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The True God's Day Speech Rev. Hwang: A Call to Action A Young Person's Odyssey of Faith IIPC: Developing the Mission

International President's Message

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A Call to Action

We are presenting this speech given by our international president on February 25, 2004, which was the first engagement of a speaking tour he made throughout Korea from late February until early March, attended by different groups of leaders of the Family Federation and related organizations. His speech deals with True Parents' directions at the conclusion of the recent leaders' 40-day workshop (*see page 26*) which call for a renewed focus on community-level and tribe-related activities.

Good EVENING staff members of providential organizations. I prayed and thought a great deal as I prepared for this meeting to launch activities for the beginning of God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom, which we are attending today. At present, we are in a situation where holding such a meeting is unavoidable. For that reason, I had to think deeply about what our mindset should be during this time. That's why I decided to have this special meeting tonight. Today, I'd like to speak to you about the current situation of God's providence, where we should go and how we should get there.

Our religion is very different from other religions. Our work involves endless attempts to change human history, and we dream of revolutionary reform. What we are attempting to do is to bring about revolutionary changes.

When we look at other religions around us, we can see that they are based on a theology that treats spirit and flesh as separate entities. These religions are based on a differential. Other religions we know of place significance in the theory that God is light whereas mankind is darkness. They say people cannot go to God of their own accord; we can be saved only by God's grace through the medium of religion.

Contrary to that belief, we emphasize the homogeneity of God and man; that is the direction our faith takes us. We say that the relationship between God and man is that of parent and child, which was not broken at the time of the Fall, but remains in us as part of our original nature. Furthermore, we aim at a world without any form of religion on the fundamental level. We teach others that religion is not the end but a means to reach the end, and that the fundamental end lies in unity with God and the realization of a world of peace. This is the difference between other religions and ours.

In the process of working toward our goal, we will automatically establish God's nation on earth.

It is clear that our religion is very different from others. What I mean by this is that our church was not born of a desire to create another religious group. We have worked hard until now to free ourselves from the boundaries inherent in existing as a religion and have aimed at actualizing an era in which we can live as perfected individuals even without the guidance of a church. Yet the reality is that we are fast becoming another religion, taking the form of just another church.

Therefore the ways in which we can restore our distorted selves back to our original selves is a matter of concern and interest to True Parents. It is the will of True Parents that we should challenge ourselves to go on a revolutionary adventure. The instructions from True Parents that I will pass on to you today are related to this.

We need to discuss and together reflect on what the essence of our faith is, how the providence has progressed until now and what True Parents desire of us.

Father's life came to its culmination in 2000, the year he became eighty years old. It was also the year True Parents celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their holy wedding....

Put simply, 2000 was the year the providence reached fruition. What were the fruits of the providence? The fruits can be reduced to three key points. These are the main aspects of the providence that were to be accomplished in 2000: the restoration of the entire creation, the restoration of all people and the liberation of the spiritual world.

True Parents declared the restoration of the entire creation¹. Next, to restore all people, everyone needs to establish blessed families, become tribal messiahs and then fourth Adams through the registration blessing. These are great changes we need to go through. When it comes to the spiritual world, great changes occurred through the Ceremony for the Liberation of the Spirit World². In the same way, the era of prayer changed to one of giving reports. Following the time of the third Adam, in which we prayed in the name of True Parents, we have entered a new period, in which we present our own names, rather than the names of True Parents, directly to Heaven. Furthermore, the era in which the engagement of second-generation couples was carried out by True Parents changed to one in which parents match their own children. These three changes occurred in 2000, and when you reflect upon each one of them, you will realize how revolutionary they are.

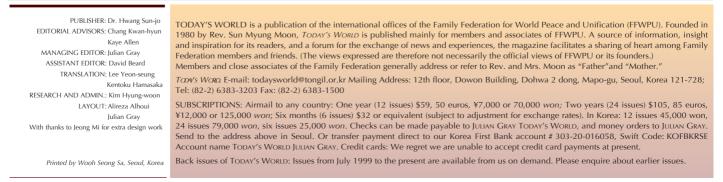
These changes are not simple changes in Unification Church ritual. For six thousand biblical years, ever since the beginning of history, religion has existed wherever people have existed, and the changes brought about in 2000 were changes from an era of religion to an era *CONTINUED ON PAGE 24....INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

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B ELOVED Heavenly Father! We have seen the end of the old year, the third year of Cheon II Guk, and this is the morning of New Year's Day, the first of January of the fourth year of Cheon II Guk, the year that commemorates a new heaven and earth. Now the time has come to declare God's Fatherland and the Era of the Peace Kingdom, which is the goal we have to accomplish this year.

Beloved Father! We know how You wished for the purpose of the ideal of creation to be fulfilled, as You created the original world of the ideal of creation, in which You placed Your children, Adam and Eve. We know of how Your wish–Your hope that You had cherished as You saw Your children grow–was broken to pieces through the mistake of the human ancestors, which created a wall of grief and suffering in the world. You were left alone, imprisoned and bound in



True Parents pray at midnight

the position of a slave, and Your lamentations and grief continued for thousands of years. Yet You could not forsake humanity and this world, and You suffered in Your endless grief.

Alone, You had first created all things with Your love, based on Your true love. Starting from the microscopic organisms in the mineral kingdom, You created as the direct object of Your love the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, culminating with the world of humankind. The direct object of Your love became the substantial forms of Adam and Eve, and as You stood in the position of the center of the physical world and the spirit world, You waited with impatience for the day of the blessing of Your children. However, you lost that moment of bringing in the liberation of God's Day on top of the ideal of creation. You were in the poisition of guiding and educating humanity throughout the numerous paths of historical tribulations. But instead, Satan stands in front of humanity, guiding them, and You stand behind. Looking back on that moment of anguish

Midnight Prayer and Commemorative Speeches

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January 1, 2004 4th year of Cheon II Guk where you had to kick off the era of history with this heart of fulfilling and recovering the providence of salvation, I know that you had endured throughout this course even as you looked upon that blessed position which should have become the starting point of True Love centering on the substantial object. This object again stands in front of the subject which centers on you as you unify the world of heaven and earth centering on the ideal of Adam's family. I know what it must have been like to totally lose the hopes that You had cherished in Your heart due to the fall, and to see the world turn upside down. I know how You were filled with pain and grief as You embraced the will of Your providence, through which You must reverse the world of pitch-black darkness–which was thrown into the hell of darkness from the ideal of God's love–back into a world of light.

The whole of creation, which was stained with Satan's blood, the blood of Your arch enemy, was no longer under Your sovereignty, but under the sovereignty of Satan. The reality of this fact is the grief of all creation, the grief of the whole physical world, the grief of the spirit world and the world of angels, and the grief of the human world. And over it all, You stand in the position of the king of grief. The history of the world attests to this truth.

You looked on this defiled world with the heart of the settlement and unity of absolute purity, pure lineage and pure conjugal relations, and You saw how the world became a world of darkness, in which You could not let in even a beam of

Your light. Yet You worked tirelessly and endlessly, as a pioneer in this dark and defiled world, paving the way from the world of chaos to the world of light, embracing the restored kingdom of heaven in Your heart.

We know how terrible it is that the blood lineage was defiled by Satan, and that it hurts You so much You cannot look on the resultant world of the defiled lineage even in Your dreams. We know that the love You had cherished for Your children made You hold on to them, even when tears of grief blinded Your eyes, and that You had to start from the bottommost part of hell to restore them. We also know that from such a position, You persevered and endured all hardships, and paved the path of restoration, by establishing all religions and guiding the religious leaders, through whom You planned to start the restoration of the Realm of Abel.

This is the morning of the New Year's Day, the first of January of the fourth year of Cheon II Guk, and we are grateful to You for granting us this day. This is the first day of the fourth year of the new Cheon Il Guk, in which God's victorious sovereignty can be restored, and everything that was lost, the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, the physical world and the spirit world can all be restored. This

is the first day of the year in which God's fatherland can be declared on the foundation of the peace, unity and settlement of noon, and the year in which we can declare the era of the peace kingdom, standing in the position of the victorious sovereignty over all living creation. We are grateful to You for granting us this day, and enabling us to open the gates to the new era.

Now we have entered an era in which You can take responsibility in the position of the original owner, for all we have restored to You, including everything that was purified and cleansed in the history of the providence of salvation and restoration

through indemnity. Now You can completely settle down centering on the sovereignty of love, the kingship of love that is unique in the entire universe. During the first three years of Cheon II Guk, the blessed families in the entire world have cleansed all that need to be cleansed, and now the time has come for us to restore the cleansed things to You. The first three years of Cheon II Guk have passed by, and we have now entered the fourth year of Cheon II Guk, the year in which we declare God's fatherland and the era of God's Kingship of Love on earth. Now, we have entered the era in which everything can be done according to Your will as the Almighty God with omnipotent authority.

Accordingly, You can now carry out all actions according to Your will on the foundation of the unified world, with the authority of the victorious and sovereign king of all kings, the original parent of love, the original teacher of love, and the original king of kings of love. So please look upon the ideal that True Parents have restored on earth, which You had wished and hoped for ever since the creation, as You stand in the original position of the heart eternally. Please look on the path of True Parents, which is hundreds and thousands times more

filial and patriotic than that of Adam, and forget the past that is filled with grief and suffering. Please stand in front of True Parents, and look down on True Parents, the True Family, and the billions of blessed families both in the spirit and physical world, who are centered on True Parents' tribe, because they are the sovereign foundation of Your family. Please become the greatest and most just king as You stand in the position of the owner, the teacher, and the king, and exercise absolute and omnipotent power over all, starting from the smallest to the largest beings in the world. Please be at peace as You stand on the foundation of the declaration made by True Parents this morning, the declaration of God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom.

The substance of the one mind, one body, one ideology and one nucleus is the exercising of absolute faith, and absolute love, and giving everything one has absolutely, and forgetting the fact that one has given. Centering on the Adam and Eve as the absolute subjects, the invisible God can respond to the Adam entity that has dual characteristics, and stand in the position of the substantial parents, the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

And standing on this restored foundation, I have declared

God's fatherland and the era of the declaration of God's Kingdom on this morning, on the first day of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. Please inherit the responsibility and transcend everything on earth and in heaven, and rule over us all with absolute authority. Now it is up to us to march forward to the era of the kingship of peace, which will transcend all religious and national boundaries in the world. True Parents will continue the history of humankind as the king of kings, who stand in the position of the central figure in the fulfillment of the liberated ideal of creation. On this New Year's Day, True

Father writes the motto for the year

Parents report and declare that we will now make the great transition to the era of the liberated and peaceful kingdom of heaven, which will last forever and ever, ruling over the spiritual and physical worlds.

Please accept all this with joy and pleasure, and watch over us as we march forward. I report and declare that God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom have been proclaimed on this day, in the name of True Parents! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Father's Midnight Speech

Repeat after True Parents: Now that we have entered the era of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom, we pledge to become families of filial sons and daughters, patriots, saints and sages, and holy sons and daughters of God, and as such become the representatives of our loving Heavenly Father, who is the victorious sovereign of heaven, and on behalf of the families of princes and princesses, to become the owners of the unified world of peace in the era of the settlement of sexual relations centered on purity, pure lineage and pure love sexual relations, as the subject, centering on the heart of one mind, one body, one ideology and one nucleus. Amen! We pledge to inherit the coming unified world of harmony. Amen!◆

Father's Speech at Pledge Service

THIS is the thirty-seventh anniversary of True God's Day; thirty-six years have passed since the first celebration of God's Day. The fact that in the same year we mark the thirty-sixth year since the first God's Day celebration and the fourth year of Cheon II Guk is astonishing.

What is today? It is the day we have entered the era of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom; we have entered the era of the kingdom. This is not just a declaration. It is a proclamation! You must know that a proclamation tells us that we have entered such an era. This is not a declaration. Do you understand? You must know that we have already passed the era of declaration, and can now make proclamations, because this proclamation involves not only individuals but also the world at large, heaven and earth.

What does this mean? It means that since the restoration of the independence of God's fatherland has been proclaimed, as has the era of God's peace kingdom, we must become people who live in such a world and become the princes and kings who will complete the work involved in making such a world. In other words, we have entered a new era in which we ourselves will draw up new laws and a constitution. Amen!

What is this proclamation of God's fatherland and this era of the peace kingdom? To people who don't know what these mean, they seem like something from a dream, but supposing they were true? You should feel truly blessed to be here today, especially when you consider what would happen, once we have entered the new era, to those who consider what I say to be mere dreaming. Remember those people. Let them be a warning to you. When I say remember them as a warning, you must do so, because I have said so. Don't forget this warning; to whoever heeds it and says that he will follow me, the door will be open. Even people here for the first time should open their eves and ears wide with hope. Don't be surprised by what you hear, and sit up straight. Listen to what I say closely from now on, because what I am going to say today is very important. Whoever listens most attentively to what I'm saying, remembers and heeds it will be the first in line even if he is here for the first time today; whoever does not will be the last in line, even if he has been a member since the church started. It seems as if such a change will occur in the near future. So always keep this in mind, open the door of your mind wide, and listen attentively. It is my wish and hope that you do so. Say Amen. [Amen!]...

Say "God's fatherland." I declared this term, "God's fatherland," this morning, and that means that God's fatherland has begun as of this morning. I also proclaimed the peace kingdom. I proclaimed that God's fatherland and the peace kingdom have now begun. They have no connection whatsoever with the fallen world.

You must know what the fatherland really means. It means the nation of God that He had been yearning for before the Fall, the ideal world that will be everyone's homeland, and the land in which the clans, peoples and nations can live together in harmony. It means that all people living on earth will inherit the heavenly nation and that the actual realm of existence that will come after, rather than before, the heavenly nation should begin on the foundation of the fatherland, and that everything involved should be discussed and carried out on this foundation. If there is no fatherland, everything we have achieved will be lost. If there is no nation, there cannot be anything representing that nation either; words like "Republic of Korea" and the "white-clothed race" could not exist if there were no nation. You must know that everything that is connected to the fatherland, which God has been yearning for, should have begun after the proclamation of the restoration of the independence of the fatherland on the levels of the individual, family, tribe, ethnic group and world. You must also know that we lived in this world before the proclamation was made, because we had to indemnify the fallen world that has failed God throughout history, and that our lives are centered on conditional standards. You must know that when I say the era of God's fatherland has begun, it means that we have entered a new era, one in which everything we have built up until now centered on this conditional standard for the sake of indemnifying all that had failed should be crushed, destroyed, turned upside down and reconstructed on the foundation of the restoration of the independence of the fatherland.

At this time, the Unification Church is talking about unifying everything. If the fatherland had begun on the foundation of the unity of everything, connected with the ideal of the unity of al things.. Up to now everything centered on the nations in the world–including history, tradition, cultures and languages–was begun without a connection to God's fatherland, and so history has no connection to God at all. All this came from the past. Therefore, you must realize how disgraceful the name of existing nations are and feel ashamed of them.

When the descendants of the race that had betrayed God hear about the declaration of God's fatherland, they should repent for everything, starting from the root of sin in their past. Their repentance must go down deep and should be more heartfelt than ever....

Everything should begin based on God's fatherland. If they had not fallen, Adam and Eve's family would have had God's fatherland as their foundation. If they had had a child under those conditions, the child would have been conceived in God's fatherland, with the sperm meeting the egg in the womb of Eve, who would have had the fatherland as her foundation.

Therefore, everything should belong to God's fatherland, and with the fatherland as our foundation, everyone should multiply and form families and tribes and nations. If such families, nations, and the like have been formed without the fatherland, they are fakes. You must understand this clearly today.

Since God's fatherland turned upside down, 360 degrees opposite to what it was supposed to be, I have had to work hard to turn it back 360 degrees, to turn it right side up, so that it is upright once more. To do so, I have had to cleanse and purify the lineages that had been defiled, which is not the work of just a day. The process involved moving from one to the other, even if the latter were only a fraction better or purer than the former. This was repeated several thousands, or even tens of thousands, of times. In this way, I connected with and made whole the lineage that had been ragged and tattered; I indemnified everything.

Some time back I told you to indemnify everything. What that meant was that blessed families should be overhauled completely. It meant you should not remember anything that gives even the remotest hint of your existence in the satanic world, of what you were in the past. You must forget everything. Everything should be wiped out of your head.

I don't speak of the hardships I went through while I was in prison. The stories I could tell would bring tears to your eyes as well as to my own. The horrible descriptions of it all would make you weep, but I treat those memories as if they do not exist, and so I have not told you about at least a third of my life. I didn't tell you such things, so you assume that such things did not occur. If I told you, you would have to put it out of your mind, because it happened in the past, and you know how hard it is to do that.

Keeping all this in mind, you may wonder why there are so

many things that I have not told anyone for several decades, for the whole of my 85 years. You must know that everything becomes precious only when it begins under God's fatherland, and so I have refrained from telling you everything until that moment, so that every word from me from that time on would be more precious. This fact has become an undeniable steppingstone of truth.

You must resolve that your families will become ones who will do away with all worldly things with your own hands on behalf of God and True Parents, families who will indemnify with your own hands everything in the fallen environment including nations, peoples and cultures....

Imagine that you were left all alone in this world God created, and that there were no God or True Parents to guide you. You would have come to the Unification Church because you would have wanted to learn how to get to heaven by yourself. And now the fourth year of Cheon II Guk, which is centered on

blessed families around the world that have maintained themselves well, has begun today.

That is why the Parents of Heaven and Earth could not have wed in holy matrimony had they not centered on Cheon II Guk. If the coronation ceremony had not been carried out, there could not be any holy weddings or birth registrations. Why? Because there would be no nation.

What did we do last year, two years after the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God was carried out? What did we do on Mother's sixtieth birthday, centering on True Parents' birthday? We carried out the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon II Guk. We opened the gates. Finally,



Father and Mother at the evening entertainment

God and True Parents were able to carry out their holy marriage ceremony on the foundation of the restoration of God's fatherland. When was this? We accomplished this in the third year of Cheon II Guk–within two years of its founding.

And what did we do after the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon II Guk? We conducted 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. Finally True Parents were able to claim the title of the king of the families, which is an unprecedented event in history.

However, God's fatherland cannot be proclaimed if we only have a king of the families. How hard did we work in the third year of Cheon II Guk under the king of families? I was at the brink of death numerous times and traveled from the bottommost part of hell to heaven, and you don't know what it took for me to finally succeed and come out of that alive.

What happened on May 4? I made the proclamation that we would revert all of Satan's sovereignty to the dominion of the ideal of creation. From that day on, because I knew that we must establish God's fatherland by mobilizing everything we could for the sake of the restoration of the independence of God's fatherland, I put all my effort into proclaiming the end of the era of the providence of salvation through indemnity. When was this? It was before August–July 13. Before we entered August, which represents the number eight, we finished with the providence of salvation by restoration through indemnity on July 13. Through this, nations as well as the worldwide religious sphere will disappear.

The Fall gave birth to Satan's nation and to religions. Now that we have come out of the providence of salvation through indemnity, the era of religions and politics has ceased to exist, and the only logical conclusion to the current situation, according to the Principle, would be the dawning of the era of the restoration of the independence of God's fatherland. This is a conclusion that cannot be denied by anyone of intelligence.

I have proclaimed the princes and princesses of liberation, who cast no shadows around them, since the sun rests directly

over their heads in accordance with the settlement of noon. This proclamation is based on teachings from the heavenly world and the physical world and can be proved inside and out, up and down, right and left, even in the darkness of hell.

You have received the blessing a second time, haven't you? What was the name of the blessing? It was the Transition of the Three Ages Four-Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing. It is the era of the family. In other words, it blessed not only the couple but the whole family. After that comes the preparations for the complete settlement of the heavenly nation, so that we secure enough evidence in regard to God's fatherland that it cannot be

disputed on the grounds of logic or of the providence and the principle. You must know how glorious and blessed is the day on which we proclaim God's fatherland, supported by evidence that will fill the whole world and fill in the gaps and blanks that exist in human history. On that day, everyone is to be liberated, and even sinners and those who are on the verge of falling into hell are to be brought into equal status with others. National boundaries will be eliminated, and everyone in hell will be released.

This will become possible because the era in which the nation can be liberated is now here. Isn't it the same in the satanic world? Even in the satanic world, prisoners are pardoned on days of celebration such as the anniversary of the day the country was founded. In the same way, the gates of hell will be opened, and those in hell will be pardoned, and even the sinners in this world, who would have been judged in hell will be pardoned while still on earth.

Absolute faith, absolute love and absolute hope are high standards, and in order to aspire to such standards and attain a higher position in the world to come, you must invest yourself completely and forget yourself totally, over and over again. Only then can you go to heaven after your life on earth has ended....

A constitution that protects God's fatherland will be drawn up, and that constitution will also protect the different parts of the fatherland. The administration of this law will be very strict. The constitution will not show sympathy that is present in the human world, nor will it show humanity. Such an era is coming.

That is why I bestowed on you the special privilege of your being able to become true parents yourselves. I taught you the ways and duties of the true teacher. Next comes the position of the owner, and I have allowed you to become the owners of Cheon II Guk, which until that point had been the privilege only of God and True Parents. Since you have inherited the positions of the parents, the teachers and the owners, that nation belongs to you and not to God or True Parents. That nation is your nation, the nation without Adam's Fall. Based on the family lines in your clan, families must engraft together until there is one great national family, in which everyone in the world is united together, where there is one nation, a unified culture and a world united as one body. The making of that unified world will involve many sacrifices along the way.

I am giving you advance warning when I say that such a world will come to be. From my experience, it seems clear that such a world will surely come to pass unless God permits a special rule of forgiveness. However, I have taught you all I know....

The truth is that as a time of great tribulation, a time of many troubles, will come to pass I proclaimed God's fatherland. Therefore, you must be joyful and grateful, and you must repent, analyze your past, put your life on the line, and become blessed members who are cleansed and purified of all sins.

I am talking about purity, pure lineage and pure sexual relations. I'm talking about sexual relations. Don't sexual relations involve the concave and the convex? A family cannot be formed without the concave and the convex, and so purity, pure lineage and pure love sexual relations are needed. A man cannot change his sex and become a woman, and a woman cannot Through sexual relations between male and female, history has continued for between 250 and 400 million years. The legacy of history remain unto this day as the fruit of sexual relations; if there had been no sexual relations, the world would have ceased to exist after the first generation.

People who do not abide by the laws of sexual intercourse will perish. They will perish in hell. The reason I can proclaim God's fatherland at this point is that I have taught you all about the tradition of sexual relations, something you need to know in order to set 100 percent perfect traditions of your own....

Despite the fact that I have proclaimed God's fatherland and the peace kingdom, there will be many among those blessed who may end up in hell, not being able to go beyond the gates of paradise. Now, instead of the kingdom of heaven, a paradise of blessed families is coming into being.

Since Adam and Eve fell before others ever came into existence, they met no one who would blame them for the Fall from the perspective of someone who knows right from wrong, but the situation is very different for the blessed members who go to hell. How can their descendants liberate them if they end up in hell even after having learned about the Fall and the Principle? Think about this for a minute. That's what I'm worried about. We need to teach people how to start anew and go towards God's fatherland. We need to teach them everything, and make them understand.

I am speaking clearly about this point. Do you understand? Why have I lived the way I have, being slandered and persecuted in a world where I could have lived in peace and prosperity if I had lived otherwise? You must know that I have lived the way I have because of God, because He is my father, and because my love, my life and my lineage are connected to him....

Jesus was crucified by the people of Israel, even though he had done nothing wrong. Can you imagine how wretched their ancestors must have felt as they watched this from the spiritual world? This is an act that couldn't be repented away, even if they had tried. They could not face Jesus after what they had done.

change her sex, either. This is because the man's sexual organ does not belong to him, but to the woman; and the woman's sexual organ belongs to the man. You cannot change something that does not belong to you.

If there were no men, there would be no need for women to be born at all. Before God created the woman, the man was a prerequisite. In other words, he created the woman for the man, and the man for the woman. You cannot deny these facts.

Sexual relations are the origin of the universe. If there were no sexual relations, love could not be realized. Wherever you look, in the mineral kingdom, plant kingdom or animal kingdom, you'll see that everything was created in pairs.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF VICTORY OF LOVE January 2, 2004

Marking 20 years since Heung-jin nim's ascension



The people of this nation, the descendants of the tribe that killed Jesus, who had come to earth as their king, cannot face him. It's a difficult situation. Who can correct this and unite them as one? Jesus could not have done it by himself, but because we performed the coronation ceremony for Jesus, who was sovereign over Israel, the wall that had divided the Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age in the spiritual world has been broken down, and the people who occupied those spheres have united. This united nation, the first realm of Israel, could then be connected to the second Israel, the U.S., and the third Israel, Korea.

Because I have indemnified the first mistake, which was Adam's, the second mistake, on the national level, made at the time of Jesus, and the third mistake on the world level, and because I have opened a new era, that of the proclamation of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom, from now on there will be no one on earth who can fight against the Unification Church and win.

An environment in which evil will submit to good naturally will penetrate the darkness as does the bright light of the sun in the morning, bringing about the dawn of a new era. Because this morning is not far away, I have no choice but to proclaim God's fatherland. You should know that even now I am working to save the people.

The conclusion is very simple. It is a principle of heaven that anything or anyone that does not start out on a foundation of the restoration of the independence of God's fatherland will go to hell, perish or disappear. Amen!

Cherish what I tell you today deep in your hearts. I've talked about the unity of everything, as one. I have also talked of overhauling the blessed families. You should know that what I'm saying comes form my heart of love for you, in order to see you stand in God's fatherland; so you should accept what I'm saying with gratitude.

Now, before we go I'd like to talk about a few of the tasks that lie before us. The most important of these tasks is the fulfillment of the Family Pledge. You must become families that do not bring disgrace to the value of the words, "As the owner of Cheon Il Guk, our family ... " There, you must become one with God. Your mind and body must become one; a husband and wife have to become one; and sons and daughters have to become one with their parents. You cannot focus on your object if there is no foundation of love to base the relationship upon, a foundation of love that can be the center of the principle of unity. Such relationships cannot be developed without life based on love, and blood relatives based on that life. The gates of the kingdom of heaven will open only on the foundation of a unified people. Since you have not reached such a standard yet, your passing through the first test into the next stage remains uncertain.

Most importantly, you need to know the fact that we have entered the era of the fulfillment of the Family Pledge. Do you understand? You must fulfill all eight verses of the pledge. Originally, there were to be ten verses, but I have not told you the last two. I'll announce the last two if the world moves fast enough to accept it, and if not, I'll leave the last two until I go to the spiritual world. I'll then announce them in the spiritual world, and all of you will feel as if you'd been struck by lightning.

This is the era of the fulfillment of the Family Pledge. Only when you carry this out can you stand on the soil of Cheon II Guk. That tells you how much you should treasure and value the Family Pledge, doesn't it? You must know that people sacrificed their wealth and animals in the Old Testament Age, their sons and daughters in the New Testament Age, and their parents in the Completed Testament Age, all in order to establish a foundation on which the Family Pledge could be fulfilled. The reason God persevered as He lost his nation, heaven and earth to Satan was that He knew a day would come when a family, a race, and a nation would be established, and that the nation would perfect the Family Pledge and bring about liberation, the restoration of the independence of God's fatherland. Therefore, you must know that the Family Pledge should be the most important aspect of our lives.

The number one aspect of our lives is the Family Pledge. Do you understand that? Should we recite the Family Pledge only by ourselves and leave others to their own fate? Of course not.

Secondly, I'd like to explain the era of the use of special holy

salt and holy wine. The Family Pledge is very important, and we have been liberated through the Family Pledge, but the Cain world still remains as bound as ever. So, cleansing the Cain world through the use of special holy salt and holy wine is our responsibility in order to completely break through on the grassroots level.

Only then can Cain and Abel become one, and only when they are united as one can God's fatherland, the place where God can reside forever, be started. That is why God's fatherland can only be established after Cain and Abel are united. The people who know and abide by the Family Pledge should bless those who do not know about it through the special holy salt and holy wine and create a united Cain—Abel realm. Only then can the tribe, race and nation that can stand on the soil of God's fatherland be formed. The tribe, race and nation must be established in God's fatherland.

The third point is about the era of the settlement of purity, pure lineage, pure sexual relations. Don't we have a Pure Love Campaign headquarters? Where can you find pure love in the world? Why were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed? God destroyed them with fire from heaven, because they had become sexually corrupt. Nevertheless, this world is following in the footsteps of Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot, who had been living in the city, was commanded by God to leave his home, but on the way out of the city his wife looked back at their home and turned into a pillar of salt. You must never forget what this story teaches you, and keep in mind the woman who turned into a pillar of salt, an example of sorrow and grief. It will be the same for you. You live in a similar era. And that is why we emphasize chastity before marriage, and loyalty to your spouse after marriage. After you get married, you must remain pure and keep your lineage pure as well. While you live you will have a chance to live with three generations in a family, four at the most. You have the responsibility to keep your family members pure and chaste, from the grandfather, the grandmother, to the mother and the father, to yourself and your siblings, and later to your children. You may have to give up on those who have already died and gone to hell, but those who are still alive have a chance to receive the blessing. You must know that soon a time will come when you cannot eat anything nor do anything else unless you have blessed all your family members.

The fourth point is that since we have now entered such an era, you must go through the ceremonies of rebirth and resurrection! The era of immortality; the era of purification! What does purification entail? Now that blessed families have entered Cheon Il Guk, they must reflect and see where they are lacking, and carry out hoondokhae with the teachings of the Divine Principle. You must read *The Holy Scripture of Heaven*¹, compare your lives with what I have said in the 400 books of my sermons, and complete what is as yet unfinished in your lives.

The ceremonies of rebirth and resurrection, and the era of immortality... Even if you came here, internally, you must make up for not having come to the church at an early age. That is why the ceremonies of rebirth and resurrection, and the eras of immortality and purification are the fourth point I'm speaking about today. These will give your families and those around you the right to enter God's fatherland. A family must qualify to stand in that position.

The fifth point regards the era of the passing on of the books of my speeches. What I mean by this is that the grandfather, who is the first generation, should pass on the things taught by me to his descendants, because they are the laws of the heavenly nation, and everyone living on earth and in heaven must abide by them. How many books of my speeches have been published so far this year? [It's reached 400 books this year.] That means you must inherit what's in those 400 books. In blessed families, the books should be handed down from generation to generation, starting from the first, to the second, the third, and so on. In that way the father will conduct his life the same way the grandfather had; the son will conduct his life the same way the father had, and so on. The fourth generation should conduct life in the same way as the third generation, the fifth generation the same as the fourth, and so on. At most, four generations can live together in one house; it won't be possible for five generations to live together.

This practice of passing on this lifestyle and living in the same way must be continued for at least seven generations. The way to live must be handed down from generation to generation; the parents must pass the constitution of the heavenly world and the laws that control both the spiritual and physical worlds on to their sons and daughters once they have married. Only then can their sons and daughters stand in God's fatherland. The passing on of these laws will be like a ritual. Those to whom the laws are handed down must abide by and follow them.

Now that the number of books filled with my speeches has reached 400, I don't think I need to teach you anything more. From those 400 books, the essential points have been selected and are to be found in a book called *The Holy Scripture of Heaven*. This is like the heavenly bible.

Your lives should revolve around what's in this book; you should always keep it as a reference. If there is anything you don't understand in the book, you can always refer back to the 400 speech books. This book will tell you how to live your lives in this world, and even more. It lists the laws that you must abide by in the kingdom of heaven and in the realm of God's fatherland; it provides you with enough information to draw up extra laws if you so desire. The book is like the constitution of God's nation, and so it can rightly be called the holy scripture of heaven.

The sixth point I want to make is that everything must be begun on the foundation of God's fatherland. That is why the fatherland is so very important. Whatever you have done according to your desire until now should be burned and forgotten. I told you yesterday to forget all of that.

Everything and everyone must stand on the fatherland, but until now there has not been even one person who has done so. You must forget everything and not boast of your achievements in the past. Even I will forget everything I have achieved until now and not boast of it. Instead, I am thinking that during the remainder of my life on earth, I should stand in God's fatherland as a devoted son, serve God faithfully, fulfill the duties of a patriot, saint, and a holy son, and finally become a representative of God Himself.

My life began with hardships and will end with hardships. It is my fate to live that way and finally go to the kingdom of heaven. You should bear in mind that you should not owe anything to True Parents, but who liberate pain and resentment. Give me a round of applause if you are going to bear this in mind.

The seventh point on my list is to recite the other points I've made until now, in reverse order: On the foundation of God's fatherland, where the mind and the body are united as one, the set of books containing my speeches should be handed down, after which comes the rebirth, resurrection, eras of immortality and purification, the era of the unity of the trinity, the era of holy wine and holy salt, and finally the era of the Family Pledge! All of you should know the Family Pledge by heart. Everything else comes after the Family Pledge. You should know that if you do not fulfill the Family Pledge, you will not be able to fulfill anything in the list I've just recited backwards. Bear this fact in mind always, and pledge to live according to the Family Pledge starting from today. You must make the pledge in the presence of your mind and body, particularly the head, where the organs of the five senses, the eyes, nose, ears, mouth and face, are.

Since the body is connected to the eyes, nose, mouth, ears and the face, it becomes an object partner to the subject partner; so you must make the pledge, sticking your sword in the ground to show your commitment. You cannot change as long as the sword remains standing on your oath, as you stand proudly and with confidence in front of God. I hope you become the heirs representing princes and princesses, and the children who will be praised in the presence of God. That is why I am passing on these things to you on this great day, on the day of the proclamation of the era of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom.

It is my hope and wish that you will pass this on to your descendants, and as your descendants pass what I have said today from generation to generation, I hope that they will follow and obey it. When you resolve to do so today, you are paving the way for your descendants to enable the kingdom of God to last in peace and prosperity for thousands of years to come. You will also make it possible for the era of the liberation and the freedom of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven to come about, and establish the positions of the parents, the teachers and the kings who will be praised by all and admired eternally. Then everything will have been completed. Amen? Amen? [applause]

Even in your dreams, you should be thinking of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom. God has wanted His fatherland, and we have wanted a kingdom of heaven. Now that the wishes of both heaven and earth have come true, you must be grateful from deep within your hearts. And when the time comes for you to pass on to the spiritual world, you should not shed tears of regret, but be grateful on behalf of the earth; shed tears of patriotism and filial piety, so that you are not ashamed in front of the creation.

I don't know if you can do it, but as I conclude today, it is my hope and wish that you will resolve as you leave here today not to become shameful sons and daughters who will only shed tears out of concern for their own enjoyment and pleasure.

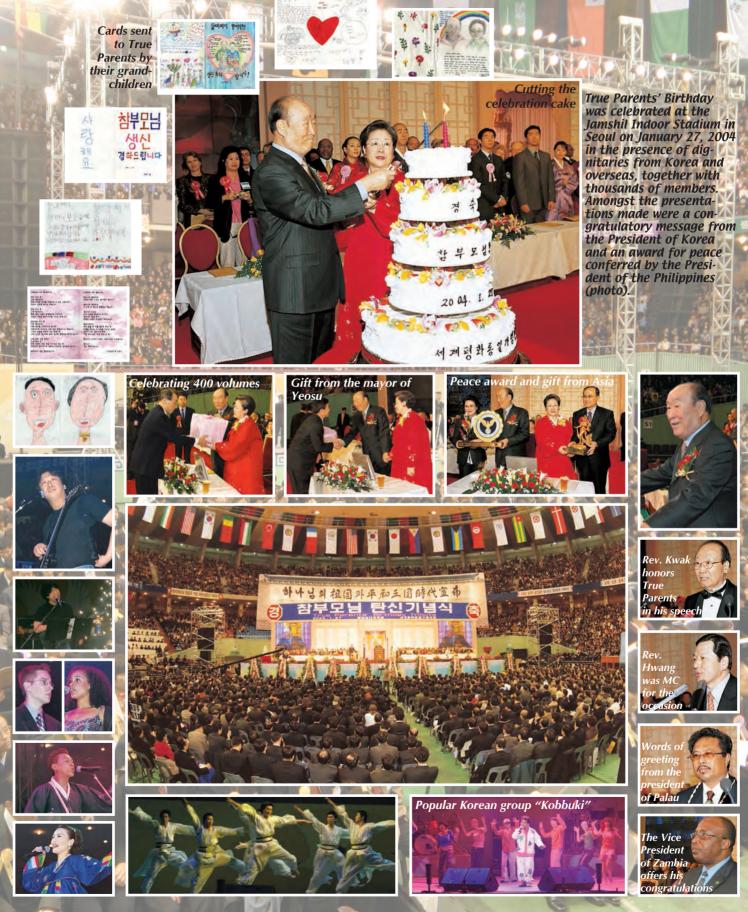
Today is God's Day, and since this year's God's Day begun on the foundation of God's fatherland, this is the representative day on which everyone can complete and fulfill everything. Now we are seeing the dawning of a new era in which everything will be done according to our desire.

The most important day on earth is not True Parents' Day, True Children's day, Day of All Things, or even the founding day of this nation. It is God's Day, and that is why it is the first day of the year. On this day, the day that marks the 37th True God's Day in the fourth year of Cheon II Guk, I hope all of you will remember this and remain faithful as we march toward the new heaven and earth.◆

Endnote:

1 A recently published book of essential content drawn from the 400 volumes of Father's speeches. Its Korean title is *Cheon Sung-Gyeong* [$A\mu^{000}$ Ê]. It was published in Japan and will likely be republished in Korea.

True Parents' Birthday Tribute



THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORONAT CHEONG PYEONG HEAVEN AND EARTH TRAINING CENTER

Father's sermon at the commemorative service of the fourth anniversary of the Coronation of God's Kingship, held at the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center on January 4, 2004.

HERE are many revolutions and reforms and the like going on in the world, but our Unification Church members, as well as God Himself, emphasize revolution on a fundamental level. A revolution means more than a basic change or reform.

The first target for such a revolution is our bodies. Whatever we possess in the world of material in which we have been living up until now, every possession that is connected to our physical bodies, and the entire creation, has been the bait that Satan has used to trap us. Now the problem that is facing us is how we can institute a revolution that can bring us into harmony and connect us to our original minds. Until now we have not known to bring this about.

So what revolution are we talking about? Repeat after me: We must pass beyond the era of revolution through indemnity!

Our bodies are the main problems. Centering on our physical bodies, the external world, the entire universe, is in the sphere of lamentation. That is why in chapter eight of the book of Romans it talks of "groaning in travail."

Through offering sacrifices from the creation, we were able to move to the position of adopted sons, and now it is up to us to completely rid this suffering world of Satan, so that no trace remains. That is restoration through indemnity. You must know that in order to complete restoration through indemnity, we need to go over the hill of revolution through indemnity.

So what is first? [The era of revolution through indemnity.] When we've accomplished that, Satan will no longer be able to reside in our bodies and oppose our consciences. The next revolution we need is one of conscience. Through a revolution of conscience, the lineage will be transformed; the path of love, life and lineage will be transformed.

That is because after the first revolution has been carried out, we will be in the positions of Adam and Eve before the Fall. Adam and Eve's consciences did not play their proper roles. Because of the Fall, the conscience, which should have guided the body, has instead been controlled by it. Before you can cross over to the next stage, that of revolution of heart, you must go beyond revolution of conscience, a revolution that absorbs everything connected with the satanic world. The second point, therefore, is to go beyond the time of the revolution of conscience.

The next step is to be one with the realm of heart of the blessing, by purifying your lineages from the individual level to that of the family, tribe, ethnic group, nation, world and cosmos. You cannot enter the kingdom of heaven if you are not one with the realm of the heart of the blessing.

Even once you've gone through revolution of conscience so your body and mind are united, at least three generations from your families–which have lost the four great realms of heart– must be established on earth. Otherwise, the realm of heart in relation to God, your parents, your husband or wife, your children, your kin, your nation, and heaven and earth will be lost. You must understand that only when you have gone through



a revolution of heart can the era of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom finally emerge.

You cannot take part in bringing about God's fatherland if you persist in the errant ways of the world. You must go through revolution through indemnity. Unless you overturn everything in the world that your body has liked, you cannot free your conscience or revolutionize it. Unless you go through conditions of indemnity, you cannot separate yourself from Satan or the material world.

The major attributes of God, who is centered on true love, are absolute love, unique love, unchanging love and eternal love. You must center on the standards that are based on God's attributes. The members of the Unification Church are already aware of the fact that God's four major attributes are the mainstream of the spiritual world and the realm of heart in their everyday lives, and since they already know this, they will not have problems bringing about revolution.

If your finger is infected, you must boldly cut off that finger before the infection spreads to the rest of your body. You do not need anyone else for this task; you can cut it off yourself. The world of desire centered on your physical bodies has connected itself to heaven and earth, even to the spirit world. It

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has completely surrounded God's throne, so God has remained imprisoned until now. All this was brought about because we have not carried out the revolution through indemnity. If you want to go through revolution through indemnity, you must get rid of what blocks the one-way street to your absolute conscience.

This is an Old Testament Age task. Therefore, as man was defiled, we must shed blood to purify ourselves just as the Israelites went through circumcision to purify themselves. After circumcising yourself, you must be baptized, and afterwards consecrate a holy marriage. That is only logical.

The anniversary of God's coronation ceremony is on January 13, but we are celebrating it today. The most important part of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God is for you to participate in the celebration and to become representatives of God. For the individuals, families, nations and the world to come under the kingship of God they must walk the path of indemnity.

How much blood has been shed in paying indemnity? Material things, the tangible things that we can see, are our enemies. They work as the devices of the enemy. You must cut yourselves off entirely from these things. You must throw away all your property, even your nation, into the Pacific Ocean. In the same way that God may cast someone aside on judgment day, you must throw everything you have into the Pacific Ocean as food for the fish.

At the time of the great flood, Noah's family did not achieve the realm of liberation through absolute heart, absolute conscience and absolute indemnity. As a result, the family of Noah brought about the second fall: the sons and daughters did not become one with their parents. The scars of the Fall were passed down to Noah's descendants.

Now that we have become owners who can do away with all the problems caused in the past, we can stand in the third era¹, in the position of the three lords of creation–the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. From such a position, we need to restore Satan [Lucifer], to liberate him from hell, into which he has been cast, and to reinstate him in his original position. You must understand that we need revolution through indemnity for all this to happen. Everything must be cleared up and accounts settled. As a means of bringing this about, I have instituted a movement for the revival and purification of the blessed families, and on that basis declared the unification of everything.

To explain all these complicated and intertwined details in simpler words, revolution through indemnity is the most important thing. You must be ready to cut off your finger, to cut off every infected part of your body if need be, in order to prevent the infection from spreading to the other parts of the body. You must ruthlessly control yourself.

That's why I tell you to fast, to serve others, making effort till your blood vessels burst. I am not telling you vaguely what to do. These are not abstract ideas. This is real, connected, in each moment, to our real life. What that means is that if we do not effect a revolution through indemnity, every moment we breathe we will be driven away from going through that revolution. Because of the connection to the material world! That is why in the Unification Church we ask you to make the total living offering and forget your possessions....

What is the foundation for the Messiah? It was for Israel, for the Jewish people, to make the foundation for revolution through indemnity, and transcending the eras of the individual, family, tribe and nation, to welcome the Messiah as their parent, completely change their lineage and connect themselves to God's true love, true life and true lineage. However, they made a very serious mistake.

They should have gone through the era of revolution of conscience and gone on to the era of revolution of heart, but they could not do so. What is the meaning of the phrase "chosen people"? What is needed is a revolution of the body. Unless they [the chosen people] become the citizens, form the nation, and have the sovereignty that can resolve to cast the wealth of the nation of Israel, the nation itself, and everything in it into a fire-do away with everything-they cannot go over the hill of revolution through indemnity. Without a revolution through indemnity there can't be an era of liberation through the revolution of conscience. You must understand this.

First, before you offer any more prayers, you should achieve



a revolution through indemnity. Who has accomplished that? The Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have given their own flesh and blood to accomplish this on your behalf. After establishing the basis for liberation, they even went through a revolution of conscience.

Your body and mind are fighting, aren't they? Well, are they or not? Unless the mind, the conscience, holds absolute authority over the body and can exercise enough power over the body such that you could cut off your flesh and skin and feed it to eagles, and grind your bones down to the marrow to be used as manure, you cannot achieve a revolution of conscience.

If your conscience does not go through revolution, you cannot enter the realm of the revolution of heart. Although you know about God, your mind and body are not united, so you cannot serve Him as your parent. Every one of your cells must be able to recognize your active and vibrating self. You should be united with God to the extent that when He feels sadness you feel sadness instantly; when He feels happiness, you feel it instantly. It should be like this every day of your lives.

Only then can you draw up the royal laws of the realm of the royal family, centered on revolution of heart, which can move the internal nation of God's kingdom. At present, the laws of ordinary nations are becoming the laws of the heavenly nation. It is the responsibility of you blessed members to correct this situation on behalf of God, True Parents and the Parents

of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Though you are fallen individuals, you will not have any problems correcting the situation because you have learned how the history of liberation works through conditions of indemnity....

Only when God's heart and your heart are entirely united can the heirs to the eternal world of God come into being; that is how you can inherit this world. At present, there is no one who can inherit God's world. How can you inherit it, if your body and mind are in constant conflict? That's the way it is. Revolution of heart!

You can become citizens of the kingdom of heaven only when you become representative sons and daughters of God, in the position of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, because only then can God come to you personally and discuss things with you. If there are many people in the royal family, if there are many brothers and sisters in the family, once the central sibling inherits the kingship, the others can form a protec-



tive fence around him on the level of the family, ethnic group and nation. This protective barrier will protect the sovereignty for tens of thousands of years, so that no one can attack it. Since God, and even the cosmos, will protect the sovereignty in addition to that protective barrier, nothing could cause any kind of harm to the sovereignty. I hope you will renew your resolve to become members of the royal family and to become the fence that protects the sovereignty....

What did I say comes first? [Revolution through indemnity!] Revolution through indemnity means denying the body. You must put yourself in the fire. There cannot be personal possessions. You should know that if you have any private possessions, you cannot achieve revolution by indemnity. How can you have personal things when you know very well that you are the descendants of the fallen archangel? It is the same as buying stolen goods. When you buy stolen goods, you must return them to their rightful owner, and restore the situation to its original state. The main purpose of having a body is to provide room for the conscience to reside and grow, so anything the body desires that opposes the conscience, should be cast away.

Revolution through indemnity should be connected to the beginning of revolution of conscience. All the nutrients taken in by your body should help the conscience to grow. You must transform, in a revolutionary way, anything that does not do so, especially those things that, rather than help the conscience



grow, suppress and fight it. With this confidence in the revolution of conscience, you, as a representative of the God of heart who represents the cosmos, and with perfected Adam and Eve and their family at the center, must go beyond the realm of revolution of heart, which is rooted in God's true love, true life and true bloodline.

In this realm, the settlement of noon will be ever-present; night will not exist. In this realm, where the sun shines constantly over your head and so casts no shadow, you will become one in heart with God, you will be

united with His body, lineage, life and love, and have the same value as the realm of oneness in heart. You will take the same position as and live in the same realm as God. Thus, you will be enthroned as heirs to the cosmos. This realm will be one of absolute liberation and freedom. Amen!

From now on, every step you take will be part of the process of restoration through indemnity, the revolution through indemnity. Every step you take will take you closer to the conscience, which until now has not been able to control the



body. You must experience God's love. You must be in a position to give directions to others based on the heart of God. In order to be in that position, you must cleanse yourself over and over and over again, until there is not a trace left of the stain of Satan's love. You will automatically be on the path to that position.

When you reach the standard in which your conscience can give orders to your body and it obeys them voluntarily, after your conscience has gone through revolution, you will connect automatically to the tradition of love. Then your families will be able to spread out horizontally throughout the heavens and the earth, in the era of the settlement of families of the Cosmic Parent of love, the loving Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the loving Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Your families will become factories creating the realm of the royal family of the heavenly nation. Everything will turn out as God had desired on the foundation of three revolutions and on the basis of the restoration of independence to God's fatherland. Amen! You must understand this clearly.

Claiming that your bodies belong to you is like rejecting revolution through indemnity, revolution of conscience, and revolution of heart. These revolutions will surely happen in the not too distant future. The Fall was brought about because Satan centered on the material, on physical love. You must therefore cleanse yourselves and always be on the same path as God, so that He can use your bodies any time He wants, as their owner. Today's celebration is significant in that through it we can become the owners who are unashamed in front of the creation.

What comes first? [Revolution through indemnity!] What comes next? [Revolution of conscience!] And what is third? [Revolution of heart!] You must go through these revolutions; you must be able to claim your conscience and your body as your own. You must be able to tell your body that since your conscience has been revolutionized, your body should be revolutionized as well.

Next, tell your body, "Since I've passed through the realm of the conscience in the world of heart, you should too! Everything exists as my object, to help me in serving Heaven. As a created being, you exist to nurture the element of love bestowed to you by the Creator. That is your original purpose, isn't it?" It is my hope and wish that you, as the owners of your own bodies, will continue to live thus, that you will lead righteous lives and that you will not fall and stray from your path. I also hope that you will record what I've told you today, safely keep it, and pass it on to your descendants to come.

Everyone who pledges to do so, raise your right hands in solemn oath! Now raise your left hands and make the oath! Lift



True Parents with Hoon-sook nim and members of their family celebrating the twentieth anniversary of holy wedding to Heungjin nim. Hoon-sook nim is holding Shin-wol nim, the daughter whom Hyo-jin nim and Yun-ah nim offered to their couple.

your faces and pledge to do it! [We pledge!]

From now on, the celebration of God's coronation will be held on January 4. Because what I have proclaimed today is the last declaration and is in accordance with the declaration of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom, we will hold a celebration on this day from next year.

Today is a very important day. It is a day that has won over True God's Day, the Day of Victory of Love, and the realm of death. January 3 is Jesus Christ's birthday, and January 4 will be the day of the birth of the restoration of the independence of God's fatherland. You must remember that today is the day on which God's kingship and the kingship of the parents were begun on the foundation of the beginning of God's fatherland. This celebration is a great and historic event that will bring about a great transition in the world. Now that we are almost at the conclusion of this celebration, you must resolve to connect this celebration to your everyday lives and to become exemplary people whose life courses and those of the people around you are shining.

You must carry out such a celebration as this one, through which you can meet God face to face before you meet True Parents. Things have changed now, which is why before having breakfast or some good thing, you must first offer it before God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. That is a condition that you have to set.

It was part of the old tradition to throw part of one's food away from the table to pacify Satan. You also keep such a tradition: realizing you are going to continue with the revolutionary task that lies before you, you must blow on your food three times before you eat.

If you don't have holy salt, you should blow three times as a ritual of purification. You must know that if you do not carry out this task as seriously as you would any other religious rite, you will lose the privilege of being a citizen of the heavenly nation.

You must understand that unless you leave behind you a path of more devotion than Christians or Muslims or Hindus, you cannot become the heirs to the sovereignty of the heavenly nation. I hope you will keep this in mind, and become the rightful heirs.

Endnote:

1 A reference to the third millennium and the era of the restoration of God's dominion, coming after the age of faith.



Leadership Based on Core Values

Hyun-fin Moon

An excerpt from a speech Hyunjin nim gave to the leaders and core members of

World-CARP Korea, entitled "Substantiating the Culture of Heart Through the Embodiment of Core Values," at Cheong Pyeong Training Center on January 1.

HAT is the first component of our Core Values? Living for the sake of others or living for the greater good! You cannot go on a public mission with a self-centered motivation. The reason you go on a public mission should be because you want to live for the sake of others. What's the second component? You have to become an owner.

I'm sure you are thinking, "Hyun-jin nim is a member of the True Family, so he hasn't suffered any hardship." But that is not true. I have gone through all sorts of hardships. So I know what hardship is. Yet it is not a bad thing. The more hardships you go through, the stronger you become because you have to overcome them. And at the same time, God raises you through that. In other words, if you can be victorious in your hardship, you will go up. That's why you should have ownership. Especially, when you look at a vision or a goal, you can't think that that is someone else's. You have to make it yours, and then you have to focus 100 percent, 200 percent on that vision or goal....

Core values as the qualities of leadership

Before I came here, I listened to Kyung-hyo's¹ report of the CARP leader of Sangnoksu CARP center in the Gyeonggi region. I like listening to that kind of report because it tells exactly what I'm talking about right now. I like that kind of CARP leader. If you seek a model of leadership, you can use him. I have often told you, "I want to be a leader of leaders, not a leader of followers." The leader of followers will lose a war every time. Yet CARP should win every battle, right? In order to do that, I have to become a leader of leaders. Okay, Kyung-hyo, you explain to them about him.

[Summary of Kim Kyung-hyo's report: The Sangnoksu CARP center was established in 1980 and started out from a small room that

was leased. As the years went by, the center faced many difficulties moving from house to house, and in the end they were faced with the crisis of losing the center. At that time, the current center leader. Sun Ioo-sam took the post as the center leader and initiated a movement to rebuild the center. Yet He faced so many tribulations including a car accident where he and his family were severely injured. One of his children even went to the spirit world. But he did not waver: rather he continued to invest to bring success in his mission. And his members united with him and began to lay the spiritual foundations for the center with their tears, sweat and blood while he was hospitalized for almost one year. Despite this difficult situation and many sacrifices, the center leader, students and all members at the center took owner*ship–without receiving any help from the* headquarters-and combined their efforts to *finally re-establish the center.*]

Wow. In my eyes he is a true leader. I have never met him, but I really want to meet him. Think about it. If the headquarters had helped him, do you think he could have brought this kind of result? Could the center members and the leader have become the owners of that building? That's why no matter how hard it is, you must overcome it. Then God will help you and work through you. That's how God raises you. In other words, if you overcome the hardships in the beginning, you will obtain a good result in the end.

The Core Values that I'm teaching you–living for the greater good, ownership, teamwork, and dream big–are the qualities of true leadership. In other words, if you want to become a leader, you need these qualities. Especially here in this report, you saw ownership. If you become an owner, you can accomplish things that are bigger than your



dreams. Once you do that, you will have more confidence so you will be able to expand that even further. That is ownership.

Think about it. You didn't believe me when you first heard me say, CARP is going to grow really big, and we are going to have a rally mobilizing 10,000 people here in Korea and 100,000 people in Japan. What did CARP have at the time? CARP in Korea had been dismantled: but three years later, how much has it changed? Why do you think I had such confidence? Because I was an arrogant person? Because I thought I was smart enough to do that? No! Because I had such confidence through all the hardships I had gone through. Why am I sending you out to STF, fundraising or witnessing? Because I want to raise you as leaders through this kind of training.

Importance of experience-based education

When you go out witnessing and fundraising, you have to look at that experience through the lens of the Core Values to internalize it and to get the lessons from it for your own personal enrichment and growth. If you're able to look at the experience from that perspective and internalize the lessons from it, you will naturally grow; and in the process of naturally growing you will actually start to embody the Core Values. Once you embody them, you will naturally be a leader. In other words, you will naturally embody the qualities of leadership. That's why one of things I'm doing in CARP is actually changing from traditional forms of education....

If you actually think about the mechanics of education, God had already instilled the mechanics of education within the original family. How do you learn about love? Can you know what love is by reading a book written by someone with a Ph.D.? You have to experience it. You know that it exists because you've experienced it. So the original way that people should have learned things that are broad in scope and of great depth, things that affect our inner compass, such as values, love, and so on, was through experience-that is, direct give-and-take action.

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Ambassadors for Peace Awards Honoring Leadership in Reconciliation and Peacemaking

February 4, 2004

Washington, DC

Testimony to True Parents

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings

Archbishop Stallings spoke before representatives of Congress and reli-



gious leaders at the Ambassadors for Peace Awards held on February 4 in Washington, DC. His speech was given as the introduction to the coronation ceremony in which crowns of peace and glory were offered to True Parents. He is chairman of the Executive Committee of the 20,000-member American

Clergy Leadership Conference.

Good evening, family. For we are one family, brothers and sisters one to another, because we have one God, who is father and mother of us all; and we can celebrate the richness of our diversity and be brothers and sisters one to another. What our eyes have seen and what our ears have heard surely is indicative of the work and the presence of God among us, and God is manifested in the lives of those who accept His call to take on the mantle of messiah and to truly transform this earth to become the kingdom of heaven right here on earth.

We have heard and we have seen the tremendous, unprecedented work of persons, especially in the person of the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, in bringing about a world of true and lasting peace. I know of no other person who has committed all of his resources, who lives for the sake of others, who challenges us to love our enemies-who talks the talk but walks the talk-and has shown us how to bring about a world of lasting peace. This gathering would not be possible tonight if it had not been for that vision of which the distinguished gentleman from the State of Illinois, the honorable Danny Davis spoke of tonight, this visionary. It would not have happened without the visionary, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. It would not have happened, and we would not be witnessing the walls being torn down, and men and women coming together and loving each other in spite of our race, our culture, our ethnicity, our socio-geo-political background. We would not see this happening anywhere else in the world, where the family of humanity is being brought together as one.

What shall we call such a person who has the capacity to do such things? How do we begin to describe someone who brings the races together? We know of the division of race. The distinguished gentleman from Utah, Congressman Cannon, spoke about that tonight, how we have allowed race to separate and divide us, but yet we are coming together as one people. What shall we call someone who has the capacity to do that, to get us to look beyond ourselves? You know, I read a quote on the Internet, from my brother Imam Bundakji, just the other day; and it said that if you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed. And I think that we have become so wrapped up in ourselves that we are so overdressed that we cannot recognize each other as brothers and sisters. And Father Moon has done that. He has allowed us to see the God in each other. He has allowed us to remove the barriers that have separated and divided us. He has challenged us to love our enemies. He lives for the sake of others, and if anyone walks among us and tells us to do that, we should recognize



him and honor him and acknowledge that he bears a mantle–he bears the mantle of the messiah. He bears the mantle of one who walks in the likeness and in the manner of God. For we should not look any longer for the messiah to come on a white horse, appearing out of the west, coming with a paddy wagon of jewelry and riches of the world.

No, we should look for the one who will roll up his sleeves and gets down on the ground like all of us and show us how to





become brothers and sisters one to another. That's what the messiah comes to do. That's what we ought to look for. We ought to start looking for the messiah in each other. We need to look for the presence of God in each other and stop looking for some imaginary white knight on a white horse coming to save humanity. If humanity is to be saved, you and I must save it and we must save it with someone who has the vision and the stamina and the determination to forsake all else and lead us on the pathway to peace. I thank God that I lived to see the presence of a man and woman

standing together as the True Parents of heaven and earth, who are willing to march through hell for a heavenly cause and willing to stand up and bring all us together in this one room to love each other as brothers and sisters. Find someone else who will do what we have seen and heard tonight, and I will show you where the kingdom of God is.

The kingdom of God is right here in this place, and I think we ought to stand to our feet and praise God for allowing us to

be alive to see a man and a woman who have stood together as husband and wife and as the True Parents of all humanity and led us to this place, where we can truly say we have seen Heaven tonight; and it sure looks good.◆

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Celebrating the Birthday of Jesus

On January 3, 2004, True Parents hosted a special birthday celebration for Jesus, the first such celebration since his coronation. We are presenting Daemo nim's speech on that occasion(translated from the transcript of her words in Korean) in which she explains how Jesus is working in the current providence.

HEN Cheong Pyeong started, Father said "Cheong Pyeong is the restored and perfected garden of Eden. In the restored, perfected garden of Eden, restore and perfect people." With this, I looked around everywhere in the spiritual world, from heaven to hell. I had to know the spirit world, and I had made conditions in the spirit world to precisely understand the purpose of the Creation, the world after the Fall, Satan and the evil world. I spent three years learning those things.

I had made conditions for three years in the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center to restore and perfect people. I feel sad when I look at heaven and hell in the spiritual world. God created in order to live happily. After the Creation, Adam and Eve fell. After the Fall, God assigned important figures to restore mankind, but because of evil, the spirit world is not the comfortable world that we imagine.

Maybe you think paradise and heaven are mainly what the spiritual world consists of, but evil, namely Satan's work, has developed strongly. Eighty percent of the spiritual world is evil, overshadowing paradise and heaven. That evil world is the strongest world. There, if a small light or small lamp exists, everyone wants to grab it as an aid to getting to paradise or heaven. True Parents came from heaven to earth. We are living in attendance of True Parents. We know how noble they are, but in the spiritual world that nobility is beyond words.

If we look at the world of Satan, the settled, evil world, our desire to serve True Parents increases, and their nobility would

be recognized as great. True Parents have set such powerful indemnity conditions and have had us set up small indemnity conditions. We haven't fulfilled our responsibility though, so True Parents' road is a difficult one.

When we read what Father has proclaimed up until 2003, it looks as if he is late in proclaiming things. If we think about our accomplishments though, and the degree to which our character has changed, the proclamations seem to have come too early.

The coronation of the king of the blessed families that True Parents held on February 6 [2003] should have taken place earlier. As it is, they held the ceremony three years earlier than our preparations warranted. We haven't accomplished our responsibility and we have not changed. They proclaimed the nation of the fourth Israel. From their point of view, it is late; but from our point of view, things have advanced a lot. In the case of the Abel-type UN, True Parents' progress can be seen. In the spirit world I saw the world of evil, and I met

> and spoke to the four great saints. They said that the nobility of True Parents' was beyond words.

As you know, the four great saints are very confident. In their minds they think of that nobility, and with their lips they speak of it. From this, we can understand how great True Parents are and what kind of people they are.

Flowers offered by representatives of

Judeo-Christianity

The four great saints testified that they are drawn to respect True Parents, because of the depth of True Parents' true love. They have true love. They are true love. True Parents' true love for us is beyond words. They understand original sin, but the four great saints didn't

The Heart of Cheong Pyeong

One brother shares his heart about Daemo nim and Hoonmo nim while attending the 40-day leaders workshop

n January 19, we celebrated the 9th anniversary of the Cheong Pyeong providence with Heung-jin nim, Daemo nim and Hoonmo nim. One of the elder Cheong Pyeong staff members, who has been here since the beginning of this providence, shared deeply with tears about Daemo nim and Hoonmo nim and the conditions they have made (and continue to make) so that the blessed central families can fulfill True Parents' hopes for their lives, and stop living lives full of sin and fallen nature.

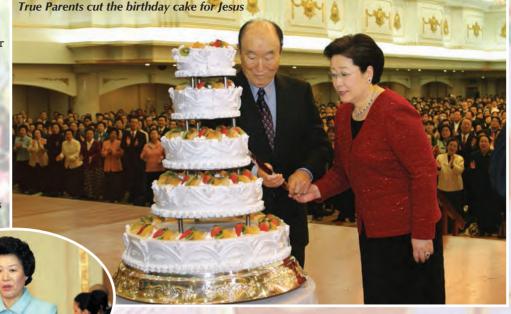
Even now, Hoonmo nim is up all night making so many conditions for the leaders here to help our churches and missions. She's so much

Joshua Cotter President of CARP in America

True Parents are and she can see where each of us is at spiritually; so she is desperate, even unto her life, to comfort God and True Parents and help us to save ourselves. Hoonmo nim is my elder sister! She's just one year older than me. What could each of us do if we were willing to die for God's will? I shed many tears again thinking how much God must love this daughter who has taken on this incredible burden and mission. Father said, "When you are willing to go the way of death, you will receive the highest love of God."◆ understand it. This is the difference. The four great saints explained it like this.

Father and Mother blessed the four great saints. When they received the blessing, they were so happy. They said, "Thank you very much. We will work hard." So in the spiritual world they are working hard to solve the tangled problems on earth. They are struggling to educate people and engraft them with True Parents' Principle.

Jesus truly feels grateful for True Parents' letting people know when his real birthday is. Through the work in Cheong Pyeong, notably



from 1992 to 1994¹ and this past December 22 to 25,² the Christian culture has been cut free.

On December 22 at midnight, Heung-jin nim said "This December 24 and 25 a major event will occur." I wondered what kind of thing would happen. Heung-jin nim mentioned it again on December 23, also at midnight: "Jesus will come. Jesus will work." So when Jesus came, I asked what kind of work he would do. Jesus said

that True Parents had resolved all of his grief. He said he was thankful for receiving the blessing, and that his coronation as king of the Jews was an unexpected joy. During that event, he was thanking the people who had come to participate but they did not recognize that he was there. So then he came to Cheong Pyeong.

Jesus said, "True Parents want a world without pain, a world without disease for all those on earth, and also in the spiritual world. I will begin working at Cheong Pyeong during *ansu* to offer something back to True Parents."

I've heard a lot from angels and from Jesus while working in Cheong Pyeong. We have to keep the things that Jesus said in mind. In the Bible the miracles that Jesus performed did not just happen instantly. It was like it is at Cheong Pyeong nowadays: Jesus separated the evil spirits from people and miracles happened-blind men recovered their sight, mute people spoke and lepers were healed. These things happened because evil spirits were separated from the people in the same way it happens at Cheong Pyeong. At that time, there were angels who worked with Jesus and twelve disciples who supported him, and other people. Jesus wanted to bring them and do the same things in Cheong Pyeong. Today, absolutely good spirits who have been blessed, Cheong Pyeong angels and spirit people brought by Jesus worked together with Jesus and Heung-jin nim to do *ansu* for us and cleanse the evil spirits from us. Many miracles happened. I regret that members from all over the world weren't able to come. I wish they could have. It happened so suddenly. I announced it on the Internet and called, but only the small hall was full. Jesus came and said, "Thank you, True Parents. Thank you for your benediction prayer and for holding such a service on my birthday."

Since 2004 began, things have changed completely. God's fatherland has been built, peace has been proclaimed, as has the era of the peace kingdom. Now, we can feel the existence of God, His omniscience and omnipotence.

In response to the amazing work of True Parents, Jesus is looking for a way to repay them. They blessed Jesus and remembered him through holding a coronation ceremony for him, and are now marking his birthday. Jesus doesn't want True Parents to regret, but, rather, feel they did well to do these things. From 2004 he wants to work in a way that everyone can see with their own eyes. Jesus was very happy. I have seen him a few times while working in Cheong Pyeong, but today he is the happiest I have ever seen him. Jesus' character is a little bit mild. I've noticed the mildness of his character in the past when listening to him speak or observing his behavior, but since his coronation ceremony, he is brave and very strong.

I think Jesus has changed, when he helps brothers and sisters of the Unification family and people on earth who have disease, he can began a new historic era with great work.

The word "blessed" in the term "blessed families" means we ought to live happily and joyfully.

Now, if our God, our True Parents, our absolute good spirits, our angels, the four great saints, and we work hard, everything can be accomplished. Have confidence. Don't forget that God and Heung-jin nim have asked you to work for three hours a day in neighborhood and community outreach. The spiritual world is a place we go to with results and love. So we have to have these and be filial sons and daughters to True Parents, who have lived for the sake of others and worked hard.

I hope brothers and sisters will live well from this year on. May you be people who can stand proudly in front of God and True Parents and in front of Satan. Please become valuable families who can receive the love of God and True Parents.

With this, I will conclude my speech. Thank you.



Hyun-jin Moon, President of World-CARP From his acceptance speech on behalf of True Parents

A VISION OF PEACE



WANT to congratulate each and every one of you who have received the mantle of peace to become Peace Ambassadors. I hope you truly can own that vision that my father has owned ever since he was a young boy, that he has passed to my family and that he has

passed to countless others who have rallied to his call....

It would be a lot better if my parents were here in person, but as you know, my father is 84. We just celebrated his 84th birthday. (Applause) And he has spent 60 years globetrotting all around the world, spreading his message of peace-the message that was rooted in the ideal of one God-centered family, recognizing that humanity is one because of God's divine energy and force as a supreme father and mother, our parent.

Even though he wanted to be here, the travel from Korea to the United States just for this one event, as my mother recommended, would be a little bit taxing. So since I was in the United States anyway, I could be the relief pitcher–I was called to come down and receive this on their behalf. I know that they are truly thankful for the appreciation that you have shown of their life's work. Thank you very much.◆

Rev. Michael Jenkins, FFWPU-USA President From his account of the event to members worldwide

TE sincerely thank you for your prayers and sacrifices to make the February 4th event a very historic and central dispensational victory for God's providence. Many internal and external challenges came to block this historic event. Our mission was to transfer the victory of the coronation ceremony of December 22 to the World through the same ceremony being conducted in Washington D.C. In this ceremony the Jewish Leaders supported by Christians and Moslems gave Jesus a crown as the King of Peace and the King of Israel, reconciling the division of his family and setting the condition that would remove the enmity between Muslims/Arabs and the Jews centering on Palestine and Israel. Then Muslims presented the Jews with a Menorah [a holy candelabrum for seven or nine candles] for peace with love and respect and the Christians presented the Muslim leaders with a robe of anointing and respect proclaiming repentance and honoring Muhammad (PBUH) as God's prophet. Upon that foundation True Parents were proclaimed as being anointed by Jesus as the Messiah and Savior. Transferring this ceremony to America was most historic and serious. If the conditions had not been right, the way to expand this victory to the world would have been blocked. The event also had to receive the support and blessing of political leaders representing America, the Second Israel and the Elder Son Nation.

Ambassadors for Peace throughout America were also honored for Leadership in Reconciliation and Peacemaking. They all received "Crowns of Peace." Many of the Ambassadors for Peace had gone with us on one of the Pilgrimages to



the Holy Land including to the Gaza strip, risking their lives for reconciliation.

Forty Congressmen and two U.S. Senators and representatives from the Bush Administration attended the event. It was certainly a great drama in history. Just forty hours before the event a poison attack closed the Senate Dirksen building that was to be the location of this historic event. Within 24 hours before the event AFC leader Jim Flynn and Rev. Jenkins finalized the plans with Rev. Kwak and Dr. Yang to move the event to the Reagan building. Most would conclude that this made it almost impossible for the Coronation and Reconciliation to go forward.

But we live in the Peace Kingdom. Event Co-Chairman Congressman Danny Davis and Congressmen Chris Cannon refused to waiver. The event went forward and through the sacrifice and diligence of the great American Leadership Coalition network of leaders the Senators and Congressmen also did not waiver.

The Coronation of Jesus and the Reconciliation of the Children of Abraham was successfully transferred to the world and then on that foundation. Congressman Davis and Utah State Senator in a procession led by Pastor T.L. Barrett representing Christianity, supported by a Muslim Leader (Dr. Hassan Amer) and a Jewish Leader (Dr. M. Nahum) and then joined by Imam Bundakji, Imam Kiwan, Sheik Ali Birani, Father Hatum (of Nazareth), Imam Jodeh, Rev. Jesse Edwards, Dr. Gloria Wright, Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings presented the Crown of Peace and Glory to True Parents who were represented by Mr. Hyun-jin Moon and Mrs. Jun-sook Moon.

Rev. Jenkins announced that Jesus had anointed Father and

Mother Moon and they now stand as the Messiah, Savior and True Parents of Humanity. On this day of February 4, 2004, the Glory of God was revealed on the earth. Each and every ambassador for peace was then commissioned to receive their anointing that they also must become messiahs, saviors and ultimately true parents to their families, tribes, communities, nations and the whole world.◆

Photograph below: True Parents present Rev. and Mrs. Kwak with a plaque for their work in America. The presentation took place on February 7, at Hannam-dong residence in Seoul, following Rev. Kwak's report on his return from the Ambassadors for Peace Awards Ceremony.



The Dusty Rose of Afghanistan

Working to restore the peace and beauty of a nation

by Marilyn Angelucci

Marilyn Angelucci, national messiah to Afghanistan, visited there towards the end of last year with Etsuko Yamanoi, general secretary of WFWP for that country.

THE ROSES were growing big and strong on the side of the road with a thick cover of dust over each and every one. Driving down the road we were detoured by a parade of military vehicles and personal, evidence of the instability of the territory. As we took the detour the road became a cavern and only hefty



Hearts warm yet broken

vehicles could survive. The abandoned vehicles littering the countryside reminded us of the pain and despair haunting the hearts of each of the survivors. Like ghosts of the past they reminded us of the tremendous loss these people have experienced. Hoping that we would stop to buy their wares, the people smiled as we drove by. Their hearts were warm yet broken, covered by dust like the land; they seemed to be wondering, "Have we been forgotten?" The forgotten land, Afghanistan!

It wasn't our first time in Kabul, so we had some friends to meet us at the airport. That was fortunate because it was chaotic; enough to make an unfamiliar person feel scared. That day was filled with visiting friends and renewing old relationships. The purpose of our visit was research and investigation. Basically we wanted to find the right people to work with to achieve our goals. We had three projects in mind: peace education, health services support, and a medical student scholarship project.

The guesthouse where we stayed proved to be a great support for our investigation. The visitors there were all from UN Agencies and other high profile international NGOs. It was there that I met Dr. Seddiq Weera. When he heard the word "peace" in our organization's name, his face beamed with delight. He told me that he too was working for peace with UNICEF, and that they were working on peace education to be incorporated into the school curriculum. Just the night before I was praying, wondering how a one person like me could approach UNICEF with our IEF material. I was twice as delighted as Dr. Weera to hear the word ipeaceî coming from his lips. We had lunch together the next day and shared our experiences. He is an Afghan professor working with McMaster College in Canada in the Peace Studies department. He has come back to Afghanistan to help his people in the reconstruction process. He was impressed with our material and especially impressed with our approach to the peace process through character education. We are planning to do some seminars together next year for government officials and leaders of the society.

Our second key contact was a national consultant with the Ministry of Health (MOH). Dr. Ahmad Shah Saledi was of great assistance to us. He helped us to locate the hospitals and medical clinics that need assistance. With his permission we visited Indira Gandhi Hospital for Children and Malehi Women's Hospital. This could give us a first hand view of the limited medical services that are available to the public. We have collected a list of needs from one Clinic in Kabul and will be working on providing those much-needed items in the next year through WFWP.

Through Dr. Ahmad Shah Seddiq, we were introduced to an organization, Help the Afghan Children¹, that is working with schools as well as running their own health clinics and supplying medicine to others. Dr. Aziz Shamal, the director, was immediately interested in our work. Together we toured the provinces of Kapisa and Parwan, where we toured schools that they have been supporting. We visited one school of 800 girls, where we made a donation of notebooks and pens. We could also see another school under construction–financed by Help the Afghan Children–where these girls will move in the spring. Another day we visited a school in Bagman, close to the foothills surrounding the city of Kabul. This school was



completed with the help of the **Oprah Winfrey Foundation** in partnership with Help the Afghan Children. It is now fully functioning, providing a full curriculum, as well as peace education developed with the help of Dr. Seddiq. Help the Afghan Children has five model schools throughout Afghanistan, where they are providing peace education and training the teachers in the latest teaching methods. All this is done with the encouragement of the Ministry of Education. On seeing the great work of this organization, we decided to give them some support in the

form of money to pay for the desks and chairs for the 800 students in their school in Kapisa. They were very grateful to receive \$5,000 for this purpose. We look forward to continuing cooperation with this organization, especially because we feel that their approach to this work is similar to that of WFWP. They are empowering the people, especially through education focused on building bridges and eliminating barriers. We see this organization as being one of our major partners in our future work in Afghanistan.

Dr. Aziz Piaman, Deputy Minister of Planning actually was the original person to suggest giving a scholarship to a worthy university student as a substantial way to help the country. We were very happy to soon find the support of Mrs. Tatsumoto of the WFWP Miyasaki Branch, who suggested that this should be a graduate student in the field of medicine. In order to pursue our search for a qualified medical school graduate,



we visited the president of the Kabul Medical Institute, Prof. Cheragh Ali. He mentioned that giving students in a developing nation an opportunity to further their studies was a very practical and significant way to help the future of the country. He will gladly help in the selection process. Dr. Piaman also asked that we use his ministry in order to streamline the process in the most efficient way. We have the complete support of the government and look forward to expanding this project in the future.

This is an ongoing project of WFWP that has been successful in many countries and we are happy that now Afghanistan also can benefit.

I am very grateful to Mrs. Etsuko Yamanoi, General Secretary of WFWP, Afghanistan, for acquiring the funds for this trip and also accompanying me. Without her family's support and dedication to these projects nothing could have been accomplished. It is through families like this, who sacrifice for the sake of others ,that peace will come once again.

Endnote: 1 www.helptheafghanchildren.org/

Umberto and Marilyn Angelucci (2075 couples) currently live in New Delhi, India



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When you witness to outside students, teaching the Divine Principle, what will they learn if you yourselves don't live the Principle within the center? In other words, their only understanding of the Principle will be through how you embody the Principle within the center, will it not? If you embody a wrong culture, that is the first thing they will pick up on. So it doesn't necessarily matter what you say, what is more important is what you are and what you represent. Does that sound right or wrong?...

So, do I think that there's the right culture within our movement, or not? If there's going to be hope for the second generation, if there's going to be anything that I can see to



True Parents with Hyun-jin nim's new book, "Owning the Culture of Heart"

commit my life to, it will be this: "to set the right culture in the Unification Movement." If the culture is right, then in terms of moving the rest of the world, the Cain-type world, no problem! What you have to do is you have to align your words and deeds. Then, when we go to the outside world, the outside world will recognize the value that we bring. There's no doubt about it in my mind. We cannot just say something that sounds good if we cannot substantiate it. It has to be substantiated. That is why, focused on the Core

Values initiative, I am waging this cultural war.

¹ Kim Kyung-hyo is president of Korea-CARP

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2....INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *without* religion. Do you realize what a great change reporting to Heaven in your own name without going through a medium is? When you consider these changes not only as changes in our church but in a broader sense, you will see that these changes took us out of the framework of religion-a historic change. This truly is a revolution. Such changes happened in 2000, and in 2001 the new, revolutionary era continued. As you may know, from 2001 many providential activities occurred, yet all under the supervision of True Parents. At each significant moment in the providence, True Parents carry out great public events. True Father once told us that communism advanced through demonstrations, whereas God's providence has advanced through public events. That is because such events convey the meaning of God's providence. In 2001 and 2002, there were a total of seven public events. First was the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God on January 13, 2001–a ceremony of great significance. The second was the rallies for the settlement of God's fatherland in July of the same year. God's fatherland is mentioned even in the motto for this year³. True Parents carried out those rallies across the nation, concluding with the historic speaking event entitled "Restoration of God's Fatherland," at the National Assembly building with the speaker and seventy congressmen in attendance. It was truly a magnificent rally.

And the rallies for the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity towards the end of 2001, at which time True Parents permitted us to have Cheon II Guk membership cards.

In 2002, there was the rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth [in June], followed by the Rally for the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth in August. After these two rallies came rallies for peace centering on the spirit world and the physical world. At that time, the messages from the spirit world were declared passionately across the nation. In October of the same year, the Rallies for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth were conducted in two rounds, at which time the Holy Burning Ceremony, through which we [symbolically] burnt away everything we pos-

sessed, was carried out. That's a total of seven rallies during the two years of 2001 and 2002.

As a result of these rallies, the owners of Cheon II Guk were found and restored. That brings us to 2003. In 2003 True Parents performed the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon II Guk on their birthday. In 2003, last year, True Parents held a marriage blessing ceremony with Mother wearing a wedding dress, on her sixtieth birthday. Why did they have a blessing ceremony? At the time of the founding of the Family Party, Father spoke of this as their "marriage registration." He also told us that we needed to register our marriages and births as well. What is the importance of this? As you can see, the Holy Wedding in 1960 marked the beginning of True Parents' course. At that time, they had not registered their marriage. Of course, they had registered their marriage in the family register kept by the government. They were married legally, under Satan's sovereignty. However, their marriage had not been registered before God. At the time of their first holy wedding, we were under Satan's sovereignty. God's sovereignty did not exist at all at that time. In 1960 their marriage was registered under Satan's sovereignty, and from the perspective of True Parents' providence, their course began at that time. Accordingly, they had children, raised them to





take their places when the time came and walked the path of the True Parents. On such a foundation, they performed the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and registered their marriage under God's sovereignty. In 2003, True Parents registered their marriage once more while standing on the foundation of the established sovereignty of God and told their children to register their births. In other words, through the marriage blessing ceremony, mankind's true ancestors of goodness were confirmed and firmly established. An hour after the marriage blessing ceremony ended, True Parents performed 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....

The holy marriage blessing ceremony began at seven o'clock in the morning; True Parents' final decisions regarding the ceremonies came at 4:30 in the morning. They had not decided regarding the ceremony until that morning. You don't know how nervous they were. When you work closely with True Parents, you realize how anxious they become as they prepare for each great ceremony. They cannot make the decisions by themselves. Until 4:30 AM they had not decided on how the ceremony was to proceed, and it was thus just a few hours before the ceremony was to take place that they gave instructions about it.

In any event, 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 was carried out with anxious True Parents. The invisible sovereignty of God took root on earth centering on the ancestors of goodness at the time of these two ceremonies last year.

If I were to give a name to 2003, I would call it the year of the Great Transition to the Realm of Dominion of the Ideal of Creation, which was declared on May 4. As part of the preparation for that ceremony, the historic founding of the Family Party took place in Seoul on March 10. At the May 4 ceremony True Parents gave us the slogan, "The renewal movement for the peace and unification of the realm of the first Israel is the ideal of the establishment of God's fatherland."

Through these ceremonies, we learned how we can establish God's fatherland here on earth.

We saw how God's sovereignty was established, and how the position of the ancestors of goodness was secured through the coronation of the king of blessed families. With that foundation firmly established, we needed to establish God's nation here on earth. We could do this by unraveling all the knots that were created over the course of history. The first, second and third nations of Israel had not united as one. To put it simply, we can attribute the providence not being fulfilled before to the fact that in the course of the history of God's providence, the Messiah was sent to the first Israel, but the people did not unite with him; and though God sent the Messiah to the second nation of Israel, they haven't united with him either. So the only way to untie all the knots thus created is to unite the first, the second and the third nations of Israel as one. The process of uniting them included the historic Jerusalem Declaration and the Washington Declaration. Of course, it also involved many international conferences, and making the peace declaration in three rounds [Jerusalem, Washington D.C. and Seoul] with representatives from each major faith and of the first, second and third nations of Israel.

On such a foundation, Father was able to declare the nation of the fourth Israel on August 20. The nation of the fourth Israel is not mentioned once in any of the four hundred books of Father's speeches. That was the first time he had spoken of it.

And at that time, True Father also bestowed on us the Cheon II Guk holy salt and holy wine. Do you carry the holy wine and holy salt with you wherever you go? You must take it with you wherever you go. Our headquarters has already sent more than 7,000 sets of them out. You must carry them with you. I carry them in my bag, but I must use them more often....

The fact that we can now offer reports to Heaven in our own names is very significant. It is an even more significant development than all the state-of-the-art gadgets we now have. It is significant in that we are now on a path that does not involve religion. We hold such a precious and amazing thing in our hands, but we forget about it and stop being moved in our hearts by it. In the end become accustomed to it. I also find this too.

We have many problems to solve, but the greatest problem of all is the fact that we are becoming hardened. Without being aware of it, we-including me-are losing our innocence and becoming systematized. I find myself riding in an expensive car and sitting in the church president's chair. But worse than that, our church is hardening into another religion, just as other religions have done in the past. This is the problem we are facing right now.

Considering all that, how great are True Parents who have never changed but continue working for the providence and guiding us! They always walk toward a goal that they have set without changing and without being distracted by anything.

They walk along the path and reach the end without fail. We see proof of that right before us. We, on the other hand, start to be distracted on the way, and the more we go, the more we get accustomed to such a life. Though we answer yes when asked, in our hearts, we do not carry out what we promise to do. We are hardening little by little. This is our reality. We were not like this originally, but due to reasons not known to us, we have become like this.

It is the same in the case of the Cheon II Guk holy wine and holy salt. True Parents used holy salt and holy wine for the first time at their holy wedding in 1960. Forty years later, in the era of Cheon II Guk, they

established holy wine and holy salt for Cheon II Guk as they declared the nation of the fourth Israel. How is this different from the one used forty years ago? The holy wine and holy salt of the past, used at the time of restoration through indemnity, meant rebirth and separation. In the simplest terms, the holy wine meant rebirth, and the holy salt meant separation.

The Cheon II Guk holy wine and holy salt signify not rebirth and separation, but, rather, nurturing and protecting what belongs to God. In the past, we took holy wine only once, but we have taken the Cheon II Guk holy wine three times. You can take it more than three times if you want. That is because it is needed for our growth. That is why Father spoke of the ceremonies of rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. A person needs to start drinking it in his mother's womb. From there you need to grow and go through the ceremony of resurrection, grow until vou have grown enough to receive the blessing and drink the holy wine again. The Cheon II Guk holy salt does not separate evil from goodness. It marks what belongs to heaven and protects it. That is why you should always carry the Cheon II Guk holy wine and holy salt; whenever you meet a member of your tribe or find opportunity with other people, you should give the holy wine.

This is a culture. And the people whom we meet and give

Rev. Hwang speaks to leaders and staff of organizations under his charge, Feb. 25

the holy wine to should think of us as part of the culture, having this particular lifestyle, where people receive the blessing in order to protect the citizens of God's nation and to nurture them. With such instructions and declarations, True Parents bestowed on us the Cheon II Guk holy wine and holy salt last August. Then, in October, the Peace UN was established. The establishment of the Peace UN is of profound significance.

To summarize, God's kingship was established in 2001, rallies were carried out and the owners of Cheon II Guk restored by 2002, and the coronation of the king of the blessed families was held in 2003. In other words, God's kingship was to become the kingship of blessed families on earth, and then a world of peace was supposed to be firmly established here. The providential tool to bring this about is the Peace UN.

After establishing the Peace UN, True Parents carried out three ceremonies. One of them was the opening of the IIPC Korea headquarters. At present, their offices are in the Dowon Building.⁴

Next, there were workshops to educate mayors of towns and villages and heads of counties in Korea. Of course, it was impossible to invite every single one of them, but that was the instruction given by True Parents.

Third, we held a peace rally in Israel. This rally was important for two providential reasons. First, Jesus was crowned as king of the Jews. That was all part of the process of uniting the first, second and third nations of Israel as one, as I've explained

previously. The key to the process of uniting lay in crowning Jesus as the king of the Jews. The second reason the rally was important was that True Parents were declared the king of peace. Many of you here also attended the peace rally in Israel, and you can testify to how magnificent it was. It was truly a moving event. There was the coronation of Jesus as the king of the Jews, through which the first, second and third Israel were united. On the foundation of the three united Israels, True Parents were declared the king of peace.

The events drew to a close on December 26, but before I could return to Korea, Father gave the instruction to engraft the

Israel rally and the foundation of the united first, second and third Israels to the nation of the fourth Israel, which is Korea. There were only five days left before the new year began. Father's instructions were to "carry out a rally that connects the Israel rally to Korea before 2003 ends. Unlike past rallies, this one must be carried out with mayors, provincial governors, and presidents of nations of the satanic realm; and it should happen in a place, in a city, whose people serve God." So on December 27, he suggested we go together to Yeosu [on the south coast]. As soon as we arrived there he went to see the mayor and told him we should hold such a rally before the end of 2003 and that the mayor should supervise it....

Our project involving Yeosu [developing the use of some land] is making good progress under True Parents' guidance. More important than the external aspects, the city of Yeosu, its mayor and its people, have internally united and are serving True Parents wholeheartedly.

Notably, at the time of the Fishing World Cup last October, a very serious recitation of the messages from the spirit world and the declaration of True Parents as the Messiah was carried out with the mayor and more than four thousand citizens in the audience. It was a splendid meeting. On such an internal foundation, True Parents gave instructions to have a conference connecting the first, second, and third nations of Israel to Korea there. It was held on December 30 and was a great success.

To summarize, during the three years from 2001 to 2003, the foundation was established. God's kingship was established, the kingship of blessed families was established on earth, and based on that, the Family Party was established internally and the Peace UN externally as providential tools to unite the whole world as one. The foundation laid in 2003 ended there. On this foundation, a providential time began in which the first, second and third Israels united as one and the nation of the fourth

Israel could come into existence. Thus, God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom began in 2004, as you know. I could define Cheon II Guk as the internal expression of God's nation and the nation of the fourth Israel as its external expression. If we speak in terms of its content we can say the peace kingdom, and in terms of the providence we can define it as God's fatherland....

Father has said that from now everything on earth must be registered under the name of God's fatherland. This means that all entities, from man to everything throughout the creation, must be registered in God's fatherland. How will this

new world be built? This will be achieved through the model course, which we saw in history....

The only way that two nations can become one is for the Cain-type nation to serve the Abel-type nation the same way Esau connected to Jacob. In order for this nation to become God's fatherland and all the Cain-type cities to come under the sovereignty of Heaven, of the peace kingdom, is for all the Cain-type leaders—such as mayors, provincial governors and even the president—to become one with the Abel-type people



IIFWP/IIPC sponsored invitational seminar on peace for congressmen and other top leaders of society, held January 26 in Seoul

who are in their area. They then need to hold a ceremony to attend heaven. This is the formula to it. This is the formula for restoration, which we can understand through a study of history. That is the principle behind Father's having us hold workshops last year for leaders of towns, rural districts and urban wards, and why the Cain-type leaders took the lead this year in holding rallies to report on the intent and progress of IIPC in each region. Things are proceeding well.

After that, similar rallies took place on the national level. Rallies were held for leaders in Korea. Rallies for leaders of youth

groups were also held prior to True Parents' birthday. While preparing for these events Father emphasized the beginning of spring [*Ipchoon*⁵, which this year fell on February 4]. Father had said to conclude them before Ipchoon. Actually it was virtually impossible to hold these rallies within this time frame. We held them in each region from January 14. After that we were trying to hold a national-level rally on January 20. January 27 was going to be True Parents' birthday. An international leaders summit conference was about to begin. We were so busy, weren't we?! Despite all this, Father instructed us to do it all by just after the lunar new year's

day [January 22]. So we attempted the impossible. Then again Father told us to hold another rally before *Ipchoon*. This all had a providential significance, however.

Along with these events that we had to hold before *Ipchoon*, we were to hold a rally in America, the nation of the second Israel, to crown True Parents, who have come as the Second Coming, as the king of peace. Because True Parents could not attend this ceremony the crown of peace was presented to Hyun-jin nim and his wife. This historic rally and the crowning

A Dramatic End to the Leaders' 40-Day Workshop



Some 650 leaders representing the Unificationist leadership in many fields and nations responded to True Parents' call and attended a 40-day workshop at Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center from early January to February 11. Many of the Korean participants were church and CARP leaders, who were strongly encouraged to participate. The number included 200 from Japan and 70 from other nations. The forty days concluded with a three-day meeting under the guidance of True Parents, the schedule of which included presentations on developments in the providence given by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan and Rev. Hwang Sun-jo. Towards the end of the first day, Father organized a drawing (lottery); each leader drew a piece of either blue, black or red paper from a large box and wrote his or her name and position on the paper.

The following day, Father stressed the importance of the current providence. He clarified that missions would be organized according to the color each leader had selected the previous day.

He clarified that any leader who had chosen blue would remain in his post. Regional leaders who'd chosen black or red would become church leaders in their hometowns and would also hold the post of hoondok leader for a rural town, rural district or urban district in his hometown. Church leaders and association presidents who chose black or red would become hoondok leaders in their hometowns.

The main work is to be concentrated on community outreach; all rural towns, rural districts and urban districts are to have a hoondok leader. This may result in there being

of True Parents as the king of peace took place with forty members of Congress and American Moslem, Jewish, and Christian leaders participating.

Thus, the nation of the first Israel offered a crown to Jesus and the second Israel offered a crown to the Second Advent. All these events were held by the beginning of spring and after that a new providence began.

During the first hoondokhae after *Ipchoon*, Father stated that the new year had now begun, so we began to read from Father's speech from January 1. The new year of 2004 actu-

ally began from the day of *Ipchoon*. True Father has established God's kingship, the kingship of the blessed families and the IIPC on earth and now has tied these together and engrafted them to Korea. After completing this, the providence of building God's fatherland began along with *Ipchoon*. Before spring began it was a time to organize the past, and in spring, it is time to establish God's kingdom and the age of the peace kingdom. God created spring, but spring had never appeared to Him. The first spring that has touched God's heart is the spring of 2004.

Just a few days ago, on February 22, Father proclaimed the settlement of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and

Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. When True Parents spoke about this the first condition was that spring had to come this year, but this time it is not just an ordinary spring but a spring that will liberate God's anguish, and this spring is the one we are now experiencing.

Father told us to work hard with this and that our hope, the spring of our dreams, is this spring of 2004. This spring we will see new buds emerging from the ground, and the same kinds

vacant church-leader posts. If a church leader has no foundation or place to stay in his hometown, the national headquarters will review his record and might assign him to lead a church elsewhere. If there is still no pastor for a church, the hoondok leaders will hold Sunday service on a rotation basis, and if anyone among them feels inspired to do so, he may apply to become the pastor. Depending on his result, any church leader might be reassigned after six months.

In the weeks following the leaders' meeting, churches throughout Korea also held similar drawings, with all members drawing a color. Those who chose blue were qualified to become hoondok leaders, those who chose red or black have the mission of supporting the new hoondok church leaders. Generally, people must go to their hometowns, but for those already in their hometowns, if they chose black or red, their results over the past three years will be used to determine whether they will remain there or be reassigned to a nearby area.

To church leaders or association presidents funds will be supplied by their present church for six months. If a church leader goes to his hometown and there is no leader there, he can hold a meeting of local members and select a church manager from a person who had chosen blue. After six months, those managers might be changed. A church manager is effectively a church leader. Leaders may be chosen in of flowers blooming as usual. Everything will look exactly the same externally but, internally, it is different from the past.

This is a new age. This land has entered the new age of the peace kingdom and the age of God's kingdom. The year 2000 was the time to reorganize our entire life and 2001 was the year to start building God's kingdom and to renew ourselves. This three-year time period was to build a foundation for the safe settlement of God's kingdom, the kingship of the blessed families and the IIPC. After spending three years building this foundation, the buds will come out in 2004. They will emerge as

providential buds into God's fatherland That is the providential address we reside at now. Do you all agree with this? If you do, please give a hand....

What is our vision? Our vision must show us the way to the future. To the question of how we are going to build the nation of God on earth, Father gave three directions.

One direction was for us to initiate lineages of goodness. That is, we must give the ceremonies of rebirth, or resurrection and of eternal life. We must give the Cheon II Guk holy wine and holy salt to everyone, starting from fetuses in the womb to infants, toddlers, teens and young men and women.

But it doesn't mean that our mission is over just by giving them holy wine. This is just a formal ceremony. We must explain to people that they are in the cultural sphere of Cheon II Guk. We must explain the culture of purity to them. It doesn't matter if they are Christian or Buddhist, we must enable them to become the people of Cheon II Guk and have them adopt the culture of the heart. Giving them the holy wine and holy salt is significant, but we are taking this one pure culture, the culture

rural towns and block areas from anyone who has attended at least a two-day workshop.

The goal of hoondok leaders is to bring three new couples to the blessing, bless three previously married couples, create blessing groups up to 124 couples from within their tribes and find ten member-candidates who have attended workshops of at least four days.

The goal of the hoondok churches is to set up branches of our mountain hiking club with a minimum of forty members and to find enough ambassadors for peace so that, together with existing ambassadors for peace, there are at least twelve from each area.

Every member is either a hoondok or a grassroots leader and should work as a central figure of God's fatherland.





Peace seminars for youth leaders were held (in part to explain the emergence of IIPC) throughout Korea from January 30 to February 5. Here, at City Hall, Pusan

of the True Family, and helping it evolve into a universal culture of society through this format. Briefly said, this is raising people of the good lineage.

The other mission was the hometown providence. This is to spread the lineage of goodness to our tribe and to the area where we live. In other words, *Tong Ban Gyeokpa* [$A\hat{1}^{1,\circ}, \pounds f$], doing activities in the neighborhood and community....

How are we going to create God's kingdom on earth? We do not need to take responsibility for every single thing. If we could just take responsibility for our neighborhood and tribe then God's will could be realized. Yet we haven't been able to do that.

So the question is: How–with what guiding principle or methodology–will True Parents create God's kingdom on earth? Two types of methodology have been given to us, so that we can build God's fatherland in relation to the providence. That is to bring about the safe settlement of the culture of heart by distributing the Cheon II Guk holy wine and holy salt to all people that we are responsible for, from babies in the womb to unmarried men and women. Then we need to establish the good lineage by organizing hoondok groups within our tribes and neighborhoods.⁶ ...

True Parents have stated that the first, most important thing they realized was that God and humankind had the relationship of parent and child. This has been their formula and framework. That is why True Parents have revealed that God is the parent of humanity and from there they have built up their foundations to restore the kingship of God....

Through my personal experience of closely attending True Parents, I have realized that everything has been in line with this. We can see that True Parents' lives are such that every second is completely bound to the providence and the Principle. In other words, it penetrates deep into their lives. This manifests itself unexpectedly at different times and in different places. Those are the kind of lives they have been living.

What about their responsibility to mankind? What are we to them? Are we not of the evil lineage? They gave us the blessing and made us a part of the good lineage, didn't they? They have guided us to become tribal messiahs. But we have not fulfilled our responsibilities.

Again, they have guided us to become the fourth Adam. Finally, they have separated us from them: at first we prayed in the name of True Parents, but now we pray in our own names. We had depended on them, but now they have detached us, so that we can become their representatives⁷ having the same qualities they possess. We are the fourth Adam in essence, True Parents are the third Adam, yet we, the fourth Adam, are the same as True Parents.

They have created a situation where we can relate to God, but was this built from nothing? They established the position of the fourth Adam after an intense struggle with Satan. Their responsibility toward humanity was to liberate those in the spirit world....

If Satan accuses, neither God nor even True Parents can do anything. There is nothing they can do. That is why, whenever True Parents set about doing something, a prerequisite is that there must not be conditions that Satan can use to accuse them. History has shown us that they are living that kind of life, and True Parents' lives also prove this to be so.

Therefore if those in the spirit world were to be liberated, do you think it would be possible to do so just like that? It couldn't be done from nothing. How was the liberation of the spirit world made possible? It was made possible only after an intense course of indemnity and after True Parents fulfilled their responsibility in relation to the creation. Since True Parents came to earth they have been keeping track of everything they have been doing; now they have deemed that it is time to usher in God's fatherland. It is no longer necessary to keep track; "I have done everything," is what Father said.

Then he started keeping track again. This time he is keeping track of what we have been doing. He is assessing everything that we, the owners of Cheon II Guk, have done. True Parents have given us the blessing. They have guided us to become tribal messiahs, given us the registration blessing and made us the fourth Adams. Finally, the conclusion Father reached is that he approves of us as the owners of Cheon II Guk.

Father approved of us as the owners of Cheon II Guk and then began keeping track. Yet, at the end of his assessment, the was nothing to show. True Parents scolded us very much. They have scolded us many times. Do you know why they were scolding us?

They gave the Cheon II Guk Owner award to three thousand people last year at the time of the holy marriage blessing. But the awards were not given to us casually. Two years went into preparing the earrings, necklaces and rings given as awards to exemplary members at that time. It was not something that could be done without much investment. True Parents made all the preparations and invested everything for two years, so that those awards could be given to us on the occasion of the coronation of the king of blessed families and True Mother's sixtieth birthday, which was an occasion that would only come about once in history.

With the providential conclusion of all that has gone by, True Parents gave instructions to find candidates for this award by scoring all of us based on the achievements that True Parents set up as the standard during the period of restoration. We were instructed to set standards and gather statistics. One of the criteria was how many spiritual children one had.

We reported our findings to True Parents. In our report, the person with the most spiritual children was Mr. Kuboki from Japan with ninety-five, and his result was made the standard. Through our research, we found out that there were only a few people in Korea who had over fifty spiritual children. Only a few had over forty. I also counted and found that I had only about thirty-something spiritual children–even though I am the president of this church.

Brothers and sisters, please think about it. How many spiritual children do you have that are still members? Father was trying to give us an award but was shocked after he heard the report. What was imprinted on his mind after the calculations were done, was that none were eligible to receive this prize. Was this possible?

True Parents have walked this path keeping track of everything to do with God, history and creation. So what Father said was to give this award to forty-eight people. I told him we do not have forty-eight. Originally, he was thinking of giving it to some sixty people, but after calculating everything we couldn't come up with that many people. Father said, "So, is that all? It seems you could have bought this much result with cash" After the calculations were done, True Parents were very disappointed. They even pondered in some anguish whether to give the awards or not, but in the end they gave them.

During this morning's hoondokhae Father asked, "So how many people around the world say they have many spiritual children? True Parents feel greatly betrayed by us.

True Parents have lived in this world in this way. As I mentioned earlier they are calculating everything, as one age passes by and another begins....True Parents are already in the land of Canaan and the time has come to build God's sovereignty. We who are supposed to go in with True Parents are not ready for this. Thus, True Parents are feeling a great sense of betrayal because of us.

I could not raise my head to True Father this morning. None of us here would have been able to raise our head. It is not that we have not been trying. But did we do it? Did we really accomplish anything? After adding up the numbers Father said, "So, these people who have been following me for thirty to forty years restored only fifty people?" This is what he said. He feels that we have betrayed him.

I could not raise my head in front of True Parents. I felt like crawling into a hole somewhere. I was in anguish. My head hung in shame before True Parents and history.

This is not somebody else's problem; it is ours. The vision that we have and its content are amazing. It moves the heart. This is not just my personal testimony. If we were to expound on our values and compare them with other values and shine light upon them, we would see how great it is to pray in our names as I mentioned earlier. This is a revolutionary change. Doesn't this present a vision for all religions on earth? Despite this amazing vision that we have, we find that we are vegetating. Many of our cells have lost life and we are becoming vegetables. We have become dull and cannot feel that we are with True Parents at this moment; spring has come yet we can-

not feel it; True Parents have given us instructions, yet we do not understand....

How great is True Parents' desire for the community-level outreach to our tribes? They asked us how many are faithfully carrying out their instructions.

A good example can be found in 2001. Father asked leaders, "How are you going to achieve this in the next three years?" He then told the leaders to discuss it among themselves. Father gave us time to hold this meeting, and we pledged to True Parents that we would lay the foundation for the father land by 2004. Later, Father mentioned

that that was a time to make a strong providential commitment. At that time he said it was good and added that since we had decided to do that, we could make a new beginning with the nation. This is how we began 2001. At that time we promised to have a foundation laid by 2004. Everybody made this promise. But now that time has come. So True Parents are asking us whether we have fulfilled our end of the bargain or not....How many years have I been instructing you to restore your tribe and breakthrough in the neighborhood and community? What happened to your promise that you would achieve this by 2004?" We were all evaluated, without exception, and this was the result. This is our reality.

If we continue going this way, we will end up becoming human vegetables, lifeless people who are alive in name only– internally dead. Are we any different from the other religions? We go to church on Sundays, take attendance, maybe reluctantly donate a bit, and when True Parents are here we reluctantly go to hoondokhae at Hannam-dong, attend sleepily and go back home. That is how we are, isn't it?

Do we have vision for our own lives? I don't know about those people who are ignorant of the providence, but as for us, including me, the time for the reckoning has come and True Parents are not ones to quietly leave us as we are in this situation.



to discuss it among themselves. Father gave us time to hold this meeting, and we pledged to True Parents that we would lay the foundation for the father-**The February 2 Seung Hwa ceremony for Joo Eunjeong, mother of Yeon-ah nim (Hyung-jin nim's wife). Father bestowed on her the name Chinhwa Ga Mo ("Family Mother embodying Friendship").**

There was a forty-day leaders' workshop at Cheong Pyeong. After the opening ceremony, I gathered the Korean regional directors together. To them I said, "Leaders, we cannot go on like this! After this time for education and training I would like to overhaul our entire personnel situation." The situation was that we would all be dead if things went on the way they had been going. We were becoming human vegetables. Like earlier religions, improper culture, secular culture, has been stealthily entering our midst and poisoning the environment. We have been immersed in and are being molded by habits that are becoming firmly fixed.

True Parents have overcome this; we also must break through and strengthen our resolve. We have to grow new sprouts in the name of God's fatherland. This is True Parents' dream, and they are asking us to make this revolutionary change....

This is not only my problem but belongs to all of us. How could this be True Parents' problem? They have assessed our performance for the first time and have said that if we are going to go the path of God's will, we shouldn't go the way we are going now. That is why they have given us ultimatums related to the hometown providence, hoondok groups, tribal messiah activity, and neighborhood and community level activities.

Therefore the heavenly decree Father has given us at this

time is a providential dream that we have yet to fulfill.It is not a transient dream but our ultimate dream. It is something that we must achieve in order to become the ultimate victors. It is the ultimate responsibility of the blessed families and owners of Cheon II Guk. What do we mean by a tribe? We have one tribe that is connected by blood and another–our spiritual children–connected by heart.

What are we to do? We need to organize 430 families. Thirty-six families signify a family group, 72 families signify a tribe, 124 families represent Jesus' age, and 430 families is the national standard for the second-advent

type age. We have to accomplish all this if we are to consider our work complete.

How are we going to organize a new tribe with the Cheon II Guk holy wine and holy salt? How are we going to bring our tribe into the cultural realm of heart? I am working on this now, but it doesn't mean that I should bring my Christian nephew to convert to the Unification Church. Of course, it would be better for him to do so, but that doesn't mean he absolutely has to. My nephew is a Christian minister, but he listens to what I tell him. He can enter the cultural realm of heart if he can establish a true family. The glue that will bind us together beyond religion, race and nationality is the culture of heart. He may be a Christian or a Buddhist, but if he can overcome the individualism of today, join with others centering on heaven and keep his purity, we can bring him into the cultural realm of heart of where true families reside.

We need to guide our tribe into the cultural realm of heart. Our second responsibility is neighborhood and community outreach. As you all know, *Tong Ban Gyeokpa* is conducted based on a certain locale and our relationship with it. We need to hold hoondokhae using Father's teachings, and there's our hoondok newsletter, isn't there? We have to do service projects to give a sense of worth and meaning to others, engage in hobby activities to build unity and hold discussions on peace when we can. We need to create the sovereignty of heaven in this way. These are some things that can be used to bring the people into the cultural realm of heaven....

Let us put everything in order again. When did the hometown providence and tribal messiah activities begin? They began as home church activities in 1978, but we weren't successful, were we? In the 1980s there was another hometown movement. In the 1990s there was another mobilization for the sake of registration. When we add things up, we find that we did not fulfill any of these things.

But still, because this was something that we had to fulfill, True Parents have instructed us to do it again. In this year, 2004, the new spring providence of God's fatherland will begin.

The same thing goes for grassroots outreach. Just as in the eighties and nineties, the order has been given again. It is the

same with mobilizations. We are in the midst of a mobilization aren't we? Who was mobilized in the 1980s? It was the elder couples. It was a mobilization to create leaders for the providence, wasn't it? There was a mobilization in the 1990s. It was a hometown mobilization to become tribal messiahs. What is the purpose of this mobilization? It is a mobilization for the hometown providence to create the final ancestors of Cheon II Guk. Now there will probably not be any more mobilizations. We need to settle down.

fulfill the instructions that True Par-

ents have given to us this time. For this, the individuals, the organizations, the entire church-related movement must risk this adventure. Do you think this will work with just the church headquarters? It won't. The time has come for every one of us without exception to go out together

This is our life. We are the central axis of the providence, and this is not just the responsibility of the church headquarters. We are all the root; if our vitality-level cannot be raised here, all the other church organizations and businesses are as good as dead. How can the branches bear fruit without the root? What is our root? You all have to become the providential core; and the new sprouts of Cheon II Guk must bud in this providential springtime. If they do not, all our organizations, businesses and individuals will end up like the dead.

Thus we are the ones who have to take up this responsibility



True Parents open the Cheongshim Graduate School That is why we need to absolutely of Theology at Cheong Pyeong January 28

of the hometown providence and grassroots outreach and be the first to go out into the field. The five-day workweek system will take effect in our foundation from March, but this is different from the five-day workweek of the world. It is being implemented in order to carry out our fundamental mission of the hometown providence. Our fundamental mission lies there.

Those who are responsible for church organizations and businesses must join your hearts together. Do you all agree to do this? Is there an alternative? We have to do this, don't we? We can't avoid this responsibility, because it is an order, a decree from Heaven. What will happen if we do not do this? In the near future we will all be dead.

True Parents will not just sit by and observe, even with me. They have assessed the situation, and they are saddened and disappointed. "I lived my life like this. I left everything that I

had in hell and in the wilderness for all of you. Yet, after counting up everything, is this all that you have managed to do?" This is how True Parents are feeling right now. There is pain in their hearts. How can we ever raise our heads? Brothers and sisters, if you were president of this church, you would be feeling the same way I'm feeling right now. Each and every one of us must hang his head. Therefore, let us all join our hearts together. If we can bring our hearts together there is nothing we cannot accomplish....

Recently some ambassadors for peace from abroad came to Cheong

Pyeong. They came for sightseeing. We showed them around and had them pray at the Cheong Pyeong prayer hall. Suddenly two of them burst into tears. We asked them what the matter was, and they said that they used to be church members in middle school and, now, after seeing True Parents' picture, they could not stop crying.

It's not that we do not have any base or foundation. Haven't we planted a lot of seeds up till now? At this time of providential spring, those seeds must now put forth shoots. We need to help those seeds emerge; we need to create a spring breeze so that those seeds we have planted can now put out shoots. If we do not create a spring breeze, how can the buds come out? They cannot. You have to encourage those seeds, saying, "You can do it, you can do it," if you want those sprouts to come into view. A retired director of the Korea Broadcasting System (KBS)

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Tommy E. Remengesa President, Palau

was telling me that he knew our church well. I asked him how he knew our church, and he took my hand and said that when he was in middle school he was a member of our church in Muju. At first, he did not publicize this fact, but seeing that we are doing well, he tells people was a member.

We must now create this spring breeze. Those who will create this providential spring breeze are those leaders in our organizations who are at the very center of our movement. The spring breeze must come from this center.

All you leaders must now pledge yourselves to this cause. We must move as a sharing community of heart. What was it like in the days of the early church? The era of Jesus shifted to the era of the disciples. This is a similar period. The era of the parent has shifted to the era of the child. After this shift what happened? What happened after that experience of the resur-

rection of Christ? They began community life. They offered all their belongings, slept in the same place and lived together. That is what you call a community of heart. Although small in size, it was on fire.

It is the same with us. The age of the parent has now moved on to the age of the child, which is our time. It is now the era of the fourth Adam, and the third Adam has established the nation of the fourth Israel. How will we raise this nation? We must become a community of heart. We have to jump in with everything we have. Not because of the system; we ourselves must decide how much we appreciate our church leaders and how much we are will-

ing to help them. We must support our leaders and cause a new movement to rise up on the wind of Cheon II Guk.

I will make effort. We must create a dynamic community where all the members take responsibility. True Parents have stated that we must become their second selves and heirs. The time has come for us to become True Parents' second selves, who can inherit their achievements, heart and the providence, so that we may stand as their representatives. The time is already upon us. The question is: Will we embrace this age or abandon it? Will we grasp this age or let it go? This is the choice that has been given to us now.

I ask all you who serve our church-related organizations to bring your hearts together at this time. What will you do? Will you do this or not? What will happen if you do not carry this out? Shall we just go on and collapse? If we do not do this, we ourselves will be in conflict. We will drive forward. True Par-



II Hwa soccer team won the Korean league for the third time in a row in 2003. They then went on to win the Nissan champions cup for Asian league champions, in China (Feb. 28)

ents too will drive forward and so will the church headquarters. This breeze will sweep over us all. It will blow throughout the world and we will put our strengths together and do this for six months to a year. Things will change.

We are being evaluated, and although we did not reach the standard, True Parents have given us this chance. Therefore let us really put our hearts and minds into this for six months or a year. If we can fully devote our heart to this instead of just going through the motions, there is absolutely nothing that we cannot do. You have to be able to give love and make phone calls whether that person receives your love, or your call, or not. If we can make a call once a week for six months, we can restore everybody. They will come into the cultural realm of heart that we espouse. Please spread the word that the time has come for us to stand up and go forward. If you all can do this

I have no more to say. What do you all say to this?

Father has made his diagnosis. What do you think the result was? It is obvious that we were diagnosed as having cancer. It is not ordinary influenza, not just a skin condition. We are sick and may die. There is no way of knowing whether this is the first, second or third stage of the disease. Some may be in the third stage while others may still be in the initial stages.

What is clear is that this disease that we have is cancer, which means that we absolutely have to take some risks with our lives. I pray that you all can agree to the fact that we now live as abstemiously as pos-

sible–eat less, wear simple clothes, sleep less–and cultivate new life instead. \blacklozenge

Endnotes:

1 True Parents held ceremonies to return different aspects of the created world to heaven (*TODAY's WORLD* June/July 2000) 2 October 14, 2000 (*TODAY's WORLD* October 2000) 3 Proclamation of God's Fatherland and the Era of the Peace Kingdom

4 The building also houses the headquarters of FFWPU, IIFWP, YFWP and many other related organizations

5 These divisions are called the Twenty-Four Solar Terms (in Korean, *Ishipsa Cholgi*). Each lasts about 15 days, representing the passage of the earth through about 15 degrees of its orbit around the sun.

6 Tong Ban Gyeokpa

7 Daeshin-ja (representative standing in place of and acting on behalf of True Parents; a "second self")

A World Summit on Leadership and Governance, co-sponsored by IIPC and IIFWP was held on January 25-29, 2004, at the Seoul Lotte Hotel. Two hundred and twenty leaders from 160 nations participated in this historic conference, eager to address the issue of "Good Governance for a World in Crisis." Among those from the sphere of government were H.E. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., president of the Republic of Palau, H.E. Nevers Sekwila Mumba, vice president of Zambia, Mrs. Mary Note, first lady of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, former president of Indonesia, H.E. Negasso Gidada, former president of Ethiopia, and Hon. Tursunbek Chyngyshev, former prime minister of Kyrgyzstan. Notable figures from the religious world and academic experts in related disciplines also participated.





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The Power to Reach Out

by June Darby-Perrin

June Darby, one of the earliest to join among

British members, offers these suggestions to help us draw upon the spiritual power–and love–that God and the spiritual world wish to give us, especially in this unique era.

THE providence is changing so rapidly that I am constantly learn-L ing new aspects to witnessing. I learned from the very beginning, as I tried to witness to my first spiritual child, that we can only be successful if we have the support of those in the spirit world. As I was listening to the Divine Principle in Rome, I knew I had to share this with a friend of mine. Eve from South Africa. All I knew was that she was somewhere in Britain. I returned to Edinburgh to join a tour of the Western Highlands, thinking constantly about how to find her. Imagine my astonishment at finding her on the very same tour at our first stop!

• Thus the first requirement for witnessing is to have conviction and confidence in the reality of the spiritual world. I was not confident at first of the existence of my liberated ancestors, so I made three conditions that only they could fulfill to develop my conviction. The first request was to make a class of unruly, talkative children work quietly, with concentration, for an hour. The headmistress happened to come into the classroom during the lesson and she was amazed at how diligently they had worked, saying that she hadn't been able to get them to work quietly for so long.

 We also need to have faith that they can help us to be successful. I used to make little conditions all the time, apologizing to God for my lack of faith and asking for it to be strengthened, so that I could have absolute faith. Then, when we have confidence, we can proclaim and claim the result we want in front of Heaven. • In order to gain the spirit world's help we have to move their hearts by demonstrating our sincerity, so that they want to help to us. They want to see how much we love and attend God and True Parents, and they want to see how much effort we make to live the Principle, that is, whether we are trying to unite mind and body, trying to become humble, trying to express and develop our love for humanity and the creation or whether we are repenting and trying to change and

overcome our fallen nature. Next, we need to make conditions so that the spirit world will be able to help us. Firstly, those in the spirit world can only help us when we are making our 100 percent best effort. Only when our conscience is clear that there is nothing else we could do is the spirit world able to find someone for us. Also it is very difficult sometimes for the spirits to influence someone on earth. It takes a lot of energy for them to lead people to where we can meet them, and even more to help people have open, searching minds and hearts. It is not easy to change a person's ideas and attitudes. Therefore, we need to pray for our ancestors and the spirit beings who work with us. We need to give them energy and send them our vitality elements to strengthen them in their efforts. Certain people in the spirit world have appeared to me and asked me to pray for them, so that they could have extra energy to resolve difficult situations.

• Then we have to mobilize the spirit world.

We have to give exact directions so that they can focus their energies: Say exactly what kind of person you want to meet, for example, a Christian minister who could support True Parents, be willing to take down the cross in exchange for a crown and help rabbis recognize Jesus.

Give "time and place" conditions by telling them exactly where and when you'll be witnessing at a particular time.

Then be sensitive and alert to people who come into your environment e.g., people you work with, people waiting for the same bus, people walking near you to their car.

Go to the religious services of different faiths and make friends. Attend interesting lectures in your community, meetings based on hobbies and so on. Father has given us a wealth of ideas as to how we can also attract peoples' interest by eccentric, different or interesting activities, both on and off the street. He has given us detailed suggestions on how to conduct ourselves, even on matters of dress.

We also have to ask for inspiration so that we can touch someone's heart, pray to say words that will touch a his or her soul's deepest desire, and pray to have a parent's desperate longing and yearning to find and save their lost child.

• When you have met someone, make sure you get a contact address and telephone number, because evil spirits will try to stop them from coming to hear the Divine Principle. They will suddenly get sick or meet an old boyfriend or girlfriend, etc.

Even if someone doesn't come the first time, persevere. I once visited someone seven times before he responded. I believed that he was prepared and that it was vitally important for that person's eternal life, his ancestors and future descendants that he understood the Divine Principle, so I did not give up. • Always create a happy, positive and

• Always create a happy, positive and joyful atmosphere to attract people. Then they in turn will invite their friends and relatives. Even if you are not bubbling over with joy, you can have a peaceful, loving mind even in the midst of your difficulties. Liberation at Cheong Pyeong brought me great peace of mind and love from God and True Parents.

• Really love, serve and pray for the person sincerely, and win their heart. Cain has to know beyond doubt that Abel really loves him or her.

• Make good friends with the people you witness to, because God entrusts them to us. Even if they don't accept the Divine Principle, remain friends with that person. Maybe they'll accept in a few years' time. At any rate, it makes a condition for those in the spiritual world to send you a more prepared person.

• Help them to understand clearly the significance and power of the Divine Principle; help them understand how to live a life of faith. Take good care of them.

• Inspire them with the love of God and True Parents, and nurture them to develop their own love for God and True Parents. Let them hear inspiring testimonies from brothers and sisters.

• Connect them to a central figure as soon as possible.

• Also have confidence in the value and power of the Divine Principle. There is really no limit to the problems that the Divine Principle can solve, from mind body unity to puzzling questions and events in the Bible, the uniting of science and religion, or the giving of meaning and purpose to all fields of knowledge

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A Day to Celebrate True Parents

by Mercedes González

Mercedes González Tomita, who leads the Family Federation in the province of Málaga, Spain, implemented a creative idea for reaching out to her community, in keeping with the emphasis on local, hometown and blessing activities.



uring the month of August I was reading the speech that Father gave at Assembly 2000 in New York City. One day, I became inspired to take up Father's suggestion of making True Parents' Day, which in America is already a holiday on the fourth Sunday in July each year, into a global cel-

ebration.

This inspiration gradually developed into a concrete project. It would be an opportunity to honor virtuous Spanish families that have good standards and a certain level of morality. My mind became full of thoughts of our grandparents' generation. They are so lovely. We could honor people from different churches as well.

My idea was to give them a full preblessing with holy wine. Three sisters united in heart and set indemnity conditions, such as doing cold showers and full bows and praying. We worked on the preparations throughout September. The event was planned for October 4 in the Hotel Torremolinos. We put our faith in God and the good spirits in the spiritual world doing their 95 percent. They would help us.

I received permission to put posters in public areas such as the library, bus station and cultural hall from the Town Hall. I sent out invitations, visited people and made phone calls. I also put an article as an advertisement in *Noticiero*, our town newspaper. On the day of the event, I told the hotel to put out fifty chairs and that was exactly the number of people that came.

I outlined the work of FFWPU to the guests, explained that it was begun in Washington D.C. and introduced Father as our founder. I said that this was the first celebration of True Parents' Day and that we intended to celebrate it annually. I mentioned that our most honorable guests at the event were God and our ancestors.

the family of mankind; they believe in moral and ethical familv values; and they believe an ideal family is a building block of world peace. We sprinkled them with holy water and there was a dedication prayer. Three people, each from a different faith, prayed; one was a Catholic. one a Mormon and one a Unificationist.



The couples were given carnations, which they exchanged along with a personal message of love. So romantic! It was very nice. The women received a pink carnation from their husbands and the men a white carnation from their wives.

Juan and Loli Piqué gave a certificate of merit to the couples; and a first prize plaque was awarded by lottery. Each couple had received a program with a number inside

of it. One of our second generation sisters was asked to draw the winning number; she drew a seven. The winning couple was from among the 360 million couples. They testified about how they had met. He is from Spain; she is Ecuadorian. They

To prepare for the blessing ceremony, Juan Piqué from Seville explained how the family is a model for world peace. The blessing ceremony was presented to the

people as a ceremony to celebrate

fidelity and eternal love. The couples shared the holy wine. They stood up and affirmed four points: They believe in the virtue of fidelity; they believe in the practice of true love as parents, couples, children and brothers and sisters within



have three children.

To a musical CD, we then sang *Viva Espa–a*, which is like saying *"Mansei* Spain." Three couples got up and danced. It was such a patriotic moment!

We sensed our Heavenly Father, our ancestors and the Holy Spirit singing together with us.◆

A Path Toward the Love of God

This forthright testimony from Moriko Hori, a second generation sister in Japan, gives much reason for hope and encouragement.

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When I came to live with my parents, a brother had been born to them. I felt in those days that I was entering into a family that already consisted of my parents and a younger brother. As I only had a vague concept of what parents were, I wasn't sure how to deal with them, nor could I find a place for myself within the home.

Of course, this was due to a defense mechanism that worked within me, but soon I began to even feel as though I were an adopted child. It would have been too painful to think that I was actually their child but could not feel their love, so I decided to think of myself as someone who had been adopted in order to help a blessed couple take care of their child (who was in fact my brother, but...). In that way, I could bring myself to think that even though I am not loved, I'm grateful just to have a place to stay. I could then somehow bear the loneliness and emptiness inside of me.

In our church school and Sunday School, I often heard how wonderful the second generation was and how much God and True Parents loved us. Yet, the more I heard, the more I struggled with the gap between these ideas and the reality of my life. If God existed and loved us, I wondered, why was I so lonely? I even began to think that if I could stop living, I could be released from suffering.

I was only around ten, but as young as I was, I was seriously struggling. Whenever I became consumed with my situation, I stood on our veranda, ready to jump. I would think, "If I jump I might be liberated from all suffering." But in times like those, somehow the thought of my parents came to mind. "If I were to die, those people might be sad." So I would decide to wait a while.

There was no one around me I could discuss such things with, and for several years I was in mental agony. Of course my parents loved me, but there was so little time to spend together and I later learned that they were also in anguish over how to deal with their child. I think that there are many similar families, in which the parents wished to emulate the standard of True Parents and sacrifice everything, even their families.

In those days, though, I was too young. I couldn't understand this situation or the heart of my parents, who were also tormented. I often think, "Why did God have me experience such a childhood?" I came to understand that it is connected to the feeling I've developed of confidence that I can easily overcome similarly difficult situations when I am faced with them.

Of course, I don't think that this kind of experience is common to everyone, but I feel that it was the best way for me. God loved and raised me up through this. I also think that going through that kind of loneliness led me a step closer to understanding just a little of the heart of the True Children.

I had a chance to speak with In-jin nim and her husband once in Boston. In-jin nim asked me about my childhood at that time. Although I didn't feel confident I told them what I had gone through, just the way it had been. She responded, "You've had a taste of *shimjung*, similar to what we have had."

She went on to share about herself, and the realm of heart that many other True Children had gone through. In-jin nim said that the True Children grew up unable to truly feel what parents' love was. There were members always surrounding True Parents, and as long as members were there, True Parents would speak to and guide them. They spent hardly any time with their own children.

In-jin nim said she thought, "If I do well at school, I may be able to draw True Parents' interest toward me." She was always thinking about how to receive their love in some way. Yet, because we members were so inadequate, True Parents have had to guide us day and night. As True Children, they were always under pressure from all sides. It was as if they were constantly being monitored against expectations of what True Children should be.

When I heard that In-jin nim had struggled in anguish and desolation but somehow had endured through that, I realized how small my problem was. When I think of the realm of heart that the True Children have gone through, I cannot even compare it with my experience. Still, through my experience I was able to feel very close to the True Children who had been suffering tens and hundreds of times more than I had. I made a firm determination to protect and attend the True Children, whatever happened.

Spiritual Experience and Meeting God

While I was young, my prayers were not real prayers, but mostly a cry of the heart, something like, "I'm so lonely, so lonely; why am I so alone? Someone, please love me!" One day after having called out in front of a picture of True Parents for ten, twenty or thirty minutes in tears, I heard a voice from within, "There is no one more lonely than God!" This time I felt so sorry and realized again how tiny my problem was in front of our miserable God.

"If there is a God, please let me understand, in whatever way, God's existence! Let me truly feel God!" I prayed seriously. Perhaps I thought that depending on the response to this, I could discover the value of my own existence. Whether awake or asleep, I kept praying about only this.

One winter day, when reading the Divine Principle in my room, tears started to flow without end, until I could no longer read the words. "Through the long history of humankind, how many knew of God's existence and his true heart..." It was God who had loved us and continued to believe without giving up; it was human beings, including me, who could not feel God's existence. Realizing this, I was overwhelmed by tears, "Oh God! Dear God!" I don't know how much time had passed, but as I continued to cry out for God, my body suddenly became hot. It was below zero outside and I was wearing a coat even in my room. Yet I felt warmth as if someone were holding me tightly, and somehow feelings of loneliness or hate that I had had melted. I could feel my heart being filled.

Then I understood that God had been there; He has always been close to me. Through this experience, I realized that God is not one to abandon me. He has always loved me and been closer to me than anyone else has been close to me, but I was unable to notice Him.

Following that experience, God responded to my hopes and questions through prayers or the Word or through people or nature–in every way possible. Things that I had seriously prayed and asked about were responded to in wonderful ways. Through those kinds of experience, I came, although gradually, to be certain of God's existence.

As I am suspicious by nature, it took me over twenty years to be convinced of God's existence. Even if I felt God, in order to be totally convinced of His existence and to be able to determine that I could believe in Him under whatever circumstances took a long time. Because it took so long, however, a solid feeling has been established in me and my faith will never be shaken.

My Parents

In my course of faith, my parents were the most direct influence. It is true that through observing my parents, I was able to find a contact point with the True Parents. As we had little time to spend together, my feelings for them were strong, and their every action, every word held significant meaning for me. That is why an unconscious word from them, "We're a little busy now so we can discuss that later," would make me feel as if my whole being had been denied. Although I hardly spent any time with them, in a sense I was proud of the sight of my parents being so totally involved with the providence.

I wondered, "How can these people give so much? Where is the source of their power that allows them to do so much?" I also wondered, "What kind of people are the True Parents, whom my parents love and attend to this extent?" I wanted to meet someone I could also follow from my heart, as my parents were doing. Yet no matter how I prayed, I couldn't feel as close to True Parents as my parents did. I did have a chance to meet True Parents and they have spoken to me, but I still couldn't long for them in the way my parents did. Knowing True Parents' value but being unable to feel close to them was a big issue for me, a serious problem.

Meeting with Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim

In 2000, when Hyun-jin nim and his wife came to Japan for a CARP rally, I had a chance to attend them. Hyun-jin nim had caught a cold and in spite of having a high fever, he continued to speak to us; whereas Jun-sook nim had given birth not long ago and was not in top condition either. Yet, she supported Hyun-jin nim and always showed consideration toward us. In them, I could see the character of True Parents.

In fact, I felt so honored to be able to attend both of them. I deeply felt that my spirit body, as well as each one of my cells, was trembling with joy. In my entire life, I had never felt gratitude and joy this deeply from the bottom of my heart to the degree that I wanted to attend them with my life. This was when I felt, for the first time, the heart that my own parents held for the True Parents. Looking back, I can say that the reason I am able to exist today is that I have been loved- even when I couldn't realize that I was being loved. I don't know how much love has been poured out for me. All in all, I felt I had been allowed to swim in the great love of God.

The Blessing

Since I was young, even before kindergarten, I have always thought that I would be blessed to someone God prepared for me, and not much else. Yet as I grew older, I began to realize the wonder of the blessing, as well as how great its weight and accompanying responsibility are. I was under the illusion that the goal of life was to receive the blessing and this was the final destination of our life of faith.

However, as I saw senior secondgeneration members one by one getting blessed, I came to understand that the blessing means going beyond the level of the individual and standing at a new starting point as a couple unit. As I understood this, I realized the gravity of the responsibility given me; and that I absolutely couldn't permit myself to think superficially about receiving the blessing. I felt that a certain amount of readiness and level of responsibility were necessary to truly preserve the blessing granted by Heaven. From that point on, I felt that I could not receive the blessing until doing so was my own desire, not the desire of those around

me. I felt I had to wait until I could take 100 percent responsibility for my decision.

I was already 28 years old at that point. Others of the second generation had been blessed at around 22; those around me always looked at me coolly as if to say, "Why doesn't she get blessed?" I couldn't bring myself to do it. Others may recommend that I get blessed, but they won't have to take responsibility for my blessing–I will. I felt sorry to God and to True Parents, but I thought that I had to be prepared to take on whatever difficulties my blessing might entail.

Meeting with God

The reality is that each day I am still struggling with how to grow in my faith. One thing I can say clearly, is that the period since childhood that I have spent suffering and searching has not been a waste. It has become the foundation of a firm faith and is supporting me today.

In retrospect, I always met God at important points in my life, and He has been an essential guide to me. The meetings, as I mentioned, might have come through His Word, through something my parents said or through a sudden realization in me. All those things were responses to things I had been struggling and praying about. When I consider this, I can't help feeling that I have been made to live in the immeasurably great love of God.

Thus, I think it's important to always be alert so that our antennas can catch God's love. It has been an individual course before, but since the blessing, we have to walk forward together as a couple. My husband is a CARP center leader, while I am doing research in my doctoral course. Two people, who think differently, have different tastes and also different views of faith have to live together. I am finally beginning to understand that if each persists in his own opinion, things don't go well. Unless we respect each other, nothing moves forward. I also feel strongly that, if necessary, a view of faith one has built throughout life may have to be pulled down to its bare foundation in order to build a view of faith as a couple.

To the Second Generation

How do we cultivate our faith? I think there are diverse ways to approach this (each person to his own). I can only speak from the small range of experiences I've had, but one thing seems to be clear: Faith cannot be a passive. I believe CONTINUED PAGE 37...**P**ATH OF FAITH



The Continuing Story in Korea

by Bruno Klotz



At an IIPC seminar, Bruno Klotz (right) with a member of the Qatar diplomatic mission (second from right), a Korean professor and a Japanese IIPC peace ambassador (left)

Editor's note: The 84 ambassadors for peace who volunteered to be sent to Korea early last October were originally to work there for just a few weeks. After several extensions, which comprised an initial 120-day period (for which certificates were issued to each person), they emerged as the first official IIPC ambassador for peace group assigned to a nation-Korea. Other groups of 84 brothers and sisters have, from early in the year, been assigned to work as ambassadors for peace in eight other nations including Israel and Palestine. Adjusting to a long-term mission has naturally tested the resolve of those who willingly extended their stay still longer to develop the work of the new organization. Father has instructed that finding suitable candidates for the blessing be a primary focus. The IIPC ambassadors in Korea are responding to the challenge with a continuous stream of events and activities (as are the IIPC groups launching their work in other countries). The following brief testimony was kindly contributed by Bruno Klotz.

AM one of the four peace ambassadors who were chosen by lottery in the presence of True Parents to stay in Korea beyond the end of the initial 120 days. I consider this a big blessing. Victor Lim, Elizabeth Kang, Elizabeth de Jong and I belong to the British office of the Peace UN.

The seven offices have the combined goal of finding eighty-four matching candidates, twelve from each of the seven nations. So we have to find twelve British matching candidates. To reach this goal we invite people to all kinds of events, such as banquets, workshops, lectures, cultural evenings, Ikebana classes and open evenings.

The British representatives quite regularly attend the Sunday service at an Anglican church. After the service, there is always coffee, tea and cake. This is a good chance to meet people in a natural way.

We also often go to a big bookstore not far from our office to meet people from other countries. The disadvantage there is that you cannot easily meet people again, unless they call or visit our office. Here we met the vice president of the Korean branch of the Burmese Liberation Movement. He is interested in participating in the next Jerusalem rally.

We also try to witness to members of the diplomatic community in Korea. The British contingent has developed a very good relationship we with the Qatari Embassy. The political attaché at the embassy attended our Powerpoint presentation at the Lotte Hotel. He was very inspired and made a report to the Qatari Government, who requested a CD with the content of the presentation. We delivered the CD, and the political expert thanked us for "taking so much care" of his embassy. We have also developed good relationships with the embassies of Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia.

I have not yet mentioned the most important thing, which is that as peace ambassadors we need to create absolute peace and harmony among ourselves, which is not always easy. How can we talk about world peace without having peace and harmony among the four of us? Unless we work continuously on establishing heart-to-heart relationships in our group, we cannot expect great success. I feel that these relationships can only come about by helping each other within our own nation but also helping others beyond the bounds of our own nation. It is so important that the peace ambassadors of one office unconditionally support the peace ambassadors of the other offices of the Peace UN with their activities. In my opinion, this is living for the sake of others, and God can work on that foundation. Working together in international harmony is what God wants to see, and it is certainly more effective.

Next, I feel, it is so important to learn the language and culture of the mission country, in our case the Korean language and culture. These are important conditions. How can we love another nation without learning its culture and language? My wife and five children are living in London. They need me very much and are struggling in many ways, but there are other families who have been separated much longer than we.

As a peace ambassador, I feel that I am in the utmost frontline of God's providence. So much depends on us. We are God's spearhead.◆



Bruno with guests: The IIPC ambassadors are reaching out to both the international and local (Korean) community. Today's World



by Manfred Mayr

While visiting his home country, a peace ambassador from Korea continues his work. ARLY one morning, I went to Vienna to visit different embassies, where I introduced IIPC and spoke of the work done in the U.S.A., Korea and Japan. The first embassy I went to was that of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). It is quite a big building in a nice little park. Without any difficulties, I was welcomed at the embassy, where I spoke first to a very humble and warm hearted gentleman. I introduced myself as an ambassador for peace and gave him my IIPC business card. I immediately felt close to him, there was a warm connection from heart to heart. I gave him the literature in Korean that I had brought from Seoul. As he looked through a magazine, he saw a picture of True Parents. His reaction showed that he was really surprised. He said, "I know them," and seemed to be looking at their picture affectionately. "They have a hotel in Pyongyang," he said with something near excitement. In my response, I shared about True Parents and my work with IIPC. It was really a beautiful moment for me; my heart was moved by the positive reaction from an official from North Korea.

He then introduced me to the First Secretary of the embassy, from whom I observed a similar reaction, though it was not as deep as with the first gentleman. He also knew of True Parents and said good things about the work they are doing. He said he would pass on all the information to the ambassador and that from there it would be forwarded to Pyongyang. When I left the embassy, I prayed and gave thanks and praise to Heavenly Father for that unique, special experience. From the North Korean embassy, I went directly to the embassy of the Republic of Korea (South Korea). There I was welcomed by the Minister Counselor. I handed him literature I'd prepared. He was very friendly, but when he saw the picture of True Parents, he was silent for a moment and said, "Oh, that's the Unification movement." After I said that he was correct, it was okay. I shared my experiences with IIPC in the U.S.A., Japan and Korea , and even my experiences with True Parents.

Suddenly he changed the subject, and in a very diplomatic and official way, he expressed the gratitude of the South Korean Mission and the South Korean people towards the Austrian government for their decision to give a food aid to his "brothers" in North Korea. At that moment, he treated me as if I were an official Austrian personality. At the end of our meeting he said "Thank for your visit. You can contact me any time." The visits to the North and South Korean embassies were very different, but from the point of view of my heart, they were similar and moving.

Coming back to Korea I was really happy to see my brothers and sisters again. Inspired by the experiences in my home country, I wrote a letter to the Austrian Prime Minister and the Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs. I conveyed the thanks I had received from the South Korean embassy towards the Austrian government for the food aid they were sending to North Korea. In this way I tried to fulfill my responsibility as an ambassador for peace.





THE IIPC ambassadors for peace in Germany–four Korean, four Japanese (two now in Vienna), one from Italy and some alternating in and out from other countries—are holding regular events in Berlin. Divine Principle lectures are given almost every day to guests, mostly students, who are interested in world affairs and are open to the solutions proposed by IIPC.

On February 21, there were fourteen guests and twenty-three members from eight countries at our first international cultural party, making a world without borders and a world-wide human family a real experience for everyone. Snacks from a variety of different religious and cultural backgrounds enhanced the experience!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 35....**PATH OF FAITH** we must have the sense of ownership Hyun-jin nim speaks of. In faith, toward church activities or toward our position as members of the second generation, we cannot be passive. Unless we feel that we are owners, there isn't any development, is there?

It is natural that there may be discontent within the family, the church, or the blessing, but we cannot effect change if we are just observers. That's because no one else can bring change but ourselves. The course of faith for a member of the second generation is different from that of our parents. Their generation sought out this faith by themselves, and as they chose it, it is almost natural that they take responsibility for it.

In the case of a second-generation

member though, this way of faith was not chosen, and so there is great potential for struggle. I think the most important thing is how we cope with struggles when we are faced with them. If we don't look away because things are too difficult, but confront the challenge seriously, I believe an answer will be given.◆

STF Changes Lives in Korea

A Korean CARP leader relates his experience on the Korean Special Task Force

Chang Hyung-jin

Korea-CARP eginning last winter, for about a year, I toured Europe, Korea and Russia with Special Task Force (STF) members, whose worked helped them to inherit the culture of "living for the sake of the others" and heavenly traditions through total investment in their work, self-denial and breaking through. Today the memory of working on STF comes to me when I look at the trees and the sky above the Sun Moon University campus.

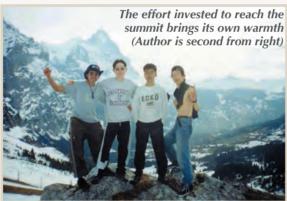
I remember those days of overcoming my physical limits and my limitations of heart. Nowadays I'm serving as a minister at Sun Moon University. I have an office in the university church. I'm working to guide students, witness, educate others and support outreach activity.

In December 2001, Hyun-jin nim instructed that STF be started in Korea. I was appointed to work with STF and began a one-year course with Korean members.

STF life begins and finishes in the van. We put all our baggage and food in a van, which thirteen people lived in. We got up at 4:30 and started hoondokhae at 5 o'clock, had breakfast and left for our mission area at 7:30. Before 9 o'clock in the morning, everybody had been dropped in a fundraising area. Sometimes we ate lunch together. Usually though, I would not see them until I came to pick them up. I would pick up the last person by 9 PM, we'd go to a rest area, cook a meal and by 11:00 would have finished eating.

After that, we had an evening prayer meeting at midnight, organized our private things and slept. This was generally our schedule. After finishing the day, there was a good, cozy feeling. I think no place in the world is as convenient as a van. That was what we usually did, six days a week. On Sunday we attended a church service and once a month we had two days of internal guidance. And we had workshop every quarter. That's how we spent the year. Days of tension followed by a breakthrough made ours a warm life with God. STF is a training course to create and train leaders from among the second generation through their inheriting True Parents' right view of faith, and to guide them to take ownership in God's providence and to decide to live a public life. STF enables the realm of the second generation to have true identity based on True Parents' blood lineage.

Through investing all of their energy into the activities, members' thinking changes, and through denying themselves, they become people who think only of serving God, True Parents and Hyun-jin nim. The result of overcoming hardships while on STF helps to strengthen their faith; it helps them to inherit a challenging spirit and experience God's heart. During STF activity members encounter indifference and persecution. They can therefore train themselves to increasingly live for the



sake of others and to love more. These can be a key to entering a higher-level world of heart.

In my case, vague beliefs I'd held and an unclear sense of the reality of the spiritual world came to have substance through STF activity in the real world. I shed my formal shell and developed real faith through actual experience. Also, traveling to many places help me to develop more of a three-dimensional feeling toward history that I had never experienced before. Nowadays, I know that I'm not walking on an ordinary road. I feel that I'm walking on a road that began in the past and extends into the future. I see that I've benefited from the fruit of past efforts, and I must create the future.

I have to live not only in the church community but also in wider world, that endless forest of competition. I have a lot of work to do in that world. It's a challenge I must take up. I have to guide people toward a better reality and inspire them with vision.

I can understand the reality of our church community and the world substantially. I can understand our urgency as we work without rest to establish Cheon II Guk. I can understand how actively and sincerely True Parents and Hyun-jin nim are in leading the providence and how hard we have to work to attend them. Through experience and hardship, I have fought within myself. I've come to feel that God is protecting us and that those in the spiritual world are helping us. I was able to come closer to True Parents and to Hyun-jin nim.

I believe that the STF members became good leaders who can inherit the missions of True Parents and Hyun-jin nim. As God sees them, they

developed and grew a lot. Heo Ji-sun, who has finished STF, testified that she can understand why True Father sent us to the center of hardship. She grew to understand that the heart of God and love and blessing can be found in hardship. Shiho, who worked in Japan, and Yutaka, who worked in Italy, said that they could feel that the grace and love of God is so great. They understand the heart of God, who has worked alone in unimaginable pain for six thousand years to save us. They experienced that when

they feel the heart of God they can't stop crying. They keenly felt the necessity of this kind of a difficult course.

I can say that the STF course is an expression of the love of True Parents and of Hyun-jin nim. It's a process we can use to grow. It's a time when we can feel God's warm heart. I am very thankful to God, True Parents and Hyun-jin nim knowing that my being here is a result of my experience on STF.

I want to repay them by working hard at Sun Moon University. I am determined to raise my level of faith, and the spirit of self-denial that desires to break through and to invest oneself completely, all of which I experienced on STF. I believe the providence requires this of me. I am grateful to True Parents and Hyun-jin nim for the valuable experience of love I gained through STF.◆

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• Have confidence in True Parents' Teachings: When you have problems in relationships and concerns that lie heavy on your heart and sometimes immobilize you, offer those difficulties to True Parents.

Recently I had been overcome by a heavy heart for many weeks, when Jesus told me to offer my problem to True Parents. He said that they are the Messiah and Savior as well. They have been anointed as such, have paid the indemnity to liberate us and want to liberate us from all problems related to fallen nature. I had never thought of doing that, moreover, I wouldn't have wanted to burden True Parents. Nevertheless, I did as Jesus said and offered all my worries and pain to True Parents. Miraculously I felt an energy surround me, and my pain went completely, leaving me feeling light and peaceful and happy. I had been cleansed and liberated.

I have great confidence in the healing power of True Parents' love, teachings and blessings. They are more powerful than any counseling session, because they remove the root of the problem.

Often, through reading Father's speeches, I find answers to difficult situations or problems. At other times the power of the word lifts my spirit. Only True Parents have the authority to solve all blessed families' problems. They have the power to cleanse and give us new hearts. It is part of the new providential grace, and our condition to receive that grace is absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience to True Parents.

• Develop your own relationship with God, so that God is real to you and not just an abstract concept.

Last year, I made a forty-day prayer condition to do just that, because I felt

I couldn't witness to people about God unless He was real to me. People sense our feeling and understanding when we talk to them.

During the service when we received the holy wine after God's coronation, I saw God for the first time. I saw God as a circle of light sitting on True Parents' chairs, with arms of light extending from either side of the circle, embracing everyone in the room. Rays of light shot out from the circle of light, touching every person in the room. The atmosphere heightened, and I felt hotter and hotter until a feeling of ecstasy and happiness filled me. A number of us experienced our inner muscles strengthening and straightening and a confidence filled us, such that I felt I could be strong when attacked, and not feel inhibited or insecure.

Also it is possible to develop a real



heart-to-heart relationship with True Parents if they are not real to you, by doing a similar condition.

• Understand our responsibilities and the providence.

I think that it is very important for us to remind ourselves of the responsibilities True Parents expect us to fulfill, and what course we have to pioneer. Also, it is important to understand exactly what is happening in the providence so that we can connect to and support the direction in which True Parents are moving, because those in the spirit world want to support True Parents' activities. If our concerns and interests are one with True Parents' hearts and teachings, the spirit world will be really happy to help us. ◆

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In this realm [of the revolution of heart], the settlement of noon will be ever-present; night will not exist. In this realm, where the sun shines constantly over your head and so casts no shadow, you will become one in heart with God, you will be united with His body, lineage, life and love, and have the same value as the realm of oneness in heart. You will take the same position as and live in the same realm as God. Thus, you will be enthroned as heirs to the cosmos. This realm will be one of absolute liberation and freedom. Amen!

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