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From a sermon Rev. Hwang gave at Chungpa-dong on April 6.

APRIL is the month of new life. In Christianity, it is also the month containing Easter. It's the season when soft buds penetrate the hard soil, emerging from ground that had been frozen in winter. Without fail, magnolia blossoms, forsythia, azalea and other spring flowers are in brilliantly beautiful blossom. However, we can't fail to think about the indemnity we must pay to make this brilliant spring a victorious one in the third year of Cheon Il Guk.

Why on earth does opening Cheon Il Guk have to be so hard? Although establishing a new world centered on God feels like quite suffocating work, it's naturally not going to be easy.

How can we understand our situation? What's Korea's situation as the central country of the providence? It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that on the whole Korea is in a state of crisis.

Everything is always changing in politics, society, culture, the economy and other areas in life. There have been so many changes in history. What did we discover in the 20th century? In the 20th century, we discovered an unknown land which is bigger than an American continent, that is, cyberspace. Who dominates cyberspace? In Korea, at least, it is not dominated by those on the Abel side; the Cain side dominates cyberspace.

Secularism, preoccupation with the sensual, and decadence have held real power over cyberspace in Korea. What's more worrisome is that the Leftists have made deeper and deeper inroads into cyberspace.

North Koreans call cyberspace, "a way out." In a weekly magazine last week, it was reported that there were 2168 pro-North Korean Internet sites. Let me read it for you here: "This article deals with Internet sites that are proponents of or friendly toward the North Korean regime, and which have provoked adverse reactions. The results of a search of the Internet done by the South Korean military found there were eight Internet sites run by North Korea, nine pro-North Korean sites run by residents abroad, ninety eight pro-North Korean sites run by South Koreans and 2,053 online clubs that are fans of the North Korean ideology—a total of 2,168 sites at the end 2002. They appear to convey North Korea's unfiltered message." About 30,000 people visit those sites everyday. That's the reality of our country.

The present era is very chaotic. Invisible battles over leadership are being fought on a grand scale. We must clearly understand that we live in a time of great providential change and, as the era of Cheon Il Guk is beginning, we must fight decisive battles.

Last week, I came across a surprising report. It explained that in the 20th century, there was amazing technological development, but at the same time, spiritual values such as morality and ethics collapsed. The last and essential place to maintain ethics and morality is, no doubt, a family.

When these collapse in a family, the society and the nation breaks apart. So, how many Korean families have broken up in the past year? Korea's divorce rate now ranks second among the OECD nations. In a year, Korea's divorce rate went from third to second highest.

In 2001, 4.3 people out of every thousand got divorced in America. The countries tied with the second highest divorce rate were Australia and the UK. with 2.8 people out of every thousand having gotten divorced. In 2002, the American divorce rate went down to 4.0 and those of Australia and the UK went down to 2.5 for every thousand.

Against this apparent trend, Korea's divorce rate went up. Some people estimate that in five years' time, Korea may have the highest divorce rate in the world. What does this phenomenon mean to us? No one is looking for a solution to this problem. We, who should be the owners of Cheon Il Guk, have to deal with domestic and international changes in a multi-dimensional way. From a certain viewpoint, things seem depressing; the situation is confusing and the future appears bleak. But this suffering and confusion can be understood as the labor pains of a new age and of its new owners. Now is the time to establish God's kingship and the kingship of the king of the blessed families in this new age. True Parents set this year's goal as "building Cheon Il Guk." They blessed all of us as owners of Cheon Il Guk. Both in name and reality, we should become princes and princesses of peace and unity, owners of this dark and confused world.

Surely, flowers will blossom and birds will sing as they were created to do. However, what is clear is that spring in the third year of Cheon Il Guk is different from those of the past. This month, we must create a new Eden of unity and harmony. Who can find solutions to today's problems in this chaotic world? True Parents can. History must be set in order by providential laws and the course True Parents have established. The courses of True Parents have been different than those of central figures in history.

The goal of Moses' course was to enter the land of Canaan, but Moses couldn't accomplish that completely. Jesus' course was also to enter Canaan, but he only succeeded spiritually. The course of True Parents was to enter Canaan substantially and, eventually, they were successful. What was different between the course of True Parents

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Father writes calligraphy for a publication



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Declaratory Prayer for the Day of the Great Transition to the Realm of Dominion of the Ideal of Creation

BELOVED Father! Today is May 4 in the third year of Cheon Il Guk, the first Sabbath of this month. Up to now, April has been a month in which there was ongoing historical struggle and confrontation between the satanic world and Heaven centering on the Unification Church.

From this month and hour, now heaven and earth can grandly welcome oneness of heart, oneness of body and oneness of mindset with God, which is centered on absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love, and upon God's true love, true life and true lineage. God is establishing the original standard in which Heaven can be the subject and the Archangel the substantial expression of the object. Centering on the God of the mind, the God of the flesh, centering on the Kingdom of Heaven of thought and of the surroundings, we in the Unification Church have worked to create oneness centering on absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, in order that this Kingdom may be established.

Due to the faithlessness of our first ancestors, everything that was planned in the original ideal of creation was lost. While devoting Himself to re-creating history, God lost His proper position, lost the foundation upon which His own mind and body and unified idea could come down to the earth, and lost all He had accomplished centering on Adam and Eve's family.

We know that You have been shedding Your blood throughout the course of history, throughout the course of re-creation—namely of indemnity—for our sake. Heavenly Father, You are taking responsibility for history's course. Despite Your having originally been in the position of the owner who could do whatever You wanted, and in the position of the central being with dominion over all things, You were placed in the position where You could not touch or control the universe, and You had no choice but to hand it over to the satanic world. To restore this, to establish the sphere of religion, You established Israel and Judaism. This work was prolonged and expanded from the first Israel to the second Israel and third Israel, as we learned from the Principle.

All things that were supposed to be united into one shattered into pieces and were turned upside down throughout our fragmented history because all the indemnity courses blocked heaven and earth, crisscrossing each other in all directions. Therefore True Parents came to the earth to walk the course of re-creation, which You are carrying out.

We know how hard You have striven to reconnect all the divisions in the world of microscopic organisms, minerals, plants, animals, human beings and even in the heavenly world in the providence of re-creation through our ancestors in history centering on the religious realm and the nation of Israel.

Even now, in the internal age of the providence, religious leaders have not known True Parents' will, which is to digest the power of Satan that has separated the earthly world and the spirit world, and ancient Rome and Israel. Because of this ignorance, You set up all things for the establishment of the realms of religion and ideology and at the appropriate time You sent the True Parents. You illuminated the reality of the spiritual world and the physical world, the relationship between God and True Parents, and the relationship between mankind and all creation, and, in order to bring about unifi-

cation You continued engrafting to the point of unity. On the basis of this You accomplished the Coronation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Now, spiritually and internally, I have repaired the divisions between the heavenly kingdom, paradise and hell and between the spirit world and physical world, and developed horizontally those things that were split off from the vertical standard. To establish a unified authority, True Parents came to the earth and paid indemnity from the level of the individual to that of the family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos. Through this, the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God was accomplished at the position where we could achieve oneness based on a standard of unity of the divided spiritual and earthly worlds.

On that foundation, centering on the time of Mother's *hwangap* [sixtieth birthday] and True Parents' birthday celebration on February 6 in the third year of Cheon Il Guk, the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk was held. On that foundation, for the sake of unifying the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Cosmic Parent who is the Original God, divided by the original Adam and Eve, and on the basis of having True Parents' realm of victory that can rebind everything that was broken apart—from the smallest creation to the world of animals, to the world of humanity, to all of heaven and earth—we could hold the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth and thus restore the kingship and the cosmos that had been lost.

Also, up until now You have been establishing blessed families in the position of owners of Cheon Il Guk, putting them in the position of the owners of the ideal of creation in place of God, and letting them inherit all the things True Parents have paid indemnity for. Therefore, although they are fallen people, by receiving the blessing they become one with True Parents according to the standard of one heart, one body and one mindset, in the perfected position of unfallen, original Adam, in the liberated nation of Adam. In going even beyond the level of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, they will finally be able to bring the body into unity with the mind. This we understand clearly.

We should realize the true ideal on earth through realizing one heart, one body and one mindset. As we know that we should perfect a true family, a true nation, the true heavenly kingdom on earth, we in the Unification Church—by realizing one heart, one body and one mindset for the sake of this task—must commit everything, and we have been working side by side to bring this to fruition.

There are the blessed families of the Unificationist community and blessed families in the spirit world. One group, in the spirit world, is in the position of elder son and the other group, on earth, is in the younger-son position, the horizontal position. They are going in two different directions. However, the day of great transition—where the reversed order of night and day can be restored back to the original order—has come to this earth by which the elder brother can take the younger brother's position, and the younger brother takes the elder brother's position.

Owing to this, from today, May 4, the first Sunday of the

month, when summertime is beginning, all of heaven and earth, and hell and heaven, can be shifted, and all the evil and good can be shifted. We should lead the stream of the history of division into an era where unity can be realized. We should straighten out the highway of heaven and earth, and properly complete the realm of perfection of the ideal of creation. Then starting from the age of individuals, and so that all of creation can be protected by God's love, we must enter the heavenly kingdom in heaven and horizontally realize the heavenly kingdom on earth.

You have promised to bless the time and place in which the physical world can connect to the heavenly world. You commanded me and I made preparations at three minutes before three o'clock and three minutes before four o'clock this morning. So here we are, at five o'clock. We, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, in front of all creation in the spirit world and the physical world, with the myriad soldiers of Yaweh in heaven and earth united as one, proclaim the era wherein the qualities of being one heart, one body and one mindset with the Parents of Heaven and Earth, while being completely one in body, mind and thought—centering on Your original inner nature of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience as well as being one in absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love—are vertically bound to the earth.

Therefore, we should restore what was lost centering on the love of God's ideal of creation—in the world of minerals, the world of plants, the world of animals, the world of humankind, and the heavenly world. You, Heavenly Father, and we, True Parents, should create the realm of oneness for the Parents of Heaven and Earth to have independent authority over heaven and earth. As the Parents of Heaven and Earth are united with the ideal of creation of original liberation, and with the family ideal of creation, I sincerely hope

and ask You to guide us to create one unified world between the heavenly world and physical world.

Knowing this, may all the content of the prayer at this time now be united with You. All beings in the heavenly world and in the physical world can be embraced in the bosom of God's love, and be free from the bonds of the fall. From this origin of liberation, the new world will be ahead on the road the Unification movement is taking. Now, I sincerely ask You, based on a heart of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and having one heart, one body and one mindset with You, to allow this to be the time of inheritance when the blessed families in the heavenly world and the physical world, in the position of the owners of all things, can make oneness with the origin that unites the original God and the fundamental root of true love.

This world is full of suffering, misfortune, and ordeals. However, as You, Heavenly Father, wish and as You have dominion, the angelic world is being pushed into the middle realms of the spirit world. Now the heavenly kingdom, paradise and hell are rising from a flat plane through the course of the formation age, growth age, and perfection age to the age of equalization.

Likewise, all of heaven and earth, being in God's bosom, standing on the standard of equality, goes through the stages of perfected formation, perfected growth and perfected perfection. On that basis, we allow this age when people can become part of the heavenly household and heavenly realm of ownership according to their situation. Please, Father, accept this with joy, and, as we march into this age leading straight to the special liberation of all nations and all things, we most sincerely report and proclaim this in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen! ♦

Father's Speech and Declaratory Prayer on May 10

THE WORDS "central families of Cheon Il Guk" mean that all the blessed families in the world and all people have restored the positions of fallen Adam and Eve, so that now they stand as they did before the fall. Once that is done, the central families will enter a new era when they will be able to register their births and marriages.

Until now you could not register your births and marriages, but now the time will come when you can do both, and so inherit everything achieved by True Parents. You should not have ownership of anything you have if you want your inheritance. There should be nothing left in your name. That is because you have to stand in the position of being reborn. Even if there are tens of billions of people in the world, they will all be reborn at the same time. The perfect day on which to enter this important new era is today, May 10...

Now the Unification Church has declared the Settlement of Noon and are starting afresh, and so now we are entering a new era in which all of us can be punished if we break the heavenly law by not leading righteous lives. In the era of the Settlement of Noon, all the blessed families stand in the position of the Lord of the Second Advent. That position is higher than that of the Archangel. Having passed through the formation, growth and completion stages, we are now standing in a higher position of love than that of the archangels. Thus we can now liberate God.

In this era there is no owner of the world. Now we have to

establish new owners and enter the era of the Settlement of Noon. The day on which we are doing this is May 10. ...

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nim's birthday
celebration,
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True Father's speech to members at Pledge Service on the 41st Day of All True Things, held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia (just outside Washington, D.C.), U.S.A.

WE HAVE now passed through a time of indemnity in which whoever violated the law could be dealt with immediately. Please make a new start, knowing that you will receive according to what you have given.

Until now, True Mother had to offer bows, but now True Parents stand in the same position. Accordingly, you should follow this same way as True Parents in your own families, and establish a nation and the victorious realm of the supremacy of the UN. At that time a new era can be established in which your families too can start out horizontally from the same position of authority.

When you are offering bows, you should think about the physical world, the spiritual world and Cheong Pyeong. Centering on Heung-jin nim, Daemo nim, Choongmo nim, Dae-hyung nim and on True Parents' family, the Han family and the relatives of True Father's family should receive the blessing. On that foundation, the children of True Parents, united as one, must engraft into your families.

We know that we will thus become one in heart, one in body and one in mindset, but what I am saying now should be practiced rather than remain only as words. You are not the symbolic beings of that realm; you should be the substantial beings of that realm, remembered in God's heart as His sons and daughters. You should also know that what I am describing cannot happen if you do not have the right foundation of heart upon which you can say, "This is the ideal family I have established." Do you understand? Let's offer our bows. [Pledge Service is held.]

From now on, you should offer your full bow to "the Cos-

mic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth." You understand, don't you? We offer our bow to both the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Both the spiritual world and the physical world are participating in the Pledge Service, and so you should know that God is also present as well.

With all the returning resurrection on earth, from now on, no matter how strong someone is, if that person opposes God's will, he or she will start to wither as if it were autumn. Summer is finally beginning. The Unification Church will grow abundantly whereas the world, which had been growing until now, will start to wither as if autumn had arrived. When the wild olive trees of the world start to wither and wilt without bearing fruit, the true olive trees of the Unification Church will pass through summer, come into bloom and finally bear fruit.

Thus, because the fruit of the true olive trees will be stored in both heaven and earth, beyond the borders of any nation, beyond the U.S., and up to the level of the UN, centering on the heavenly nation, that fruit should be harvested and utilized. It should not be used by the people of this fallen world—we should know that we are passing beyond such an era. We are to attend ceremonies such as this one with that kind of heart. That is why we must offer our bow to "the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth."

You should also realize your ancestors and all religious leaders and the blessed members in heaven are standing behind you, and that in front of you, God is standing in front of True Parents. That is why it is correct to say that the blessed families are bowing to both the Parent of the Cosmos and the Parents of Heaven and Earth at the same time. Do you understand? [Yes.]

I want to say that this year's Day of All True Things is

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profoundly significant. When was the speech we read today given? [Forty-two years ago.] When we pass the forty-three-year milestone, we enter into an era in which the world will be filled with a bright light.

There should be a season of harvest that ends all the complicated problems of the world today. At the same time, there should also be a harvest time for all the good things throughout the world.

Can good and evil be harvested together? Definitely not. Evil cannot be harvested. Everything growing on land belonging to the Good Owner in Heaven belongs to Him, so only the Good Owner can harvest it. There can be no argument about that. So, even if you insist that you are good, you would not have the qualification to harvest these things, and they would all be scattered.

From this point of view, what is the providence of restoration? What happened? Evil came into being. What is the source, the origin of evil? The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was not a real fruit. What is this fruit then? From God's point of view, it is the most precious thing on our bodies. It is eternally the most precious thing—the thing we can least do without in our lives. It was in this that seeds were planted, and so the fruit born from it can only be harvested by God, only from a place God can love and care for.

Love cannot be attained alone

What is the present state of mankind? It is not good. Looking at the present world, if we were to ask whether it is a world of goodness or a world of evil, anyone would say that it is a world of evil. Among the people living in the world of evil, there ought to be at least a few good people, but in actuality there are none. Why is that? It is because of the fall. You should know this. The fall! What was the fall? It was the loss of what, to both men and women, is the most precious thing.

When we ask what the most precious thing is to men and women—what the most precious thing to a anyone is—you cannot answer. To a handsome person the most remarkable feature is his or her face. You may even boast about a particular feature of your face, your nose or mouth or ears, but you should know that none of those are good because they are the result of the fall—they have nothing to do with God. The same can be said for the rest of the body. Neither the body nor the mind that resides within the body has ever been good. This is the way I see it.

Have you ever thought about when the mind and the body become one? That's the question. Is there anyone who has

thought, "Even God's mind and body must fight with each other"?

God is one being. Even though there are millions of situations and millions of twists and turns, no matter what we may say, all those millions of things belong to God, and so in the end they are one.

What focal point causes them to become one? If a family is happy, the whole world can be happy, but that happiness does not come from men and women, who are living beings. That happiness does not arise from the beauty that men and women have pride in. The mind and the body are the basis upon which love can settle. Even if the body and the mind—which are the root—are beautiful, God cannot love that person fully. He can only love partially. But if *love* were to settle in such a mind and body, He could.

God Himself is isolated. He is all alone. What can make our lonely God proud to be happy and at peace? It is love. Love cannot be attained alone. You should know this.

Do you understand? Can love be attained alone? [No.] It's an amazing fact. No matter how great a person is, he cannot attain love alone. Rev. Moon here may be this and that, and his invisible mind and visible body may be united, but can he attain love alone without an object? [No.] Answer, all of you. [No!] No. There are more than five hundred people here; you should be five hundred times louder than I, but I am answering louder than all of you. Can one attain love alone, or not? [No!] He cannot, not even in his dreams, not during the day or the night. A person may feel happy for a short period of time, but that is a fleeting impression of joy and not actual happiness. For someone to feel true happiness and joy, that person should focus on an object and have a relationship of true love. Only then can happiness be with that person always and take root, grow, flourish and bear fruit that God would want to harvest.

Lighting the candles at the beginning of the ceremony



The family is to be God's harvest

Therefore, it is the theory of all theories and the truth of all truths that the owner who can harvest everything from the world of goodness and evil is the owner of true love. Only when there is an absolute standard which cannot be compared with anything else, and when we become one with this absolute standard can absolute value, absolute beauty, absolute goodness and the absolute fruit appear. Only then can you become men and women of absolute beauty. If you are not connected

with that absolute standard, can anything be absolute, or not? [It can't.]

Do you feel that this is true? Then what is our final des-

tinuation? In the process of moving toward that destination, from the starting point, what is it that God would absolutely love and yearn for as the fruit he could harvest? What is the fruit of that process? We have reached the conclusion that it is the standard of a man and a woman becoming one truthfully, beautifully and virtuously through true love.

How many years has it been since the first Day of All Things? The speech we were reading was given forty-two years ago. I am eighty-three years old, so that speech was given half my life ago, but you can see that what I said then and what I'm saying now are the same. I have only spoken about that which is unchanging.

Can I change what I say in regards to the path God must go? Can the starting point be wrong? Can the final destination be wrong? They cannot be wrong. The starting point is good, the process is good and the purpose is good, and the fruit to be harvested is the complete fulfillment of all things hoped for by God. The crop to be harvested that God can hold on to, love and boast of eternally is not a thing.

Do you understand? You should know that the crop is not apples, money or knowledge. Then what is it? The crop to be harvested, which brings you and I together forever and is sought by God, is nothing other than the family—started, grown and matured through true love.

Is that right, or wrong? [It's right.] Should you wish for such a standard from the bottom of your hearts, or not? [We should wish for it.] If you do not wish for it, at the time God chooses those families to be harvested, you will enter the spirit world and be deemed far below the standard.

Considering your hearts in your everyday lives and looking around at this woman and that man—at men and women in general—with regard to the fruit to be harvested by God, the fruit, which is always based on the truth that God can boast of as a jewel of the mind, the body and the environment, you should know that beauty alone cannot become that fruit.

Even if Rev. Moon is the greatest man on earth, he cannot become that fruit alone. You cannot achieve the fruit of love alone. You should know that you absolutely need an object when it comes to love.

What True Parents say ought to be in one and only one language and should not need interpretation and translation. You should know that. Is there anyone who likes learning foreign languages? When I first came to America...it is the same even now... whenever I found a new word, I looked it up in the dictionary and wrote it down in a notebook; but as I grow older I remember less, not more.

There was a time when I could remember ten pages of words from my notebook, which I had looked up in a dictionary. I could even remember the spellings and on which page I could find a word, but now I can't remember very clearly; those pages are faint in my memory.

I think as a person grows older he approaches a period in which he cannot remember a word unless he looks it up more than twenty times. It's normal to have to look it up five or six times. Can you imagine how difficult it was for me to learn English from when I was fifty-two until I was nearly seventy? You should remember that I learned English amidst many

hardships and difficulties, because I thought I did not have the right to be a parent if I could not even understand the language of the people of the English-speaking world, who are in the children's position. It would take young people about a year and a half to learn Korean by memorizing 150 pages of a Korean book, but they are not doing it.... I told you I would use an interpreter until the end of the 1980s and that from 1985 you should study Korean, but it seems that all the children here are fake.

Why can't you understand what your True Parents are saying? Why do you need an interpreter? Don't you realize what a shameful fact that is? Evidently, you were adopted by someone else and lost your parents and so grew up in a country other than your own and do not know the love of your parents.

That is why American people, and the people of the world as a whole, do not know the love of parents. You do not know the love of a father or a mother. You do not know the love of a brother or a sister. You do not know the love of a spouse. Civilization has been ruined; it has been corrupted by individualism, which causes you to deny your own families.

This world would be in ruins right now if not for Rev. Moon. Through thirty years of tearful struggle, I have insisted on the restoration of families; the family is more important than the nation. I have spoken of the natural law of families. God's harvest fruit is not an individual but a family—and not just any kind of family, but an ideal family.

An ideal family has the parents and the children in a vertical relationship. There can only be God and Adam and Eve. The relationship between God and Adam and Eve is a parent—child relationship, no doubt about it. God is the father, and Adam and Eve are the son and daughter. To become sons and daughters, for the family to be formed, true love and true life must be brought together in the blood lineage.

Even the best couple in the world, who lived happily and affectionately and claimed that they were the ideal couple described by Rev. Moon, couldn't be an ideal couple. Why

couldn't they be? They wouldn't yet have formed a family. There must be a family! For sure! Say that. [For sure!] Not just a husband and a wife. That ends in one generation only, just one generation. Your thinking must be straight on this. Even if you loved each other and had become one, it would all end in the one generation. Even if you lived on earth luxuriously, with plenty to eat, once you went to the spirit world it would all be over. Such people are a burden to the world.

Because they'd be indebted to the world, once they'd gone to the spirit world, such people would

have to pay back what they owed. They have to pay it back with the fruit of their harvest, but they would already have claimed for themselves all the good things that could be harvested. Theoretically, these indebted people could not usually be touched by God's love, and so they'd go to hell. You should therefore try to realize rationally that hell is created automatically by such people. Do you understand?

There is nothing dirty in love

Okay, do you need to hear what Rev. Moon has to say?





Is it interesting or shocking? It is very pleasant—maybe the most pleasant experience in life—to get together with your beloved spouse and make love. Theoretically speaking, those who deny themselves that happiness in order to listen to me speak—which is even more interesting—stay up nights to listen and are on the alert and keep to that path every day and every year, for perhaps all of their lives, will come closer than anyone else to becoming the fruit of God's blessed harvest.

Can all the people present here do that, or can't you? Raise your right hands, not your left hands, if you are sure you can do so. American people have a tendency to raise their left hands. Is it because they are all left-handed? You should know that when you raise your hands, you should raise your right hands. It is impolite to raise your left hands. That is because men usually stand on a woman's right side, in order to protect her.

On that note, it is also interesting to know that among the Westerners, there are many left-handed people and there are also a remarkable number of people who sleep on their stomachs. When I first came to America, I found it very strange that there are so many left-handed people. In the East, it is very difficult for left-handed people to get married.

Do you understand? Did God create Adam and Eve because he needed them, or because he did not need them? [He needed them.] He absolutely needed them, through each of the three stages. The three stages are the formation period in the womb, the growth period on earth and the completion period in heaven—the sunlight period....

Do we consume food or water? We say we eat food, but the main thing we consume is water, which is in a state of equilibrium inside our body—three-quarters of which consists of water. We learn to do this inside our mother's womb. We start our lives by drinking our mother's breast milk, don't we? Isn't that a liquid like water? Our body likes water. The mouth is the symbol of the period inside the womb.

The nose is the symbol for the phase when we are taking in air. If we destroy all the organs used in drinking water and use the nose—which is needed when we come out into the world of air—to take in water, seven or eight gulps of water taken in that way would surely kill you.

The organ whose door should be precious guarded is the reproductive organ.

Although the nose breathes in air, it does not like air itself. The nose was also made to drink in the smell of love. When men live together, they hate to smell each other. When they smell someone else's stinking feet while sleeping, they kick each other and turn the other way round. Women, though, like to smell men's sweat. At least that's what I have heard. Is there any woman who does not like the smell of men's sweat? I don't think so. And since a man works so

hard for a woman, even were he to kick his smelly socks off his feet in front of the woman, when she was well-dressed and made up, and even if those socks were to land on the woman's lap, she should be able to pick up those socks and endure the smell. That is the smell of a man's hard work for the sake of a woman....

That is why the noses of men and women are different. Men's noses like to smell women. Do women's noses like to smell men, or not? [No.] Of course, they do not like to smell women. I'm glad you understand what I am saying. That is why there is nothing dirty in love. That is how first love is.

The deep love of husband and wife

I had a younger sister who was very precious to me. She was better than I am, and sometimes I thought she was as wonderful as God. I loved her with all of my heart, but then she became sick. She died when she was eight years old. Even now I think of her. Love can sometimes be frightening. I am 83 years old, but sometimes I think to myself that when I go to the spirit world, one of the first things I will do is to look for her. Whenever I find myself thinking such thoughts, I realize once again that love's spell is something that cannot be blocked by anything, not even human reasoning or desire for the most precious treasures.

My mother found out that there was something wrong with my sister by tasting her excrement. I saw her take my sister's feces in her hands to taste it. Those who have never experienced that kind of mother's love will go to hell. Do you think you could taste your husband's excrement if he were sick and the only way to cure him was by tasting it? Well, could you or couldn't you?

That's why I am saying you have never truly loved anyone. Only the love between a man and a woman, deeper and stronger than the love of a mother, qualifies as the fruit that God harvests and puts in His storeroom as an eternal treasure. If you have loved your spouse more deeply than a mother loves her child, you will have experienced deeper love than that which compels you to live with your parents. You would be able to say goodbye to your mother and move in with your spouse. You would be able to leave your homeland, marry a foreigner and go abroad to live with him, crossing the Pacific Ocean, mountains and vast plains on the way, to find a love that is even deeper than a mother's love for her children.

If a husband loves his wife and a wife loves her husband more than a mother loves her daughter, are they still devoted sons and daughters? They are more than that. Even sons and daughters of excellent caliber, who are happy to receive the love of their parents, have to acquiesce to conjugal love, which is even deeper than parental love; they have to bow

their heads in submission. This great love between a husband and wife, harvested by God and stored in a storeroom in heaven, could then be taken by anybody and planted, so that more fruits of true love, which God could harvest, would be yielded. In this way, the fruit of true love would spread to the world, and that world would become the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

This fruit, which would grow in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and which would flourish as part of the ecosystem and become an eternal and unchanging model, would then become the substance that would bring about great results and be planted for thousands and tens of thousands of generations—finally resulting in the expansion of heaven—and become the cause for the realization of God’s dreams of an ideal world. What I am saying is logical and undeniable, and so it would be reasonable to say “Amen.”

Do you understand what I am saying? You clever American women, can you understand? Seventy percent of Christian churchgoers are women. These women have affairs and are spendthrifts, and complicate the world by using fake fragrances. They make themselves into fake beauties using lipstick and having manicures. Why do you need these kinds of things? The number of cells in your body starts to decrease when you pass the age of twenty-three. Therefore, you should get married before turning twenty-four, while you are in your prime.

The fruit God wishes for more than the love of a mother or a father is the love of a husband and wife, which is greater than the love of parents for their children. Is there a couple in America who share such love? There isn’t. They are all like leaves falling in the autumn wind. While the fruit to be harvested becomes ripe, they fall prematurely and become nothing but fertilizer. You may say you do not want to be fertilizer in a storeroom in hell, but wait until you die. All of you who do not share such love will end up there, be you the president or anyone else.

Father teaches out of the desire to save

Though Adam and Eve fell when they were sixteen years old, do you think they knew God better than any of the forty-three American presidents have? Adam and Eve definitely knew God very well. Nonetheless, God sent them to hell. The descendants of Adam and Eve are even more evil, so it is almost as if they are riding an express train bound for hell. Who can stop this misfortune? A nation’s presidents certainly can’t. This is not something that can be decided by laws made by earthly nations. Only God can stop it. Those who do not know God cannot go to heaven.

When I start speaking about this kind of thing, a day is not long enough for all I have to say. The longest lecture I’ve ever given lasted 16 hours and 45 minutes. That’s my record. The first time I gave a lecture in the U.S., the interpreter could not

hold it in and eventually wet his pants. His urine flowed on the floor. Later, he even defecated while he was interpreting. It started to stink, so I asked him, “How could you do that here?!” And yet I went on talking. Even smelling the stink of his excrement I went on talking all night, because America was dying, and I had to save it. That is how much I have loved the American people.

I heard that nowadays a pastor who gives sermons that are more than twenty minutes long is soon unpopular with his congregation. Is that true? How long have I talked today, almost an hour? Kwak Chung-hwan, how long have I talked? Has it been an hour, or more? [Rev. Kwak: An hour and ten minutes.] In that case I’d better run away. [Laughter] Are the people here Americans, or the people of heaven? Do you want to listen to more of my speech even though it’s been over an hour? Would you pay a tuition fee for the interesting things I am telling you?

Can anything be free of charge, American members? I have seen children asking their parents to pay them to work, and I have also seen parents who will lend, rather than give, a thousand dollars to one of their children.

It should be the same in the Unification Church, right? If Rev. Moon is smart, should he teach for free, or teach for a very high fee? You should learn for free while I’m teaching for free. What I am telling you now is something which you couldn’t afford, even if you’d brought along all of your checkbooks and your father’s and your mother’s and even your son’s and daughter’s checkbooks. Even if you were to bring all the money in a dozen people’s bank accounts, you wouldn’t

have enough money to pay for what I am teaching you now.

What I am trying to say is that it was the same for God. For all the money in the world, even God could not teach Adam and Eve what His will was. If He could have taught them His will and stopped them, he would never have let Adam and Eve fall. How could this problem be solved? I have solved the problem for you and have built a straight road for you to follow, so you can learn what I am teaching you for free. It’s free of charge.

Nations persecuted the Unification Church and there were even cases where children put their mothers in jail. Persecutors resorted to all kinds of evil deeds to stop our members from coming to the Church. Now the followers have all become old. They are so old they are almost on their deathbeds, and when they die, what will happen? Can dead branches put forth new shoots? If the old generation cannot put forth shoots, they will go to ruin, and that is the way it should be.

The family pledge is our guide

Those men and women who do not want to have children will drive their countries into ruin. They should know



that not having children is an act of betrayal to the heavenly nation that will destroy it. That is why Mrs. Moon, my wife, has been pregnant 18 times and given birth to thirteen children. Look at my sons. All of you look here. They are all tall, and I want to show them off. Stand up. Stand up for a minute. [Applause]

Did Mother do well in having so many sons and daughters, or not? They are handsome, and some are graduates of Harvard University. They told me that while they were in Harvard, there were even some instances when they were sitting on the bench in the park talking and American girls would come and sit on their laps. Moreover, if they dressed up and looked their best, women would surround them like a pack of wolves. That is why he shaved his head to look like a monk.

Look, too, at the way he's dressed. When he dresses himself so strangely, the girls coming toward him think he is not right in his mind and they run away. He is doing that in self-defense. When I saw him, I said, "I used to have the same problems when I was young, and your way of self-defense is better than mine was. Okay, go ahead with it." If shaving your head stops beautiful girls from coming after you, by all means, do it. It is in self-defense; it is a safety device, so I welcome it wholeheartedly.

Now, unless your families become the fruit of true love... Would God want a tree with many pieces of fruit on it, or one with a single piece of fruit? [Many!] How many? [A million!] You're being greedy, now. Try giving birth to that many children. Do you think it would be easy?

The Family Pledge! The Family Pledge is a family jewel. Those who do not accomplish the Family Pledge cannot be harvested as the fruit of God's nation. Do we recite the Family Pledge, or an individual's pledge? [The Family Pledge.] Would you recite the Family Pledge alone? Would it be better for an extended family to recite the Family Pledge or for a nuclear family to recite it?

Just wait until you go to the spirit world. See if Rev. Moon is lying to you or not. You should know that what I am telling you right now was given to me after suffering through many hardships, difficulties and great persecution—being jailed several times and going through just about every hardship there is on earth—and so what I'm saying cannot be lies. You should also know that heaven and the spirit world look exactly as I describe them. Rev. Moon couldn't be the Savior, the Messiah, the Lord of



Father and Mother at East Garden this spring. At back is one of the younger grandchildren

the Second Advent and a True Parent if what he said included untruths.

The blessing

The name "the second Messiah," or "the Second Advent of the Messiah," refers to the Lord of the Second Advent. That means that the messiah could not fulfill everything the first time he came, and so he has to come again to accomplish his mission. Because Jesus could not accomplish everything the first time, he has to come again. Had he succeeded, Judaism would have made the whole world into one nation, and there would

not have been any need for Christianity or Islam.

If Jesus had not died when he did, he would have blessed heaven and earth by the time he turned forty years old, and he would have united Rome and the world into one nation, and done more besides. Why? Rome in Jesus' time was like today's America, the families were corrupt; ideal families could not be found anywhere in Rome. That would have been the opportunity to center on Jesus and the ideal-family realm of Israel, and for many nations around the world to be engrafted with the nation of Israel. These nations would have cut themselves [as a branch of a tree needs to be cut] in order to be engrafted with Israel. They would have engrafted Israel onto the twelve types of branches and born fruit.

In the past, people thought they would have to cut themselves in order to be engrafted, but now there is no one who opposes the blessing ceremonies of the Unification Church. What is more, they now welcome it. Why? The media in the U.S. were making noise because of the blessed families and mass weddings of the Unification Church, and they decided to find out the divorce rate of the members of our church. They found that the divorce rate in our church was 3 percent, whereas the average divorce rate in America is 60 to 70 percent. Soon all the couples in the United States will have separated.

So now, even parents do not oppose Rev. Moon's mass weddings. Instead, they now call our church and ask us to take care of their children, saying, "Rev. Moon, please match our sons and daughters so that theirs can be ideal couples. We do not mind international weddings at all. The race does not matter. Instead of dividing up and fighting with each other, and creating nations that only bring more conflict into the world, we want our children to make families that will become pioneers of peace and make a world of peace. So please do what you think



Hoondokhae at East Garden



Father and Mother with their grandchildren in America



Father pushing Shin-koong nim, Hyun-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim's youngest child

Father and Mother with Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim's sons Shin-joong nim (standing) and Shin-kwang nim, at East Garden



is best.”...

The sons and daughters of archbishops should be put under my care. The archbishops have all left their children behind and gone out to do their work. When the master of the house goes out to catch wild rabbits, he comes home to find the rabbits he kept at home have all been eaten by tigers. The archbishops and people in such positions have lived their lives like that up to now. The time when religious leaders have to live like that has passed.

The Fruits of True Love

I came to a foreign land and went through many hardships, but before returning to my homeland I gave away some 1,330 items that I used during the thirty years I lived in America shedding blood, sweat and tears. And when I went to Korea, I gave out millions of dollars for missionary work around the world.

I have nothing. I am barehanded, but I have not gone around in society begging for money, or asking people with

money to donate. If they want to give offerings, they can; if not, they don't have to. Does God live on the offerings He receives? If I don't have any money, I can make it.

Should I sing a song? [Yes!] Before I sing, let's listen to someone else. Where is she? The most famous woman representative of Korea, President Lee of Sun Moon University! Let me introduce the wife of Confucius. Mrs. Confucius is none other than the president of Sun Moon University, Professor Lee Kyung-june. On this special day, I'll rest a little and have a drink of water, while I listen to her sing. She has stood up to sing, so let's welcome her with some loud applause. [Applause] ...

You would do well to record this Korean song sung by Professor Lee and memorize it in commemoration of today. Who knows, maybe ten years from now the person who can sing this song the best will be given the first prize, or a treasure like no other in the world. Today is a day of commemoration, and a seed of commemoration that will bear fruits of love to be harvested and stored in a storeroom in heaven was

planted today. When the harvest time comes, I should give out prizes, and heaven will be able to give much better prizes in return for the joy the fruit gives to heaven, as they are harvested and stored in heaven.

Let's conclude. What is the most precious fundamental fruit that God wants to harvest? It is the family. Now, we have learned that the thing we are celebrating today, on the Day of All True Things, is families that will become the fruit that God can harvest. We celebrate True Children's Day, True Parents' Day and True God's Day for the same reason. We are all part of God's creation of the cosmos, and we all want to be harvested by God. Do you understand? [Yes!]

Then what is God's love? What kind of love is true love? It is love focused on God, which you cannot let go of even if you wanted to. Once it clings to you, you cannot get rid of it. You cannot let it go. Would a slave of love want to run away just because that person became a slave, when he has experienced the joy and happiness of a world of love? He would follow that path. Could a person run away even if he were to suffer every day for the rest of his life, for thousands of years, if he had met the partner who would make him a slave of love and form a family with him?

When a person is said to be lovesick he is man who misses a woman or she is a woman who misses a man, and cares for nothing else. So even if someone comes and gives that person a great treasure, he or she will not have any interest in it. Let's say a woman is lovesick for a man; and let us also say that the man baked biscuits for her, but he did not use water to make the dough. He used his own saliva. He did not make many either—just one. If you took that biscuit to her and told her, "Look here. The man you love made this for you, but he did not use water to make the dough. He used his own saliva with flour; and he says if you eat this, it will cure everything that ails you." If she were to eat that biscuit made with his saliva, just one bite of it would cure her. Just one bite would do the trick. Do you understand what I am trying to say? What I am trying to say is that lovesickness, though thought to be incurable, can be cured with a bite of biscuit made by the person you love.

If people who are lovesick with false love can experience such a miracle, what would it be like for the princes and princesses of true love? Their love would be much more intense than that. Would they be scorned and criticized or welcomed and praised? Without a doubt, they would be welcomed and praised.

Based on this logic, it is also logical to say that a person who is lovesick would disregard his parents' love, his own sickness and even God's love; but if he were able to get together with the person he loved, the person he was lovesick over—and they could love each other—that love would be the best crop to be harvested in the whole world.

A lovesick person acts like that. Even among ordinary people, loving parents love their children almost as if they are lovesick, and if the children work hard for the parents and accomplish something that had seemed impossible at first, any illness the parents' may have had, even if one or both of them had suffered for more than ten years, would be forgotten in a minute.

Love is a great thing. When peace is trapped inside love, it cannot escape. It does not want to escape but would rather take root and stay there forever. It is like that wherever there is true love. Do you realize what I am trying to say?

So men and women born into this world who are longing to love others so much that they almost want to die should seek people to love before they seek love. When they finally meet a spouse and finally get to love another person, they will realize, "Oh, this is what true love is!" The people who have had a taste of true love would not want to lose their spouses, who gave them such pleasure, would they? [They wouldn't.] What if there were people around who were more handsome or beautiful? Would those people exchange their spouses for a more attractive one? Of course not. Even if they had been sick with chicken pox when they were young and had pitted faces, once they became a couple they would love each other so much that they'd never want to be separated from each other. They would take the first steps along a path that would lead them to the final destination where their love would bloom and come to fruition.◆

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Prayer

HEAVENLY FATHER, the absolute realm of the ideal of reciprocal relationship centering on this day, May 10, has come to pass through God's work of restoration. God was thus meant to pass through spring and summer and harvest the original garden in autumn, but it was lost. Now it has been restored by Adam, and the last day on which the satanic world and the heavenly world become divided completely through indemnity is today, May 10. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to proclaim a new beginning, the Settlement of Noon.

Now we will correct the era in which we lacked so many things, and with the declaration of True Parents' new liberation and centering on the Day of the Settlement of Noon, the families of heaven and earth have all come together in attendance of our Heavenly Father. In this place where we are restoring everything that failed after the creation, up to the UN, where we are inheriting the realm of Heaven's victorious supremacy, we offer to You, Father, the condition for the liberation of all nations.

Moreover, now the time has come when hell is trans-

formed into heaven, so Heavenly Father, please watch over all heaven and earth freely from this day! On this great day, with the joy You are experiencing, that will eliminate Your historical pain, please rule over all nations and start anew as the Eternal King, Parent and Owner of Heaven and Earth!

Centering on the Holy Wedding performed on True Parents' Birthday this year, God and all the blessed families in heaven and on earth all became one to liberate the ancestors. Please therefore allow the liberated ancestors to go to the Heaven established by the True Parents, with the condition that they are the representatives of Adam.

Thank you again for allowing all the blessed families of heaven and earth, and all people in the spirit world and the physical world, in paradise and hell, to live their lives according to the resolution we have signed. As of this day, I declare the liberation of the Settlement of Noon, the liberation of all nations in the physical and spiritual world, the liberation of eternity and the liberation of all ownership, so please watch over all nations. I hope you will accept this as I report and declare this before the Heavenly Father in the name of True Parents. Amen, Amen, Amen.◆

Editor's Note: Father regularly uses the concept of noon to indicate a vertical relationship with God, whereby no shadow (of evil) is cast.



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More than 130 Christian pastors and leaders visited first Rome and then Israel between May 12 and 19. They went with the purpose of healing the division between the Christian faith and Judaism. Minister Angelika Selle, who is involved with interfaith work in the Washington, D.C. area, was one of our members who joined the group. This is from her testimony.

THE PRESENCE and spirit of True Father and Jesus could be felt with us during the entire trip, following our every step along the way in anxious anticipation of what was going to happen next, praying that we would accomplish our mission.

As our group merged together from different parts of the country at Newark International Airport, great excitement and anticipation was in the air, so that another fellow air traveler, a Christian lady, asked me what this inter-racial group was up to and where we were going. When I told her that we were about to go to Rome and Israel in order to bury the cross and seek peace and reconciliation with our Jewish brother and sisters, she was in awe and moved to tears. She said, "I wish I could be a part of this." Before we departed, we prayed together for the success of the trip.

After arriving in Rome, our bus took us onto the paths of Saint Peter on the first day and Saint Paul on the next. Just to be able to stand on the ground where they stood and sense their powerful spirit of serving Christ at the cost of their very lives was deeply moving.

One of the authentic sites was the prison into which Peter and Paul had been thrown, where they baptized many people. When praying down there in the dungeon and dipping my hand into the water in a round basin in the stone floor, I could feel their powerful spirit of determination and fire to

witness to their beloved Jesus.

We also saw beautiful artwork and architecture of the Roman Catholic basilicas. While I was standing in the middle of the Sistine Chapel, looking at the frescoes of the Old and New Testament, I began to pray. Suddenly, it seemed as if the history of restoration came alive and the people—Moses and the saints—depicted there on the walls wanted to connect with me and say: "Please finish our work...!"

As the days went by, our group of 131 became closer and closer, like a family. As I got to know many of the

made aware how to approach them and how not to. Coming to understand about Judaism, especially through the presentations of Dr. Andrew Wilson, a Jewish Unificationist professor at UTS, I could see that it would take nothing short of a miracle for Jewish rabbis to consider Jesus as the Messiah.

For the last two thousand years, Jews have been accused by Christians of having nailed Jesus to the cross. For that deed, the Jews were persecuted, killed, disowned, and shunned by Christians. Thus, for Jews, the cross truly became a symbol of accusation and hate.

The only possible way for them to open their minds to Jesus, whom they don't even mention or talk about, would be if we could introduce to them the real Jesus who had come to build the Kingdom and have a family—if we would focus on his teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount, rather than on his suffering.

It became clear that in order to heal our relationship there needed to be humility, love, mutual repentance, and forgiveness. If we Christians could truly embody the love of Christ so Jews

could feel it, there was a chance for change.

I did have a lot of hope that that would happen, because our group consisted foremost of African—American pastors representing the black race, which also has gone through tremendous suffering, due to slavery, segregation, and discrimination, thus bringing with them a common base of heart as a foundation for a relationship with Jewish people. In addition, as a substantial gesture of reconciliation, all the clergy who had come on this trip had taken down their crosses, the symbol of horror and division between Jews and Christians.

We had no idea what the reaction of our Jewish brothers and sisters would be and how they would respond in



A view of Potter's Field, where a cross was taken for burial as an act of reconciliation with the Jewish people; top of page, FFWPU-U.S.A. President Michael Jenkins, Pastor Jesse Edwards and another minister pray at Gethsemane

clergy during our walks, mealtimes, and on the bus, each of them had a story to tell as to how they came to be on this trip. One thing they all had in common, though, was a deep desire to reconcile with our Jewish brothers and sisters. I saw many of the lady pastors in constant prayer and also filled with eagerness to take care of others.

In my case, being from a German and Roman Catholic background, I never had dreamed of such an amazing opportunity to go to Israel for the sake of reconciliation with my Jewish brothers and sisters on their soil.

Every morning after hoondokhae and in the evening, we were educated in the ways our Jewish brothers and sisters feel, think about, and perceive Christians and Jesus, and we were

such a short time to a different way of looking at Jesus. But we were firm in our resolve to love and embrace them, no matter what. And we knew that only the Spirit of God and the spirit of Jesus himself could truly speak to their hearts.

Off we went to the Holy Land. After having gone through extensive scrutiny in the airports in both Rome and Tel Aviv, we finally boarded the buses that would bring us directly to Jerusalem. Our tour guide greeted us with the words, "Welcome home! This is your homeland!" And indeed it felt like coming home, home to the land in which Jesus grew up, preached, walked and taught. It still seemed unreal that we were actually there.

Just driving through the rocky but gently rolling hills from the airport to Jerusalem at dusk with the full moon above us gave me the feeling I had gone back in history. The small towns we passed looked just like the pictures in a Bible. All of the towns looked the same because, by governmental decree, everyone who builds a house in Israel has to utilize the native limestone, which is available in abundance. The hills reminded me of Korea, the homeland of our True Parents. Our hotel overlooked the city of Jerusalem, which, by the time we arrived was radiant in the morning light—a city on a hill, a sight to behold.

Before retiring, I prayed in tears with two of my sisters on the balcony, stretching out our arms to embrace the city over which Jesus had lamented, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ..." In this place where Jews, Christians, and Muslims live together under great tension, we had come to plant a seed of true peace. "Here we are, Jesus!" Tears came to our eyes. We wanted so much to be his representatives!

On the first full day, the first site we visited was the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. The purpose of the visit was to remember what had happened to the Jewish people. I knew that this would be spiritually and emotionally very difficult for me, being originally from Germany. Yet at the same time, I knew that was one reason God had allowed me to be part of this pilgrimage, to repent and reconcile on behalf of my people for the atrocious past. As I had expected, just seeing the life-sized pictures of the concentration camps, the naked men and women as they got ready to go into the gas chambers, and so on, filled me with agony but also rage and tears. How could

any human being do this to another? And we were talking about *millions* of Jews killed throughout Europe. I could barely walk through the museum. I knew I had to do something while in Israel to restore this past, even on a small level.

That evening during testimony time, I became filled with emotion and felt moved to go up on stage. I asked my Jewish brother, Dr. Andrew Wilson, to join me there. Then I began to repent on behalf of the German people and the Roman Catholics for the horrible things they had done in the name of Jesus to our Jewish brothers and sisters. I noted specific points, such as the burning of their synagogues, treating them as less than human and taking their possessions. It was hard to speak as I was choked up with tears, and I fell on my knees. My brother took my hands, asked me to stand, and, without letting me finish my long list, said, "I forgive you, I forgive you!"

There was one more thing, however, I felt I had to do. I spontaneously took off my jewelry and gave it to him as an offering—a symbol of all the beautiful and precious things that Germans and other anti-Semites had taken from the Jewish people. Dr. Wilson received it, and I went back to my seat weeping. Many pastors came over to me.

The principle of repentance and forgiveness is an integral part of reconciliation. I know that, without the Holy Spirit and without my involvement and training in reconciliation over the last five years, I could not have done that in public. Credit must be given to our Washington D.C. Church's Racial Reconciliation Group and to Revs. Joe and Debbie Taylor (an African-American couple) and Brenda Miller (a white



Ministers from America with local priests in Jerusalem; Angelika Selle is second from left



Members of the ministers group



Revs. Levy and Claire Daugherty sing on the Sea of Galilee



Ministers baptize each other in the River Jordan

sister), who showed me how to repent.

My spirit felt truly liberated after that. The next day, when I met Dr. Wilson over breakfast, he also expressed gratitude. He told me he had never experienced anything like that and that it had moved him and his ancestors deeply. Then he said he had never realized how much pain the German people must be bearing because of their guilt, and that the Jewish people need to love the Germans more and forgive them.

A few days later, we went to the Sea of Galilee. It must have taken Jesus several days to travel all the way there, even on a donkey. We passed the road to Jerusalem, Jericho, the Mount of Temptation, and came finally to the Jordan River.

How narrow the river is where Jesus was baptized! After we stopped and went down to the River Jordan, many of the pastors baptized each other; a few even were fully immersed. Around the Sea of Galilee, nothing much has changed for two thousand years, and it is easy to imagine Jesus living and



teaching in this area.

We all stepped on a boat that would take us across the sea. While motor-ing slowly along and enjoying the gentle breeze, ministers from virtually every state in America took turns singing beautiful songs from the heart. Seeing my black brothers and sisters so joyfully singing songs of Jesus, the man from Galilee, I was overcome with deep emotion. A beautiful serene spirit sur-

rounded us. Here we all were on a boat. Images of slave ships came into my heart and mind. Now these people who had suffered so much were the first to come here as Jesus' true family.

The next day was the day we all had been waiting and preparing for. It was the day our True Parents were paying a price for. The night before, we attended a lecture on the parallels of human history, delivered by Rev. Michael Jenkins and another on the purpose of Jesus' coming, and on and exchanging the cross for a crown. Simultaneously, Frank Kaufmann and Taj Hamad coached our Jewish brothers and sisters

for the day of reconciliation.

No one could know what the next day would bring. All we could do was leave the outcome in God's hands.

THE DAY OF RECONCILIATION

All night through, our Unification-ist brothers and sisters prayed. At 5 AM we gave all the participants a wake up call. There was a fresh spirit and high expectation in the air, like on an Easter morning.

At 5:30 the buses left to go to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher,¹ on the other side of the city. The city of Jerusalem was still sleeping. As we left the buses to walk up the road, the morning sun reflected off the beautiful bright stone buildings. There were palm trees near the city wall. It was peaceful and holy there. The pastors in their Sunday robes solemnly walked up the hill. When we reached the top, suddenly we heard sirens approaching; a few seconds later, several police cars passed us, one almost hit me. Something must have happened. We later found out that at six o'clock a bomb carried by a suicide bomber had exploded on a bus just two blocks from our hotel. No doubt, this is a life and death battle.

We needed to go down another street, and as I tried to catch up with the group, someone in the front started

¹ The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was ordered built by Emperor Constantine



singing, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" The sound traveled back to me; everyone joined in this beautiful hymn. Tears came to my eyes when I saw my black brothers and sisters, who have gone the path of suffering, about to liberate our brother Jesus on behalf of True Parents. What a privilege to be part of it!

The small Church of the Holy Sepulcher, marking the place where Jesus was laid to rest, is squeezed between other buildings, with a good-sized yard in front of it; it was rather dark on the inside. We heard Hebrew singing from part of the sanctuary, an early worship service.

We gathered around the place of the tomb, and Rev. Jesse Edwards began the ceremony with a beautiful prayer, saying that the clergy had come to take down the cross once and for all. We had come to remove the age-old obstacle, the symbol that has caused division between Jews and Christians, and we were there to reconcile with our brothers.

Archbishop Stallings, Pastor T.L. Barrett and other clergy leaders entered the small sanctuary and paid their respects to the tomb. Then we all proceeded to another altar in the church. It was there that our medium-sized, white cross was laid down by a woman pastor and covered with the Family Federation Flag by Dr. Yang. Archbishop Stallings and others led us in another powerful prayer. It was history in the making.

There was one more place to go before we were to meet our Jewish brothers and sisters. We had finally to bury the cross in the ground. We headed toward Potter's Field, sometimes called the Field of Blood, a piece of land one Bible story says was purchased with money Judas was given for betraying Jesus. A big wooden cross, about six feet high, was lifted up by the pastors as we marched down a winding road leading to Potter's Field, which is a long green field with a Greek monastery on one side. "Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?" rang through the crowd of ministers again as they approached the final resting place for the cross.

Once at the site, we found a grave had already been dug out by our Israeli Family Federation members, exactly the size of the cross. Several Bible quotes were read before the cross was lifted



and then put in the ground forever. A family Federation flag, dated and signed by representative leaders was placed on top. A Jewish rabbi was the first to pray, followed by a Christian representative and a Muslim and finally Dr. Yang representing the third Israel and True Parents.

I was holding hands with two sisters, crying out, during those stirring moments. It was as if I were one of the women shedding tears below the cross where Jesus was hanging. This time, though, the tears shed were those of joy and liberation. It was as if we witnessed the body of Jesus being lifted off that cross and set free. Especially when Dr. Yang prayed, I sensed the presence of our True Parents, who had laid the foundation for this and made it possible. I thought of Father's incredible suffering and of how much he has helped Jesus. Tears, tears and more tears.

We all put a shovel of dirt on top of the cross. It was finished! Good-bye cross, rest in peace forever. Jesus is free now. Hallelujah, peace will come now!

On the way back to the hotel, it transpired that one minister needed to go to the hospital. Another sister and I took him by taxi. When we returned at lunchtime, there was a buzz of excitement over Archbishop Stallings' stirring speech of

repentance on behalf of Christians that had moved the hearts of the Jewish rabbis.

More speakers and discussion were scheduled for the afternoon before the signing of the *Jerusalem Declaration*, the highlight and most important part of the trip.

After lunch I sat with three rather young Jewish women, a black pastor and a state leader from America. When I joined them, they told me that three Jew-

ish leaders had left that table after the morning discussion. The Christian minister was very sad, because his humble heart was ready to learn from them and to inherit from them. Yet it seemed that God has provided replacements. The young women were nearly ecstatic when they heard the presentation by Dr. Wilson, which in a very challenging yet loving way explained to the Jewish audience why they might consider Jesus a great rabbi and embrace him. As other presenters continued, the young lady next to me kept nudging her friend and saying, "It is happening. It is happening. We are going to have real peace!" They stood up and cheered excitedly. Then Archbishop Stallings began to read the *Jerusalem Declaration* for the first time. There was a sudden tension in the air. Would Rabbi Brodman² sign it? The archbishop asked him if he would.

Oh, yes, and not only did he want to sign it, but he would sign it only if his Islamic brother signed it first. It was amazing. It was more than we all had asked for. The three brothers of Abraham all signed and embraced one another. Tears came to my eyes again, tears of joy, gratitude and relief. Nearly everyone streamed toward the front to add his or her signature to the historic document. We then celebrated



² Chief Rabbi David Brodman is one of a number of senior Rabbis in Israel who have attended interfaith conferences run by IIFWP and who are concerned with issues of the reconciliation of the faiths.

The celebration in the evening of the day of reconciliation



with coffee and cake, embraced one another and exchanged contact information.

I walked outside on the hotel veranda overlooking Jerusalem. With me came a young Jewish woman and Claire Daugherty, a Unificationist. Each of us prayed in her native language, German, Hebrew and English. Tears flowed down our cheeks, and at the end our Jewish sister said, "Thank you for your prayer and your presence. I could feel Jesus through you." She then explained that only a few weeks earlier she and some friends felt compelled to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth—who he was, what he had been trying to accomplish and why the Jewish people have shunned him until now.

Clearly, the spirit world has prepared many people for this time. All the Jewish participants who came that evening came to a hotel that was two blocks from a suicide bombing. They were truly committed to reconciliation.

A glorious banquet followed, ending the day with singing, sharing and dancing. After the signing of the document, a spirit of joy and celebration filled the air. A powerful seed for peace among the three sons of Abraham was planted that day. It needs to be watered, cultivated and nurtured to grow into a beautiful family tree.

We had one more day of sightseeing at the Dead Sea, the Qumran caves and the Daemona community of Hebrew Israelites, who have lived in the desert for thirty-six years to build the ideal Kingdom. We left our beloved Jerusalem and drove into the desert going down to the Dead Sea. It is the lowest point on the globe. We passed by Bedouin settlements, goats, sheep and dust until we neared a stretch of green where lush fruit and vegetables grow.

A wonderful, spirited welcome awaited us at the Daemona community, whose leadership has been in contact with our movement. They all welcomed us "home." It was a good ending to this first historic trip to Israel.

My personal relationship with Jesus, whom I have known since early childhood has changed and deepened tremendously, having seen where he once lived and preached and where he was trying to reach his Jewish family with a new but ancient truth. I shed many tears during this trip. I felt Jesus' presence with us from the beginning to the end. One clear message he gave me was, "You must love aggressively—especially your enemies." He was talking to me from his heart. By following this, all religions will come together as one family, and the dream of God and True Parents and our own dream, the substantial Kingdom of Heaven, will become a reality. ♦

Endnote: I would like to acknowledge the immense foundation of sacrifice, tears, sweat, and blood of our True Parents that supported this trip. In addition, substantial conditions of repentance and reconciliation between Jewish and Christian brothers and sisters in our movement were made here in America, in which our leadership participated. The brothers and sisters of the Family Federation in Israel also made conditions. All of these contributed to the success and gave us ownership. Finally, the many behind-the-scenes prayers and fasting conditions by brothers and sisters in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere helped to open the heavy gate between Christians and Jews a crack wider, in a very moving way. ♦

Angelika Selle was blessed with her husband Bob in the Blessing of 2075 Couples in 1982. They live in the Washington D.C. area. Angelika runs a Prayer in Action Ministry and is working to develop her interfaith prayer ministry across the United States.



Representatives of the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Unificationist families as one family; Angelika is at left

The trip afforded the participants the chance to build close ties



Some of the leaders from the trip enjoy floating in the Dead Sea (The very salty water provides unusual buoyancy)



Crisis in Korea

Rev. Hwang Sun-jo's speech to Ambassadors for Peace at the Rallies for Peace and Unity

HONORABLE Ambassadors for Peace! The world is changing rapidly now. When the millennium had just begun with the beginning of the 21st century, we were buoyant with expectation. We began the millennium with great hope that we would have a world of peace in which all humanity could live in harmony. We believed that we could clear off the detritus of the 20th century's Cold War in the 21st century. However, our dream was shattered not long after that.

We live in a very tense place, the Korean peninsula, where anything might happen at any time with South and North Korea confronting each other. I would like to analyze briefly the kind of state we are in. There's no need to mention that the situation around

the Korean peninsula is very difficult. Regarding the problem of North Korean nuclear weapons, no one knows how things will develop in the future. One thing that is certain is that international politics is solely and absolutely based upon the logic of power.

We are in a situation in which we ourselves must gather international support in order to realize the peaceful unification of the Korean peninsula.

Is this realistic? Do we really have the kind of international influence necessary to gather the kind of support we need? And does Korea have the ability to realize unification on our own? We must check these points first. In the 1980s when Korean society was torn apart and divided into the Left

and Right, I guided college students on campuses where Leftists held a lot of power. At that time, Korean society was undergoing a great crisis.

There was a written call to action made public by Leftists and Leftist college student leaders in Korea. It was entitled simply "Unite Korea." Fifteen years ago, it was a guideline for the Left in Korea. Let me read one phrase from the document for you. "We admit

that we have made a fatal strategic mistake by alienating our struggles from the masses and have decided to make great strategic



*The Ambassador for Peace Mountain Hiking Rally for Peace and Unity at Kaya Mountain, for participants from the southern provinces, May 3.
Inset, Rev. Hwang speaks*



changes. Our strategy calls for a movement of patriotic students to resist foreign influence and dictatorship at home, to lead the masses any way we want and instill them with Communist thought." Let me add a little bit to that. Leftists led the communist movement, following Marx and Lenin's ideology absolutely. Marxism-Leninism stated that laborers and farmers would complete the communist revolution. Those who are dominated will overthrow those who dominate them. That was their philosophy. They believed that laborers and farmers were to take the leading role of overthrowing the ruling class and completing the communist revolution. What kind of problems did they have to face though?

They realized they were getting further and further away from the masses, the common people. So, as I just read, they decided to change their strategy. They saw that they could never be popular by alienating themselves from the masses, so they made a decisive strategic change. How did they change their strategy? They started to penetrate into the ruling class. They penetrated into various areas including the military, Congress, legal circles and the Public Prosecutor's Office. Fifteen years have passed since then. There have been many changes in those years. The Soviet Union has collapsed, the Cold War has ended and the relationship between South and North Korea has become much warmer. Whatever happened to those Leftists? Last February, all the newspapers in Korea ran special reports on "What Happened to the Activists that Went Underground Fifteen Years Ago?"

Let me read from the *Joong Ang Daily* newspaper article. The *Joong Ang Daily* ran this article on February 13. The title of the article is "Leftists Are Becoming the New Mainstream." There are forty-three congressmen who have a history of having been arrested as Leftists. If we count human rights lawyers and crusaders who are indirectly involved with the Leftist movement, the number increases to seventy. In addition, having witnessed the collapse of the communist block and the Tiananmen Square incident, the 1990s Leftists went

through frustration, switched courses, scattered and established themselves in various areas of life such as publishing, movie making, venture capitalism, education, the law, journalism and commercial enterprises. These are the leaders of the Internet Leftist movement who have reappeared in this decade.

Ambassadors for Peace! I can't say for sure that they still have deep faith in the Leftist ideology, but one thing that is certain is that those who aren't strongly rooted in a free democratic ideology have established themselves as the mainstream of Korean society.

Have you read the *Hankook Daily News* this morning? Park Tae-sup, a former representative of the Christian

days ago, CNN reported that the strongest anti-American feeling worldwide is exhibited by the Islamic world, followed by Argentina and South Korea. CNN asked why in the world American soldiers should have to suffer in a nation that is so against the U.S. and suggested the U.S. military should leave the Korean peninsula. That's the public opinion in the U.S. If the U.S. military leaves Korea, and if our relationship with the U.S. continues to worsen, what's going to happen? The total military budget worldwide in a year is 840 billion U.S. dollars. About half of that is spent on the U.S. military. Unquestionably, the U.S. has absolute power. In addition, Korea absolutely depends

upon the U.S. politically and economically not to mention militarily.

I'm not especially pro-American. What's clear is that our nation should have a united voice to draw the public opinion and influence of the world and have the world support the making of a stronger nation so as to ease the tension between South and North Korea, so that we can have a peaceful future. However, the reality is that our society is being moved by blind anti-Americans. Who can see the straight reality and take responsibility for the nation? Please think about the current situation in our country.

One of the most serious problems in Korea is that there are 2,168 pro-North Korean Internet sites.

Pro-North Korean sites are the most numerous amongst Internet sites with a single purpose. There are those directly run by North Korea and others that are run by Leftists in South Korea. What's amazing is that about 30,000 people visit those sites everyday. The biggest change humankind achieved in the 20th century was the creation of cyberspace. And this cyber world being dominated by the Left is indeed a serious matter.

In addition, our society is collapsing morally and ethically. Our nation was known to be a nation of good manners and moral standard in the past. However, now we have the second highest divorce rate in the world. The present statistics show 840 couples getting married and 398 couples getting a divorce

The brotherhood and sisterhood ceremony matched pairs of Ambassadors for Peace from different parts of Korea, fostering the growth of a nationwide network of the peace ambassadors



Democratic Socialist Party, had an advertisement with the title, "It's time to have a general election between South and North Korea." What do you think would happen if we had a general election between South and North Korea now? There would be only one candidate for the presidency from the North but several candidates from the South. At least ten people would come out as candidates from the South. The candidates from the South would lose the election for sure under those circumstances. Our reality is that we have not prepared in any way whatsoever to have a general election between South and North Korea.

South Korea should become a nation of central influence, but from the United States' point of view the South Korean people cannot be trusted. Five

everyday in Korea. This is how rapidly our society is breaking down. Do you know how much the total production of farmers and fishermen in a year is through the outpouring of their blood and sweat? Twenty-four trillion won. The money generated in Korea in a year by prostitution is about 24 trillion won as well. The amount of money farmers and fishermen make in a year is just about the same as that recorded to be made by prostitutes in Korea. An unofficial total would probably show prostitution is making double that. There isn't another example of such a country in the world.

In addition to the fact that South and

North Korea are confronting each other, our society is experiencing rapid ethical and moral decline. What can the government do about the situation? Can civil organizations save the nation? No. Then who can? *You* can. Our Ambassador for Peace organization was set up to assess the situation and protect the nation. Our society is sinking fearfully. The most important foundations to sustain the society are its ethics and morality. When ethics and morality collapse, the society will breakdown. What about North Korean society? It is thoroughly armed with a single ideology and good moral and ethical standards. Their moral standard is sounder than ours.

Therefore, now is the time for leaders who are righteous and conscientious, and seasoned in good traditions and the free democratic ideology, to appear. Do you all agree? Today's Ambassador for Peace meeting should be an occasion to once again strengthen our motivation and will.

Honorable Ambassadors for Peace, we must all unite, confront the reality, and—with properly aligned mind and body, thought, ethics and morals and transcending religious, racial, denominational and regional differences—combine our strengths and work toward a bright future together.◆

Prayer: Master Yu Ja-wol

Vice President of Taego Buddhism

LET THERE be peace and unification through Buddha's benevolence and light. The divine grace of Buddha! As your light fills the earth, there is no place without your presence. As you are impartial to all, you take care of all. Please accept our prayer with grace!

In the spring of 2003, when all things are vibrant, in this place of great scenic beauty, FFWPU is hosting a mountain hiking event in the hope of realizing the peaceful unification of the world through religious harmony. All of us here put our hearts together in ardent prayer for peaceful unification.

Knowing that in reality life is filled with conflict and struggles caused by ideological, systemic and religious differences, and that countless lives have been lost through these struggles, we cannot help feeling skepticism



about the prospects for peace.

The current trend of public opinion exalts the material as almighty. People's values have changed. They have lost interest in the idea of respecting life and their moral standard has declined. As a result, families, the foundation for love and happiness, have been shaken. What should be the nest for human happiness is dirtied through mistrust and conflicts.

In spite of the fact that everyone wants

peace, unity and happiness, why is our reality a reflection of the exact opposite qualities? Nature quietly keeps its place and maintains the natural order. I hope that we can live in a world of peace by opening our eyes to the holiness and grandeur of nature.

Divine Buddha, full of virtue and wisdom! First of all, each one of us must be able to subjugate our bodies with our minds to reach the state of mind-body unity and eventually to make the foundation of peace in our hearts.

Furthermore, we should love and take care of our neighbors to make a foundation of unity. Our efforts, however small they may be, collectively represent seeds planted in this land and fertilized. Please, bless us to realize a world of comfort and peace.

Please, Divine Buddha, let your grace and light be abundant, so that all of our people's hope, peaceful unification, can be realized.

Save us, merciful Buddha! Save us, merciful Buddha! Save us, merciful Buddha!◆

Welcome from Shim Ui-jo

Mayor of Hapcheon County

IT'S VERY GOOD to see all of you. I sincerely welcome this hiking event in the hope of realizing harmony between Gyeongsang and Jeolla provinces¹ and the peaceful unification of Korea. I feel honored that this event is being held in this beautiful county of Hapcheon in the green mountains where clean water runs. On behalf of the 60,000 citizens of the county, I welcome President Hwang Sun-jo of FFWPU, Master Yu Ja-wol, Vice President of the Taego Buddhist denomination and Ambassadors for Peace of Gyeong-sang and Jeolla provinces.

The peaceful unification of North and South Korea is indeed the hope of all of our people. It is a historic task our generation must fulfill for our people's survival and prosperity. Peaceful unification can't be real-

ized by efforts made by an organization or a group. On the national level, we must solve the problem of North Korea's possessing nuclear weapons, ease the military tensions between our countries and build a peaceful system based on harmony and cooperation. We should build an economic community through active economic exchanges between the Koreans. Once that's established, we can expect an ease in tensions and economic prosperity in Northeast Asia. In the civil dimension, social, cultural and sports exchanges will play a very important role in reintegrating the South and North Korean people.

Today's mountain hiking event will be a small boost toward harmonizing our people and arousing sympathy for unification amongst all of our people. I hope that this kind of effort will give hope to North Koreans who suffer from hunger....

Through this hiking activity the noble

spirits transmitted through the beautiful mountains and rivers of Hapcheon County co-mingle with our ardent prayers for harmony between Gyeongsang and Jeolla provinces and the peaceful unification of North and South Korea. I sincerely hope that this will provide the motive power to realize North and South Korea's unification and the prosperity of our people. By all means, I hope you derive pleasure from nature in the beautiful mountains today. I hope this event will be one through which you can share your dreams and hopes as well. In closing, I wish you all good health and happiness. Thank you.◆

¹ These provinces—North and South Gyeongsang in the Southeast, and North and South Jeolla in the Southwest of the Korean peninsula—have long been bitter rivals.

New Frontiers in Church-State Relations

*From a report by Genie Kagawa
Regional Leader of Southeast Asia*

IN what could prove to be a major turning point in the work of creating an environment conducive to global peace, the idea of interfaith input in the governmental decision-making process is being discussed in the Philippines as a viable means of dealing with that country's state of crisis. In a one-day conference on the theme, "Good Governance: the Role of Religion in Peace and Security" co-sponsored by the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and IIFWP-Philippines, 138 people—major religious leaders and representatives from the fields of education, government and civil service—forged bonds in the name of peace for the first time in Filipino history.

In the words of the former Secretary of National Defense Fortunato U. Abat, "While the separation of Church and State is observed as a guiding principle in governance, both Church and State look with bountiful and beneficial regard on the same people, who are at the same instance children of God and citizens of the nation. ... The entry of interfaith in the meeting at the Congress was not to interfere in the constitutional separation of Church and State, but to enhance the work of secular authorities in furthering the cause of peace, upholding the morality of ethical and good governance and strengthening the security of the nation, all for the common good."

It was significant that distinguished religious and government leaders lent their valuable support to the conference through their presence. Interfaith prayers were offered by the Presidential Assistant for Religious Affairs and a Muslim professor of Arabic at the National Defense College, and the dis-

tinguished group was welcomed by Congressman Isidro Q. Aligada, Chairman of the Oversight Center of the Office of the Speaker.

Seven years ago, our movement faced unprecedented persecution in the halls of Congress, with government agencies and the House of Representatives wanting to see us charged in court due to a misperception of our international blessing ceremonies. In the Old Testament, God proclaimed that in the very place where we fall down, God would raise us up. God's modern-day vindication came when the speech "In Order to Realize World Peace," which

the importance of True Father's message on interreligious unity as the solution to problems related to peace. Dr. Kim presented True Father's view that, by failing to recognize the importance of religions and spirituality altogether, the UN chose a path that could not but compromise its influence. Through this joint legislative—IIFWP conference, the Philippines was taking this matter seriously and implementing the correct vision to establish peace.

The afternoon session featured a panel discussion with prominent speakers, followed by questions from the audience. The panel was guided by moderator Rev. Kenneth Aguilera, Assistant Program Secretary of the National Council of Churches of the Philippines. Discussion was lively and focused on the areas in which government and religion could cooperate to bring about peace and provide security for the Filipino people.

The Speaker of the House, Jose de Venecia, Jr., spoke at the end of the day-long conference; he offered deep reflections on the critical state in which we find ourselves, facing the grave situation of war on our planet on the very day that the United States began its invasion of Iraq. He mentioned that however lofty the reasons for war appear, no matter how high a moral ground is presented to justify the war, we will not avoid facing increased bitterness and resentment from our Muslim brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

Speaker De Venecia emphasized that this is the first and only time that any NGO was given permission to use the Caucus and Budget Room of the Congress, reserved only for the members of the legislature. To show his commitment to the cause of interfaith solidarity and to make a statement concerning its



Photos: top, the president's table: Philippines Speaker of the House Hon. Jose De Venecia is in the middle with Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Kim, Asia Continental Directors at right; above left, former Secretary of National Defense Fortunato U. Abat; above right, Rev. Kim

Reverend Moon had given at True Parents' birthday celebration in February was presented at the conference by our continental director, Dr. Christopher B.W. Kim as the keynote speech in the morning session. Dr. Kim read Father's speech very clearly and powerfully. The audience was fully attentive, sensing

importance, he allowed the IIFWP, composed of religious leaders of all different faiths, to conduct this conference on the premises of the House of Representatives.

Following the Speaker's address, the Declaration of Cooperation for Good Governance, Peace and Security between IIFWP-Philippines, represented by Chairman Abat, and the House of Representatives, represented by Speaker De Venecia, was signed. The declaration reflects the unanimous agreement among the participants of the conference that the way forward for the nation is to bring the realms of government and religion together in addressing problems of peace and governance, but without abandoning the essential independence of each realm. Closing remarks congratulating the organizers for the important steps taken towards creating the environment for good governance in the country were offered by Andrew Gonzalez, former Secretary of



A commemorative photo of the conference participants



IIFWP representatives are introduced in the National Assembly

the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

After the conference, Speaker de Venecia invited all the delegates to the Assembly Hall where congressmen

disfavor toward our activities.♦

Genie Kagawa works closely with Rev. and Mrs. Kim for the outreach of both FFWPU and IIFWP in Southeast Asia.



Lasting Love Conferences were first held three years ago in a number of countries; Father recently asked that they be continued.



Seeking Love that Lasts

Excerpts from an article by Dr. John K. Mwamba, World-CARP Ohio

A Lasting Love conference was hosted [by CARP] at the Ohio State University campus on May 22 for professors and students. We had a goal of 100 participants, but 120 people attended.

The theme of the conference was "Mature Heart and Good Character as the Basis for Lasting Love." We had two sessions on "The Priority of Character" and "Youth's Search for Lasting Love." The keynote speaker was Rev. Joshua Cotter, President of World CARP USA. He gave a powerful presentation on the three life goals (mature character, contributing to society and loving relationships and family). The presentation was well received by students and professors alike.

This was confirmed during the discussion groups—we used an interactive method that allowed everybody to participate. Seven students reported on the outcome of their discussions. We were amazed by their insights; one could believe that they were already members of World CARP.

Rev. Stephen Nomura, Vice-President of World CARP USA assisted greatly in putting together the reading materials that professors and students received for their education of heart. The local members were supportive in making banners, ushering, serving food, working at the registration tables—even in passing out flyers.

Many students expressed interest in becoming involved with the World CARP activities and events. Now, we will follow them up through the advanced seminars, workshops and community service projects.♦

Bringing Light to the East: Getting the Word into Communist Russia

From an Interview with Christa Segato

Christa Stadler Segato was born on May 1, 1955, in Salzburg, Austria. She became acquainted with the Unification movement in 1974. Christa was blessed as one of the 6000 Couples (1982) to Graziano Segato from Italy, who was a missionary to communist Romania. Christa was the regional coordinator for the missionaries in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union from 1981 to 1990, and a missionary in Romania and from 1990 to 1993.

This is the third in a series of testimonies by former “butterflies”—members who worked in underground missions behind the iron curtain. TODAY’S WORLD is indebted to Barbara Klas for conducting the interviews and research that made possible the publication of these testimonies. A book containing many of the testimonies of these brothers and sisters is planned.

MY PERSONAL interaction with communism began with the narratives of my father about his experiences during the Second World War. As a member of the German armed forces, he entered the Caucasus,¹ as far as Maikop. On the campaign, he saw some of the misery of communism. He survived, as if by a miracle, Hitler’s Russian campaign. He was from a large family of seventeen children, from which two of the sons died in Russia. My mother’s brother was imprisoned by the Russians for seven years in Siberia. As a little child I already understood through my father that communism is something quite terrible.

The Salzburg region found itself within the American occupation zone after World War II. My father was the mayor of a village there from 1945 to 1948 and particularly invested himself in the welfare of the refugees in Austria who sought asylum from the Red Army in Eastern Europe. On a nearby moor he developed a settlement for refugees from Romania. Among them was the Klein family, who from the great-grandmother down to the little baby had fled with a horse cart before the Red Army.

The Klein family lived for about ten years in our basement. They recounted over and over how things were going in Romania. A brother did not flee. Mr. Klein drove over to visit him and described afterwards the circumstances under Ceausescu. I remember a story: a mother working on a milk *kolchosa*² had no milk for her baby. She hid a small flask under her clothes, which she wanted to put a bit of milk into, secretly, while milking. The attempt failed pitifully. The woman was dismissed and thrown into prison. When I heard that, I was ten years old. The fact that the woman did not get any milk

prepared people? He contacted various European leaders such as Reiner Vincenz [Germany], Dennis Orme [UK] and Henri Blanchard [France] to win them over for the project. They reacted by pointing out that Father had not given any instructions for such a project. Hence, they could not hand over any members for it. Each nation constantly had to send members to England, Korea or the United States at that time. Peter especially urged Reiner Vincenz because he absolutely wanted Germany to take responsibility for the GDR (East Germany) at least.

Peter did not at first think that Austria should assume a special role. On the contrary, He was convinced that Germany was the Gateway to the East. We made a pilgrimage to Germany and came to a conclusion: No, not Germany but Austria is the Gateway to the East! As neutral ground, Vienna was the key location for East—West contacts generally, and the meeting place for the agents of Western and Eastern secret services especially.

It was in our workshop center, Tranquil Gardens, near Gloucester in Britain, where Peter developed his plan at his desk. The most obvious activity was language study. Then the spirit world became active. Peter had already been pray-

ing extensively for a long time over it. He knew that the iron was really hot. In the mid-70s over thirty members had been sentenced in a sensational show trial in Czechoslovakia to years of imprisonment. If something went wrong now, things could end up even worse. Just thinking of the possible consequences made us go hot and cold: what a responsibility! We held the life or survival of precious members in our hands, young people who were willing to give God their lives, but not necessarily by running straight into an open knife. On the one hand, they had to protect themselves and on the other hand achieve something for God.

In the beginning I came to know indirectly through my constant contact with Peter what lay ahead of us. Then,



Christa (second from left) and other missionaries with Rev. Kwak; Her husband, Graziano, is standing at right

for her baby shook me up very much! A church minister, an acquaintance of ours, once drove to Romania to help the persecuted, but he was locked up and not released for a long time. At that time, I was fifteen years old. Yet again my thoughts circled around the misery in Romania. The name Ceausescu set everyone in our house into agitation.

During the One World Crusade in Great Britain, I was with Peter Koch in South Wales from 1979 to 1981. Peter thought incessantly about how missionaries could be sent into the communist countries. Day and night until 3 or 4 o’ clock in the early hours, he racked his brains: Which role could these missionaries fulfill? How could they enter these countries without arousing suspicion? Where and how could they meet

in 1981, I received an order from Peter to take care of the project, though I was committed to the One World Crusade in England. Permission from the Korean leader, Kim Byung-ho, was needed each time I wished to leave Britain; and the situation became further complicated when Peter was called to America. I had to travel from Britain to Vienna, Austria, in order to meet the missionaries. That could not always be organized rapidly and simply and in addition was financially demanding. I had to be easily and quickly contactable by our people at any time. Fortunately, Rev. Kim developed a heart for our work—about which he had been kept informed from the outset—and gave me his blessing. Thus, in January 1981 I moved to Vienna and took up direct contact with the individual missionaries.

When Peter Koch was already working in America, Father pushed him to hand this project over to Rev. Kwak. Up to this point in time the project had been handled by the Austrian church: we bought cars, refurbished a camping bus into a smuggling bus, began to translate the Divine Principle into Russian, and printed the Principle book in the smallest format. Meanwhile, most of the missionaries had begun university studies and needed help financially. All this devoured huge quantities of money. Peter knew that the project would fail without financial support. For that reason, he fought with conviction and succeeded in seeing to it that the project was directed and financed over all the years by Father.

None of the participants knew what awaited them. None had ever visited a communist country, with the exception of Monika Kunde, who had sympathized with and traveled with Italian communists to the Soviet Union before joining the church. Some had once vacationed in Yugoslavia, but this country did not belong to the Soviet bloc.

One criterion for choosing candidates for this mission was discretion. Some people eliminated themselves immediately because they could not keep their mouths shut; they loudly boasted, "I'm getting an Eastern mission!" These people fell straight through the sieve. Also, the readiness of each individual was severely tested. Maintaining belief that the mission could be accomplished—even with

God's assistance—was an enormous challenge at that time. The iron curtain was anchored firmly in our brains; the wall existed also in the spirit world. Günther Wurzer, for example, was ready to fast until doors opened or he died. That faith moved mountains. It opened firmly locked doors. The greatest problem of all was how one could remain in these countries—not just for a short visit. Only those who had laid a tangible foundation of faith succeeded in entering at all into an Eastern-bloc country.

It soon became clear to me that Vienna was a dangerous place. The communist secret services were keeping tabs behind the scenes. In addition, other churches tried to reach out to and support their Eastern brothers in the faith. The most diverse projects were going on. As one got into such an undertaking, Vienna suddenly became

a further burden. Perhaps the greatest sacrifice of all was the "forgetting" of relationships. It was very difficult for most of the members from our group, when they met a brother or a sister on the road, to pretend not to know or see them.

Often the missionaries unexpectedly ran into members they'd known, in one case at five o' clock in the morning at a vegetable market. The member: "Well, there you are; how nice to see you!" The missionary, speechless, just turned and walked away—disappeared. She had reckoned the early morning hour to be "safe." This apparent rejection of friends caused great anguish. The members, on their part, went on the search for their "lost" spiritual children or spiritual parents. They tried to trace them and simply could not believe that they had left the church. With the missionaries' actual parents, it was not so difficult; most were glad that their children had left this sect.

There were not many ways leading into Eastern Europe. A person could go as a diplomat, but that would already rule the person out from doing the mission. Diplomats always stood under the watchful eyes of the secret services and were forbidden any contact with the local population. The person would have crossed over with, figuratively speaking, tape over his or her mouth.

It turned out that Austria possessed a relatively good image in the Eastern bloc. It was not identified with NATO and was therefore not an enemy country. Austria

was kissed by the Eastern states like a half-brother; Soviet communism had half embraced us. That brought substantial advantages. Our missionaries did not need a visa for certain Eastern bloc countries; otherwise, they got one directly at the border. Other Europeans had to leave their passports for three or four weeks with the respective embassy in order to get a visa. As far as the Nomenklatura of the Eastern bloc countries were concerned, Vienna was an El Dorado. Ships smuggled valuable articles, including gold and diamonds, on the Danube to Vienna.

As did so many other eastbound travelers, we were able to cover our need for rubles at Vienna's Mexico Square. Under each counter stood a briefcase fully packed with rubles. On



Communist country missionaries during their trip to Korea in September 1985. Christa is back row, second from right.

very small; one repeatedly ran into the same (suspicious) types at the embassies. Some brothers and sisters discovered that they were being shadowed by agents. Therefore, we intensified our safety precautions. No missionary was allowed to make direct calls from or to my apartment. There were indications that my telephone line was tapped. Everyone had a code name: Umbrella, Car, Enzian (a flower) and other names, which referred to their bearer. Even at the language courses at the university, screening was being carried out by the other side. Some teachers smelled a rat: "Are you a leftist, are you on our side?" Our missionaries had to have the air of a communist; internally they were however firmly connected with God and the True Parents. This split identity was

the black market, the ruble cost 5 schillings, in the Soviet Union 25 schillings. Smuggling these rubles back through the border was then substantially more problematic. Once I, together with Monika Kunde and Eckhart Riehl, had stuffed an old radio with ruble notes. We also hid a copy of the Principle inside. Monika experienced fearful minutes at customs as the traveler in front of her had his radio taken away. She was—thank God—able to keep hers.

My primary task was to help the brothers and sisters find safe entry into their mission countries. That was also important for their parents; some would have gone on the warpath if their children had gone to the East for the Moon sect. The fact that they did so for private pleasure was acceptable, but only just. The parents knew that the communists hated the work of Rev. Moon and persecuted those involved wherever and how-ever possible. Most parents still remembered what communism meant from the war years. They would have done anything to stop their children; they would have gone public or gone to the newspapers.

At that time miniature Bibles the size of waffles were made by the Christian churches and smuggled in suitcases into the East. All Bible societies used this method. That was the only way of bringing reading material through the Iron Curtain. We also proceeded according to this pattern. We had the Principle translated into Russian and printed it in the smallest format. We hid our books and magazines in an adapted refrigerator of our camping bus. The selection of the hiding place was dependent on spiritual guidance. There were several variations there. Once I selected a hiding place, which I then rejected. This was not searched at the first border crossing but completely taken apart at the second. An inner voice had advised me against that hiding place. We used tires with inner tubes because the roads were so bad. All possible things lay on the road—glass fragments, sheet metal, trees—and cows and sheep warming themselves on the asphalt were seldom cleared away. At the border they seized our spare tires to x-ray them. It would have been fatal to have hidden something there on this occasion. That was how one was treated: “You are a spy; all I have to do now is to prove it.” It was a spiritual battle.

Deep Behind the Iron Curtain

In July 1983, I made a journey into the Caucasus, a distance of thousands of kilometers, with Peter Ladstätter, a brother who had already mastered Russian rather well. Soon after we drove off our first series of mishaps occurred. We just couldn’t get out of Vienna; we repeatedly missed the exit. It was as if we were jinxed! Our brothers, Rudolf Dengl and Erich Öttl, had worked day and night preparing our motor home and constructing hiding places in it. We were under great time pressure, because a reservation had been necessary for the journey with a specific departure time and date, as if we were traveling by plane. The route had been given to us beforehand by the Soviet travel agency Intourist, precisely up to the number of kilometers per day.



With Peter Ladstätter, the second (Austrian) missionary sent to the Soviet Union, who remained there many years

Every twenty to thirty kilometers, a police post waited for us to drive past. These posts had already been informed beforehand who would be passing through and when. We simply could not afford a delay!

At the Romanian—Soviet border, our motor home was checked for six hours. We were left simmering in the heat. Four mechanics from the Customs Bureau began to work on the motor home. Meter-long probes were inserted into the cavities and into the fuel tank. Everything was taken apart; each lamp was unscrewed and the cavities in the car tapped in great detail. Video cameras were directed on us the whole time. Our facial expressions and gestures were placed under a magnifying glass and analyzed psychologically. An interrogation followed: What were our occupations? Why did we want to drive into the Soviet Union? The Soviets tolerated

motorists, but did not really want them. After six hours, we were completely drained.

Before the departure I had prayed, “Dear God, we are not looking for adventure. Only if the time is ripe, let us cross over the border.” We did not need to play heroes; I wanted Heavenly Father to give us the green light. This journey was very important because Günther Wurzer, our first missionary, who’d been in Russia since 1982, had already found spiritual children and urgently needed literature. A half year before, we had agreed during his stay in Vienna to meet at a hotel complex in Sochi on the Black Sea.

We covered only two hundred kilometers per day. We drove on roads that were full of holes and did not look like international highways. Night driving was prohibited—good advice as it was potentially lethal to be traveling on the roads in the dark. There was naturally no street lighting, and besides, the vehicles often lacked lights. Just across the border, on a hilly stretch, we ran into an enormous army truck with a trailer four to five meters high that had wheels of a meter in diameter. It drove without lights. We froze in fear as the truck headed straight for us; they would have swept us down the slope with no qualms whatsoever. We only just managed to save ourselves as we rounded the curve. These vehicles did not possess rearview mirrors, and if they had, they would not have used them. The Soviet Army was

possessed of a completely brutal style of driving.

On the road, innumerable holes yawned, because sometimes manhole covers were missing. Even the top layer of bitumen was missing from the road surface. There weren’t any breakdown lanes on the highways either. Looking for a gas station was almost a game of chance. At the same time we had to fulfill our daily quota of kilometers exactly according to plan.

In the Soviet Union there weren’t any road maps. The official reason was that the imperialist aggressors should not be shown the way. It came as it had to come: in Rostov-on-Don we simply could not find our way through the city. We crisscrossed the area without coming upon an exit. After we had followed a road diversion for the umpteenth time, we finally landed in an area on the edge of the city given over

to flower and vegetable gardens, where the road ended abruptly.

When we had been on the way approximately a week, I very strongly felt the presence of my father—my ancestors—the fallen soldiers of the German Wehrmacht [regular army], which had penetrated this region forty years ago. I could feel under my skin what they had undergone during the Russian campaign. It was almost spooky! My father had recounted how they had had to endure mind-boggling privations, wading through mud. In this way I could graphically imagine what our fathers had experienced. How difficult it already was to travel here with a modern well-equipped motor home. With each day, we were ever further and further from the reality of the West. Suddenly we found ourselves in a completely different spiritual environment. The laws which were valid for us in the West no longer held sway; our behavior changed. Our spirits became wild.

We mostly stopped at midnight at camping sites, nothing more than parking lots that were guarded. We could smell the toilet facilities a kilometer away—such a stink! Of course, the personnel had been officially informed of our arrival. At one camping site a radio blared at full volume at six in the morning. The camp guard had the mission of waking us up and interrogating us. He spoke German very well. Also, the water that we had poured into our cans there without paying close enough attention was brown. We shook the stuff out again. There we stood without water.

When we finally arrived at the Black Sea, I was very relieved. We were happy, because we believed that we had made it. That was a mistake. On the rock-ridden coastal road toward Sochi, the journey was potentially lethal. In the front passenger seat I trembled for my life.

We thus arrived at the hotel complex in Sochi where Günther worked. What an idyll—the area was cordoned off with barbed wire, and the Western tourists were guarded by policemen with pistols. In the evening we stuffed our bags with literature, rubles and the like and tiptoed out of our campsite. We were submerged in a locality frequented by

Russians. For the Russians, Sochi on the Black Sea was holiday destination number one. Yet there were latrines and no water-purification plant; and we were virtually eaten alive by the mosquitoes.

After three or four kilometers, across a railway embankment, we came to the place we had fixed a half year ago as our meeting point with Günther. We went there ahead of time. The cackling of hens from a nearby hut provided the background music. The sun was sinking. We collected stones and threw them into the sea. There was no sign of Günther anywhere. We grew despondent. The sun set. We took our heavy bags and headed home. A feeling of the world coming to an end came over us: Had the journey been in vain? Where should we hide the stuff we were to pass to Günther? How and where



Meeting with locals in Russia during the trip

should we look for him?

The next morning we went to the hotel where Günther had his accommodations. The hotels were under tight surveillance. Everyone was watching everyone else; every waiter was a spy. It was a hellish network. That two of the hotel employees, whose faces we knew from photos, had become members is almost paradoxical.

Peter went into the hotel and saw Günther at the reception desk. Günther was able to slip him a note secretly. On it was the cryptic message "three o'clock" and on the back "restaurant." We investigated and found three restaurants in his hotel. Which was the right one?

In the morning we had—like good tourists—to go swimming. At midday we made our way to the hotel, for we still had the crucial task of discovering

the restaurant. We walked to our motor home in the parking lot, which stood there alone, forlorn. At that moment Günther came out of the hotel and steered straight for our motor home. I tore the doors open, he got in, we drew the curtains closed. Günther ducked down and gave us instructions to drive out through the suppliers' entrance. That we could "break out" was fortunate.

We drove into a forest and then to a little house. The realization of the luck we had had gave us a sense of peace: On the note that Günther had given Peter he had written "three o'clock" but the word "restaurant" on the back was not written by Günther. Günther had meant three o'clock again at the same place as on the previous day! In error and in vain we would have sought him

in the three restaurants we had seen. If we had not gone to the parking lot just at that moment, we might never have met each other. The spirit world had brought us together.

In the small hut, which was hardly larger than a tool shed for us at home, we met the new sisters. That was a happy meeting. Günther had massive welts on his hands from hammering nails at night; under the hut he had buried many things. The hut was in a snake-infested morass—strictly speaking a terrible place—but for the Russians, "a dream."

Unfortunately, we had to drive on that very same day. Our prescribed station was Sukhumi in Ossetia, nearly a day's journey south. There, an insanely dirty campsite awaited us, where we had to last it out for three days according to the travel plan. The sanitary facilities were indescribably desolate and filthy. There were no doors on the outdoor toilets; you did your business as it were out in the open, and the filth including swarms of flies met you two meters in front of the toilet seat. One could only flee into the bushes. Unfortunately, it was in Sukhumi that I got terrible diarrhea.

A place was reserved for us under a large nut tree, there. We had agreed to meet Günther at the Restaurant of the Nations. In the evening we went there to eat. We ordered and waited, waited, waited. After two or three hours some

friendly Russians at the next table ordered for us and gave us the food. They were so ashamed of the miserable treatment we received.

Later, a woman from the kitchen came and sat down at our table and asked whether she could have a shirt or other article of clothing. Peter wanted to give her something and went to the motor home. The woman refused it in complete fear. "No, not like that! Nobody must see! The waiter at the restaurant is from the KGB." We almost couldn't believe her. Nevertheless, we later noticed the outline of a pistol under his shirt. He was the reason that we got nothing to eat. He wanted to get rid of us. There were also a couple of East Germans there. They had to wait an hour and a half, but as a "brother state" they were served, albeit belatedly. We would have received nothing, however long we might have waited.

At the campsite a little boy came up to us and asked for chewing gum. After we had given him some, he asked, "Does the motor home belong to you?" He reacted to my answer as if he'd fired from a pistol, "You may have that, but we have no unemployment!" He was just six years old and already had been indoctrinated. With three of his comrades he fetched fruit from a tree as thanks for the chewing gum. Such a contrast: on the one hand a nice child, on the other hand totally blocked. I kept experiencing that; the people there could not imagine the reality of the West, not even in a dream, which was just as little as the people in the West could imagine life under communism.

Günther followed with both Russian sisters by hitching rides. I began to cook under the nut tree. We had, without being aware of it, parked our motor home exactly beside the wooden hut of the KGB waiter! At the time we'd parked, we did not yet know his real identity. We sat, ate and recounted our adventures. As it was terribly hot, Günther afterward climbed on the motor home roof and spread out his sleeping bag. Peter lay down under the steering wheel and we three sisters tried to sleep on the back seats. Hardly had we bedded ourselves down to sleep, when the waiter came and asked Günther, "What, do you really want to sleep on the roof?" Peter grunted something unfriendly. We were very lucky that the



Christa meets Alla and Irina, spiritual children of Günther Wurzer, the first Austrian missionary to the Soviet Union, in Kishinev (now the capital city of Moldova)

KGB man left us in peace.

When we left, we dropped the sisters off at a favorable location. Everyone scattered in a different direction, and Peter and I deviated from our official route. We had wanted to visit a famous lake that was not part of our travel plan. It didn't take long before the police were after us. We were stopped and the police gave us a warning—just short of arresting us. A tour coach was passing, and they stopped it and pulled off the interpreter to help them deal with us. Meanwhile, one policeman examined our tachometer. He was full of admiration; under Russian conditions, it seemed a miracle of technology. Overall, our motor home was constantly examined out of curiosity. It was simply sensationally equipped by Soviet standards.

On the way through the Caucasus, on Mount Elbrus we came into a part of the world untouched by modern civilization. An austere landscape, without forest, up to eight months in the year covered with snow. The simple inhabitants lived on what they produced by themselves. On the sides of the road, travelers were offered bee honey and sheep cheese for sale. Once, we stopped and wanted to buy honey from an older man. He did not want to take any money from us, but asked if we could not make him a gift of a Bible. I thought, "I'm dreaming. At the end of the world, in the deepest part of the Soviet empire is a shepherd so brave as to ask a foreigner for a Bible!" The people there had no notion what and

where Austria was or whether or not communism was in power there as well. This man saw only our four-wheeled "space shuttle." Yet his yearning to read God's Word was stronger than his fear.

On our onward journey, the danger of having an accident constantly arose. In Kiev, it happened. A large truck stopped at an intersection to our right, but then turned left illegally and tore off our mirror. The rear of the truck almost shaved our vehicle. We felt, "Now we must see if we can still get out of here in one piece." Besides, it began to rain heavily. We felt almost physically that the clock was running. We drove nineteen hours through without a break, in order to get out of the communist empire before a disaster happened. Hammering in my

head was "Our protection is wearing off; our protection is wearing off." Satan did not give us a second more than necessary. That was my first journey and my first impression of Soviet communism.

After Günther Wurzer had to leave the Soviet Union, we undertook an additional journey. We wanted to find the young members and take care of them as well as we could. They certainly did not know what had happened to Günther.³ Alla, one of the two sisters we'd met, lived at that time in Kishinev (now the capital of Moldova.) So Martin Kiedler and I drove to that Soviet republic on the border of Romania.

In Romania we lost our way. We simply could not find the way to the border crossing. There were no road signs or directional signposts. Traffic, first and foremost international tourism, was to be prevented as much as possible! Outside each city a police post waited for travelers, thirty kilometers later was the next one. An endless series of checkpoints had to be passed. The locals needed written permission to visit relatives in the neighboring town. Traffic was local and seldom international. That was why directional signposts would have been superfluous.

As we drove around aimlessly, an enormous thunderstorm with jet-black clouds drew up. At the same time we ran out of gasoline. I sensed, "The door is not open; the spirit world won't let us past the border." I then doubted my own interpretation of events: "Why in the world are you talking yourself

into this nonsense?" To calm myself I wanted to listen to a cassette with nice music. As I opened the cassette, a picture of the True Parents with the Pledge on back fell out. It was as if I had been struck by lightning! If the border guards had found that, they would have gone for our jugular. Hardly had we disposed of the picture when the sky suddenly brightened up. We found our way quickly and without problems to the border crossing.

And so we came to Kishinev. We had the address of Alla's apartment, but did not know whether she still lived there. On the city map only one thoroughfare—Lenin Road—was drawn in. All other roads, even bigger ones, were drawn in orange or yellow but without names. We circled around with the motor home. However, since Kishinev was not a tourist center, we had to be careful not to attract too much attention. Therefore, we went into the city park in order to get in touch with the spirit world and with its help find Alla's whereabouts.

We considered what we should say on the telephone, how to react, if another person, perhaps a police informer, answered. We mulled over every possible variation. As we sat and tinkered thus next to a fountain, Martin suddenly said, "Look who's coming!" How? What? But we don't know anybody here. As I looked to the left, Alla came up to us. What a surprise! The spirit world had not left us in the lurch.

Alla had gotten the feeling that she had to go to the post office. We had parked our motor home there. When she saw it, she immediately began searching around for us. She had already been expecting us. The previous day there had been an announcement on the radio that Western travelers had been caught for some infringement. Alla was seized with panic when she heard that. That she found us so quickly in the park was also guidance; it was a huge place. She was led directly to our bench. She could only see me from the back and did not yet know Martin. On this occasion we succeeded in connecting Alla with Peter Ladstätter and Monika Kunde, both of whom had succeeded in getting jobs in Moscow working for Western companies.

God's presence was so tangible. At that time the Soviet Union was really the "evil empire," as Ronald Reagan once put it; and when we penetrated it for God's purpose, we came to feel it spiritually and physically. However, whoever took that risk upon themselves

could feel God's embrace under his or her skin. That was the reason why none of our missionaries gave up their difficult missions—the heartwarming embrace of God! Experiencing that made up for every risk. God was so close, like one's own breath. We could talk with Him at any time and about everything.

On this second journey into the Soviet Union I was ready to go into prison so that True Father would be released. I had been at a 120-day workshop in America beforehand and returned to Vienna just as Father was incarcerated in Danbury. I wanted, if possible, to make this offering for the True Parents. That sounds banal today, but was, at that time, a question of life or death.

These smuggling trips were extremely strenuous. Each time the relationship between the participants was tested to the breaking point. Before departing, I had a dream one night that a fat customs officer sat down and broke a seat that had been filled with books. That was the worst thing that one could imagine. Those seats had a very thin surface and were hollow inside, if they were not stuffed full of literature. The desolate customs house looked far worse than the most miserable prison in Austria. As we entered the country, I asked myself the question "If the customs building looks like that, what must the prisons be like?"

The meeting point for the "butterflies"—for example, when they came to report—remained Vienna until the fall of the Berlin Wall. But Vienna itself was too unsafe for larger meetings. On those occasions, we usually rented places just over the border from Austria in West Germany. The Soviets could never move and act in West Germany, a Nato country, like they could in so-called neutral Austria. (Vienna is only 80 km from the border with Hungary and Czechoslovakia, where Russian troops were stationed.)

The Austrian government was very much against our church and in 1974 it was officially banned in that country. The responsible person told our legal representative, "Even if you were to try and register a chess club, it would be refused." This was also the time when the Unification Church in Czechoslovakia was

completely dismantled. Many members in that nation were tried in court and four of them received long-term prison sentences.

The KGB did everything to destroy any activity against Communism, and Father was one of the few people who spoke out against the evil of that system. The Austrian state police indeed cooperated with the KGB. It was proven after the Cold War that its top posts were occupied by persons who had been approved by Moscow.

I could write about an infinite number of unforgettable experiences from the years 1981 to 1993. Every day of those twelve years was adventurous. There were secret meetings with a leader of Solidarity and the time we hid our motor home in the house of friends who worked for the state police in Bulgaria as we submerged unnoticed in a car with Bulgarian license plates; or the time I had my boots stolen in deepest winter on a night train in Romania, only to have a young woman buy me a pair of shoes at the railway station. Completely unexpectedly, so many brave people helped us out of the most difficult situations again and again and often brought themselves into great danger.

At this point I would like to express my deep respect for Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan and Rev. Peter Koch and my gratitude for the guidance and protection they afforded us during those years. ♦

Footnotes:

¹ The region of Southeast Europe between the

Black Sea and the Caspian Sea that encompasses Russia, Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan; it was a key goal of the Germans in World War II because of its extensive oil resources.

² A large-scale, agricultural enterprise in communist countries formed through the forced collectivization of previously private farms

³ In 1984, while Günther Wurzer was outside the Soviet Union, one of his spiritual children in Russia was arrested in possession of some money Günther had given him to rent a center. When Günther attempted to return to Russia he was arrested at Moscow airport, interrogated and sent back to Vienna.



A recent photo of Graziano and Christa Segato with their two sons

Defeating the Scourge of AIDS

A Report on the Ongoing IIFWP African HIV/AIDS Education Project

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IN 2001, IIFWP-International launched a twelve-nation project to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan appointed Mrs. Katherine Rigney, former continental director of Africa and currently an international itinerary worker, as director of the project. IIFWP-International prepared 120 flip charts, each with forty laminated pages, and provided some funding to get the project started. Training sessions were held in Nigeria and Kenya for the twelve national project directors.

The representatives of each country were instructed in how to give the presentation and were given some sample operating methods based on successful work already going on in several African countries—most notably in Nigeria. There, HIV/AIDS education had already been carried out in several hundred schools over the previous four years based on the Pure Love campaigns done in America and Korea.

In the region, Nigeria has a relatively low rate of HIV infection compared to the worst hit nations—well over 30 percent of the adult population is believed to be infected in countries such as Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Swaziland. Yet, Nigeria's huge population (120 million) hides the horrific scale of the disaster taking place in the country. Over three and a half million Nigerians are living with HIV/AIDS and they are dying at a rate of 680 a day—250,000 a year—and the number is climbing.

Studies have shown that there is a fair amount of common knowledge of the disease among Nigerians, especially among urban young people, but there is a critical lack of concern for the real, personal danger the disease poses. Most government sponsored education about AIDS focuses on the disease itself as an iso-



Taking the message about AIDS into rural parts requires innovative means and many volunteers

lated problem. Our approach puts AIDS in the context of a host of medical and social challenges facing young people and our formula for overcoming AIDS is also a formula for developing good character, meaningful relationships and a successful life.

As in most countries, young people in Nigeria—especially those from age 19 to 29—make up the largest sector of the society that has contracted the infection. For that reason, we chose for our project to focus most of our attention on reaching out to young people of junior and senior high school age to nip the problem in the bud.

Our basic operating method is to organize a schedule of visits to each school throughout the school year with

the State Ministry of Education. We visit each school in advance to make sure the scheduling doesn't conflict with other events or exam periods and to meet with the teacher or staff member who will go through our teachers' training along with peer educators from each school. A seminar is organized for each school zone where all of these teachers and peer educators go through instruction on how to use our *Living AIDS Free* curriculum. Then a team of two or more of our members visits each school to make the presentation in front of an assembly of the entire school.

The vast majority of schools we've visited in Nigeria are without electricity, so the flip chart is the best teaching tool anyone could ask for. However, most of the schools do not have a meeting hall where they can all gather at once, so we often end up with anywhere between 1,500 and 3,000 students standing in columns and rows like soldiers on a parade ground outside listening to our presentation. We are forced to hold these assemblies in the early morning to avoid the scorching tropical sun; and we have to keep our presentation under forty-five minutes as the students are standing and listening. Our presenters usually bring along three flip charts that are stationed around the assembled students so everyone can see one. Teachers help turn the pages in unison with the main presenter.

After the main presentation, our members organize with the teachers and peer educators at each school to set up a Pure Love Club to continue working with the students in smaller groups and individually, so that everyone gets the message over the course of the school year and everyone's questions can be answered. When possible, we print brochures for every student and t-shirts, book-



marks or pens with a short Pure Love message for exemplary students to help keep the message alive.

In the year since the launching of the IIFWP *Living AIDS Free* presentation in November 2001, our teams of member-volunteers made presentations in over two hundred schools around Nigeria—94 in Lagos State alone, where the largest concentration of people and schools is and where the HIV infection rate is one of the worst of Nigeria's 36 states. This represents more than 300,000 schoolchildren and over 4,000 teachers and staff members receiving fundamental education about HIV / AIDS and true family values, culminating in their reciting the "Pure Love Pledge" for abstinence before marriage and faithfulness within. So many children heard our True Father's famous words that there can be "only one key to open one door!"

The response has been very positive. The national parent—teacher associations of Nigeria insist that no condoms be passed out in secondary schools, because they believe such distribution would confuse the moral values they are trying to instill in the students. Consequently, school authorities have banned such distribution. School staff members are usually apprehensive about any group visiting the schools, because they fear unauthorized condom distribution and confusing attempts at sex education. When they hear our presentation, however, many heave a sigh of relief and thank us profusely for giving them the teaching tools they need to strengthen the abstinence message. Sometimes a teacher or student will spontaneously come up to our presenters afterward and repent for their past promiscuous behavior. The students also have shown a good retention of the information we give when tested some time later. Nearly every school writes us letters of appreciation and often asks us to come back again and again.

But the job is far from finished: Nigeria has 10,000 junior and senior secondary schools and nearly 10 million students to reach out to. IIFWP is poised to launch a far more comprehensive program reaching out to more and more schools in the coming

school year. Funding that will allow us to mobilize more volunteers has been made available by several national and international institutions. At the same time, we have made progress in learning from our past experiences and from the work of other NGOs in the field who are networking through WANGO and through our interfaith foundation, which has been established through



FFWPU representatives explaining the program to President Obasanjo of Nigeria

nearly a decade of interfaith blessings. Truly if anything can make an impact on a giant nation, it is the giant foundation established by the Parents of Heaven and Earth!

In other countries in Africa there has been some significant progress both in the work with schools and in other areas, according to their national foundations. Our brothers and sisters in Uganda have had a great deal of success in working with the country's political leaders. With co-sponsorship from government ministers, parliamentarians and even the vice president, they have reached deep into the community hierarchy by holding *Living AIDS Free* train-

ing seminars for local provincial and departmental leaders and civil servants as well as for schools. They have also been able to win international funding to keep the project going and developing. Uganda in general has shown great leadership in the fight against HIV / AIDS in Africa by mobilizing every area of society in an effort to save the nation. As a result, prevalence levels among young adults have fallen in the last 10 years from nearly 20 percent to less than 6 percent.

In the Benin Republic, our leaders have brought the *Living AIDS Free* message to the schools and also to the streets through several public demonstrations, complete with national press coverage and high-level government observers and participants. The national leader, Patrice Zinsou, has also pioneered a long-term Principle-based character education program in a secondary school, where he personally teaches three times a week. Together with our members, he puts out a monthly general-interest tabloid called the *Benin Times* in which the *Living AIDS Free* message is regularly publicized.

The *Living AIDS Free* curriculum is regularly carried over the radio waves to millions of Zambians thanks to IIFWP HIV Project Director Nicholas Chisha and our brothers and sisters throughout the country. The message has gone out far and wide in Zambia, where the devastating effects of AIDS have given rise to great fear. Former Zambian president, Kenneth Kaunda, who has supported our True Father at a number of international blessings and convocations, has also taken up the *Living AIDS Free* curriculum for his own AIDS Awareness organization in Zam-

bia. The government Ministry of Education has asked us to carry IIFWP's message to every secondary school and university campus. Hundreds of church ministers have also taken part in our HIV / AIDS seminars and have asked us to teach it in their churches. Even the national army has asked us to give the *Living AIDS Free* presentation in their barracks.

In Ghana, the national government offered our local

One of hundreds of presentations being conducted in Nigeria's schools



IIFWP chapter a grant to provide awareness education and counseling, to support people living with HIV/AIDS and to monitor and evaluate forty-one communities of one district near Accra. The government specifically asked IIFWP to encourage the practice of abstinence among in-school and out-of-school young people by setting up Pure Love Clubs and other activities for them. In the course of the last year, our members have educated community officials and village chiefs and elders as well as more than 160 student peer educators and 46 teachers to work in the communities' primary and secondary schools.

In Cameroon, they have been outstanding in their ability to work in harmony with a network of other NGOs. Through this cooperation, they have been able to gain international funding for their projects and to reach out to a broad spectrum of society with the *Living AIDS Free* message. The name of our organization in Cameroon stood out



Katherine Rigney (right, sitting with Benin Minister of State Bruno Amoussou at an IIFWP conference in 2002) is director of the AIDS project in Africa

proudly on posters everywhere in a list of international sponsors for the recent worldwide candlelight vigil for the victims of AIDS.

So many similar projects have been happening in the twelve nations originally chosen for the IIFWP AIDS project in addition to a few others that spontaneously joined, so that there is no way

to give a fair overview of all the interesting testimonies. Let us just say that there have been extremely laudable efforts made by dedicated brothers and sisters committed to saving their nations and giving testimony through their service to the overwhelming love and grace of our beloved True Parents.

The other nations in the original project included South Africa, Kenya, Congo-Kinshasa, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and Liberia. IIFWP flip charts have also been put to good use in Burkina Faso, Togo, Senegal, Swaziland, Congo-Brazzaville and a number of other countries on the continent.

It is our sincere hope and desire to expand this project as quickly as possible based on the foundations made in a few key countries. ♦

Kevin and Evelyn Winter are working with Katherine Rigney on a number of IIFWP-related projects in Africa.

The Zero-Transmission Initiative



These excerpts from Secretary General of IIFWP-Nigeria George M. Ogurie's presentation to the IIFWP Convocation in Washington D.C. last year show the potential impact of a well thought-out campaign.

REV. Kwak took the lead by commissioning his office in New York to produce an HIV/AIDS educational presentation suitable for use in Africa, what became known as *Living AIDS Free—The Zero Transmission Lifestyle*.

The material is designed for use in secondary schools but the content is quite applicable to the wider society. Basically it urges young people to delay sex until they become mature men and women and then get married. It also

urges married people to restrict sex to within their marital relationships. This is the absolute solution to HIV/AIDS.

Each set of flipcharts contains forty sheets that convey the above message graphically and very powerfully. It took great wisdom to produce the flipcharts as the medium for a visual presentation. In most rural communities that needed to be reached, either there is no electricity or if there is, it is very unreliable. Therefore one could not use media such as slides or projectors.

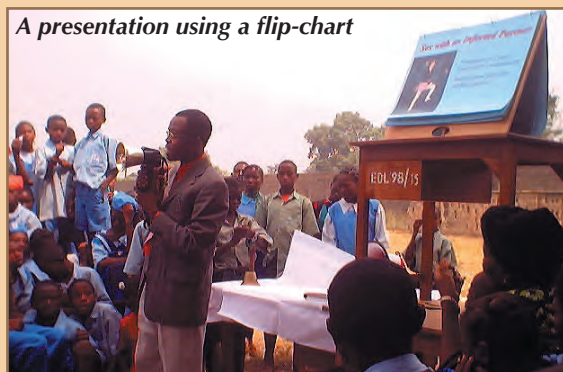
The Lagos State Ministry of Education issued a written directive to all secondary schools in the state to expect and welcome our team. From December 2001 until July 2002 our Lagos team alone covered a total of 246 secondary schools. At an average of 1,000 students per school, it means 246,000 students were educated within that period.

In the previous years we had done HIV/AIDS education in 15 states in Nigeria under the banner of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Churches, local communities and schools were covered. There were no flipcharts then but the impact was nonetheless powerful enough to elicit Lagos State Government recognition and an

invitation to join the Lagos State Action Committee on HIV/AIDS, now known as the Lagos State AIDS foundation. In March 2002, IIFWP was invited to the Presidential Forum on AIDS in Abuja.

The director of the National AIDS and STD's Control Program commented, "Your program has the best chance of success in Nigeria because it is in concert with the culture and religious belief of the people." The director, who himself is a medical doctor, recognized that presentations made by doctors tend to be too technical and dry. On the other hand, our presentations are, to a large extent, made in simple language and from the heart, and they are therefore very moving. We are not doctors but we are deeply concerned people. It is very easy for people to relate to and be moved by our presentations. ♦

A presentation using a flip-chart



and those of Moses and Jesus? Moses and Jesus depended upon miracles to complete their missions to restore Canaan. They didn't do it themselves but depended upon the power of God to complete the providence of restoration. What about True Parents? They have been victorious on their own through paying indemnity. Here lies a big difference between True Parents and the central figures prior to them. The fruit of True Parents' providence was not the result of miracles or the help of others, but was gained through paying indemnity by offering their own lives.

Because this is the springtime of providential and heavenly fortune, we are experiencing the rebirth that Christians talk about. At this time, we must bear in mind the course of indemnity True Parents have walked for restoration that brought the benefit of true rebirth. The resurrection was achieved through the sacrifice of Jesus' crucifixion. The crux is that without that sacrifice on the cross, the victory of rebirth could never have come.

In the secular world, those who win fights are winners, but in the religious world, those who lose fights are true winners. Dying is losing in the world, but dying is winning in the world of faith. Father taught us to win by being hit first. Those who are hit can claim the victory. This is the way the Divine Principle shows us to be owners of this world.

Today, Christians focus their faith on resurrection, disregarding how much had to be sacrificed through the crucifixion for that resurrection. I believe that we can find solutions to the world's problems right there. How can we solve conflicts between Christians and Muslims? True Parents have taught us how to overcome such differences before they lead to problems.

After the U.S. was attacked by Muslim terrorists, Father asked America to forgive on a grand scale. If America had followed Father's advice, there would have been no tragedy such as war. Instead, all of humanity would have put those terrorists on trial. They would have testified for America, "In spite of such a great sacrifice they have had to endure, Americans didn't punish their enemies with power but won the true victory over the Islamic world with a Christian spirit and love based upon Jesus' spirit of sacrifice on the cross."

Nevertheless, America strongly attacked Afghanistan and Iraq after

the terrorist attack. This is an endless vicious circle. There can be no solutions for individuals and the whole as long as this kind of vicious cycle continues. The principle of losing is winning, shows that only when the law that makes the resurrection possible from the sacrifice of Jesus is kept, can ultimate peace and freedom be achieved.

The world's problems can be solved in the same manner. Why do married couples struggle and break up? What is the cause of people's struggles against each other in their communities? How can we resolve conflicts between nations and in the world as a whole and achieve God-centered peace? The only solution to all the difficult problems is the principle of paying indemnity that True Parents have been teaching us throughout their lives. It is also the law that permitted the resurrection through the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross.

Now is the time for us to be owners of the world. The question is "how?"



True Parents have asked members to create "hoondok family church" groups in their local areas. Meetings for those actively involved were held throughout the country during April under the theme "Realizing Cheon Il Guk through the establishment of hoondok family churches." (Photo, Seoul meeting at the headquarters church)

The Family Party has been set up, and True Parents are developing a new dimension of the providence. How can we build God's Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk in all areas of life including politics, economy, society, and culture with not only spiritual but also physical power and influence? What kind of mindset should we have and how are we to solve problems? It is the spirit of paying indemnity for restoration that has been the way True Parents brought Satan to surrender. That's the only way. By following in the footsteps of True Parents, we can establish ourselves as owners of this land.

At the True Parents' Day celebration, Father said, "Cheon Il Guk can be realized by bringing our own tribes

to our side." So how can we win over our own tribes? The time is ripe for the spirit world and the physical world to be united. Changes have started in the spirit world. If we can connect those changes developing in the spirit world with this world, we will be able to build Cheon Il Guk. To realize that goal, we should continuously give, sacrifice and be hit. Only on such a foundation, can we gain true authority as owners. In order for us to be owners of our tribes and owners of this nation, we must not hesitate to be servants for our tribes and the nation. The fact is that we can be served as owners only by serving others first. That's the way. This is the spirit of the cross and also the spirit of True Parents, who have paid indemnity for restoration. Having lost this, the world today has fallen into crises of various kinds. By giving endlessly, by serving endlessly, by losing ourselves endlessly, we can find ourselves and have the authority of true owners.

My beloved brothers and sisters, let's all become servants in our families, church communities, society and the world in order to establish ourselves as owners of Cheon Il Guk. In that way, we can also inherit the tradition True Parents have taught us through their lifelong examples. If we keep silent, the rocks will cry out instead of us. We're living beings but rocks aren't. Yet, if we, living beings keep as silent as rocks, the Bible warns that those rocks will cry out on our behalf. This is the time for us to testify to the truth in our tribes. It's not enough to have our faces reflect our good deeds. Our goodness must be reborn in the hearts of the members of our tribes. For that, we must continuously carry our crosses. That is true beauty. This world has fallen into crisis because it lacks the spirit of sacrifice to pay indemnity. Our faith is based upon the very spirit of paying indemnity for restoration. We should remind ourselves once again that we can establish Cheon Il Guk only when we follow the principles of restoration through indemnity.

Brothers and sisters, magnolia blossoms have come out. Flowers can blossom because the trees or the seeds of those flowers endured a long winter. You must plant seeds of indemnity to see beautiful flowers bloom. I earnestly hope that all of you will be able to have brilliant, blossoming flowers by winning the heart of your tribes. ♦

One of the Family

A CARP leader describes his travels with Hyun-jin nim

During the trip: Hyun-jin nim is fifth from right with his left arm around Aya Goto



Aya Goto
Vice President, World-CARP

CARP has been under Hyun-jin nim's leadership since he became its president in March 2000.

I joined CARP as a freshman in college and have continued working with CARP since graduating. I could feel that CARP had entered a completely different dimension as soon as Hyun-jin nim became the W-CARP president, thanks to his ability to analyze situations accurately, his brilliant sense of judgment and, most of all, his heavenly fortune.

In April 2001, I worked with Hyun-jin nim quite closely. At that time, he said, "We need to make bridges between the high standard of the Divine Principle and common people in society. You should profile what kinds of things young people are interested in these days and think of activities that would be useful in reaching out to them. Mr. Goto, you should report the advantages and disadvantages of the Japanese CARP outreach programs you've been involved with so far."

Hyun-jin nim encouraged me to reflect on my mission with a clearer sense of ownership. I believe that in his mind he has a concrete vision for the Service for Peace project and for a new direction for

W-CARP.

In July of the same year, during the Service for Peace campaign in Japan, Hyun-jin nim transferred me to the W-CARP headquarters in New York. Because I was responsible for the campaign in Japan at that time, I was quite puzzled by the transfer. Also, with the excuse of being busy all the time, I had never learned English. As a result, I couldn't really communicate in English, but Hyun-jin nim told me to master English in two months. I responded with a "yes," but I'm embarrassed to say that I'm still learning.

After the Service for Peace campaign in Korea, I arrived in New York on September 21. At first, I briefly stayed in New York and Washington D.C. Living in the United States has called for huge internal and external changes in my life. One of the first things that was waiting for me was a W-CARP training workshop. The training required ten people, including Hyun-jin nim, Jin-man Kwak, who is W-CARP's executive vice president, Ken Bates (then a CARP vice president) and Korean and Japanese staff members to travel across the country, cross Canada, re-enter the U.S. at Alaska and reach Kodiak, Alaska in two cars.

We prayed at East Garden on Sep-

tember 25 before we began our journey. On the way, we could see the overwhelming beauty of nature in the Rocky Mountains, Yellowstone National Park and a national park in Utah. We slept in tents we had set up in camping grounds at night. I still can't forget those evenings when we'd gather around a fire at meal times. Hyun-jin nim would pray as he walked around in the woods. At times, he would jump into a river. We followed him in and played in the water, just like a bunch of kids.

It took us fifteen days to arrive in Kodiak. Hyun-jin nim was always the first to drive and to cook. He would cook for us; he'd make chili or hotdogs. He would tell us to eat a lot. Such a situation left me in shock, because, as a leader in CARP, I'd always seen him being served when he came to Japan. Seeing him in this way was quite shocking and, at the same time, refreshing.

The main goal of the training was to create a family tie between us, centering on True Family and love. I learned how important it was for us to have a family tie with members of the True Family by personally experiencing Hyun-jin nim as a true big brother. Hyun-jin nim pointed out that, for the Japanese, a life of attendance could easily lead to a

master—servant relationship. In such a relationship, people tend to serve a master out of their own self-interest. He emphasized that Japanese members should rid themselves of their sense of identity as Japanese. From what he said, I learned there is no place for national or racial consciousness in family relationships.

I'm rather skinny, so Hyun-jin nim said, "I could lift a light guy like you over my head." Later in Utah, he did actually lift up me over his head. And ten of us took a group picture. Right after that, Hyun-jin nim jumped on my back and asked me to carry him. As I staggered around under the weight of his body, I felt so grateful to be so close to him. From those experiences, a real God-centered family feeling began to grow in my heart. It is indeed an eternal treasure that I received from Hyun-jin nim.

At night, Hyun-jin nim shared his ideas about organization, campaigns for Service for Peace and the future of W-CARP with us as we sat around the campfire. We would take notes intently. New ideas are always flowing like a fountain out of Hyun-jin nim. The root of his passion is his devoted heart toward True Parents. We could feel his love and continual concern for how he could help True Parents, who are desperately working for God.

With the core of his heart devoted to True Parents, Hyun-jin nim really does his best. Once, he scratched in the sand "G" for God, then below that, "TP" for

True Parents and below that "TF" for True Family. He drew a vertical line down from the letter G through TP and TF and explained, "This vertical line is most important. You must relate with members based on this."

Sometimes, he would tell us details about martial arts or working as a bodyguard. His stories were very interesting and enjoyable. At the end of one story, he said in a hushed voice, "Do you know why I know so much about working as a bodyguard? When I was a child, I had no friends. The closest people I could make friends with were

around the world, so his was a really lonely childhood. Sometimes he was ostracized by his schoolmates, and at those times there was no one with whom he could share his pain. I could feel to my bones that Hyun-jin nim has a lot of pain and sorrow in his heart.

However, Hyun-jin nim said, "If I were to just look inside myself, there is no way I could erase my pain and sorrow. Only by living for others, can I feel God's love. Only through that, can I liberate myself." I realized that this confession of his was the way he could save young people in this present

age and that it was the beginning point of Service for Peace. Expanding the spirit of living for the sake of others, the tradition of the True Family, not only to our members, but also to the Cain world is God's wish. Hyun-jin nim is teaching us through his own life experiences that God's wish is to liberate Cain.

I believe that this past year has been the year for the W-CARP headquarters and CARP in every nation to unite with Hyun-jin nim's instructions and vision. It's been a period during which we have formulated concrete strategies to realize that vision. I believe that the year to come will be one of great advancement for W-CARP based on the foundation we have laid. ♦

Aya Goto participated in the Blessing of 6500 Couples in 1988. This article was first published in Korean in Tongil Segye.



Aya Goto in his New York office

the bodyguards." It was quite a shocking revelation for me.

I realized that each of the True Children has loneliness in his or her heart. When Hyun-jin nim was small, True Parents had to guide the members

The Gentler Side of Martial Arts

Members of the World Tongil Moo Do Club at UTS helped to prepare twenty-one "Comfort Kits" for IRFF to send to Iraq, as part of its emergency relief project in

that country. IRFF is working together with Christian Disaster Response (CDR) and a consortium of agencies to send humanitarian assistance to war-torn Iraq. WTMD and IRFF believe in the

importance of developing a healthy character by emphasizing living for the sake of others through action. We are looking forward to working together in the future. ♦

by Ichinori

Tsumagari





If you have loved your spouse more deeply than a mother loves her child, you will have experienced deeper love than that which compels you to live with your parents. You would be able to say goodbye to your mother and move in with your spouse. You would be able to leave your homeland, marry a foreigner and go abroad to live with him, crossing the Pacific Ocean, mountains and vast plains on the way, to find a love that is even deeper than a mother's love for her children.

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