

Rev. Kim Young-hwi's Special Lecture Tour in Europe

Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom 4. – 23. June 2014

In response to True Mother's request Rev. Kim Young-hwi arrived in Frankfurt, Germany on 4th June 2014 and spent 20 days travelling Europe. By sharing his profound insight into our True Father's final prayer and the completion of True Parents' mission he provided great encouragement to European Blessed Families in their Tribal Messiah missions. Rev. Kim presented his Special Education Lecture in Germany, Austria, Italy and the United Kingdom and also made use of every opportunity to meet with smaller gatherings to share True Parent' heart and to answer many deeply felt questions.



Sir Alexander Fleming Building of Imperial College, London, UK, 22nd June 2014

GERMANY, 4. – 12. June 2014



Rev. Kim stayed in the Neumuehle (New Mill) Seminar House in the middle of the Taunus Forest, with a babbling brook flowing beneath his window. He enjoyed seeing this significant site of several of True Parents' visits to Europe so beautifully renovated, with the blessing and support of True Mother, as an education center for all Europe.

On the delightfully sunny weekend before he spoke the annual Pentecost Festival of the Family

Federation in Germany had gathered some 600 people to seek spiritual revival. What a special blessing to receive Rev. Kim's explanations of 60 years of providential history in Korea and worldwide as German members were joined by representatives from many other European countries.

He amazed everybody by remembering exact dates of True Father's life course and major providential events, even before the official founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in May 1st 1954 and elaborated on the role of True Mother in our time, leading up to the fulfilment of Vision 2020.

The audience deeply appreciated the fact that True Mother sent this revered elder brother to Germany, and that he could especially connect the 2nd generation to the roots of our faith. So much has happened since the founding days of our church and the audience could feel from President Kim's testimony, how much has already been accomplished within the past six decades.

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Beautifully renovated training center Neumühle – Rev. Kim meeting members

gathered on 11th June for several hours of very personal sharing with many interesting questions and profound answers.

“When you are young, you don’t need exercise, because you are busy and move your body, but as you get older you need exercise. Exercise is more important than taking food. That is my motto.”

“This year there will be 3 more books in English: Holy Scripture, Peace Scripture and True Parents Scripture. All the most important elements are in these three books. You will discover that these words cannot be spoken by anyone other than the Messiah!”



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AUSTRIA – 12. - 14. June 2014



In Vienna Rev. Kim spoke to Brothers and Sisters from all over Austria and also Slovakia, Hungary and Slovenia. The assembly hall of the FFWPU-Headquarters was full to utmost capacity with over 200 participants. National Leader Rev. Peter Zoehrer shared in his introduction: "During the recent years I have often wondered, why True Parents have not come to Austria when they have visited other countries in Europe. To be honest, I felt some "Han" about this point... However, today Rev. Young-hwi Kim, one of the very first disciples has come on our True Parents behalf. Therefore our hearts feel comforted and liberated...!"

ITALY – 14. - 15. June 2014



The Klima Hotel in Milan hosted three hundred members from all over Italy, Switzerland and San Marino as Rev. Young-shik An, our European President, presented our distinguished speaker sharing with all of us many details about Rev. Kim’s life, experiences and responsibilities.

Rev. Kim Young-hwi spoke in front of the assembly for about two and a half hours moving his audience with his fresh spirit and good memory. Especially young members and 2nd gen who never had the chance to meet him before could listen to the direct voice of one of the first disciples who expressed in such a pure way with a heart full of love, respect and attendance to our True Parents.

After the speech there was some time for questions and answers. Patiently and always smiling Rev. Kim Young-hwi answered questions about the Heavenly Constitution, his feeling about Europe thirty years on from his time as European President and about True Mother's health. After more than three hours we applauded our Special Guest again wishing him love and blessings for his life, his family and his new mission as Director of the Cheon Wi Won, the Cheon Il Guk Parliament.

SWITZERLAND, 15. – 17. June 2014

We received a surprise visit from Rev. Kim, driving from Milan through the Alps and stopping by our Swiss Headquarters on the way to Germany. To be able to receive him again 30 years on from his time as European Continental Director was such a privilege and joy!

He arrived in the good company of Rev Ryu, Rev. An, our Continental Director, and Peter Staudinger, just as the Swiss National Team played their first game of the World Cup against Ecuador, and asked to watch the football! The score was 1:1 at full time and as the referee added 3 minutes extra time I told him the story of the 2006 World Cup, when True Father was in Geneva. Then the Swiss team was playing against Turkey and when Father affirmed his support Switzerland finally won! Interestingly this time, in the last minute of extra time, after Rev. Kim expressed his support, Switzerland scored again to win 2:1 !

Rev. Kim asked to see some of the mountain resorts which True Parents visited in recent years. In Zermatt in 2006, True Parents had a real 'honeymoon photo-shoot' in front of the legendary Matterhorn. We showed him the famous pictures and travelled up to Zermatt and the very place of that majestic view over the whole Matterhorn area. When we finally arrived the Matterhorn itself was part covered with white clouds. Rev. Kim decided to wait and let the clouds move away which they miraculously did and we could take pictures thinking of True Parents and their special time there.

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Top: July 15, 2006 True Parents at the Riffelalp, on the way to Gornergrat took this historical photo shoot of "honeymoon" pictures.

Bottom: June 15, 2014 the Matterhorn was hiding its face and showed no signs of wanting to disclose its full splendor.

encouraged us all to work hard to become completely united as husband and wife and in this way become heavenly agents for the realization of Cheon Il Guk!

In Lausanne we welcomed Rev. Kim to a 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation gathering of some members from the French speaking part of Switzerland.

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with him in the German HQ in Frankfurt in the 1980s, witnessing to theologians and ministers and also took time to meet with local 2nd generation families.

He mentioned that we can learn so many things from our children and grandchildren, telling us how his grandson described God, the Heavenly Parent, as the 'Highest Man'. Rev. Kim felt that this was a great teaching coming out of the mouth of a 5 year old child! Our 3rd generation children will be able to tap into incredible sources of wisdom, based on True Parent's victorious foundation!

UNITED KINGDOM 18. – 23. June 2014

From the first meal upon his arrival at Livingstone House, to the last moments at the airport for his departure to Korea, Rev. Kim gave of himself to inspire everyone he met, using every opportunity over mealtimes to meet with members; listen to their stories, answer their questions and share his wisdom and insights. On the evening of 19th June a group of about 20 energetic second generation members visited Livingstone House to greet him. Moved by their spirit, he spent an hour speaking



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On June 20th Rev. Kim, Rev. An and Rev. Ryu, travelled to the tiny Wiltshire village of Stanton Fitzwarren, for lunch with Henry and Avril Masters, who in 1973, joined the Church and offered their 500 acre farm and over 20 houses to support the providence in the UK. They forsook a comfortable and prosperous country life and spent 31 years supporting True Parents' boat building providence in the US and Korea, before retiring to their beloved village in 2007. It is also the site of the Holy Oak Holy Ground and Won Jeon, named after the oak tree planted by True Father in February 1974.

We travelled on to Cleeve House, a beautiful country mansion purchased by the church in 1974 and now used for Church programmes and commercial activities. Forty members from the West of England and Wales heard Rev. Kim share details of how True Parents built the foundation for Cheon Il Geuk right up to the last words uttered by Father, before he



ascended to the Spirit World. After his talk and a group photo, members could have their photos taken with him, as family groups or individuals.

In London the Special Lecture took place in the Sir Alexander Fleming Building of Imperial College, just south of Kensington Gardens. The 320 seats were full to capacity as Rev. Kim began his speech. Throughout the whole event, one could feel the presence of True Parents in the room and Rev. Kim was given a heartfelt standing ovation from a deeply moved audience.

Despite his exhausting schedule, Rev. Kim then went on to Lancaster Gate headquarters and shared his heart and love for another hour, with around 30 Japanese brothers and sisters who have been serving the providence and raising families here in the United Kingdom. As he departed for the plane at Heathrow Airport, one could feel that our country had been blessed by the presence of a truly great disciple and son of True Parents and that his visit to Europe was another example of True Parents' undying love for our brothers and sisters as we strive to follow in their footsteps.



Rev Kim sharing with members from the West Country and Wales

Reflections from the European Lecture Tour

Karl and Rosemarie Leja, Giessen, Germany

We were so grateful to experience Rev. Young Hwi Kim in Camberg on the occasion of our German Festival and the celebration of 50 years of the Unification Church in Germany. We personally have such great memories of him from the time he was in Europe. He and his wife took care of us and our daughter received her Korean name through Rev. Kim. We had read Rev. Kim's speech from his American Tour many times before and it gave us great insight into True Father's life course and all the things he accomplished. It was so good to hear it again in person. We could come to a much wider understanding of ancestor's liberation. It is not only for us and our tribe. Through liberating and blessing our ancestors we contribute greatly to salvation and the brightening up of the spiritual world in general. This motivated us greatly to continue with our task to liberate and bless our ancestors. We write this in gratitude to our True Mother for sending Rev. Kim to our worldwide Unification Family.

Franco Ravaglioli, Bergamo, Italy

I have always admired Rev. and Mrs. Kim for their loyalty to TP but also for their "realistic" approach towards life, both in the UC and outside. They helped me a lot with my family situation and I will always be grateful for their continuous support and love. This meeting inspired me a lot but I did not reflect what it really meant to me until one brother told me straight: "I was expecting some clear directions for the future but nothing like this was mentioned, not even during the short Q&A session"..... I thought a lot after this comment and I realized that, to me, this meeting had actually this meaning: "I felt it was a sort of Pentecost for us.

Rev. Kim did not come to give directions but he came to remind us that True Father "IS" the Lord of the Second Advent and that we should not lose our faith, notwithstanding the difficulties we see around us in True Parent's family, in the Church and in our daily life. I felt that Rev. Kim has been sent by God to strengthen our faith and our bond with True Parents so that we will not forget that He is the Messiah sent by God for our salvation. Thinking back, it seems



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that we were gathered in that big hall like the apostles and disciples after the time of Jesus' death, receiving the Holy Spirit to reinforce our faith and support us to go forward no matter what.

Giuseppe Cali, Rome, Italy

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it".

This is the Jesus' word that resounded in my mind, while Pres. An was introducing Rev. Kim to the audience.

How can we believe it is possible to succeed in building of the Cheon Il Guk? I could find the answer in the Rev Kim' speech. While he was telling us all the stories of the early times we could see the substantial hand of God in all True Parents course and also in our efforts to support them. Filial piety, devotion, sacrifice, living for the whole are our real weapons. In all Rev. Kim' speech this came out clearer and clearer. He made me proud of what we are and the inheritance we received. All brothers and sisters of the Italian movement needed this testimony so much! We are going through some difficult times in which we are really tested in our faith, our loyalty to True Parents and our ability to unite centered on the providence. Rev. Kim gave us all we needed to come out victoriously from this challenge.

Participant from Hungary

"I am very grateful to participate the lecture tour of Rev. Kim in Vienna. It was very historical experience to see and hear one of the main disciples of True Father. I felt like meeting with Peter, James or John. After the lecture I had mixed feelings. In one way I felt so grateful to True Parents for pioneering the way to Cheon Il Guk, and for the miracle that I could

recognize the True Parents as the Second Advent. On the other hand I felt how unprepared and unworthy I am to be next to True Parents. It was a very inspiring education from Rev. Kim, I think the whole membership must listen and get this very important content and understanding about True Parents' course.

Johannes Stampf, Vienna, Austria

To meet a man who has been following True Father since the 1950s and who belongs to the first three couples to be blessed by True Father is a special privilege indeed. For how long will we still have the opportunity to hear personal experiences from a living witness of this early time? Rev Kim was perfectly able to recall exact dates and small details with ease. That shows that he himself is an embodiment of this history.

One can only hope and pray that he will still be able to inspire thousands of brothers and sisters, especially from the 2nd and 3rd generation and to connect them in such a lively and authentic manner with the roots of our movement and the Divine Providence.

D. Zöhrer, Vienna, Austria

Through his presentation we were able to understand more about True Father's life course and the challenges he had to overcome in order to qualify as the Messiah. At the age of 33 years True Father had to continue where Jesus stopped. Rev. Kim outlined the meaning of the Blessing providence conducted by True Parents, including the Blessing of villains in the spirit world. In 2011 True Father declared that the "era of Hoon Dok Hwe is fulfilled and completed" and thus the way was opened for us to fulfill our responsibility. In this sense, we hope to go deeper into the Words of True Father and

actualize the Word in our lives as substantial building blocks of Cheon Il Guk. Thank you for visiting Austria, Rev. Kim!

Dorota Simekova, Bratislava, Slovakia

Rev. Young Hwi Kim in his blessed age amazed me with his fresh and joyful mind, and kind parental approach to our international audience. What he said was not new for me, but some unknown or not realized connections and insights were really striking and enlightening... I was happy and grateful for this enrichment of my everlasting excitement of God's truth which always speaks of the unbreakable love connection between our Heavenly Parent and humankind. Together with our Slovak WFWP president we were able to offer a photo-portrait of our student martyr from former Czechoslovakia, Marie Zivna (1949 – 1974), who died in Bratislava prison during the communist persecution.

Rosemary Hoyte, London, United Kingdom

Thank you for such a thought-provoking presentation. From the beginning I saw God

appeared behind Rev. Kim, like the sun. As the meeting progressed I took notes and reflected deeply on several points. I felt I was being called again to mission as in the early days of my church life when I first heard the Divine Principle. It was a very deep feeling of rebirth but with the wisdom of age. True Mother appeared in the spirit world above looking and listening. At the end a smiling True Father also appeared.

Ginger Nicholls – West Country, United Kingdom

Personally, I felt like being in a spiritual desert lately and have been given a long drink of water!

Ashley and Susan Crosthwaite, London, United Kingdom

This was the best presentation about True Father's course and the providence of God that I have ever witnessed. Thank you. You brought tears of relief and such clarity as well as explaining about what we are to do as Tribal Messiahs.



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