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Rev. Dr. Hwang Sun-jo



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DEAR members! What exactly is our role in providential history? Are we just bystanders? Or are we owners who will take up this providential responsibility and pioneer the way? Are we in this battle against Satan or are we just acting as spectators? It is clear that we cannot just remain onlookers to providential history.

In this remarkable new age, Father has designated us True Parents' representatives. Further, he has clearly stated that representing them means becoming their heirs.

We have been given many different names. We started out as lowly servants of servants. Our position was such that we dared not look up to Heaven, and the weight of restorative indemnity lay heavily on our shoulders. Still we tried to follow our True Parents' teachings and gradually came to stand proudly as central figures of the providence.

Going beyond the positions of blessed couples, tribal messiahs, registered blessed families, and fourth Adams, we have now become, in name and in fact, owners of Cheon Il Guk, because we have positioned ourselves as representatives who will inherit all that our True Parents have to offer. This is the providential appellation that has been given to us today....

Beloved members, we are the fruit of providence and heirs who will inherit the entire providence that True Parents have cultivated throughout their life courses. Spectators can enjoy watching the struggle without any responsibility, but those who are actually in the midst of that struggle will only feel tremendous anxiety and strain.

Today True Parents have raised us as their heirs and are strongly saying that we must recreate our tribes in order to restore the earth as God's fatherland. They have sent us out to the world as their successors and have given us the command to make the world God's fatherland.

True Parents' hearts as they send us out as their successors and our hearts as we accept this order to raise God's fatherland from these rugged plains must be inseparable. Our hearts must be filled with anxiety and strain like that of soldiers up against a desperate battle at the risk of their lives. It is time to reflect again on whether we have that kind of intense seriousness in our lives.

As True Parents' heirs, there are basically three things that we must inherit from them. First, they have emphasized that we need to inherit their teachings. How are we different from worldly people? What sets the Unification Church apart from other religions? Who are our

True Parents and what makes them great? The answer to these questions can be found in their teachings.

Their teachings are what indicate that they are from Heaven. Their messianic judgment of this world and vision for the creation of the future world can also be found in their teachings. That's why we need to examine ourselves to see whether we value the teachings of True Parents as highly as we do our own lives....

Their teachings are not simply words that come out of their mouths. The strength of what someone says is only manifested when it is expressed with a sincere heart and reflects the heart and soul of the speaker. The appeal and value of what someone says is all the greater when it is spoken based on a life of extreme asceticism. Things that are said under those circumstances exhibit their own life. We may gain knowledge just by reading, which may transform our minds, but this cannot open our hearts. The power to open people's hearts does not come from the mouth but only from words filled with life that come from a united body and heart. Therefore, we must rearm ourselves with those words of life that burst from our hearts.

In recreating our tribes and neighborhoods to reach the standard of God's fatherland, the most crucial tool will become True Parents' teachings. These teachings are expressed in words, but we must understand that these are not words that come only from the mouth but words filled with life that burst forth from the heart...

The second thing that we need to inherit is True Parents' lives. It is very difficult to say exactly what True Parents' lives are, but if we were to condense their lives into two things one would be true love, and the other would be devoted effort [i§99].

One of the things I feel when I am at True Parents' side is that their level of determination to realize the providence is without equal. They are tremendously thorough and take advantage of every second. No matter what situation they may be in, they are solely focused on the realization of the providence and the underlying base of their concern is permeated throughout with true love.

I would like to tell you a story about Father in order to shed some light on what True Parents' lives are like. If you enter the living room of the official residence at Hannamdong, you will find a painting that was done by Heung-jin nim. One day, when staff members were tidying up the living room, they moved Heung-jin nim's picture to a different location. When Father returned from one of True Parents' world tours and found that the painting was not in that spot, he scolded the staff.

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The Three-Color Lottery and Building God's Fatherland

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THE REASON we receive these reports on the reality of the spirit world is so that the spirit world and earth do not remain separated, because all the ancestors in the spiritual world, God who is the king of the spirit world, True Parents on earth, True Parents' nation and everyone else must follow the same path in the same direction. Now it is one nation and the earth—of which we can become the citizens—that becomes the center, rather than what is going on in the spirit world. In this time, those on earth must work harder than those in the spirit world. You must know this and have such determination that by persevering in that way, you can become the citizens of God's fatherland and the peace kingdom, which are being proclaimed.

Therefore we must not think that all the resolutions reported from the spirit world or the reports on the reality of the spirit world are just things belonging to that world that don't matter to us, but instead we must be more earnest than those in the spirit world; and you must do greater things even than what you pledge to do.

Now we must organize a new nation. The establishment of one country will begin by educating everybody—from the babies to families—about the heavenly nation. We will begin this education from kindergarten and elementary schools, on into secondary schools, and in universities for people under 24, and in masters and doctoral courses for those up to 30. You have to complete the education of all people....

In your thirties, you have to become family messiahs, tribal messiahs and national messiahs just like Jesus, who carried out his responsibility as the Messiah in relation to everything. You have to be like God, who takes responsibility for everything, and do what the president of a nation would do for each family. You have to know that the time has come for us to com-

pletely consolidate and sweep everything away by holding hoondokhae for all those who were educated in and graduated from elementary schools, secondary schools, or universities. You have to have that kind of determination.

You cannot live the way you want now as you did in the past. You must unite with your ancestors now, the masters in the spiritual world, the kings of that world, and God in heaven. You have to become one with the people and receive the bloodline of the heavenly world—completely liquidating the lineage of the satanic world from the face of earth—in order to become one global family. You should think, "It is *my* responsibility to create one nation, one world culture, a global Adamic culture, and a world of the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal Adamic culture from this global family. I have to take responsibility for this." There is no such thing as "we" now.

My mind and body must become one. Then my family must become one. Three of my generations must become one. My tribe must become one, and this must be grafted onto the realm of the national messiah, engrafting the entire nation and engrafting this nation to the global nation realm so that later the field of wild olive trees can completely become a field of true olive trees.

Then God must be able to move about as He pleases, with His autonomy, in any place in heaven, whether it be the high or low plains or the garden of mountains and rivers [*sansu-won*]. Wherever your base of activity may be, all creation—the mineral world, plant world and animal world—should be in harmony with God and with our Unification Church members, so that it can exist as a self-contained heaven anywhere.

Therefore, even if you cultivate the soil and harvest your crops, you must leave behind something that can be your tithe

to the earth. You must know how to fulfill your responsibility as the master by enabling all creation to eat and by raising them with love. "The birds and insects exist for my sake. The animals exist for my sake. Humanity exists for my sake. Even the spirit world in heaven exists for my sake, and even God exists for my sake." Since everything under the dominion of God belongs to the father, know that it belongs to the father and the son. You must become a devoted son who attends the father, and become not an individual but a family that attends the nation as patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters. Amen!

So! You should not forget what you've heard today. You should know that the kings of the Goryeo Dynasty have now made resolutions and have pledged to live in accordance with them. People on earth, as well as those people in the spiritual world who were citizens in the Goryeo era, must follow those kings.

Then we can welcome one nation of God and the liberated era of the unified earth and heaven, which will have been established within the unified realm of the creation of God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom. Amen! This is not somebody else's job; it is *my* job.

The Family Pledge says, "As the owner of Cheon Il Guk, our family pledges to seek our original homeland....by centering on true love." I must therefore recreate all the lands that were lost. God will not create them for me.

Since these were stained by the blood of the satanic world and lost because of the love, life and lineage of the false parents, you need to bring together the family, tribe and nation centering on the love, life and lineage of the True Parents and completely eradicate the lineage of the satanic world. As a central personage you need to be determined to sweep this clean away.

Therefore the spirit world and earth do not progress separately....

Now the first, second and third Israels are one nation. The time has come. When they are one, they become a single nation whether it is in the East or West. And if you are the central person of that nation, you can go anywhere and live there as you please; because it becomes your nation and there are no national boundaries where the root, trunk and branch reside.

That nation becomes the parent nation, the father nation, the mother nation, and the nation of elder-sonship. This is the realm of the third and fourth Israels, which must graft onto Cheon Il Guk, God's fatherland and the fourth Israel. In this

way the fatherland of heaven is all that remains.

Through this, the nation, under the sovereignty of God's love, of the unified kingdom of heaven on earth is created where heaven and earth can be one; you should know that this is the liberated era of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven.

For this, you need this hoondokhae, you need to study the Principle and take examinations. If you don't do these things, you should be disciplined; and your mother, father and all your ancestors who had encouraged you will instead chase you and chastise you. So you should not do as you please....

Your husband is not your husband. He is in the position of the archangel. True Father must stand in the position of your husband and, as the wife, you must stand in the position of Eve to bring the sons and daughters together in order to surmount the national level.

Only when the world's nations that go beyond the individual nation and stand on the victorious standard on the foundation of the nation graft onto heaven and earth after the kingdom of heaven appears, can the archangel stand in the position of the younger brother of Adam. Therefore it is the principle and law for you (the younger brothers) to graft your family onto the elder brother and follow him into heaven.

Husbands, do you understand? Wives, do you understand? Love is not the issue. The nation is what matters, the nation. The daughters of heaven were trampled on and the sons and daughters of heaven, the second generation, were abducted. The archangel couldn't even do his job. So there will not be even one family who can enter heaven before I put all these things in order.

In finding the nation, you cannot sprawl on the ground to sleep. In my whole life I never slept facing up in comfort. I sleep either on my right or left side like a shrimp.

When you still haven't restored your nation and are not standing on the foundation of God's fatherland where you can offer your fruits to heaven, how can you share love in that fallen manner in front of True Parents who have offered their lives to regain God's fatherland? If you long for love, liberate your mother. If as a mother you long for your husband, bring your children into unity.

Then when you find your nation and go beyond to the world you will be victorious in overcoming both in spirit and in flesh, the challenges faced by the saints. Thus, you must substantially restore through indemnity the fact that Jesus died and could not enter into heaven by establishing the basis of a



The leaders meeting at the Cheong Pyeong training center

family that could enter heaven. That calling and responsibility remains.

You all have two masters, don't you? If you have two masters, you will perish. You may have carelessly treated the daughters of heaven until now, but the age has passed where you can make love as you please. You should know that you should not make love until you find the nation.

From today do not call your wife, "wife." She is the representative of the mother. Should a person in the position of the archangel make love before the nation is made? Answer me. [No.] A woman without a nation should not try to make love with her husband just because she longs for him. From now on, you should make love only after you have found the nation and offered it to God.

In that world where the bright morning sun rises in God's fatherland, the archangel who can become the owner of that nation must inherit and graft onto the position of the owner and become the younger brother who can connect the bloodline of the position of the younger brother of Adam on to earth. Only then can he have children with the daughters that were raised by me, so that they can establish a family raising those children as Cain and Abel. Only on the basis of a nation can the family enter heaven....

From now on, even if your husband comes to you, kick him away with your feet. You have to love Father more than you do your husband. Should the archangel stand above Adam? Does the fallen archangel have a partner? Only when you stand on the nation, only when you make that connection through which God can go out to the world, can your family go over the threshold of heaven. Liberation will occur then and not before, because the time has come when you can only inherit the ownership of the liberated kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven after you cross that threshold together with your family. If you hold on to your wife and children at this time when liberation is occurring, you will block the very path that you must go.

Even the archangel, in his fallen form in the fallen world, can now be healed through love given on the side of heaven. Thus in creating the family of the prince and princess of heaven, the representatives of the archangel stand in the position of the elder-son archangel. This took on the form of a family, but you must know that according to Principle the order is reversed. From now on, the family does not come first. You must establish a nation and there you must receive the blessing again from me in order to go to heaven. Therefore, all people can enter the realm of God only when that day comes where all people can receive the blessing in heaven. Amen! [Amen!] This is absolute, do you understand? [Yes.]

So, from today, will you seek your wife or will you seek the nation? [We will seek the nation.] You have all sold out your nation. I work undercover to erase the wrongdoings of the archangel and to bring together the daughters, wives and children of God's nation. Where they become the kin of True Parents, there is no indemnity. Only when they graft onto

that place where the saints reside can they enter heaven and receive the blessing again. Without doing so, does your family and does the archangel have a realm to relate to? Do you know that you all represent the archangel? You have to indemnify and overcome this unresolved task, this pre-ordained task that must be completely brought to a conclusion. Do you understand? [Yes.] Sisters should respect Father's guidance about making love. This is not something I am saying; that is heavenly law. The law of indemnity is like that.

If you can move swiftly for the sake of the providence as if you were on the path of death spewing blood, yet with a passion greater than that of loving your wife, at that time a unified world can be created in an instant. Is this true or false? [It is true.] So this is not a problem. How many months, how many years will you do this? If you have four whole years left until the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk, you have to then finish this off during the ensuing four years of the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth years of Cheon Il Guk....

Destiny is calling you all to take up the mission of going beyond boundary lines, beyond nations, beyond the six continents, all the way to heaven to become the representative king of kings, the pious son of sons, and the saint of saints. You need to be resolved that you will not fall away from this mission.

Know that this morning will be one where you will drive a knife into the ground to show your determination, tighten your belt and resolve that you can die for this cause. You have to have that kind of resolve. Will you or won't you? [We will.] I don't want to order you to make any resolution. If I did I would have to bear half the responsibility, so you must decide.

You have to act in accordance with the direction of the Principle. In accordance with the Principle! In accordance with hoondokhae! Those who dislike hoondokhae are out. Hoondokhae has to be something you like twelve months in a year. You don't know how delicious hoondokhae is. If you can forget that

you have eaten and slept, if you can forget that you have died—if you were to die—and yet love those words and feel those words as you die, then I tell you, you will become the first son or daughter of the prince and princess directly connected to heaven. Amen! [Amen!]...

The Meaning the Blue, Red and Black Colors

From the moment I declared "God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom" in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, all these instructions I gave you will not pass away but must be expanded onto the stage of your life.... You must clearly understand the fact that God's fatherland is built only on the foundation of the unity of all things after a complete purification of the family.

Yesterday you all drew lots, didn't you? [Yes.] Did you announce the results? [We only drew lots.] Those who drew lots stand up. Japanese members raise your hands. Next, members from Europe!...

There are three colors. Announce worldwide that this lot-



Hoon-sook nim with Shin-wol nim

tery should be held. This side, sit down, since you haven't done the lottery. Make sure to hand these out for the lottery after I leave. The colors they draw will be the same anywhere in the world. There are three colors for formation, growth and perfection.

From now on, pray that you can draw a lottery ticket in a position where heaven can help you with all that you desire from your ancestors. So, now you know that you will be drawing lots. Depending on the color that you draw, your responsibility and calling will be different. Do you understand? [Yes.] What? [Our responsibility and calling will be different!] Your responsibilities will change. There are internal, external and many other kinds of responsibilities; but according to the color you draw, whether it is internal or external, your responsibility will be divided top-bottom, front-back, and left-right, so you must never forget the subject-object relationship wherever you go, whoever you are.

Even if you go to America, even in America, the subject-object relationship will be decided centering on the color you drew. So, wherever blessed members go, when they are asked what color they are, they need to go to that nation—to the place of that color—and cooperate with that nation. The world is our stage. There are no national boundaries.

The colors here are black, blue and red. ...Black should represent night, blue should represent the daytime and red should represent the red morning and evening skies. These colors are neither good nor bad; all three colors have equal value within the twenty-four hours of a day, all of it. Please do not think that you're unlucky if you got black.

If black is your color, you need to be responsible for the night; if it is blue you need to take responsibility for the day; since red is the color of the morning and evening skies, which are bright for half the day, those who picked red should take responsibility for half the day. That kind of responsibility and conduct will follow you around, so you need to know that territory in which you can move about. Black should pray during the night or do activities at night. If you go fishing, go fishing at night; or give special lectures at night. Everybody will be mobilized at that time wherever you go.

If you haven't done the [ancestor] liberation and blessing ceremonies, no matter how much, after receiving your color, you call on your ancestors for help they cannot come. And since you haven't had the blessing ceremony for them, your ancestors cannot come to the earth to cooperate, although the blessed families within the realm of the angels are Cain-type ancestors in the position of elder brothers. So you have to quickly finish all these things.

How many generations of ancestors have you liberated? [Up to 84 generations.] Hurry up and do 120 generations. You must accomplish this as much as possible, investing all you have. All the property you have is the land you received from your ancestors going back over the generations. That land was divided and came under your ownership. Thus, the wish of your ancestors is to have all their land sold; if one of your

ancestors had been a king, he would even want his nation to be sold for the sake of ancestral liberation. They all believe that investing in the blessing fund is the responsibility of each tribe and each people in order to unify the future generations and ancestors.... So if you have the highest standard, the people in the spiritual world with the highest standard will come to your aid....

We have entered such a time, when we are compelled to move. [Amen!] You have to say it louder. A-men! [A-men!] [applause]

Mothers must love the nation

From now on mothers will take on an important responsibility. Say mother! [Mother!] Mothers with babies must fulfill their responsibility as mothers. Mothers must love the nation more than they love their children. Why? The mother in your family must love the children of the nation and world more than their own sons and daughters. If there are seven million people in a nation, and if there are seven million mothers, how great will the number of children in that country be! You have to love the children of your nation and world more than your own children, with a greater heart of love than the numerous

women and mothers have for their children.

The mother of a nation must live for the sake of the greater world, which comprises hundreds of nations. Mothers of this world must love all the people in the spiritual world, which is the home of millions and billions of people. In the same way, since a greater mother's love is available for to you to possess, you must stand in the position of the mother of a nation and love its people more than your own children; you must stand in the position of a mother of the world and love the children of the world more than the children of your nation; you must stand in the position of a mother of heaven and earth and love those children with a love greater than God's.

Through a small investment you can give life to great things. What is even greater—the biggest task—is liberating God. Your common purpose is to raise sons and daughters who can complete the kingdom of heaven, in which God can freely reign, on earth and in heaven. Thus, we have moved into a time when we can love greater things rather than smaller ones.

This is not a two-way road but a one-way road. It emerges in this way: You love with a love greater than your love for your children and later on, when you arrive in front of God, what do you think He will do? To arrive here such a family will have devoted their parental and filial hearts for the greater good. God will embrace such a family with the heart of the nation in the position of our great God, and when He does, all traces of love from the satanic world will be completely cleaned away.

Therefore, the individual must live for the family, the family for the tribe, the tribe for the people, the people for the nation, the nation for the world, the world for the cosmos, the cosmos for God—and God will live for our sake! The horizontal



Mother reading at hoondokhae at Hannam-dong



The choosing of the colors (left), and Father explaining the meaning of the colors to church president Rev. Hwang Sun-jo

era of the completely unified domain, the vertical domain and the three dimensional world, where God can go beyond the nation to once again raise, with this highest cosmic love and through His heavenly law, all who have gone forth, will manifest in the established families of the unified love of heaven and earth! ...

Ministers, church leaders and regional leaders all should go back to their hometowns. They should go to their hometowns. [Rev. Hwang Sun-jo: All of them?] All of them must make that move. Only those who chose a blue ticket will carry on their mission in their position, say, of regional director, within the organizations....[Rev. Hwang: Those who drew blue remain church leaders and the rest return to their hometowns....] That's right! Those with blue tickets will continue in their current positions in the organization....

Just because we are having this organizational restructuring, major personnel transfers and changes in position, it does not mean you can fall away. The issue here is how you achieve the "settlement of noon," how you initiate total mobilization to offer the nation to God. Until now we have had a lot of federations like the Women's Federation and so forth, but we have to go beyond these, and, centering on the colors you have, go forward according to the representative model family of the absolute owner, centering on the simultaneous settlement of noon and centering on the color blue....

Thus, you must connect to God's root, which achieved the settlement of noon, and from there this world will be completely cleared of Satan. This will create a liberated realm without any shadow in any direction, like the settlement of noon that brightens all things. Now your families have become those that can be mobilized day and night beyond all seasons. If this becomes a family of a pious son, everyone can become a pious son, if this becomes a patriotic family, everyone can become a patriot and a liberated owner. Therefore, the family of a prince and princess of the settlement of noon of the "blue zone" can inherit the eternal kingdom of heaven in God's stead. The world where neither liberation nor atonement are necessary is the fatherland that we will live in, the land of our hometown! *Okcheon*[one hundred billion] *mansei!* *Mansei!* Amen! [Amen!]

So everything that I proclaimed in the seven points that I explained on the first of January [see Jan/Feb issue page 9] fall into your domain of responsibility, are things you must accomplish, whether it is night or day. If ever you are mobilized at night you must help. If you are mobilized in the daytime you must give aid; and even if you are mobilized in the middle of

the morning you must cooperate. Everyone must help, from the highest level down. If a problem arises, everyone will be mobilized.

Just because you belong to the night doesn't mean you can sleep during the day. You must follow through to the middle of the morning, which in turn must follow through after the day ends, which achieves the settlement of noon. Only then can you welcome the bright light of the new morning, which can circulate for twenty-four hours and light up the kingdom of heaven, where we can attend the clear and bright [*sun myung*] mother and father. Everything will go well! Amen! [Amen!]...

All those instructions, which I gave up to now in detail, are not dead words; just because I spoke of those differences between night and day, morning and afternoon doesn't mean the color you chose is the end of everything....The people of the blue zone may directly manage the spiritual world, but they will now be disciplined when they make mistakes.

You may think, "It would have been better if I had gotten a black ticket." But don't worry. Think instead that you got the blue one because your ancestors are good. You should go out with the thought, "Wow, if I pray, my good ancestors will be waiting to help me." Isn't it the earnest desire of our ancestors to come down again to cooperate with us?

You should know these things and have your wife, yourself, your children and relatives all take part in the same activities twenty-four hours a day. You have become representatives of families that will not be removed by a nation's laws. Thus, you are the family that is to inherit and represent the heavenly nation and your home is to be without shame! Amen!

You have to have more than three generations registered, but in order to register them you need a nation, don't you? Father did this centering on a conditional nation, but you all must substantially bring together the 275 clans of the Republic of Korea and restore the nation for the solid completion of this task. You all can find the position of the owner who can begin to love only after you receive the blessing again as a family after Father opens the gates to enter the new kingdom of heaven. In this way heaven can be inherited without any difficulty. So I have announced these things! ♦

Endnote:

1 Settlement of noon denotes absolute goodness, casting no shadow of evil, as when the sun is directly overhead at midday.

Revolution of Ideas in Korea

The new hoondok family churches

FATHER has initiated changes that are rapidly transforming the entire movement in Korea. At a meeting in Cheong Pyeong under True Parents' guidance, during the final three days of the international leaders' conference in February, Father had all the leaders draw lots using black, red and blue pieces of paper. The missions and destinies of the leaders were greatly changed by the color they drew (see also previous issue, p. 26).

Those who drew black or red lots were instructed to return to their hometowns and to either take over the church there, or if a church did not yet exist in their hometown, to start a new hoondok family church. Those church leaders who drew a blue paper are to remain in their current positions—or if a hometown-bound leader were to take over their church, to transfer to a nearby church that had lost its leader through the draw. In practical terms this means that many church leaders will end up working to develop the hoondok family church movement in their own hometowns. (Out of 518 Korean church leaders on the workshop, 168 drew blue, and among 54 Korean CARP leaders present, 17 drew blue.)

Father also instructed that that a family church must exist in each town, rural district and city district in Korea, a total of 3,516 locations. Many additional people had to also be newly appointed in each area to take charge of these new—and in most cases, much smaller—churches. This was done through holding drawings in all the churches throughout the country. Those from among the general membership who chose blue were assigned as leaders of family churches. Those that chose black or red in the local lottery were asked to support the new leaders in their work.

At first the new leaders will hold Sunday service with the members who live in their district and those members will invite guests to join them. The service will be based on readings from Father's words (hoondokhae) and discussion of the content. The national headquarters is supporting by producing hoondok materials to be distributed nationwide.

In the city of Anyang (just to the south of Seoul), for example, the main church had been covering a total of 14 city



Pictured here is the ceremony (for the various regions of western Seoul) held in the evening of March 30 at the Headquarters Church at Chungpa-dong, at which the certificates of appointment were presented to the new hoondok church leaders and the new leaders were "sent off" to their new missions. In the photographs the leaders pledge to do their best in their new responsibility.



districts. Each of these local districts now has a new church leader drawn from the existing church's congregation and will conduct services in (or nearby) each of those districts. Many of the new churches will begin in the homes of members, but they have the option of holding services elsewhere, for example, using a public meeting room at the district office or community center.

The hoondok family churches—spread throughout each town, rural and urban district—will come together once a month to the existing church buildings for a combined service, much as was done each week in the past.

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main church for the support of the church leader and ongoing activities, but from August this year the hoondok churches will also become financially independent.

Each town or rural area will, additionally, create a hoondok church council and appoint a chairman from among the members of the various fledgeling churches. The council will supervise the management and development of the hoondok family churches, and education, in the related districts.

In effect, these changes have changed the centrally organized church regional structure into a more cell-based church system. (A long article on small-group theory appeared in the Korean church monthly magazine.) The national church headquarters still operates much as it always has, however, to communicate the focus of activities (for example, finding candidates for the blessing, plus such novel tasks as developing mountain hiking clubs [see Oct-Dec 2003 issue p. 41]).

In that there are perhaps five times as many churches and church leaders as before, many of whom may not previously have been particularly active, a sense of personal responsibility is settling more into the grass roots of the movement in Korea. Members face more intimately and personally the real task of effectively conducting local level activities. In light of True Parents' emphasis on our breaking through in neighborhood outreach (*Tong Ban Gyeongpa*) these changes represent a personal challenge to each of us to step forward. ♦



The Settlement Era of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

Hannam-dong Hoondokhae
February 22, 2004

Father's Prayer

DEAREST BELOVED Heavenly Father, today is February 22, the fourth Sabbath of this month, in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. We are here this morning with all the blessed families on earth, from those of the thirty-six couples and those connected thereafter centering on the five great saints in the spirit world. Let these blessed families establish one heart, one body, one focal point centering on Adam and Eve with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute investment of one mind, one body, one mindset, in harmony. Please remember this morning, when I can proclaim and establish this victorious day, February 22, with the plan for the history of restoration through indemnity for the completion of the unified world of purity, pure lineage, pure sexual relations and harmony.

We pray that the focus of everything in existence can settle down on this one focal point centering on True Parents' love; let all these become one in body and core with the bones, skin and flesh. May You take the lead as the king of kings of the sovereignty of the love of all creation on the absolute family foundation of Your victory. In commemorating this day, we offer our bows to You this morning. Please receive these with joy. With this morning prayer of True Parents, we fervently pray that you will allow this day to be commemorated as the day of transition for the fulfillment and liberation of Your will.

We pray that, centering on the democratic world and the communist world, centering on North and South Korea, centering on China and the Soviet Union, everything can be united in front of You and become Your eternal foundation of victory—the absolute, unique, unchanging, eternal family foundation of victory for the sovereignty of Your victorious love. We pray You will accept, with joy, all these things that we have reported to You. This I report and proclaim in the name of True Parents. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Father's Speech

Today is February 22 of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, the day of welcoming spring. Today the number four comes together with the number six.¹ These numbers have come together on this Sunday today. You must know that from this day, as spring has come upon this earth from today, the settlement era of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind shall begin.

Thus, the fact that the invisible God appeared in the spiritual world means that the foundation for Him to appear through the substantial entity of True Parents, and to freely engage in activities on earth, has been made. Since this day is connected with the numbers four and six, the numbers for indemnity and liberation, the True Parents, who appear on earth as the substantial entity of God on the foundation of the settlement and liberation of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, can, by restoration through indemnity, level out all the walls created in the eras of the individual, family, tribe and cosmos from the garden of Eden. As we designate this day to indemnify the number six on the family foundation—the four-position foundation—we prayed for the settlement of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Thus you must be aware that you have become a family of the settlement of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

You must therefore know about the opening up of the liberated heavenly world on earth and in heaven that can attend both True Parents on earth and their substantial image is in the

spirit world. I will offer a short prayer.
Father asks everyone to repeat the following words after him.

A Second Prayer

God's desire was to perfect the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. This could be realized when the entire universe becomes God's universe by having Adam's family inherit God's love, life and bloodline as blessed families, which are God's ideal of creation, came into existence. As we designate this day on this foundation, I proclaim this day after the establishment of the liberated realm of the number 10 which is a combination of the number four and six of the physical world and world of heaven. Amidst joy we pray that you become the eternal owner of the family kingdom of heaven, greater than the king of kings who reigns for eternity with the sovereignty of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who can reign over the entire universe after inheriting the position of the liberated owner on the foundation of True Parents' efforts. In the name of True Parents, I proclaim that the central kingdom and liberation of all nations and the settlement of the Cosmic Parent, Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will advance to the infinite world of peace and eternity. We pray you will accept this with joy and govern all affairs on this foundation. This I report with joy in the name of True Parents. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Thank you.

Speech continued...

Now, say "Declaration of the Settlement Era of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind"! [Declaration of the Settlement Era of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!]

We have entered the era of the beginning of the super family, the beginning of eternity based on the family where the two worlds of the spirit and flesh are united within the unified realm of the Parents of Earth and the Parents of Heaven.

Hasn't spring undoubtedly arrived? It is spring. The age has come in which God can enjoy spring for the first time; an age for the blessed nation of love within the heavens and on earth....

The number six enters into the realm of three generations: God's family, Adam's family and the substantial family all fall right in place. That is spring in the truest sense. And this day is the fourth Sabbath of this month. I offered that prayer this morning as today is a historic day of commemoration.

The content of the prayer was that we have entered an age of an absolute family, where the safe settlement of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind can be realized. What does this all mean? Heaven becomes my heaven; earth becomes my earth. It is our Parents' family. We must inherit this; and from this time forth we will offer their tradition to all of earth. You must have faith that [the number 10] is the liberated number

that connects to the lineage centering on the three family stages, three generations and the familial four-position foundation. You must all pray and live on that foundation. So what do we absolutely need now? We absolutely need to uphold the Family Pledge. Do you understand? Those things are all included in the Family Pledge...

Without the coming of spring, the new sprouts will not come out and flowers will not bloom. Fruit will not grow. For this reason you must all become those new sprouts. You must all become new family sprouts of the cosmos, where the flowers bloom and trees bear fruit.

As the blood relatives of the master's family, our families, which have spread from leaf to leaf and branch to branch, must enter the spring season. This should have been the spring of six thousand years ago when the tree that sprouted could have expanded and grown without its branches being snapped off. This age has become one in which we can always attend the substantial reality of heaven and earth in order to become devout sons, loyal servants and owners. Therefore this is the time of the spring season of the universe. You need to realize

these things on your own.

We are now heading toward that kind of world. If you do not respond to this you will constantly find yourself crumbling away. You will see collision within yourself. If your mind and body struggle and collide with each other you will continue to decline. Families will decline if they have conflict within. Satan has not declined until now. He fought on the horizontal line. Since spring hadn't come he could not decline. But now the time has come for him to decline. You need to be aware of this.

All those here today should be grateful. You

have to know that hoondokhae is the cornerstone for tremendous blessings. What should we do about those who didn't participate here today? Make sure to take a picture of all those here today, okay? Let's continue. Today's hoondokhae is important...

God never could use the word "our" until now. He has never been able to call something His own. He has never been able to claim something based on His love. You have to think about this. You have to understand how fearful and weighty the terms "my family," and "our family" are. You have to realize anew that "we" are the flowers that have taken all of history to come to the point of blooming and that that blooming will occur in this next stage as we enter spring, the season of fruition.

If you look in the mirror, you can see that all your five senses are on your face. The face is the headquarters of your entire body. Make sure that your face does become a source of shame. Could you say that your eyes greeted spring with God and that it belongs to both God and you? You could not. It is the same for your nose and lips. There never was a place where we could say that heaven was ours. Because of the Fall we did not know this.

What a thing it is that beings that have had no value, have



Father prayer at hoondokhae on the morning of February 22



been able to say “I” and “we”! As we, beginning from God, welcome eternal spring with joy on the foundation of all four seasons, we should be grateful that with each passing year spring grows stronger bringing a greater abundance of fruit, and that the harvested fruit can grow in the blessed land for thousands and ten thousands of years without spoiling.

You must now be careful of what you say. You shouldn’t use the profanity that is used in this world. How can you use such words on a spring day? The time has come for us to carefully choose the words we use.

The light of spring is shining with the dawning of the day. Your faces ought to be brighter than this but I cannot see that they are. A new resolution! Say it. [A new resolution!] A new resolution! [A new resolution!]

Because God’s resolution is my resolution we should confidently say “I.” This is even more true with the word “we.” Why? We are with God! God can only reside in the place where our mind and body are united, but He has never been able to do this—just like Adam and Eve, who were supposed to become God’s body, but who were fighting each other.

So it is truly remarkable that from this day forth the words “I” and “we” became possible on the basis of the safe settlement of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the establishment of a unified beginning point of the spiritual and physical worlds—and my self-awareness, our self-awareness, is established based on the fatherland of God....

You all need to have the awareness that “we are the families of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.” Thus, as Satan used the numbers four and six as the keys to lock the gates of heaven, on this day, February 22, in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, with the emergence of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind the four-position foundation will be completed and the number six will be perfected.

This is the era of settlement for the four-position foundation and the time for the perfection and withdrawal of the num-

ber six. This becomes the number ten, and we go round again through this “returning number.” Four plus six becomes ten, the returning number, and now we return to the original number. That is exactly the point we are at now. We are working in America to inspire the administration and the United Nations, and in other nations. What we have to say must be said whether the people listen or not.

Through Yeosu and Suncheon now, this country is giving its support to me and has chosen me out of its own volition. It was not out of my own desire that I was chosen. You have to know this....

Today is February 22 of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. Two times three is six, representing three generations. Three generations with God, three generations with Adam, three generations with the sons and daughters and the completion of the four-position foundation all add up to the number ten. This becomes the “returning number,” and since we have secured the original position in that the measures have been set, we can now exclaim, “Aha, this really is the place for the safe settlement of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Satan has to now completely back down.” This is what is happening. If Satan doesn’t back down, he will be thrown into an abyss, locked up with his group and end up spending his time as a wanderer for all eternity unable to settle down.

That is why I’m telling you to act like an owner. As we enter spring, we must race along the rails of the original way, the way of the heavenly law. Our path of life must become one of joy in welcoming the long-awaited spring into our lives! Because you became the second ancestors of goodness by becoming substitutes for heaven and earth liberated and freed from chains [ᄇᄇᄇ], you are the liberated ancestors without any contradictions. You need to be conscious of the fact that we are the owner families of the era of the world peace kingdom of the newly founded Cheon Il Guk, based on the Family Pledge.

Do you or do you not feel a breathless moment when you make love with your husband or wife? Even in the fallen world,

this is exciting. How much more exciting will it be in the original world of creation? How great will the commotion be? How great the vibration... Even pigeons coo and kittens purr, even mice clatter in the ceiling. Would the impact of God's rhythm when making love be big or small?

The sound of thunder is the sound of God's kiss; the sound of lightning is the explosive power the first breath God exhales after making love. That is why His exhaling and inhaling become the sound of lightning striking. Boom!! Does it go in a circle or does it come down like this? It strikes from the top down, doesn't it?

Since God kisses and makes love in that way, the ideal essence of love must be such that when people kiss, the sound would be like thunder. When you make love it must be more powerful than a cat's meow or a pigeon's cooing in spring, so that your grandfather, grandmother and God would wake up and watch you making love.

That kind of original sound is what God would like to see; he would like to go where that sound is being made and be intoxicated. Then everything would be okay....If you can eat well and enter heaven, you are a fortunate person. That is possible. I am saying it is possible for those of our Unification faith....

There are quite a few remarkable folk songs in Korea. Only Koreans can sing these. Japanese people cannot sing them, In the West they don't have anything like these Korean songs. Mrs. Yang Yoon-young used to sing a famous Italian song, but she couldn't sing these Korean songs at all. That is why I'm telling you to become someone who can sing both Korean songs and classical songs. If you can adjust to the Western feel and the Eastern feel, you can live with Eastern people. If you can't, how can you live with them? What if the French will only live in France? Those who cannot free themselves from a limited environment will not be able to establish ties with the spiritual world, a world that goes infinitely beyond all boundaries.

Our church members must be able witness wherever they go; and if I tell you to live somewhere, you must be prepared to pack up your things and live in that place. The reason I say this is that there is special meaning to this. That we may suffer is not the problem; what matters is the purpose. If you go with purpose, you can become a liberated leader, a prominent leader in the mainstream of heaven who can go freely back and forth across national boundaries. The unavoidable conclusion to this is that you can become the marrow of the bone, the core agent of core agents. That is why I tell you to do this and that and make you do things that you don't like, so that you can become that kind of person. There was a purpose to all that I have done....

The direction of your work must now change. You must be able to say that the place I am going is that place, that village, that country, that world which God is searching for; and I am going toward that corner of the world with a heart of longing. You have to go with ambition.

If you can go to the spiritual world with a heart of longing at the time of your death, Heaven will always receive you as a forerunner, developer and master of pioneers. Encountering a village in that state is encountering God's village and at the same time it is a worthwhile path of endeavor and visitation in your life. You should have that kind of mindset....

How fortunate and how great the joy and delight in finding that moment of welcoming the day of joy, where we can sing praises and yearn for that day with God—welcoming that joyous liberated day of spring by overcoming the anguish of history and bringing God to that place, the ideal world of our hometown, the entirety of that world of spring, a different environment which God longs for. If you can have that kind of mindset, everything will turn out well. Do you understand? [Yes.]

This comes to mind especially since this is a Sunday. God has yearned for those sons and daughters, our families, our members, our relatives, our nation and our world. How much He has yearned for this—how great His desire has been to see this nation. Finding that place of joy where we can sing in praise of everything that belongs to God, offering everything back to Him and sharing everything with Him is my vocation and direction in life!

Where else can we find a more fortunate person, where else can we find a better path in becoming the sons and daughters of Heaven? You must take action, feeling in this way. Would that person be an unfortunate person or a fortunate person? [He would be a fortunate person.] We are certainly moving toward that kind of nation....

Now as spring sets in and that kind of world unfolds before my eyes, I would like to go towards that world for the remainder of my life, and since I did not go the path of piety and loyalty in attendance to God, I pledge to offer everything I have and go the path of a pious son and loyal servant to add value in any place I go beyond national boundaries and to become a loyal and pious family with even greater value! This morning I ask in earnest that you all create that kind of family. Now let's have breakfast with a joyful heart and begin today's activities.

Have the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind come closer to you? You are they. You are all the parents of our families. This never crossed your mind, did

it? Those who are living in a state of being enraptured in their position will definitely go to Heaven. Even if they do nothing or stand upside down, they will be taken to the side of the royal throne in heaven. I pray that you all have new determination and make a new beginning.◆

Endnote:

1 The fourth year of Cheon Il Guk and the date, February 22 (2/22) being composed of three twos ($3 \times 2 = 6$).



*True Mother and
Shin-wol nim,
February 22*



Declaration of the Inheritance of the King- ship of the Three Ages

Hannam-dong Hoondokhae, March 8, 2004

Today is March 8, in the 4th year of Cheon Il Guk, it is an important day.... Now the time has come for the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in the spiritual and physical worlds to come down to earth. Thus, centering on the number 4, I will offer a prayer at eight o'clock this morning, March 8 (the eighth day of the third month: $3 \times 8 = 24$). We will do hoondokhae until then.

We will connect to earth all the historical content that was declared through the resolutions from the ancestors. We will establish brotherhood relationships and tie together the sisterhood relationships centering on North, South, East and West. We must tie together all that has been divided. We need to tie together the East and the West, North and South—all 360 degrees—and bring together the spiritual and physical worlds.

Then, centering on the spiritual world, God can come directly down and do His works as He pleases. After that, we need to tie countries together centering on Korea, Japan and the United States as well. That is why, just the day has come for intercultural marriages, the time has come for us to create and completely open up brotherhood relationships, relationships between nations and relationships throughout the world.

We need to pray for these things; then can we tie these things together, so that all that we have done can flow as part of the same marrow. Since we need to offer such a prayer, we [Father and Mother] promised early in the morning of the day before yesterday that we would offer this prayer this morning. You must know that we are here today after preparing this way. You should keep that mindset as we do hoondokhae....

Only when I proclaim that we have entered the direct dominion of God can one direction, the direction centering on the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, be set. You need to weave together, from all four directions, the circumstances

in which the earth and heaven may act freely and welcome everyone.

That is why I decided on doing this at 8 o'clock on March 8 in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. Three times eight is twenty-four. And 4 times 8 is 32. Eight comes in four times. If you add 4 to that, 32 becomes 36. The number 36 is the number of liberation, the number of completion.

Since this is an important day, we were preparing yesterday. You must know that is why Mother and I have come here today after setting up the conditions to give the final declaration and to determine the final tasks to be undertaken....

Cataclysmic upheaval! The grandfather stands in the position of a grandchild; the father stands in the position of a son; and the elder brother stands in the position of a younger brother. With God in the darkness until now, the direction the world is going, which was hidden, could be straightened out by the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who stand in the lead like the bright sun. As you devote yourself to this, you must go ahead, knowing that you have the calling and responsibility on the cosmic, historical level to help in this effort from the position of a devoted, pious son and patriot. You have to know how great the difficulties of the spiritual world would be if you were not to do so.

Father has to publicly teach all these things, publicly open up the path and take responsibility for this. So on this day, March 8 of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, since the number 8 means a new beginning, following on from the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age, and Completed Testament Age and the time, we must do this on earth by 8 o'clock. Thus with the number 36, you should connect with the family foundation of forty years, centering on the four position foundation, so you can completely surmount the hill of indemnity that connects to liberation! Amen! [Amen!]

Father's Prayer



Dearest, beloved Heavenly Father, amidst the flow of the times You raised the banner of Your providence and established Your will at the center of heaven and earth. You longed for the sovereign nation of love that was the goal of creation, yet what You'd willed was lost because of the Fall, committed by our first ancestors. When we see all the facts that were knitted into the history of suffering, which has been woven since the Fall, we know that the historical course of humankind has been the history of anguish, resentment and lamentation connected to hell on a one-way road to the realm of death.

In order to clear up these things, You brought us religion and promised to send the Messiah. You raised the nation of Israel within the realm of the chosen people during the 4,000 years of the history of preparation in the Old Testament Age, the 4,000 years until the time of Jesus. This You spent in suffering, persevering and remaining patient despite Your pain. Throughout these times You persevered; and I better than anyone else know how hard You worked to lay the foundations for the shield of victory.

Jesus came to earth and should have united with the people of Israel, the chosen nation of Israel. Then the Jewish people and the nation of Israel should have created a nation; and on that foundation the messiah, who was sent in accordance to Your will, would have without doubt become the True Parent of humankind. However, we know that Jesus, who came with that mission, had come from a lineage of illegitimate children. This child here understands better than anyone else the situation of Jesus, who had to suffer with anxiety over the future of Judaism and the nation of Israel. His early life was miserable, and he suffered and persevered while pioneering his life course—though none of this is known to anyone.

Jesus, like Melchizedek¹, was born into a position where his lineage and origin were uncertain. We know that the life of Jesus—who was born into his lineage as an illegitimate child

without any knowledge of his ancestors and parents, represents the tragic history of life on earth—from the day of his birth was filled with many difficulties throughout its course. He suffered due to the chaos of his environment.

Jesus' life, of which no record remains of the things prophesized in the Old and New Testaments, was a tragic one of thirty-three years. Jesus' dream was to digest Rome on the basis of the Israel nation—which was the future of God's will—and the Israel religion, to eliminate all the boundaries of resentment in heaven and earth, and to bring about an ideal world of love which goes beyond the liberated horizons on land and sea. But we have come to know that despite this dream, Jesus' situation was that he had no kin from the same nation, no friend, no sibling, no parent, no family, no nation and no home.

Father! Jesus died in sorrow and anguish, nameless on the cross after a course of only two years and eight months, not even three years on earth. We as members of the Unification faith must never forget that Jesus, Your only begotten among all the sons on earth, the prince of princes, bore this sad history himself. These members have been educated in this tradition centering on me and are completely immersed in this tradition. I know the history of the world of faith very well, the history of the religious community in which there was no clan that could go straight forward on the path of loyalty and piety even at the sacrifice of burning their hearts and bodies for the sake of Your will.

We also know that due to the crucifixion of Jesus two thousand years ago, and the four hundred years of drudgery under the Roman Empire, the people of Israel lost their nation and were driven away to become a sad race who shed their blood on earth. This child here knows very well the bloody history of Israel, where they were torn apart, trampled on and eaten by beasts in the desolate plains as they lost their nation, place of worship and master. This nation, which lost

all hope because of individual anguish, familial anguish, tribal anguish, and national anguish, was restored after the Second World War centered on the United States on May 14, 1948. Yet the walls of resentment centering on this restored land of Israel could not be overcome.

Thus the Republic of Korea inherited the realm of the third Israel. Yet, because of the direct intervention of Satan, who manipulated both sides, Korea—where the victorious authority of the kingship was to be established—instead entered into a fratricidal war, tearing the nation apart and shedding the blood of its people. We still see the reality of this nation tormented by this tragic history of not knowing where to go.

At this time we place this history of resentment, which twists toward right and left and spreads out in all directions, at the center of our focus, and we wish to designate this day of liberation....

We pray that You stand at the center and discern everything, standing on Your ideal of creation, the liberation of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, Your liberated sovereignty of love, and Your hometown for the liberation of the fatherland, the entire realm of earth. Now let all the pain of indemnity be cleared away, and on the foundation of proclaiming the overhaul of blessed families and the total unification of everything, we have ushered in this age where we can proclaim God's fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom!

We pray that before the end of this year the gates of magnanimity can be opened without restraint in all directions in heaven and on earth in the presence of Your will, which You have established. In whichever direction it may go—east, west, south, north—Your will can rotate at the center through 360 degrees. Even if it goes in the opposite direction or upside down, the time has come to proclaim the liberated gates of heaven, devoid of all obstacles, on this path where Your free activities can continue unrestrained.

On this day, March 8, 2004, at this hour, with the establishment of Your governance, with the coronation of Jesus' kingship based on the liberation of all nations, and with the Crown of Peace Ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., You stand on this proclamation of the era of the peace kingdom of Your fatherland, which has been established as the ideal of Cheon Il Guk, and of the opening of heaven and earth, and You stand as the victorious owner of the victorious fatherland. Now the time has come when You can gaze upon the entire universe, grasping it with both hands, and freely go through the door at any angle of the 360 degrees—vertical and horizontal, front and back, left and right.

Thus, when I think about how much I toiled to reveal the secrets of heaven, Satan and earth that were hidden from these young and immature children, and how great was the pain of laying this victorious foundation under the banner of

the True Parents, I know I failed to attend You, even so, Heavenly Father, when You had suffered hundreds and thousands of times more than my suffering. Throughout, You led me toward this important age, although I could not stand in the core position on the path of a loyal servant building a nation. I know that You set me at the center of Your fatherland and the era of the peace kingdom and for millions of years patiently bore all responsibility for, and liberation of, all things.

You had led me despite my unfaithfulness, and regardless of whether I took action or not You set me up in the position representing the historical era of the family of the way of a devoted son, the family of the way of a patriot, the family of the way of a saint, and the victorious supremacy of the prince and princess of heaven. Please forgive me for not living up to this name. At this time, I ask that You accept this as my sole desire, and I thank You again for allowing me to have this heart of repentance, Father.

Please have compassion for me in the position I stand. I know that my family stands in shame before You. I repent for not being able to pray for my family, I repent for not being able to deal with my family and kin, I repent for not being able to deal with the people and the nation. Going beyond this shameful reputation, as I shamefully reflect on the days spent in preparing this day, as the father and mother become one and stand in one place, bathing together, I ask that You

remember this day. I pray for Your compassion, Father, You who know my plans to commemorate this day.

Father, to You, who knows that the position of the True Parents is a miserable one, who knows very well the conditions of the environment of this life, I entrust all things. I pray for You to become the center, become the center of heaven and earth and seize the ideal realm, in all six directions, and reopen the history of revolution, which has been upheaval in all directions.

I pray that You open the doors through all 360 degrees, front—back, left—right, top—bottom, and I fervently pray that with the authority of the owner who can assert Himself—the owner of the ideal of creation, the creator and great lord of the universe—You can freely exercise the authority of the victorious representative of all people and all victors on the foundation of the victory of the True Parents.

At this time, at 8 o'clock in the morning on March 8 in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, I pray that You look will upon this heart as I earnestly pray and ask these things of You. You have climbed over the hill of anguish to place these blessed families and their children, with Your original heart, centering on this child, in the position of the representatives of True Parents. Now I ask for Your authority to allow them to freely engage in activities and act as Your representatives, beyond all nations in the places that You need their services.



True Parents pray at 8:00 AM on March 8 at the Hannam-dong residence



At morning hoondokhae at Hannam-dong on March 7, Father wrote a calligraphy for Mother. It reads: "The Mother adored by heaven; the Mother revered by earth"



All has been proclaimed in the spiritual world—by the saints and sages, all the virtuous people who lived on earth as kings, the kings of the Korean Goryeo and Joseon dynasties who made resolutions, the American presidents and all 125 lineal kings of Japan. If there are any blockages in the nations, let the spirit world open the doors to bring in the morning and new day of the liberated realm on earth and in the free heavens and earth. I pray that You may freely move about and march forward, expand and govern with victorious authority in this providential spring.

Let that spring day that we will welcome in the month of April be the first day of spring that You can enjoy. Let the women's movement, based on Mother in Korea, go beyond the world, overcoming the struggle between Cain and Abel in the mind and body, in the family, society, tribe and nation and within the national assemblies of many nations. Let that movement be a guiding light for the United Nations and the United States.... This I earnestly pray. Let all that You have hoped for be established upon Your ideal of creation and be welcomed with an enduring heart of joy, to become the liberated king of kings, the parent of love, the master of love and the king of love.

I pray in True Parents' name that Your reign of peace, Your eternal nation can be established. I truly pray that You can become the free and self-assertive victorious king of kings of the cosmos and that the world of everlasting peace be conveyed to the eternal world of love. This we pray and report in the name of True Parents, centering on the number eight on this March 8 in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. Amen! [Amen!] Amen! [Amen!] Amen! [Amen!]

Father's Speech

Let's sing! If you can sing with a heart of hope that family restoration and a world that welcomes the liberation of God, the victory of God and the love of God may soon exist in accordance with God's will, His will and my will can be aligned. Now, let us sing. Let's sing together....

Repeat after me: We have become the family of the loyal son and patriot, representing the eldersonship that inherits the kingship of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind; and with this we have become the family that can carefully transmit the kingship of three ages to the future generations....

This means you must all realize that you have to become a living family that represents the present, past and future, who bears the responsibility to inherit the kingship of three ages and then to become a family of the prince and princess, within the kingship that represents the age of the three great kingships. You have to say that you will become the family of the pious son and patriot that represents the kingship that inherits the era of the kingship of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. You have to have the understanding that the representatives that stand to inherit this kingship of three ages are your family.

What are we doing today at this hour? You are representative families that have inherited the kingship representing the kingship of three ages. You are families that represent heaven and earth! Therefore, you must understand that you are representative families that must become families of devoted sons and daughters in this life and families of patriots in the eternal world. Only then will the Family Pledge ring true to you. Do you understand? [Yes.] Let's recite the Family Pledge together. [The Family Pledge is recited.]

You have to recite this from the position of a family that stands as a representative and stands to inherit the kingship of three ages centering on the content of this prayer today. Do you understand? [Yes.] Only then will you truly feel what's contained in the Family Pledge. This is different from the old pledge. Yours is a representative family of the prince and princess heirs apparent; of Adam and Eve. True Parents will rise to the position of God and you must all become devoted sons before marriage, and patriots after marriage, in the families that adjust and establish the way of the victorious king-

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The Crowns of Peace

The Coronation Ceremony for the King of Peace and the King of the Second and Third Israels

From a report by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, given on March 24, 2004

The Coronation Ceremony for the King of Peace and the King of the Second and Third Israels was held with great success and style yesterday at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. Representing all the states of America were ninety-one Ambassador for Peace awardees, one representative from each of the Jewish, Islamic and Christian faiths who were given the national awards, and many congressmen, ambassadors to the U.S., and UN ambassadors for the global-level leadership awards.

Overall there were some 450 renowned leaders from various circles present at the ceremony including 25 U.S. senators or their representatives, 56 congressman or their representatives and 26 ambassadors to either the United Nations or to the United States. The program was simple, yet sophisticated enough to enhance the atmosphere of the ceremony to honor those who had contributed to the realization of peace.

For this event, under the leadership of IIFWP and the American Family Coalition (AFC), we approached senators and congressmen from each state. To prepare the spiritual foundation, we had special prayer meetings and read messag-



Rev. Kwak offers remarks at the March 23 event in Washington D.C.

es from the U.S. presidents in the spiritual world.

The participating leaders appeared greatly inspired by the perfect love that permeated the reconciliation ceremony embracing Judaism, Christianity and Islam, three religions that originate from the same family of Abraham. This ceremony further enhanced the spiritual atmosphere in the hall.

In particular, those participants who had been uneasy since the terrorist attacks in the U.S. were greatly inspired by this unprecedented event, which was enveloped in the love and spiritual grace of God.

Amidst this spiritual atmosphere, the most significant coronation ceremony in history was held. The ceremony was not held for the sake of externally asserting authority and dignity just for the sake of formality. This coronation ceremony was held amidst the grace and deep emotions of the domain found in true love. Leaders present offered their deep respect and genuine love and praise for True Parents.

The program that helped make the overall event a sacred one of reconciliation, love and respect was the ceremony for reconciliation between the three main faiths of the Middle East. All of this was made possible because of True Parents,

Father's message was heard by U.S. senators, congressmen, UN ambassadors and by people with exemplary records of service across the United States and beyond



which thus further enhanced the radiance and depth of True Parents' coronation ceremony.

Rev. Michael Jenkins, the president of the Family Federation in America, was the master of ceremonies for the ceremony of offering royal robes and crowns to Father and Mother. Congressman Danny Davies gave a heart-felt introduction to True Parents' life course and accomplishments. Following this, Rev. Jenkins read the announcement to heaven, in which he requested that God personally preside over this coronation ceremony, where True Parents were to be crowned king of peace, and king of the second and third Israels.

Rev. Yang Chang-shik and I were among the escorts: Rev. Yang represented America and I represented Korea and the world. We led the representatives of Christianity, Judaism and Islam to the center of the stage, where they formed two rows on each side.

Father and Mother then entered the hall amidst hearty cheers and took center stage, standing on top of the highest platform between all the escorts, who represented history, this present age and all their faiths. Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim, who had entered after Father and Mother, took their places behind them.

Then Archbishop George A. Stallings and Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett carried in the royal robes, and after a polite bow, offered them to True Parents. Rev. Jesse Edwards and Congressman Davies then entered with the crowns and, likewise with a polite bow, offered the crowns to Father and Mother. It was a truly grand sight.

After Father and Mother had placed their hands on the

robes and crowns, Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim took the robes and crowns up to the platform where Father and Mother stood and assisted them in putting them on.

Since this was a ceremony in which God was to crown True Parents, the hands of the invisible God worked through those of the True Children. How great indeed was the excitement of those four hundred people who witnessed this historic occasion!

After official photographs were taken, Father took the podium for his keynote address. The content of this historic speech was, in effect, the message of a king, but in order to understand this message we need to properly know the providential significance of this coronation ceremony.

Speaking generally, this event on Capitol Hill was one in which political and religious leaders enthroned True Parents as the monarchs of peace. But the Parents of Heaven and Earth, who are the substantial body of God, are the original king and queen. Regardless of his enthronement on earth, Father is the original, perpetual king, the king of peace and tranquility.

Isn't God the original king of kings, true parent, true teacher and true owner? If Adam and Eve—God's substantial body and His children—had perfected themselves and become the True Parents as God's substantial self, they would have become the everlasting true parents, true teachers, true owners and monarchs....

Last December, a ceremony to offer the crown of the first nation of Israel was held in Israel centering on Heung-jin nim and the unity of the spiritual and physical worlds. As Heung-jin nim instructed, Jesus received special grace at that occa-





Rabbi Waldmann blows the shofar, which is said to signify the coming of the Messiah

and setting conditions, they had received instructions from God that holding the second event just on the same level as the previous one would not be meaningful. We had to prepare all conditions that God desired but the most important condition was not to vaguely use the term "king of peace" even in the preparation stages. If we were to use the term "king of peace," it could be misconstrued that Father is the representative of a movement for world peace merely in a horizontal and worldly sense.

"King of peace" means "king of the second Israel;" Father must be enthroned officially as that king on Capitol Hill. That is why God waited impatiently for him to be crowned the king and received as the king in America, which represents the second Israel.

I thought, problems must not stand in the way of this, no matter whatever difficulties there may be. I contacted Dr. Yang in the U.S.A. and said that as this is God's direction, let us not think about what difficulties, obstacles or opposition may arise.

We should know that in order for God to see the expectation He has held for two thousand years for Christianity (which America represents) fulfilled, He worked with a corresponding level of concern in yesterday's ceremony.

[Rev. Kwak then gave details of who attended the ceremony, and mentioned that despite the relentless schedules of the senior statesmen, they made time to come. He explained about a certificate offered to True Parents by UN ambassadors, and how this was a condition signifying the participation of these ambassadors at the event.]

We were preparing the ceremony to attend the king of the second Israel, but later on Father instructed us that the ceremony must include not only the king of the second Israel but also the king of the third Israel. Hearing him say this, my eyes were opened to the significance of the ceremony. God can unravel history and make progress only when the Second Coming is welcomed as king in America, which represents the

sion. The event on February 4 was the process to graft this providential base on to America, the second Israel.

On March 23, a second event was held on Capitol Hill. Some Japanese missionaries had been publicizing the occasion at each nation's embassy in Washington D.C. They said that while they were praying

second Israel and world Christianity. Those in the spiritual world have constantly taught us this and testified to this fact. The Savior, Messiah, Second Coming and True Parents are all stages. Thus, "savior of the world," means the "person that saves everyone," whether they have faith or not; in a broader sense, he is the central person who saves the world.

We have the Messiah; this is the subject personage with the purpose of bringing about salvation in the realm of religion. Speaking in terms of Christianity, the central religion of the providence, we have the Second Coming....

Yet Father is not only the king of the second Israel. Progress in the providence has brought us to the True Parents. Father has proclaimed the nation of the fourth Israel and is already in the position of having proclaimed Cheon Il Guk. Thus, the mission of America, representing the realm of the second Israel, is not only to fulfill its responsibility as the second Israel by putting history in order but also to follow Korea in laying the foundation of preparation to receive Father. That is the mission of America. Everything, including the dispatch

of missionaries, is connected to that. That is why yesterday, through the coronation ceremony, Father established the position of receiving the recognition of not only the king of the second Israel but also of the king of the third Israel.

Thus, when I thought about all these things, I truly felt that the living God does work in profound ways. And seeing Father preparing from February, giving guidance, giving instructions and specifically deciding the programs for this event, I felt even more so that Father is truly someone of enormous value, who is one

with the living God twenty-four hours a day, making decisions and giving instructions as the body of God.

What further enhanced the glory and value of yesterday's ceremony was how Father had substantially established, on January 13, 2001, God's eternal and unchanging kingship on earth by indemnifying the history that was hidden until the time of the coronation ceremonies in Israel and yesterday, and by galvanizing the spirit world in order to regain that victorious kingship. In other words, God has always been king, but Father established God as king under the unchanging and eternal standard and three-dimensionally through the conditions of victory. He has established the absolute, unique, unchanging, eternal vertical standard to prevent any accusations from Satan. True Parents' unchanging and eternal standard of victory was established in which God was raised as the true king. That is why the coronation ceremony of God's

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Declaring the Era of the Peace Kingdom

Address at the Ambassadors for Peace Awards and Crown of Peace Ceremony

March 23, 2004
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C.

Respected members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, religious leaders from around the world, distinguished guests: I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your presence here this evening in such a large number, in spite of your busy schedules.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The starting point to unravel the problems humanity faces today is the certain knowledge of God, the Father of all creation and, on that foundation, the building of true families that live in attendance to God. This calls us to establish and attend God in our families, not as a concept but as the substantial parent of us all. To do this, we first must clarify the relationship between God and humanity. God is the original entity of true love, true life and true lineage, and He is the true parent of all people.

If human beings had not fallen, we would have reached perfection in God's true love as His true children and lived in attendance to Him as our parent. God's plan was for perfected human beings to bond as true husbands and wives, bear and raise true children so that they would live in a kingdom of heaven on earth, and then live together eternally in the heavenly world as families in the kingdom of heaven. Think about it for a moment: If your father went to hell and only your mother went to heaven, what kind of heaven would that be? If your parents were to go to hell and only you children went to heaven, how could that be called heaven? The kingdom of heaven is where the whole family lives together in an eternal peace kingdom. On earth as well, God will reside where a whole family has established a kingdom of heaven. In such a family, the world of God's original ideal, the kingdom of heaven on earth, takes root. How, then, are we to bring about this family heaven on earth?

First, each member of the family needs to complete his or her individual character. Each person has to shed the fallen nature that has passed from the Fall down through the generations, and achieve the perfection of his or her character. In other words, each person must be victorious in the struggle between mind and body. Then the world of harmony will bear fruit in each individual's perfected character, a state of one heart, one mind and one thought. Fallen nature, which causes jealousy, envy, greed, hatred and all other evils, will never again take root in the person who has achieved this state.

Shedding fallen nature is not easy. The reality of fallen human beings is that we vacillate even when trying to break habits formed over the relatively short span of a few years or decades, like smoking or drinking alcohol. We cannot expect, then, that it will be easy to cast off fallen nature, which we inherit through lineages going back thousands, even tens of

thousands of years.

It is impossible by human effort alone. We need to stand on the foundation of absolute faith, establish God as our vertical axis, and struggle our entire lives. Even then, it is a difficult fight. We cannot even think we will gain victory unless we enter a state of absolute love for God, loving Him even more than we love our own parents and children, and attending Him as our true parent. We cannot hope to win this fight without a foundation of absolute obedience to God, following Him even at the cost of laying down our lives.

Herein lies the reason that religions place fasting, sexual abstinence, sacrifice and penance in the uppermost position. We must be born again, recast as new people in whom Heaven can reside and with whom the spirit world can cooperate. We cannot display an iota of shame even if our entire life and being is exposed before all God's creation. Our character should be like a "high noon settlement," on the straight vertical line of God's grace without the slightest shadow, so that Satan will flee from our presence for eternity.

Second, individuals who achieve such completion of character come together to form true families, and the members of these families work together to establish what I call the "four great realms of heart." Such families resemble, in form, an individual who has accomplished the complete oneness of mind and body. I have said that the kingdom of heaven is a place we enter family by family. Not every family, however, is qualified to enter heaven automatically. You need a foundation to be a true family and to complete the four great realms of heart. A true family that can enter the kingdom of heaven is composed of true individuals who have completed the four great realms of heart in themselves and who are of a lineage centering on God.

What do I mean, then, by the "four great realms of heart"? I refer to the perfection of the heart of parents, the heart between a husband and wife, the heart of children, and the heart of siblings. This is found in a true family bound by God's original true love, true life and true lineage, through a chaste three-generational lineage of grandparents, parents, and (grand) children. Here, the love between parents and children establishes the vertical relationship between upper and lower; the love between the husband and wife establishes the horizontal relationship that brings left and right into definitive oneness, and the love between siblings establishes the relationship between front and back. In this way, God's ideal of creation is no longer a mere concept or dream. It is perfected in reality through the completion of the four great realms of heart centered on true lineages, family by family.

The realm of parental heart is acquired naturally as parents go through the process of bearing children and then raising and educating them with true love. In other words, it is the heart that enables the parents to own true love with respect to the children. Without children, no one can own love as a parent.

Next, the realm of conjugal heart is the love relationship that extends a true lineage. In this, husband and wife each are grateful for the other having established them as an owner of

love, and each learns true love through giving and receiving with the other. They enjoy learning of true love when the husband lives for the sake of his wife, even if it means sacrificing his own life, and the wife attends her husband with the heart of attending God. The perfection of the husband-wife relationship is possible only on this basis.

The moment a bride and groom share love on their wedding night with God's blessing, they inherit the palace of true love, the palace of true life, and the palace of true lineage. The wife, through her husband, receives God's ideal son, who is also Heaven's older brother, Heaven's husband, and Heaven's parent. The husband stands in the corresponding position in receiving his wife. When the realm of conjugal heart is perfected, the relationship between the husband and wife also becomes absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, because God is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. So the term "divorce" cannot even exist. Theirs will be a life of happiness, filled only with the blossoms of mutual respect and love.

Next, how can we describe the heart of children, and how is it obtained? The parents are the center, in God's position in the family, and it is impossible for a child to be born without parents. For these reasons, the relationship between parent and child is established not by human morality but by a heavenly morality. Thus the parent-child relationship is a vertical relationship, not horizontal. It is not a relationship of destiny, which means that human effort can change it, but it is a relationship of absolute and eternal fate.

Children experience and learn the heart of true love as they attend their parents in daily life, placing their parents in a position higher than themselves. Through a natural process, they come to understand that the love, life and lineage that they inherit from their parents originate in God. Children who watch and learn from their parents in this way will grow up to become husbands and wives who have no fallen nature, and ultimately they will obtain the position of true parents themselves. The spherical motion of the family unit that continually repeats the three-generational pattern in this way is the basic model for building the kingdom of heaven.

Lastly, the realm of the heart of siblings arises through brothers and sisters who live as a family in attendance to the same true parents. I said earlier that the heart between brothers and sisters establishes the relationship between front and back. True parents are a husband and wife living in truth, and children who attend such parents will naturally learn the discipline of heavenly morality and ethics among siblings.

It will be a beautiful sight, where a younger brother attends and reveres his older brother as he would his father, and the older brother looks after his younger brother with a loving heart. The older brother represents "front" and the younger brother represents "back." The older brother represents the father, while the younger brother represents the mother. The perfection of the realm of heart between siblings is the foundation for all people to live for the sake of others through love and service.

Respected guests, as the number of "true peace family kingdoms" perfecting the four great realms of heart increases, "true peace tribe kingdoms," "true peace nation kingdoms," and ultimately the "true peace world kingdom" will appear. In this way this will become the original world of God's ideal, the kingdom of heaven on earth, the eternal kingdom of peace on earth. I am declaring this here today. Humanity has lived without the certain knowledge that establishing true families is the most serious, foundational commandment of Heaven.

A new era has arrived today. The number of people around the world who have received my teachings and are standing

resolutely for the sake of building the kingdom of peace is growing by leaps and bounds. Heaven and earth are shaking with the cries of bright young people who are determined to build true families even if they must offer their lives in order to protect their purity. Already, we find hundreds of millions of blessed families around the world. These families are shoring up a world in which ethics and morality are rapidly deteriorating.

That is not all. The spirit world is one step ahead of us in breaking open the age of the peace kingdom. Starting with the five great saints, more than 120 billion blessed families are working day and night to cooperate with us on earth and prepare for the day that is to come. According to the Principle of Creation, God's ideal world should be completed first on earth. Although people today are descendants of the Fall, God's unending love and the spirit world's cooperation now allow us to understand the nature of the heavenly kingdom. Please recognize that it is time to accomplish a true love revolution of overwhelming proportions, taking as our example the miraculous accomplishments of the spirit world.

The time has come for you as well to open your hearts and receive the secrets that Heaven is disclosing in this age through me. In one sense, I am a human being living with a physical body like each of you. But in the context of Heaven's providence, I am God's ambassador, sent to earth with His full authority. I am sent to accomplish His command to save the world's six billion people, restoring them to Heaven with the original goodness in which they were created.

The five great saints and many other leaders in the spirit world, including even Communist leaders such as Marx and Lenin, who committed all manner of barbarity and murders on earth, and dictators such as Hitler and Stalin, have found strength in my teachings, mended their ways and have been reborn as new people. Emperors, kings and presidents who enjoyed opulence and power on earth, and even journalists who had worldwide fame, have now placed themselves at the forefront of the column of the true love revolution. Together they have sent to earth a resolution expressing their determination in the light of my teaching of the true family ideal. They have declared to all heaven and earth that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is none other than humanity's Savior, Messiah, Returning Lord and True Parent. This resolution has been announced to every corner of the globe.

Respected guests, it is now only a matter of time. Look at the world. Do you see anything that gives you real hope for the future? Sooner or later, we have to give what we have to our descendants and leave this world. What gift could be more precious than that of completing the family ideal in your family, so as to guarantee eternal peace and happiness for your children? Surely no one who has such an opportunity should hesitate to take up the task of building the peace kingdom on earth, for which God has waited thousands of years.

I have reached the advanced age of eighty-five, by the Korean way of counting. But I will continue to work harder than anyone else until the day the earth overflows with God's true families, guns in the Middle East fall silent and give way to fireworks of peace and joy, and shouts of mansei [eternal victory] celebrating the unification of my homeland Korea echo across the Pacific to be heard in America. I hope that you leaders representing the world's six billion people in this ceremony will join hands with me. I call you to take the lead in building what is God's original ideal and the desire of all humanity, the peace kingdom on the earth.

Thank you.◆

The March 24 meeting at the Sheraton National Hotel, at which Rev. Kwak gave this report. Here, Father speaks.



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In essence God was king but hasn't His kingship, the manifestation of His true love, life and lineage and His substantial result come to appear because of True Parents? That is why the coronation ceremony for God's kingship brought glory to God, but also through that ceremony, the standard for the earth to substantially and eternally preserve God's eternal blessing was established, and that is a blessing of all blessings in value.

With this as a standard, through the substantial body of True Parents, God presided over the Holy Marriage Blessing Opening the Gates of Cheon Il Guk. Through the registration of True Parents' marriage, blessed couples were given the grace of being able to register their own, and through the coronation ceremony for the kingship of the blessed families, this foundation was expanded horizontally across the earth. As Father set up all this—a victorious, eternal foundation that could be substantially established, connecting heaven and earth without Satan's accusation—in the background, yesterday's ceremony was truly a significant and precious event.

In the original sense, God and True Parents are the king; the ceremony that was held yesterday was a great historic event. It was as if the second and third Israels brought all that they have in front of the king, going before God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth and kneeling before them saying, "All these things, the realm of the second and third Israels, we offer to You. We ask that your absolute, unique, unchanging, eternal kingship and your dominion as the owners come upon us and reign over us."

Because of this ceremony the absolute, unique, unchanging, eternal realm of the blessing of God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth has come upon the realm of the second and third Israels. Therefore yesterday was the most blessed, inexpressible day of joy for the second and third Israels.

This is because if the Parents of Heaven and Earth, the owners, king, father, teacher and true origin did not claim ownership over all things, we would not have any life. Therefore Father has said on numerous occasions that "there is no reason for the existence of those things that aren't connected to God's fatherland and the peace kingdom."

What this means is that in God's fatherland and in the peace kingdom, only those things which the king claims as his own have any reason to exist. Thus, actually, looking at this from the position of the earth, the second and third

Israels giving the crown to True Parents was a small condition, but because True Parents accepted this, the second and third Israels were included under the kingship of God, under the kingship of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and could restore for the first time their reason for existing.

We have to interpret this in the right way. If by any chance politicians or religious leaders from within the realm of the second Israel were to think that they were the ones who held this ceremony for Father's sake, they are completely wrong. There could be no greater arrogance than this.

Father came to America and worked hard for thirty-three full years. He invested all his energy into giving love in situations where loving was difficult, during the most important period in his life, the time of bearing fruit and fulfilling his most precious endeavors.

But I ask you, what was his purpose? It was to bring the second Israel under the blessing, to make her his child, to resolve the anguish that God had toward the second Israel and to express his love for God. That is why the Parents of Heaven and Earth found some comfort in yesterday's ceremony and allowed it to go forward, although it was not perfect.

So really, although we say in front of Father that we are doing something, the more we go on, the more we realize how inadequate we are and that we cannot help repenting for our not engaging in our activities with the same standard of heart as Father's, who from beginning to end, in all dimensions, works with pleasing God as his absolute motivation.

Using this ceremony as a lesson, all nations, tribes and families throughout the world should serve Father and Mother as the king, and by establishing this process and standard, the substantial course remains for our family, tribe and nation to belong to Father and to come into the realm of blessing.

Thus, unless we make that resolution and are determined to fulfill this, we will end up not being able to stand before Father. Therefore let us once again find strong determination, and representing all the people of this world, let us once again offer a round of applause in gratitude to the Parents of Heaven and Earth. ♦



Representatives of the three main Abrahamic faiths receive Crown of Peace National Awards "for outstanding leadership in reconciliation and peacemaking."

Left to right, Dr. Eliezer Glavbach (Judasim), Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi (Islam), Rev. Walter Fauntroy (Christianity)

Religious Leaders' Reconciliation

In the words of Rev. Michael Jenkins

At this time, we would like to have a reconciliation ceremony. We would like to call forth Jewish leaders at this time, when there is such a need for love and understanding between Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders. Jewish leaders in Jerusalem on December 22 and again here at the Capitol on February 4 made an amazing contribution to resolving the resentment and problems of history. Jesus should have been welcomed by his family. His family was to embrace him and love him. And recognizing Father Moon's teaching on this, these Jewish leaders gave Jesus a crown as the king of Israel, the king of the Jews and the king of peace. These Jewish leaders are the ones who made that courageous stand that if we are to really come together as one family we must love Jesus, we must love Mohammed, we must love all the founders of the great religions. Let's welcome these courageous Jewish leaders at this time....

They are not Christians, they did not convert.... but they love Jesus. Isn't that beautiful? And to return that love, and seal this reconciliation tonight, we would like to invite Christian leaders to come forward and return the embrace of love, forgiveness, repentance and total reconciliation of the children of Abraham....

These leaders are the ones who went to Gaza; these leaders are going to Gaza next week. These leaders are unafraid to march in Gaza, in Ramallah, in Jerusalem....

And now the Christian leaders will come forward to receive the love and embrace of Islamic leaders....

[The reconciliation ceremony continued] ♦



Congratulatory Messages

To Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon

I would like to join all of those in attendance at the Crown of Peace Ceremony in Washington D.C. at the Senate Dirksen Building on March 23, 2004. I especially want to congratulate the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as the founders and keynote speakers at the event. I wish you all the best as you gather to work towards the admirable goal of promoting reconciliation and cooperation on the road to world peace. I am confident this occasion will be a great success.

Hon. J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of the United States Congress

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Moon,

I join the people and the government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in congratulating you and Mrs. Moon upon receiving the Crown of Peace award. This is such a deserved award that encompasses your lifelong contribution to world peace. Your work challenges people of goodwill throughout the world to do more to address the many problems of the world based on core spiritual and moral principles, and to establishing a true and lasting peace. We thank you for promoting interreligious, interracial and international harmony and cooperation.

H.E. Kessai Note
President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

...May I congratulate you and Mrs. Moon for the leadership given at the world level. No one can fully assess the results of your intervention over the past years, as you have been a source of inspiration to many who have attended the various meetings, and the world at large.

I extend congratulations to those who will receive the Crown of Peace awards for leadership in reconciliation and peacemaking....

Rt. Hon. Sir Howard Cooke
Governor-General of Jamaica

Testimony to True Parents

In the words of Archbishop George A. Stallings

I am proud to be a Christian; but there has not been anyone like this man on the face of the earth in some two thousand years, and there never will be another one like him again. He has truly exemplified all of the qualities that I would have loved to have found in Jesus, had I truly come to know him and to walk with him as the Jesus of history. Since I did not live to see the Jesus of history, I thank God that I lived long enough to find someone who has all of the qualities and characteristics that I would have found in Jesus. He has lived his life for the sake of others; and for over fifty years he has been putting together the building blocks that would form not only one nation under God but one people, one family, under God....

I have learned what it is to be a Christian more from him than I have from any other person who purports to be Christian. He is a man of God's own heart. And I would say that it is time for America to open up its heart, to open up her heart, and to receive this gift from God, who has come among us as one who stands in the spirit of Jesus the Christ to lead all of us in the work of restoration. If you open up your hearts to receive them, your minds will follow. I am proud to call them the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, Father and Mother Sun Myung Moon. ♦

Congratulatory Speech

Congressman Curt Weldon

Congressman Curt Weldon, who is vice chairman of the House Armed Services Committee in the United States, speaking about work for peace in the context of his March 2003 meeting with President Muammar Qaddafi of Libya.



Qaddafi said, "I admire the pin on your lapel." It was a pin of the U.S. flag and the Libyan flag intertwined. So I took it off and placed it in his hand. And his assistant, who is a friend of mine, said, "Put the pin on him." Here am I, only one member of Congress, standing before someone who for 25 years had been a symbol of terrorism. So I took the pin out of his hand and placed it on his lapel, and [in the photograph] you can see Qaddafi smile as he wears the pin with the American flag intertwined with the flag of Libya.

The point is, you may ask what one person can do. It's not because of being a member of Congress. It's people like you spreading the ideas of peace and goodwill around the world, using your own individual contacts, that allows us to overcome any barrier. I don't care if it's Kim Jong-il in North Korea, or Qaddafi in Libya; we have to continue our outreach efforts in the four corners of the world—to Syria, to Iran, and to build the new governments that are going to come in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Because when we work together—democrats and republicans, political leaders, religious leaders, ordinary citizens—it's amazing what can happen....

So I come before you challenging each of you to continue to play the role you have been playing. Because you represent groups, people, nations far distant from America. You have contacts that you've generated on your own, in some cases with countries that are or would be our enemies and adversaries. With your individual efforts, I am confident we can achieve the kind of level of international peace you all aspire to and all of us want. Thank you. ♦

Reconciliation between White People and Native Americans

Senator Howard Stephenson (Utah)



Thank you very much. In a spirit of reconciliation and the repentance, I come to you as an elected official from a western state. As a descendant of white settlers, the pioneers, the pilgrims, and those who moved westward, pushing out the Native Americans, I stand here as a representative of my people in the spirit of repentance for the trail of tears which we imposed on the Native Americans of this country.

And especially as an elected official representing the wrongs that were done by our government to the Native Americans of this country, I come in a spirit of repentance and reconciliation, and seek forgiveness. I want to present to a Native American, Jewell Praying Wolf James, this plaque, the crown of peace national award. And rather than taking time now, as an elected official in a spirit of reconciliation and honor, knowing that white men and women can learn much from our Native Americans about nature and many things, I yield my time to hear from our Native American brother.

Jewell Praying Wolf James

We are really quite proud to be here among such a diverse group that believe in one God, one way, one people, one global community. We really appreciate the philosophy behind the concept of reconciliation and peace amongst all human beings on earth. We're all children of the earth, we hold our Earth Mother in high regard. We appreciate the Senator for his beautiful words, we appreciate the organization for calling us forward.

I am very proud to have with me not only my wife but a witness from the Navaho nation, President Joe Shirley, the president of the biggest Indian nation in the United States. I know he'll carry with him the words that he heard from the most honorable senator here, about reconciliation between the United States and the Indian nations... ♦



CROWN OF GLORY

When I doubt people, I feel pain.
When I judge people, it is unbearable.
When I hate people, there is no value
to my existence.

Yet if I believe, I am deceived.
If I love, I am betrayed.

Suffering and grieving tonight, my head in my hands.

Am I wrong?
Yes, I am wrong.

Even though we are deceived, still believe.
Though we are betrayed, still forgive.

Love completely even those who hate you.
Wipe your tears away and welcome with a smile

Those who know nothing but deceit
And those who betray without regret.

Oh Master! The pain of Loving!

Look at my hands
Place your hand on my chest.

My heart is bursting, such agony!
But when I loved those who acted against me
I brought victory.

If you have done the same thing,
I will give you the crown of glory.

Sun Myung Moon
(Written at the age of fifteen)

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ship of earth in heaven, standing in place of the family of Adam and Eve. All these things are in accord with everything that is in this pledge. If you can recite this with this in mind, it will be real to you.... With the number eight, since today the number eight is equivalent to the number of creation, you all have to become the owners who can recite this living pledge.

Today, at this hour, since yours is the family standing in the central position that can connect the present, past and future of the prince and princess who inherit the era of kingship of three ages—since this is certainly the kingship that represents Adam and Eve the inheritors—now centering on that family era, the family can all go to heaven at once to become the cornerstone. This is the pledge, the manifestation of our resolution that we must recite based on the fatherland and era of the world of the kingship of the peace. Do you understand? [Yes.]

From now on, recite the Family Pledge in this way. Until



Grandchildren greet True Parents at East Garden in mid-March

now the words you heard, the words you learned and felt from others were ambiguous and unclear. But now that you are the royal family of the successor, inheriting the kingship of the three ages of heaven, you must recite this from the position of being a person who is making history and building the future with genuine feeling, in the position of a representative family that is succeeding the generations that followed the original position of Adam and Eve, and the representative family of heaven and earth.

Thus those who swear to do so, raise both hands, swear before heaven and welcome this by clapping your hands. [applause] With this I would like to end this commemorative hour to welcome the era of the kingship of the ideal of heaven.

Endnote:

1 King of Salem in the time of Abram (Abraham) – Gen 14:18



Forging a Path to Reconciliation and Peace

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Later we learned that whenever Father
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looks at that picture, he dreams of going to his hometown in Chungju on that road and prays for the unification of North and South Korea. The members had removed the picture without knowing Father's heart. You can imagine how much this might have distressed him.

True Parents stayed in Korea for about three months and then left for America with a couple of leaders to preside over the Ambassadors for Peace Awards Ceremony that will be held on March 23 on Capitol Hill. Among their entourage there was one person who is not a church leader. He is the head of the hamlet near the city of Yeosu where True Parents' official residence (in the Yeosu area) is located. They had never spoken to this man before. Why do you think they took him with them to America? He is not a church member and had never really openly helped our movement. The position of hamlet leader is a volunteer post; his regular job is slicing raw fish and cleaning seminar rooms before guests arrive.

I asked Father why he had invited him, just to make sure he hadn't made a mistake. Father accurately described the man as "that toothless village chief." He also said that "only by having him go through an unforgettable experience of God's love could his life be restored."

Through this story we can see that True Parents invest a great amount of affection and interest in every second of their lives and live with the strong intention of having their guests go through unforgettable experiences of God's love.

A few days later, I received word of

the head of the hamlet. He had never heard of the Divine Principle but was greatly moved by the consideration and

love of our True Parents and has become a devout member. This is but a fragment of True Parents' life together, which is filled with endless love and sincerity toward their work. It is a glimpse of a lifestyle that never takes even a moment lightly. This is what we must inherit.

The third thing we must inherit is their achievements. Father has said, "If your achievements accumulate, you will bring the entire universe to its knees." He has let the entire world know that he is the Messiah through his achievements in the providence on earth. True Father has also enabled God to be God: he restored God to the position of the parent of humanity and returned God's kingship to Him.

In their role of Messiah, True Parents have fulfilled their responsibility to history and the spiritual world. They have elevated Jesus to take the throne of the king of the Jews, and they have elevated fallen man as owners of Cheon Il Guk. They have abolished hell and paradise in the spirit world and bestowed grace to evil people, so that they can be connected to True Parents. They have restored creation to its original value.

True Parents came to earth as the Messiah, and through their achievements, which brought even Satan to his knees, they have expanded the current provi-

dence and have completed their responsibilities. Now they have given us the mission of building God's fatherland.

Dear members, how exactly will we build God's fatherland? Would it be built if one of our leaders became president? No. God's fatherland is not built just through our having control of one nation's government. Political power does not last forever.

To establish God's fatherland on earth, we need to first win the hearts of the people. We need to let all religious people—including Christians, Buddhists, Confucians and Muslims—enter the realm of God's heart with one mind.

Heaven is where we help each other,

with love,
after creating
a pure, true
family that is
not impeded
by any walls
between
nations,
ideologies,
religions or
social strata.
There will be
no need even
to call out to
God in such



*Father fishing on the Hudson River
in the early morning mist*

a place, because God would already exist among us.

The path of building God's fatherland on earth must begin by each of us taking responsibility for his tribe. When we all take responsibility for our tribes and create true families, God's fatherland will automatically be realized. We are all the cells of God's fatherland. When each of these cells comes together and they function as a unified force, the garden of true love, the spring of peace, will be realized.

Our attitude in the new spring

My dear members, the providential spring does not appear just like that. Changes in creation occur with the turning of the seasons, but the providential spring is the original spring of creation that vibrates with God's love.

In this original springtime of creation, True Parents have established us as their heirs and have taught us in detail the kind of attitude that is befitting the age of Cheon Il Guk. Even in today's hoondokhae material, it explains how we should behave in this age.

The power of love creates spring in the universe and in the garden of love. That is why we are going to build Cheon Il Guk centering on God on a trans-tribal level and establish a new spring of peace. That time is not far off. Now the

walls will crumble with our advance. You must all become like a bullet that goes straight to its mark, penetrating obstacles.

Father has given us a clear guideline; he has told us to become a bullet that will go straight forward to penetrate the barriers and, like True Parents' words, break down all the walls of irrationality.

True Parents have lived their lives like bullets in order to accomplish the providential result we see today, to establish God's kingship on earth and to raise blessed families as their representatives. Now they are asking us also to become like bullets.

This is the most desperate moment in history. Are you all ready to go forward like a bullet as Father has directed us to do? Or are you still worried about your personal situation and conscious of others' opinions?

If that's the case, the path to restoring your tribe will be a long one. Father has said that only when there is a thunderous explosion of the gunpowder of the heart and we are shot like a bullet out to the field can we trigger a new providential spring.

We will be successful

Beloved members, the time of fruit-

tion will come. True Parents' desire is to share that moment with us. At that time, their desire is to have us, their children, harvest more crops and live better than they do. The last path that we must take is one of learning everything about our True Parents and becoming leaders who can build God's nation and steadfastly protect that nation.

My dear members, we are blessed people who will inherit the lineage of goodness. We are also tribal messiahs, true parents, owners of Cheon Il Guk and fourth Adams. We are the representatives and heirs of True Parents. Therefore we will be victorious. Please have courage and confidence.

The time has come. This year, True Parents have presided over six ceremonies to begin the new year: On January 1, they celebrated the New Year. On their birthday, they declared the second start of the year. On February 4, which according to the lunar calendar was the onset of spring, Father declared that it was the start of a new year and encouraged us to begin anew. Then on February 22, they declared the "settlement era of the Cosmic Parent, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind" and once again expressed that the day was significant

as a new beginning for the year. During pledge service on March 1, True Parents declared the opening of the era of God's fatherland. Most recently so far, on March 8, they declared the completion day of the inheritance of the kingship of three ages [see page 14 of this issue] and once again emphasized a new beginning....

In this way, True Parents have so far declared the start of the new year six times. Each time the True God's Day speech and prayer were read during hoondokhae, and Father called for us to have heroic determination.

My dear members, 2004 is without doubt a more crucial year than any other. We are not bystanders. We are owners and heirs who will shoulder the burdens of providential history. Thus we must be that much more serious and with strong determination we must be pioneers in 2004.

My beloved members, even today our True Parents are in the midst of providential work and are flying around the globe, on the point of collapse. Once again I sincerely ask that you all attain spiritual enlightenment and practice a victorious lifestyle so that we are not unworthy of the grace given to us by God and True Parents.◆



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THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE FAMILY PARTY

March 12, 2004 Little Angels Performing Arts Center

The Family Party for Universal Peace and Unity was inaugurated at this same venue on March 12, 2003. Its first anniversary celebration was in the form of an invitational seminar for "Leaders of Hope in the Nation." Fifteen hundred attended. The party has thus far declared that it will not field candidates for elected office. Rather, its first year of existence has seen it develop into a nationwide movement to champion the

crucial role of the family in society, and to promote the values that will allow it to succeed in that role. Branches have been established throughout Korea, holding many events and rallies. One developing aspect of the party's work is family counselling. Seminars under the theme, "Healing the Family: Theory and Practice" are being held in different locations.



Light to the East

CASTING STONES INTO A LAKE

Persevering with faith and love in the heartland of atheistic communism

by Monika Kunde

Monika was born in 1947, the fifth child of a farming family in Italy. In 1978, while in university, she met the Unification Church. In the mid 1980s Monika became one of very few, and very secret missionaries to the Soviet Union. In 1989 she was blessed in Seoul with Karl-Heinz Kunde from Germany (1275 couples). He soon moved to Russia to assist her with the mission. By that time, the Soviet Union was passing into history, but the essential mission to reach out to the good people of Russia was no less important. From 1992 to 1997, Monika was the president of the Russian chapter of the Women's Federation, and she held other leadership positions in what was the former Soviet Union.

The testimonies of the missionaries to the former communist bloc, including the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, are currently being gathered together with a view to producing a book that details the history of the "butterflies" (as they were referred to). These are the stories as told by members who took enormous risks to bring True Parents' teaching and tradition to these nations.

This testimony is taken from an interview Monika Kunde gave in 1996. Her story contains many lessons for us today.

I FIRST became interested in Russia through the novels of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy, which I read as a teenager, and later through the communist ideology. In the 1970s, the Communist Party was very strong in Italy. My interest in communism was based on the fact that Catholicism had not brought about a just society. On the surface, communists were doing everything in order to realize it. I devoted myself to the study of Marxist literature. Over the course of time, my thinking grew ever more sharp and critical like that of a dyed-in-the-wool communist. What also attracted me to the Marxist ideology was that it conveyed clear values, while the humanistic West apparently had no value system. Only later did I experience another change and begin to seek God.

In 1976, I had the opportunity to take

a trip to the Soviet Union that was organized by Italian communists. I visited Moscow, Leningrad, Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn, together with a few of the oldest members of the Italian Communist Party. At that time I was considered a "sympathizer" or a "future Party member," though it was something I did not eventually become. My impressions during the two-week long trip were extremely positive. We got to see only the most beautiful aspects of these cities, which are rich in architectural monuments. At that time there were constant strikes going on in Italy; there was permanent chaos, nothing was working. The Soviets showed us the very pleasant opposite—order, cleanliness and discipline. Yet, there were some heated discussions in our group too. The Italian Party members wanted to visit factories unannounced and talk with the workers! Our tour guides, who were controlled by the secret service KGB, refused this request with considerable embarrassment. The Italians were greatly offended by their Soviet comrades.

In September 1980, during a national meeting of the Austrian church, Rev. Peter Koch requested the names of those members who desired to study Russian. After having been in the church for two years, I was in fact searching at that time for my "real mission." When our national leader asked this question, I was electrified: "Yes! Of course I would like to do that!" Then some doubts entered my mind, so I was hoping for a sign from heaven. I decided I would only sign up if three members asked me, "Aren't you going to join those who are signing up to study Russian?" Peter had just ended his speech, when my center leader came up to me and asked, "Monika, did you sign?" I answered, "Well, don't you see, I'm still sitting here. How could I have signed up?"

I went out of the auditorium to drink some coffee. Another leader asked,

"Monika, have you signed up yet?" I said, "Why do you have that idea?" After that meeting, I went to Innsbruck. The next day, Inge Tolson, who later became a missionary to East Germany, accompanied me home. In a mysterious tone, she said, "You don't need to answer me; but did you sign up?" I was perplexed! I told her how I had set up the condition to be asked three times. Inge urged me to go at once to Vienna and speak to Peter Koch. I refused but wrote a letter in which I shared the experience. Later I was accepted for this mission.

From October 1981 until July 1982, I attended a special Russian language course for missionaries. After three months of study, we resolved to speak only in Russian with one another though most of us were Austrians. That helped us a lot. We mastered the language so well that even Russians categorized us as students with at least three years of study and practice. This was the state of our communication skills, though our grammatical knowledge trailed behind.

At that time I was supposed to be going to Russia soon, but Peter Koch had other plans. There were many Russian emigrants in West European cities. We should witness to them and prepare them so that once the Iron Curtain came down, they could return as missionaries to their home countries. This plan was based on the supposition that they could work much more effectively than we foreigners could. I accepted Peter Koch's request to take part in this project. I was studying Russian in England, when I had a spiritual experience in which God promised to give me a special mission. Despite this new project, my desire to go to Russia remained very strong.

I worked with Russian emigrants in Vienna for a few months, and I was able to make nice contacts in a short time. I was seeking Russian conversation partners by offering them German conversation in turn. I met them in the

Soviet—Austrian Society at the University of Vienna, and in other places. However, I could not find anyone who was interested in religious topics. My longing to go to Russia grew ever stronger. I felt that I would be better able to understand Russian people deeply in their homeland.

My big chance came in 1983. At that time, our first missionary Günther Wurzer was forced by the KGB to leave the Soviet Union and our second missionary, Peter Ladstätter had already started his mission in Moscow, but I was not informed of their whereabouts for the sake of secrecy. I knew Peter very well from our time together in the Innsbruck center. When he left the Church officially in order to start his underground mission, I prayed intensively for him and received the message that Peter was still a member. Once I saw Peter at a train station in Vienna, but he disappeared right away. At that time I already understood that he had good reasons for this strange behavior.

After I confided my plans to Peter Koch, I began to burn my bridges in Vienna and investigate how to enter the Soviet Union. There was a student exchange program, but my age was an unexpected problem. I was already thirty-four years old and young students had priority. Some official told me that I was simply too old. Then I went to Germany in order to find a job in Russia. I went to Düsseldorf and Bochum where I earned a certificate at the Pushkin Institute, which would prove helpful in getting a job.

I fasted and prayed a lot to obtain employment in Russia. There was an offer to work at a hotel in Leningrad, but I could never get it. It was such a hopeless quest! My patience and determination were tested to the extreme. I realized that God was leaving me on my own to see if I would continue, even when it was more difficult than I had imagined.

Some members told me that the Translation Office of a steel company was looking for a person who spoke German, Italian, and Russian. That was tailored to fit me! So, from the beginning of February 1984 I began to work at VOEST Alpine in Linz, Austria. I hoped that the company would soon send me to Russia. But this opportunity was not even discussed during my first months of employment. Again I had to keep patient.

In September 1984, I went as a tourist

to Russia. This trip had a special purpose—to contact some members in the town of Sochi who had been witnessed to by Günther Wurzer. I should bring them the Outline of the Principle (Level Four) to be translated into Russian. We hid the book inside an expensive radio-cassette player. For me this mission was also the first test. The air passengers were very thoroughly searched in the Adler Airport, outside of Sochi. I was alarmed when the passenger in front of me also had a cassette recorder, which was immediately confiscated by the Soviet customs officials. They said he would receive it back at his departure. I was upset. What would happen if they looked into my recorder and found the Principle book? I forced myself to keep calm. Nothing happened to me and I passed through without incident. I was supposed to wear a particular t-shirt and wait for our native member, Alla, at a certain spot in a certain hotel in Sochi. I

Our regional coordinator Christa Städler-Segato told me that a company was looking for someone to work in Moscow. It was the same company in which Peter Ladstätter was working. Thanks to my experience with VOEST Alpine, I was promptly hired. From that time on, I could regularly travel to Russia. I took care of Günther's spiritual children, who visited me in Moscow. I always knew in advance when I would come, so we could make an appointment to meet at a certain place and a certain time, with several alternatives in case things didn't work out according to plan. This method worked fairly well.

Peter and I both lived in hotels in Moscow. Of course we could not invite anyone there. The spiritual nurturing of our first members always took place on the streets. This was not a problem in the summers, but it was very difficult to endure during the frosty winters. We tried to find an apartment where we could teach the Russian members. My job was well paid, so money was not a problem, but nobody in Moscow could rent rooms without a residential permit. Moscow was a "closed city" to foreigners and Soviet citizens alike. Also, Alla had no official residence permit, but like so many things, one could be bought on the black market! We found a two-room apartment, costing 16,000 dollars, which for Russian people was incredibly expensive. Shortly afterward, our Russian members had a change of heart. They seized the apartment and would not let us in any more; within a short time they'd sold it. The large sum of money had obviously been too big a temptation for them.

That happened in 1987 and was a big blow to our mission activities. Our home was gone and also our first members! We had invested so much, in love, time and material, and it was all gone. That hurt us very much.

My job in the second company was likewise not ideal for witnessing. When I was in Moscow every other month, I had a lot of work to do. Little time remained for mission activities. Nevertheless, in 1985 I was able to introduce a few people to the Principle. I met a woman artist painting on the street in front of the St. Basil Cathedral. Through her I came to know a group of young people, but they were all very materialistically oriented. I tried to give them a Bible, because they had no spiritual foundation at all. We already had Russian texts, but I started



Monika with Irina (a contact of Günther Wurzer's)

met Alla, and later Irina and Dima. The girls were overjoyed to meet a member from abroad. We also visited their little cabin on the Black Sea coast, which had been built by Günther Wurzer as the first study center.

In December 1984, I got my first assignment from VOEST Alpine to travel to Moscow. On that occasion I wanted to contact as many Russians as possible, but my job demanded my total attention. It was clear that this job would not support my missionary work, and I began to look for an alternative.

with the Bible first, and later gave them the Principle to read.

To understand the famous Russian soul was not easy for us Westerners. Soviet citizens were thoroughly trained in figuring out what was expected of them and in what to do to please someone—regardless of their personal feelings. It took some time before I understood when they were being genuine and when they were acting in accordance with training. Soviet citizens weighed precisely whether they should take the risk of making contact with a foreigner, because the Soviet constitution judged contact with foreigners a federal crime. The only Soviet citizens who were very happy to make contact with foreigners were in the service of the KGB! So one never knew whom to trust.

I gave many gifts to new friends. In the beginning they showed interest in spiritual things, but often it was just in

Easter Day 1986, she listened to the Second Coming of Christ. Galia was deeply moved and wept. She was spiritually open and could understand a lot.

She began a seven-day fast, but trouble was coming. Galia had a son who was addicted to heroin. He spent all the money that his mother made from selling her art. On the third day of her fast, the son attempted suicide. His mother was no longer able to complete the fasting condition. Because of her family circumstances, Galia was never able to become an active member. I still visit her occasionally. She is also always inspired to hear about True Father. When later on Mikhail Gorbachev made a good statement, Galia exclaimed, "Surely he heard that from Reverend Moon!"

To break through, I began fasting one day a week. My goal was to find a new job with more free time. There was also enormous pressure in my job place, so

okay. I was single then and life in Moscow was incredibly cheap at the time. I lived in a dormitory. My first students were preparing for a term of study in the German Democratic Republic [East Germany].

Out of three students, only Yuri stayed behind. I started witnessing to him very carefully. I met him outside of school in order to speak to him openly about spiritual matters. Actually, it was prohibited for foreign lecturers to converse with Russian students outside of lessons. In spite of that, I met with Yuri privately. After a little while he opened up, and from his sharing it became clear to me that he was prepared by God. From the age of four, Yuri had had dreams that some Being had created the world. Even in kindergarten, Soviet children were taught that there is no higher being, that the world came into existence by itself. Up until the age of 21, Yuri



Galia, an artist whom Monika taught the Principle: she had spiritual experiences



The first Russian Divine Principle book, printed in Austria in 1990



Monika with Yuri and Natasha

order to stay in my favor and receive further gifts.

Where could I meet good people? At work it was impossible, because 100 percent of the Russians who worked with Western companies reported to the KGB. So the only other place I could meet people was the streets and at public exhibitions.

Near a church, I met a young girl. She was not very interested, but her young stepmother, Galia, showed interest. Galia was an artist and painted very well. She had had a vision in which she saw the Shroud of Turin with the face of Jesus. She deeply meditated on this vision. She did a forty-day fasting condition according to the Russian Orthodox tradition and began to paint an icon. We presented her icon of Jesus to our True Parents when we visited them at East Garden in 1987. I taught Galia the Principle and on

that I wanted to leave. Yet, I decided to endure under any circumstances, so that I would not be kicked out of the country.

One day, a friend working at the Austrian Embassy in Moscow asked me if I would like a job lecturing German language and literature. I told her that some years ago some official had called me too old for that job. In spite of that, she encouraged me to apply for the position as lecturer. I applied to the Cultural Attaché of the Austrian Embassy in Moscow. His answer surprised me: "Of course we need a lecturer! Your age—what does that matter?" In 1983, potential employers had commented that I had no chance for a job. Three years later, I got the position without a hitch. I could see that God and the spiritual world truly helped me!

From September 1987 I worked as a lecturer at a university in Moscow. It was an easy job but not well paid. That was

repeatedly had the same dream. I was so moved, because God was directly—individually—raising people, often without any help from their parents. For me that was a profound testimony to the love and work of God. Yuri's parents were not religious, but he felt deeply connected with his grandmother. His grandmother had had him baptized without his parents' knowledge. After his grandmother passed away, he sought to learn more about God and religion on his own. Yuri spent his childhood and early youth in Siberia, where he could receive foreign religious broadcasts by short-wave radio.

It was not easy to find a place to teach him the Principle. On a very cold winter day in 1988, I invited Yuri to meet me at the Intourist Hotel. In the bar we could talk. When we left, a KGB agent stopped us and ordered Yuri to come with him. Although Gorbachev had



Judith Kagan, who completed a translation of *Outline of the Principle (Level 4)* into Russian

already ordered *Perestroika*, the controls were still very stiff. At the Intourist Hotel you could only pay in foreign currency, but a law forbade Russians from possessing any foreign currency. I explained that Yuri didn't have any foreign money and I had paid for him. The KGB man remained hard. "You can just go on your way; but he has to come with me." I insisted on accompanying them. The KGB agent didn't know what to do, and consulted another colleague, apparently his chief, who sat at a table. He asked, "What is the problem?" I said that I was Yuri's teacher and that I had invited him to have a drink, which I paid for, and I didn't understand why that was an offense. Finally, they let us go, but Yuri's knees kept shaking. For a long time he was expecting something bad to happen. For him, and also for me, the incident was a warning and a lesson. If we did not fear the KGB, and maintained unity, we would be protected.

Later, we invited Yuri to come to Austria to study the Divine Principle more deeply.

He worked to translate *Outline of the Principle (Level 4)* into Russian on a computer. He was most likely the first Russian to complete a twenty-one-day workshop, when he attended one held in Hungary in January 1991. He had the potential to be a "locomotive." He was very intelligent and had a high moral standard, but he was also proud. After the twenty-one-day workshop we continued to meet only on a personal basis. He had the good fortune to see True Parents in Moscow in April 1990 at a conference, but he never became an active member,

although we kept in contact with each other.

On the subject of "fear of persecution," I felt myself spiritually free after having gone through a difficult situation in which I did experience fear and had consciously, thoroughly dealt with it. My attitude was that though, of course, something could happen, I knowingly trust in the presence and the protection of God. I decided not to go around filled with fear, but would let God work through me. If some misfortune should occur, I would actively work to overcome it. The example of True Father helped me. I realized that I must be spiritually very clear so that the spiritual world could warn me. Indeed, this proved to be true in many situations.

For example, I often returned home with my friends well after midnight. At that time the public transportation was no longer working, so I would simply wave to a car on the street to stop. I would receive a clear message from the spiritual world about whether I should get into that car or not. I always came home safely. Also, I was warned not to go to certain appointments.

I became acquainted with the Russian friends of an Austrian woman. Among these, one lady eventually translated the Principle. We had already started the translation of Level 4 more than once. Most of the translators had no experience whatsoever with religious texts, which inhibited the work. Judith taught Latin at the university, and also had good knowledge of English. She had experience translating religious literature, even Martin Luther's writings (from Latin to Russian). Judith struggled for ten years just to get them printed. We translated the Principle during 1988. I conveyed to her the meaning and she translated. It was not an easy task at all, but the translation was completed by the summer of 1989. At that time, we had no money for printing. Later the text served as a basis for the first official Principle book.

Judith lived with her mother and a relative who had many friends. One of them was named Inna. When I was visiting Judith one time, she was so surprised to see Inna with me. Surely it was not just by chance! Of course I wanted to encourage their friendship. In 1988, you still needed to be able to give a good reason for visiting. My excuse was that I wished to have a partner to improve my English. Inna had studied English, and she was also interested in German. So we met for English or German lessons. Our conversations quickly turned to the relevant Principle subjects. She was very

interested, and especially our lectures on the family and the blessing inspired her.

At the end of October 1989, Rev. Kwak came to Moscow to hold an IRF conference. It took place at the famous Danilovsky Monastery, where the 1,000th Anniversary of Christianity in Russia was celebrated. During his visit, Rev. Kwak also blessed the first holy ground in the park in front of Moscow State University.

I picked up Rev. Kwak and the director of PWPA in America, Dr. Gordon Anderson, at the airport, and took them sightseeing around Moscow with my husband Karl-Heinz. We also organized two meetings with leading clergymen.

Of course, Rev. Kwak wanted to meet our members too, and Inna was willing to offer her apartment for this purpose. The meeting took place in a nice atmosphere, but some KGB agents had followed us to the door. I wasn't aware of this fact, but Inna and Peter were. Although Inna was suffering from deathly fear, she served Rev. Kwak as a very good Russian translator. That took a peak performance in concentration! There was also some aftermath. For the trip to Inna's apartment, we had hired a taxi driver with a Volga car. When we parted, the driver was not there any longer. We stood on the street at midnight discussing what to do, when a Zhiguli car drove up and stopped—with our taxi



Karl-Heinz in Red Square, Moscow, in April 1989; He had just arrived in Russia.

driver! He realized that we were being observed by the KGB. We agreed that he would pick us up again in three hours. He used this time to lead the KGB astray. He drove his car to his garage. Because the KGB followed him, he pretended to stay at home. A little later, he borrowed a car from his friend and picked us up. That was truly splendid of him! He could have simply left us standing out there on the street. He tried to explain everything to me in detail, and at first I didn't believe him, until Peter told me that he had also recognized that we were being followed. So I was very frightened, especially for the sake of Inna and her family. For Rev. Kwak the situation was quite an adventure. First, he was out on a Moscow back street at midnight without a car, and then six people had to be squashed inside another Zhiguli. But he took it in good humor, and invited a brother to sit on his knee. When we explained everything to him, he was also concerned about the Russian members.

This incident was very difficult to bear for Inna, and she was gripped by fear. Her telephone was tapped, which was plain to hear. She felt so threatened that she broke off contact with us. During Stalin's reign, her grandfather was sent to a concentration camp by the KGB, and he died there. She was also anxious about her small child. This was a well-known tactic of the KGB—to instill parents with anxiety for the sake of their children. Actually nothing else happened to her or to her family, but she could not overcome her fear. Only many years later was I able to visit her again.

Two years later I had another nice experience: I was able to introduce an Orthodox priest, Father Gleb, to Reverend Kwak. Father Gleb Yakunin was a very well-known priest who had openly stood up against the Communist system and for that reason had spent eight years in concentration camps. I got to know Yakunin through one couple whose daughter I was teaching German to. Her dad was a personal friend of Father Gleb and had likewise spent a year in a concentration camp (a gulag). For one year, I had set strong conditions in order to meet a leading figure of the Orthodox Church.

Finally I was able to organize this meeting. Both men were powerful figures and deeply religious men. Rev. Kwak shared his testimony of True Par-

ents right away, and Father Gleb listened very attentively. After that Father Gleb explained the situation of the Russian Orthodox Church, how the KGB was thoroughly controlling it. At the end, each of them prayed, one in Russian and the other in Korean, and then the two embraced. These two men understood each other right away, because they both lived for God and for high spiritual values. It was truly a wonderful moment! This meeting took place at the apartment of the couple whose daughter I instructed. We drove to this meeting with the same taxi driver who had driven us to Inna's apartment two years earlier, but this time he drove in a way to shake off any potential followers.

During all those years I was able to introduce ten people to True Parents, and I could introduce fifteen more to God. What made witnessing so difficult was that the people tried to avoid me! In the first place, I was a foreigner. When I talked about God, for most of them that was a "dangerous conversation." It



Rev. Kwak with dissident Orthodox priest Father Gleb Yakunin

always took a long time before the Russians trusted me and opened their hearts. When they trusted me and another Russian showed up, once again they were afraid. They did not want any compatriot to know that they were interested in religious matters. This habit lasted well into the 1990s. The Communist system has built such walls of distrust that even a spouse might not know what their partner believed. People were accustomed to profess a different belief than they had in the depth of their hearts. My students studied Marxism automatically, without any reflection. If I wanted to discuss Marxist issues, they were at a loss. They told me, "We just memorize it and that's all." Critical thought or questions were suppressed and inhibited by the system. People just stopped asking questions.

Otherwise, they could not have endured seventy years of Communism. It took me a long time to understand this behavior.

My blessing to Karl-Heinz Kunde is a very special story. When I joined, members usually had a period of three years preparation before the blessing. But in light of my age, Peter Koch sent me ahead of time to the matching in Camberg in June 1981. At that time I knew that I would study Russian, and I thought little about marriage and family. While traveling to Camberg I had the strong premonition, "I'm not going to get matched." Interestingly, Father had me stand up as the third person—he put me beside some brother. Then he walked two steps away, came back and made a sign, "No, separate them." I knew that it was over for me! But I was allowed to remain the entire time in the matching hall. That was my first, and very nice, experience with True Parents. I sat in one place where True Father very often passed by. I experienced his deep love and concern for us. Father especially

invested himself toward one brother who had lost his arm while fishing. Father did not give up until he found the best wife for this brother. In this way I could really come to know the heart of True Father.

Afterwards I forgot about the blessing. Unexpectedly, I was sent to the blessing of 6,000 couples in Korea. Peter Koch wanted by all means "to bring me over the threshold." He took great pains to find a partner who would move to Russia. He even discovered a candidate for me, an Austrian brother. He wanted to ask Father for permission, but I felt

I had not accomplished anything in my mission yet. On the other hand, I could not expect some brother to wait several years for me, since I was already 35. I prayed intensively and told God, "I still want to work three more years in Russia before being blessed." At that time I was convinced that God would bless me later on, and that He would give us children. I went to Peter Koch and told him, "Please don't go to Father with this suggestion." Peter was rather bewildered, and tried to convince me otherwise. I made a deal with God: "If this brother will be matched to someone, then that is the sign that You have accepted my wish." Just three minutes later, that brother was matched to another sister.

The years passed and I heard that sisters over forty had almost no chance of

getting blessed. At that time I was 39. This news really hit me hard! I had put off getting matched for three years—not for the whole rest of my life! In prayer, I could realize very deeply the value of the blessing for me, for my lineage, and for my mission. I shed many tears. I was aware that God could not create an extra husband for me. If there was no one suitable, nothing could be done. After some time, I stopped praying, because I felt that God had received my prayer and would do all in His power to fulfill it. I came to the decision to follow True Parents and was prepared for any sacrifice.

When we met True Parents in 1987, I had a really fantastic experience. In Belvedere we heard testimonies by members like Rev. Ken Sudo. These elders were continually reminding us how much True Parents treasure us because of our mission. During Father's prison term in Danbury, he even said that he would prefer to talk to the missionaries behind the Iron Curtain than call True Mother. That in itself was remarkable! Then Rev. Sudo shared, "Just to give an example of how much True Parents love you and how much Father is thinking of you and praying for you, Father recently told us that at night he woke from his sleep because he heard a sister in Eastern Europe crying about her blessing." I was deeply touched. I thought, "Incredible! My prayer reached not only Heavenly Father but also True Father!" I realized that I don't need to have any more worries about my blessing. Through this experience, True Father became my dad.

In November 1988 I had an experience with my mother, who had died six years earlier. She appeared in a dream, shining like the sun, and said, "Someone is waiting for you!" Then I knew that my blessing was near. Two days before God's Day 1989, I received a call that on January 12 there would be a blessing, and that I should travel to Seoul to undergo training for correspondents of the *Segye Times*. We missionaries were fortunate to be able to attend Kook-jin nim's holy wedding at the Little Angels arts center.

Because of secrecy, I could not attend either the matching or the blessing ceremonies. One day later, Rev. Kwak pressed a photo of my blessing partner into my



Celebration of God's Day 1991 in Moscow: Monika and Karl-Heinz (holding their baby) are with a number of early missionaries sent to Russia soon after the Soviet Union collapsed. Standing at far right are two of the first members, Sergei and Yuri.

hand. I looked at the picture and was stunned. My God! I had determined to be unconditional—whether black, white or yellow—it would be okay. The thought had also come to me, "What if my partner is younger than I?" I thought that I could handle a brother two or three years younger well enough. In his picture, Karl-Heinz looked even younger than he was, namely eight years younger than I. I stared at the picture; I forgot to look on the back to see what his name was! How would it work out? I went to pray, because I did not know how I should react. I had doubts that Karl-Heinz could accept a wife so much older than he. I didn't want him to just tolerate me. In prayer, once again I attained peace of mind and confidence.

Just ten days later I met Karl-Heinz in Germany. Christa Segato had arranged our meeting. When we met at the train station in Frankfurt, I had already overcome my doubts. Of course, it was also a surprise for Karl-Heinz to receive a woman so much older, but he had an excellent attitude, and we could speak

openly with one another. We had only one day, but we could open up our hearts to one another and start building a very good relationship. One week later Karl-Heinz came to Vienna and announced that he would like to give up his employment at the Deutsche Post (German Post Office) and join me in Moscow. He decided very quickly to step into our life of adventure as missionaries!

Already by April 1989 Karl-Heinz visited me in Moscow. Shortly afterwards our married life began, without any comforts or bedding. But we were very happy. Now we could take care of our friends

together. Karl-Heinz took care of Inna's child while I shared with her about the blessing. For her it was really unusual to see a husband who took care of children with such devotion. She had never experienced that with her own husband.

In February 1990, I returned to Vienna with Karl-Heinz to give birth to our son Stephan. Karl-Heinz prepared the first edition of the Level 4 Principle in Russian. He drew up the diagrams and did the entire layout of the book, which went to press in October in Vienna.

Karl-Heinz was also often on the road, helping to organize Introductory Seminars to the Unification Movement (ISUM) conferences in Eastern Europe. On April 10, 1990, on the occasion of the World Media Conference, True Parents came to Moscow. Unfortunately, I could not be present, but Karl-Heinz was there. He took care of the young members, and he was even able to shake True Father's hand. When Stephan was six months old, we drove back to the Soviet Union.

Quite often, when I think about this time of being an underground missionary, the thought comes to me, which Father over and over again expresses on the topic of restoration: "Restoration is like casting stones into a lake. For a long time you see nothing at all, yet all this time a mountain is growing underneath the water, and finally the first stone becomes visible above the surface." This was a period of time with so much investment, and God and True Parents were always very close to us, while we were "casting stones into the lake." ♦



Yuri with Karl-Heinz at the World Media Conference in Moscow, April 1990.



Destiny is calling you all to take up the mission of going beyond boundary lines, beyond nations, beyond the six continents, all the way to heaven to become the representative kings of kings, the pious sons of sons, and the saints of saints. You need to be resolved that you will not fall away from this mission.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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