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Speech to Korean Leaders on 40-Day Training

Excerpted from Dr. Hwang's speech to the 40-day leaders workshop at Cheongpyeong (December 30, 2004 to February 7, 2005)

Today, I'd like to talk to you about two things—what have True Parents emphasized until now and what they are emphasizing this year. On True God's Day evening, True Parents asked the leaders to come up to their residential area in Cheongpyeong Training Center, where Father asked each of us in turn, "What is your standard in ushering in the new year?" When it was my turn answer, I mentioned that the church leaders' workshop had begun on December 30 and that during the opening ceremony I had explained that I understood the providence from such and such a point of view, and that I was beginning the new year with such and such an attitude. When my explanation was over, Father did not comment on it, but it seemed as if he sympathized with it. Afterwards, the explanation I had given became somewhat official, so this is how I understand the providence at present.

As I have often emphasized, the providence is the most important aspect of our lives. I want to talk to you about the changes taking place in the providence in 2005. Since True Parents are personally in command of the providence, there will be qualitative changes taking place in it. Qualitative changes refer to difference in quality between, say, a son and a servant, who may have similar skills, ability or capacity. In fact a servant may have greater loyalty than a son, but the servant cannot become an heir; only the son can be an heir. That is the difference in quality between the son and the servant. In the same way, the providence may look the same as before from the outside. Considering the intrinsic significance of the providence, however, the providence of today is completely different in the spiritual sense. This is because the changes in it involve qualitative transitions from the era of the servant to the era of the son, and from the era of the son to the era of the parents.

Of the changes taking place, the greatest change is the great qualitative transition in history. The transition from the era of the Completed Testament to the time of Cheon Il Guk followed transitions from the Old Testament era to that of the New Testament and that of the New Testament to that of the Completed Testament. From the spiritual point of view, a new heaven and earth came into existence in the providence of restoration. The transition from a spiritual being to a living being, and from a living being to a living spiritual being is, from the spiritual perspective, a great qualitative change that opens new doors. Of such changes, the greatest change that has taken place recently was, as you may well know, the arrival of the era of God's kingship. We have seen many changes taking place around us over the years, but of all these, the great qualitative transition in providential history can be said to be the advent of God's kingship in 2001.

From that point on, the providence is to progress for twelve years. True Parents have explained the providential outlook to us; that is, that the providence of perfecting the world of the ideal of creation on earth will be brought to fruition by the twelfth year of Cheon Il Guk under the name of the completion of Cheon Il Guk.

What we are discussing here today is where we are at the

moment in this twelve-year course. So if we were to divide the twelve years into stages, it would be best to divide the time period into three—from the beginning to the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, from then to the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk, and from the ninth year to the twelfth year. Father recently made it very clear that we should divide it into three.

To put it simply, we could say that in the first stage, during the four years from the first to the fourth year, the basic form of Cheon Il Guk was completed. From the roots rose the vertical axis from God's kingship to the kingship of blessed families, and this appeared on earth as the king of peace. A trunk grew from the roots, from God's kingship to the king of blessed families, and from the king of blessed families to the king of peace. Then the branches spread out in all directions, from blessed families to tribal messiahs, to registered blessed families, to the fourth Adam, and from the fourth Adam to the owners of Cheon Il Guk. The final fruit borne by this tree is the owners of Cheon Il Guk.

The completed forms of beings who had originally fallen that are mentioned in the Family Pledge are the owners of Cheon Il Guk. From there, each clan would branch out, so that from the owners of Cheon Il Guk would be formed the tribes of Cheon Il Guk, who would erect the framework on one side. On the other side, the Peace UN was established, and from it the Mongolian People's Federation branched out, which in turn gave birth to the The Interreligious and International Peace Kingdom Federation for Cheon Il Guk.

True Father has said that there won't be any more organizations from now on. On the framework erected on one side, each nation, each continent and each religious denomination is to be engrafted to the king of peace, thereby forming one big model. Therefore, from the roots sprouted the central trunk, which in turn branched out in all directions. This basic framework of Cheon Il Guk, completed during the past four years, was the providential accomplishment of the first stage.

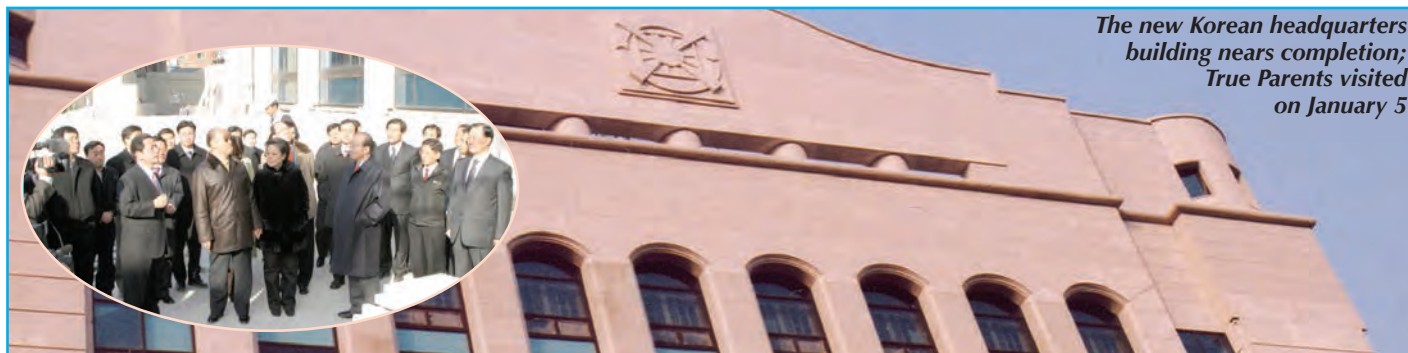
The period from this year, the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, to the eighth, can be said to be the growth period in the process of establishing Cheon Il Guk. How will the growth stage of the providence progress? With regard to this, I mentioned three things last time.

First was that it was time to establish the kingdom of peace in the religious and national spheres. True Father spoke about this point recently at hoondokhae, saying that from now on, there will be no religion or nation. Even this morning, he remarked, "There will be no politics or policies. From now on, God will rule over us directly, acting under His own sovereignty, so there will be no need for people to set policies."

In connection with this, he also said, "There are no nationalities." In keeping with this, on February 8 members of our second generation will gather in preparation for a blessing ceremony. Another blessing is planned for April 10, and there will be a third in August. These blessings constitute three stages, and True Parents are very concerned with them. What is most remarkable is that in these blessings, religion and nationality will not matter. From the beginning of

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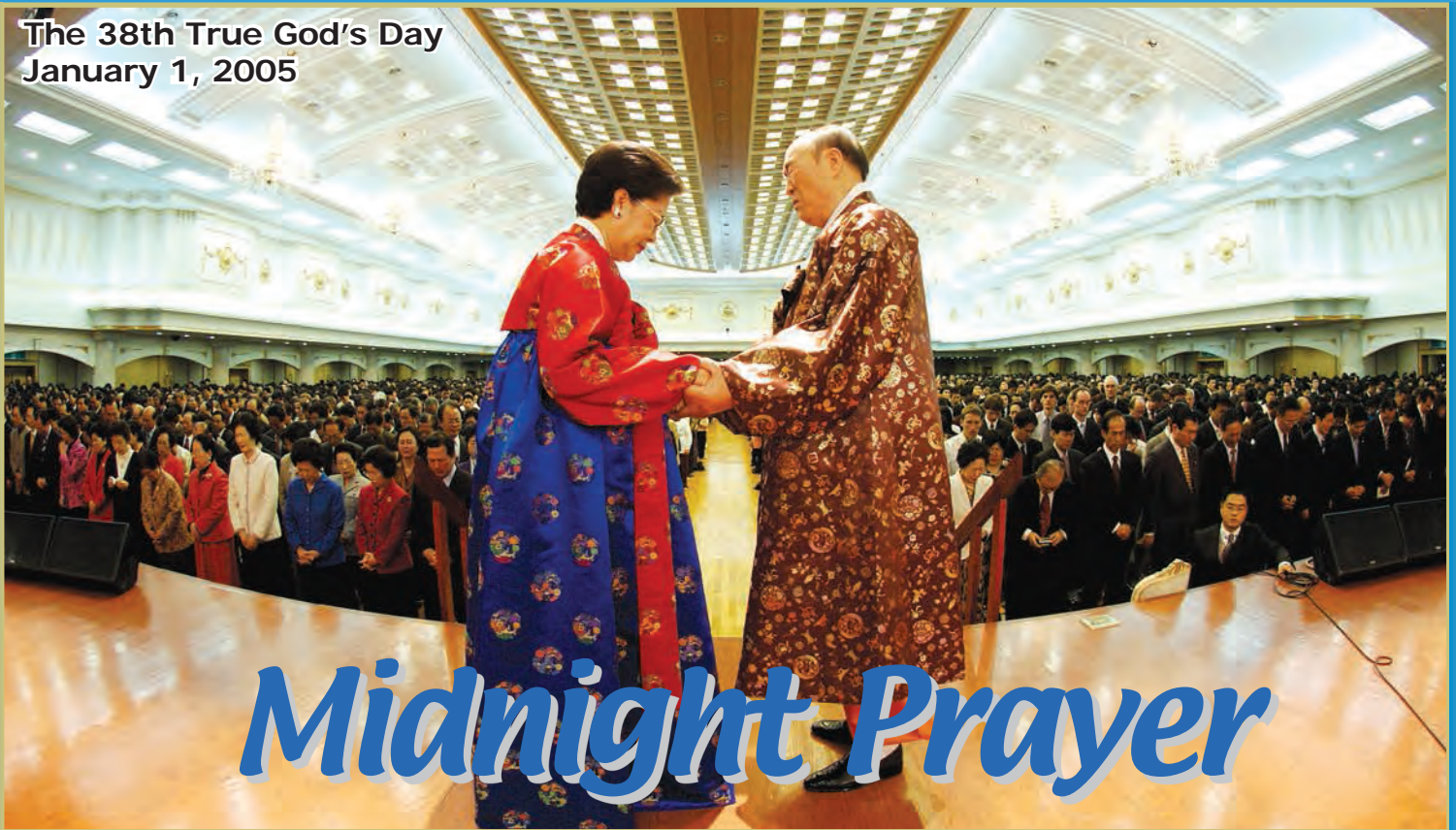
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The 38th True God's Day
January 1, 2005



Midnight Prayer

BELOVED Heavenly Father, we have passed the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, and have entered the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. I know how difficult, arduous and full of pain and tears Your path has been in seeking out the holy ground of Cheongpyeong in Korea as the history of restoration through indemnity moves toward its final destination.

As all this has passed, I proclaim the era of the cosmic peace kingdom centering on the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. We deeply engrave in our hearts a new beginning that enables us to attend God as the parent on this earth, and True Parents as the parents on this earth, and unite the internal parents with the external parents; and we engrave the numerous hopes from the course of history that You had for the purpose of stepping on and going beyond this platform.

This child knows well of Your lonely life course as You, the Father, pioneered through the environment and longed for the garden of love based on the ideal of re-creation.

We are overwhelmed with awe knowing how You went through this difficult path of history of tribulations that created the cosmos. This was to initiate another beginning for You—the incorporeal subject and the owner—to let me, this unworthy child, attain a form in the land of Korea, from Your invisible position in our relationship, an invisible position of not having form. In the midst of this, no one knew about these destined connections, the conditions for interaction, behind thousands of years of history.

Although there were many peoples, many nations and many families on this earth, and many men and women have existed, this child knows well of Your bitter anguish of not having even one person as Your partner who can relate with the deep heart of a son or daughter showing respect and affection for You, and who can relate with that lofty and precious heart in the deepest part of Your heart. Your son did not know of Your sorrowful heart in which You had to seek a man and woman. Nobody on this earth knew of the heavenly aspects of Your heart from this endless path of bitter pain, and this path of bitter anguish from the infinite history and eternity in which You sought Your son in order to go beyond this confusing line of limitation that only You knew of and which even Satan was ignorant of. Behind the history of the land of Korea that has lasted beyond 5,000 or even 7,000 years, this



Led by Father and Mother, the True Family enters just before midnight

child knows well the path of tribulations that You walked until You found the path that enabled You to take rest in this land of Korea while You went about throughout the continent in the central field of heaven and earth.

The child that stands before You today may look shabby in appearance but knows all too well the path of sorrow of the defeated who lost their kingship as they lived in the shadow of the history of bitter anguish. I know too well how great Your bitter anguish was in being unable to pass on Your kingship to Your child, and in losing the kingship itself.

You looked upon the vast population of mankind, countless nations and individuals and families. All these should have become a lamp that blossoms like the flower of Your hope of love. That nation and world should have shone like the sun and moon and become a subject partner with driving power, which can move all life forms of the creation. Yet, losing these things, You were alone, imprisoned amidst the shadow of a dark heart as You searched for Your son. You crossed long distances alone, longing for the son whom You will find in the last days that lay in the distance. That history of yearning has lasted not one or two days but continued for tens of thousands of years, and beyond. As You raised the realm of religion encapsulated in four thousand years and, on Your path, groping to find the way and surmounting this hill, You had to pioneer along all the difficult paths in front of Satan. People on earth pioneered as they hovered between life and death, a situation no man on earth would want. Going beyond one side of the boundary of freedom, You found Your own image, and going beyond the shameful sight that stood before the original creation, Your heart yearned for a son that could become the single light for the future, and moonlight, while You looked back to the history You went through to become the Lord of mankind.

Now as we see off the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk and receive the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, our mind and body cannot relate to You separately. After achieving the coronation ceremony of the kingship of the peace kingdom centering on the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace on this earth, we must unite the realms of the lineages of the Mongolian people by going beyond the sphere of the Mongolian race. Without doing so, heaven would be silenced by the dark shadow of those defeated by their bonds to the satanic lineage that began with the murder in Adam's family. As we welcome the new, bright and clear morning light, together with the owner of heaven and earth and with a heart of love of a patriot on behalf of the ancestors of mankind from millions and billions of generations, this child once again

must ask for forgiveness at this time before Your heart that has longed for the liberated realm of Your Sabbath where heaven and earth—from the mineral world to the human world, and all the creation belonging to the pair system—can be harmonized in unity, to suffer, rejoice, and live together.

Standing before the Father who raised this child in a position responsible for heaven and earth, I can never forget the past ages where I struggled to take on the burden of Your cross that grew heavier. This memory is stronger than that of the struggles on the path of indescribable hardships, and of each moment where heavy burdens of bearing the failures of the responsibilities of religion and the nations on this earth were added. Passing through the ages of adolescence and youth, I cannot forget the course of training You gave me to make me understand Your sadness as You had to go to and fro numerous times in order to expand the local roads, highways and freeways of the nation and world that enabled me to go directly to the world of heart from a position of ignorance located at the bottom of hell, day and night amidst the darkness of a thousand years. This was in order to fulfill my duty as a child that should attend the Father who has form and who sits on the throne, with the realm of Your words and the gates of the palace of Your heavenly nation inside America.

The entire history of resentment and lamentation...Due to holding the coronation ceremony for the king of peace of the victorious heavenly nation on December 13 in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk through the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, a declaration should have been declared today on this earth. But it is delayed until February 14, to True Parents' birthday. During this time, let all the things that were liberated and indemnified during the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk become a seed and sprout that harbors a clean and flawless life force that solely focuses on Your desire. Let it grow to have form, become a tree and bear fruit that can bring joy to the master in the garden, blooming with flowers and abundant with fragrance. I know the world of Your heart that longs to pluck this fruit and prepare a feast again for Your sons and daughters.

Father, at this time I am aware that Your deep heart that I know has a background more deep, high and broad in extent. I now understand that it is impious to try to understand that world and that it is a sin to know this world. Thus, I could not stand in a position of running to You in silence, grasping You, embracing Your body and calling Your name! Reaching that position, I cannot forget the days of Your cooperation when I suffered on the path of perseverance, patience, hardship and a situation of life and death stemming from persecution, until that day of dispersing the deep shadow in Your heart.

I cannot forget the joy of that day of the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of God on January 13 in the first year of Cheon Il Guk, which took place prior to the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. This child, who failed to gain the nation for that day and raise it before heaven, came to this land, the fatherland, and knows how great is the responsibility I was called to take on and which needs to be fulfilled within the next four years with these young and immature children. I stand in a position where, even though I might not be able to believe in them, I cannot help doing so. They could not become such sons and daughters who can stand with both hands raised before the Father and pledge to take responsibility in completing and fulfilling their given responsibility during



The True God's Day midnight prayer



Let Us Complete the Ideal of the I

the next four years. This child establishes a foundation, and these children must raise a nation, attend the parents, reveal the great way of the heavenly principles [natural laws], so that the sun and moon unite, and heaven and earth come together in the bright heaven and earth.

My heart is wrenched as I experience how vexing and bitter a history of ordeals it has been due to the failure to attain a position of an ideal couple in love that can carry on true love, true life, and true lineage in a deep position centered on the origin of the family that is the nest of love. Experiencing these things, I know how heart-wrenching it was for Heaven. As we pass out of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, the nations and religions on this earth have come to their current situation by setting up the foundation for conditions that barely meet the standard of Your heart.

Since we were born through an inevitable special connection with heaven, we must make the impossible possible, things without hope into things with hope, and resurrect the child that was originally in the position of death. In such an indivisible position that must be armed with Your omnipotent authority, You came to us as we sorrowfully struggled and proved that You existed. Unable to command in a loud voice, You whispered to us the command to have absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, concerned that we may bring shame upon You before Satan. You sought the number five at the risk of the number four that enables You to liberate the bright heaven and earth for the purpose of bringing the ancestors of mankind who were disobedient to You throughout history to this place.

Going beyond 4,000 years in the age representing the Old Testament Age and in which Your sons and daughters could receive the Messiah, which was Your desire in sending the Messiah to this earth, Jesus could not usher in the age of the fifth millennium. Coming upon this earth, he left behind the task of putting heaven and earth in order and Christianity had to shed blood for 2,000 years. I know very well that, crying and suffering, You pushed the heart of this son again and again for him to go this way as You endured the sorrowful sight of him being compelled to stand

aside from Your path of righteousness along with the individual sacrifices and tears of defeat shed by the family, tribal and national levels.

There has never been a son of filial piety on this earth who could fulfill the path of loyalty and filial piety. There has never been a patriot or a family of divine sons and daughters. These things that even You could not do, I had to fulfill. I had to follow this path, with this responsibility, into the sea of tears from indescribable suffering, all the while regarding it to be a wading pool where I would swim everyday. I had to walk these paths forgetting my struggles and strove on to this point while gazing only at Your targeted desires and the sunlight You revealed.

Now at this moment as we surmount a hill, in this fifth year, we have to call for all the spirit people who had the misfortune of going to the spirit world, based on the foundations of the blessed families on this earth whom they can have pride in as their direct lineage. They should have been the families of sons of filial piety, families of patriots, families of saints, and divine sons and daughters who should have called all the ancestors in the spirit world, even God, to this earth and attended them. Yet they stand in a position unable to do so, despite the education I have given them throughout my life.

With this old body yet young at heart I still stand before the course of fulfilling my given responsibility in opening the new gates to the heavenly world along with the task of arranging all things in the earthly world even at the moment I collapse, in order to reproduce what they should have done. Thus, I sent my sons and daughters of four age groups to the spirit world, and with the responsibility of the parent on earth, I shoulder the responsibility of the parent before these children and carry the realm of relationships in the heavenly world in order to liberate even those groaning in the abyss of hell. Gazing upon the rising sunlight of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, I cannot forget the facts that I alone know as I stand in this difficult position where I feel inadequate despite the pain of this body.

Even as I passed through this position I know that Your heart



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for the nation was tens, hundreds and even thousands of times greater. Unable to comfort Your heart, even as my mind floundered when You needed me, even when You resisted to rest when You could have, and how You endured alone, braving the wind and frost at the front in pioneering the way to help this unworthy child, before You I truly pray with all my heart and body that my wife who stands before me can unite with You. I know very well that the very being that brought about the seemingly impossible conflict within Your mind and within Your body, was the same being who stained the name of True Parents. Therefore, let our two bodies be transformed into one, let us become the bright parents of the new morning that rises explosively before Your deep heart, as the sun and moon that shine beyond the darkness to bring the tide of the bright heaven and earth from this year.

I proclaim the tremendously important levels of responsibility so that all the good and bad things in the spirit world can come to this earth and bear fruit as good things. Let us make a new determination to offer this before You. Let the people gathered here today attain one heart, one body and one core with the True Parents' heart. On the foundation of the liberated freedom, the tranquil place of rest, let the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind be attended by from one to millions of families. Let these become families of sons of filial piety, families of patriots that go beyond the nation, families of the saints that go beyond the world, and families of divine sons and daughters that go beyond the cosmos.

During this four-year period, bless us so that, with all our hearts, we can leap beyond this meridian that is inclined towards the world that can freely guide and digest all things, and bring liberty and liberation to the realm of the Sabbath centered on Ahn Shi Il, which heaven can embrace according to the path of loyalty and filial piety. And in the ninth year of Cheon Il Guk after the year 2008, please become the owner, parent and teacher for eternity who can restore the boundaries between the heavenly world and the earthly world so that You may freely commute to heaven from the earthly world along with those who came to the

earthly world, and reign over these worlds while firmly grasping the throne of the world of the original palace of the free, liberated heaven and earth.

We pray that You will enjoy Your reign of peace for all eternity. In laying the foundation, let me invest my sincerity without fear for those days to come. Please have pity on the heart of this child who can only depend on Your cooperation until the time I can embrace the passing moon and sun and go beyond the ideal of the *Shinmi* year. I pray that You will be with me and guide me as I walk this path.

Father please bestow Your love on Mother standing here, who goes by the name of Hak Ja Han. She has truly gone through many hardships to this day. I know too well how great the intensity of Mother's fate is in preparing her standard as a filial daughter before You, and the preparations for attendance in [True Parents'] family on earth. Still I have an obligation that prevents me from giving guidance to her. Hence, let me be able to help Mother in going beyond her 5 percent responsibility during the four years that remain. With my heart of gratitude before Heaven, and with Mother offering her thanks to Heaven, let this become like two incense fires, like two candles burning in the darkness, and protect us and guide us so that we can perfect the way of the True Parents.

On the first day, as we designate the motto for this year, please unite the body of our couple which must go forth with hope and joy on this path even though our two bodies may be ripped apart and damaged as we go between the internal world of heaven and the external world of heaven. Bless us and guide us so that we may reach the position of Your victory without collapsing on the way.

On behalf of two people, this I sincerely, sincerely, report and proclaim in the name of the True Parents.

Amen.◆

Midnight

January 1, 2005



After praying for more than twenty-five minutes and writing the motto for the year, Father spoke briefly.

In this year's motto, you may not clearly understand the meaning of the words "internal and external." By them, I mean the internal kingdom of God and the external kingdom of God. Cheon Il Guk refers to a nation (*guk*) in which two people have become one (*il*). (A combination of the Chinese characters for "two" and "person" forms the character for "Heaven" (*cheon*).) The unity of two people as one signifies the unity of mind and body, of man and woman, of parents and children and of heaven and earth with God. When I say internal and external, "internal" refers to God, and "external" refers to True Parents.

That is why the full version of the two abbreviated words would be the internal era of the kingdom of cosmic peace and unity. Do you understand? That is what it mean. The internal nation, Cheon Il Guk, is the kingdom of peace, but this internal world cannot be perfected on its own. It can only be perfected through Cheon Il Guk in the external world. Since the body is the external part, and because heaven and the earth were destroyed because of this body, we now have to speak of it separately, by referring to it as the internal and the external. It is the internal and external Cheon Il Guk. Do you understand?

So when you speak of Cheon Il Guk, you are actually speaking of the cosmos, heaven and earth. Heaven and earth have not been united in peace. All that was created exists in pairs, but have not been united as one. That is why there is lamentation among the all created beings. They were not united as one. Did I say something about peace and unity? The time of the kingdom is here!

How is this going to happen? During the past four years of the kingship of Cheon Il Guk, you were unable to practice filial piety toward True Parents, even after calling upon your ancestors in the spiritual world. Not only that; you did not become families of filial

piety. Only when you represent families of sons and daughters of filial piety, then families of patriots of nations, then families of saints and sages within the world, and finally families of holy sons and daughters in heaven and on earth, and make a clean sweep on earth of the history of grief and resentment called indemnity, can you establish the internal kingdom of cosmic peace and unity and unite the two as one, turning the world around as a result.

The spirit world is made up of ancestors. These ancestors could never receive the blessing because they had inherited the bloodline of the archangel. However, through True Parents on earth, they were able to receive the blessing. The descendants who inherited the blood of the archangel in the time before the coming of heaven passed into the spirit world and became the ancestors. Originally, the blessing of ancestors in the spirit world would never have been possible.

True Parents then came to earth. They have transcended nations and the world. And they lost four of their children through the law of indemnity. Because it was still the time of the history of restoration through indemnity, through which the lost children of God were to be restored—the lost Eve, the lost Adam, the lost Jesus, and even the lost family of the Lord of the Second Coming—Father was supposed to complete this work within his generation, while he was still in his forties. He was to turn heaven and earth completely upside down and establish the unified world of the kingship of peace. However, Father was unsuccessful in accomplishing this, so he had to accomplish all this forty years after the conclusion of the World War II, after the sixtieth birthday of Mother and before she turned sixty-two.

Centering on the number 60, at this time when we are surmounting the sixty years and the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, can we finally welcome the heavenly world? The number 4 is the number of Satan. The numbers 3 and the number 4; 3 is the number of man, and 4 is the number of the woman. Only when these two come together and form a family can they achieve the number 7.

Taking Adam's family as an example, there would be the grandfather and grandmother couple, the father and mother couple, my spouse and I, and the families of my sons and daughters. Therefore there would be eight members in Adam's family and eight members in Noah's family. Yet, since neither of them could stand before God by themselves, the number must be indemnified. Unless we pass from number 6 to number 7 and on to number 8, centering on the number 8, and from number 9 to number 12 centering on number 8, there can be no beginning of liberation.

That is why in the history of humanity, there have been many cases of people undergoing all kinds of hardships, and being on the verge of death—billions of times. However, even in those times the central figures died and were resurrected; they were resurrected and then passed away again and were saved right on the brink of death. You must know this clearly. This was why there have been many such incidences in history, including the time Abraham was ready to kill his son Isaac with a knife in order to offer him as a sacrifice, before God ordered him not to kill his son.

All of you here today must complete, in your generation, the

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duties of the children. Until now you have not fulfilled your moral obligations as children to your parents, as patriots to the nation, as saints and sages of the world and as holy sons and daughters before Heaven. Though all of you have received the blessing, you are acting individually. We are now on the world stage. This is no longer in the era of the family. Being on the world stage, we must be unified beyond anything else, so that we need not be ashamed in front of anyone.

Each of you, during your lifetime, must work hard with God to restore what was lost in the Garden of Eden. In so doing, as representatives connected through one bloodline, as one family, you must form families of sons and daughters of filial piety, patriots, saints and sages, and holy sons and daughters, centering on the duties of sons and daughters on my behalf, on behalf of True Parents. Then, on the foundation of liberation and freedom, True Parents would be able to claim as their own, heaven and earth, in which there would be no barriers, boundaries or borderlines between families, nations, races or valleys—in fact, between any earthly places. The liberated heaven and earth must then be connected through the bloodline of love, in which your families, nations and heaven and earth can be united as one, and can take an active part, on the foundation of liberation and freedom.

You must remember that only then can the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven be liberated, and from the position of not being able to serve God, we will be able to establish the restored and perfected reign of peace and prosperity that will continue for ever and ever, and the time will come when we can shout “eog mansei” and praise God in this era of peace and tranquility. Do you understand? [Yes.]

That is why you must keep in mind that it is each individual that has to perfect the kingdom of cosmic peace and unity, and it is each individual who has to perfect the kingship of Cheon Il Guk. It is your family. You must know this. Your families! You and your families must all fulfill this responsibility. That is why you must live based on the Family Pledge. Our Family Pledge is not something that should be recited by Rev. Moon alone. It is not God who to say the Family Pledge. It is for you to recite, you must understand. Since I have removed any burdens that might hinder you from fulfilling the Family Pledge, and bequeathed it to you, you must thoroughly reorganize yourselves on earth through the Family Pledge so that you are free from burden.

From East to West, if Father were to visit twelve nations in one day, regardless of the skin color—be it black or white—of the citizens, he would be unable to find one place that is like the Garden of Eden before the fall of Adam’s family. He would not be able to find a place where God would be able to



rest peacefully and which God could claim as His own and then sleep freely. He wouldn’t find a place where the people would be ready to serve Him for as long as He would stay, even if it were longer than three years. The question is, will you establish such a tradition to prepare to attend God, transcending all nations—beyond Japan, beyond Korea and beyond the United States? True Parents are asking you, from the bottom of our hearts, to cherish this in your mind forever and ever; only by doing so will you be able to fulfill this year’s motto, “Let Us Complete the Ideal of the Internal and External Cheon Il Guk.”

Let’s stand up and say good night.

[Everyone offers a bow to True Parents]

We’ll use the word “Transcendent” for the first three days. You can leave it out after that. What this signifies is that we have reached a new level. After passing through the three eras of the cosmos, heaven and earth, and heaven, earth and humankind, we were finally able to unite in harmony, and prepare the origin of love through which we can love our beloved sons and daughters, and our lineage. So we will use the word for three days, representing formation, growth and perfection, and then leave it out. It would be the same whether we leave it out, use it forever or

add the word a hundred times over. So keep in mind that the word is there, it has just been left out. All we have to do is prepare the foundation of life upon which we can live with God, who transcends the natural world and transcends the universe, as soon as possible, so that we can leave out the word “transcendent” forever! Let us say Amen! “Amen!” (Applause)◆

True Parents return to Seoul from near Cheongpyeong, January 2005; in the distance are buildings that form part of the continuing development of the Cheongpyeong providence





Father spoke at length following the Pledge Ceremony; the following excerpts are drawn from that speech.

THE MOST precious thing of all, more precious than even love or life, is the bloodline. If there is no love or life, the bloodline cannot come into being. The bloodline cannot come into existence if there is love but not life, or if there is life but not love. The bloodline can only come into being when all three of them are together. Amen! [Amen!]

The seed of true love and the body of true life are embedded in the center of the bloodline. The seed and the body are embedded in it. This is how, once the bloodline is connected, the family idealized by God and the nation idealized by God can be established on that bloodline. Amen! [Amen!]

If there were no bloodline, both love and life would be gone. Only when the bloodline remains can the object of love also remain, and those liked by that life, be it the wife or the father, move about with life still in their bodies. The original fruit is the bloodline. You should never forget that the bloodline is the fruit of love, the fruit of life, and the fruit of joy, the connection formed by the coming together of parents in love. Amen! [Amen!]

The bloodline was lost. Once the bloodline was lost, everything else was lost as well. If we didn't have sons or daughters, we wouldn't have anything, would we? Even if, as a couple, the father loves the mother, and the mother loves the father, only when they have the same love and the same life can the bloodline be continued, and only when that love and that life are eternal can the bloodline continue eternally.

With an eternal bloodline as the root, a bud can be put forth and grow into a tree, which will then bloom and bear fruit. Countless fruits can be produced from one bloodline. The place where God intended to cultivate the soil and bring in a rich harvest in autumn was the Garden of Eden. He wanted to raise Adam and Eve, His son and daughter, in the Garden, where true love, true life and the true lineage were to blossom into full glory. It was the

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ideal of God to plant His son and daughter in this rich soil and establish the position of the owner of eternal love, eternal life and the eternal lineage! [Amen!] Do you understand?

For that reason, since the bloodline was not realized, the love was lost, the life was lost and God was lost. Everything was lost. Was the bloodline begun from God, or was it begun from a place where there was no God? Since the bloodline was begun from God, and since He is absolute, unique and unchanging, there must have been a man and a woman loved by Him, who were also absolute, unique and unchanging....

Weren't Japanese women and Korean men enemies in the past? In this year's international wedding of 132 couples, there were people from the five races, and not one of them said, "I want someone Japanese because I am Japanese!" or "I want a Korean because I am Korean!"

From now on, there should be cross-cultural marriage.... Marriage between two enemies will therefore become the link binding the two together. They will become an axis through their union. Since two enemies loved each other and consequently became the axis, there will not be any being on earth who can break that. When God looks down upon them, he will be delighted. How will Satan feel about that? Since God feels joy from seeing them, Satan the adulterer, will feel sad. Do you understand?

When you give birth to sons or daughters, you should educate them to love their worst enemies. You should raise them to become sons or daughters who will shout louder than a peal of thunder and be brighter than a flash of lightening, and who will work on behalf of God, True Parents, and the king of love eternally. Keep in mind that when that happens, the kingdom where such children are raised will become the kingdom of the parents who raised them. Such has been the work of God until now, and such has been the work pioneered by True Parents.

Marriage must take place between enemies. Even I myself was not born to parents from God's unfallen lineage. I was in the same position as you. Our ancestors appeared on earth through fallen love, life and lineage. Since that is the case, how could True Parents come into being? It is all woven together like this: it means going the opposite way—thus, it was Jesus who announced to others that they should love your enemies! Love your enemies more than you love your own children! Repeat after me: "Love your enemies more than you love your own children!"...

God lost two things, the bloodline and the right of ownership. God had intended to bequeath to Adam and Eve the right of ownership over everything once they were married in the Garden of Eden. However, they fell while they were still in the process of growing up, and so the right of ownership was passed down to Satan instead. Through the attainment of the right of ownership, from the position of a servant, Satan rose to a position higher than the son and daughter of God, God's beloved son and daughter in

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Eden, the prince and princess. Therefore, only when God can tell Satan, His arch enemy, "Don't go back to where you were; come and live with me," and Satan answers in the affirmative, can God declare, "My work is done!" and we would enter the era of the liberation of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, for thousands of years to come! Amen!

How can God recover these two things that He has lost? He must be able to love His enemy with His whole heart, even more than He would love anyone else. Satan would then have to return, untouched, to the royal throne of heaven the right of ownership that he had taken to hell. Then we would usher in a peaceful reign of prosperity, the time of liberation and complete freedom and the realm of the liberated heaven and earth when billions of people will be able to shout "mansei!"

Our Unificationist members have passed through the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk and welcomed the fifth. What should happen now? What does Father have to do now? We have already blessed our ancestors in the spiritual world. They were enemies. The spiritual and physical worlds could never have been brought together except through the blessing of our ancestors whereby the positions could be completely overturned, so that the position of the younger sibling was elevated to the position of the older sibling, and the position of the son was elevated to the position of the father. Through this, God's perfected time of the liberated kingdom of heaven, which will be marked by equality and peace, will continue forevermore! [Amen!] This work will begin today.

Father's prayer is to have God live here on earth with us and to unite the different religious denominations, by bringing together the religious leaders centered on the five great saints in the spirit world. If the members of these divided religious denominations learned to love their enemies, God and the devil would melt down and merge completely. In the place where they come together light and the heat would become one. What would follow is that, since their leaders had become one, those under them and those in the middle would automatically unite as well! That is why the law of indemnity is aimed not at the eras of the individual, family, tribe or race, but at the time of liberation, when all the above will lose meaning! Do you understand? [Yes.]...

It is the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. The lost ancestors in the spiritual world and God will then be called forth. Who in the world will summon them? True Parents on earth will summon those who were chased out. The world was split into two. The positions of the son and the father were overturned, the whole world was overturned, and in order to put the world to right, True Parents stood on the realm transcending nation and religion for the liberation of all people on earth, and performed the ceremony of the coronation of kingship, and the ceremony of bequeathal. Therefore, from now on, there should be no religions or nations.

Then, what would be left? Only the nucleus of love would be left, through which enemies and adulterers would be able to come together in harmony centered on God's love. Only the nucleus of love would be left. This was shared among all of you who received the international blessing, and it is there deep in your hearts, so that there will be no one who can melt it and take it away from you, or try to knock it out of you. It has become a part of you eternally, and since it is the essence of eternal truth, it cannot be denied through experience or cognition.

Since it has been acknowledged along with the essence, which is eternal, existing and permanent, the invisible world of the mind can live together as one with the physical body. The substantial body, in turn, is also united with God, therefore it can live eternally; it would never come to ruin. Once two such people come together in marriage and have children, on the foundation of the nucleus of love, they will automatically be able to serve the prince of liberation, the owner of kingship, who can travel back and forth between the spiritual world and the physical world....

Centered on God, you will continue to exist as a substantial being of eternal life, and so even if you are living on earth, you will also be living in the spirit world, and even if you are in the spirit world, you will also be living on earth. This will be the world of the eternal kingdom of the parent and child! Amen! [Amen!] (Applause)

From now on, what you should do every day is call down your ancestors from the spiritual world. If your mother, father—your mom and dad—and older brother have passed on to the spiritual world, summon them. The mother and the father were lost; the older brother and older sister were lost; and the true husband and wife were lost. Only when you give birth to true sons and daughters can a true bloodline come into being. If you want to have true sons and daughters, if you want to pass a true bloodline down to your descendants, if you want to give birth to true sons and daughters, you must become true men and true women.

You absolutely cannot enter the new world without denying yourself, because you inherited the false bloodline, which you must reject. How many thousand years has this held true? The world has continued like this for tens of thousands of years and cannot be brought to an end by itself. Only the sword made by Father can bring it to an end. That sword is the *Divine Principle*. The Divine Principle is a heavenly declaration. The word "Divine" means "Heavenly." The Divine Principle can move around wherever it wants to in the substantial world and can deal with the world in any way it wants.

The Divine Principle is not the doctrine of the Unification Church. It is the perfect combination of the constitutional law in the heart of God, the mainstream constitution, and the secondary set of laws necessary to abide by the constitutional laws. That is why there is no one on earth who can destroy it. What is it that

Satan tried to avoid more than anything else? Satan is concerned most of all about hearing words from the Unification Church, and he hates to hear those words above all else.

Now that the Unification Church will cease to exist, who or what will become the central figure? The Unification Church should also cease to exist, shouldn't it? Since we are talking about a realm transcendent of nation and religion, all religions should disappear. Therefore, the Unification Church should also be gone. Isn't that so? The ideal kingdom of heaven, which is the ideal of the Unification Church, should also vanish, shouldn't it?

We must advance in order to stand before the royal throne of heaven from the place where everything is gone. We must start anew, and you should know that on the day we reach the top after walking up stage after stage, the infinite and perfected kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven will unfold before our very eyes....

Now the time has come for you to leave your hometowns.... That is why you must move here, bringing your clan with you. Now the Koreans will be stirred up. The enemies who are moving to Korea along with the members of their clan, the Unificationists moving to Korea will want to buy houses here. Then the Koreans will want to sell their houses to the newcomers quickly at a huge profit. Those who are coming here, however, should buy these houses, even if they are too expensive. That is your way of loving your enemies. Your enemy is selling you a piece of his land, so you should not try to beat down the price; instead, you should offer to pay more. Only then can you set the condition that you have loved your enemy. Amen, or No-men? [Amen!] So, you do understand what I'm saying.

Everyone, the time for the great move has come upon us. Americans, British, French...you cannot say anything. You must return to your fatherland. You must return to your homeland....

Now, in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, you should call forth your ancestors and resurrect them. We must bless the spirit world.... The time has come for us to call forth our ancestors. This will take place for four years starting from now. Over the course of four years they will come. Since the archangel usurped the position of Adam, the spirits in the spirit world could not receive the blessing. This is because the blessing is supposed to be perfected on earth. You cannot give birth to children if you do not have physical bodies, can you? Those in the spirit world cannot give birth to children, and so cannot establish the realm of their sons and daughters.

Since the will of God was for Jesus to come down to earth to form a family, and to connect, through the blessing, the world to the Royal Throne in heaven, transcending nations, Father came to earth, transcending nations, and liberated Jesus as the Second Coming. Doesn't the Second Coming signify the owner who has come for the second time? Isn't that the Lord of the Second Coming? The Lord of the Second Coming is supposed to connect the position of True Parents, true love, true life and true lineage, a task unfulfilled by Jesus. If Jesus had succeeded in bringing this about, he would have absorbed the nation to his side and united it into one with Rome, and then his work would have been completed.

By the time Jesus turned forty years of age, he would have become the king of Cheon Il Guk, and his work would have been completed. Father also made complete preparations to complete his work by the time he turned forty. However, because of the opposition from the Catholics and the Christians, everything he had prepared was lost. This nation became a Christian coun-

try. That is why they opposed the Unification Church so much. Father's course was supposed to end at forty: he should have eased the grief of Jesus and raised the banner of the great king over heaven and earth. However, that course was prolonged forty years, and Father is now trying to accomplish this at the age of eighty....

Currently we are truly living in an era where the heaven can mobilize the spirit world. Starting from this year, the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth years—four years in all. We should tell them, do whatever it takes to serve True Parents on earth in the appropriate way.

Then would they sit still, or what? This is the question. When the ancestors come down to earth, and see their sons and daughters, and their descendants making mistakes, what would they do? They will cry out, "You good-for-nothings! You are blocking the path of your ancestors. From now on, I'll do what you're supposed to do." The ancestors will get rid of those doing wrong, even if they have to grab the descendants around the throat and drag them along. They can actually send them to the spirit world.

Such incidents will take place. The older brother will drag the younger brother to the spirit world, not to send him to hell but to heaven. Satan made the older brother kill his younger brother, so that the older brother could end up in hell. However, in the present time, the older brother will take the younger brother, who has been thrown into a place of death, to a place of comfort, where he can stay, safe from everyone else, until the day when the world becomes a liberated and free environment. Even in the past there were such places where people could flee and stay hidden. Such a place is mentioned in the Old Testament, is it not? Once a person entered that place, even if he committed the most heinous crimes, he could not be judged, even if his enemy followed him there and captured him. It is without doubt that such a place has been prepared.

Therefore, you cannot deny that frightening days will soon be upon us. I'm not threatening you. Do you understand? [Yes.]

The reason for the complete ruin of your ancestors, your descendants, and those of your clan living in this era, the obstacle blocking their path is not the ancestors of the past or the descendants of the future. It is you, sitting right in front of me. Every little mistake you make will block the path of your ancestors and your descendants, and that is why your ancestors will not leave you alone if you commit any folly. They will take you to the spirit world without delay....

You must serve Rev. Moon as the Lord of lords, the True Parent of true parents, the Savior of saviors, the Second Coming of second comings, and the name of names of True Parents. This tradition should be perfected during my time on earth, because I have the responsibility to establish and complete such a tradition before I go to the spirit world.

These are the words I wish to leave for you when I die. There is no saying when I will go to the spirit world. If I fell ill, it wouldn't take much for an old man like me, who is in his eighties and close to his nineties, to go to the spirit world. I cannot be a young man forever. I'm just glad and thankful that I can convey all this to you before I'm laid up for the last time. Please keep in mind that I am telling you all this because I hope that when God sees the record of your life, the record kept of your life in the next world, He will acknowledge that you led a life of a righteous blessed family.◆

Tenth Anniversary of the Cheongpyeong Spirit World Providence

Over ten remarkable years, and with the help of Heaven, Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim have forged a path for the spirit world to receive liberation and blessing. From January 15 to 19, thousands of members from Korea, Japan and other countries around the world came to Cheongpyeong to participate in special works for the benefit of God's providence.



The five-day event, which included the 700th two-day workshop, culminated in a "jeong-hwa jae" (purification ceremony) through which records of the sins of the absolute good spirits and ancestors could be erased. Photos this page are of that January 19 festival: top, Wish-fulfillment prayer papers are offered to Heaven in holy fire; center, True Parents watch from the main building; this photo, members greet True Parents; top right, fireworks bring the evening and the special workshop to a dramatic conclusion.

Our Mission in the Last Days of Providential History

Father speaks at the Congratulatory Banquet of the 4th World Summit on Leadership and Good Governance



Crown of Peace Awards - Washington D.C., December 13, 2004

Respected leaders from countries around the world, representing all religions and nations! Let us first gather our hearts together. Let us sincerely offer glory and gratitude to God, the True Parent of all creation and Lord of true love. And let us make today a day of the greatest value, a day that will be remembered as having provided a new foundation for America.

The Cold War held humanity captive to fear and insecurity for half a century. Communist machinations and duplicity deceived people of faith and all humankind. That has ended. We live in a new century. And yet, how secure and happy are we?

Look at the world. Young people, now liberated from the yoke of communism, are enjoying their freedom to such an extent that they are in danger of running pell-mell off the cliff of debauchery. Instead of seeking God's ideal of creation, they embrace the perspective of selfish individualism and become slaves to free sex. This gives rise to all manner of social evils. Homosexual activists have hoisted the flag of the so-called "gay" movement. They advocate marriage between people of the same sex. Put simply, this infuriates Heaven and humanity. Imagine, for a moment, the world that would result from what they advocate. Humanity would become extinct within two generations.

Those who turn away from Heaven's will dig their own graves in the soil of decadence and immorality. The evil of this age has its own punishing consequences. The incurable disease known as AIDS is a sign of this from Heaven. Even as we sit here, is not this cursed plague infecting thousands of innocent people? Is it not casting them onto the path of death?

Another plague, known as divorce, is destroying family values. It is throwing humanity into an unprecedented crisis. Children suddenly find themselves separated from one parent and being raised by a stepfather or stepmother. In some cases, they are even placed in foster homes and orphanages. They are not at fault, yet their tiny hearts are left with scars that will never heal. Who will compensate them for the parental love that was snatched away from them?

Then we turn our eyes to the conflict in the Middle East. What began as a struggle between religions is now grinding the entire world in a crucible of fear over terrorism and murder. Meanwhile, the Korean peninsula, my homeland, tragically remains the world's only divided nation. It still awaits its day of unification with deep longing. By what means can we possibly save today's world, where morality and family values are utterly degraded?

Leaders from around the world, tonight I would like to convey to you a new message from God to the six billion people living in this age. It is both His commandment and a revelation. The title of this message is "Our Mission in the Last Days of Providential History."

The Manifestation of the True Parents

The fall of Adam and Eve, our first ancestors, imprisoned us within the dungeon of false love, false life and false lineage. We drag the chains of a history of unfathomable damnation and resentment. All people without exception have inherited Satan's false blood lineage accumulated through a history of thousands and tens of thousands of years. We are trapped by that history, with no choice but to lead speckled lives littered with falsehood and evil. This is humanity's fate. There is no escape from this predicament, regardless of human effort.

Humanity has waited eagerly for the day when someone would save us from our fallen condition. Humanity writhes in agony, engulfed by evil and falsehood, because due to the fall of the first human ancestors everyone is bound to the filthy and dreadful lineage of Satan. Therefore humanity awaits the coming of someone who is of the lineage of Heaven and has no relation to Satan's lineage. This is the True Parents, who are able to liberate us from the Satan's bondage.

We must understand that humankind is in a position to consider Satan our parent. In biblical terms, we are in the position of wild olive trees, separated from the true root. The True Parents, who are sent as the Savior and Messiah of all humanity, have the mission

to ruthlessly cut down the wild olive trees that have been growing for thousands and tens of thousands of years and graft them into the true olive tree. This represents the change of humanity's blood lineage. The True Parents come to complete this great revolutionary endeavor on an interreligious and international level.

The True Parents do not appear just because someone wants it, or anywhere at any time. They can manifest only in the providential Last Days. The term "Last Days" means the moment when the restoration providence, which Heaven has carried forward throughout history, bears its final fruit. In other words, we meet the original era of the True Parents only in conjunction with heavenly fortune.

The providence to save humanity is administered by Heaven, so how can you know where you stand in it? Only the True Parents, who come with Heaven's love, life and lineage, know the providential time. Knowing the providential time, they work in line with it to bring the providence to its conclusion. Only the True Parents come with the authority to govern the spirit world. By this authority they have mobilized the leaders of the four major religions and myriads of good ancestors in order to take responsibility for your eternal life.

Leaders from around the world! While you were unaware of it, humankind has entered a new realm of grace. Heavenly fortune has arrived. I openly declare to Heaven and earth that I have received Heaven's anointing and that I have been entrusted with the mission to be humanity's True Parent. We are now in the Last Days of God's providence. This is the era of the Holy Blessing, by which humanity's lineage is changed from Satan's lineage to Heaven's lineage. Now the Era After the Coming of Heaven is unfolding within the realm of *Ssang hab shib seung*. In the Era Before the Coming of Heaven, those who pursued evil prospered and it was difficult to distinguish right from wrong. Now Heaven no longer tolerates that diseased and disordered world!

Have powerful hope, as you live in accordance with the path of Heaven. You can come to resemble God, with His attributes being absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Practice a life of living for the sake of others, and you will go through a revolution of character. Following this path will enable us to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth that is, the Peace Kingdom, where we all can live together. Heaven has longed passionately to see this come to pass.

The Mission of Homeland Liberation

The term, "homeland liberation," may sound unfamiliar. You probably think that you never lost your homeland, so you have no need to recover it. The homeland to which I refer today, however, is different from the one you usually think of. I refer to the original homeland, the Kingdom of God on Earth that was lost at the fall of the first ancestors, Adam and Eve.

What would the world have been like had the fall not occurred? God would have blessed Adam and Eve in marriage. They would have produced children who were sinless and true, and become true parents. That family would have served as the nucleus of the Kingdom of God on Earth. The children would have formed the realm of God's third generation. Centering on God, they would have established an eternal kingdom of peace on this earth. Adam and Eve would have been the king and queen of an Adamic tribe, Adamic people, and Adamic nation that represented the realm of three ages. Adam's kingdom would have continued eternally. That would have been humanity's eternal homeland, the Peace Kingdom.

Unfortunately, history did not start out that smoothly. The fall of Adam and Eve orphaned humanity for thousands and tens of thousands of years. We lost our homeland and lived like vagabonds drifting here and there, begging for food. Humanity was to have

attended God as the vertical True Parent. All the world's people would have lived as one family in accordance with the principles of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Instead, we find ourselves divided from one another by all manner of barriers and international boundaries planted by Satan.

What, then, is the true meaning of homeland liberation? How do we begin to accomplish it? Homeland liberation means to transform this world into a new nation, the true homeland. We will not find this homeland anywhere in today's world. It emerges out of a process of re-creation through love. God's new homeland has no borders. It is a part of the original creation that bears no relationship to the fall. So homeland liberation begins with a life of true love, in which we love even our enemies.

If we sow soybeans, we will harvest soybeans, and if we sow red beans, we will harvest red beans. If we sow revenge, which is Satan's seed, we will harvest an evil fruit, more bloodshed. On the other hand, wherever we sow true love, by forgiving and embracing our enemies, a tree of goodness will grow. This is the law of the universe, and it never fails. We find humanity's true homeland, the homeland of the true God, on the path of loving our enemies. This path begins with loving our individual enemies, and extends to loving our family's enemies, our tribe's enemies, our nation's enemies, and the world's enemies. This is how we establish the tradition of true love, true life and true lineage.

As world leaders, what do you consider your mission? As long as Satan's sovereignty rules the world, you do not really have a country. I know there are some 200 countries in the world, but has even one nation brought God's will into reality? Is even one a true homeland for God and humanity? The world's six billion people, through no fault of their own, were born as Satan's descendants, carrying the false lineage. Irrespective of whether you are citizens of the United States, Japan, or whatever nation, Satan's love, Satan's life and Satan's filthy blood still flow in your body. Unless you remove this stained legacy of the fall from yourselves, you will never realize the dream of homeland liberation. For this, you each must experience a revolution of character, a true love revolution.

The Three Great Revolutions of True Love

How can we accomplish a revolution of character and come to resemble God? Because we descended from the fall and are born with fallen nature, each of us must go through three great revolutions in order to accomplish the perfection of our character. I call these 1) the revolution through making atonement, 2) the revolution of conscience, and 3) the revolution of heart.

The "revolution through making atonement" means to recover your internal and external right of ownership by completely atoning for the past. After you have done this victoriously, you then live by a standard beyond that for which any atonement is required. This requires that you purge yourself completely of all the habits and thoughts that you accumulated during the Age Before the Coming of Heaven. It is completed when you accomplish it in the realms of the individual, family and nation.

On that basis you can fulfill and perfect an ideal family, a family of true love based upon the absolute values that are the standard for life in the Age After the Coming of Heaven. In God's family ideal, these absolute values are perfected in a three-generation family composed of parents, husband and wife, and children.

Only after the birth of their children can a man and woman stand in the position of owners of true parental love. Only after marrying and cherishing his wife is a man able to own true conjugal love. Similarly, it is the younger sibling that makes the older sibling an owner of true sibling love. Thus, in any relationship, it is the object-partner who places the subject-partner in the position of an

owner of true love. To fulfill this position the subject-partner must live for the sake of that object-partner, invest in that person and forget that investment, and sacrifice for the sake of a greater purpose. Here we create absolute values that are eternal and unchanging. In this way, parents, husband and wife, and children bring each other to perfection as owners of true love. Thereby they form a three-generational realm in the family. The family settles into an eternal realm of unity. They live with absolute values in interdependence and eternal communion with God.

Further, you take the revolutionary step of returning all your property and ownership rights to Heaven. Give up your lingering attachments. This cuts all your ties with the satanic world and separates you from Satan. In exchange, you will inherit all those things and more with Heaven's blessing. In other words, you will accumulate Heaven's riches, riches that have been separated from Satan and over which Satan can never again claim ownership.

What is the "revolution of conscience"? It is an inner revolution by which you become absolutely obedient to your conscience. You cannot deny that you endure an unending struggle within. Your conscience, which tends toward goodness, struggles against the desires of the flesh. To bring an end to this shame-ridden inner conflict, you need to clearly understand the conscience and its function.

Your conscience possesses pinpoint awareness of your every action, every step and every thought. It knows before your spiritual teacher knows. It knows before your parents know. It knows before God knows. And it tells you the right action to take in every instance. What results from violation of the conscience? You feel guilt. Dust settles on your soul; it becomes filthy and scarred. These scars on your soul cannot be removed for eternity. They are fearful baggage that you take with you when you enter the spirit world. I am voicing a supreme command that you work in a revolutionary way to overcome your physical desires, accept the guidance of your conscience, and live in oneness with Heaven's will. Treasure the unblemished, clean and pure state of your soul.

What is the third revolution, the "revolution of heart"? God created human beings as His children. What, then, is the tie that binds you and God together? It is the true love and true heart that exist between a parent and child. If a parent and child do not communicate with true heart, how can they possibly maintain a relationship of true love and true respect?

We have lived for thousands of years within the realm of the fall. Our hearts continue to be enslaved under false parents, false love and false lineage. To remove this yoke, you must live with true love, forgiving, giving and sacrificing continually. This is the life that Satan hates most. By doing this, you return to the realm where God's heart rules.

If your heart is still bound by selfish individualism and still pursues the vain glory of the satanic world, you are on a dark and dismal path whose end is despair and lamentation. On the other hand, if you lead a constructive life, being the first to yield and give to others, then your heart will be bound in eternal oneness with God's heart. This requires that you first sever your heart's ties to the false parent and be engrafted onto God's lineage through the Holy Marriage Blessing instituted by the True Parents. Through the True Parents, who are incarnations of the invisible God, you will secure the true love and lineage of Heaven.

The Mission of the Personal Emissary

Respected ladies and gentlemen, until today you have led fairly conventional lives. Now, however, I call you to take on a mission as Heaven's direct emissary. As individuals, there are many differences among us. We are large and small, wide and narrow, tall and short. Despite our differences, God is commissioning us to become

Heaven's direct emissaries. Let us be patriots who proudly uphold Heaven's lineage of goodness. Let us stand resolutely, with heavenly authority, and answer the call to liberate our homeland.

How can you qualify for the mission of Heaven's personal emissary? You must desire the liberation of your homeland a thousand times, even ten thousand times more than your desire for the present reality. You must be determined to liberate the homeland even at the sacrifice of your life. Eating or sleeping, coming or going, every action you take should be for the sake of establishing the Peace Kingdom.

The Bible teaches, "Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness." Go forward with confidence, because while your body may belong to the realm of the satanic world, you have been reborn with a true lineage. You are Heaven's direct emissary for the purpose of establishing the homeland.

Do you recognize God's plight? He is a Parent who, in one instant, lost His children, was forced to suffer a history of maltreatment, and was blocked at every turn as he sought to unfold His will. Let us become filial sons and daughters capable of understanding this sorrowful heart of God. How can you be leaders unless you know the truth and practice it?

Leaders of the world, please think deeply about how you came to be here today. Did you simply come half out of sincerity and half out of curiosity, hoping to enjoy a Christmas party? Whether you like it or not, you have now received Heaven's call. I suddenly received Heaven's command when I was a young man of sixteen. I accepted His call, and ever since I have spent my entire life, over 80 years, walking a course of blood, sweat and tears. It was to rescue humanity from Satan's dominion and to bring God into a state of true liberation and complete freedom. Just as I did, you too can now accomplish the exalted will of God for harmony and peace on an interreligious and international level. That is, you can complete the sacred task of establishing the homeland.

You and Reverend Moon are one, with the common denominator being absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. You as well as I are to be true parents and kings and queens of peace. Today, heavenly fortune is with us. We now have the opportunity to establish our common homeland that will also be Heaven's homeland. That homeland requires sovereignty, territory and godly people. Heaven's lineage of goodness must extend powerfully throughout that homeland. The pulse of God's providential history must be felt there in a way that cannot be experienced anywhere else. If it is possible to build this homeland right now, how can you hesitate? Please complete the mission of Heaven's direct emissary. Please live as prophets who have been given the promise of eternal life.

Ladies and gentlemen, I recently founded the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace, a movement to bring together people of Mongolian descent from throughout the world. My intent certainly is not nationalistic. This is a comprehensive movement for peace. The people of Mongolian ancestry are the descendants of Cain and Shem, the eldest sons of Adam and Noah, respectively. God called Noah's family to restore through indemnity the historical errors committed by Adam's family. Now, in the final period of the providence, Shem's descendants can accomplish their mission as the first born among humanity. Thus, it is a movement to comfort God's heart of pain over Adam's family, which lost Abel by murder and waited 130 years to establish Seth. It is a movement to make the world into one brotherhood and one family by enabling us to tear down the walls of the heart that divide us, that all humanity might live together in a society characterized by interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. It is a providential step to hasten the establishment of God's homeland.

I think we should return gratitude and glory to God and True Parents. They have enlightened us about the incredible providential age in which we are living. They even have bestowed on us the glorious mission to establish Heaven's kingship as direct emissaries. Through all eternity, we will gratefully glorify and praise True Parents, who have inaugurated the Era of the Opening of Heaven and Earth After the Coming of Heaven. Therefore, we offer this Coronation Ceremony for the Peace King to True Parents today. This is unprecedented in history and will never be repeated in the future. True Parents have established the realm of true liberation and complete freedom.

Just as the sun rises with brilliant light in the eastern sky, heavenly fortune is now shining upon all people. The curtain of darkness that shrouded us for thousands and tens of thousands of years is drawing back at last. The divine command to complete Heaven's will is taking root in your hearts. This is a path of destiny you cannot

avoid. Therefore be courageous and stand up! We have the Age after the Coming of Heaven working with us. You can experience with certainty the meaning of Jesus' teaching that those who lose their life will live and those who seek their life will die. Let us resolve heroically to do whatever it takes to complete the sacred task of homeland liberation and establish the Peace Kingdom, God's ideal of creation on this planet Earth. Please engrave the heavenly command you received today deep in your heart. From this time forward, as a leader chosen by God to build the Fatherland, you must pledge to lead a beautiful and precious life. Everyone here without exception will eventually pass on to the spirit world. You do not want to carry with you any regret.

Today I have conveyed to you God's message for the new era. I pray that God's blessings will forever be upon you, your families, and your mission as His direct emissaries.

Thank you. ♦

Members of Korean Delegation Stirred by True Parents' Efforts

From a talk by Rev. Hwang Sun-jo

The December 13 Crown of Peace Ceremony was the global-level ceremony, bringing together the Abel side of the world (the world of religion, represented by religious leaders), and the Cain side of the world (the world of politics, represented by leaders in the fields of government and diplomacy).

The event held on December 13 was attended by more than sixty leaders from Korea. They were prominent leaders in the fields of politics, society, culture and the economy. Of the some sixty leaders, fifteen were former ministers, and more than ten were members of the National Assembly, including one four-term member. There were also academic personages including the president of Seoul National University, topmost leaders of religious denominations, senior members of the media and a former defense minister.

Of all the leaders who had attended our rallies until now, they were by far the most prominent; however, all of them, without exception, participated in the weeklong Divine Principle workshop before attending the event. During the week, they listened to Divine Principle lectures from early morning until evening and were introduced to the worldwide achievements of True Parents. In particular, they were honored with one session where they were personally educated by True Parents at East Garden about the messages from the four great saints in the spirit world and the providential situation today. True Parents conveyed every detail of current developments to the Korean leaders. Regardless of whether they accepted what they heard or not, True Father instructed them personally with the authority of the king of

goodness and from Heaven's point of view.

Simply put, the sixty leaders representing Korea received the greatest shock of their lives. Everything they heard was a surprising. It was a great shock for them to realize that behind the Unification Church lay such a deep ideology and broad context; it was an even greater shock to learn that we had achieved a worldwide foundation and accomplishments based on that ideology. Furthermore, the messages from the spiritual world came as an unimaginable shock. Whether they produced a good or a bad shock depended on the person. Their overall assessment was that the ten days they were in the workshop were a series of surprises from beginning to end.

In particular, of the leaders representing the political sphere, one of the most representative figures of the "Cain" side was Mr. Jang Ki-pyo, a representative of the Korean Social Democratic Party (KSDP). Regarding the workshop, he said, "The great accomplishments achieved by Rev. Moon until now are truly the greatest source of pride in the history of Korea." On the whole, though the Korean leaders may not have made a strong religious commitment, every one of them gave his blessing to our movement, saying that the Unification Church movement must succeed for humanity, for the eternal liberation of history and for God.

I would like to mention two other workshop participants and let you know what their general impressions were. One is the chairperson of the Korean Women's Political Caucus, a great political leader who has served as the head of the woman's faction of a political party. She said she had never been so impressed or shocked before. She also said that she visits the U.S. regularly,



because her children lived there, but had never told them the purpose or reason for her visit until now. However, on this occasion, she wanted her children to know why she had come to the U.S., and what she had been doing on this visit. So, she invited them to the banquet. She stated that the workshop was worthwhile, and she was so proud to have been a part of it.

The other person I would like to mention served as the Vice-Speaker of the National Assembly, and at present holds the post of the Vice president of the Parliamentarian's Society of the Republic of Korea. He used to be a journalist, and started out by saying, "There have been many heroes from the U.S., though it has a very short history of 200 years. On the other hand, there have been only a few heroes from Korea, despite its 5,000 years of history." He pointed out the reason for this as being "the nature of Koreans, who love to criticize." He went on to say, however, "I have discovered a great hero, whom no one can criticize. He is no one other than Rev. Sun Myung Moon. He is a true hero, whom no one can slander, because he has sacrificed and devoted his whole life for humanity."

The coronation of the king of peace on the global level was thus successfully held in the United States, as an offering that could be received in its entirety by Heaven. ♦

Events at the Beginning of 2005



True Family photos, taken January 2: With Father and Mother are, *l. to r.*, Hyo-jin nim with Hoon-sook nim (holding Shin-wol nim, received from Hyo-jin nim's couple) and Shin-chul nim; Hyun-jin nim's family (also Shin-chul nim, offered to Heung-jin nim's family); Kook-jin nim and Ji-ye nim; Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim; Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim (holding Shin-joon nim)



The 22nd Anniversary of the Day of Victory of Love—January 2, 2005

The ceremony began with Hoon-sook nim and Shin-chul nim lighting candles and offering a bow. Father spoke earnestly about Heung-jin nim's sacrifice and urged the everyone participating to accomplish their responsibilities. In the midst of his speech, Father paused, asked everyone to stand and raise their hands and offered a benediction.



This year, the anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God was celebrated on January 3, along with Jesus' Birthday. Father had called for the first three days of each year to be designated a three-day holiday and asked all the members to stay in Cheongpyeong and participate in all the commemorative ceremonies.

True Mother is holding her youngest granddaughter, Shinhyang nim, born on October 26, 2004, to Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim. (Photo taken January 2, 2004)



2004 and Beyond

Rev. Hwang Sun-jo

Last year was an important providential transition period in the history of God's providence. Though God's providence cannot be summed up in one word, the signs of this providential transition can be summarized into the following three points:

First, the king of peace both on earth and in the spiritual world has ascended the throne. The appearance of the king of peace is truly an amazing and impressive event in history...

Second, a new era, centered on the king of peace, has begun. On May 5, True Parents declared Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il, and along with it, opened the gates to the time after the coming of heaven. Furthermore, True Parents, based on Father's being the king of peace, after launching the eternal creation as originally intended, newly established the time after the coming of heaven and declared the existence of "absolute values," which constitute a new mindset, a new order that will continue for thousands of generations to come.

The era before the coming of heaven was dominated by relative values. Until now, there has not been a standard on earth that is centered on Heaven. Only values centered on Satan, man and material substance have existed. Simply put, these were egoistic, self-centered values. Self-centered people attained power and authority. The era in which selfish people held power over others was the era before the coming of heaven, which had a culture of relative values centered on Satan.

However, from now on, in the time after the coming of heaven, absolute values will prevail. The times have changed, and now we are living in an era in which those who are self-centered will no doubt perish. A great spiritual change is already taking place, and a new culture based on this new era is spreading to the rest of the world. God's purpose of creation was to achieve the perfected form of love, and in order to do so, those who live for the

sake of others, and those who sacrifice themselves and serve others, should gain in power.

Because such is the nature of heavenly fortune, there will henceforth be a natural change in the order. A new era has begun, where those who live for the sake of others, who sacrifice themselves, and who serve those who are nameless and in the dark, and who lower themselves, will gradually rise up.

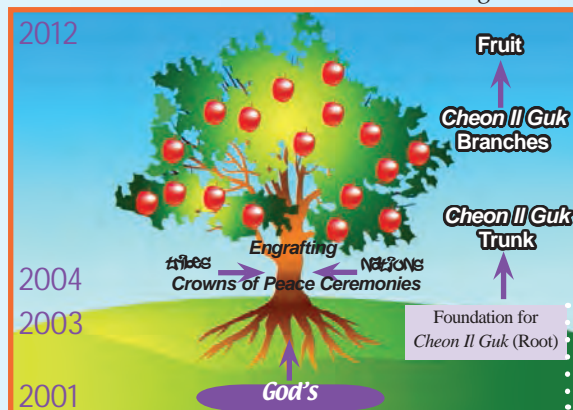
Third, the kingship of peace has taken root on earth. The process of the kingship of peace taking root on earth unfolds from two very important directions. Were you to compare Cheon Il Guk to a tree, you could say the trunk of the Cheon Il Guk tree has been revealed as the king of peace, and the most central branches on the trunk were engrafted from these two directions.

One direction is that of Abel, and the other is that of Cain. The Abel direction refers to the process of the kingship of God taking root on earth centered on religion, and the Cain direction signifies the process of another kingship of heaven taking root on earth centered on nations.

The process of the kingship of God taking root on earth centering on religion refers to a series of activities we are carrying out right now—including the coronations being performed by each tribe—in order to sow seeds of the kingship of heaven on earth and to establish the kingship of goodness in each religious realm.

The process of the kingship of heaven taking root on earth centered on nations refers to the providence of establishing God's kingship on earth through the engrafting of each nation and continent based on the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace and the Peace UN.

This a great work of God that is still unfolding. ♦



Could

the Reunification of Korea

Begin in Japan?

A unique initiative to support the reunification of Korea

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Efforts to break through on the grassroots level in Japan are being carried out in many different fields. In this article, I would like to introduce the work being done with Korean residents in Japan. It is reported that there are about six hundred thousand Korean residents in Japan, but some say it is as many as two million. Unlike other Koreans living abroad, most of those resident in Japan did not choose to move there voluntarily, to study or live. The history of Koreans forced to migrate to Japan—who are the focus of this article—dates back to the times of the Japanese colonization of Korea. It is one of human rights violation, filled with discrimination, dishonor and oppression.

Moreover, the Korean people living in Japan are also divided among themselves, just as their mother nation is divided; for sixty years, they have lived in confrontation and conflict, divided between the pro-South *Federation of Korean Residents in Japan*¹ and the pro-North *Korean Residents' League in Japan*², which differ in their ideolo-

gies and doctrines.

The division among Koreans living in Japan is a result of the division of the nation itself, and therefore harmony among them would be the model of the unification of the fatherland. The home nation is divided by the national boundary, but the Koreans in Japan are divided even though there is no boundary separating them. They are free to meet and hold dialogues if they choose to do so. That is why if they could come together in harmony, they would show the possibility that their home nation could also break down the national boundary and unite. However, if the Federation of Korean Residents in Japan ever hosts an event, the pro-North Korean Residents' League in Japan refuses to cooperate, and vice versa, regardless of the reason. In this manner, they have pitted and struggled against each other through the sixty years of the cold war era.

In order to bring them together in harmony, the church headquarters in Japan, along with IIFWP, has carried out ten Divine Principle

Koreans in Japan

By David Beard
Today's World

Newspaper reports from Korea and Japan in the period immediately following World War II convey an atmosphere of chaos and desperation. War's end saw two million Koreans in Japan. Perhaps half were laborers conscripted in the previous decade; some had roots in Japan going back half a century. By March 1946, more than a million of them had been repatriated to their homeland, when with unexpected suddenness Russia barred transportation across the thirty-eighth parallel. Repatriated Koreans were required by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, General Douglas MacArthur, to abandon all their material assets in Japan and travel with no more than ¥1,000, the equivalent of three thousand domestic postage stamps at the time. Without money, northbound Koreans were soon at the mercy of the American military in southern Korea for their survival. Repatriation from Japan for those headed to northern Korea ceased.

Certainly, since the time of Japan's annexation of Korea in 1910, and before, there have been Koreans who opted to live in Japan of their own free will, but the majority came to Japan out of economic necessity. In the first years after annexation, land was confiscated from Korean landowners, leaving them destitute; and between 1920 and 1934, rice was diverted from Korea to feed Japanese, causing Koreans to migrate to Japan as menial laborers to avoid famine. Some of these early migrants, over a period of many years, through hard work, financial risk and sacrifice, carved out better circumstances for themselves and their families. Though they may have longed to return to their native country, they were unwilling to abandon all they had worked for until they were able to transfer their hard-earned wealth. Others perhaps were waiting until the situation in Korea stabilized and they had one united Korea to return to. In which case, they have likely died waiting.

Koreans marooned in Japan were in a difficult position. The American occupation forces seemed to look on Koreans more as nuisances than as victims. Koreans with assets were surrounded by miscreant Japanese scavengers pressuring them to abandon their wealth and return to Korea; and an unsympathetic general public blamed them for not taking the "free" repatriation to Korea. The majority of Koreans, though, faced economic discrimination that led to bare subsistence existence in post-war Japan. Frustration and

seminars since November 2003 to promote peace and unity between the two groups. The seminars focused on speeches given by True Parents. People from both sides attended these seminars. They shook hands with each other, ate together, held conversations, and even bathed together. Overall, this provided opportunities for them to become more united. In particular, Rev. Yoo Jeong-ok [known in Japan as Yoo Dae-haeng], the sponsor of the seminar, gave lectures all day long and into the night, speaking from the bottom of his heart. His lips were split from having given those passionate lectures centered on the heart of God. All those present at the lecture could see true love in practice for themselves. They came to trust the sponsors, because they saw the sacrifices they made for the sake of the Korean residents.

As these leaders' seminars were held, Korean leaders in Japan increasingly came to hope for a national network, through which everyone could unite. On July 4, 2004, the Federation For Peace and Unity was founded in Tokyo under the guidance of True Parents. The Federation for Peace and Unity commenced their work after affirming before the world that they would be the vanguard in bringing about the harmony of Korean residents in Japan and ultimately the unification of the fatherland.

As a project initiated by True Parents, in November last year a thousand Korean residents in Japan were invited to Korea to hold a rally for peace and unity. Some of the rally participants from the pro-North Korean Residents' League in Japan were visiting Korea for the first time.

After the conclusion of the conference in Seoul and the rally for unification at Imjin-gak near the border of North and South Korea, those who had participated in the events expressed admiration for the passion and accomplishments of True Parents in their work for the unification of their fatherland. Their respect for True Parents seems to have increased.

At present, the work to inspire Korean residents in Japan to love each other and unite as one in harmony is being carried out through the Federation for Peace and Unity. In each region, rallies for the inauguration of regional headquarters are being held; outreach is being carried out continuously. If we love our brothers in Japan truly and unconditionally, we will be able to make our dreams come true, and establish a united society of our brethren, and a united fatherland. ♦

1. The Chinese characters for which are pronounced *Mindan* in both Korean and Japanese.
2. The Chinese characters for which are pronounced *Chosen Soren* in Japanese and *Chongchryon* in South Korea; Koreans in Japan abbreviate the name to *Chongryon*.

anger resulted in some riots; Koreans found natural allies in Japanese Communists, who were deeply entrenched in the society of the time, thus further marring the reputation of Koreans living in Japan.

Meanwhile, the Japanese government soon enough had the cantankerous South Korean President Syngman Rhee to deal with. In the mid-1950s, the Seoul government unilaterally declared a sixty-mile fishing boundary, soon known as the Rhee line, and declared that their navy would fire on any Japanese fishing boats that violated it. Fishermen were arrested and acrimonious meetings between government delegations followed.

About that time, the Japanese government threatened to deport all Koreans in Japan as undesirable aliens to North Korea. So, it was partly in defiance of Rhee that the Japanese government agreed to a Red Cross negotiated deal for Koreans who wished to voluntarily repatriate by ship to North Korea beginning in December 1959. Around a hundred thousand eventually made the one-way trip.

Over the years, Koreans in Japan who have not chosen to naturalize as Japanese citizens have aligned themselves (as a matter of politics rather than their own geographic origin) with either the pro-Pyongyang or the pro-Seoul residents' association, which are, in the words of Mr. Hideo Oyamada, president of the church in Japan, "twins struggling within their mother's womb." ♦

Representatives of both organizations offer a gift to True Parents at their conference in Seoul, at which Father spoke



Ring the bell for unification, at Imjin-gak



The rally for unification at Imgin-gak (November 9, 2004)



A brotherhood and sisterhood ceremony gives participants from both sides an opportunity to create lasting ties





Father conducts the matching



True Parents Match and Bless Second-Generation Couples

East Garden, New York – December 2004

Blessed as Original Couples

I Came Back from a Heaven called East Garden

By Michiko Wilding
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As a parent who participated in this Second-Generation Special Blessing, I thought I should share this precious experience with you all while my memory is still fresh. On December 21, 2004, my son Adrian, who was working under Kevin Pickard with Voices of Peace in New York, phoned to tell me that True Father was going to bless members of the second generation. I was overwhelmed with this special privilege that True Father himself was giving them.

The first thing I said to my son (who had only wanted to get matched by his parents) was, "Adrian, do not miss this wonderful opportunity. Father has already stopped matching people, yet now he wants to match people in the second generation. Oh, such a wonderful privilege! After Father goes to the spiritual world, this will never happen again. Adrian, you know that your daddy and mommy have received the authority to bless you, but we can only see the present. Father can see your ancestors, your present and your descendants. We only wish to see you happy."

I've seen many second-generation couples break the blessing and struggle, so I didn't want to push my son. I told him that he had to come to his own decision and have a deep desire to have True Father

directly match him. He said he was sure he wanted to be blessed but wasn't sure if he was ready for this particular matching, which had come up so suddenly. In the past, a couple of families have approached me about Adrian as a possible candidate for their daughters. At those times, he'd felt he wasn't quite ready. I felt that I had to wait until he felt he was ready, keeping in mind that he'd said he did want to be blessed sometime.

We talked on the phone a couple of times that day. Father was asking those seventeen and older to come to East Garden. He wanted them to stay there, not to go home. Adrian told me that though he felt nervous, he would attend the next morning's hoondokhae. On December 22, he went to hoondokhae and stayed. There were two hundred blessed children and more girls than boys. He was nervous. He said that Father had asked them, "Who among you does hoondokhae every morning at 5:00 with your parents?" Only a few out of two hundred raised their hands. Father was not happy. Father said that the first generation had failed. He said that he couldn't take responsibility for this blessing. He asked Dr. Young and Rev. Kim (one of the elder blessed children) if they would take responsibility. They said, "Yes," and on that basis, Father started matching couples. He created 134 couples that day. When Adrian phoned to say Father had started matching, my last words to him before we hung up were, "Adrian! Leave it to Heaven. Leave it to Heaven."

At East Garden, blessed children were lined up in Father's dining room. Adrian was matched at 11:55 PM on the 22nd to Meeyoung Ladoletta from Alabama. He and Meeyoung phoned me at midnight. I was in tears. "Congratulations!" They had passed a test of faith and accepted the matching. Adrian is twenty-two; Meeyoung is seventeen. She is still in her final year of high school. I welcomed her to the Wilding family.

Even though she is only seventeen, Meeyoung is spiritually mature. I could see that her parents had raised and protected her by following True Parents' guidance and tradition. Meeyoung's facial bone structure is similar to Adrian's. They look like brother and sister. When my husband Alan first saw Meeyoung's picture he said, "This is a gift from God. Adrian should never, never break this bless-





True Parents with the newly blessed couples



Sprinkling the holy water

ing." He was so happy. As soon as they'd heard Meeyoung's name, my daughters started asking around about her. In no time, they'd found out about her and her family. "Oh, boy. Oh, boy," I thought. They were so fast. What a world we are living in!

Two days after Adrian's matching, I was on a flight to New York, destination: East Garden. Many parents were arriving from Europe and from other parts of America. Meeyoung said that her parents normally couldn't afford to come to New York, but they had raised money to make a special trip by selling caramel-coated apples all day long. Her father had taken a vacation from his job and with Meeyoung's younger sister had driven for twenty-four hours straight to attend Meeyoung's blessing. They arrived on Christmas Day. The Blessing Committee gave us parents a one-day tour of New York, so we had time to introduce ourselves to and get to know each other.

Parents were not allowed to participate in the blessing ceremony; either the space was limited or perhaps we were not qualified to be in this special holy wedding. We were at the Tarrytown Hilton Hotel and watched the ceremony via the Internet. Later, I heard that Father had not allowed parents to come to East Garden during the matching. He told the blessed children not to listen to their parents. He meant that the first generation had failed to raise them well. He wanted to claim these 121 newly blessed couples as a pure offering as the foundation for Cheon Il Guk to come.

In the evening after he was blessed, Adrian told me about a dream he'd had a few years ago. There was a big table in a beautiful field, where True Parents were sitting, surrounded by many members. The members disappeared and there were only True Parents, Adrian and one other person; at that point, the dream ended. In

retrospect, Adrian said that that beautiful field was Father's dining room at East Garden with the rocks and the pond. He was matched right there to that "one other person" in his dream, Meeyoung.

The blessing ceremony was so beautiful; it was the Garden of Eden Heavenly Father had first created, and the 121 newly blessed couples were Adam and Eve who had nothing to do with Satan. It was the true celebration of Adam and Eve's blessing. At the end of the ceremony, Father told the couples they should live as brothers and sisters until True Parents' birthday on February 14, a fifty-day separation period, during which they should do an eight-day fast. This is the first time Father has given the blessing to blessed children at East Garden since True Parents became the King and Queen of Peace. This is also the first time Father has asked for a fifty-day separation period and an eight-day fast of second-generation couples. Normally, having been born without original sin, they would be able to live as husband and wife right after their blessing. I can see that Father wanted to offer this special blessing as the pure experience that Heavenly Father had wanted to give to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden at the beginning of history.

I have always felt that my husband and four children suffered a lot from my absence during the three years and three months that I participated in the mobilization for the unification of North and South Korea. I felt that Adrian's life was also affected by my absence. Now he is happily blessed. He said, "Mom, it's like a dream come true."

As an 1800 blessed couple, my husband and I are going to celebrate our thirtieth blessing anniversary on February 8. Adrian's blessing is the best gift we could hope to receive. ♦

INVOCATION ~ REV. JESSE EDWARDS

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Clergy Leadership Conference

Dearest Heavenly Father, we gather here today for the Holy Wedding of the Second Generation. These young couples come from blessed families who were brought together by our True Parents. They are young couples who have kept their purity and who were born without the original sin. Standing before you on this day they are stepping forward with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to fulfill your will to make ideal families that go beyond racial, religious, cultural and national boundaries to bring purity, peace and love for all humanity.

We as religious leaders from all traditions, who have received the blessing, want to express our gratitude for this historic dispensation centering on our True Parents. We fully affirm here on this day that True Parents have been anointed by you and approved by Jesus and all the saints of heaven for the work of fulfilling the Providence of the return of the Lord. This central providence began sadly with the fall and disobedience of Adam and Eve. Human history began with your heart being broken and your family being lost.

Now today we rejoice that through the blessing of these young couples the full restoration of the Kingdom of God is now at hand. Your Ideal Families are now emerging through these couples and your anointing oil and the power of the Holy Spirit is now flowing down upon them and all of us from Heaven. Our True Parents as The King and Queen of Peace have now been established and affirmed forever. Your Peace Kingdom has now come upon the earth and will rapidly expand. We sincerely pray that each couple will go forth as a light unto the world and will rapidly expand your Kingdom on this earth.

I pray this in the name of Rev. Jesse Edwards of the Edwards Family, a blessed central family. Amen. ♦



True Parents give the benediction



The simultaneous Blessing Ceremony at Little Angels Arts Center in Seoul

Blessed as Original Couples

A Firsthand Account of the Christmas Blessing of 121 Second-Generation Couples

By Kate Tsubata

On December 22, several hundred nervous young members of the second generation gathered in the main hall of East Garden, responding to a sudden announcement that True Father might do a special matching there. As several Blessed Family Department organizers struggled to register newcomers—ensuring that the family introduction, self introduction, regional leader interview and other documents were there for each person—education of the candidates was taking place in the large meeting room.

This was an unusual event, to say the least. For one thing, for several years now, parents have been matching their own children, as Father had instructed. For another, the qualifications for participation were quite strict: no one who'd been formerly matched or blessed could participate, no one who had dated, or engaged in any "boyfriend/girlfriend" activity at all. The candidates were to come out of their own desire, not being pushed by parents. And they had to agree in advance to accept absolutely whomever Father chose for them, and never to break the matching or the blessing. Also, the families had to prepare all the forms and go through the interviews, and travel to East Garden, all in about two days—bringing their wedding clothes!

Despite the obstacles, more than two hundred candidates were there by late Wednesday evening. The plan was for Father to begin matching on Thursday morning, but Father is nothing if not surprising.

He gave instructions that candidates only were to be in the room, and then began speaking to the group quite honestly and strongly. He spoke with deadly seriousness about purity, indicating that some there had not lived by the true standard of that matching. He also asked how many did hoondokhae at 5:00 a.m. About half did not. He told them they were not practicing the standard he'd set up, and

were not eligible. He said that the reason no parents were allowed in the room was that they had failed to teach their children the heavenly standard, and so he would have to do it directly.

Father pointed out that even having a Ph.D. from Harvard will not gain anyone entrance into the heavenly realm; only having a true blessed family does. He warned the candidates about the pitfalls of seeking earthly accomplishments and missing the eternal reality.

Then, suddenly, he began asking for the photos sent from other countries. The staff, recognizing the signs of an imminent matching, began scrambling for paper and pens, pressing several bystanders into being recorders of the matched couples' names.

Father took his time with the picture matchings, bringing Japanese and Korean candidates up, asking them questions about age, height and education level. He even brought in several of his grandchildren, and appeared ready to match them. One by one, matches were made, and a tremulous candidate would receive the photo of his or her future spouse, walking a little dazedly to the recorders to give their names, and then have a photo taken for posterity.

After no more matches could be made with the photos, Father turned to the seated candidates. "I can do this very quickly," he said "if you don't care about age and education level." Peter Kim translated for the candidates, and then said, "Father wants you to decide. What do you want? Should he pay attention to age and education, or should he just do the best matching for you? Can you accept what he decides?" The candidates indicated their complete trust in Father.

That seemed to be the signal Father was waiting for. He stood up, and took off his jacket, tightened his belt, and started issuing instructions, on where people should line up, who should come forward, who should sit or stand.

Suddenly, there were pairs being made at lightning speed. Father would just point to two people, and move on. A few times there was confusion, and a third person would stand up asking, "Do you mean me?" so the Korean speaking assistants were right behind Father, clarifying "He means you and you," so the actual matches were created.

Every now and then, he would take a photo and toss it to someone. "That's for you." Some people were sitting next to each other, and he seemed to barely turn his head, glance at the two and say, "Those two," in Korean.

So speedily were the matchings being done that the team of recorders had three or four couples lined up waiting for them to write down their names. It seemed like twenty minutes after Father



The Blessing Vows



From the Blessing Address by Dr. Yang Chang-shik

Today this holy blessing of marriage is taking place with the second generation who are descendants of already blessed families who represent the blood lineage of heaven. Therefore these young people are truly walking the path that Adam and Eve would have walked if they had not fallen, the path to create the image of God—male and female—through the blessing of marriage. These blessings are based on the concept of the “exchange” marriage in which marriages are created by heaven as an act of bringing historical enemies together beyond race and culture thus dissolving the root of division in history. This blessing extends not only to this physical world. True Parents’ grace now extends to the spirit world where our ancestors also participate in the blessing. A cultural revolution of heart and true love, which did not exist before in history, is now taking place.

Today is particularly important because True Parents are conducting this blessing as the King and Queen of Peace. This means that through this blessing today the Peace Kingdom can be substantially expanded centering on the King and Queen of Peace. This blessing is a Peace Kingdom blessing and will be a cornerstone for the new era leading to Cheon Il Guk or the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. ♦

stood and tightened his belt, all the couples that could be matched at that moment were made. In total, 134 couples had been matched. (The next evening, another smaller group of matches was made, many of which were photo matchings.)

In each newly matched couple, the man and woman made introductions to each other, and if possible, to each of their families, while the staff tried to assemble the information. Some had not yet registered, and the names of all the new couples needed to be recorded.

The next day, Father announced that the candidates would be given in-depth instructions on the blessing and on living a life of faith, which began with three days’ of hoondokhae with the True Family. Parents were asked to stay away, and candidates and the staff slept at East Garden (sisters) and Belvedere (brothers).

Through the next few days, the candidates received the kind of close instruction and warm interaction with True Parents that first-generation members used to receive. On Christmas Eve, they had a wonderful banquet, with singing from various members of the True Family, and a few spontaneous dances by Dr. Yang Chang-shik, Mr. Joo Doon-moon and some young break-dancers. They also had a few opportunities to go shopping for wedding dresses, since about half of the sisters had not had time to prepare one ahead of time.

On Christmas Day, the families of the couples were invited to meet the couples at the New Yorker Hotel for lunch, and to participate in a bus tour of New York City with them. When back in Tarrytown, the couples heard testimonies from older blessed second-generation couples and did some last minute haircuts and other

grooming tasks.

On the morning of the blessing, the couples went to East Garden to rehearse; they were surprised to have Father come and inspect the room, requesting several large palm trees be brought in and making some other observations. The parents of the couples joined the local Sunday service, at which the blessing ceremony was broadcast live, though with many technical difficulties. Following the broadcast, the families went to East Garden to see the couples, take photos and share a piece of celebration cake. Afterwards, families and the newly blessed couples disbursed, some to have impromptu wedding luncheons at the local diner, others to begin the long travel homewards.

Despite the stringent standards set up before the matching, some of the couples did not make it to the actual blessing, so only 121 couples were able to participate. As an offering to God, Father instructed the couples to do a special indemnity condition of fifty days’ of separation and purity that is to extend from the date of the blessing until February 14, True Parents’ Birthday.

Observers noted that this special blessing came on the foundation of the victory of the crowning of True Parents as King and Queen of Peace on December 13, and just at the final moments of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk.

It seems possible that this was a special condition for Father to be able to offer God a group of pure, sinless Adams and Eves, willingly accepting God’s matching and blessing based on absolute faith and willing to stand before God and humanity as examples of the original ideal of God. ♦





SUNMOON UNIVERSITY

The Unusual Vision of Sunmoon University



of Sunmoon University



Ten years ago, Sun Moon University was just beginning. Today, it has 8,000 students. The following content is based on an interview with university president Professor Lee Kyung-june, in which she outlines the university's origins, growth and perspective on education.

Development and Evaluation

Sung Hwa Theology School was founded in 1986; in 1991 the school was reorganized and renamed as Sung Hwa College. In 1991 Sung Hwa College was elevated to the status of a university, and its name was changed to Sun Moon University (SMU) in 1994.

Currently, there are around 8,000 students, 18 departments on the undergraduate level, one general graduate school, one professional graduate school and five special graduate schools in Sun Moon University. The university has two campuses in South Choongcheong Province, one in Cheonan and one in Asan. SMU has received outstanding evaluations. In the 1999 edition of the Korean Council for University Education's National Overall College Assessment, among evaluated colleges, Sun Moon University was designated the top college overall nationwide. In the College Evaluation published by the Korean Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development in March 2001, Sun Moon ranked eighth overall and first in the areas of management rationalization and transparency promotion, among 182 colleges nationwide.

In 1994, SMU was the first college nationwide to introduce the 3 + 1 Study Abroad Program, in which students study at Sun Moon for three years and study abroad for a year in a sister college. This program is an example of the globalization of education. Partially due to this program, in the 2002 College Assessment conducted by the *Joong Ang Daily* newspaper, Sun Moon was evaluated as the number one college nationwide in the area of globalization. It was also determined that Sun Moon's students had the highest level of satisfaction of students anywhere in South Korea. The newspaper called Sun Moon "a visionary college with active investment and foundational support."

Educational Philosophy

Education has historically contributed to the progress of humankind and the development of civilization. The importance of college education in cultivating specialists to function in each field has increased in modern

times, especially as a result of the development of information technology and globalization.

However, college education should not just be focused on the knowledge and skills needed in this digital age of the Internet and globalization; it should also be education focused on character and love. Therefore, a balanced, all-around, 3H (Head, Hand and Heart) education is necessary. 3H education is intellectual (Head), functional (Hand) and emotional (Heart) education. In this millennium, there's a greater need for a person with an active conscience and a warm heart than one with a high IQ. My educational philosophy emphasizes creating a school with students who possess the highest Conscience Quotient by promoting the concept of living for the sake of others.

My philosophy is visible in the Sun Moon University educational goals of cultivating people of character, specialists and world citizens. Character education during the college years should help people become world citizens with open minds. These are my beliefs behind the educational goals that I set for Sun Moon University.

Your Great Interest in Community Service...

Being the first woman president of a Korean four-year, co-educational university, I feel that I should serve the community with a delicate, considerate heart, which is a strong point in women. Therefore, I established the Community Service Center in 1998, through which various service programs have enabled SMU to stay connected to the community. The Community Service Center is a model for other Korean universities in the sense that school workers, students and community residents all participate in it together. Many universities have come to learn about the Community Service Center.

University facilities are available to members of the local community, and various community events are hosted by our university. We have gained a good reputation through constructing and providing web sites for local welfare organizations. We also held a joint service agreement ceremony



HYUNG-JIN NIM REVEALS HIS HEART

A look at his new book, *A Bald Head and a Strawberry*

In his preface, Hyung Jin Moon sets out at least one of the questions that his book, *A Bald Head and a Strawberry*, answers: “Many, in the past few years, have noticed my going from stylish suits and fashionable hairstyles to a shaven head and traditional Eastern monastic robes. Most, however, do not have any idea of why such a change took place.” In the course of answering this question, Hyung Jin nim gives us a new appreciation of True Parents as well as of the course that True Children have trod. Going beyond ideological catchwords, the author shares his personal story of the last several years as he lived through the loss of a brother, studying at a liberal college, and discovering anew the faith and love of True Parents.

As the title suggests, the author does not stand behind his position but reveals all his doubts and misgivings as well as why and how he decided to embark on a spiritual path that fully embraces the courageous faith of True Parents. For a religion to continue to grow and prosper, it must be renewed by those dedicated in heart, mind and body to its founding spirit. The reader finds in this book the efforts of an individual who is committed to sharing his considerable understanding of God’s life and family.

For older members, the book can rekindle the joy and hope and even wonder of the time of their first joining. For those born into the faith who may or may not have embraced it, here is an exemplar of a sincere and renewing commitment.

An excerpt from Part 3, “The Search”:

I SEARCHED for months for a single Chinese character, ascending to the holy rock whenever I was home, that could sum up and embody the heart of *Hananim*. I yearned to find a single character that could be a reference, a point of continual reentry, into the Divine. I initially thought it was *Maum Shim* (the Chinese character meaning—spirit, mind, heart) but something was missing.

When *Abba* returned from abroad, I asked him to share with me what character was most precious to him. I had been waiting for this moment, for this teaching, for this wisdom. I had earnestly searched but found a character that was missing something.

Without hesitation, he wrote a single character (as I asked him to limit it to one). It is a moment, an enlightenment, that I shall never forget

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He wrote, *Jung Sung Sung*. This character, as *Abonim* explained, was the combination of the characters for *word* and *to become*. On further reflection I realized that the left side of the character symbolizing west was word and that the *Western Religions* (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) were

faiths of the Word (Torah, Bible, Qu’ran). The right portion of the character symbolizing east was, *to become* and that the *Eastern Religions* (Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucianism) were faiths of *becoming* (primarily utilizing the psychological technology of meditation).

In this single character, right and left, Eastern and Western traditions, were brought into union to form a single, dynamic character—*Jung Sung Sung* (sincerity). I realized that without sincerity, heart is just a muscle pumping blood. But with sincerity *Hananim*’s heart and our own would have no duality, no separateness. Without *Sung*, we would be eternally apart. With *Sung*, we would be one.

Why is it that I tell this story? Is it to reveal what the most central character for *Abonim* is? Well, yes and no. In this story there is a dynamic that was the true enlightenment. We all think that it was the character that was the enlightenment but again this is only partially true. Let’s look at this story. I went up the mountain to find the character that would represent God, the Way. I searched and searched and searched—and there exactly was the problem.

What *Jung Sung Sung* taught me was that, “if you seek, you shall *not* find, and if you do not

seek, you shall not find.” It was not about seeking but rather—becoming. It is not about seeking for peace, for then it will always be a step ahead, always evading us. It is rather about *being* peace—then it doesn’t need to be sought. It is not about finding happiness but rather being happiness. Mother Theresa said, “Joy is not simply a matter of temperament, it is always hard to remain joyful....”. We must become peace, not search for it; we must become love, become compassion, become forgiveness, empathy, understanding, virtue, benevolence, patience, humility, gratitude, kindness, etc. As long as we seek it we will never bring it substantially here to this world. But if we become it, and we must become it again at every new moment, and at every new opportunity, we will tangibly allow the world to *become* a better place.

In Korean there is a saying, “giving sincerity.” This is often used for those who are doing spiritual practices, prayer, meditation, offerings. Why is it in mind-body unity practice that we are giving sincerity? Because in mind-body unity practice we are not speaking about certain virtues, we are practicing to *become* them. Practicing to *be* love, unity, forgiveness, empathy and living for others. ♦

with Chung-moo Hospital, a local specialized medical institution, and with Cheonan Senior Citizens Society. Through these arrangements, SMU is developing service activities to help slow the aging process in senior citizens, and to improve their mental health.

The Unique Pure Love Department

As the world becomes increasingly corrupt, I want to place greater emphasis on the importance of pure love. Especially through the development of civilization based on material prosperity, we are now living in an age in which our common humanity is being lost, and morals and ethics are crumbling. Sun Moon University has concluded that pure love education is desperately needed, because it contributes not only to individual development, but also to bringing about true peace in society, in the nation and in the world. With this in mind, the Pure Love Department was created. The aim of the Pure Love Department is to produce leaders who are well grounded in the academic aspects of the concept of true families and in pure love, and who can use these as the basis for solving actual problems. More-

over, students in the Pure Love Department receive a Liberal Arts education, an education in their major, and simultaneously go through foreign language and pure love campaign training in a developed foreign country. Graduates of the Pure Love Department will be assigned to one of 120 countries in order to develop a movement to promote proper sexual values. All of the students in the Pure Love Department receive a full scholarship and live together in the school dormitories.

Ours is the only university in the world that has ever had a Pure Love Department. Its objective is to help mold the character of intellectuals and to combine the fundamental human values of love and heart on the basis of the university’s founding ideals—Love God, Love Humankind and Love Your Country.

The Modernization of the SMU Campus...

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Ten Years Promoting Universal Values

**IEF Education
Committee**

THE YEAR 2004 marked the tenth anniversary of the International Educational Foundation's work in China. In 2001, when we were expressing satisfaction about our first seven years, our very respected, longtime cosponsor, Mr. Zhang Liqun, a former leader of the Communist Youth League and the chairman of the China Society for Juvenile Delinquency, told us, "Seven years is a good accomplishment, of course, but you should know that in China it really takes ten years to make a solid, durable foundation."

When IEF first came to China in 1994, our first cosponsoring organization cautioned us that we should be patient in trying to work in this country: "Doesn't a plane taking off rise slowly before reaching its ultimate height?" They suggested we could hold a conference about once a year, to which Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, the president of IEF, responded, "Once a month!" Today, Dr. Seuk's standard answer is "Once a week!" After ten years of blending Chinese traditional caution with providential urgency, IEF's foundation in China is undoubtedly substantial. We have developed educational programs in four areas: character education, marriage and family education, youth purity education, and promoting a vision for peace among scholars and leaders. We have held more than 230 seminars—the majority of which included two full days of lectures—which drew approximately sixty thousand participants. We have held twenty-seven blessing ceremonies throughout the country, run radio programs and organized and supported service projects. We have published or copublished forty-five books, to date. We have worked with more than two hundred Chinese institutions and organizations on the national and provincial levels in all of China's thirty-four provinces and autonomous regions.

1994-2000: Laying a broad foundation

The first series of seminars were cosponsored by a Chinese organization linked with the Ministry of Education, the Chinese Educational Association for International Exchange (CEAIE). With them IEF held seminars in universities throughout China for education officials, professors and students. Despite CEAIE's desire for exclusive cooperation with IEF, we quickly found that many other organizations were very willing to be our cosponsors. Thus started an increasing pace of activities. In



Dr. Seuk presents a handmade gift, offered to True Parent by IEF's cosponsors in China on the occasion of IEF celebrating its tenth year there

1998 alone, IEF cosponsored fifty-five two-day seminars, attended by an average of three hundred participants, and organized two international conferences, in the United States and in Russia.

By then, some IEF staff had settled in Beijing. As a foreign organization, IEF was not allowed to register its own, independent office. We had to gain the trust of Chinese organizations and work in cooperation with them. In early 1998, IEF opened an office in Beijing with the National Health Education Institute of China.

During this period, we developed relationships of trust and friendship with the leaders and staff members of many important organizations. These included social, political and educational organizations, such as the All China Women's Federation, the China Democratic League, and the China Population Culture Promotion Association; academic organizations such as the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; cultural organizations such as the China International Cultural Exchange Center and health organizations such as the China Sexology Association.

We worked with educators, training teachers district by district in Beijing and Shanghai. We held seminars with government-assigned creators of moral education curricula, whose official textbooks, now in use in schools, have benefited from including some of the IEF content. We held programs with judges, police officials, police cadets and prison guards—we even gave lectures to young inmates inside their prison. We taught health officials and health educators, particularly in the poorer provinces of western China, such as Qinghai, Ningxia and Guizhou and the autonomous region of Tibet. Many scholars, policymakers and important leaders—governors, mayors and members of the People's Congress—attended our conferences.

Some of our more memorable programs were the seminars on marriage and family education combined with True Love Blessing Festivals, which were cosponsored by some eminent "government NGOs" such as the All China Women's Federation, the All China Federation of Trade Unions, or the Women's Affairs Commission of the Ministry of Health. These ceremonies were joyful occasions of marriage recommitment for many leaders from various areas of society. To some elderly couples who

had married during revolutionary times, it was the first opportunity to wear wedding suits and gowns and have a real wedding photograph taken.

IEF also held seminars for students in some of the top universities of the country, including Peking University, Tsinghua University, the People's University of China, China University of Politics and Law, and Beijing Normal University. Having a foreign organization address students directly, usually in two days' of intense lectures, was a unique experience for them. Auditoriums were overcrowded with students eager to interact with foreigners, whose message of sexual purity was unusual, especially when it was given by Westerners.

The openness of the Chinese people

Chinese people have been very open to our True Parents' teachings. Since we cannot use a religious approach in China, we do not encounter the religious prejudice we often find in other countries. Also, Chinese people can recognize in the IEF teachings the treasures of their own tradition, which gives them a sense of pride and value. Many participants, after listening to a presentation on universal principles and life goals or the family as a school of love, tell us they are amazed that foreigners can teach them so deeply about Confucianism! In fact, the so-called "IEF teachings" include all the essential concepts that our True Parents have taught us, such as true love, the dual characteristics, the law of give and take action, the three blessings, the four realms of heart, the ethics of absolute sex and the principle of indemnity.

Dr. Seuk's insistence on presenting these concepts as clearly as possible through our lectures, though in a nonreligious way, and on introducing Father's name as the founder of IEF in every seminar, is gradually bearing fruit in China. IEF is well known for its teaching on true love, and many Chinese scholars today deeply respect True Father and his teachings. Even a popular TV soap opera once referred to IEF's programs. One of our close friends from Shanghai, a professor and education official, always tells people that he, as well as many other teachers throughout the country, has found direction through our seminars and has utilized the content of our lectures in teaching his students.

It was heavenly inspiration that moved Dr. Seuk to start working in China early. No other foreign character education organization had done any substantial work here at that time. IEF was pioneering the way. Today, China is opening up more and more to the world, and many foreign organizations are coming in, including large Christian organizations like Focus on the Family. There is a competition of ideas; Chinese people are being solicited everywhere. Yet the foundation of the IEF seminars, both in relation to content and to the impression made on the participants' hearts, cannot be undone. We could not work on the deeper level that we do today had we not worked so broadly from 1994 to 2000.

One of the highlights of this period was True Mother's visit to Beijing in May 1999, when she spoke at the Great Hall of the People at the conclusion of her eighty-city world tour. This was a very challenging event to organize, at a very sensitive time (NATO jets had mistakenly bombed the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia that month, and it was the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen student demonstrations). Given the significance of the occasion, we felt very desperate as we faced so many obstacles, the worst of which was when—the night before—our cosponsor told us, "Mrs. Moon cannot speak tomorrow!" Hearing the news as he arrived that night with True Mother, Dr. Seuk decided to confront the situation at any cost. Waking up our cosponsor at midnight, he spent two intense hours with him, until he finally convinced him to let True Mother speak—in Korean. That morning, to an audience of seven hundred, surrounded on stage by important VIPs, True Mother gave her speech in one of the main halls of the building that overlooks Tiananmen Square. An old, Red Army general—a veteran



Students and teachers pose outside the city gate of Dali, Yunnan Province, March 1996



Police cadets from Changsha, the provincial capital of Hunan, where Mao Tse-tung was born, pose after an IEF lecture



IEF's first conference in China, October 1994.



A textbook writing team in China meet in Shanghai, August 1997

of the Long March with Mao Tse-tung—raised his thumb in appreciation to True Mother after her speech, releasing the tension and signaling the success of the event.

In fact, we have had many such “heart-attack inducing” situations in preparing our events in China, since our work in this country ultimately depends on the good will of our cosponsors and, behind them, on the invisible powers, which carefully observe our every move. After 2000, we increasingly became aware of those powers.

2001-2003: Challenge and breakthrough

In the summer of 2000, we sent hundreds of Chinese participants to Lasting Love Conferences in Bridgeport, Beijing, Moscow, Seoul, London and Berlin. We concluded the year with a great conference in Beijing, cosponsored by the China Confucius Foundation, closing the century on the theme of establishing a culture of peace. However, in 2001 we had to slow down the rate of our activities. That year, foreign organizations such as IEF became strictly controlled, essentially due to the government’s struggle with the Falun Gong organization, which raised old fears of foreign religious interference and social instability. We were not able to organize several meetings we had planned, and we wondered what the future would hold. We kept organizing smaller programs, but at the same time we felt that besides teaching, IEF needed to express its heart and concern for the Chinese people through service activities. We still cosponsored a few large events in 2002, such as a seminar for a thousand students, a blessing ceremony for a hundred couples in Confucius’ home province of Shandong, and an international conference on Confucianism with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Sichuan Province. We also began to develop service projects; we supported schoolchildren in the poor countryside of Shanxi Province, provided scholarships for Tibetan students

in Beijing, supported a Ten-Thousand-Mile Health Education Tour in Qinghai Province with the local Health Education Bureau and organized tree planting with students and the local military in Hebei Province. We also initiated Service for Peace projects, bringing together young people from abroad with Chinese students for environment-related activities. As much as possible, we used service projects as a foundation to organize seminars for local teachers, students or woman leaders.

In 2003, we felt a breakthrough in our activities. We started the year with two small but significant projects. One was publishing a small textbook on health education for schoolchildren, cowritten by IEF and the Qinghai Health Education Bureau. It included IEF’s teachings on three life goals—heart, conscience, and sexual purity. It has since been translated into Tibetan. The other project was a seminar inaugurating the Gender Study Center of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, whose president is our IEF advisor, Professor Chen Yiyun. These two programs symbolized a new dimension of our work in China, for they meant that we could develop an ongoing curriculum in the area of youth and family education. Our work was taking root on a deeper level.

The SARS epidemic brought China to a standstill for several months in 2003, and we had to cancel many plans. However, another breakthrough that year came through a conference we cosponsored in Beijing that was attended by scholars linked with the Bureau of Religious Affairs (in China this is closely connected with the Ministry of Public Security). By that time, we could feel that IEF’s activities were drawing careful—but not necessarily negative—attention in some higher circles.

China is changing

A summary of the situation in China may help clarify why IEF has drawn increased attention here. China is being

confronted with rapid social change and with the need to adapt to the rest of the world, particularly since it joined the World Trade Organization and began preparing to receive the world at the 2008 Olympics. The enormous challenge for Chinese leaders is to open up the country without losing control of its of 1.3 billion people, who are still experiencing serious economic inequalities, an insufficient education infrastructure and the threat of potential separatism in some of the minority areas.

The problem of religious freedom is particularly sensitive. Restrictions on religious freedom are an international embarrassment to Chinese leaders, yet deep in the Chinese collective consciousness is the idea that foreign religions in China—particularly Christianity—have been a tool of imperialism. In consequence, the government strongly enforces a “three-self policy” for all religions in China—self-government, self-support and self-propagation—which means they tolerate no foreign interference whatsoever. They are faced with having to determine how to allow more interaction with the world and yet maintain control, and are wondering how to avoid confusion in the local religious sphere once China inevitably opens up to foreign influence. In light of this, I believe that activities that True Parents have initiated all over the world that are focused on interreligious harmony are drawing careful attention from at least some Chinese leaders in this area.

On the other hand, Chinese traditions are being challenged by new ways of life brought by a fast-growing economy and encouraged by Western ideas. The divorce rate is reaching high levels in large cities. Many young couples, focusing on their careers, no longer want to have children or to even marry at all. Marriage law is evolving, breaking down outdated, stifling regulations and divorce is being made easier. The consequence of this is a loosening of the marriage ideal itself.

IEF staff joining in tree-planting activities in Zuoquan County, Shanxi Province, together with the county governor



IEF lectures well received among university students



A thousand high school students from some elite schools in Shanghai make the pure love pledge



Throughout these ten years, we have seen a changing of attitudes, particularly among young people. When we first came to China, our cosponsors would warn us not to mention the word "sex" too openly to young audiences in schools or universities. Yet today the Chinese government itself is pushing for sexual health education and AIDS prevention education in middle schools. A China Education Daily article in July 2003 reported that 79 percent of young people surveyed in twelve Chinese cities had experienced a sexual relationship by the age of twenty-one, and that, in a survey of six hundred middle school students, 70 percent felt it was acceptable to have sexual relations at school age.

Thus, in many ways our work is becoming more and more relevant to the needs of this country, particularly in the area of youth purity education and marriage and family education. Besides, many Chinese scholars are calling for a revival of Confucianism. The main reason for the interest in IEF is its ability to express traditional ideas in a modern way and to bring together Eastern and Western values and spiritual and material values. In that sense, what IEF is teaching connects and integrates the apparently conflicting ideals of Confucianism, communism and liberalism. Therefore, we are finding appreciation in a country that has a Confucian tradition, a proclaimed socialist ideal and an increasingly capitalist way of life.

2004: A new level of activities

Last year began with intense activities. In the spring, we cosponsored several scholarly conferences including one with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences of Zhejiang Province for Confucian scholars in the provincial capital of Hangzhou and one in Beijing with scholars connected to the Bureau for Religious Affairs, including a few Marxist scholars who are interestingly grappling with the concept of true love. In July we held a conference in Sichuan Province on the theme of minority cultures in China. After Dr. Seuk's presentation, the vice governor of the cosponsoring local government came up to him and urged him to please take care of his seventeen-year-old son. He said, "He is in middle school in Beijing. He is drinking, has girlfriends ... yet he is my only child!" That was a moving reminder of the challenge faced by Chinese parents as a result of the country's one-child policy.

In the area of youth education, in Qinghai Province we launched the fourth Ten-Thousand-Mile Health Education Tour,

which has become an annual event supported by IEF volunteers, who accompany the Health Education Team around the countryside while teaching a character-based approach to health. This was followed by a seminar for two hundred students at Qinghai Normal University. In Macao (until 1999 a Portuguese colony), we held a seminar introducing the IEF curriculum to two hundred school directors and teachers who had been brought together by the local Education Bureau.

In 2004, women received a providential calling to take a greater responsibility for guiding society. Accordingly, a series of conferences for Chinese and Korean woman leaders was held in Korea in May. They were cosponsored by IIPC, FFWPU and IEF. More than one thousand Chinese women participated in the conferences, which were held at Yong Pyong Resort and Sun Moon University.

It is the area of marriage and family, though, to which we have given increased emphasis. In June, in Shenzhen, the city bordering Hong Kong, where China first initiated its open door policy in the 1980s, IEF cosponsored the first Marriage and Family Week in China. The event was cosponsored by several important city organizations, such as the Democratic League, the Women's Federation of China, the Federation of Trade Unions and the Communist Youth League. We organized lectures for five hundred students at Shenzhen University and a two-day seminar for scholars and social workers at the local Academy of Social Sciences but the culmination of the week was the Blessing Ceremony for one hundred Couples of True Love, held in the largest hotel in the city and attended by city leaders and four hundred guests. The couples had been selected during a month-long media campaign according to certain criteria to make them models for a new family culture. The day after the ceremony, Shenzhen newspapers printed front-page photos of couples, young and old, happily hitting each other with the "harmony stick" (an inflated plastic baseball bat).

On this foundation, last August we held a seminar and blessing ceremony for 150

A conference held for about two hundred moral educators from Beijing's Chaoyang District



couples in Beijing, which was attended by a delegation from Korea led by Mr. Yoon Jeong-rho, president of IIFWP Korea. The delegation included Mrs. Moon Lan-young, president of WFWP, and Dr. Kim Min-ha, a former adviser to the president of South Korea, who came to observe True Parents' activities in China.

Then on September 27 and 28, we held two significant events in Beijing, an academic seminar and a blessing ceremony for 184 couples on the occasion of Confucius' 2,555th birthday. Again, a delegation attended from Korea, including Dr. Lee Kyung-june, president of Sun Moon University, Rev. Pak Joong-hyun, president of the Association of Religions in Korea, and three other religious leaders who actively support True Parents' interreligious work. Both events were cosponsored by the China Confucius Association.

The seminar, attended by Confucian scholars, was held at a Confucian temple in Beijing that is the main site for Confucian practices outside of Qufu in Shandong Province, which is Confucius' hometown. The blessing ceremony, also attended by many scholars and social leaders, was officiated by Dr. and Mrs. Seuk and Dr. Lee Kyung-june. The spirit of Confucius was most certainly there as well!

The celebration was originally reported on by one journalist on the China News web site. The event emphasized the value of marriage and symbolized the revival of Confucianism in China, so it resulted in more than two hundred articles on various web sites and in newspapers, not only in China, but also in the Chinese media of ten different countries.

Ten-year anniversary banquet

We concluded the year with three events in Beijing a blessing ceremony for 120 couples, the Crown of Peace Awards Ceremony, and, on December 22, our Ten-Year Anniversary Banquet at the Great Hall of the People. One hundred and twenty guests, representing many of our major cosponsoring organizations in

China, attended the event, whose theme was "Co-building a Culture of Peace." Also in attendance were personalities from the National People's Congress and the People's Political Consultative Conference, who have participated in our programs and expressed their desire to support our activities.

Dr. Seuk opened the banquet by thanking cosponsors for their support and advice throughout these ten years. In response, some of our major cosponsors shared their impressions and emphasized the importance of our educational programs in dealing with the social ills China is undergoing as it rapidly develops. "Our work has not only been beneficial to our contemporaries," said our first cosponsor in China, Dr. Li Shunxing, "but its effects will last for generations to come."

Several people had also sent in testimonies. Mr. Sun Xuece, a former director of the Ministry of Education's Moral Education Bureau, wrote that after the Chinese government raised the ideal of "ruling the state with morality," and the Ministry of Education issued directives to reinforce moral education in schools, there have been positive changes in the country. He credited IEF for greatly contributing to this. Professor Guo Qijia, vice president of the China Confucius Association, remarked that the day was well chosen for the event; it was the winter solstice, which traditionally marks the end of winter and the beginning of the transition to spring—a fitting symbol for IEF starting a new decade of work in China.

Dr. and Mrs. Seuk, on behalf of IEF, gave awards of acknowledgement to the major organizations that have cosponsored our events in China. Two large gifts were offered to our True Parents as IEF's founders, one by representatives of IEF's cosponsoring organizations and one by representatives of all IEF seminar participants. Prof. Li Yanjie, a scholar from Beijing Capital Normal University and a well-known pub-

lic speaker, who recently came into contact with us by attending our blessing ceremony, offered several calligraphic scrolls he had prepared for the event. Saying he represented "all those who did not receive awards tonight," he added that he envied those who had received one. He promised that in ten years, despite his age, he would win an award!

Looking to the future

There is a saying from Victor Hugo: "More powerful than an invading army is an idea whose time has come." From our experience over the past ten years, we firmly believe the time has come in China for True Parents' teachings on true love, true families and world peace. This country is rapidly becoming a major power in the world, politically and economically. However, it is through her culture, rich in thought and rooted in family tradition, that she will likely influence our global community in a deeper way.

To a great degree, it is Confucianism that has given China its soul. We are helping to revive and modernize Confucianism, so that it might contribute to the shaping of a global, ethical culture. We are assisting in the moral upbringing of Chinese young people, so that they might embrace the world not only with bright and creative minds, but also with heart and character. We are helping promote a marriage-and family-oriented culture, so that human fulfillment, healthy families and a stable society of 1.3 billion people can be the base for the nation's economic development. We hope to help China avoid some of the social problems the West has faced in past decades. By following this path, we believe that China can become a moral leader and a source of inspiration around the world. As we start a new period of activities, such as conferences for scholars, teacher training seminars, blessing ceremonies and service projects, this remains our motivation for

A native Chinese IEF lecturer speaking during a service tour held in conjunction with China's Health Education Authority



working in this country.

We increasingly need to reach out to the Chinese people through books, articles and audiovisual material. On the occasion of our tenth anniversary, we are publishing or republishing the proceedings of our past seminars, as well as a new edition of IEF presentations. Our latest publication is a series of four books on drugs and drug prevention that we coedited. It was published by China Police University Publishers. Soon Peking University Press will release the Chinese edition of *Cultivating Heart and Character*, which has received good reviews from American character educators. In the area of marriage and family, we have been asked to develop a curriculum on marriage education, still a new concept in China. We are also supporting scholarly works that introduce new ideas and concepts into the debate on reviving and modernizing traditional thought.

As anybody coming to China today quickly discovers, the Chinese people are looking to the future. They intend to stun the world at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, not only through sports performances but also by unveiling a modern, high-tech, creative, open-minded China.

Of course, they realize there is still a ways to go, before and after 2008. But they are acutely aware of their role in history, and confident in their ability to influence the world. Whether Chinese or not, we probably all share this conviction about China. Let us contribute to making it a great, successful and peaceful country, for the sake of the world. ♦

In Sichuan Province, three generations from one family participated in the blessing



103 couples from Inner Mongolia making their true love pledge



this year, the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, to the end of the eighth, will be the growth period of the Cheon Il Guk providence; above all else, True Parents are interested in breaking down all national boundaries, which have been in existence for so long, and in concretely establishing a world of oneness.

Of the ways in which the world can be made one large nation transcending the spheres of religion and nationality, and even obviating national boundaries, the primary means would be to make such a world through the blessing. The first step in these blessings is the one for those from our second generation that is coming up, in which every participant will be matched to someone from a nationality other than his or her own. We have notified them that only those who willingly accept this should apply. The second blessing is to take place on April 10. Why April 10? Can you guess the significance of that date?

True Parents' Holy Wedding was held on April 11 [1960]. With this date as the standard, True Parents decided to perform a special blessing this year on the day before that anniversary. This blessing is for single men and women. All of you should pay special attention to this. For the first time, there will be two blessings of single men and women in the same year, as an era when religion and nationality are disregarded begins along with the new providence in 2005. That is why ceremonies are set for April 10 and again in August at the time of the World Culture and Sports Festival. On that occasion, previously married couples will participate in an interreligious, international blessing. In this way, there will be three blessings this year—one of singles from our second generation, one of singles from our first generation and one of previously married couples. The background behind this is that they are interreligious and international and constitute the first step in ushering in the era of the peace kingdom.

The second matter of providential significance in the interreligious and international realm is the February 14 coronation, which will be called the "King of Peace Crowning Ceremony for Cosmic Unity." It will take place at Cheongpyeong in front of 36,000 people. Needless to say, leaders from around the world will be there.

True Father mentioned there is great significance in the venue changing to Cheongpyeong and in setting the number to bring at 36,000. Details like that that True Parents set have great significance. Why did they change the site to Cheongpyeong? The truth of the matter is that it will be very hard to have the ceremony there with 36,000 people. In order to house all these people, Father told us to prepare the main hall, all other lecture halls, the Youth Training Center and the Graduate School of Theology. In fact, he instructed that tents be put up if there isn't enough space.

Why has he given these seemingly unreasonable, unrealistic instructions? He said that since everything began at Cheongpyeong, the conclusion should take place there as well. He also said that the event on the 14th will be the last. Of course, there will be other events taking place along the way, but what he meant was that from now on, it will be unnecessary for True Parents to perform such events. This was his observation from the providential point of view. True Parents will not hold any more crown of peace ceremonies in the future.

He repeated at hoondokhae this morning that providential events organized by True Parents do not happen automatically. They pay attention to every detail, from the clothes they wear to the orders they give and laws they set—just as there is meaning behind the Unification Church and Family Federation symbols, and the slightest change in them would make a great change in meaning. For example, when

True Parents are designing their ceremonial garments, they pay attention to the smallest details, such as how many lines they should have; the True Children's clothes should have two lines and True Parents' should have three. They decide how many stars each should have, and so on. Not two of Father or Mother's ceremonial garments are identical.

When you take a close look at True Parents at a pledge service, you will notice this. When you wear your holy robes, and put on your gloves, do you pay attention to such things as the hook at the back? You wouldn't, would you? This is not the case with True Parents. They prepare everything thoroughly, even if it takes time. This is their life. Since they have lived in this way and have this standard, ceremonies and events do not occur casually. Not one event has.

Based on such standards, they have had numerous ceremonies—the coronation of Jesus on December 22, 2003, the coronation of Heung-jin nim and Jesus on February 4, 2004, a crown of peace ceremony at the Dirksen Senate Office Building on March 23, one at the Korean National Assembly on August 20, and at the Marriott Hotel in the U.S. on the worldwide level on December 13. They will be offering the last of these crownings at Cheongpyeong. Some of these ceremonies were held on the level of tribes or nations; the last of these events, when True Father will be declared the king of peace and the king of kings, will be the one on February 14.

Furthermore, with regard to the unfolding of the providence, Father has said that whereas communism developed through demonstrations, God's providence has developed through events and rallies—but now the time has come where conducting more events of providential significance is no longer necessary. This is because, first of all, through the declarations they have made, the world has been re-created; and on the re-created foundation, a new creation takes place. This new creation refers to establishing a new order centered on the king of peace, and once the king of peace is established, receiving the seed of the king—in other words, the king's declarations. That is why providential rallies were necessary until the king of peace was established.

True Father said the last of these providential events will be the February 14 King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity, the coronation of the king of peace. The period of establishing the kingdom of peace beyond the confines of religion and nation will continue for four years from now. The events planned for this year include the blessing, through which True Parents will build a providence unlike any in the past, and the upcoming ceremony and coronation, through which they will show their determination to carry on with the providence. That is why in 2005, substantial barriers will be broken down, the biggest of which are the religious, national and racial boundaries. The providence will then proceed without these boundaries.

Second, we are living in the era of the reign of the king of peace. From now on, a new, concrete reign of the king will begin. By this, I mean that with the beginning of a new reign, the king will establish a new order. Regarding the new order, True Parents have emphasized

three great conversions, or transitions. Father spoke about this the last time I saw him. The first is the conversion of the bloodline, the second the conversion of the right of ownership and the third the conversion of the realm of heart. They are placing great emphasis on this.

Let me explain. The king of peace will establish a new order, and his instructions were that, for the citizens of Cheon Il Guk to become the owners of Cheon Il Guk, there must be substantial conversion and restoration.

In more detail, these conversions include,



Japanese blessed wives at a 40-day fishing workshop in Yeosu

first, correctly establishing the lineage.

True Parents, more than at any time in the past, are greatly concerned about right and wrong. As all church leaders may have already heard at the last meeting, all church members should go to Cheongpyeong in order to distinguish what is right from what is wrong. If they have committed any wrongdoings, they should confess all, be cured of all they have done wrong, and start anew, in keeping with the new era. Specifically, True Parents emphasized this point to the second-generation members who are going to receive the special blessing. You will have heard True Parents place great emphasis on the blood lineage at the True God's Day celebration.

The second point is the conversion of the right of ownership. True Parents are putting great emphasis on this. It signifies establishing a new order belonging completely to heaven. Therefore, for four years from now, the conversion of the right of ownership will take place, as you may have guessed from the drawing of lots that took place recently. In the workshop held in Jardim in 1999, and the registration blessing in 2000, the right of ownership had to be converted; the way this could take place was through giving the Total Living Offering. This offering, based on the number sixteen, was the condition set at the time for the conversion of the right of ownership. This time, we need to give the Total Living Offering, and at the same time, we need to give an offering according to the lots we have drawn for the conversion of the right of ownership. True Father said, "Everyone should draw lots, and according to the one they have picked, they should offer one tenth, two tenths or three tenths of their total assets. In this way, those who offer one tenth will cause the remaining nine tenths to belong to Heaven; those who offer two tenths will cause the remaining eight tenths to become Heaven's possession, and those who offer three tenths will cause the remaining seven tenths to belong to Heaven."

True Father said that the funds would be used to establish the structure of the kingdom of peace. The specific use of the fund has not yet been determined. It will go toward establishing the kingdom of peace. Father has firmly said the money collected will be laid aside for this use only.

Because of that, True Parents severely reprimanded both Rev. Kwak and me last night and the night before that for not paying more attention to their instructions when they had told us this providentially significant point and asked us repeatedly whether we had made an offering, and if so, how much we had given. In fact, we received a good scolding on this point.

To sum it up, the first way we convert the right of ownership is by giving the Total Living Offering and the second way is by our offering give one tenth, two tenths or three tenths of what we own.

A third stage is to consolidate all of the members' bank accounts into one bank. In this way, we would gather our strength financially. The bank accounts would still be in our own names of course; all the members would have to do is to change their bank to one designated bank.

True Parents have strongly emphasized these three points with regard to the conversion of the right of ownership.

What I want to emphasize today is that now that we are starting the new year, 2005—which is also the first year in the four years of the growth period and second stage toward the qualitative transition of the providence—we should fully understand and cherish deep in our hearts the providential tasks and directions True Parents give us.

The third conversion is to take place in the realm of heart. I am sure all of us already understand the conversion of the realm of heart very clearly. It refers to becoming representatives of True Parents, inheriting everything including the heart, teachings, lifestyle and accomplishments of True Parents and becoming owners of Cheon Il Guk both in name and in reality. It also means assuming an attitude befitting True Parents' representatives. We have known this for some time but have not been able to put it into practice. True Parents have

come and brought with them many things, new ways of conducting the providence, many changes and great, historic transitions; of them all, what would be the greatest? The greatest discovery of True Parents, the starting point of the providence of True Parents, is their discovery that God is our Father. Father revealed that the relationship between God and man is that of father and child. This was the first truth that Father perceived after receiving his calling, and based on that standard, everything changes.

As a result, there is a great difference between our religion and others', and these differences have been expressed in revolutionary changes that spring out of the revelation that we are the sons and daughters of God.

All religions on earth need a mediator to move forward, to form a relationship with heaven and with the Absolute Being. What we are claiming, on the other hand, is that originally, we were supposed to relate directly, one-on-one, with God. This is truly a great discovery. This portends a time without religion. This is also the place where the conversion of the realm of heart takes place. True Parents have told us that the original intention at the time of creation was for people to become representatives of the True Parent. Therefore, the providence we need to carry out is one of recovering the heart God originally intended us to have. The time has come when we should become embodiments of the word and representatives of Father, so that those who see us can understand the Word, can feel what true love is supposed to be, and can see who Father is. From this point of view, True Parents are placing great emphasis on our changing our mindset in this revolutionary era. We may look the same from the outside, but we are living in a time when our innermost selves are completely different from what they were in the past. Inside, there have been qualitative changes, as we moved from servant to owner, and as such, we should gradually assume the appearance, both inside and outside, befitting owners. We have not reached that stage yet, but once we reach the mature phase, we should be able to serve Heaven anywhere and any time, even if we do not go to church on Sunday or live by religious laws and traditions.

From now on, we should live as representatives of True Parents, so that wherever we go, the people we meet will experience the heart of God through us.

When we say, "conversion of the realm of heart," it sounds rather conceptual. You should not store this in your head as a piece of information; instead, this phrase should change every aspect of your lives completely.

Next, True Father has declared that an era that will stand out as one where many spirits descend is now upon us. What is amazing about this is that he has also told us that at the end of 2008, the spirits will ascend to settle in heaven. What would life be like then? We would be able to connect directly with heaven without having to depend on spirits. True Parents have already told us that the providence that began at the beginning of this year will continue developing until 2008, and this providence will bring forth a time in which the spirit world will come to earth and unite with the physical world in order to establish a new nation. True Parents have spoken to us about the spiritual world many times before, but I believe this is the first time Father has actually set a date for the descent and ascent of spirits. We should not consider what he said as conceptual and just forget it, because what he said will come true.

On the day that happens, creation will take place. What is the nature of what True Parents say? Once either of them speaks aloud, creation takes place. Therefore, creation is possible on the foundation of our absolute faith and absolute belief in what they say. Do you think creation can take place amid disbelief? Only when you have absolute faith can creation and miracles become possible. That means there is nothing God can do if we do not believe. God is almighty, but without a reciprocal base He is incapable of doing anything. He looked on as Adam and Eve fell; there was nothing He could do.

Though He is omnipotent, though He created everything on earth, without an object partner to relate to He cannot exercise any power.

The same is true of the spiritual world. Only when we believe absolutely that what Father or Mother says is the truth can creation take place; for creation to materialize in real life, we should have absolute faith and trust in what True Parents say and accordingly make the necessary preparations to bring ourselves into line with those in the spirit world. True Father told us, "The spirit world will come down to earth," so we should not doubt, as we have in the past, that the spirit world will descend. What I want to stress is that we should prepare ourselves to be in harmony with the spirit that come, so that what Father declared can be actualized on earth. This is why True Parents have called together the church leaders, who are in the most central positions, so that these amazing changes taking place in the providence can take root on earth.

This is my conclusion. We have entered a new era. Look back on the past for a moment. Can't you see what an unbelievable miracle the providence taking place around us is? I always stress this. Once you are inside, you cannot see outside. Only when you are outside can you see the whole picture. Only when you look from far away can you see everything. Similarly, when we are assessing our work, we should look from far away, from all directions. We must look from a providential point of view. Only then can we see the true value of it.

Until now we have received instructions from True Parents without much thought, but if we were to arrange them one by one, we would see that they have strictly followed the path of the providence based on the Divine Principle.

One day, in October 1997, I received a phone call from True Father. He instructed me to make a book. I asked what kind of book he wanted and he told me. I asked him about the title, and he told me the name. Later he declared that the book was the Completed Testament. So I'd made the book after receiving that one phone call, according to what he'd asked me to do. How could I have known at the time? All I did was follow the instructions he'd given me, but the resulting book was designated as content for the Completed Testa-

ment.

Cheon Seong Gyeong has been made in a similar manner. Until now, we have just done what we were told without much thought, but when we think about things later, we see that they were providential incidents, unprecedented and never to be repeated.

I am asking you to sympathize with me in that we are all standing as central figures during impressive providential changes, so we should reflect on ourselves from a more objective and multi-dimensional point of view.

True Parents have called us here, because we are starting a new era. They want to sanctify us, and let us renew our resolve as we begin a new year. They want us to take holy wine; they want to allow us not only to understand but also to feel deeply that we are starting a new era amid these changes taking place. They want us to receive new instructions befitting the new era and change into the clothes of the new providence both inside and outside. As a condition for this providence, True Parents have called us, the central figures of the providence, to this workshop. I hope all of you remember this point. All of you are responsible for the members you are in charge of, the regions you are in charge of and the historic mission you have accepted. As such, all of you must attend this forty-day workshop for church leaders in order to pray harder and separate evil spirits from yourselves, so that everyone and everywhere you are responsible for can be renewed as well. Please bear this in mind. I hope that you will participate in this workshop based on such a standard, and that you will bear great fruit both internally and externally.

We are all equal here. I hope that all of you will work hard to make this workshop a success, so that we can become one in heart and work together in harmony, and so that Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim will look down on us and give us passing grades as church leaders who are qualified to lead others in the new era. I want to ask you all to unite in heart, so that this workshop will be a success in the eyes of True Parents and those in the spiritual world.

Thank you.◆

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 27....THE UNUSUAL VISION OF SMU

As a response to this age of globalization and information literacy, SMU has strived to build a wired and sometimes wireless communication infrastructure, with our goal being to be a digital campus. As a part of this effort, SMU is constructing a mobile campus, for which a campus wireless phone service is being set up. Moreover, SMU is planning a complete educational infrastructure through the construction of three new buildings, a information library, a university culture and sports hall and a cultural center, which will be erected over the next two years at a cost of \$87 million.

Thirty percent of SMU students, including foreign students, live in the school dormitories. Our dormitories have condominium-level facilities, making them models for other universities. The dormitories have state-of-the-art facilities, including Internet access in every room, a physical training room, a student lounge, a seminar room, a meeting room and a laundry room in each dormitory, a snack room and cafeteria, and a billiard room.

Sun Moon University Globalization Efforts

Sun Moon University has made globalization a core theme in its development and educational programs. Various international exchange programs have been established and carried out in the past few years. SMU has sisterhood ties with eighty-six universities in thirty-three countries worldwide, including the U.S. and China. As the head of the Asian University Federation (AUF), which has sixty-three Asian member universities, SMU has developed substantial and active international exchange activities.

Through the 3 + 1 Program, English, Chinese, Russian and Spanish language majors experience a live language study environment. As of now, 2,132 students have gone through this program. Currently, there are around

700 foreign students from forty nations who are studying at SMU and around 500 students each year who participate in international exchange programs, such as the 3 + 1 Program, which makes SMU like an international university. Moreover, there have been four graduate students who have each acquired two diplomas, one from SMU and one from a foreign university, through SMU's Multiple Diploma Program.

Sun Moon University is creating sisterhood bonds with major universities worldwide in order to expand its network as a model "global" university. This year a branch of SMU's Korean Language Institute (KLI) was established in China, making it the third after the Indonesian and Mongolian branches. Korean can now be learned in the overseas branches of the KLI as well as in Korea. SMU is getting attention through these KLI branches, which teach Korean and explain Korea's culture and are used as a window to attract foreign students.

Every year, there are about 700 foreign students studying in SMU for every 1,000 SMU students studying abroad, giving SMU the healthiest international exchange structure among Korean universities. It is very important to successfully attract foreign students to Korean colleges on the basis of improving the educational capabilities of Korean colleges.

With regard to the focus of education at SMU, through the Departments of North Korean Studies and that of International and UN Studies, SMU will focus on raising leaders who can work for the realization of world peace through the United Nations and lead the era of a united Korea—an era that will arrive in the near future.◆



On April 19, 2004, during the celebration for the 45th True Parents' Day, True Parents designated Cheon Seong Gyeong (photo) as the official core teaching of Cheon Il Guk

There is no saying when I will go to the spirit world. If I fell ill, it wouldn't take much for an old man like me, who is in his eighties and close to his nineties, to go to the spirit world. I cannot be a young man forever. I'm just glad and thankful that I can convey all this to you before I'm laid up for the last time. Please keep in mind that I am telling you all this because I hope that when God sees the record of your life, the record kept of your life in the next world, He will acknowledge that you led the life of a righteous blessed family.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
January 1, 2005