is God’s greatest aspiration.

However, even God cannot simply declare peace. Peace is a term that describes the quality of relationships between at least two beings, such as a man and a woman, a father and a son, a teacher and a student, a government and the people, etc.

Peace is a term that applies to relationships characterized by respect, harmony, cooperation, and ultimately love, or true love.

Due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, God’s ideal of peace was destroyed and the ideal of true love and true family was destroyed. In that first family the parents violated God’s commandment and grew distant from God. In that state of alienation and guilt, they bore children.

Living in separation from God, Adam and Eve could not provide true love to one another and could not provide true love for their children. Cain and Abel. As a result, they watched in shock and horror as their first son Cain killed the younger son, Abel.

How do you think God felt as He looked on and observed this horrible breakdown of the social and moral order within the first family? His heart was broken.

God’s original ideal was to establish a family of true love, beginning with and multiplying from the family of Adam and Eve. The core of that ideal is found in four essential relationships: the relationship between God and man, between husband and wife, between parents and children, and between brothers and sisters. Adam and Eve were to grow to become True Parents, and to create a True Family, centered on True Love.

The Fall was destructive of all these relationships. The violation of true love through infidelity was destructive of this family ideal. The murder of Abel by Cain became the archetype and pattern for human relationships.

Throughout history, God has had one goal in mind, namely, to restore the Fall and to recreate the original ideal by establishing the True Parents and a True Family.

Today, we stand at a turning point in world history. However, we must understand history is not merely a record of the external, social affairs of physical human beings. History does not unfold simply as a result of the decisions and actions of individuals or as a result of the patterns of social behavior. At a deeper level, there are internal principles that guide history. Like the laws of physics or mathematics, there are also internal principles that guide history.

Ultimately there is a goal and purpose to history. That goal and purpose has not been determined by any man or woman, but by the one, universal God.

What is that purpose? Is it to create religions? Races? Nationalities? God’s ultimate purpose is to establish one
universal realm of peace, unity, freedom and happiness for all people as true sons and daughters of God.

The end goal of history is to realize the ideal of building one family under God. This is God's original ideal and purpose.

We gather today in honor of the mission and work of the Universal Peace Federation. Our Founder refers to the UPF as a ‘Peace UN’ or an ‘Abel UN.’ The term ‘Abel UN’ is a new concept. What do we mean by this term?

An “Abel UN” is not only an “Abel UN” in the principle of national, racial, or religious self-interest. An “Abel UN” is centered and respectful of all our world’s great faith traditions, as partners in the quest for peace and as resources of vast treasure stores of wisdom, insight, and knowledge of universal values that are absolutely essential to peace.

Most importantly, an Abel UN is rooted in the principle of loving for the sake of others, and its trademark is service. Members of an “Abel UN” are not guided by the principle of national, racial, or religious self-interest, but by the principle of service to others.

An Abel UN seeks to establish one family under God. An Abel UN builds bridges of dialogue, reconciliation, harmony and peace among all the world’s races, religions, nationalities and cultures.

An Abel UN affirms not only a universal human family under God, but also works to strengthen individual families, encouraging intermarriage among all peoples, regardless of race, religion, nationality or cultural background.

An Abel UN recognizes the central significance of the family as the basis of a good society.

An Abel UN recognizes that we can only achieve peace if we establish a culture of heart that serves as the foundation for not only a respect for the rights of others, but also the sacred value and dignity of each person.

Finally, an Abel UN affirms the ancestors and the reality of the spiritual world where the ancestors dwell.

As we prepare to hear from our Founder two days from now, please pay close attention to his peace message, as a roadmap for our lives.

Let us all become Ambassadors for Peace, representing the Abel UN.

Let us be patriots of universal peace. Assembly 2007 is a landmark moment for UPF and world peace. As we launch the ‘Abel UN,’ we are providing a new paradigm for peacebuilding. In the days, weeks and months ahead, we will continue to develop our International Leadersh-ership Conference series, our Character Education programs, the Middle East Peace Initiative, and the Global Peace Festivals.

Let us work together. God bless you, let us all build one family under God.
Realizing the Dream in the Middle East

by Shelby Port

This article appeared in the Israeli newspaper 'Veve Shalom' on Wednesday 29 August 2007.

On August 27th, Martin Luther King III, the son of the legendary American Civil Rights activist, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., joined a panel of intellectuals from the region including Chaim Cohen, Shelley Elkayam, Dr. Eldad J. Pardo and NSWAS member Maram Masarwi to discuss the possible strategies for 'Realizing the Dream in the Middle East'. MLK III led Realizing the Dream, a non-profit coalition force, that is dedicated to his father’s quest for equality and justice; he is currently motivating audiences around the world with his message of hope and responsibility. Also present, was Hyun Jin Preston Moon, co-chairman of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the son of another renowned figure, Sun Myong Moon, a South Korean who is the founder and current leader of the Unification Movement, including the UPF. The conference took place at the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. [1]

Maram Masarwi, a long-time resident of Neve Shalom Wahat al-Salam, was selected as a panelist following her recent op-ed article in Haaretz newspaper entitled, "Where is the Arab Martin Luther King Jr.", also the title of her presentation. Maram, who was the only Palestinian academic represented on the panel, is a doctoral student at Hebrew University and a lecturer at the Achva Academic College and the David Yellin College.

She gave a riveting speech focusing on the need for Palestinian Israelis to realize their rights as full and equal citizens. She said they must reclaim those rights through a non-violent civil rights movement of their own. Besides shedding light upon the situation of the Palestinian minority within Israel, she disclosed her concern that women, both Palestinian and Jewish women, have been left out of the decision-making process, particularly with regard to the Israel-Palestine conflict. Women, she said, have a unique position in society and can therefore take a pivotal role in actualizing a fair and just solution to the conflict - not with war and weapons, but with peace and dialogue.

She declared the urgent need for a female version of an Arab Martin Luther King Jr., which was instantaneously followed by a wave of applause and cheering from the audience.

Maram outlined her own dream: “To see both people living together in peace and security; for a better future for Palestinian society is a better future for Jewish Israeli society. My dream is to see Palestinian Israelis living side-by-side on equal terms with our Jewish brothers and sisters. My dream is to see my children and Jewish children not fighting against one another, but fighting together to build peace and a healthier society.” To read the speech in its entirety, please click here.

Maram concluded by saying that she has partially realized her dream due to her experience of settling and raising her children in Wahat al-Salam Neve Shalom. In order to complete this dream, she conveyed her hope that NSWAS would be used as a model, or at least a reference point, for Palestinian-Jewish coexistence throughout the entire region.

Later, in the evening, NSWAS was presented with the Ambassador of Peace award by Hyun Jin Preston Moon. Ahmad Hijazi, the director of the Communications & Development Department and husband to Maram Masarwi, accepted the award on behalf of the village. After the commencement of the UPF Peace Celebration, Ahmad had an opportunity to meet MLK III for a photo op. While posing for the photo, Mr. King congratulated Ahmad on his wife’s, Maram’s, stellar performance earlier that day. Ahmad thanked him and extended an invitation for MLK III to come visit us in the village in order to experience “the dream” of multicultural and interracial coexistence based on equality and justice first-hand. Although Mr. King was unable to accept this invitation this time due to his departure the following day, he expressed a strong desire and commitment to include NSWAS in the itinerary of his next visit to the region.

Here is a new website all about True Parents.

www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org

There is a huge amount of information and it’s wonderful for witnessing. Check it out.
Working with My Father
by Dr. Ryan Jin Moon

I can tell you that as a young boy I used to follow my father and we would go out fishing in the morning. We used to go out around 4 or 4:30 am. Back then, we were fishing after blue fin tuna in Gloucester. We used to go out 2 hours and fish. My Father always believed that the early bird gets the worm, so before anyone is even awake we would get in the boat and go out there. I was still in grade school. In the beginning I would get seasick. We’d get in the car and drive toward the wharf and your stomach starts grinding. Its pitch dark and you smell the heavy diesel fumes and the rumbling of the boat. You start feeling the breeze as you go out and it takes the rumbling in the stomach away. Once we get past the breakwater, then the excitement begins because we would go out even when there were small craft warnings. I remember going out in those rough seas and the boat going “bang, bang, bang”. If I got all the details it will take all day. Those memories are so vivid to me. In the beginning it was rough and hard, but it’s the experiences, I believe, not only plant the seeds for the love of creation and nature, but of character to be able to challenge ones own fears and limitations. Whenever I have the opportunity to interface with creation I look at it as a spiritual, internal experience. Nature pushes you to examine yourself. I would like to encourage you. I know all of you are pioneers in spirit like my parents and family. I encourage you to expand your horizons and come out of your boat fish the best placed to do it. I have the great fortune to travel the world and testify to my parents dream of One Family Under God. I can’t believe how well its accepted. The world has changed from 20 years ago. People need redemption. When you add faith and fanatical belief to conflict, people will do the most unheard of things. That’s why the message of One Family Under God will bring all with it the traditions together: Living for the sake of others. Loving your enemy, viewing humanity as one family. Putting the human family within the familial context. The family is where you will find the most intimate relationships. When we talk of a friend, say a man to a man and you want to say he’s more than my best friend you say “that person is like my brother”. It means he’s as intimate as my brother. In the same respect, I believe if I was friends with a woman, I would say it is like my sister, or “like my father, like my mother, like my son, like my daughter”. I use the term “like” for the familial relationship because it is most intimate. What is revolutionary is my Father’s teaching, especially in the Principle of Creation which outlines God’s dream for the first human family. The first book of the good book is the book of Genesis. What is discussed? Creation! It says that God wanted to give man three Blessings. How does one become like the blacks of the south. In one sense it was worse, because they were 2nd class citizens in their original homeland. On their own ancestral homelands they were enslaved. I don’t think we can understand it from a western terms – they were like dogs or slaves. He grew up in a nation oppressed. Yet, he carried no bitterness. My Father was involved in the Korean independence movement and imprisoned for the nation. He was that he would be killed. Its amazing that this man lives until today and some of our members tracked him down and he testified that he was amazed: he testified that he owes his life to Father although he had been the source of so much pain. He was in tears when he met my family. He was contrite and repented. My father was incarcerated 6 times because of the promise he made to God and Jesus many years ago. Yet he stayed true to that promise. I believe anyone else could have easily given up. The fact that we are as an international community and come to the understanding that One Family Under God is due to the over 50 years of Blood seat and suffering of our parents and those who followed them to invest in humanity. So, that this could be the dream of all humanity, not just one man or family.

Nothing is more powerful than a message who’s time has come. The message of Building one Family under God is a message whose time has come and is emboiled in a potential war of religions that could lead to the most horrible and violent of wars. Wars rooted in religion and ideology cause the most cruelty and destruction of all wars. The 20th century is unparalleled in war deaths. Estimated 100 million deaths. Yet we started this century with potential religious wars.

This is the time when humanity has only one direction. The message of One Family Under God is our salvation for the preservation of conscious, truly religious people are first daughters and sons of God – before denominators or theologies. I toured 12 days to church and heard the One Family Under God vision, but also chastised them because religion hasn’t realized the dream of the founders of the faith traditions. Yet we now focused on our own faith and the salvation of religious people. In Isaiah it says that when the temple is built, all God’s can worship there. So, let’s offer the other cheek if hit one. His ministry went out to all of God’s children. The same with all of the faith leaders, yet humanity lost sight of this original goal as men and women of faith. I looked them in the eye and said we have failed because we failed to see from the perspective of God the entire human family. That he wants to bring to his bosom.

The message of One Family Under God is imbedded in all of our actions. Three generations represents the past, present and future. If we do that we can bring the continuum of humanity together. Establishing ideal families to the largest role of one family under God, then we can touch humanity where it counts on every level. The 21st century can be a century of peace, not war. The noble task of the vision to be embodied to our hearts and minds that truly hope can germinate. You all are AFP. An ambassador for his position advocates for the nation.

You are ambassadors for Peace: you represent the vision of One Family Under God that is the vision.
Having rabbis from the United States as a core part of the contingent of religious leaders adds a new dimension to the MEPI experience. The rabbis from America know so much about Jerusalem, especially its history, culture, and meaning as a city of peace, sharing such beautiful knowledge and wisdom. Rabbi Ben Ami offered a very beautiful prayer at Gethsemane along with Rev. Mark Abernathy; Yousef Muhammad, a state representative from Alabama, offered a Muslim prayer.

At the Western Wall Rabbi Wachman prayed, representing Judaism. Bishop Abu al Asal, former bishop of the Anglican church of Jerusalem, offered the Christian prayer, and Dr. Yousef of the City University of New York, a Muslim scholar, offered the Muslim prayer. When we went to the Upper Room on our day of visiting holy sites, Rabbi Kranz said, “Dr. Jenkins, maybe we should go a few more steps, we get something to show you.” He took us just past the tomb of King David to the original Holocaust museum for Israel. One of the rabbis from the yeshiva that maintains the museum gave a beautiful presentation on the seven laws in the scriptures that non-Jews are accountable to from the Jewish perspective. Rabbi Kranz also gave the morning devotion on this morning; it was really the experience of sitting at the feet of a true holy man who understands how to teach, giving much meaning to the root of the Judeo-Christian faiths found in the Hebrew Scriptures. He explained the meaning of Jerusalem. Salem is like Salaam - it means peace - Jerusalem is the city of peace.

This trip has been one of going deeper into the spirit of Israel and understanding better the central importance of these three Abrahamic faiths. Not only are there excellent rabbis here with us, but a number of prominent Muslim leaders came through the work of Imam Dawud Assad, former president of the Council of Mosques of the United States. We have a contingent of religious leaders who are truly spiritual and motivated by the highest respect for one another. Our prayer walk today was one of much meaning, the faith leaders gathered with sincerity, feeling the importance of praying and walking together in a demonstration of unity in the Old City of Jerusalem. This was not just an exercise but is deeply rooted in the whole philosophy of living for the sake of others. We demonstrated our bonds of love for one another as we sang “Peace, Shalom, Salam Aleikum.” Through the rabbis and now through the imams and the Christian leaders, we also see through the hearts of believers more deeply.

MEPI has expanded to a completely different dimension. Now there are four or five programs going on at the same time each day. A conference was held in Tel Aviv with a number of European members of parliament, former and current prime ministers, and prestigious journalists. The American delegation went to Bethlehem and experienced the Church of the Nativity and then split up in groups of four, going to the homes of 30 different Palestinian Muslim and Christian families for lunch. Our delegates all brought gifts for the children, which makes a beautiful impact on the families.

One night Rami, a Jewish engineer who’s part of the Bereaved Family Association, once again shared his deeply moving testimony of how he overcame the death of his daughter through working with and loving other Palestinians who lost their children in the conflict. He was joined by his spiritual brother Aziz, who had a similar story. The only way to overcome the pain of their loss was to embrace the pain of the so-called enemy and melt together as one family. They both testified that the most important thing they experienced that liberates such families in the conflict zone is to listen to each other’s pain. The Bereaved Family Association gave presentations at more than 1,000 schools last year. Many of the Jewish students they addressed had never seen a Palestinian whom they could relate to; many Palestinian students had never seen a Jew whom they could relate to. But they would be touched and moved by a person from the other group who respected them and shared the pain and suffering of both sides. Our delegation also held dialogues with key Muslim clerics at a time when there is so much need for stability and hope. Key Jewish representatives of various ministries of government give us an Israeli perspective on the conflict. Most exciting of all is that we are traveling with Dr. Hyun-Jin Moon, who has taken
on the spiritual mantle of his father to promote the understanding of one family under God. Dr. Moon spent three days going with our Ambassadors for Peace from Israel to visit Galilee, Mt. Carmel, the Druze community, Haifa, Beersheba, Qumran, and Masada to understand the different aspects of the communities of faith in Israel and their history.

This journey has opened up so many discoveries about the Holy Land and its people. God is moving in a mysterious way with MEPI. Our focus is truly centered on bringing people of faith and conscience together as the highest priority. We are realizing more clearly than ever that the interreligious dimension of peace is the contribution we can truly make. The areas of politics, economics, and others have their importance, and there are capable leaders in those fields that are already doing so many things. But the interreligious dimension of peace centering on one family under God is an area where we have a unique gift and skill. Deep in the philosophy of MEPI, deep in the understanding of our True Parents, is the idea that there is one God who created Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. Truly when we understand that, we can begin to appreciate that ultimately we are going in the same direction. We must recognize that we are one family under God.

It was beautiful to see pastors going to the Dead Sea together, after the mix of briefings and very serious dialogue, being covered with the healing mud of the Dead Sea. I was particularly struck to see the interesting picture of Rev. Mark Abernathy from Georgia and Archbishop Stallings standing next to each other, both covered in mud, looking like twins.

There are many dimensions of the interfaith experience here in the Holy Land. We want to encourage everyone to plan their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will revive your soul and give you hope for peace.
True Parents with many members watched the Peace Cup finals on satellite TV at the Gardens and Church. They were deeply moved by the performance of the USA men’s basketball team. The members of the USA team wanted to personally thank him for his unceasing support and dedication. This team consisted of twelve young men and two coaches from across America. In addition, these fine Americans represented three faith disciplines, Christianity, Islam, and Unificationism and thus called themselves. MROIS (Multi-Religious One-In-Spirit).

MROIS hosted a very grueling tournament and faced many tough international teams. In the end, their efforts were rewarded with a final score of 76-59 over an excellent college team from Taiwan for the Gold. Rev. Antonio Lowery (Guilford Baptist Church in Washington, DC) led the team as coach and spiritual advisor. Sgt. Dalacey Davis (East Orange Police Athletic League) served as assistant coach and consultant. Rev. Lowery gave the honors by awarding the game jerseys to Dr. Yang in America and Rev. Michael Jenkins in Korea. These jerseys were given to these men of God not only as an award but as a symbol of their exemplary service.

Over the past four years, Rev. Gregory Leonidas Carter (IPSF USA Director) and I have been directly engaged in the American sports recruitment program. Back in 2003, we started with a team put together by the late Rev. Gregory Thomas (Second St. James Baptist Church in Washington, DC) and Deacon Edison Crawford (Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Washington, DC). Since 2003, each year of attendance, the USA men’s basketball team or teams have been presented their gold medals.

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At a recent banquet honoring the medal winners and participants, athletes tearfully testified to their life-changing experiences in Korea, their experiences (ACLC) and IPSF events is not easy and yet very rewarding for all involved. Many diverse neighborhoods from across the nation are approached. Some of the faith communities that we have approached are Native-American, Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Bahai, to name a few. Our recent men’s basketball teams consisted of players and coaches from Southeast DC. Over-the-Rhine area of Cincinnati, Los Angeles, rural New York state, and Eastern New Jersey. These areas have produced abundant blessings and experiences that young people will never forget. The IPSF USA sports model can further enhance greater common bases with ACLC ministries, other social project sponsors, and IPSF National endeavor. IPSF USA is a great tool to heal the sick at heart, the lost in spirit, and the afflicted in body.

A week later, Ricky Marrett (piano player of MROIS) summed it up for the Gazettes in a newspaper this way: “I feel this has had a big impact on my life. I don’t stress anymore. It has really touched my heart, I don’t think Id be alive had it not been for this.”

It is our aim and goal to reach similar youth such as Ricky and Cameron. In order to, spark the God in them and assist them in becoming successful people. We are seeking partners in our national endeavor. IPSF USA is a great tool to heal the sick at heart, the lost in spirit, and the afflicted in body. It made me see that basketball doesn’t have to be my life, but a tool to be an ambassador of sports and other walks of life.
ACLC New England Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Bismark Bamfo

September 10, 2007, will be remembered in the history of ACLC activities in New England District as the day of total victory for God, True Parents, our entire leadership and all members. Our host Pastor, Rev. Ellis, and members worked around the clock inviting ministers, Ambassadors for Peace, friends from the government, sent emails and invitation cards out, and prepared the hall and the program. We marked the beginning of our Prayer Breakfasts instead of the Dinner Banquets of the past. Representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths gathered together and prayed for the family, community and the nation. Further more it was the day Democrats and Republicans as well as religious and political leaders came together under one umbrella, ACLC, to discuss and work for peace and unity. We announced to the audience that the Right Reverend Floyd Nelson Jr., the son of Bishop Floyd Nelson Sr., was to receive ourACLCCo-Chairperson, led the prayer building unity in the Body of Christ. 

Delicious breakfast buffet for us guests the Bibleway Churches of Christ. Sister Machado, Sister DaSilva; Sister Ferabolli and many others and above all to our hosts, Pastor Rev. Ellis and the Church on the Hill Family.

All gathered in the fellowship hall of the Livable Stone Worship Center of Landover, Maryland, on Saturday, August 25th, for the first prayer breakfast in Prince Georges County in a long time. All around the country similar prayer break fasts were taking place on this day. After a delightful reading and opening prayer by Rev. Angelica Selle we were welcomed by the host pastor, Rev. Floyd Nelson Jr., the son of Bishop Floyd Nelson Sr., a vice president of the international ministry of the Bilibaw Churches of Christ. Sister Allison of Livable Stone had risen at 4:50 a.m. that morning to prepare a delicious breakfast buffet for us guests in anticipation of a wonderful gathering of persons who are dedicated to building unity in the Body of Christ. Rev. Dr. Arnold Howard, the ACLC Mid Atlantic Co-Chair, led the prayer breakfast as the Master of Ceremonies articulating well the mission objectives of ACLC. Rev. Ed Young from Northern Virginia and the ACLC co-convenor was a participant in the 144,000 clergy blessing in 2002. He delivered the key message called “Stir Up the Spirit of God” as those who must “rebuild the community, restore the nation and renew the community, and to bring the spirit of our gathering even higher.”

Dr. Floyd was the keynote speaker. He compared the hustle and bustles of first day of the week. It was brilliant insight on the part of our District Director, Rev. Buessing, when he proposed to invite Rev. Dr. Fauntroy to be our guest speaker. Indeed, people responded to our invitation. We had a minimum of sixty guests and seventeen members in attendance. Representatives of the Jewish community, Muslim (including Nation of Islam) community and Christian community, the president of the Massachusetts Family Institute and the Black Minstrelian Alliance, and many others came together. They went beyond the wall of separation, broke barriers in a long half hours instead of 30 – 40 minutes. Although his speech was long, participants enjoyed it with constant applause. He testified about his role and mission with ACLC and the activities of the Unification movement. He emphasized his involvement with our movement as a group of people who have heaven on their view. Rev. Moon and his movement are people who talk and the walk the talk. He compared Rev. Moon to Daddy Grace, who was criticized for feeding and providing housing for the needy, and Father Divine, for providing breakfast, lunch, dinner and hotel accommodation for five cents. He said, “Martin Luther King said, ‘We had better learn to live together as one or we will die together as fools.’ What these people have in common is that, they all emphasized the need to live for the sake of one another. We all know that the mission is big and it is not an easy task to accomplish. Therefore Jesus commanded all of us as religious leaders to do greater works. Rev. Moon and ACLC are doing greater work, in the family, breaking the walls between religious and resolving the conflict in the Middle East.

He also spoke about the role of spiritual leaders as people appointed and anointed by God to be the head, not the tail, to be headlights to lead the way and to set the temperature. For all people to live well, they need the means to generate income to support themselves and their families; education to generate income; health care; housing and justice to live in peace and happiness. From his point of view, political as well as religious leaders have failed to provide the circumstances and the environment for people to meet these basic necessities. It is therefore our mission and responsibility to stand up as leaders to right the wrongs, to rebuild the family, restore the community and bring peace to the world.

The program ended with the blessing ceremony and closing prayer. Although we ended late, participants expressed their appreciation and continued to fellowship with one another for 20 to 30 minutes after the event. We are extremely thankful to our District Director Rev. & Mrs. Buessing, our District ACLC Committee leaders, State Leaders Rev. Edgerly (Massachusetts), Rev. Hempwich (Connecticut), Rev. Nime (Vermont), our outreach members Rev. Ono, Sister Hiroko, Sister Machado, Sister DaSilva, Sister Ferabolli and many others and above all to our hosts, Pastor Rev. Ellis and the Church on the Hill Family.

ACLC Maryland Prayer Breakfast

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September 3, 2007
Children's Olympics
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On Sunday, August 7th, Cincinnati held its Annual Unity Service. This year three churches came together: Maranatha Ministries, Bible Way Baptist Church, and Cincinnati Family Church.

Dr. Paul Hassan, Pastor of the Maranatha Ministries, welcomed all the guests to this year's event. He explained that the Unity Services had offered a networking opportunity to the various churches. Additional joint services and programs will be planned.

The Bible Way Choir next rose and offered spirited inspirational gospel songs that had the audience rise to their feet and shout hallelujah! This provided a welcome atmosphere for Bishop Arnold, Pastor of Bible Way Baptist Church, to deliver a moving sermon on Joseph, son of Jacob. His sermon, titled “What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?” was very solemn and had the audience discussing its content long after the sermon was concluded. He touched the hearts of all in the congregation by his admonition that the real count is at the end of our lives, and the measure of success is the sum total of our accomplishments for God.

Bishop Elaine Johnson, host pastor of the Maranatha Ministry of Cincinnati and founder of the Women in Courage Ministry, gave a warm farewell address. She emphasized that it is only by working together that great achievements for God can be accomplished. She highlighted several interdenominational programs that Maranatha has established, and invited other churches to participate in these established programs.

I was so excited when Reverend James Ealy of New Covenant Missionary Church accepted to host our monthly prayer breakfast in his church one month ago. It was on the foundation of several years of holding these prayer breakfasts in a restaurant every month and praying that one day I could actually hold one in a Christian church.

We had about fifteen people in attendance, August 25, 2007, including 2 ministers, one deacon from the host church, and several woman leaders of the NCMBC. Also the first lady, Mrs. Ealy, was there and was very supportive. The spirit was very high and the interaction during the prayer breakfast between Reverend Carl Rawls, who was our guest speaker, and Reverend Ealy and his wife was very vibrant.

We started on time and finished on time. Rev Carl Rawls from Selma, Alabama, gave an incredible speech on “Do God’s Will.” He kept everyone’s attention through his personal interaction with members of the audience throughout his speech, and a lot of his content was based on the Bible and the Divine Principle. For instance, he talked about give and take action, and he also explained the Four Great Realms of the Heart, and everyone responded very well. After the conclusion of Reverend Rawls’ speech, he led the holy wine ceremony and Reverend Ealy and his wife were the representative couple. It was a very beautiful, solemn moment and we could feel God's love all over. I want to thank everyone who helped in making this possible, especially Reverend Burgi Hutcherson, who came all the way from North Carolina to help and support me in making this a beautiful prayer breakfast. She drove a long way, and she also visited churches on a very hot day, met three secretaries, and helped in so many other ways. I also wish to thank our guest speaker, Reverend Carl Rawls, for coming, and I hope he can come again. Reverend Rawls says he feels he was called by God to help pioneer prayer breakfasts in churches in states where there were none before. I am grateful to God. True Parents, and Reverend Kim.

Cincinnati ACLC Unity Service

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Northeast Ohio Prayer Breakfast

by Bruce & Keiko Biddle

Our ACLC prayer breakfast this month was held September 15, 2007 at the Friends House Chapel in Youngstown, Ohio. The host pastor was Rev. Lillie North, who is the pastor of this church. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Lonnie Kwajo-Asim Simon. He is the Pastor Emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church in Youngstown. Breakfast started with the welcoming messages by Reverend North and Reverend Biddle, and Evangelist Anita Wilkins gave a beautiful and strong invocation prayer. The delicious meal prepared by Reverend North was served and about 30 people were there altogether. Reverend North, as emcee, began the service. The musical offerings by the second generation and Sister Linda Sutton created a beautiful atmosphere. The scripture reading was from John 17: 17-23, and the Peace Message selection was from the UPF inaugural speech.

Reverend North introduced the keynote speaker, Reverend Simon. He is a well-known minister in Youngstown area who has received many awards in nationally and locally. He is a long-time supporter of our movement since the 1980s, when he first met the Unification Church sisters who were pioneering in this area. One of them, Hiroumi Kanazawa, attended the prayer breakfast, and he was very, very happy to see her after many years. He repeated many times the Japanese word “Konnichiwa” that he learned from her long ago.

Reverend Simon has special notoriety because he has 12 spiritual daughters whom he ordained in his life of 82 years. (Reverend North is one of them). He showed great respect and paid firm tribute to Father Moon and the members of the Unification Church. His speech was about “building the Kingdom on Earth,” emphasizing the motto of ACLC and explaining the importance of working together as one human race.

The Holy Blessing was held for Reverend and Mrs. Simon, along with everyone in attendance. It was an amazing moment because six years ago, in early September 2001, they were ready to go to New York for the Blessing ceremony. However, it was cancelled because of 9/11. So this month, almost exactly six years, later this precious couple, married since 1949, received the blessing.

Bold and beautiful closing remarks were given by Rev. Dorothy Burton, ACLC Ohio coconvener. Four Family Church of Peace Flags were presented. Reverend Simon gave the benediction and his words became a wonderful gospel song that filled this beautiful church.

Thank you very much, everyone who invested the time and heart in this prayer breakfast. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Kanazawa, who drove three hours from Columbus to attend this event. In honor of the upcoming UN International Day of Peace we took a group photo of our rainbow of friends and families with a beautiful banner proclaiming, “One Global Family Under God.” Aju!
No harmony if Everyone Sings the Same Note

by Steve Honey

This sermon was given on August 12, 2007, at the Belvedere Training Center, NY.

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ince this is Music Month for our congregation at the Belvedere Training Center, I’d like to say something about music. I could give you a history of music in religion from early tribal rituals to Gregorian chant in the early church and the use of music in Latin masses. But … I’m not very smart. So I’ll discuss music from a different perspective.

Historically and today music has had a tremendous influence on society and popular culture. It’s an industry which makes and spends billions of dollars each year. And how many people do you see with ear buds or head phones on, sometimes constantly? Artists are popular, rich and influential. (Look at the obsession with Britney Spears.) If a performer endorses a product, it somehow gives that product credibility even though they have no expertise in that area. Or, just think, if you were to put 20 Nobel Prize scientists in one room and put a popular singer from the same generation in the next room where you put a pop celebrity? Artists are popular and even some of the Nobel Prize scientists would go see the performer.

Why is music so powerful?

One reason it resonates with something inside us, something in our original heart. It communicates emotion. Out of intellect, emotion and will, we create beauty and goodness, which is the most powerful? We know that emotion has the most influence on us and the arts appeal directly to our emotion. Some may think of music as a hobby, like collecting stamps. But if someone were moved to tears at a concert, we might question their state of mind. When you hear good music somehow you leave a little different than when you went in.

I’ve chosen the title: “You don’t get harmony if everyone sings the same note.” Now this might sound like I’m encouraging people to be different instead of uniting. But harmony is really an important and special form of unity, it’s about unifying different elements into one.

Here are some definitions: UNITY, The state or quality of being one. The combination or arrangement of parts into a whole. HARMONY, A pleasing combination of elements in a whole. Agreement in feeling or opinion. Simultaneous combination of notes in a chord.

You must have unity to have harmony. In music and in business, in mission and in family, harmony is the best kind of unity. I’ll give you some examples: (At this point we brought up a quartet composed of members of the WestRock Church Choir to illustrate the following examples.)

Everyone sang the same note. Nice, and unified, but not that interesting.

Next a four part chord. Much nicer, but then the tenor sang too loud, not united. Then a scale, up and down. But the tenor sang too fast. He won the race. But this was not a competition.

We sang a chord again but the tenor was upset at being criticized and refused to participate. The chord didn’t sound right with only three voices. Sometimes in life it’s ok to shine (or let your member shine).

To make harmony in music you have to know the right notes, not sing too loud or too soft, play at the same tempo etc. You can all follow the conductor (or the boss or central figure) or sometimes you can listen and support the other players without a conductor. A large chorus or an orchestra will typically have a conductor. But a quartet or small instrumental ensemble will not. The individual performers make a connection with each other without a central figure. In your office, you don’t always need direction. You can make a more efficient or effective operation by having good relationships with each other. Solve problems through give and take. Be aware of the needs of others and offer support. Develop better ideas through discussion. This is also harmony. In a musical piece, if one part has the melody, the other parts will quiet down a little because at that moment the part with the melody is subject in the relationship. Their harmony supports the melody.

Just as a good conductor will consider each voice or instrument and have one stand out at the appropriate moment in the music, a good manager will value each employee and support their expertise or special effort and make sure that “everyone plays.”

Or, just think, if we are not United Nations, we could all be united and we could make wonderful music. The winnows and fund raisers, lecturers and cooks can make a great harmony.

I mentioned how powerful artistic expression is. Not just in its influence on society but on the artist as well. Out of intellect, emotion and will, which is the one that usually gets us in trouble? We all know the answer to that. If you don’t, please study Divine Principle. Artists have a problem finding balance because emotion is so powerful. You may have heard the expression “a starving artist.” It does not mean that they are poor, but sometimes if they have to choose between their art and money, they’ll choose their art. Sometimes they really are successful “starving artists.”

But sometimes they just aren’t very good and just don’t know it. For those who are not artists sometimes we might say, “I know you’re not very good.” But sometimes we’re not very well informed.

And sometimes our idea really isn’t so great.

But if your art or your idea isn’t very good, how will you know? If you feel so passionately about it you might be a little blind to reality. So here’s a clue. Can it really affect others or does it just make you feel good?

At the Julliard School (one of the world’s top music schools in Lincoln Center) there was a tenor named Richard Westonberg. He taught, among other things, choral conducting and he also led some excellent professional choirs and he had his own professional conducted Handel’s Messiah. One year he was interviewed on the radio during the Holiday season and was asked why he chose Handel’s Messiah. He said, “Because when there were so many other pieces to perform his response was that it was “good music.” He said that many musical organizations pull music out of the dust, “hasn’t been performed in eighty years” or “has never been performed in America,” etc. The reason they are not performed is that they are not good. Some music directors pull them out of obscurity to be different or to seem more educated or they think they should be performed because they haven’t been performed. But we should do music because it’s good music. And this is the emotion in the audience.

So many artists are sure they are great. Some really are great. And some really … are not. So what do you do? How do you know you are right, the right art? Sometimes artists have a problem finding support. It’s an industry which makes and spends billions of dollars each year. And how many people do you see with ear buds or head phones on, sometimes constantly? Artists are popular, rich and influential. (Look at the obsession with Britney Spears.) If a performer endorses a product, it somehow gives that product credibility even though they have no expertise in that area. Or, just think, if you were to put 20 Nobel Prize scientists in one room and put a popular singer from the same generation in the next room where you put a pop celebrity? Artists are popular even some of the Nobel Prize scientists would go see the performer.

Music is a language and should listen instead of speaking. So be sure what you want to communicate is appropriate. Or maybe it is good content but not the right language. Let’s pick a light happy litting song like “Spring Song of Eden” and sing it like an aria from a grand opera. (Steve demonstrates to a laugh) The music doesn’t match the emotion of the words. Or take the regal and glorious Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s Messiah and sing it in a Hillbilly bluegrass style stripping your foot and slamming your knee (again demonstrated to more laughter). It might get a laugh, but it is not appropriate because it is not in the mood.

Or maybe it’s the wrong medium. Some people love opera, anybody here love opera? (It used to be pop music.) Others might go to an opera and think, “Wow, they sure worked really hard– to bore me. But at least I got a good rest.”

These examples make it obvious and maybe a little silly. But if we give an intellectual lecture to a person who runs by their heart, we also might not be communicating. An 800 page intellectual book might completely captivate an intellectual reader. But others will just see there are no pictures inside. It only communicates to the right audience.

There’s the big one: If we yell at our child or our spouse (or anyone for that matter) more than we show them love, we might communicate but it’s something different than what we think we were communicating. And then we wonder why they don’t understand.

A Warning to artists

Art is a two edged sword, it can also cut you. To really be successful, you need to have a large ego; you need to promote yourself, you need to be concerned about your looks. But do you want to be vain and self centered and egotistical? Can you turn those things on and off as needed? If not, it can build dangerous momentum. It’s ok to love yourself; it’s good to love yourself; to love your music. But not yet. Maybe you should go to the opera sometimes or to some classical music. It’s not the right language. So be sure what you want to communicate.}

Differences should complement and supplement each other. We need more good music and more harmonious relationships. Has anyone ever had a good idea? Have you ever been sure you were right but your central figure or boss or parent didn’t agree? How do you make harmony? And what if you are the central figure or the boss or the parent, how do you make harmony? (Please be clear that this is not addressed only the objects. (Hill kids. etc.) but to the leaders, parents, and central figures as well.) Sometimes a piece of music calls for a solo or for one section to get louder or softer. Usually the melody is in subject position and the other parts support it. Sometimes the violins or the sopranos take the lead, another time it might be the brass section or the organ. Sometimes in life it’s ok to shine (or let your member shine).
Natoria, a slender and pretty, somewhat quiet girl of thirteen years, was nearly always waiting at the school almost an hour before it was time for the first session of our day camp to begin. She sat at a picnic table under the colorful mural at Vide Bouteille School. We had come by bus to set up the sound system, and a projector, and to prepare our last day of camp. The rest of the camp staff would arrive by car.

Without anyone asking her, Natoria set about doing a thorough cleaning of the desk at the front of the room. Then she began wiping down every chair in the room. Natoria’s desire to serve the camp in this way confirmed to us that our week of character education summer day camp had made an impression on at least one student.

On Thursday, we had not just talked about taking responsibility but had given everyone the experience of finding their true value in serving others. One team of students cleaned and painted the chalkboards, while another team cleaned and swept classrooms, and still another two teams were armed with garbage bags in order to pick up litter around the school and the neighborhood. The teams working outside the school experienced a rise in some folks on the street but happily kept singing and working until their bags were full.

The Vide Bouteille School is in Castries, capital city of the beautiful island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. Remy and Chyoko Taupier, UPF leaders in Japan, and Dwight Augustin from St. Lucia, are retired school principals, and they are committed to bringing character education to the youth of the Caribbean. Dwight and Dannel Chassang, and Arlette Cenac, all from St. Lucia. Mrs. Cenac is a retired school principal and an Ambassador for Peace who is committed to bringing character education to the youth of the Caribbean. Dwight and Dannel are trained Christian counselors who work in public schools throughout the year teaching the abstinence message in ‘Family Life Education’ classes. The five of us, in addition to the support staff for the teachers and counselors from St. Vincent who were trained by Mr. Alan Saunders, was a busy week that included a national holiday, August 1 is Emancipation Day, commemorating the emancipation of the slaves in 1834. It is a day for family picnics when all workplaces and stores are closed. We had almost full attendance that day, and we organized into teams to clean the school. Mr. Crease, the principal, was especially happy to see his school thoroughly cleaned!

The House of Hope, a local HIV/AIDS charity, sponsored a visit to St. Vincent by the WAIT Team (Washington AIDS International Teens). They brought their music, dance, and drama to our camp. They are recruiting and training a St. Vincent team. One of our campers, ‘Bige’ (Glennroy John), performed and sang the song that won him an award in the island’s 2006 HIV/AIDS songwriting contest.

I feel great wonder at the transforming effect a five-day experience can bring about. The fact that we achieved such a feeling of oneness and joy over the course of such a short time gives great hope for what can be accomplished through on-going programs.
Social justice and it allows one to internalize the ultimate in self-expression, rightness, and Judaism. They saw these religious movements as musical, visual, and literary expressions of religious spirituality. It rejected the sublimation of the individual to the demands of society and affirmed expressive individualism. It rejected American "techno-scientific" worldview that reductionist and its called for a new dialogue that would be more rooted in the religious traditions. It rejected perceived racial injustice and expressed in the hippie counterculture.

Shires delineates a worldview that was not only a social counterpoint but a cultural one as well. It was expressed in the hippie counterculture. It rejected perceived racial injustice and expressed in the hippie counterculture.

Shires pays great attention to Francis Schaeffer, considering him a bridge between the hippie critique and the biblical message. The hippies had a critique that felt short in terms of a counterprophecy beyond the illusionary gods of sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll. Schaeffer described the hippies as people who were searching for new answers that would produce a counterproposal beyond the illusionary gods of sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll. Schaeffer's influence was profound and offered a counterproposal in a Jesus-centered worldview. In the process, he aligned Christianity with the spirit of the new generation.

For Shires, this explains why the hippie movement did not deploy evangelical church movements as Chuck Smith's Calvary Chapel and John Wimber's Vineyard Fellowship, or para-church organizations, such as Richard DeVos's Amway, helped provide a superior alternative. The former Jesus Freaks, and those endemic to authentic, enduring Christian Voice enterprises such as Hal Lindsey's "Jesus Freaks" mobilized to give political expression to their spiritual values. "Evangelical church movements in California that listened to Christian Voice, the Moral Majority, the Eagle Forum, the Heritage Foundation, the Christian Coalition served as vehicles through which ex-hippie "Jesus Freaks" mobilized to give political expression to their spiritual values.

In conclusion, Shires argues that it is deeply mistaken to view the Religious Right as a "fractious movement" or a "reactionary, backward-looking" group of believers. Schaeffer's contribution was the spiritual confidence of the hippies was nurtured in the womb of concrete, lived experience those churches talked about but renounced sex and drugs. The hippies had a new life with a greater high and hope for real love through Jesus and the spirit-filled Christian community. This is why it will take a much greater evolution of the Left in order to win their hearts and minds. Shires tends to underestimate the intelligence and authenticity of the hippies in their shift to conservative Christianity. The move to Christianity was not a happenstance, a grateful response to bed and breakfast in a minister's home. Its storing power after forty years is evidence of deeper historical dynamism, those endemic to authentic, enduring spirituality and family. And free sex don't work. Surrender of one's body has haunted its in the sixties, the Left will have to transform itself in its hand in the sixties, the Left is failing to fulfill the countercultural and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that the Left is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters.
O
n the week of September 10th-16th was Suicide Pre
vention Week. As the Chairman of the Suicide Pre
vention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley, this issue has been a
very important part of my ministry. It has impacted rural areas as dra
matically as the urban areas. The toll that suicide has waged upon our na
tion is appalling and is worthy of being addressed. There are 29,000 plus
reported suicide deaths in this nation with 775,000 Americans attempting
suicide each year.
At our kick off for that week, we
held a press release. We had request-
ed and received a proclamation from the
Mayor of Billings. In this public
setting, one of our city council woman
read the proclamation. "Public aware-
ness is an important problem in the
key to preventing further suffering and
loss of life and the risk for human self
destruction can be reduced through
awareness, education and treatment." We
also had a spokesperson from the
Indian Health Department since suicide crosses over all racial, religious
and cultural boundaries. In addition, we
had representatives from our U.S.
Senators and U.S. Congressman who
spoke from their hearts on the need to
address this preventable social issue.
Through an increase in awareness and
advocacy, we will be able to identify
warning signals and prevent the tragedy
of suicide.
Although the week has passed, as
a pastor of our church, I feel we all need
to continue to educate ourselves on sui-
cide prevention. There is training for
those who wish to pursue this topic
even more such as Question, Persuade
and Refer Training (QPR) and ASIST
Training. There is a great stigma to this
issue. However, we need opportunities
to talk and educate people on this issue
actually decreases suicide. Remarkably,
the more that this topic is addressed
about it, the more it is preventable.
Why I have been working as a collation
with American Foundation for Suicide
Prevention (AFSP), city and county health profession-
als, state to local mental
health plus school coun-
ers and survivors. The
survivors, members of a
family who lost a loved one
to a completed suicide, have
really supported and encour-
aged me to take leadership
for this coalition. Their desire
to heal their own hearts by
contributing to the commu-
nity in prevention and aware-
ness of suicide has been a
great contribution to our coalition.
We have found through the CDC
(Center for Disease Control) that sui-
cide prevention among youths and young adults aged 10-24 has increased in the
United States from 1990 to 2004. There-
fore, "Prevention measures should
address the underlying reasons for sui-
cide in populations that are vulnera-
bly," stated the CDC in the September
7th, 2007 Weekly MMWR. As a pastor
and member in our community, I am
implored to take on such issues to the
best of our ability. Certainly, we are
"One Family Under God" and when one
child (no matter what age) is lost, it
is a lost to our family. In the same vain,
if we can save others from this spiritu-
al and emotional tragedy, we strength-
en, support and ensure our one fami-
ly under God. I am very grateful for
Father Moon who encourages us to be
a positive influence in our community
to the capacity we can achieve. May
God Bless our Nation.

HARMONY

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ing at the Manhattan Center the lead
soprano would not sing until her chi-
ropractor came and made an adjust-
ment. The entire chorus and orchestra
waited, costing the record label tens
of thousands of dollars. She felt that she
really couldn’t sing her best without her
back being in line. This was a record-
ing that would go down for posterity and
she had to be at her best. Was she just
the prima donna of the opera com-
pany or was she being a “prima donna”?
You want to be your best and look
your best and sound your best. But
most trouble?

In real harmony, whether in music
or with people, the different elements
need to supplement and compliment
each other.

Henry Ford who created the Ford
Motor Company and was father of the
modern assembly line is another exam-
ple. He was not formally educated but
created an extremely successful enter-
prise. He was known to have people
around him to answer questions in their
particular area of expertise. If a ques-
tion came up at a meeting he could just
turn around and get the answer. He
used harmony.

Harmonious relationships

In music there are a couple of ways
to make and maintain harmony. Often
both methods are used together. The
performers can listen to each other to
be sure they blend well. And they can
also watch the conductor and unite
with the direction given. In our mis-
sions, sometimes we just need to fol-
low the direction, make unity and be
obedient. This can be for practical issues
or to lay a “Foundation of Substance.”
But sometimes we’ll accomplish much
more with harmony. If one musician is

too loud the conductor can make a hand
signal to bring his volume down a bit.
As performers, we can’t always hear or
see from the larger perspective. This
is the value of a conductor or manager.
If a staff member has the wrong per-
spective, the leader can correct it.
If we really believe in making har-
mony, the leader should go to the
leader, sincerely and humbly, and try
to resolve differences. And the leader
should make the effort to listen and
explain things to the member to create
an opportunity for harmony. Walking
away or sending someone away is,
in a sense, against what we claim to believe
in. It communicates a different mes-
sage. In the term “Subject – Object rela-
tionship” sometimes the emphasis needs
to be on the first part, subject – object,
and sometimes it should be on the sec-
ond part, relationship. We need to help
develop this culture if we want harmo-
ny and not just unity. If the family is the
model, as Father points out, these
relationships are more than positions.
Remember, Cain and Abel were also
brothers.

A Culture of Heart

The first generation went off across
the wilderness. We dropped everything
including passions and appetites. Hope-
fully some fallen nature was left behind
as well. We didn’t create a culture. We
were on the front lines.

But now we need to create a culture
to maintain and expand our great ide-
ology. Just speeches won’t do it. If the
kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom of
speeches, I don’t really want to go, do
you? There is certainly strong culture
to proliferate fallen morality. There is
also plenty of New Testament culture.
We need completed testament culture.
Chun Il Guk culture. So let’s encour-
age those who have the ability to make
heavenly music and art to proliferate
heaven’s culture. But a society’s cul-
ture is more than its art. It includes
the way people relate to each other, the
way businesses and governments are
run. If Family is the model, as Father
stresses, even exchange marriages
between enemies, and divorce is not an
option, then certainly debates between
brothers should be resolved. Bosses
should not be too quick to fire employ-
ees if there’s hope to improve things.
Members should not walk out instead
of trying to communicate. We have a
culture of peace-building, of restora-
tion, of making (remember the topic?)
harmony.

Don’t create art for yourself. More
people. Inspire people. It’s good to be
proud and confident but find a balance
of humility. And whether an artist or
not, let’s make the harmony happen in
our lives.
The following was written by my 84-year-old next-door neighbor. He has asked me to remain anonymous, but the few things I can mention of him are that he is worth somewhere between 150 and 200 million dollars (my best estimate based on his former position, the current value of his company, and the years he’s been in business) and that he is not only the kindest millionnaire I’ve ever met—albeit, I’ve not known many—but he is also one of the nicest individuals I’ve known period. Here is the short introduction he’s written, followed by his answer to my question, “What do you love most about being rich?”

Although my early years were spent as one of seven children in a typical lower-middle class home, I was only twelve or so when I first started to become confident that one day I would go on to prosper as a significantly successful, and consequently wealthy, individual. What founded this early assumption of mine was the fact that, for whatever reason, I had never been distracted in my adolescence by the many cheap hooks and hedonistic snags that so often stole the attention of my peers. Though I lacked in other facets and suffered my own particular hang-ups and self-inflicted misfortunes, the three gifts that somehow always seemed in me both effortless and ample were focus, creativity, and passion. It was these qualities that produced in me a solid work ethic and fervor for life; as well, instilled in me a certain trust that I was somehow “geared” toward great success. I want to make clear that becoming superfluously successful or superfluously rich were never aims of mine, but merely what I considered to be the likely byproducts of my actual aspiration, which was simply to prevail in my intentions to live a full and honest life. My emphasis was never on business; my emphasis was always on family and my soul’s own personal growth. When I founded my company in the early fifties, my motivation was to do well enough to be able to invest in the things I loved and believed in, both in the larger community and my immediate family. I wanted to be a philanthropist, a father, a beloved wife died twenty years ago, but I am happy to say that I have remained faithful to her (both in body and in heart) to this very day. I will die soon from a progressive illness that originated very day. I will die soon from a progressive illness that originated a few years back, but I am not afraid to go. My friend and neighbor has asked me to make a list of what I love most about having earned my fortune, which was to have been preceded by the short introduction that I’ve just concluded here. So here it is now: how I find love through my millions and resultantly for my millions as well. Being the fan of Lettermann that I am, I’ll arrange my list in a “Top Ten” format.

10. Leaving $100 bills in the tip jars of baristas, clerks, attendants, etc. who impress me as good people. The best is to do story written by a rookie fiction writer, and paying that person to author their first novel. And similarly, funding a great film project that no production company would ever dare to make.

6. Paying people to do the things I don’t have time for. Like create and run schools, hospitals, orphanages, non-profit organizations, etc.

5. Finding people who from humble positions are attempting to do great things, and donating toward their efforts.

4. Reading about sincere individuals trying to make the best of tragedy and find purpose in their suffering, tracking those people down, and providing them with the financial means to begin their new start.

3. The letters I frequently receive from the thousands of children from third-world countries whom I’ve sponsored over the years. (Many of them are now successful, healthy adults with families)

2. The irony of having been able to give my children everything that they ever really needed without having actually needed myself a single one of my dollars to do so.

1. The handful of people who know genuinely love me despite my financial assets. Without my wealth as a test I never would have known the true extent of my friendships with these individuals.

These items are in no particular order. And by them, I do not mean to boast or judge less generous individuals of the financially elite. I simply trust the intentions of my friend with the simple question he posed to me, and wanted to do the best that I could to provide him with an honest answer. Also, I would like to close with this final plug. Last year, my children all came to the consensus that they did not want to receive any monetary inheritance from me after my death. Honoring this wish of theirs, I will be on the lookout in my final years for good people who could use a little help. After all, I have no need for what I got for where I hope I’m going.

Confession: The above was actually not written by my 84-year-old next-door neighbor. He does not even exist, though I hope that there are individuals out there like him that do. I myself wrote this entire piece as a work of fiction. I am a 23-year-old something-or-other who earns about $1500 a month. My questions to you are, “Do you think many individuals like the philanthropist I’ve created here actually exist in the world?” “Who are the best examples of this type of character amongst the current financial elite?”

Anonymous

What I Love About Being Rich

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The New Voices of Our Generation

A Message from the Assistant Editor

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The Stuff Dreams Are Made Of

By Chris Breland

W hat are dreams made of? If you asked me this question 3 years ago, I would probably say dreams are the things that we conjure in our minds when we go to bed, but have now been bearing on our lives on a day-to-day basis. I would have said it is good to have dreams, but it is dangerous to expect them to come true, because chances are you will end with disappointment. But that isn’t my viewpoint anymore. It would be wrong to say that my idea about dreams has changed because of a single event. I think that God has been working on all of us in many different ways, to mold us into people that could live beyond our dreams. The past three years have been an exciting and tumultuous time for me.

I got blessed to my beautiful wife, Joetta, who has always been a blessing to me in the greatest extent of the word. I have also been going to school at a great university, which comes with all sorts of challenges and difficulties. I’ve had a chance to live in three different states, for periods of months at a time, and meet more people than I’d ever known in my entire life. I’ve also had to cope with the death of my grandmother, who may not be here now but is surely resting in Heaven. It’s easy to be distracted by all that’s been happening, and forget about the big picture. But now that I take a chance to look around, I see a world I have never known before.

I can see that dreams are coming true every day. Even just three short years ago, would you have believed all your new technology would have been severely outdated by now? These days, we have iPhones and Blackjacks that seem to have all the working capability of a home computer right in your pocket! In medicine, we are seeing the production of artificial arms, legs, and even eyes, giving disabled people a renewed hope in the future. Digital cameras are as thin as a cookie wafer, and can take pictures with precision and resolution that was previously unachievable.

With the rate that things are becoming minimized and networked, you can’t help but acknowledge you’re a part of a world community. Networks like Facebook and Friendster have connected people from varying corners of the world into a global family. And in terms of providential history, did you think the possibility of an Abel UN would have been a remote possibility by now? Yet already Father is moving forward with this idea so that it will soon be a reality in our world.

We are living in an amazing time! Whatever your dreams, you are living in a time where they are becoming a reality. Yet many of us choose to run away from the world, afraid of the new developments around us. Instead of embracing the amazing time we live in, many of us are choosing instead to cling to old ideologies and ideas worked well in the past. But we can’t do this anymore! As things are moving towards the fulfillment of Providential history, we cannot stand by the sides and watch it go by. We have to get involved.

We need to use the amazing tools that are now at our disposal and spread our message to the world. Never before have we seen the possibility for widespread broadcasting of the Word of God. Imagine what Jesus could have done if he were born at this time. He would have broadcasted his message by television. He would have hundreds of chat rooms and blogs dedicated to spreading his vision. There would not be one spot on the planet where someone would not hear about or be inspired by his message. We have all the technologies that can bring people to God, and we need to use them to the best of our abilities.

If we doubt ourselves now, it cannot come at a worse time. Now is the time we should be the most confident. I have seen amazing changes happening in my own community of Philadelphia. Although the city still in shambles with the spread of crime, drugs, and racism, we are battling back with the hope that things can change. We are working with many ministers to bring back peace to the streets of Philadelphia through the ACL. We are reconstructing our church which has fallen into disrepair over the years, in the process of transforming it into a youth center that will be available for all 2nd Gen in our area. And we are going to see that the truth we have is a powerful tool that can fight against any force that may try to stop us. I feel we are about to reap in the spiritual whirlwind.

Do you have a dream? Would you like to see it become reality? There has never been a better time. I know that I’ve had my doubts before. But with the rampant changes I see occurring in the world right now, I know that whatever your dream, aspiration, or desire, you will start to see it become true, and sooner than you may think.

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Curriculum Mini-Grant Program

The Center for Education at UTS is announcing the Curriculum Mini-Grant Program. The mini-grants program offers grants between $500-$1,000 for the creation of professional curricula and teaching tools for the diverse age groups within the Unification movement. The Center for Education at UTS wishes to encourage the development and publication of effective and creative curricula or teaching tools that can be used throughout the country. The grants also are available for effective curricula in each of the target age groups. Currently, some centers are using the national curriculum while others have simply done their best to teach Divine Principle or the Bible or a combination of the two. Then there are other church centers that are not doing any kind of educational program because they don’t have any type of curriculum or outline from which to work. Therefore, we wish to encourage those with the desire, experience or means to develop curricula that can be used in: K-6 Sunday Schools, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries and even Adult Ministries.

In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

Those who wish to apply need to review the grant requirements and submit an application. go to www.centerforeducation.net for more Grant Information and details.

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Owning the Culture of Heart, Peace and Service in Zambia 2007

Hibiki Yoshida
IRFF Special Project Organizer

It was a great privilege to be able to spend two weeks in Zambia organizing activities with the local International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) directors from July 17 to August 1, 2007. We used a holistic approach that combined successful elements of each project effectively. As the special project organizer, I visited both Lusaka, the capital, and Ndola, the second largest city in Zambia, in order to connect two projects by bringing the Mackenzie Little Angels from Ndola to join in the larger project and celebration.

In Lusaka, our work involved building a new classroom at the Vision of Hope orphanage, microfinance program for women of the John Laing community, and the Hibiki Music Ministry. In Ndola, IRFF sponsored the Mackenzie Little Angels recording sessions and performance tour in Lusaka, the Supporting Success Scholarship awards ceremony, and visitation to members of the microfinance project.

John Laing Community

Lusaka is the capital City of Zambia with a population of five million. The level of unemployment is very high and many parents cannot afford to send their children to school.

Vision of Hope, a non-governmental organization, has been working in John Laing community, which is one of the poorest compounds in Lusaka, with a population of 600,000. More than four years ago, a learning center for orphaned and vulnerable children was established. Currently there are 250 children who attend lessons at this center. However, since building was covered only with sacks, children and teachers ran for cover each time it rained, bringing the end of lessons. IRFF Lusaka teamed up with Vision of Hope to assist in improving education of the children of John Laing community.

The building project at the John Laing community, July 16-28 involved participants from Zimbabwe, Ndola, and the United States together. Nicholas Chisha, IRFF South East Africa Coordinator, managed well with IRFF director of Lusaka, Joas Muvunda, as a project director and IRFF director of Ndola, Joseph, as a site director. Collaboration with other non-governmental organizations is essential to make the best impact. But it also entails some difficulties.

The Vision of Hope staff was always struggling with maintaining the orphanage, their financial contribution was much smaller than our expectation, and miscommunication left the IRFF staff confused many times. It was surprising to discover that there was no water supply in the community, so we had to buy water for construction; gradually we learned how difficult it was to work in such a poor community. The new class room was finished in time for the opening ceremony on July 28th.

Microfinance Program

Vision of Hope helped select 30 families to launch the microfinance program. All participants were required to go through the one-day seminar in which Joseph Chibuye explained how business should be managed. At the end of this training, the first group was empowered with $1,000, a loan which they would begin to repay, with interest at 5 percent, after two months. Then the second group will also be empowered, using funds from the repayment, and in this way, the third group also will be empowered.

The first group started their business immediately after the training. They proposed new ideas for their business and reported about their plan enthusiastically. Moreover, women for the first group, to show their sincere appreciation for the microfinance program, decided to return the loan in one month, so the other two groups could be empowered sooner. To further the progress, Joas Muvunda will have weekly meetings with members so they can share experience and to receive continuing education.

Hibiki Music Ministry in Lusaka

Hibiki Music Ministry, which I launched last year in Zambia, has aimed to support future musicians who want to live for the sake of others through music. In the midst of busy schedule, I created new choir group in Lusaka, composed of 12 - 15-year-old children. First I learned their songs and composed new choral music. To my surprise, these children already knew that sexual relationship was the major cause of HIV infection. I mentioned that good health is a basic requirement for being able to realize our dreams. I taught children a new song about sexual purity, and the children happily singing it over and over. At that moment, I finally found their pure heart and smile.

During this time, Nicholas and I sang Zambian songs together at various occasions including the microfinance seminar, Sunday Service, and the Women's Federation for World Peace seminar for widows. Our singing helped people recognize IRFF activities.

VIP Visiting

As a representative of IRFF HQ, I visited some VIPs in Lusaka. Firstly, I met former vice president Hon. General Masheke, who is the chairman of IFWP of Zambia. He was exciting to hear about John Laing project and accepted willingly organizing Peace Embassy ceremony on July 29th. He regarded this ceremony as his event and made invitation letter by himself. We really appreciated with his support. And then, I and Nicholas could meet former UN Ambassador Mr. Tens Kapoma, who came to Benefit Concert last December, at Ministry of Foreign Affairs on July 29th. Now he becomes the general secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was very happy to hear about ongoing project in John Laing and promised to come to ceremony at Peace Embassy.

Finally, I visited Japanese Embassy to meet minister counselor Mr. Suzuki on 30th. He listened to IRFF activity in Lusaka and my music ministry. I showed him a video that Mackenzie Little Angels sung Japanese song “FURUSATO.” It was not easy to make substantial relationship with Japanese Embassy, yet he encouraged me coming back again and reporting about IRFF.

Mackenzie Community Project in Ndola City

I moved to Ndola City on July 23 in order to make recording with Mackenzie Little Angels and to take care of ongoing project. I met them last year through IRFF Discover Tour and I have been supporting them by sending new uniform and African drums. It was a first time for Mackenzie Little Angels making a recording. They worked so hard to make this recording, even though it was the end of the summer and turned...
for their exam. We recorded about 10 number of people, car, and buildings. Lusaka, and they were surprised at most of them, it was their first trip to they visited the national museum. For and Barastone School. In addition, the children sang at the John happy to send their children on the tour. The children sang at the John

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Nicholas and I organized Supporting Success Scholarship to sponsor both new and returning students were presented in a public ceremony on July 27. We explained the process of the yearlong fundraising efforts and the responsibilities that came with the awards.

We visited some stores run by microfinance members in Lusaka. IHFF has been continuing the program for four years. Some members bought new house with their business income. One woman, who has 5 children, expressed her gratitude because their lives had improved with her small business. Another woman expressed her dream to open her own supermarket. Other reason were also happy to maintain their live better that before by small business. I felt that Mackenzie community had improved of the past last year. The houses were humble, but they showed what was possible.

We also welcomed two participants in IHFF’s International Experiential Learning Program to Ndola. Clair and Nathalie arrived at Ndola Airport on July 26 evening and they started service activities.

**Celebration of Peace**

Almost 60 participants, including several Ambassadors for Peace, attended the “Celebration of Peace” event at the Peace Embassy on July 29. This was a first time IHFF could promote our activities in Lusaka. Celebration this substantial foundation for furthering the work of creating the culture of peace in Lusaka. Hon. General Malimba Masheke accepted the request to organize the celebration and composed the invitation letter. I also appreciated with Rev. Farber helping us to realize this event successfully. At the same time, IHFF provided significant opportunity to Zambian members for proceeding UFP work by inviting Ambassador Kapoma. Finally, much credit and gratitude for the success of these IRFF activities goes to the Concert, which provided funds for the continuing success all of these endeavors.

**Help End Hunger**

**Yeng Seok Kim**

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, a middle school and college aged youth service project was held at Garden Harvest Farm (gardenharvest.org) under the vision “Help End Hunger”. Services began with a brief talk focused on starting the new school year with God and the value of sticking together as Blessed Children.

Among other things, volunteers planted and mulched asparagus, painted the education building, moved cinder blocks for the building, cleaned stuff from the pool, and played volley ball and Frisbee.

The following includes two testimonies of the experience by two volunteers.

**B Poland**

This past Saturday was a truly enjoyable experience for my younger sister and me. I was happy to see so many second generation and parents out supporting the work on the farm. I feel that because we gathered for a higher purpose, then it uplifts our fellowship as well. I don’t completely know what the goal of the project from youth ministry’s perspective was, so it is difficult for me to comment on that, but it did seem that the primary focus was the service project. I suppose any kind of fellowship happens naturally. Also to simply be in a rural area surrounded by God’s creation was very refreshing for me. I always feel God so deeply in nature and for that reason love it.

One thing I did not like about the project was at the end when Jim told everyone to leave by 4pm. For the amount of good that we did on the farm, and the farm being public land by Jim’s own admission, that seemed very impolite and heavy handed.

**Annemarie Weinmann**

Reflecting on the Garden Harvest service project and youth gathering, I feel Heavenly Father blessed us with a crisp, beautiful late summer day as we}

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