

Parents' Day, 1977

Father, Mother and Members Celebrate 18th Observance in New York

Members from New York and surrounding East Coast areas celebrated the 18th Parents Day with our Parents on Monday, April 18. Father's message, most activities, and the evening entertainment took place in the Manhattan Center in New York City.

Members packed the Manhattan Center to hear Father's morning speech: "The True Parents Day from the Historic Point of View." The 4-hour speech was concluded with presentations of a cake and gifts. (See article.) After the morning speech all enjoyed a Pulgogi dinner in the World Mission Center. Informal afternoon activities included a Divine Principle lecture contest and a performance of the play "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," based on "Peanuts" characters, by the "Barrytown Players." Films of the major events of the history of the Church--Yoido, Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies, for example--were also shown throughout the afternoon.

"We want this to be a most momentous celebration," said Mr. Salonen as he welcomed members to the evening entertainment at the Manhattan Center. He noted that April 18, 1977 marked the third anniversary of the completion of Father's 32-city Day of Hope tour, in which he accomplished his goal of speaking in every state of the nation. Before the entertainment began, he announced the winners of the lecture and talent contests. Winners of the lecture contest were, in their order of placing, Bill Baum, Nicola Hellman, John Fredricks, and David Cantrell. Ken Weber took first place in the talent contest with his narration of an original story, "The Valiant Toy Soldier." Margaret Pearson of the New Hope Singers won second prize with a piano solo and John Kirkely, The News World staff, won third place with a

comic improvisation of his paper-selling technique.

Next, New Future Photographics showed slides covering Washington Monument, the December 22 blessing, and the February 21 blessing.

The program began with musical performances. The Go-World Brass Band performed three marches from the American Revolution, Candide by Bernstein, and the Russian Sailors' Dance. Other musical entertainment included

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Always the highlight of the evening entertainment program, Father and Mother sang, bringing the 18th Parents' Day celebration to a joyful close.

The Historical Meaning of Parents' Day

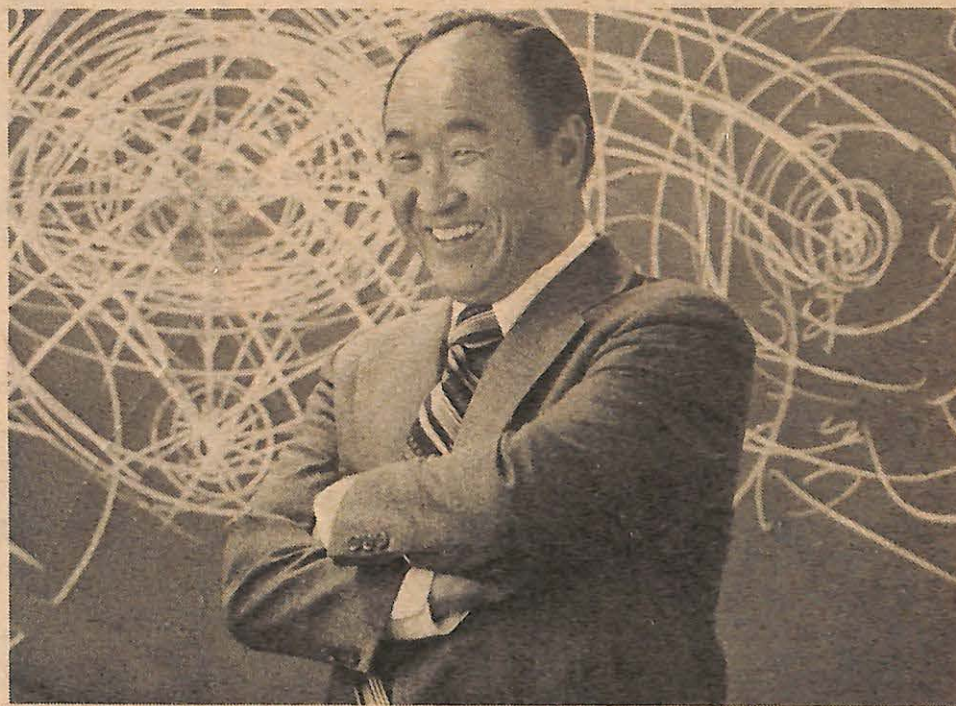
"As you know, today is the 18th Parents Day," Father announced at the beginning of his Parents Day speech. "No other group celebrates Parents Day." Father told the members that if there had been no fall, we would not need to observe our four Church holidays--God's Day, Parents day, Children's Day, and the Day of All Things. Rather, we would have been born on a foundation above these holiday's realizing victory in our lives everyday.

In the fallen world, he said, most holidays, are celebrated with a selfish purpose.. "What kind of day is it when men and God are both joyful? ...All mankind is looking forward to that one day of fulfillment." Actually, said Father, we are not deserving on our own merit to celebrate this day. We are both joyful and sad

because we realize that as we celebrate, the fallen world around us still suffers.

Father then described the process of restoration. The work of salvation, he said, is restoration. The contents of salvation and restoration are the same, but the direction is different. From the point of view of God, the process is salvation. From the point to view of man, the process is restoration. The heart of the process is the reversal of the fall and its effects. Mankind is like a sick patient who needs treatment by a doctor, who may need to prescribe bitter medicine. "What kind of disease have we caught?" asked Father. "It is a love disease centered upon Satan. The love disease was caused by self-centeredness. That is the motive. A person who wanted to bring

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"Perfect love is the goal of resurrection. When God, Adam and Eve are melted together by love they become inseparable... Could you want anything more than that?"

Easter Sermon

"The Resurrection of Jesus and Ourselves"

In his Easter Sunday address, Father explained to us that the word "resurrection" came into being because of the Fall of Man. In fact, he said, no savior would have had to come to the earth had there been no Fall of Man. Because of the fallen

act, man's original nature was lost, and man was plunged into the dungeon of hell. Therefore, so that man might be restored, a savior must come to the world. Man is now living in the Kingdom of Hell on

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Parents' Day Address: Father Puts the Holiday in

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love to himself brought the disease. Since self-centered love brought the fall, we must realize God-centered love... Heaven is the place where people who have God-centered love will go. This is the basic of basics, the principal of principals," Father emphasized. "This is the basic trunk line of the truth of God." The most severe battle is the battle with yourself. Unless you are victors, you will not deserve the Kingdom of God."

Jesus Christ, said Father, transcended the Satanic realm and went to the throne of God where he could exercise the power of salvation.

He was able to do this, said Father, by forgiving his enemies. Similarly, he said, any religion which teaches the road of indemnity will reach the Messiah. "Unification is a big word. It means to forgive those who wrong you and bring them to the throne of God... The Unification church must walk the road Messianic road, which is the road of pain to the last... We must be clear about our

purpose. Our purpose is for heaven and earth. We exist solely to serve God and mankind. We must do everything for the sake of God and his mission. Unless we act for God and humanity, we will never transcend the Satanic realm. When you put God into the picture, you cannot say that you are tired. You cannot be satisfied that you are meeting God's standard. When you get tired, you must think that God, the Messiah, and your brothers and sisters have suffered more than you. You should resolve to go on as long as the blood flows in your veins. Then Satan has no power over you. Then you can be like Jesus—completely one with God. This is the basic principle of God."

Father explained that the current persecution our movement is facing is reflective of the end of Satan's influence. The months up to June, 1977, he said, are especially important. Father said that he feels that God has given him this so that he will learn to persevere without revenge. "In my own life I want to bless the enemy. Why? Because God want to

see the victorious pattern here on earth." The Washington Monument rally, he said, was the high peak of the dispensation.

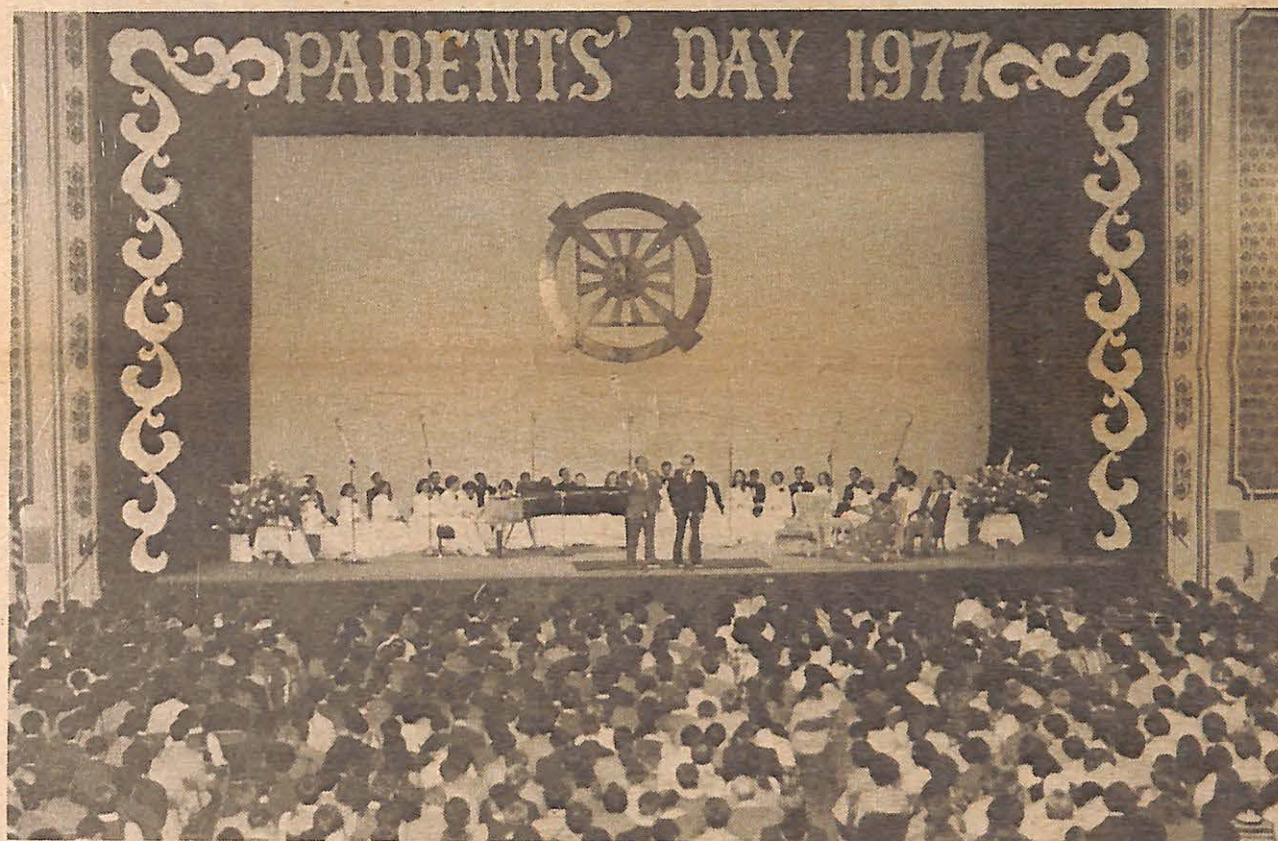
The process of restoration, said Father, will remain the same until Satan's sovereignty disappears and God-centered sovereignty is established. As individuals, we must first become part of God's kingdom but then go back into the fallen world—with God's word. In doing this, we should be conscious that we are reversing the fallen characteristics of self-centered life and self-centered love.

Father went in to detail in explaining the importance of spiritual children. The three steps in personal restoration are separation from the Satanic world, restoration to the position of Adam, and restoration to the level of parents.. In this process, he said, your child becomes a stepping stone. Our spiritual children are for the liberation of the spirit world, and our physical children for the liberation of the physical world. Without children, he said, you cannot reach perfection. And you need the protection of your spiritual

children. Through this, God's goal, he said, was to make us all true parents. "This is the greatest honor. This is not just theory."

In connection with this, Father stressed the importance of accomplishing our mission during our physical lifetime. "Don't talk about the kingdom of heaven until we have established the kingdom on earth. Jesus left the keys to the kingdom on earth. Furthermore, the Bible says in Matthew, 'What we have bound on earth will bind in heaven; what we have lost on earth will be lost in heaven.' Without knowing this, you have no way to understand the meaning of the Bible. Let us declare the glory and victory on earth!"

The next focus of Father's speech was "the internal side of Parents Day." Father explained that in actuality our bodies are not related to God. Our restoration is accomplished by making conditions, which can help us jump "a million years." Faith, said Father, can change, while love is unchanging. Therefore love is the basis of the restoration. We must, he said, love



"Parents' Day from the Historic Point of View" was the topic of Father's Parents' Day speech, delivered in the newly redecorated Manhattan Center.

Members Enjoy Parents' Day



Unification Theological Seminary students delighted the evening with "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."



After his solo performance, Hyo-jin led his younger brothers and sisters in a song [From left: Hyun-jin, Heung-jin, Hyo-jin, Kook-jin, Un-jin and In-jin].



Sunburst performed beneath colorful Chinese character motif and Forever."

Historical Perspective

higher, deeper, and wider than all of the satanic world put together... "By demonstrating greater love to God and Jesus, you are entitled to receive love and take a heavenly position. Jesus came so mankind could gain heavenly love from him in return for their love for him. By loving him, his followers could actually possess him. "Only with the condition of love can you be restored," said Father. True love transcends time, space, and history."

Father then reviewed the historical stages of restoration. In the Old Testament age, the things of creation were the mediators between man and God. Then, in the New Testament age Jesus, the son of God, was the mediator and was able to bring man into the adopted son position to God. The new era will be that of the true parent leading mankind to become true children of God. These three ages are being reanacted horizontally through the mission of the Unification Church in the past three years. This three year offering was completed in 1976, on September 18--"the

day of offering for the sake of the world..It was the work of God that we succeeded ...When I came to America, I was a lonely man At Washington Monument, my prayer was answered. I fulfilled my pledge and covenant to God."

Father went on to outline the process through which Jesus became the true son of God. "We are all destined to be born again as children of God. By the love of God you will be born again as a sinless parent..." Since the fall, however, human history has been a tug of war between God and Satan. God had hoped to reverse the fall through Cain and Able. But since Cain killed Abel, the struggle has continued. In the Old Testament the process to lay the foundation for the Messiah was carried right through to the womb. Father cited three women as having key roles in the restoration. First, Rebekkah, Jacob's mother protected him from the wrath of his family when Jacob reversed his position with his elder brother and therefore helped him to accomplish his

mission as the father of Israel. With the union of Jacob and Esau, the foundation for restoration was laid as far back as the ages of Jacob and his brother. Tamar further continued the foundation for restoration into the womb. Tamar, the wife of one of the sons of Joseph, risked her life to continue the lineage of her husband. When her husband died and his brothers refused their duty of marrying her to continue the lineage, she disguised herself as a harlot and enticed her father-in-law Judah into a relationship. The twins who were born out of this relationship reversed themselves in their womb. Zerah was the first to appear, but Perez, the younger, actually pushed Zerah out of the way and became the first born; thus the reversal of Cain and Abel took place in the womb.

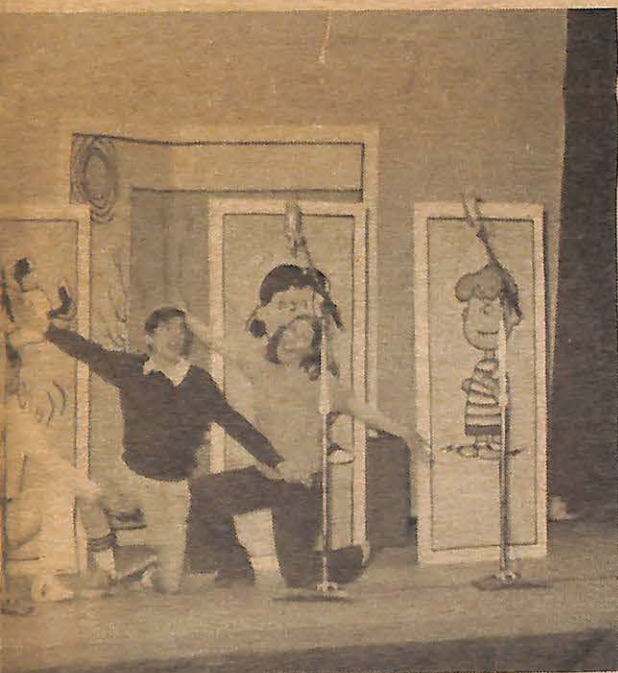
Jesus came from the lineage of Judah and Tamar. Mary his mother was also "a revolutionary woman who took God's task in faith, restoring the position of Eve in the Garden of Eden...In the womb Jesus was already the son of God. After his birth

everything he did was in the authority of the son of God"

As Jesus could not fulfill his mission of taking a physical bride, the Holy Spirit has functioned as the mother spirit. Since spiritual and physical birth are intended to come together, however, the Messiah must come again to fulfill physical salvation.

Father concluded by addressing himself to the members. "You are the only hope of God," he said. "Without changing, do not try to deserve the blessing. Today must be different from yesterday. Will you change today? We need to be recreated everyday. Let's forget the past. What counts is today and tomorrow. Boldly undertake the mission and God, through you, will change the history of man...It is not too late. America must repent and come to God. ...If many of you feel that you can give God some rest today, that is the glory of Parents Day...Can you pledge that the world will see resurrection because of you?"

y a Variety of Activities



Lecture and Talent Competition winners received pictures of Father, Mother and their family, taken recently at East Garden, similar to the one above.

audience with selections from the musical production,



Children proclaiming "Blessings of Joy and Happiness Now"



The audience was charmed by Ken Weber's prize-winning storytelling.



New Jersey State Director Bill Baum was awarded First Prize in the Divine Principle Lecture Competition. The new standardized Divine Principle lectures will be used as the standard in future lecture contests.

"Every Day Should Be Easter"

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Earth, and is destined to live in another hell in the spirit world.

Father made an analogy to further emphasize man's fallen state: When an apple is bad, it can be one of two ways. It might have bad skin, or a bad part which can be eliminated, leaving good meat inside. Or it might look good on the surface, but be rotten on the inside. Fallen man is like the second case. Even if there is some damage on the outside of an apple, if the seed of that apple is intact, then there is still great hope. In man, however, the seed is rotten. "Do you think it could be an easy task to restore that kind of fallen man to the original state?" Father asked. "It would be easier to eliminate everything and start over from the very beginning." We can see one obvious truth, he concluded: "It's taken Almighty God all of 6,000 years of Biblical history, trying to restore man into perfection, yet still that task is not completed. Therefore, among the many diseases in the world, the worst disease is that brought by the Fall of Man."

To make matters worse, men haven't even realized they are contaminated with this disease. The worst thing about cancer is that it cannot be detected in its early stages, and a sick person may not even know he has it until it has nearly killed him. But compared to the disease of the fall, cancer is still better, because at least when he is dying, the cancer-stricken man knows he is dying. With "Fallen Disease," man doesn't even know he is dying—he only realizes it when it is too late, when he has died. Most of mankind doesn't know it is mortally stricken with this disease.

Who brought the disease of the fall? Satan initiated it, making himself the enemy of God. He did that by stealing the element most important to God—love.

Jesus taught us to love our enemy, but Father clarified this point: Jesus did not mean we should love Satan. When he taught man to "Love your enemy," he was talking about the people who have become the victims of evil: "Don't hate Satanic men, they are just the victims of Satan. Love them, liberate them, try to restore them." After the fall, all men became the Temple of Satan. Originally, however, all men were meant to be God's Temple. So God is destined to restore His body, which is man. To restore man, God must restore perfect love in man—the love of God in man. God and man are seeking one common love; this same love has become the goal of both God and man. Therefore, it is impossible for God to perfect love without man, and likewise, man cannot consummate love without God. The true consummation of love is the point at which both the purpose of God and the purpose of man are met. In conclusion, Father emphasized that the completion of resurrection is the perfection of love. Jesus came to perfect love to the realm where man can be dominated by God directly.

When God, Adam and Eve are melted together by love, they become an inseparable unit, said Father. The entire universe would be drawn into that love. "Could you want anything more than that?" Father laughed. If love is the supreme force in the universe, then in the culmination of that love would be absolute beauty, warmth, and peace. In the Kingdom of God, Adam forgets himself—thinking only of God, his wife, and his children. The key is love—perfect love is the goal of resurrection.

God is not responsible for the Fall of Man—man is responsible for that crime. But man has no power to recover his original nature by himself. All mankind



Concluding his address on Easter Sunday, Father declared: "From 1977 on, everyday should be Easter—a day of resurrection."

needs help. For that reason, the moment man became fallen, God declared the work of salvation, Father explained. Because of man's responsibility for the fall, God cannot take the initiative to save man, but has been assisting man, step by step, out of the dungeon of hell.

Father explained that since the restoration process is both physical and spiritual, it must develop in parallel courses, the initiative being taken on earth. The spirit world, in turn, is a reflection—a place where we reap the results of our accomplishments on earth. In His Providence, God establishes His champion and expands from that point to the family, tribal, national, worldwide, universal, and cosmic levels—like a spiritual bulldozer, laying the highway for all men to travel to restoration and perfection.

The history of God has progressed through three major eras: the Old Testament era, in which men could become true servants; the New Testament Age, when men could be elevated to the position of adopted sons; and the Completed Testament Age, in which men are destined to become true sons of God. The prerequisite to man's becoming true children of God is parents—true parents, said Father. In Jesus' lifetime, God intended to accomplish two major stages: (1) Jesus came as the son of God and (2) to become the True Parent of mankind.

His first step should have been unity with John the Baptist, explained Father. John was to have been God's champion on

the adopted son level, and Jesus, on the level of true son. Together, the two should have brought the first stage of victory. Had Jesus been fully accepted by John the Baptist, their unity would have warded off any Satanic invasion of Jesus' mission. Had the people of Israel become one with John, together, they could stand in the objective position to Jesus, making the leap through the two major stages to become true sons of God. However, that unity was never forged between John and the Israelites, nor between Jesus and John, therefore God's whole foundation was broken. Jesus had to start from scratch, organizing his own foundation by assembling his disciples and apostles. A new Israel was needed to replace that of the Old Testament. That new Israel was Christianity.

Christianity had to work uphill, Father said, beginning with no physical territory. With no physical ground to stand on, Christians were exposed and vulnerable to persecution. Throughout Christian history, the bodies of Christians were vulnerable to Satan's attack or infiltration. Christian salvation is not derived from the crucifixion. The cross is actually a symbol of defeat. Christianity derives power from the resurrection, which is a realm Satan has no power to invade. Jesus erected a basic spiritual foundation for the resurrection in his 40 days on earth before ascending into heaven; however, Christianity has been an imperfect religion—lacking physical salvation. To make Christianity whole, mankind is destined to see the day of the second messiah, said Father. Since God's goal is to save the entire world, not just one nation or people, there must be a global or worldwide religion established which is capable of giving salvation physically as well as spiritually. That will be accomplished by the coming of the Lord for the second time.

The resurrection is the perfection of the love of God, so we can live in that love physically, here on the earth, enjoying physical as well as spiritual salvation on a worldwide scale. That will be the day of resurrection. That will be the day on which the mission of Jesus will be made whole. And on that same day, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth will become a reality. From 1977 on, concluded Father, every day should be Easter—a day of resurrection.

Happy Birthday, Grandmother Hong!



Grandmother Hong's birthday was celebrated at East Garden on Sunday, April 10, after Father's Easter sermon. [Grandmother Hong is Mother's mother.]

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selections by Sunburst and solos by three Church members. Dramatic presentations were a modern dance depicting a monk's battle against three temptations and an excerpt from Barrytown's "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Hyo-jin performed three vocal solos with the accompaniment of Sunburst musicians: "Yesterday," "Greenfields," and "The Rhinestone Cowboy." Each of the older children took turns performing vocal or piano selections. As each child took the stage, Col. Pak gave some background on each one, including the meaning of their names.

He explained that "Jin" means the "advancement or march forward of..." "Hyo" means filial piety; therefore "Hyo-jin" means the advancement or march forward of filial piety. "Ye" (Ye-jin) means honor or respect, "In" (In-jin) means virtue, "Un" (Un-jin) means the grace of God, "Heung" (Heung-jin) means prosperity, "Hyun" (Hyun-jin) means wisdom, and "Kook" (Kook-jin) means the nation. Of the younger children, "Kwon" (Kwon-jin) means authority, and "Sun" (Sun-jin) means goodness.

Then Co. Pak made the joyous announcement that Father and Mother are expecting another child.

After the children's performances, Father and Mother sang for the gathering. Each one sang a solo, and the evening closed with "Um Maya."

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