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EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW

Excerpted from a sermon given by Rev. Hwang on October 22 at the Headquarters Church in Seoul.

LOOKING back over our career of faith, we have gone through many courses. We moved from being in the position of belonging to the realm of non-Principle to that of the Principle by our joining the church. As God's word created this world, we, the living dead, have been being recreated by the new word since the day we joined.

I have two children. Although my wife and I had tried to have more children and never even used birth control, it seemed two children was my fortune. Of course, I was not dissatisfied with our two, and there was some limit anyway, as the children came through Caesarean operations. I did want to have one more, if possible, but almost ten years have passed. A few months ago during a morning *hoon dok* meeting, Father suddenly asked, "How many children do you have, Rev. Hwang?"

"Two," I replied.

"Why only two?"

"Father, you just gave me two, didn't you?"

Then Father said, "You must make more!"

Honestly speaking, I didn't pay much attention to what he'd said, because I hadn't had any news of that type for more than a decade. Amazingly, however, my wife had news for me a week after I had that conversation with Father. We are now expecting our third baby. (Applause)

When I was still young, after the blessing, I had babies without knowing the significance of birth. But now, I can feel how great and mysterious life is.

Just as our bodies become independent and substantial through birth, our spiritual bodies and lives are being formed through our life of faith in the church—through such activities as witnessing and fasting conditions. Then, through the blessing, we are born again.

Blessing means rebirth, being born again as a new life. Moved from the realm of non-Principle to that of Principle, we were born as a new independent life through the blessing. After the blessing we are not asked about our previous life, because it has been completely redeemed.

At one of the registration blessing workshops at Cheong Pyeong, True Father called one person. Personally I had never heard of him. But he was working very close to Father a long time ago. He was so

close to Father that non-members mistakenly thought he was the elder son of Rev. Moon. Father suddenly wanted to see that man. Even though he had been a hard-working member in the old days, he had divorced the woman he was blessed to and married another woman.

Fortunately, he came to Father and bowed to him. Father remembered the name of his original wife and, looking at this man directly, asked him about her. The man spoke honestly, saying that he had divorced her and was living with another woman. Father was very calm and said with seriousness, "Return to your blessed wife and come together here for the twenty-one day workshop. Receive the blessing again. This is the last chance for me, as the True Parent, to redeem all your mistakes and sins. Once you receive the registration blessing, you become the fourth Adam and should live independently as a resident of Heaven." Later, True Father instructed us to bring all the blessed families who have left the movement to this last blessing to restore their original position.

From this recent story, we can feel how important this time is as a great turning point and how great the value of the registration blessing is. Please think about what our attitude should be during this time.

True Father gave us three directions. First, Father told us to maintain our original heart and faith. We cannot become citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom if we have a different attitude and faith in the evening from that of the morning. We must recover the inspiration we had when we joined and were blessed. Suppose that we are thirsty and languishing for the Kingdom of Heaven, and that we meet True Parents under such circumstances. We should long for the feeling of appreciating True Parents as the ones who have fulfilled that dream.

I started my public course in the city of Taejeon. One day I witnessed to a young man whose father ran a Chinese restaurant. Very much inspired, he began a seven-day fast. On the third day, he went back home. His father saw how weak and skinny he'd become. The son had not said anything about the church to his father. The father ordered the son to eat; the son refused. Finally he brought Chinese noodles and forced them into his son's mouth while he was taking a nap. The young man arrived back at the church and cried bitterly. Humorous as it may seem now, it was very

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Father and Mother in Korea

Far left, Father and Mother pose against an east coast back-drop in early October; left, Father makes a rare appearance at the Headquarters Church early service



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Fiftieth Anniversary of True Father's Release from Heungnam Prison and the Ceremony for the Liberation of the Spirit World

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LOVING Father! It is the fiftieth anniversary of my release from Heung Nam prison. We are going to have a liberation ceremony to free the spirit world and the physical world, with all the Unificationists who have passed away, my children on earth, the four saints centering on Heung-jin Gun and all the good spirit people.

The Christian cultural realm centered on Heung-jin Gun and Jesus in the spirit world, together with all the important cultural realms centered on the four saints, sages and their disciples are here. Please accept our offering of this liberation ceremony that is to create unity between the spirit and physical worlds. Heung-jin Gun and Jesus, based on their relationship with True Parents and people on earth, based on the victorious Unification movement, are holding this unified ceremony to create oneness between ancestors and descendants, elders and youngsters and all people of conscience regardless of their belief systems. So please accept our offering of this ceremony with joy!

We have Hyo-won Gun [Rev. Eu, who wrote the Principle book under Father's direct guidance] and Sang-hun Gun [Dr. Lee Sang-hun] in the spirit world who can educate spirit people centered on Heung-jin Gun and the Completed Testament. We also have here Lee Ki-suk and Park Chong-goo (Tiger Park), representing all blessed families. Please allow this event to unite with all the saints in spirit world and with the Interreligious and International Federation and the UN, on earth. We want this event to be one that is unified between heaven and earth centering on True Parents. Please allow all of Your children who are involved in this to participate in this ceremony and offer this to You in the presence of Your transcendent, immanent, all-capable and all-powerful self. The hope of True Parents and True Children offering this ceremony to You is one. We offer this ceremony to You with the hope that we can offer You only victory and glory on the basis of Your transcendence and immanence to prepare the realm of liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Please

allow us to initiate the new culture of *shimjung*, the culture of Your Kingdom in heaven and on earth, centered on True Parents on earth and Heung-jin Gun in the spirit world, and on Yourself, Father.

Please bless the Million Family March that can help overcome racism and religious differences in the United States. In this event, we hope to pledge to create an international realm of unification. We hope to move the UN and to advance world liberation, which will bring victory and glory to You. With that, we offer everything before You in True Parents' names, please accept this with joy! Amen!

Following this first prayer, True Parents offered a full bow in front of God. The families of Heung-jin Nim, Young-jin Nim, Hye-jin Nim and Hee-jin Nim next offered bows to the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Eu Hyo-won, Park Chong-goo, Lee Sang-hun and Lee Ki-suk's families offered full bows as representatives of all blessed families. Then, the families of the four major saints and other spiritual leaders in the spirit world (Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, St. Augustine, Socrates, St. Peter, St. John, St. Jacob, St. Paul, Luther, and Moses) offered bows. A final full bow was offered by all present representing the spirit and physical worlds.

LOVING Father! It is October 14, 2000. It has been fifty years since I was released from Heung Nam prison. On this day, many people who have worked hard for the providence on earth and in the spirit world have received the blessing of being part of True Parents' lineage and have registered as the families of God's hope.

Jesus, who was the core of the chosen people of Israel, came to the earth in the position of the Messiah and True Parent. He was to make his own family foundation and unify the people, Israel, as a nation, and Judaism as a religion. He should have unified and built the heavenly kingdom composed of heavenly people, sovereignty, and land. Thus, they should have advanced to the world to liberate all nations, and have created the Heavenly Kingdom on earth as well as in heaven, the one cultural realm, the *shimjung* cultural sphere. But the providence failed. As a result, the sorrowful providence of the Second Coming had to begin. This resulted in tremendous bloodshed of the Jews and Christians over the course of two thousand years.

Jesus' spirit, which belonged to heaven, and his body, which belonged to the earth, where Satan held sovereignty, have been in struggle. This struggle is coming to an end. In the unified realm of the spirit world and the earthly world centering on the Christian culture, the mind and body can together perfect substantial families, tribes, and nations spiritually and physically. With True Parents appearing on earth (based on the providence of the Second Advent), the worldwide "true family movement" began based on True Parents' family. To halt the separation between heaven and earth, the True Family has been a sacrificial offering for the past forty years. We have prepared the foundation for the heavenly kingdom to come to earth, and for all human families to be connected to True Parents. Centering on Your love and following the principle of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, humanity can connect to the true blood lineage of True Parents.

We are trying to create a unified realm centered on the national movement for the reunification of North and South Korea, and on the United Nations global movement. You have commanded us to register blessed families centering on True Parents and Heung-jin Gun, so as to make the foundation for unified and free spiritual and physical worlds. Please allow all the families following God's original heart of creation to

have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience so that they can represent You, who are the root of the eternal and unchanging families of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

Please be with our *hoon dok* education—teaching True Parents' tradition and heart on the worldwide level. All the blessed ancestors should help their descendant blessed families to perfect themselves. In that way, the ancestors can fulfill the archangelic responsibilities that the archangel himself could not fulfill. Please help them to fulfill their responsibilities to protect and raise the blessed families on earth.

We have opened the door for even Satan to go to heaven, the final destination of humanity. We are truly grateful that we could have the liberation of the spirit and physical worlds and the liberation of the cosmos on this day of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of my release from Heung Nam prison. Centering on Heung-jin Gun, and centering on Christianity, all the four saints, people of conscience and great thinkers should all go in one direction to heaven.

We offer all this as the total living offering before You. We sincerely hope that You will accept this offering offered in True Parents' name. Please acknowledge our victorious heavenly proclamation, of all the blessed families in spirit world and physical world.

We are truly grateful for your letting us have this liberation of heaven and earth with True Parents and Heung-jin Nim together, centering on God's sovereign power. With True Parents' proclamation, we pray that we will hold the march of liberation and unification to advance the way to the Kingdom of Heaven following in the footsteps of the Parents of Heaven and Earth! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Father's Words

STARTING from today, the partners of those who are blessed with spirit people can come to the earth. Now is the time that if you pray on earth, you can directly connect to the spirit world. This is the age in which you can actually live your lives together with spirit people.

For that, you need to have a unified will and belief system. In that way, the spirit world and physical world can have one common system centered on blessed families. What True Parents have accomplished on earth can be connected to the spirit world now.

Those who are in the spirit world are in the position of archangels. Originally, those who are in the fallen archangelic realm could not be blessed. The blessed families on earth have the blood lineage of True Parents, and those blessed families who are in the spirit world are in the archangelic position.

Through the unifying ceremony, from now, what is going to happen is that the ancestors will come to the earth and help the blessed families on earth. Just as the archangel was supposed to come down from Heaven and to raise Adam's family and serve them, now is the time that the blessed ancestors in the spirit world can come down to the earth and protect the blessed families. Therefore, no descendants of satanic lineage can harm the blessed individuals, families and tribes.

Lucifer has given in to God, but his followers are all over the world and are not letting go of humanity. Because True Parents have now blessed the ancestors who are in the spirit world, they can have the family foundation of the true lineage that the archangel could not have. Therefore, the archangel cannot accuse, but, rather, should now serve the

blessed families.

We have liberated and blessed the ancestors in the archangelic family position up to the 14th generation. When we bless the ancestors up to the 21st generation, all will be concluded. You families must liberate your ancestors from the 15th to the 21st generation. As True Parents came to the earth and liberated your descendants as well as your ancestors in the era of completion, you should liberate from the 15th to the 21st generation ancestors and then we can purge away the remnants of Satan.

Who can purge Satan's remnants? Your ancestors are the blessed families in the archangelic position. They can not only protect the blessed families on earth but also expel the satanic elements that should have nothing to do with the blessed families. Do you understand? Not only in the spirit world but also on earth, your ancestors have responsibilities from now, as the unifying force between the spirit and physical worlds, to purge Satan's remnants.

In the last days, even those satanic remnants should find a way to go back to God when the spirit and physical worlds are liberated. Although they will be on a different level, there will be a new law for them to have the chance to return to God so that the satanic world will finally terminate itself. The unifying ceremony we are holding here is to make that possible.

Although your ancestors are in the spirit world, they can create the world *shimjung* culture of the unified blessed families in the spirit world as well as on earth by supporting the blessed families on earth. From the earth, we can create the liberated realm of the spirit world and by that, we can also clear up the physical world. Even Satan can turn back to True God and True Parents and that can create the liberated realm of the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

There are many sages centering on the four major saints in the spirit world. Centering on those four saints, a third of the spirit people was permitted to be blessed before the June 13th summit meeting between South and North Korea. Those blessed spirit people can come to the earth after this ceremony and will begin serving you.

Accordingly, there will be one unified cultural realm on earth. First the unified spirit world will be organized and, on that spiritual foundation, the satanic world will be cleared up and opposition to the Unification movement will disappear.

Our ancestors will not leave those who still oppose us alone. From this point on there will not be any more indemnity. In a world where there is no evil, the law of indemnity no longer applies.

Because your families are registered and express joy at the fiftieth anniversary of this liberation together with the spirit world, you are contributing to unifying the spirit and physical worlds. You have to remember that.

From now on, you do not need me. The fall of Adam and Eve contaminated the blood lineage, but I liberated them through the blessing. It is now time for hell on earth and in heaven to be abolished forever. So all the middle realm of the spirit world and even paradise, where Jesus is, will be abolished as well. Do you understand?

True Parents can stand on the unified foundation of my own children and your families, the unified foundation of

Cain and Abel.

National messiahs are in the position of mothers who are to unite the Cains and Abels of their nations. That way all nations can be connected to the providence. National messiahs from all over the world are coming to Korea. National messiahs should help their wives be united with their children based on the providence and then come to Korea to unite their mission countries and Korea. Their wives should follow their husbands to come to Korea to be registered.

Husbands are not qualified to be registered since we do not have our own nation. You must understand this point. All those who are registered should have significantly distinguished themselves as national messiahs or as tribal messiahs. But I have paid indemnity for them, so that they can come to Korea with the tiny condition they have made. But they still have a long way to go.

Jesus had to find a nation but had to wait until the time of the Second Coming. To indemnify all the failures of the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament ages, your families must stand on the frontline to find a nation based on True Parents and God. Women should be leading in this specific providence.

Unificationist women are not just ordinary wives. They should not yet ever listen to their husbands. The husbands are not yet in the position to command their wives. The husbands

can lead the family on the family level, but on the national level, the wives must follow True Parents. Things can turn around on the national level centering on True Parents, not on their husbands.

Women must obey True Parents absolutely on the national level. Why? Because True Parents have paved the national level and worldwide level way, once you believe in True Parents absolutely and work accordingly, the providence will be done in three or four years. Then, if it does not work, it will be the nation's fault, not ours. Do you understand?

That is why I am emphasizing absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. God created the cosmos with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. At the time of creating the entire cosmos, He invested and invested, not worrying about how much He had invested previously, and continued to invest. You should also have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience based on True Parents' words.

Only when you are determined to invest, invest and invest again, can you unconsciously create a space big enough for the whole world to come into you and fill you up, based on the seeds you have sown. When the whole world is connected to you, you can create a unified realm with the world. At that stage, you are others and others are you. You are one in the realm of true liberation. You must understand this clearly.

Following my words, you must penetrate the entire nation on the level of *tong* and *ban* (district and neighborhood). We wanted to do this twelve years ago. But former presidents of Korea prevented it. So we must organize it anew.

We must truly succeed in this. If we do not, not only will you have problems, but we will also be unable to offer Korea before God. So no matter what happens, you and I must unite. Only then will there be unification.

Then, with what can we unify Korea? With our love for





Father and Mother conduct the Ceremony for the Liberation of the Spirit World

our enemies. Korean people are real enemies who have opposed me for the last forty years. So we must love them. You must love the Korean people more than your own children and spouses. You must love them so that they go over the [mountain] pass following in True Parents' footsteps. The wives, and also their children, must cross through the pass. Their husbands are to support their wives and children with all they have. It is their responsibility to make the utmost sacrifice for four years.

You are entering a very serious time. All the saints and sages in the spirit world, and even God, are watching this place. You must absolutely have faith in, love and obey True Parents' words. Whom are you supposed to love? Since Eve created hell, she must love the male representative whom God has sent. That is the True Father. Adam was supposed to be a king, a grandfather, a father, a husband, a brother and a son. Women must put aside all of these relationships with men.

The real content of your marriages has been that your husbands are in the position of the Archangel. So you must sacrifice being with them in order to find a nation. Do you understand? [Yes.] You should not think of your husbands simply as your husbands. You must think of them as archangels representing the satanic world. However, I don't mean that your husbands are devils! Since they are blessed, they are half way to being True Adam and receiving spiritual support from the spirit world. They are also responsible for restoring God's nation on earth.

Who can make these men wholesome True Adams? Mothers and their children must unite and restore God's nation. Only then can you create families of Heaven on earth and eventually enter Heaven. It does not work randomly. You should follow the formula exactly, just like solving math problems.

If husbands stop their wives from fulfilling their missions, they will become the devil of devils. Even if they are registered, they will be separated in the spirit world. Although husbands were blessed as husbands, if they prevent their wives from doing God's work, they cannot enter Heaven. They can enter the paradise level, the middle realm where

they cannot be connected to their own families, nation and the world.

Below the middle realm, there is hell. Hell is like a prison. No one is bound to stay in hell forever under Satan's dominion. If the brothers, sisters and descendants make tearful conditions and push them up, such people can be liberated.

I have the sovereignty and there are billions in the realm of the blessing. So we have the people and sovereignty but are in need of a land. We need Korea to be that land. If Koreans do not unite with the providence, they will be dropped out of the providence. It will be like the time God abandoned Israel and started the providence with the second Israel centering on Christianity. Although the state and religions of Korea unified in persecuting me, I have still

come here and tried to save them. If Korea does not fulfill its responsibility, God will abandon this nation and start a new providence based on a third Israel, which is in South America. God will move south. Once South and North America are united, they can create the unified realm of Catholicism and Protestantism. With this prepared foundation, even if South and North Korea oppose me, it will not be the same as the case of Jesus' crucifixion. Since I have fulfilled my responsibility for the nation, if Korea does not follow me, I can leave the nation and go elsewhere. Do you understand what I am saying? You should be tested. All the registered women must understand this point clearly.

(To Korean national messiah wives) First, you must fulfill your responsibility as national messiahs with your children. You must bring your spiritual children, who are moved by your life of faith, and your own children into oneness, and then you must follow your husbands to Korea and be registered. That is the national standard. So it is the victorious unity between Cain and Abel, your own children and the spiritual children you made in your mission countries, that you must bring into Korea. That way, South Korea should be able to embrace North Korea, later China and Mongolia and eventually all of Asia. It should be done naturally.

If North Korea naturally surrenders, the door will be open to us centering on the UN. Since we have reached the time limit, I have had to hurry and proclaim, on the UN stage, the need to break down national boundaries.

All the delegates in the UN represent their own nations. The UN is like a dead cow in that the representatives from each nation are fighting like mad dogs for more meat from the UN. This cannot go on.

The national representatives should stay as the Cain side and there should be an upper house that represents the heavenly side. Those who are more concerned about the world must guide, in the right direction, those who are only concerned for their national interests so that they can also work for God's will.

Why do you have to go to Jardim for the forty days of training? That is something you must do. If the worldwide providence centered on Korea collapses, all the blessed families will be driven out. You must go through the forty-day workshop in Jardim. This is to restore the four-position foundation. For forty days, the mother, father and children in a family, whose hearts are all moving in different directions, find a unifying point. This is so as to create a unified foundation for your family. Centering on this principled family foundation, you can start resolving the national level indemnity of Adam's and Jesus' eras. When women who are united with their children work with complete unity with True Parents and God, there is nothing that can stop them, not even Satan. God will take care of everything. Do you understand or not? You must understand this clearly.

You want your children to rise in the world by sending them to well-known universities. It can never work! Those who went to universities for the wrong reasons must pay indemnity.

What you should really understand is that whether or not you can be registered in the heavenly nation is really up to your degree of dedication to God. You can pass through the gate only when you fulfill your duty as God's filial and loyal children.

True Mother is in the position of Leah, the elder sister, and blessed wives are in the position of Rachel, the younger sister, in Jacob's family. Leah took everything from Rachel in Jacob's family, but things will be different this time. True Mother, as the elder sister, serves God and True Father and gives the heavenly blessing to her younger sisters as the embodiment of motherhood.

Blessed wives love Mother but naturally love me more. Blessed wives are female ghosts. These ghosts should grow to be human spirits. For them to be true human spirits, they should love True Mother more than me in the end. Why do they have to love Mother more? Sisters were born out of the same mother. They share the same blood lineage. If their blood lineage is satanic, the sisters will reject each other. However, if their blood lineage is heavenly, they can get along well with each other. So who is your elder sister's husband? It is I. I was in the position of a blessed wife's fiancé, your fiancé, but became your elder sister's husband. Although it is natural that you may think of this elder sister as your enemy, you don't feel that way. Because your elder sister loves you more than anyone else and through her love, you can participate in receiving the heavenly blessing.

No matter what happens, you need to fulfill the four-year course. Even if you end up being beggars. In the Korean tradition, when parents passed away, the children took care of their graves by living by the tomb for three years. With that kind of loyalty, you should do your best during the four-year course. Do you understand?

Heung-jin Gun, the four major saints and other people of conscience are here with us. Jesus originally came to the earth as a True Parent. But his mission was not fulfilled. He is therefore like an older brother to us. Buddhism and Confucianism must modify their ways of doing things and follow the march of the Completed Testament age centered on the Principle. Only in that way can they find a direct road to God's kingdom on earth as well as in heaven. They cannot bring their Buddhist and Confucianist elements. They must sanctify those elements. Otherwise the doors to heaven will not be open to them.

How do we bring about peace in the world? When people from two enemy nations intermarry, the struggle between

those two nations will start to disappear. Even if in the parents' generation they were mutual enemies, their children can create the starting line to heaven through intermarriage. Now is the age during which mutual enemies intermarry.

What is the final destination of God's command to love your enemies? It is to intermarry with your enemies. When such a time comes, God can finally be free. There were marriages between Japanese and Koreans in 1988, weren't there? We have made it a tradition. When we love our enemies by intermarrying with them, the direct road to heaven will open and there will be no place for satanic elements.

When people from two former enemy nations marry, both nations can be registered in heaven overnight. Restoration is that easy. When I am officially recognized, and in charge of international marriage, it will take no more than three months for the nations involved to be registered in Heaven. Do you think that I have that kind of ability or not?

Your registration is really up to you. You don't need the Messiah. We have now blessed millions of Adam's extended family in the spirit world. So, what is there to worry about? I don't have to take responsibility as the Messiah now. Your families now have the seeds of the perfected Adamic family. You can harvest as much as you invest in the field. It is indeed up to each one of your families. It depends on how much a couple invests. True Parents have been doing the work on behalf of God. Do you have to be better than True Parents or not?

Centering on love, what is the ultimate wish of any parents? It is for their sons and daughters to be a thousand times better than they are. The parents' natural wish is for their children to go and live forever in heaven, even if their children deserve to go to hell. Especially mothers feel that way. Do you love True Mother? She represents a queen, a grandmother, a mother, a sister and a daughter. She represents all the women in the world.

Christianity has taken the wrong road. Its followers are sometimes complacent. God sacrifices His own sons and daughters to save those who are in hell. But there are Christians who believe they are the best and the rest of the world should go to hell. They think Buddhists, atheists and Unificationists are the enemy. They say that the Unification Church should be gotten rid of. They've tried various methods of attack. No matter how hard they have tried to destroy me, they have not been able to touch me.

You don't need me any more. I have given you everything you need. You should not be indebted to me anymore. Do not ask for True Parents' help. Just do your utmost to build a nation with the fervor with which you love True Parents.

It is you women who are responsible for your husbands' growth and perfection. It is your responsibility to save your husbands' families. These days, Korean women cheat on their husbands. They say, "My husband is doing it, so I am doing the same thing, or even four times more than he is." They use the Internet [to contact men] and end up having free sex and doing all kinds of evil things. You have to eliminate all this from Korea. It is no longer the time for you to serve me, but rather the time has come for you to serve your husbands, children and nation.

Let us make Korea our base land. You ought to determine to create a history that is beyond all future accusation from your descendants. The providence of salvation is over. Do not call to God. Since you are registered, you must raise your children righteously and enable them to enter heaven on behalf of God and on behalf of the savior of the salvation providence. If your children cannot enter heaven, you are

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Father said that in celebrating this, the 41st (40th anniversary) True Children's Day, the age of the family king has begun.

On this occasion Father modified the way we end our prayers at home: when we pray in our families, we should close

our prayers by saying, "I pray in the name of [our name], of a central blessed family." In general, when we offer representative prayers, we still use the standard form: "I pray in the name of [our name], of a blessed family that has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing."

responsible. I have taught you everything there is to know about how to rid this world of evil. If your children cannot enter heaven, you are to blame.

God has taken responsibility for His own creation and True Parents for the history of restoration. If you fail to take responsibility for what you are responsible for, you will be eternally to blame. How will you face your descendants when they accuse you, "True Parents taught you everything. Why did you have so much attachment to the fallen world while on earth when you knew that life there was as short and insignificant as a single breath of air?"

I am giving you this advice, since I know that you will fall into utter misery if you do not fulfill your responsibility.

Please do remember this day. The people in the spirit world are making a strong determination. Therefore, you should make even stronger determination than they have. I would like to finish this speech with a strong wish for all the blessed families to take personal, subjective responsibility! [Amen!] So from now, do not hesitate to work together with the spirit world. And, working together with the spirit world, all the blessed families on earth must take care that their descendants not fall.◆

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The Thirteenth Kae Cheon Jeol

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
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WHAT day is it today? [The Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World.] What world? [Unified world.] The Unified World has begun. Heaven and earth has opened up. Then the world of peace should come; the world of joy should come.

It has been twelve years since I proclaimed this day. Twelve years ago, right after the Seoul Olympic Games. The Seoul Olympic Games can be considered the northern Olympics and those in Sydney this time, the southern Olympics. They parallel each other.

When I spoke at the UN, I said the UN should be centered on the unification of heaven and earth. The UN is lost and is just moving without any sense of direction. If it continues to go that way, there is no turning back. They are heading for a dead end.

Since I ought to teach them the right way, I had to speak at the UN. What I told them was that we should break down national boundaries and create a world of peace. Our world is the way it is because of national boundaries. In order for this world to end, national boundaries should be broken down.

Today is the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World. It is celebrating the day that we can pass through heaven and earth without any doors closed before us. What it means is that we are celebrating the day to come when we can freely go anywhere in the world without any national boundaries.

What do you think is the fundamental force of the entire cosmos? You need to understand this. Didn't Lee Sang-hun say? His wife met him after the eight years of separation. So they put on their best ceremonial gowns and greeted each other before God. What did they do after that? Did they dance around or make love?

What do you mean by making love? Does it mean kissing or saying hello to God? Do you think they had clothes on when they made love or didn't have any clothes on? Did Adam and Eve have their clothes on before the fall? Did they have any concept about having clothes on before the fall or not? Then what? They lived naked and they were supposed

to love naked. In the most intimate moment between a man and woman, do they have their clothes on? I don't know. (laughter) So, do people have clothes on when they make love or not? There are no borderlines necessary between a man and a woman in love. Eternally, absolutely, uniquely, unchangingly there is no need for borderlines in true love. That is true love.

A man symbolizes bones and a woman flesh. Therefore those two should be together. They can stick together by a glue called love. There is a Korean song that says, "We receive bones from our fathers and flesh from our mothers." God is the invisible model for human beings. God is like the bones and human beings are like the flesh. How can God and human beings stick together? By love. Only love can unify anything.

Is it good or bad to love? There is circular movement when things are good. A man and a woman together can make a circle. A man is a half and a woman is the other half. Those two halves together can make a whole circle. That is why a man and a woman are created as convex and concave—to fit together as one.

Mother told me, "What you have been saying all these years is truly right. I never knew that our grandchildren would be so lovely." Whenever we return home, we ask, "Is so-and-so in?" and the little ones stagger toward us. Then True Mother immediately embraces and kisses them. When I see them like that, I think to myself, "I wish she could be like that with me, too..." (laughter)

When people reach their eighties, they can have Alzheimer's disease and forget everything they knew. However, they do not forget those they love the most. They may forget their spouses but remember their grandchildren. Those who receive love from their grandparents are the happy ones. Those who never receive love from their grandparents are unfortunate grandchildren and unfortunate people! Those who receive love from their grandparents have a better chance of becoming people of integrity.

When there is an elderly couple, would it not be better for



"We should be able to go anywhere in the world."

on Sung-jin's mother broke apart, my family broke apart and the tragic history of divorce became unavoidable. So I had to restore it again. I found a new mother fourteen years after the divorce. And I had to spend the forty years until 1995 restoring the family providence. Do you understand? Just as Moses started his mission when he was eighty years old, I have cleared up the spirit and physical worlds in my eighties. Now Satan cannot oppose me.

An education program will start on the 10th centered on the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. The IIFWP represents God. God transcends religions and nations. The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace is centered on Unification Thought and will educate people .

We should be able to go anywhere in the world. In order for that to happen, we should break down national boundaries. In the world without any national boundaries, blessed families must go everywhere in the world to educate people. I prepared this day twelve years ago for the sake of such a liberated world. With gratitude for the time of settlement during which we can practice our ideals, I established this day of celebration! Amen!◆

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their son and his wife to live together with them? Would it not be much better if their grandchildren live with them, too? That is family. Three or four generations living together can create a happy family.

What is it that you cannot have alone? You cannot have absolute love without any reciprocal relationship. You cannot give or receive love alone. The best, unchanging, eternal thing to give and receive is absolute love. You need to be qualified to give to and receive love from God who is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal.

Do you think God can see love or not? Have you thought about it? Do you think some kind of light appears when God loves something or somebody? What do you think?

Only when you have a son, can you experience love for a son. Only when you have a daughter, can you experience love for a daughter. You need to have an object of love.

Who are True Parents? Say it. My Mom and Dad. Who are your parents? [My Mom and Dad.]

What I need to do is to show the way of a true parent, true teacher and true king. I ought to establish a family, find a nation and win over the world. In other words, I have to restore elder-sonship, parenthood and kingship in my life. I have to offer the entire human history of thousands of years before God.

But my family broke apart before realizing the family ideal. Because established Christianity in Korea did not fulfill its responsibility, Korea was divided and my family broke apart, too. Because the providence centered

Photos: Facing page, the commemorative service, held at Sutaek-ri main auditorium (at the Il-Hwa Company); this page top, Father speaks; bottom, entertainment in the evening (top, Japanese traditional drum music; bottom, a play presented by Korean members)



Behind the Walls of Seodaemun Prison



October 4, 2000, marked the 45th anniversary of True Father's release from Seodaemun Hyungmuso, where, after three months of confinement with early members (including Eu Hyo-won and Kim Won-pil) he was cleared of charges of evading military service and released.

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YOU stroll down a wide brick path that runs alongside Independence Gate (*Tongnimun*), which is fifteen meters tall and was designed to resemble Paris' Arc de Triomphe; walk through a well-manicured park past

old people sitting on benches enjoying the shade, boisterous children roller blading, families picnicking; and you come to a rise, at the top of which, out of sight, is the front gate of Seodaemun Prison. Just as during the time the prison was in use, once you are standing there within sight of a guard tower, there is still no imagining what took place behind the high, red brick wall that surrounds the prison buildings.

In 1908, at a time when the eight existing prisons across Korea could hold a total of 300 inmates, Seodaemun was built to hold 500. The prison was designed and built by the Japanese, who saw Korea as a stepping stone to con-

quering the Asian continent. It was during the time when the Japanese were, as one history book puts it, "the rulers of Korea in all but name". The 1905 Ulsa Treaty of Protection, signed by Hirohumi Ito of Japan and Lee Wan-yong of Korea, had made Korea a protectorate of Japan, but they had yet to formally annex the nation. They were moving slowly so as not to alarm the Western world but were preparing for any resistance Koreans might have to becoming a part of the Japanese Empire.

One freedom fighter has spoken often of is Yoo Kwan-soon. She led the March 1, 1919, *mansei* movement in her hometown of Chonan, where Sun Moon University's School of Theology is located today. Though originally sentenced to three years in Kongjoo prison, she was transferred to Seodaemun on August 1, 1919, when an additional seven years were added to her sentence for contempt of court. There she shouted, "Independence!" each morning and evening in her cell. She was beaten every time, but her spirit could not be quelled. On the first year anniversary of the *mansei* movement, she launched a protest within the prison. For this she was transferred to an underground, solitary cell where the level of torture was magnified. She died, from being cruelly tortured on top of the malnutrition she'd endured as a prisoner, on October 12, 1920. Her corpse was then cut up as a warning to her fellow inmates.

True Father spoke to Japanese members before *hoon dok hae* on Sunday, April 16th of this year: "There is a famous Korean girl, Yoo Kwan-soon, who was a patriotic hero. She led the *mansei* rally of March 1, 1919. She was eventually caught and cut into twelve pieces. So, she had intense hatred towards the Japanese. I matched her to a Japanese and she accepted."

Hundreds of independence fighters were imprisoned in Seodaemun over the years; many were tortured and executed. Though most records were destroyed, a wall displaying ninety known names commemorates those who died either through torture, starvation or execution. Today, groups of normally rambunctious young students stand at stiff attention in neat rows and bow before those names as an act of respect and gratitude.

This is some of the dark history of the prison through whose gates our True Father was led in 1955. It was the same prison, but Korea itself was a very different place. The Japanese had been defeated a decade previously. George

Washington, Harvard, and Princeton University educated Syngman Rhee was president. The Speaker of the Assembly at the time, later Syngman Rhee's Prime Minister and still later his running mate and eventual vice-president was Lee Ki-bung. His wife was known as Maria Pak. The U.S. Library of Congress in their country studies, alludes to the power of Maria Pak whom they call a power behind the scenes and a confidante of Mrs. Francesca Donner Rhee, the first lady: "Formerly Rhee's personal secretary, Ki-bung Lee and his wife had convinced the childless Rhee to adopt their son as his legal heir." It was this "power-behind-the-scenes," Maria Pak, who was in large part responsible for True Father's incarceration on that summer day.

It had all begun months earlier when Mrs. Yang Yun-young became the musical director for the Pan-National University Students' Summer Camp held at Yonsei University. She also did laundry for the women students at nearby Ewha, the university of which Maria Pak was vice-president. Mrs. Yang was a relative of the first Korean Church president, Eu Hyowon and had heard the Divine Principle from him. She was a very spiritual woman who would receive holy songs from the spirit world and sing them as she washed the students' clothes.

Mrs. Yang held discussions at her home and the Divine Principle was taught there. Professor Han Chung-hwa, who was an assistant professor of English literature and in charge of the residential advisors at Ewha's dormitories, joined through Mrs. Yang. Han Chung-hwa was a devoted Christian and loved by many students. Many of those students came to the church through her. The professor who chaired the Korean Literature Department also joined. A small flood of students was coming, listening and joining. The president of Ewha, Kim Hwa-lan, instructed Professor Kim Young-oon to investigate the matter.

Early member, Yoo Kwang-yol said in a series of articles entitled Unifica-

tion Church History, "Miss Kim studied theology in Japan and in Canada, then came to Ewha to teach. Kim Young-oon at that time was a noted woman intellectual in Korean society. Many people who heard her lecture on religion could not forget her, and admired her very much. She had initiated the curriculum in Christian Studies. She created and also was chairman of the department. The president of the university asked Miss Kim to go the Unification Church, find out whether the teaching was true or false, and bring all those students back to the university. From that we can see how much the president trusted Miss Kim." The much-trusted Miss Kim became a member a week after Mrs. Choi Won-pok, an assistant professor in English Literature. Students from Yonsei University, formerly known as Chosun Christian College, were also joining at that time. The Christian world sat up and took notice.

The sudden growth spurt of this new religious movement and its appeal to the students and professors was

tunities for Koreans were purposely limited, particularly at the secondary and university levels. Educational opportunities were greatly expanded immediately after the Japanese defeat, and the trend continued through the Korean War and afterwards." An entire generation of Koreans had been denied higher education in their own country during the colonization period. The children of this generation, just two years after the Korean War had come to a standstill, were placed in the position of having to explain to these parents that they valued their faith more than their education. On May 11, 1955 fourteen students, five in their graduating year, were expelled from Ewha, and five professors lost their jobs for attending the Unification Church. Yonsei University, meanwhile, expelled a pair of students and fired one professor for being involved in an "anti-Christian, heretical faith."

News of the expulsions and of the Unification Church spread throughout the nation. Yoo Kwang-yol said, "Initially, the news media was very supportive. Ewha University is Christian, they wrote, but students come from many different religions; they are the daughters of Buddhists, Confucianists, and atheists. There are even daughters of shamans. When all these people are allowed to stay in school, why are only Unification Church members being expelled?" Even after the students were forced to give up their education,

new guests were coming to the church, finding hope and life in living truth.

Then it was as if, on a previously clear day, all of a sudden the temperature drops and you realize the sky has gone a pale gray. You abruptly notice that something powerful has been taking place without your having been aware. The newspaper articles took on a different tone. Persecution from Christian churches intensified. Maria Pak had begun to wield her influence. Soon, the wind began to howl.

Father was arrested on Monday, July 4th, Kim Won-pil on the 5th. Eu Hyomin and Eu Hyo-young—one the broth-



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alarming to the president of Ewha University, Kim Hwa-lan and her vice president, Maria Pak. More than a hundred students had come to the church. Kim made the decision to expel any student who did not recant their newfound faith.

It was an impressive moment. The ultimatum was being put to post-war Korean students. The Library of Congress in explaining life in Korea under Syngman Rhee says, "A major impetus for social change was the greatly enhanced opportunity for education. Although Japan had introduced a modern education system to Korea, oppor-



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Photos (45th anniversary celebration of Father's release from Seodaemun prison): above left, *Father shares a few words*; middle, *Lighting the anniversary cake candles*; right, *Mother sings for Father*; facing page top, *a panoramic view of the occasion*
Father said that even though the atmosphere of the celebration was bright and joyful, we must be mindful of the course of incarceration that had to be walked for the sake of God's will.

er of President Eu Hyo-won and the other his cousin—were arrested the following day. President Eu was brought in on the 13th. They were prosecuted all together on the 29th of July—ten weeks after the Ewha and Yonsei expulsions. All had been taken to the infamous prison, Seodaemun. An early member remembers, “Later we learned that the top university staff and the top government officials, who were all in the same Christian power group, had decided to completely destroy the Unification Church.” Father was charged with draft evasion. Though the papers were filled with accusations of immoral conduct, the public record that remains to this day does not indicate that any charges of that type were ever brought against anyone involved. It was just what was described as “a whirlpool of rumors.”

It has never been suggested that the treatment that Father and the four other men received in Seodaemun bore any resemblance to that meted out to the independence fighters by the Japanese. It was simply the same historic buildings, the same cells. Outside the prison walls, a storm was raging across the nation. Father was immobilized as all the power of government sought to snuff out the life of his movement.

The members visited Father every

day. Mr. Yoo Kwang-yol related his experience: “When we went to see Father we always shook hands first. Then the jail guard warned us not to shake hands. He said it was a regulation, because they feared that we might exchange some secret message. But when we went to see Father, we always took something to bribe the guard, [so that we could stay longer] many times a pack of cigarettes. But Korean Christians don’t smoke and sometimes they won’t even touch tobacco. So it was my first time to do such a thing. When I offered a pack of cigarettes, the guard at first refused. I did not know what to do with the refused cigarette box, but Father grabbed it and gave it to the guard, almost threw it at him. Then we felt relaxed, but we also felt that even in jail we had to rely on Father. When we left, we would also shake hands and the guard would become angry.”

Outside of those visits it was a time of tremen-

dous trial—a pivotal moment in the history of God’s providence. True Father was being crucified in the media and we know that the Minister of Education spoke out against him. On Maria Pak’s part, it would seem it was an act of sheer malice. Rev. Lee Sang-hun in his second revelation from the spirit world indicated that Maria Pak mobilized five government ministers to annihilate the



A Seodaemun Prison hallway, with raised walkway overhead

The Forgiveness of Maria Pak: Father has indicated that Maria Pak was the person whom he had the most difficulty forgiving due to her role in blocking the providence in Korea, and thus the world. He said that in May 1998, God asked him to make a special condition to enable him to forgive her. Father mentioned that he offered a special prayer for three days, and others have testified that this was coupled with a punishing physical indemnity course in the South American summer heat, without food or sleep, that left him vomiting blood. He mentioned that this course was for the liberation of the spirit world and to open the gates of hell.

The 45th Anniversary of Father's Release from Seodaemun Prison



Unification Church and its central personage, our True Father.

The three women most involved, Maria Pak, Ewha's president Kim Hwal-lan, and Francesca Rhee all had close ties to American missionaries. Christianity did not recognize the time of its visitation. Of course many remained faithful during this time, but in such an atmosphere, surrounded by unwarranted contempt, many people lost faith as well. There is a collection of heavy stones that was kept as a reminder. These were thrown by angry mobs that pelted the church building. The windows broke and eventually the weight of the stones caused the roof to collapse.

Father and the other imprisoned men would come to court at various times. The members would always attend and stand in two rows for Father to pass through on the way in. They would bow. Mrs. Choi Won-pok recalls how Father would glance at each member, "His eyes would talk. Strangely enough, we understood."

There were two lawyers defending the men. One was very obliging and would do favors for the members like taking extra food into the prisoners. He just wasn't **Father greets members on his release from prison, on October 4, 1955**



a very good lawyer. The other was very competent and intelligent, but when asked to pass some food to Father would say, "Mr. Moon will not die from skipping one lunch, so please stop sneaking food to him." This one, though, defended Father very well in court.

Finally, on October 4th, judgement was passed on the men. Some of the elder brothers were required to pay small fines for having doctored documents related to Father's military eligibility, but the court found that Father had been completely unaware of what they had done. Father was not even fined. He was completely exonerated by the court. The newspapers reported this in one small corner of their papers.

That is not to say that damage had not been done. From those elder members who speak with public candor of those days, it seems clear that this period was a crushing blow. "We had become known nationwide for scandal." After leaving prison, Father is said to have walked the streets of Seoul to gauge people's newly formed reaction to his name. From old women that couldn't even read to small boys warned by their parents, everyone seemed to deride him. He had become a pariah in the nation he loved so

deeply. It is fair to say that the work of Maria Pak has followed us to this day.

From that rock bottom point, Father poured out his love. He would take the members to the mountains that ring Seoul and speak deeply of God's heart and truth. He sent the first missionary to Japan saying, "Japan must know Heavenly Father's love". He rebuilt. He said of that time, "The whole of Christendom in Korea, in cooperation with the government, came against our movement. On the fourth of October, I was released as innocent, so the dispensation started anew."

It is an interesting experience to visit Seodaemun Prison today. Leaving through the front gate, not unaffected by displays of the terrible agony that was suffered there, you emerge into a different world. Once again, you hear the laughter of children and see the free citizens of Seoul enjoying their leisure.

Like those elementary school children standing before the names of the freedom fighters that died in Seodaemun, there are times when we, too, ought to remember—to measure what we have today and bow in respect and gratitude before those who paid so dearly for it. ♦

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The parts of Seodaemun Prison still standing have been preserved as a museum and memorial park, and are open to the public.

Death Camp: The Reality of Heungnam Prison

Book Excerpt

There have been many accounts of and references to the time Father was in Heungnam Special Labor Camp. Father has spoken candidly of what it is like for people to suffer forced labor coupled with a starvation diet. We are including the following excerpt from Sun Myung Moon: The Early Years 1920-53 (author: Michael Breen) as it allows the reader a dispassionate overview of the Heungnam prison environment. The content is gleaned from first-hand accounts of those who were there. These excerpts are from the chapter entitled "Death Camp." The first section, describing Heungnam prison at the outset was drawn from an account published by a prisoner who was among the first to be sent there.

OF THE labor camps in north Korea at the time, the Aoji Coal Mine in North Hamgyong Province was considered the most severe. Heungnam was next, then Bongung, which was nearby and where conditions were somewhat better...

The first intake of nine hundred prisoners had arrived at the Heungnam camp on February 4 [1948]. On that first day, when they began to fill up the chilly buildings of the former Japanese prison, there had been a boisterous atmosphere mixed with apprehension. Guards had pushed them into cells. Each cell had twenty to twenty-five inmates.

Uniforms were distributed with *kyo*, the first syllable of *kyodoso*, meaning prison camp, in red paint in Korean characters on the back...

After the guards left, the inmates began chatting about their crimes. "I live near the thirty-eighth parallel," one seventeen year-old boy said. "One day I went fishing, and the further I went downstream, the more fish I was catching. So I continued down. Then I was captured by a police agent." The boy was sentenced for trying to escape to south Korea...

An old man confessed: "I worked at construction sites. I tried to hide a few nails and bits of wood to repair my house. They arrested me. Do you know what they called my crime? Plunder of government property."

The stories continued, but the real hard-core criminals and the serious political offenders kept quiet. As one prisoner was telling how he had been seized for refusing to accept a citizen-

ship identity card from the Communist authorities on religious grounds, a guard shouted at them to stop talking. The prisoners fell silent and within a few minutes were asleep.

The next morning a piercing siren announced the new day. Guards began shouting, "Get up! Get up!"

Breakfast was passed into the hut in noisy metal bowls. The prisoners looked at the salty soup, and realized how hungry they were. Even the common criminals were quiet. In thirty minutes the entire camp was assembled outside.

The commandant, an army captain, addressed them. "This is the Heungnam Special Labor Camp. The purpose of our camp is to supply labor for the Korea Nitrogen Fertilizer Factory," he announced. Armed guards divided the prisoners into work-teams of ten. Ten teams formed a work party.

It was a two-mile march to the plant...When the convicts reached the fertilizer factory, they found it bustling with activity. Smoke belched from the chimneys. Trains shunted back and forth on the tracks. During the Japanese occupation, it had been known as the Chosen Nitrogen Fertilizer Company, and had developed from its establishment in 1927 to become the world's second largest fertilizer works. The file of prisoners was led to a mountain of ammonium sulphate which had solidified and had to be broken up and bagged in forty kilogram sacks. The work would keep them busy for over two years. Each ten-man team was told it had to do seven hundred bags in an eight-hour work day. Back at the camp that evening, prisoners were frisked individually and then pushed into their huts. Supper arrived—a handful of boiled grain and the same salty soup. After the meal, they looked at the skin of their fingertips which had peeled off from exposure to the fertilizer.

The day was not over. At 7.30 p.m. the prisoners were ordered to have a 'newspaper reading' in each cell. They didn't know what it meant. A short while later, a guard distributed the *Rodong Shinmun*, the Korean Workers' Party daily. A prisoner who could read was ordered to read the paper's editorial aloud. Then they had to discuss it. The convicts were

silent, not knowing what to say.

"You should criticize your work performance, and confess the crimes you were sent here for," a guard said. They discussed dispiritedly, their minds on fatigue and hunger. Some time later the siren sounded. A guard went from hut to hut banging on the walls with a stick shouting "checking." He looked into each hut to see that none had escaped.

"Sleep!" he ordered. The prisoners, lying head to foot on reed mats, with one blanket for four persons, fell into a deep sleep. The next morning the siren sounded again, the same watery soup came, and the prisoners assembled outside as before.

"Any prisoners wish to report sick?" the commandant yelled. Half of the assembly stepped forward. Guards closed in.

"Where do you feel ill?" a guard asked an old man.

"Here. My hip hurts. I don't think I can work today." The guard smashed his baton down viciously on the man's hip. After a few blows the prisoner fell to the ground.

"This is how ill you need to be to go to the sick bay," the guard shouted. "If anyone is really ill, step forward." The prisoners returned to their ranks. They shuffled to the plant where they were told the daily quota had been increased to thirteen hundred bags. If a team failed to meet the new target they had to stay on, missing dinner if necessary.

Recalling this day, Kim In-ho [from whose account this is taken] wrote: "From this day on began our miserable forced labor. The message seemed to be, 'If you can't endure, die'."

The following section was drawn from interviews with fellow prisoners plus material from Father's own testimony.

When Sun-myung Moon and Kim Won-dok arrived in May 1948, a pall of misery hung over the barracks. The place had the look of a death camp. The inmates, now numbering fifteen hundred, and crammed forty to a cell, were emaciated and lifeless. Every day, men died and new prisoners arrived to replace them.

Initially, around ten per cent of the inmates were political offenders and

another ten per cent were soldiers or officials sentenced for dereliction of duty. The rest were criminals. But the numbers of political prisoners steadily increased. They were now being kept in separate huts, and on separate work-teams in the factory. But the definition of political offender was loose. Almost any crime near the thirty-eighth parallel, even trying to sell an ox across the border, was considered political. One ideological offender, a brigade commander in the People's Army, had been sentenced to five years for picking a 'Long Live Kim Il-Sung!' banner in a field as a target for shooting practice. "There was nothing else to shoot at," he explained to his cell-mates.

Real opponents of the Communist regime had to be careful whom they confided in. Prisoners who considered the real anti-Communists to be dangerous sometimes informed on conversations overheard in the cells.

Moon was put in barrack two, cell five. A board outside the hut listing each occupant's number, crime and term, identified his cell-mates as political prisoners. His number was 596. He drew strength from the fact that it sounded like the word for 'unjust suffering.'

Taking stock of his fellow prisoners, he saw that some had given up the fight, and figured that they would soon die. If once-healthy men were dying after only a few months, how could he endure a five-year sentence? He realized that he, too, had been sent to die. It was useless to try to escape and equally futile to try to maintain dignity through open defiance of the prison guards. A defiant prisoner would be singled out immediately for severe punishment. In his determination to survive, Moon saw only one way. His defiance would be spiritual. He resolved to fight as if all men's salvation depended on it, indeed as if God's single hope for the world rested on his victory. The battle was spiritual, and he was called on to defeat Satan, to defeat the spiritual forces that drove men to evil. His weapons would be prayer, discipline and love. He determined to maintain a loving attitude to God, to his fellow prisoners and to the Communist guards, regardless of how miserably he was treated. That spiritual will, which had borne him through an earlier prison experience, was to face in Heungnam its ultimate test.

If his love for God weakened, he would be gripped by the same passion that consumed most of his fellow prisoners—sheer desperation for survival. His immediate challenge was to

handle the starvation diet and avoid falling victim to the obsession with food that distracted almost all the prisoners. He decided to give away half of his three hundred gram grain ration to one of the men beside him, reducing his ration to equal that of the men in the sickbay. He did this at every mealtime for two weeks. Then he began eating the whole ration again, viewing the doubling of his food as a gift from God. He dispassionately studied the reaction of his own mind and body to see if he could desire God's love as much as men desired food. He concentrated more upon comforting God than upon his desire for food.

He determined to throw himself into the work so that it became a source of fulfillment. He fell into the prison routine—6 a.m. siren; 7 a. m. breakfast; and at 7.30 a.m. a handbell would ring, guards opened the cell door and the men lined up outside. The commandant would address them from a dais, barking instructions. No smoking, no escaping. In the first few months, two men tried to escape. Their bodies were displayed as a warning. Four others, who were captured, received an extra year on their sentence...

The chapter concludes with an account, drawn from the testimony of four inmates interviewed by the author, of the liberation of Heungnam camp following extensive bombing raids on the industrial complex. Accounts with slightly different interpretations of events have also been recorded.

With the fertilizer plant out of operation, prisoners were ordered to stay in their cells. The remaining common criminals were drafted into army auxiliary service, leaving about five hundred political prisoners...

Meanwhile, the Communist advance south had been checked and, after the landings of United Nations' troops at Inchon and the recapture of Seoul in September 1950, the north Korean forces were being routed. As the retreat began, prison authorities planned to execute anti-Communist prisoners, and evacuate other political offenders to camps further north. Meanwhile, south Korean troops crossed the thirty-eighth parallel on September 30, and headed up the east coast for Wonsan. Large-scale massacres began at prison camps in Wonsan and Bongung, near Heungnam.

One night in the second week of October, guards stopped outside each cell in Heungnam prison, and shouted out several numbers. They ordered the

prisoners whose numbers had been called, to come outside.

"What's happened?" one prisoner asked a guard through the cell window later that day.

"I don't know," the guard said. "I just saw they had a big sign hanging around their neck with their prison number written large. Their hands were tied. They were probably shot."

The guards came around and called out more numbers. Around ten prisoners were left in Moon's cell. Before the third roll call, south Korean forces had attacked an area near where many of the prison guards lived. The guards left to help their families escape, and returned the next day, October 14. The remaining hundred and fifty-two prisoners were assembled, and each was given a bag of rice to carry.

They filed out of the camp, heading north-west towards the city of Hamheung in groups of about twenty. Seven or eight armed guards accompanied each group. By nightfall, after several hours' march in the rain, Moon's group reached a hill outside Hamheung and stopped.

"We are supposed to take you to Aoji," the chief guard said. "The tracks have been bombed so we cannot go by train. There are no ships available. We should walk." Aoji, the mining town in the north-east, near the Soviet border, was almost four hundred kilometres from Heungnam. The prisoners, weakened from years of hard labour and prison diet, were in no state to make such a trek.

"We cannot march that far," some prisoners said. "Why don't you just set us free?"

The guards agreed that the trek north would be almost impossible. They discussed the situation among themselves. After some time, they asked each prisoner to confirm his name, address, crime and how much of his sentence remained. When the list was complete, the chief guard addressed the prisoners.

"Do you promise that when the war is over, you will come back and finish your sentences?" he asked.

"Yes, yes," the prisoners promised. They couldn't believe what they were hearing.

"All right," the guard said. "If any officials ask you what happened, I will take responsibility. You are free to go home." ♦

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True Parents Visit the Marshall Islands



Photos: top right, True Parents meet with President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; below, True Parents spend a day fishing together; below, True Parents are welcomed by the Marshall Islands government; bottom, True Parents are welcomed for its beauty than its size, accompanied by Rev. Song Yong-cheol (Oceania Continental President) and Rev. Yoon Tae-gun (President of the National Association in Korea); top left, True Parents with Mr. N. (Federation of Island Nations for World Peace) and an unidentified crew member displaying a sword caught; above, Father and Mother share a meal.





President Kessai Note, and (bottom right) the Parents receive a gift at a banquet hosted by the National Fishing Association. (bottom left, Father lands a fish more notable than the one caught by Mrs. Ito (Eve Nation National Messiah), National Director) and the National Fishing Association with Mr. Matsuzaki (Eve Nation National Peace) and an American fishing boat. (bottom right) swordfish they have caught. (bottom right) a quiet moment



Mum on the Front Line

Elizabeth Kang is from Wales and has lived in Korea for a decade with her Korean husband and three daughters. She recently attended the 21-day workshop in Cheong Pyeong and received a small town in the southern provinces as her area for activity. We devised some questions and asked Elizabeth if she would write down her feelings for the benefit of members around the world.

Today's World: What area were you assigned to and where are you staying?

Elizabeth Kang: I am staying in Ulsan in South Kyongsang Province, on the east coast. My area is actually part of a small town forty minutes north of that city. I live in the church, which is quite small. The room that I sleep in also serves as a meeting room, dining room, children's playroom, etc.

TW: How have you planned to respond to Father asking sisters to work in Korea for a period of four years?

EK: I plan to work in Korea for four years. It is easier for me than most foreigners as I already live in Korea. My pioneer area is a seven to eight hour drive from my house.

TW: What are your feelings about your husband and family who will spend at least part of that time without you present?

EK: My three children and I have always done many things together. If I went to the supermarket at least one came along. When I went to witness, if they were not in school, one or two usually came with me, sometimes all three. If one child needed clothes, usually all three came along to help choose. We talked about many things. When I bowed fifty times a day for twenty-one days for our ancestors, my children did too. If they bowed in the morning and I bowed in the evening they counted for me. Sometimes they witnessed to their friends and brought them to the church and I advised them on how to be good spiritual parents.

So the first thing I felt was incredible loneliness. I really missed my children.

As I took the bus to Ulsan I missed them and as I ate a snack in the rest stop I remembered how my kids enjoy stopping at rest areas; when I got off the bus and entered the church I felt empty and lonely. Every day, I want to go home. I miss my husband and children very much. I want to teach my children, talk to them and feed them. But I know I must be here, so I do not give in.

My husband has to make money to support the family and cannot depend on me, as he has been doing. Therefore, I can be free to witness. I am sure my children also miss me. I regularly contact them to remind them not to talk to boys, to read books, brush their teeth, not to watch too much TV and the like. Also, I tell them what I am doing and how much I really love them.



The positive points are that because their mother is mobilized, they can share in a historic providential event. I drove to my area one day and really felt True Father was sitting in the front seat beside me.

I read the "The Way of Unification in God's Providence," the theoretical foundation for the unification of East and West, North and South, every morning. It is very, very helpful. I often feel that my freedom has been taken away and several times I could feel, for the first

time, a little of what True Father must have felt as he entered and then served time in prison. Then I read page 423, and was shocked by the content—"the pioneering course...this is the same as the period I spent in a North Korean prison. I lived in a prison, but you don't have to live in a prison. You go the same way in South Korea, in freedom, as I went living in prison in North Korea." Furthermore, as I read in the same book some of True Father's explanations and even scolding, some of the dark, heavy clouds of loneliness and longing lifted.

I often remember the time when here in Korea, the members were sent to their hometowns. I lived with my mother-in-law and my husband stayed in Ansan [near Seoul]. I went through incredible physical difficulties, even carrying two small children for miles as I looked for tribe members in the remote countryside. I was not always welcomed, but everyone in the tribe came to True Mother's speech even though some were negative and said they would not come. Sometimes I saw my mother-in-law's mother (who was in the spirit world) and she said, "Don't worry; they'll come." Even three relatives that I could not trace traveled five hours the day of True Mother's speech and unexpectedly arrived at my mother-in-law's house for lunch. So of course, we took them also to the speech in the afternoon. I was advised by many people for various reasons to return home to Ansan, and I did so. I worked hard, but the "miracles" stopped, and my actual results were not what they could have been.

I read this year that at the time of the hometown providence [when I went was at my mother-in-law's house] True Father had said, "Don't leave your place, even if it is very difficult. After six months it will become easier." When I received my area this time, I determined to go there and stay there whatever happens, but it is not easy. I have an area in a beautiful valley with a few ugly factories with smoke stacks, and a rubbish dump in the middle of it. But I will stay here and invest, because I feel

in that way the hands of God and True Parents can be with me.

I determined that when I came here I would serve for forty days and say little. The leader's wife often spoke down to me, and I felt really belittled. One morning, I was scolded for boiling water too long and, to my horror, I said that she should have a bit more respect for an older member. I wished immediately that I had not said it, and wanted to put the words back in my mouth—especially as I am not a person who goes around thinking that I am a 6000-couple member and that younger members should respect me. Anyway, a few days later, after the morning study, I was scolded publicly by the minister's wife for various other mistakes and then two members gave long speeches on Cain-Abel unity. I was, of course, at fault. I felt two centimeters high. However, these things are good for me, I'm sure. After all, we have to die to be born again and have to get rid of our pride. But Satan seems to be so clever. He is attacking me on the same points as during the beginning of the home-town providence, and often attacks where it really hurts. I felt I was passing through a test.

Another time, we attended a speech by [church president] Rev. Hwang. I had a terrible cough, but I really wanted to hear Rev. Hwang. After the speech, the minister decided to go sightseeing, for my sake as I was new to the region. Then he took five members to a raw fish restaurant. (A week earlier, I had told him that I did not like raw fish, but he must have forgotten.) Over dinner, he asked me some questions and then chided me for my answers. Then his wife told me to eat a lot as the fish was not fattening but very expensive. By this time, I had a raging headache and temperature. However, when I endure and keep quiet, things go well. If I speak out, just a tiny bit, or run away to escape difficulties, things do not go well around me, and also blessings are missed.

In Cheong Pyeong, the leader of the Blessed Family Department said that if we went out to pioneer that our husbands would be liberated. Father also mentions interesting points about the husbands in "The Way of Unification of God's Providence." It's really true. My husband Sang-wan has many stories to tell me already about the deeply moving, good, happy experiences and bless-

ings that he has received. One day when he and I were talking on the phone, he began to cry and cry. He said, "Thank you that we are still together." Every time we talk now, he says he loves me, something he hasn't said for ten years.

TW: What do you think True Parents are asking for through this condition? Is it family-level sacrifice, or concrete results from Korea or something else?

EK: I feel that we are called to sacrifice on the family level as a condition for the sake of the nation. Also, some of us might be too tied down if we stayed at home. The purpose of the sacrifice is to achieve substantial results in Korea. We must do this. I am sure that if there were another possible road to take True Parents would present it to us. But obviously there is not. So we have no choice but to go this way. Moreover, Dae Mo Nim said we should write to our children daily. She also said, when at home, to place your child's hand on your bosom and explain deeply to

tiative. That's how things are there. So every morning I prayed and made my plan for the day and then followed it. (I also had monthly and yearly plans.) That way I didn't waste time in the middle of the day wondering what to do. I also felt spirit world could help me as they knew every day what I was going to do.

However, in this church, the minister's wife decides many things. Not having freedom is difficult! The regional leader said we should pray and God would guide each of us individually. But every desire and idea I have seems to be set aside. Anyway, if I pray and endure I am sure things will improve as unity and trust deepen. I would sometimes be happy to get up and walk away, but that would not solve anything. I feel a bit suffocated, at times, but things will improve as we develop stronger unity.

TW: What do you feel it is important to accomplish as an individual or as a whole during this time?

EK: As a whole, during this time, we must bring the fatherland to become as God wants it. As an individual, I must build relationships with educate the political and civic leaders of my region and those on the grass-roots level as well. I must create three groups of people who are studying (doing *hoon dok hae*) enthusiastically and regularly.

Personally, I need to improve my Korean very much, exercise daily to improve my physical condition, and cultivate a brave

mind and heart, so that I can drive over the thirty-eighth parallel if necessary.

I study a Korean language book every day, learn words, especially from the red section of Divine Principle, and practice lecturing one page a day of the Korean two-hour study guide. I am two thirds of the way through the Divine Principle book now and just knowing the words in red has enabled me to understand most of Rev. Hwang's speeches and the minister's Sunday service.

I need to pray more deeply for True Parents, True Children and True Grandchildren. I also need to pray deeply for unity on every level and in every way, for unity in the church and in the nation, and for my husband's rebirth. Because of this pioneering situation, I

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Facing page, the Kang family; above, Elizabeth outside the local administrative office in her area

him or her the reason you have to go. I really try to maintain a deep connection with my children. I explained that in one sense, of course, I don't want to go, but I explained why I have to go. I also tell them how much I love them and how I am always with them. When they go to sleep at night I tell them to imagine I am there and that I am hugging them. I also asked some of the older sisters who came to Ansan church to pioneer to talk deeply to my children on Sundays if they have the chance.

TW: Is what you do on a daily basis decided through your personal initiative or does your church leader map out your schedule?

EK: In Ansan, where my family lives, I did almost everything on personal ini-

A Couple of Impressions

Eugene Harnett on the Separation During the 21-Day Workshop

My wife does most of the work for my business. I help her a little, but when she was gone, I had to do it all. We'd just picked up some new clients. So, it was even more than what she normally does. It was twenty percent more. All of a sudden, it's more work and she's gone. I'm doing it all. It seemed that I was working every day of the week and of course, having the laundry to do, because it builds up, and the cooking each day.

I did all the cooking, if you could call it that. It was more like taking the frozen foods out of the freezer and heating them up. Another brother made the decision to get paper plates while his wife was gone, so that's what I did. But then, I couldn't do any of my mission work. Getting the kids off to school, etc.,...it was crazy.

I think there was a lot of support, spiritually. Because it is an extraordinary time, having to go through all that without anyone else there—without my wife there. Somehow I felt some kind of buoyancy, spiritual buoyancy, which kept me afloat. And I did *hoon dok hae* every day with the kids, which also is very helpful no matter what. In fact, we finished the first volume of Father's eightieth birthday four-volume set; we actually finished before we went, which I thought was a great condition. We read about six pages a day. That, more than anything else, kept us centered.

We are walking within the *shimjung* of this providence, so to speak. For some reason, we have to do this. I may not understand why. I feel grateful to be able to do this as many elder brothers and sisters had to in the past. I feel a sense of reclaiming that. All kinds of visa problems, travel problems, school problems, all kinds of difficulties, schedule problems and mission difficulties—all that is just part of it. We just have to deal with it. Make it happen.

[Rev. Harnett is the state leader of Alaska]

Yoshiko Harnett on the Importance of the Mobilization

I wanted to live Father's words about absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. This time there were many wives from America. America is in the position of the elder son and it has an important mission. So, at one meeting with Father, he said that we should come to Korea for forty days every six months.

Since that was what he directed us to do, I strongly wanted to fulfill it. It is so important. I had the support of my family. Especially my husband who said, "You should follow what Father said absolutely. I can take care of the kids." Without his support I would not be able to stay in Korea. ♦



Eugene and Yoshiko Harnett with their five sons

can pray more deeply and feel the tears

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of True Parents more deeply.

TW: Even at this early stage, do you see that there are personal benefits to walking this course?

EK: I feel that I can get away from being pulled away from public work by my family and financial obligations. I can invest myself fully and really do something for God and True Parents. I can start from the bottom, rebuild my character, get rid of some fallen nature, comfort God and True Parents. I feel as I did on MFT, or during the hometown providence: I feel that I am tasting the course of True Father and True Mother. I can also learn a lot from the people around me. So far, in my life in Korea,

I have been mixing mainly with people from Seoul, Kyonggi province and Cholla province. The Kyongsang province people are much more subjective, noisy and extroverted. I can learn a lot from them, as I tend to be quiet and shy.

I can also improve my cooking skills and experience again the joy and feeling of peace as we clean public areas, serve visitors who come to the church and look after the Filipino members who live here.

The minister's sermon is like a sword of judgment on my head, as are the words of his wife in conversation at times. Sometimes I'd like to dismiss their remarks as those of people without a broad experience, but actually, what they say for the most part is very true. So, I can learn a lot.

I feel fulfilled by by going out to

meet the Korean people and by helping the Filipino sisters here.

TW: What would you say to someone who was struggling with the question of whether to come or not?

EK: Absolutely come. Your family and you will receive blessings that far outweigh the disadvantages. Don't worry about the language barrier. There is plenty to do. Also a foreign face is a tremendous asset. When I came here ten years ago, I spoke virtually none of the language, but I witnessed very successfully by just reading a few sentences off a piece of paper. Anyway, Dae Mo Nim advised us to go out in groups so in that case we don't have to be disheartened by the language barrier. ♦

A National Messiah's Path

Yoon Young-tae

Federations Chairman in Choongnam

THESE days I cannot sleep well at night. Maybe it is my age or maybe it is the climate...

On June 24th, Father anointed nineteen people as the city and regional federation presidents. Father spoke to us about whether or not Korea could be established as the Father nation, or whether another nation must take responsibility for that mission. All nineteen of us pledged to fulfill our responsibilities representing all the Korean members. Only then did Father stop speaking about finding another nation. I felt grateful, yet at the same time an enormous burden was on my shoulders. I felt burdened because this cannot be done by a few people but needs the cooperation of the entire membership in Korea.

On August 8th, we held a meeting for all the church leaders and newly elected federation presidents. But I had no idea where to start. On the other hand, I could not just sit around doing nothing. So, I started meeting all the people with whom I had built good relations over the years. Since I had not seen them for such a long time, I could not just visit them empty handed. So, I brought a watermelon whenever I visited a family. It was quite hard to find their houses in some cases, so my shirt would get very sweaty carrying the heavy watermelon. One elderly man I met is in his seventies. He was sixty when I last saw him twelve years ago. I realized how much time has passed and I had a moment of reflection on my own life.

I talked with people, retracing our memories of the past. I was introduced to their friends and received valuable information on where I should begin my work. Some of them gave me five or ten times the cost of the watermelon.

The past months have been a somewhat confusing time, making a new foundation for the new working arrangements, and for the opening of a new age. When we are at a loss, not understanding the time we live in and the importance of the providence,

True Parents are usually ahead of us, advancing the providence step by step.

I believe it is very meaningful that True Father has been speaking about the renewal of the UN, and about breaking down national boundaries through the UN. Internally, True Parents have bestowed on us the Four Position Foundation Registration Blessing, which opened the registration era. By forgiving all the blessed families' sins, True Parents have liberated us and given us this final, tremendous grace.

The only way we can repay this is to do our best to liberate our homeland. Of course, some families have situations that are not easy. My family situation is

Children grumble and complain to their parents, usually to get their parents' attention and love. Some members or our contacts act that way in front of the church leaders. Leaders should take more time and take better care of those who complain more. If we follow True Parents' way of investing and forgetting how much they have invested, I believe all of us will find a way to the light.

Activities we have concluded so far under the auspices of our Federations:

□ August 18 to 19

First 21st Century Leadership Seminar for Unification and Peace (204 participated.)

□ August 29

Citizens Federation for South and North Unification Board of North Choongchung Province (22 members as of October 24)

□ September 17 to 18

Second Leadership Seminar (157 participated)

□ October 23 to 24

Third Leadership Seminar (170 participated)

Kim Chong-chool, a regional leader whose masters degree is in purity education, will be in charge of purity education for elementary, middle

and high school students. Sun Moon University professor Kim Heung-soo is formulating plans for a new *hoon dok* movement in our province.

We are arranging so that international blessed wives can come and stay in the churches in their region. We will encourage the international members to come to their mission places. We will create an atmosphere such that members feel that being mobilized is the true honor and pride of their families.

With the help of the international members, we will create cultural exchange events and have them in the spot light of the mass media. By introducing international members to the locals we will create a good impression of blessed marriage.◆

Rev. Yoon is National Messiah to Rwanda in Africa. [Edited for Today's World]



one of these. But we cannot forget that in history the descendants of the Israelites who did not fulfill their responsibility had to suffer for two thousand years, wandering around the world, being persecuted wherever they went. As the first generation, I feel responsible to sacrifice to make the final and eternal foundation here in Korea.

The degree of dedication differs from individual to individual and from family to family. However, we should not forget that we are all mobilized to liberate our homeland. We should all pray for the guidance of the Parents of Heaven and Earth with utmost sincerity.

We need to organize good, systematic and continuous education. To manage the organization we establish, we need to solve the financial aspect. However, more important is that we build up genuine and sincere relationships with people.

Harmony of Faiths Ensures Success of National Event

The Million Family March,
Washington, DC, October 16, 2000



Rev. Pak Joong-hyun
Vice-President, IRF

The stories of how our sisters in America broke their journeys on the way to Korea for their 21-day workshops (some even pulling their baggage off planes) so that they could work to support preparations for the Million Family March are now legend.

Rev. Pak offers this account of why such importance was attached to this event and the remarkable things that were achieved.

WE have entered a new millennium, the first year of the 21st century. The dream of mankind is for freedom, peace, unity and happiness. True Parents, through the more than forty years of their wilderness course, have sought to open a new heaven and a new earth. We as members, followers and children have also participated with them. (Rev. 21:1-4)

But this world appears not to have changed. Many conflicts—religious, national and racial—are ongoing. Relationships are tense. We have not realized our ideals of peace and harmony. Prominent examples are Christian-Muslim conflicts in Indonesia and Jewish-Muslim conflicts in Israel. The bloodshed and loss of life in these cases illustrate the seriousness of the problems we still face.

In America, while there is a superficial veneer of prosperity, underneath tension is high between different factions of society. What happens in the United States has repercussions throughout the world. Thus the tension and disharmony apparent here are highly relevant to the future of both the United States and of the world.

Almighty God's and our True Parents' unchanging determination and goal is to bring humankind together centered on True Parents and true love, as one family. For that, racial, national and religious harmony is crucial. The most sensitive is religious harmony, because it involves each individual's most intimate relationship: their relationship with God.

Throughout the past half century, political power alone has proven insufficient to solve the problems of the world. It can be compared to the physical body, which by itself cannot guide the human being correctly. The United Nations is in need of a religious congress, like a mind is needed to guide the body. One of the very important goals of True Parents is renewing the United Nations, and Father's work with the UN this year is the beginning of hopeful progress toward this goal. The world is now responding well to

Father's vision, and we can start to move forward together.

In the history of True Parents' mission, True Parents were initially well received by established religions in North Korea, South Korea, and then the United States. In each case there was a great foundation, but the relationship soon broke down. Father in each case paid indemnity and persevered. Now, for the first time, we are establishing genuine harmony between ourselves and our brothers and sisters of another established religion.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is the successor of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the founder of the Nation of Islam in America. The Nation of Islam played a major role in the human rights movement in the United States, and many famous Americans number among its ranks, including Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali to name just two. The Nation of Islam was founded in 1930, and part of its teaching is that a messiah will come in the East, he will come as a man in whom God dwells, and he will come to establish a universal government. More recently the Nation of Islam is famous for the Million Man March of 1995 in Washington, DC.

In the early days, Martin Luther

King and Malcolm X led civil rights movements centered on freedom. These were movements on the formation level. Later, the Hon. Minister Louis Farrakhan, beginning with the Million Man March, led movements centered on responsibility. The emphasis given was to improve yourself, educate yourself, work hard, restore your neighborhood. This was a movement on the level of citizens. As a natural progression, and together with True Parents, Minister Farrakhan is bringing America to the level of blessing and family. Teaching true family values and making citizens into the true sons and daughters of God.

When I first encountered Minister Farrakhan it was through the reports of a hostile media who conveyed a negative impression of the man and his teachings. Later, when I heard him speak at the Million Man March, I was moved and surprised. I was not expecting such principled and God-centered words from a man portrayed with such negativity by the media. After researching further into the teachings of the Nation of Islam, I realized that we have much in common—that Minister Farrakhan was also teaching family values and that we should in fact work together. My findings were reinforced when I enquired of Pastor T. L. Barrett [a prominent Christian minister in Chicago] as to the possibility of working together, and Pastor Barrett testified to Min. Farrakhan as a “true man of God.” I finally met Minister Farrakhan when he graciously attended our True Family Values Ministry’s awards banquet in Chicago in 1995.

Minister Farrakhan attended the blessing at RFK stadium in Washington, DC, 1997, offering congratulatory remarks and a prayer of blessing on behalf of the Muslim world. Immediately afterwards the Minister embarked on a World Friendship Tour, visiting more than sixty nations. On February 12th, he visited Korea, and during his time there he met with True Parents, attended a banquet and a performance of the Little Angels, visited Sun Moon University, *The Segye Times* and several companies founded by Father.

After returning to the United States, at the Nation of Islam’s Savior’s Day Convention on February 22nd, 1998, he announced before a gathering of 20,000 delegates that Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon were the True Parents of humankind.



Though afflicted with a life-threatening illness in 1998, Minister Farrakhan continued his work in whatever ways he was able. Unable to attend in person, he nevertheless offered a video-taped address for the blessing event at Madison Square Garden, New York City, in June of that year.

Also in 1998, Minister Farrakhan announced his intentions to hold the Million Family March (MFM) in the nation’s capital on October 16th, 2000. He asked MFM National Director Benjamin Muhammad and Deputy Director Sister Claudette Muhammad to work together with leadership of the Family Federation for this event.

At that time Minister Farrakhan was staying on a small farm in Michigan, fighting his illness. Father sent Mrs. Pak Do-hi to offer *moksa* treatment [the burning of special herbs on the skin, a practice Father has used and promoted—Ed.] for the minister. Mrs. Pak also fasted for forty days for the sake of the minister at the risk of her life, demonstrating Father’s tradition and practice of sacrificial true love. Chicago members also offered many prayer conditions. During this difficult time Minister Farrakhan has always emphasized to his followers the importance of working together with both our movement and other religions.

On August 20th, the MFM National Organizing Committee convened in Washington DC. Minister Farrakhan was very inspired by the blessing culture promoted by True Father, and also by the production skills and standards of our movement. He asked me to become an advisor to the MFM. Immediately, our team—David Eaton (production), Simon Kinney (television and video), and Peter van Geldern (design)—came together and began working with other professionals on the project.

Since that beginning, True Parents gave even stronger directions to support Minister Farrakhan and to help make the MFM a great success. In this sacrificial spirit our entire church community united to support in a myriad of ways, working together as brothers and sisters with the Nation of Islam, and even postponing our own events to be able to do so. Members went to the street, house to house, helped with public relations, and joined region by region with Nation of Islam members in co-sponsorship of the event. Dr. Yang Chang-shik was appointed co-chairman of the national orga-

nizing committee, Rev. Michael Jenkins the co-coordinator, and myself the co-chairman of the international organizing committee. Dr. Frank Kaufmann was appointed to the chair of the religious leaders committee, and Bishop Kim Ki-hun, co-chair of the VIP ushers committee. In short, our membership worked closely with the Nation of Islam membership on every level.

On September 21st, at a Million Family March National Organizing Committee meeting in Washington, DC, in front of his own leadership and high level Christian leadership, as well as many high level social leaders, Minister Farrakhan announced clearly that he is now working with the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Why? His founder, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad had taught him that a great spiritual leader would one day come from the East. Rev. Moon has come from the East and wants to help us, so it is natural and principled that we should work together with him.

Later, Father instructed that a special IIFWP *Hoon Dok Hae* conference, with Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak as the central figure, be held, and that we should sponsor religious and political leaders from over seventy nations to both attend the conference and participate in the March. Although the Nation of Islam was formed by and is made up of predominantly African American Muslims, Minister Farrakhan shares Father’s vision of interreligious and international harmony. Father sought to use his foundation to help broaden the event both racially and religiously in line with this common vision. As a result, many religious groups were represented, and honored guests of the MFM included leaders from many racial backgrounds and nationalities.

On October 15th, Minister Farrakhan hosted a spectacular gala night



at the Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC, where Hyun-jin Nim and his wife, Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, and religious, political and academic leaders from seventy nations came together to inaugurate the Million Family March. There, the Nation of Islam held a brotherhood and sisterhood ceremony, in which Minister Benjamin Muhammad and his wife were matched with Mrs. Pak and myself. This was followed by other international dignitaries, culminating with Minister Farrakhan and his wife themselves meeting Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak in a humble gesture of religious conciliation. The Nation of Islam presented Hyun-jin Nim, on behalf of True Parents, a special honor—the MFM Millennium Award. During the presentation, Hyun-jin Nim spoke briefly to the assemblage.

The next day, October 16th, the program started with prayer at 6 a.m. The day included many internationally renowned speakers and entertainers. From our side Rev. Michael Jenkins and Rev. Yang Chang-shik spoke briefly, and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak was seated on stage as a guest of honor together with an impressive array of international and interreligious dignitaries. Minister Farrakhan and his wife entered, greeted all the VIPs, and began speaking. During his speech the Minister gave special recognition and thanks to our True Parents, the Family Church and the IIFWP for their help in making the MFM possible.

The speech lasted about two hours, and during this time Minister Far-

rakhan spoke extensively about true family values and the importance of establishing true families. The speech was followed by a marriage blessing for both newlyweds and couples wishing to reaffirm their vows. Minister Farrakhan read the “Eternal Family Pledge” which was based on Father’s marriage pledge, and then four religious leaders offered their prayers of blessing. I offered a prayer on behalf of True Parents. One million holy candies were prepared for participants of the march, and were distributed throughout the event.

The entire program lasted six hours and was broadcast by C-Span nationwide, and internationally by satellite and the Internet.

The Washington Post, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Times*, among many others, ran very favorable reports, and positively mentioned the involvement of Family Federation members in the March. A great many reporters who came to cover the event found only honorable intentions and cooperative efforts, and reported widely on a job well done.

Early in the morning of the 16th, Father called to greet Minister Farrakhan through Rev. Yang. Father prayed for the event from the Marshall Islands where he was a state guest. His prayer was that the event would be spiritually based and non-political, and that it would result in religious and racial harmony.

After the march was completed and everything reported, True Father men-

tioned that everybody had worked hard and done well. He said that religious harmony is not easy—differences often lead to bloodshed and struggle. But here all worked peacefully together and brought victory together in the nation’s capital. It was a very historical event.

Minister Farrakhan endured great difficulty, conducting the march while recovering from his grave illness, and even returned to hospital care once again on October 29th. On October 28th the minister invited Rev. Jenkins and Bishop Kim to his Mosque in Chicago, and during the service, which was broadcast by satellite worldwide, he introduced and thanked them. He also sent a letter of appreciation to True Parents.

Minister Farrakhan’s first encounter with Father was when he saw the Madison Square Garden blessing in 1982 on the television news. At that time he was very inspired. He thought the blessing a messianic program and gave credit to Father, understanding that persecution can often follow good actions. Later he reflected that Muslim culture does not have such mass wedding ceremonies, and combined this aspect of our church’s tradition into a blessing at the MFM.

Through this first victory of religious harmony, we have learned many lessons and we have much to review. It was not an easy task at all, and involved many complicated spiritual and physical challenges.

We appreciate first our True Parents. They gave us inspiration, motivation, clear guidance and support throughout. Without True Parents’ trust and support, our victory together with the Nation of Islam would not have been possible. Every step of the way True Parents knew what to do, because they have already done it many times, and so they could show us the way. True Parents were the root of inspiration for our work together, which was one step forward in their long march toward interreligious and international peace and in breaking down the borders between people, races and nations.

We appreciate our brothers and sisters working together for this. They faithfully dedicated themselves and embraced members of the Nation of Islam, Christianity and others. Internally they carried a spirit of ownership and responsibility, and acted with mature and genuine love, even when not understanding the purpose of this work at the outset.

We offer praise to the Nation of Islam members and leadership. Working in difficult and limited circumstances, they always appeared clean and bright, optimistic and full of enthusiasm. They carried a conviction of victory, and worked hard and steadily for the goal. They were humbly loyal to their leadership, even when presented with the historically difficult task of embracing religious and racial harmony. They trusted their top leadership and embraced us, worked together through the challenges, and brought victory. They have our admiration and respect. Their leaders also set a fine example—often up until 3 a.m., not sleeping or eating, yet still bright and energetic in their work. As a result of all this combined effort, the MFM was a harmonious and peaceful gathering of religions, races and nations, of which we can all be proud.

We learned that religious unity and harmony sounds good when spoken but it is not easy to practice! Both of our groups had more conservative sides within, who while holding tight to faith and tradition were not open to the idea of working together. Differences of denomination, culture, tradition, mentality and attitudes to religious harmony, all had to be overcome, even among the top leadership. We learned that with humility and sacrificial love, it can be done. We learned our attitude must be humble, not trying to convert others to Unificationism, but, like Jacob, trying to serve, so as to make our brothers and sisters better members of their own religion. Serving to the point that we almost feel like members of their religion ourselves. Religious superiority is very dangerous, and has caused untold human suffering throughout history, but through our experience we could begin to overcome, and to genuinely respect each other. As we respect ourselves and our faith, that much and more we must respect them and theirs.

We learned that we need continuous interaction, building trust and solidarity through many experiences. By consistently practicing true love in the face of difficulty and challenges we could develop deeper, trusting relationships centered on God. By practicing love and serving unconditionally, even when we didn't know why, we learned it is our destiny to be together. We learned that if we work to make harmony, unity will naturally grow out of that.

We learned it is necessary to work together as a whole—top, middle and bottom levels—practicing love and service as a whole congregation, with a whole congregation. Through this combined effort we could come together as one brotherhood, one family. Automatically and smoothly we could begin to have one common vision, and work together toward one goal.

We learned that without the vision and sacrifice of two great leaders this kind of religious harmony could never have been achieved. As members of the Family Federation we admire and honor True Parents. However, without Minister and Mrs. Farrakhan's willingness to sacrifice, reach out, and trust, this kind of harmony could not have been achieved. It is easy to speak of religious harmony, but Minister Farrakhan and his wife have risked much in order to make it a reality.

When beginning this work together, there were many things we did not know, and much occurred we did not expect. Yet, we came through it all successfully. Harmony and peace is our destiny. Through the experience of the Million Family March, we have created a model of religious harmony. With the experience we have gained, we can go forward with greater confidence and greater humility to carry out the will of God. We can work with true love together



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Photos: Facing page, the blessing ceremony; this page top, Hyun-jin Nim and Minister Farrakhan meet at the gala night; bottom, US FFWPU President Rev. Michael Jenkins and family

with other religions and denominations, following an established pattern, and we can more effectively serve God, True Parents, and history.◆

Rev. and Mrs. Pak are from the 430 Couples Blessing. They are based in New York.

Implementing the Millennium Declaration



United Nations a more effective instrument for pursuing all of these priorities: the fight for development for all the peoples of the world, the fight against poverty, ignorance and disease; the fight against injustice; the fight against violence, terror and crime; and the fight against the degradation and destruction of our common home."

One month later, on Father's initiative, an international conference for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) was convened under the sponsorship of IIFWP (Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace) and WANGO (World Association of NGOs). Its purpose was to convene a wide range of representatives of non-governmental organizations from around the world to confer based on the theme, "The Millennium Declaration of the United Nations: A Response from Civil Society." Some five hundred top NGO representatives from more than 100 countries thus gathered in New York (at the Hilton Hotel and United Nations Headquarters) from October 20th to 22nd to reflect on the points covered in the Millennium Declaration and to respond.

In his keynote address, IIFWP in-

ternational president and conference co-chairman Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak introduced True Parents' proposals in relation to the renewal of the UN. He said that, like the United Nations, IIFWP maintains the establishment of a "culture of peace" as its core vision. He explained the plan and efforts of IIFWP to invest for the realization of this goal by working closely together with governments and leaders of society. His words were well received.

The address was followed by consideration of the Millennium Declaration. The discussion centered on how non-governmental organizations in every nation might cooperate with each other to promote and realize its various aspects. The convention room was filled with heated discussions as participants fired off and answered questions.

Expressing the sentiments of many participants, visiting senior scholar Akiko Yamanaka said, "How amazing it is even to have gathered together such a diversity of NGO representatives, committed to surmounting the barriers between religion and race...May these occasions continue to be held in the future and play a very beneficial role for the sake of world peace."◆

IN September of this year the UN Millennium Summit brought together many of the world's incumbent heads of state and government. One result of this was the "Millennium Declaration," by which the UN expressed an international consensus of support for reflection and action upon issues of global importance, including "Values and Principles," "Peace, Security and Disarmament," "Development and Poverty Eradication," "Protecting Our Common Environment," and "Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance." The final section, on "Strengthening of the United Nations" contained the following clause:

"We will spare no effort to make the



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MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF IIFWP AND WANGO

THE World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO) was established in July of 2000 to serve civic (non-governmental) organizations worldwide, whether or not they are formally recognized by the UN, by promoting better communication, understanding and cooperation among the many thousands of such organizations around the world. WANGO seeks to promote a more effective and productive relationship between these organizations and

the United Nations, while striving to support the the UN's work and broader vision.

IIFWP and WANGO, are jointly sponsoring an "International Educational Program" of seminars for leaders of society, which will reach virtually all nations by the end of this year. The core themes of this educational program include

Values and Principles, Character Education, Strengthening Families, Renewal of the United Nations, Public Service, Preservation of the Environment, Interreligious Harmony, and Building a Culture of Peace.◆



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Photos: top left, the UN Headquarters in New York; left, the opening ceremony and banquet at the Hilton Hotel; inset photo, Dr. Wally N'Dow, Secretary-General of WANGO



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Above, A main international NGO conference session in a conference room at the UN Headquarters Building; inset, an NGO representative from Indonesia puts a question to the panel

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serious at the time. Having failed in the fast after three days, he began the seven-day fast again immediately. I guess we've all had experiences of determination like that when we were younger. Are we still as inspired as we used to be? We need to return to the morning of our faith.

Father next asked us to develop more heavenly habits in our daily lives. True Father warned that the Kingdom of Heaven will not come in an environment of satanic habits. That means the Kingdom of Heaven will appear when we are able to overcome the satanic environment, for Satan lives where bad habits abound. Therefore, Father said that we have to live a life of unselfish habits.

How can we express our faith? Through gratitude. Recently, True Parents often encouraged us to have a heart of gratitude. Do you really understand how precious our life is? Please think about the world we're living in. On the outside everything appears normal, so we don't realize how deep the corruption really is. On any calm evening, when the world seems so fresh and clean, if we could trace a path deep into the heart of society we'd see how much

corruption, juvenile delinquency, family breakdown and criminal activity is taking place. It's so much more serious than we imagine. People are surely suffering.

The third thing Father asked of us was from one of his favorite biblical quotations: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind." (Luke 10:27) This also appears in the Old Testament in Deuteronomy 6:5, and in Leviticus 19:18 we read, "Love your neighbor as yourself." These are the same things Jesus emphasized. There is no more precious a teaching than that which calls us to love God and to love others.

Summing all this up, we are being asked to rediscover our original faith and inspiration, live a heavenly way of life by practicing heavenly habits and to focus our energy on loving God and loving people.

These days, every time True Father ends a speech, he adds, "I have taught you everything you need to know. Even if I go to the spirit world now, no one can accuse me of not having taught you enough. I will watch from the spirit world when I go there." So everything we do will be recorded just as computer data is. Father said that he would watch

us from the spirit world. It is almost frightening to think what will happen to us if we do not live righteously.

I'm sorry to bring up another story about my family, but last night I happened to read a book report my son had done. He wrote, "My sister reads a lot of [Korean author] Kwon Chung-sang's books. Everybody seems to know his books, but I don't know much about him. I am worried. What if my sister asks me all of a sudden if I know about him? I would really feel foolish. That's why I decided to read one of Mr. Kwon's books."

My son is only an elementary school student, in the fifth grade. He is worried about feeling embarrassed by his sister who is in her first year of middle school. It made me think about how ashamed I would feel if I go to the spirit world without having lived my life according to what Father has taught us. I think it applies to everyone here.

True Father often quotes the parable of the prodigal son. He tells us that he does not ask about our past. He wants to embrace us no matter what we have done in the past as long as we determine to start anew.◆

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IIFWP Launches Korean Chapter



True Parents with Amb. & Mrs. Wibisono at Hannam-dong

ON October 10th, the Inaugural Assembly for the Korean chapter of IIFWP was held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center together with an invitational lecture given by Ambassador Makarim Wibisono, President of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Permanent Representative of the Indonesian mission to the UN. Some four hundred dignitaries from around Korea attended the event, which was co-sponsored by the IIFWP, WANGO and the FFWPU.

Rev. Sun Jo Hwang was installed as president of the newly established Korean chapter, and following his inaugural address, words of encouragement were offered by IIFWP International President Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak and congratulatory remarks by a number of major leaders of society, both in Korea and from overseas.

In his speech, Rev. Hwang said, "The founder of this federation, who has worked very hard to realize peace in the world, has created the Inter-

religious and International Federation for World Peace in order to liberate the world from the rigid ideologies, racism, nationalism and religious conflicts which have been the core reasons for the wars in the world." He then read out Father's keynote address on the founder's behalf.

Ambassador Wibisono gave a special presentation to mark the inauguration of IIFWP Korea, and this was followed by a banquet and performance of the Little Angels in honor of the occasion.◆



Above, dignitaries who participated in the Inaugural Ceremony included, from left to right, (former) Congressman Hinakita of Japan, Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Reunification Senior Vice President Kim Min-ha, Chondo Religion leader Kim Kwang-ook, UN Ambassador Makarim Wibisono, and Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, who was inaugurated as President of IIFWP Korea

A Welcome on Behalf of True Parents

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, IIFWP International President

AMBASSADOR Wibisono, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests and Participants of the IIFWP character education program: I am delighted to have this opportunity to speak to you for a moment, and to express a welcome on behalf of our hosts, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, and all of us, to His Excellency Ambassador Wibisono.

There are a number of reasons for my happiness in giving this welcome. The first is because I speak on behalf of the IIFWP founders Reverend and Mrs. Moon. Some of you may know that the Ambassador and Rev. and Mrs. Moon enjoyed their first acquaintance at the recent Assembly 2000 in New York. Actually though, His Excellency and Rev. Moon have a bond that goes back a little further. The original source of their relationship is tied into our fond history with Indonesia's incumbent president, His Excellency Abdurrahman Wahid. We continue to be grateful to the wonderful visit from President Wahid on the occasion of Rev. Moon's 80th birthday earlier this year. We are proud of President Wahid, and pray for God's blessings on the people of Indonesia.

My second reason to be happy is because I can welcome His Excellency to my own home land for which I have both love and pride. Korea is called the Land of the Morning Calm. We feel that



Korea is a place of great natural beauty, but even more importantly we treasure our traditions and culture which have prized the eternal and divine value of family. These, the Korean people have preserved despite annexation and the ideological conflict of the Cold War, which, within living memory, presented grave challenges to the Korean way of life. We pray that not only Ambassador Wibisono, but each of you, can feel a warm welcome, experience some of the beauty of the Korean arts and traditions, and always feel that you would like to return here. You will always be welcome.

Finally I am glad to welcome His Excellency because of the occasion for which he has come. As you know, this conference here in Seoul marks the commencement of an important international program for character and moral education. This program

will occur in conjunction with declared United Nations goals, in all countries of the world.

The program began as an initiative from the ground-breaking conference Assembly 2000, chaired by His Excellency at the United Nations in August. All of you will learn more about this conference. His Excellency has convened a stellar community of United Nations experts to examine issues on the renewal of the UN as outlined in the vision of Secretary General

Kofi Annan. Together with Mr.

Wibisono's excellent chairmanship, our founders delivered a pressing call to the United Nations, consisting of four key proposals. We will learn of these in due course.

Last weekend in London, England, we convened 500 international leaders from all walks of life to introduce them to this program for moral and character education.

This week in Seoul we officially begin. In keeping with his key role at the millennial UN meeting where this program was initiated, Ambassador Wibisono has graciously come to attend and join with us as we launch this noble endeavor for world peace.

I am honored to be the one to stand here and offer these official remarks of welcome to Ambassador Wibisono, for whom I feel not only a great sense of personal friendship, but the greatest

IIFWP Seminar in Britain

September 29 - October 1 in London



Photos, left, IIFWP International President Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak mingles with the crowd; above, Massimo Trombin of IRFF makes a point

A New Lease on Life

Zack Piorkowski
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This story comes from our brother whose experience at Cheong Pyeong meant renewal for both his earthly and spiritual life.

THANK you Heavenly Father; True Parents; Heung-jin Nim; and Dae Mo Nim and Hoon Mo Nim! Thanks to you I have been healed.

How does one react to a complete healing from cancer and diabetes? Should I imitate the crippled man who was healed by Peter and John and jump up and even dance with joy for the healing that was received? (Acts 3:8). Well, certainly. But more importantly, what he also did was to enter the temple praising God. And this latter is about the way I feel now.

The story is that about three years ago I was diagnosed with diabetes. Then, after moving from our hometown in Connecticut to Maryland, last year in October the doctors found that I had prostate cancer. Well, a decision had to be made, by opting for one of three medical procedures, one of which was surgery—a radical prostatectomy. What to decide? As usual, in our lives, Heaven came through with a suggestion. Dr. Lee Sang-hun (in his second revelation) recommended surgery for prostate cancer, and to submit to it as soon as possible. Having a strong faith in his words, my wife Pat and I chose to follow his advice. So, on the second of November, 1999, the operation took place.

The doctor seemed pleased since the cancer appeared to have been removed. But it didn't turn out that way. Over the months the cancer count (known as the PSA count) gradually began to rise. Subsequent blood tests revealed an increase in, and a spreading of the cancer. The doctors decided that radiation therapy was the only option I had. And so they began to make preparations on my body for this powerful procedure. Well, lo and behold, they could not proceed with it since their machinery broke down. Now, Pat and



Hoon Mo Nim

I were within days of going to Cheong Pyeong, and we decided not to have the radiation therapy, at least not until we returned from Korea.

At Cheong Pyeong, having gone there for the liberation and blessing of our ancestors; and even more importantly, for the Grace Ceremony and the registration in Heaven and Earth of our Four Position Foundation, we also applied for healing from Dae Mo Nim. It was Sunday afternoon, October 1st, and we were told to go to a room behind the Prayer Temple. There we entered a very peaceful place (surely Heaven was very present there). After the *ansu* of healing—it took about twenty minutes or so—as I bowed in respect to Dae Mo Nim, she smiled at me with what I can only call a truly Heavenly smile. It was like the ones that Dr. Lee describes as the peaceful, loving (I want to say “beatific”) smiles that one experiences in the Heavenly Kingdom in the spirit world. I cannot forget it.

Arriving back in Maryland, about five minutes after we got home, the doctor called and wanted to see me the next day. So, I went and told him that I wanted to cancel the radiation therapy, but what I really wanted was a blood test to measure my cancer PSA count. The results would take a few days. However, I did tell him about my healing session in Korea. I could tell that he was more than skeptical about it. Well, the very next day he called me and read out the result of the blood test. Amazing as it was to him, I knew the result would be zero percent.

The other marvel is that my diabetes has undergone a very notable reversal. The acute numbness (called neuropathy) in my feet has gone completely from my left foot, and is well on its way out of my right foot. And I no longer take the medicine that controls the glucose content in my blood.

So much for those hideous diseases that have been plaguing me, and affecting the morale of my family. I feel that I shall now be able to live to witness

the blessing of our eleven-year-old son, Peter Dong-myung, when he reaches maturity, and, hey, to be able to hold and embrace a few grandchildren. Wow, what a fabulous grace and blessing that will be!

To whom do I owe deep and sincere gratitude for the “miracle” that has been given to me and my family?

Heavenly Father, You have guided and protected me through all of my seventy years. You have taken care of our family so wonderfully. My wife, Pat and our sons, Carl, Martin and Peter Dong-myung are the blessed gifts that you have given me. You helped us to raise and bring to the blessing our sons Carl and Martin. We, Pat and I, even have the privilege of having a grandson, Kevin. Thank you, thank you dear Heavenly Father—we shall repeat these words eternally to You.

True Parents, you have given your lives over and over to bring true life and heavenly lineage to us. But, above all You have given us Your love, true love, which we just now are beginning to appreciate and experience. And, you have forgiven us for having been recalcitrant in the past. What great and immeasurable love you must have for us, and for all humankind, our brothers and sisters. True Parents, we pledge to you sincerely our everlasting filial piety.

Heung-jin Nim, and Hoon-sook Nim, our very dear elder and brother and sister, it is through you that we ask that our four position family be represented in the heavenly court before God and True Parents. Heung-jin Nim, you have known us for some time, related with us so lovingly, and so now we ask you (as a True Son of True Parents) to be the eternal connection to our beloved True Parents. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for the tremendous sacrifice you have made through giving your life for True Parents and God's providence. And we see that your sacrifice still continues, with the work you do, especially in the liberations, education, and blessings in the spirit world. Thank you with love.

Dae Mo Nim and Hoon Mo Nim, what a great price you have paid for us, that is for the blessed couples. We could never truly appreciate the extent of your sacrifices. After all your work in the lib-

The View from Cheong Pyeong

The Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center cultural office staff regularly writes something for the Korean monthly, Tongil Segye. The following is a recent overview of lesser-known events.

OCTOBER in Cheong Pyeong was beautifully colored by the autumn leaves as nature prepared for winter.

Many providential events have taken place in Cheonseong Wanglim Palace. On October 14th, the day we celebrated Father's release from Heung Nam Prison, it was the venue for a liberation ceremony for the spirit world. It was to open the door for the spiritual and physical worlds to unite, and for various religious beliefs to break down the walls between one another and to find a common goal of true love that can be the base to build God's Kingdom in heaven and on earth.

Everything unfolding at Cheong Pyeong can be categorized as True Parents' work to educate members in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, so that they may be reborn through direct guidance from Dae Mo Nim and Heung-jin Nim in the spirit world.

Heung-jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim have emphasized that members should be people of moral influence. It is important to develop our character to prevent the work of evil spirits. Dae Mo Nim says that we are all connected to the root of evil and sin inherited by the fallen Adam and Eve. Our characters do not resemble God, but Satan. We must therefore make strong determination to live according to absolute goodness. That is the only way we can contribute to building God's Kingdom in heaven and on earth.

The seventh and eighth single person blessing ceremonies, held on October 8th and 22nd, 2000, were filled with heavenly grace. A large number of the participants had profound spiritual experiences when Dae Mo Nim gave time for individual meetings with the spirits. Some of them greeted their spirit

spouses happily while others complained and asked them why they had left them alone in the physical world. The ceremony was full of tears and many participants testified that they actually saw their spouses in spirit. They said to Dae Mo Nim, "We will make good conditions to make our own spirits clean. Please bless us when our spouses come back from Heung-jin Nim's hundred-day workshop. We look forward to that day." Dae Mo Nim shared a testimony from an elderly woman. The elderly woman's husband came to her and they made love every day. But it was too hard for her to match his energy. So she asked Dae Mo Nim to reduce her husband's visiting time.

Those spirits who are being rescued through this single blessing workshop are to finish the hundred-day workshop and to be blessed to their spouses who are still in the physical world. After they receive the blessing, they will



attend Heung-jin Nim's forty-day blessing workshop. A few of them will be asked by Heung-jin Nim to work in the spirit world, but most of them will settle down to live in their spouses' houses on earth. When the time comes that their spouses comes to the spirit world, they can live happily together in their own prepared houses in heaven. However, when the physical spouses are living according to their fallen nature while on earth, the spirits will guide them to live a true life of faith. For this



A recent ceremony for ascended blessed children

reason, those spirits can give a hard time to their own spouses on earth.

On the same days when the single blessing ceremonies were held, the fourth and fifth workshops for parents who lost the blessed children from the second and third generation too place. Dae Mo Nim passed on the holy candle flame to the parents and told them that they should raise their children in the spirit world like mothers nursing their babies, until the time when they receive the blessing.

Some blessed children in the spirit world were already engaged on January 30th this year and received the blessing on February 13th in the first four hundred million couple blessing, held at the Olympic Stadium. The parents who participated met their children in spirit and their children's spirits were shining beautifully.

Dae Mo Nim said those second and third generation blessed children who passed away will be saved through the workshop and the ceremony of passing on the holy candle flame, and will grow to the extent that their parents on earth make good conditions.

True Parents have made tremendous conditions to make all these events possible. Members who participate in events at Cheong Pyeong should make effort to set up good conditions themselves so that they can understand True Parents' heart.◆

The Propensity for Evil in Modern Society

LASTING LOVE CONFERENCE OPENING ADDRESS by DR. JUERGEN REDHARDT, BERLIN, SEPTEMBER 1, 2000

A reminder that modern civilization nurtures the seeds of its own destruction.

LADIES and Gentlemen, dear guests: Today is the anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War, desired by the Nazi government of the time and carefully prepared for by it. Every elder German, with the exception of the very few who belong to that fringe group of incorrigible Neonazis, can remember with horror and deep shock that fateful day, the first of September 1939. It was a day on which the whole world was shown to what extent the German people had become alienated from themselves, misguided, trivialized, and stereotyped by a radical right-wing dictatorship, and how in the heart of Europe an unimaginable collapse of all civilized power structures had taken place. It therefore seems appropriate and right that we come together in this capital exactly on such a momentous remembrance day, especially to reflect on outstanding and definable values of human culture, to discuss, and hopefully to reach important decisions.

We want to counter the organization of bestiality, which six decades ago brought about apocalyptic world chaos, with the concentrated power of family values. To do this, we can draw on the resources of the basic moral premises which have grown out of the variety of our worldwide religious and philosophical traditions. And we are happy and grateful that so many scientific and religious representatives have therefore come here, as well as numerous youth representatives from east and west.

We should of course remain under no illusion and be clearly conscious of the fact that the wars of destruction that are practiced today, as well as the

routine of political terror and extermination in the specially constructed facilities and death camps, are in no way aberrations of modern civilization. The destructive power of technology has been tried out on the battlefields of war as much as in the slaughterhouses of labor camps, or as much as the devastation of million-fold genocide in the concentration camps. Blind humanistic faith in moral development as well as blind confidence in reason and democracy cannot in the long term make us blind to the fact that organized worldwide terror stems from tendencies inherent in the structure of contemporary society itself.

All of us in this room are well aware of the explosive danger of the threat of global self-extermination. However, for the sake of fairness it should be mentioned that the United Nations, as well as responsible protesters and contemporary critics, have in no way remained inactive in pioneering the way to advancing to something better. For example, the United Nations has declared the first decade of the 21st century to be the "International decade for the spreading of a culture of peace and non-violence." The UN did this, as it briefly explained, for the sake of the children of this world and to remind all citizens, institutions and governments of their duties.

In order to satisfy the high expectations of the almost 200 UN member states, we have to plead for a culture of peace and a civilization of non-violence. To do that, we have to first of all strengthen the pillars of our world community. These pillars are grounded in the universality of sympathy, co-operation and harmony. And their

content is primarily a decisive turning away from the fashionable egoistic demand to practice "self-realization," today propagated by the advertising industry and the smooth-talkers of merciless individualism. Individualism above all is that which destroys genuine human fulfillment through lasting love. Individualism is that which causes the lasting love of active family ties to degenerate into a cancerous growth. To counter this, we have to defend ourselves and unite together.

In the coming days, in the framework of our international conference, we shall not deal exclusively with the therapeutic function of the nuclear family. Nevertheless, it is precisely in the nuclear family that we find an essential starting point, fully in the spirit of Mrs. Moon, who in 1993 elucidated in her speech to the United States Senate the concept of 'true family' and shared the following fitting remark: In almost all religions and cultures on earth, the image and metaphor of the promised tree of life lives on. This consists of a central root, a central trunk and a central branch, which refers to grandparents, parents and children.

If I may, I would like for a moment to construe and introduce this intercultural vision by way of an example of our intentions and hopes. A century and a half ago, the "Communist Manifesto" was chiefly concerned with eliminating all those relationships which turned man into a humiliated and exploited being. We consider the first step to the lofty goal of a liberated society to be our growing willingness to become the central root, central trunk and central shoot in the organism of the family.

Let us begin and carry through this seminar in a spirit of trust and co-operation and wish it a successful conclusion.

Thank you for your kind attention. ♦

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eration providence, you, even now, exert yourself for our physical healing. What can I say, my dear Grandmother, except to thank you most sincerely for your loving caring of us, and for the blessing of healing that you have given me at this time. We pray for the precious providential work you are realizing for us, your grandchildren. We love you.

In conclusion, I have to say that yes, I jump up and dance with joy and give

glory to God and thanksgiving, praising our God and True Parents; for more, much more than a miracle has taken place at this time. ♦

Zachary and Patricia Piorkowski were blessed in 1975 with the 1800 Couples. They were the first missionaries to Argentina and established the Unification Church there. They now attend the Washington DC Family Church.

Chung Dal-ok (Mrs. Kim Won-pil)

AT seven o'clock in the morning on October 4th, 2000, Mrs. Chung Dal-ok, wife of Rev. Kim Won-pil, ascended to the spirit world. Rev. and Mrs. Kim were blessed as one of the first three couples and have five children: a son, Jin-goon, and four daughters, Dong-sook, Hwa-sook, Won-sook, and Kyung-sook.

About two hundred people came to honor the memory of Chung Dal-ok at her Seung Hwa ceremony. As her husband, Rev. Kim Won-pil offered the first incense and flowers. Reminiscing on their life together, he remembered that his wife had always called him "Dad." He regretted not having done more for her. He mentioned that she always recited the Family Pledge, prayed constantly, read True Father's words and always shared her deep experience with their children.

Mrs. Sa Gil-ja (wife of Rev. Eu Hyowon, also blessed as one of the first three couples) related Chung Dal-ok's life history: She was born in August 1920 in North Pyung-An province (the same province in which True Parents were born), and became a follower in

December 1946 in Pyongyang—officially recorded as the third member in the church registry. On April 16, 1960, she and her husband received the blessing from True Parents. Their couple represented the family of Adam, and as such were the first official blessed couple.

In February 1968, True Parents awarded her a prize for her dedication during the seven year course. She lived an exemplary life of dedication to God's will and the providence.

On September 26th of this year, Rev. and Mrs. Kim participated in the first Registration Blessing—just eight days before her ascension.

Family Federation president Rev. Sun Jo Hwang offered the Seung Hwa address, saying, "This Seung Hwa ceremony has a special meaning. It is the first one to be held for one of the early members since True Parents initiated the providence of the transition of the three ages. She

is also the first of the elder members to ascend to the spirit world as a registered blessed family member."

Offering the eulogy, Rev. Kwak said, "No one persevered more than she. As a pioneer, she walked the most difficult and suffering of courses. She was on the foremost front line, receiving intense persecution from Christians. She has passed into the spirit world with God and True Parents' blessings and her husband's love. We wish her well in the liberated realm."◆

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TONGIL SEGYE

A WOMAN DEVOTED TO GOD'S WILL

By Rev. Yoo Kwang-yol
(A translation from the Korean)

A heavenly lady, Chung Dal-ok,
Born into this world in the same year as
True Father,
Lived as True Parents' precious daughter,
And as the wife of the public-spirited
Kim Won-pil...

Awake or asleep,
Her heart was filled with the
Prayerful wish and utmost certainty

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one who would hold the
Ground for True Parents.
Her outward composure did not
Disclose the passion of her inner being.
It can be said that she was a
Person to fear; yes, one could say
She truly posed a challenge to Satan.

She was born the child of a minister
Into a Christian family of long standing
When she met True Father,
Her parents, believing
That their daughter was
Possessed by demons,
Stripped her naked and
Confined her to a storeroom.

But there, with a straw-cutter,
She cut off her little finger
And with her blood, she wrote
"Lord, please be with me."

Her shocked parents
Allowed her to go to the True Lord.

Whenever others faced trials
She would ask, "What shall I do? What
shall I do?"
Her heart was full of concern for them.

Throughout her life,
She always considered herself the
Lowest and least important
She did her utmost for the will of God.
To see such a woman of God
Who always worked so very hard
Is a rare thing.

Today, she is leaving us.
We wish her to live comfortably,
Peacefully and beautifully in Heaven.

We wish her happiness there.

Rev. Dr. Yoo Kwang-yol is director of the Unification Church History Committee, a recognized poet, and fellow member of the 36-couple blessing group.
Photos: above, the Seunghwa Ceremony, left, Rev. Kim with his wife, Chung Dal-ok



Father and Mother at the "Cheon Shin Su" spring at Cheong Pyeong

**Only when you are determined to invest,
invest and invest again, can you uncon-
sciously create a space big enough for the
whole world to come into you and fill you up,
based on the seeds you have sown.**

**REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
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