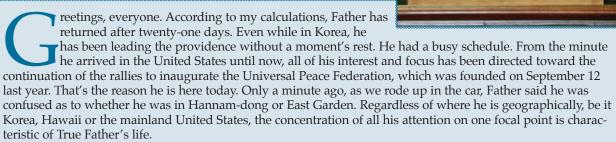


International President's Message

Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan

A Hannam-dong Report

What follows is a report Dr. Kwak gave at True Parents' Hannam-dong residence on May 4. Dr. Kwak took pains to personally edit this for publication in Today's World.



After checking up on Hawaii, late at night on the fourteenth, Father arrived at East Garden, where he had Mrs. Moon Lan-young, international president of WFWP, speak to him in heartfelt detail about a meeting that took place with a group of women and Ex-President Bush. For the people who were invited there, or even for our members, it is not easy to comprehend the significance of the meeting, so I'd like to explain a little more about it.

Though there are many renowned political leaders in the United States, and great things have been achieved by presidents in the past, there have been only two cases of more than one president coming from the same nuclear family, one of them being the Bushes. The Bushes are a distinguished family that produced father and son presidents. In fact, the father of Ex-President Bush also served as a senator,¹ and his father² and the grandfather³ before him were also well-known. George Herbert Walker Bush was elected president,⁴ as was his son George Walker Bush after him.⁵ The son is now in his second term as president. Furthermore, one of the most promising candidates for the next president is the younger brother of the current president, who is serving as the governor of the American State of Florida.⁶ True Father has high praise for this family, not because he requires the foundation or background of some renowned American political family, but because the United States has a mission, a given responsibility before God, and to fulfill this responsibility the Bush family has an important role to play. For this reason, Father has set many spiritual conditions. A mission has been given to the Bush family by Heaven, and though both the former and present presidents may be unaware of it, Father has to do all he can to help the Bush family fulfill that God-given responsibility. Father knows the will of God, and as I heard him express his heart on this matter, my heart overflowed with emotion.

How grand is the position of the president of the United States? Today's president's father, who served as head of the CIA, as an ambassador to the UN, an envoy to China and a vice-president—and on the strength of such a background was elected president—is still carrying out many activities around the world, though he is officially retired. His schedule is so tight that he is booked solid for months and every three days or less he has to travel abroad.

How disconcerted he might have been then, when he learned that Father was urgently requesting that this meeting take place? He has his own schedules to keep, and he was not even given a month's notice, so you can imagine how thrown off balance he might have been. His rescheduling all his appointments to keep the one Father had requested is in itself amazing. Overcoming all such difficulties, he returned to the U.S. to come to the meeting while in the middle of a tour abroad. On the day of the engagement, our meeting was to have been a short one, because he had to go 130 km away to Houston to attend another meeting with nine hundred people. However, our requests grew as time progressed and left him with not enough time to go to Houston.

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¹ Prescott Sheldon Bush (1895-1972), Republican senator for the State of Connecticut (1952-1963)

² Samuel Prescott Bush (1863-1948) mechanical engineer and nationally prominent industrialist

³ Rev. James Smith Bush (1825-1889) lawyer and an Episcopal minister

^{4 (}b. 1924); Forty-first president, January 1989-January 1993

^{5 (}b. 1946); Forty-third president, January 2001 to present

⁶ John Ellis Bush, known always as Jeb, elected 1998, reelected 2002; term expires January 2007

THE PROVIDENCE MONTHLY



Left: True Father has been with Mother and their sons in spirit during this tour, reading the speeches while watching the events via internet, Right: Jun-sook nim, Hyun-jin nim, Jeong-jin nim, True Mother and Yeon-jin nim, on the plane on the U.S. leg of the tour Bottom: Audience members Jun-sook nim; In-jin nim, her daughter Shin-sun nim; Jeong-jin nim and Sun-jin nim













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During the time when all the internal changes necessary for boys to become men are taking place, sons may be surrounded by people but few might have access to their hearts. Here is the testimony of someone who has shared experiences with members of the True Family beginning in his childhood.

WOMEN OF PEACE

The "Hallelujah Minister" was there along with Muslims and Jews, Catholics and Protestants in the cosmopolitan crowd as True Mother and Hyun-jin nim spoke of the hope to be found when individuals and nations resemble God.

REVIVAL OF NATIONS

Côte D'Ivoire and the Quest for Universal Peace26

Her citizens had become accustomed to peace and relative prosperity that had lasted decades. Their nation was admired. Yet they became helpless observers to the country's downfall and division. In such an atmosphere, people have become inspired to embody the vision suggested by the title Ambassador for Peace.

Cover Photo: True Mother in Hiroshima, Japan on May 14, during the UPF Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland

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Prayer

eloved Father, it is March 29, in the sixth year of Cheon II Guk, the day to celebrate and observe the forty-seventh True Parents' Day.

We stand under the watchful gaze of heaven and earth and the entire universe with the responsibility, which was given to us in this age, of settling all accounts and of offering heaven and earth centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth. The era before the coming of heaven and the time after the coming of heaven have been divided; now in the time after the coming of heaven You have allowed us to enter an age of liberation and complete freedom, in which the history of bloodshed and war from the age of Cain can be replaced by the heavenly age of Abel. The efforts and endeavors You have made for this to happen, included the sending until now of countless religious leaders to carry on the mission of our ancestors, who lived on earth in the course of history. You have revealed this foundation and sent the Savior, Messiah, Second Coming and True Parent at the appropriate time. The inexorable responsibility of heaven, which determines the completion of the original objectives of the Creation, and the inexorable responsibility of the earth have been brought together as one and brought into fulfillment through the cosmic Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. On the foundation of that victorious authority, we have advanced to a realm of absolute liberation and complete freedom, centered on the dominion of love, and have entered a period where we can welcome the liberation of the original hometown and ideal homeland, in which we are completely free to serve the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

The age may pass, but the people born as fallen descendants on earth remain in their bodies in their world day and night through time and tide. They believe that what they can do in that position of suffering is determined by fate and destiny, but they live in ignorance, not knowing front from back, left from right or the four directions. They are Your sons and daughters, whom You were supposed to love; they were to stand as lords in Your stead in Your family, Your nation and Your world; furthermore, they were to fulfill the way of a child of filial piety, a patriot, saint and divine son or daughter and were to become lords by inheriting the great works of heaven. They were to become lords as God's representatives but could not fulfill the way of God's son, grandson, patriot, saint and the family of the divine child. You have laid down all the historical currents and

a series of collective responsibilities upon which the providential victory has been manifested on the earth with the coming of True Parents. They have achieved mind-body unity on the individual level, unity between husband and wife and the unity of their children. Your desire for the fulfillment of Your solemn and noble will for the objectives You had at the time of the Creation has been shrouded in the mists of sorrow and the sun of Your freedom and love has been hidden behind clouds. To allow that sun to shine on earth, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have gone through indescribable hardships to write the history of re-creation with humanity, going beyond the crucial moments of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos. The name of the Parents of Heaven and Earth will be embraced once again within the victorious realm of grace. You could not love humanity—not a single person could You love as a being of Your own lineage based on a liberated foundation from the period in the womb, to childhood, the time of youth, young adulthood, middle age, old age and on to the heavenly world. In order to restore all this through indemnity, the history of struggle between Cain and Abel continued until You sent True Parents to earth. This history began with the elder brother causing bloodshed and has continued until now. The world is the manifestation of the fruit of the history of the blood shed in Adam's family, which broke into two enemy groups comprising the communist world, which had absolutely denied Heaven and which is capable of violating the authority of heavenly life, and the democratic world. When we view the world, we can see how great was the extent of the hurt that was inflicted on the parental heart of God, who was to exist throughout space and time on the foundation of children of filial piety, patriots, saints and the family of His children; knowing this, we should work to heal and liberate His heart and pain. To this end, You have protected us and raised us from the time when we were immature and ignorant. We know of such hardships You have gone through as well as the grace You have given us as a balm in fear that we would collapse along the course of indemnity. When we think about this, at this liberating time of transition, and the more we decipher the past, the unfinished, incomplete history, I worry that the responsibility that should be fulfilled and that is left undone on earth might end up entering the spirit world, where this education must be spurred on. Father, knowing my concern, I pray that You remember this day. We are celebrating is the forty-seventh Parents' Day, meaning we are moving into the forty-eighth year. Forty-eight is a product of twelve times four. Based on this number, may all accounts be settled, so that people may be born from God's womb as His son or daughter and pass through the age of youth, adolescence and middle age to reach the position of parents that can raise children after forming a family. In that position, let them experience God's heart as they welcome God to their families, so that God may love their families, in which they all exhibit the heart of a devoted child, the heart of a patriot and the heart of a saint and divine child, and so that God's sorrow at not having acquired a bride can be alleviated. True Parents' wish for this can finally be brought to ultimate fulfillment, ushering in an age of protection and bringing a conclusion to this task of liberation. By raising our children, blessed sons and daughters, to become fair and pure-minded, these children may stand as the unfallen, original children, which God can personally accept. The justifications to be these children that are Your flesh and blood, constituting Your lineage, requires that indemnity not be carried on through the lineage, love and life. We who shoulder this solemn task and yet who are in complete ignorance should understand this and open our eyes. If we do not know what circumstances the things of the world go through on the providential course, we know that, grief-ridden, we cannot even begin to take a single step.

If one lamb is lost among a hundred, [a pastor] would leave behind the rest in order to find that single lost lamb. There is not one lamb in the world, because the whole flock of humanity is like that lost sheep. Those who appeared on earth as the lamb in heaven's embrace are the ancestors of religious people. Among them Jesus came—not as the Lord at his Second Advent but as the first advent of the Savior and Messiah. Yet, he left with the bitter sorrow associated with the cross. Who could have ever understood the heart of Jesus or the hearts of the Parents, who came again on this sorrowful path as the Lord at his Second Advent? The religious leaders of the past were sacrificed for the sake of restoration in this bitterly sorrowful history. Those in the religious realm, who were ignorant and those in the political realm of all the nations persecuted the religious leaders, reenacting Cain's killing of Abel. Responsibility for all the blood that was shed because of politics and by these nations I am shouldering on behalf of the Old Testament Age and on behalf of the Completed Testament Age—the age of fulfillment. Furthermore he has become the flag-bearer of our Pledge, thereby enabling

True Father speaks on May 9 at a one-day seminar for Korean Ambassadors for Peace held in the Millennium Hall of the JW Marriot Hotel in Seoul. The seminar, National Salvation: Preparing for Joint Elections between North and South Korea, drew a crowd of 1,600 prominent citizens from across the nation. It was held to expedite the reunification of North and South Korea, which would eliminate the threat of war and allow Korea to contribute to world peace.





On May 10, Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim's second daughter, True Parents' fortieth grandchild, was born. In naming her, Father wrote (*right*) date of birth, lunar d.o.b., time of birth (*center*) Moon Shinsoo daughter and (left) his signature and the date of writing.

humanity to become the children of the

direct lineage. In order to reach that position, humanity began from the position of the servant of servants, moved on to the position of adopted children, to the position of the children by a concubine and to the children of the direct lineage. These children should put an end to the bloodshed between brothers and instead become like brothers born as twins bound by brotherly love. They should take care of the Parents, who are lamenting the Fall, saying that they will take responsibility for the mother's mistakes. They should unite as one with the Mother and serve the Parents that are to come, so that the Lord may come to their family, which could not serve the Lord. He will teach them everything, including where the parents and children should be going and he will bind them together. The True Parents will straighten out the situation for indemnifying God's having had to follow behind humanity. The time has come now to go beyond this critical point in history.

After the Fall, the mother's lamentation was great. How miserable is the lot of women on earth who do not know how devastated with regret the mother's heart was when Cain killed Abel and blood was shed!

On this day, let them become delegates of the mother, representing the Korean women or the mother of the children who can inherit everything from the mother. Let them become owners of the love of their sons and daughters. Let them realize that the owner of their children's lineage was lost and realize that their most important and heavy responsibility, mission and calling is to liberate Heaven. To fulfill and complete their responsibility, the representative wives who are here today will be drawn in to bring together everything that can be bound above and below, front and back, left and right of the police and army, Cain and Abel, on behalf of the Parents. A serious time now awaits us on this Parents' Day, through which all this must be straightened out and brought into order. Father, please find significance in this day, Parents' Day is not just another day that is passing by.

As we stand before the Father, to whom we gave the bitter sorrow of the Fall, we are now at the final point of transition, crossing the critical point in liberating and completing restoration through indemnity. At such a crucial time, we have brought together all our strength to commemorate this day, which You have allowed us to have. I know that this gathering is insufficient in many respects, but I sincerely and earnestly pray that You listen to the prayer and request I offer to You, Father, from a heart that is burning with devotion.

Father, this occasion today is to keep the bitter sorrow under control. I have gathered the leaders of our movement this morning to deliver this warning to them. Who could imagine that the path God had to take would be this miserable? While the world remains ignorant of this, You have found us and though You turn Your head to quietly weep, You call to us and tell us that You were forced to wipe away Your tears at seeing us. I understand Your situation and that You must push and pull us toward the path of indemnity that we must walk with You. You have taken responsibility to warn us of the tribulation that we are to face. That is Your grace, such forgiveness that melts away our bone and marrow. Please remember this occasion, in which we stand in shame for not having emulated that kind of bearing. I earnestly pray that You perceive the heart and interrelated desires of this child, connect them together and make use of all the joy and sorrow in the individual and in the heavenly world within this cosmic history to record this day of commemoration.

I offer the entire proceedings of this day's ceremony to You. Please accept it in its entirety, though it is not without faults. Please accept it as if it were all the flowers in the Garden—the rose of Sharon that can bloom at the end of sincere devotion in a free and self-supporting spring garden. All of Your daughters who have gathered here today and who vary in size and color are like brides who can go forth like lilies. Please enjoy their sweet fragrance and teach them, so that they may take responsibility and become able to be free and act voluntarily in order to cross this high hill. This I fervently pray.

Centering on the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth anniversaries, and the forty-seventh, forty-eighth, forty-ninth and fiftieth anniversaries, let us raise a flag of victory at this time of a great transition in history. Everybody that failed to completely traverse the way of loyalty while serving Abel should display his loyalty and filial piety before the world, which can welcome the heavenly nation. I fervently pray that You allow an era for reorganization in which we can educate people to serve the Parents, whom Jesus has followed and Adam and Eve have followed, as the teacher of all ancestors.

Please accept today's bows in joy. I truly hope that it can be a day that is acceptable to You, so that the flower of heart can blossom in Your heart, creating an environment which You can bloss

There still remains a critical hill that I must climb after this day. I must delegate to anybody on earth who follows me; not only do I have to delegate to them, I have the serious task of raising my representative and what's more my heir. Though my responsibilities may lie before me like a mountain, let the children align themselves with True Parents' lineage, built on devotion in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to the extent that they can breathe in synch and have the same pulse in their arteries. I fervently, fervently, fervently pray that the results of victory can be collected on the path of the sons and daughters, as if the Parents and God had gained victory in this global arena.

I fervently pray that You bless everything from beginning to end today, so that it may be carried out according to Your wishes. This I fervently pray in the name of True Parents and report through all the internal and external conditions. This I declare in True Parents' name. Amen, amen, amen.

Speech

an you hear me? Those who are seeing me for the first time, open your eyes wide and take a good look. I'm sure there are people who are here for the first time. While you are here, I will regard you all like family. Everybody should be clear about this. Don't feel uncomfortable; relax as if this were your own house. I may say good things, and then again, I may say bad things. I may also give you words of caution or advice, so keep this in mind. I am like an elder brother to you. You are like my grandson or granddaughter. Is there anyone over eighty-eight? Raise your hand if you are over eighty-eight. Many people complain that they aren't treated right as an elder. The question is whether they are the man that they should be, the woman that they should be, the mother that they should be or the daughter that they should be. They are people in need of restructuring. Those in the back, can you see me? [Yes.] This should be close enough.

How old do I look? Do I look like a grandfather, a middle-aged man or a young man? [Laughter] I like youth; it's a pity that I cannot become a young man again—a pity indeed. [Applause] Now that I've become this unattractive grandfather, I have no need for such applause, but if you're going to clap your hands for God, please do so. I'll bring my face closer to you—I'll be right there, so wait where you are. Don't go off to the bathroom. We don't have time. Why are you taking pictures and running away from me? Is this close enough to see my face? When I was young, people said that I was handsome, but now I'm old. What do you call an old person? Would you call him a handsome old man or an old, handsome man?

The person standing here has spent his entire life talking, so I know how to talk when I have something to say. Please don't judge me on how nicely I speak. The grandfather who can talk nice or nasty when he should or curse when he should is a fearsome person. [Applause] How old are you? Come out here. Okay, so this person will now sing for us. Pay attention. [Applause] Are you Korean or Japanese? [I'm Japanese.] You're representing me. [The Japanese member sings.] Koreans raise your hands. The men, let's see some hands from the men. I don't see any good singers. Okay, how about you? Come up. Sing loudly. If you don't have a microphone come near me and sing [into Father's pin-microphone]. I have a microphone here. [A Korean member sings.]

It would take a long time to go from here to the back of the room and back again. I don't have time today. I think this is close enough, so please be understanding. Wouldn't it be nice if I went up on stage? Or should I just stay down here and talk? I'm sure the people in the back would like it if I went up, because they can't see me now, but I'm going to sit here, since I see many familiar faces together in the front row. I'm going to sit close to the front row. I won't go up on stage. Do you understand? Clap your hands. [Applause]

The forty-fourth Day of All True Things; which was celebrated on May 27, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

Okay, so what day is today? [True Parents' Day.] What number of celebration is this? [It is the forty-seventh one.] If it's the forty-seventh one, that means we're moving into the forty-eighth year. That's forty-eight years.

year. Quadruple the number twelve is forty-eight. That brings us from the age of youth—the Ewha years—to the age of the sages of the past, to the age of youth and then to middle- and old-age. It increases. What age comes after that? It is the time of going into the spirit world. That's how it is. If you are in your youth, that would make you forty-eight years old or less. Once you go beyond that age, you enter middle age. Forty-eight is at the center. What's two times forty-eight? If you lived to ninety-six, you've lived all that you can, right? So once you go past the halfway point, you can proudly advance beyond your youth. The Unification Church is still within the age bracket that [Korean society] categorize as youth. In light of this, twenty-four years after coming into the

How many times greater is forty-eight than twelve? [Four times.] It is four times greater.

It is the forty-eighth year. When it becomes

the Unification Church would be forty-eight

years old, the last year before middle age. I'm

sure you already know this. It is until the eighth

the fourth year after the fortieth Parents' Day,

Three times eight is twenty-four. Eight times two is sixteen. That is why I entered the path of the providence when I was sixteen. Two times eight is sixteen. Three times eight is twenty-four. Twenty-four would be the age when a person becomes perfect and marries. People should be married by the time they are twenty-four. Do you understand? Why? Once you become twenty-three, in terms of physiology, the cells in your body start to die. It is a time when you are at the highest point of perfection, when you are healthy and your face is young and fresh. It is the time when the beauty of men and women blossoms. Marriage is similar to the time when flowers bloom and give off a fragrance. Therefore, once people start to approach twenty-

world, you should marry.

1English lacks the word Koreans use meaning 20 years old until middle age; Hitherto, "youth," as in "Youth Federation," has been used.

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three, they must get married. That is based on the Principle. Do you understand? [Yes.] Raise your hand if you aren't married. There should be many single men and women here that are over twenty-four—those who pursued their studies. It is time for them to be blessed. Who should marry these people? What? [God!] Who is God? Isn't God the first father of our ancestors? Isn't that so? God is the father of our ancestors....

Wasn't it good to hear a song from both a Japanese and a Korean? [Yes.] I think I'll sing a song myself. If the grandfather starts to dance, would the grandchild dance along, or not? If the old ladies and daughters-in-law don't dance, would the grandfather poke them in their sides, or not? He would poke the old ladies, poke his elder brother and his wife and even poke the other brothers. That's how they all can come together in harmony.

Since today is Parents' Day, it is a day for a feast. Should the parents prepare a feast or should the son or daughter prepare a feast? Did you bring any rice-cakes with you? [Laughter] Did you bring any meat with you today? Is it beef? Pork? If it were your parent's birthday, you should prepare these things. Did you come empty handed? Would that make you a goodfor-nothing or a good-for-something? You're not even worth the swear words that you hear. You should be aware of these things. Would you like to have some of the food that the Parents prepared here today or not? Don't go stealing more food, even if what you eat here is not enough. Keep that in mind as you are here for this joyful and harmonious occasion. I don't have time today. I'm very busy. I have to finish off a number of things in one day. I tell you I'm busy. Remember this. The womenfolk who are here today and those gentlemen over there, you famous people, I don't know if my name outshines yours or not, but go on as if it does and open your hearts, so that you all might enjoy this occasion as you please. Do you understand?

What is True Parents' Day? The most fearsome and yet excellent answer would be this: True Parents' Day is a day when God can be liberated, True Parents themselves can be liberated and all that belongs to True Parents and God can be liberated. If this is your answer, you will get a perfect score. This answer has never been given before. God's Day was not established. People should have been born into the world after God's Day was established, but they were born without it. It was to be a day on which God and True Parents could rejoice. God and humanity should have become one in the true will, where both should have rejoiced over this day. Furthermore, heaven and earth should have rejoiced where the Father is heaven and the son is earth. They are in a subject-object relationship, a Cain-Abel relationship. All of this was at stake. God's Day would have become Parents' Day and Parents' Day in turn would have become God's Day. The path leading to that day should have manifested joy; that day should have been one in which humanity could harmonize, respond in concert and be united. What should have been at the center for this to be possible? Meat to eat would have been needed, of course, but more than that, this day required the relationship between a parent and child and would not have been possible without love. A mother and father would have been needed. Children are born through the union between a mother's blood, flesh and lineage and a father's love and lineage. The parent-child relationship can never be established without the harmonious union of the father and mother's love, life and lineage, nor can the relationship of true siblings be established without this. Without the relationship of true siblings, and without sons and daughters,



On the day Mother flew to Seoul for a brief respite during her global tour, Father spent the morning reaping the bounty of the seas off the coast of Yeosu. He caught this 80 cm fish.

there is no way for people to be raised as siblings, become husband and wife and grow to become parents.

The Fall blocked all relationships between God and humanity, between people, between men and women, between parents and children and husbands and wives, and all subsequent blood relationships. Do you understand? [Yes.] If a resultant person had freedom and happiness, where would he use all that? Do you think that person can find happiness alone, just because he thinks he's happy being alone, when he has lost his mother, siblings, wife and child? He cannot be happy alone. You cannot say you like something without an object. To be happy you must be in a reciprocal relationship with something. The terms "good" and "bad" come about when there is a mutual relationship. How many types of people are there in the cosmos? [There are countless types.] "Countless types"? There aren't "countless types." How many types of people are there? It is simple: men and women. How many types? There are men and there are women. What else? Both eat the same thing, both enjoy the same recreation, both enjoy living and desire to live in harmony. What is the difference between men and women? Which is in the majority here?...

Can money, a good man and a good woman live together? This is a serious problem. Can they or can't they? Yes, or no? [No.] It looks like you know your stuff. Say money-money. Money-money goes around and is gone. That's a shame.

Now that True Parents' Day has come, what would be the most precious gift you could bring? Would it be a money, a material gift, or as the expression goes, the gift of recovering a lost orphan? They are all, of course, gifts. If someone were to recover a son or person that you had loved dearly who had been lost, you would be grateful beyond comparison. There is no greater joy than that from finding something that was lost. This brings us to the conclusion that a relationship between siblings, relatives, nations, and their people creates an environment in which one could always be together with one's beloved son, daughter and children. Haven't you ever told a man you were sitting next to that you were uncomfortable sitting next to him? I'm sure there are many people who have said that. Since there are many people here and it is a diverse group, I'm sure there are all kinds of people who try to sit alone or poke others in the side if his or her seat gets a little too close. Is it good to complain, or not? Complaining is for thieves. Say it. Com-



Mother stopped in Seoul on May 24, after finishing the Japanese leg of her global speaking tour. She arrived at 8:45 PM and the welcome home meeting lasted until nearly midnight.

plainers are thieves. [Complainers are thieves.] Why do people say that complainers are thieves? Once you start complaining, everything begins to disappear. You may complain that everyone is leaving you, but with that one comment, someone close to you will fall away from you, even though the two of you may never have had an argument. Complaints are shallow words that allow thieves to get away and enemies to multiply. When complainers gather in numbers in public forums such as this, it always yields unfavorable results. From now on, instead of becoming a champion of complainers, become a champion of obedience. There would be more people capable of feeling fondness for the person next to them and for the people at home if more and more of this type of champion were to emerge. This is criticism that comes from common sense. When this is regarded as proper, a path will open for those who suppress complaints. They may have to make an ally of a fugitive thief. If you endure and grab on to a person that tries to run away, that person may complain, but this is all in order that the two of you can become one and thereby prevent the loss of even one person. There is no greater transaction than this. Isn't that what trust is all about? If you agree clap your hands.

When God created, what was the last thing He created? Was it the woman or the man? [The woman.] Women, aren't you offended by this? When God began creating, did He do so with the man, or the woman, in mind? Whenever you try to speak, there is something you should always keep in mind; you should talk after acknowledging certain preconditions. Even if I swear, it is because I found certain preconditions enabling me to swear. When I know certain facts about someone and state them in his presence as facts, why should he make a big fuss out of it when I say what the person did wrong? Did you actually see Adam and Eve fall or not? Well? [We did not.] What is it that the Unification Church is doing? What is this organization doing? We are in the age of discovering our roots. What happens at the root? Who is the first ancestor of that root? It is the seed. Say "seed." [Seed.]

You don't know how many times I have been slandered. People have said nothing but curse words to me. Was I ever praised? Have you praised or sworn at me? Well? Rev. Kwak? How many times have you bad-mouthed me? [Only a little.] Even if it's a little, you did it. Why? I'm sure you felt insulted many times, because I give you a hard time and force you to

admit you don't know something. Since you were insulted, you probably complained. That's always the thinking of complainers

Should I dispose of my property, or should I give it away before I go to the spiritual world? Should I sell it or give it to someone? Would it be better to give it to people who come asking for it, or should I go to people to give them my property?

A true person, someone God designates a true person, is a true young person whom the True Children would aspire to become. If men aspire to become a true person in middle age and old age, I'm sure there is such a person as a true grandfather, a true father, a true partner and true children. If you love the true grandfather, you would, in effect, be placed within the realm of having loved all his children.

Who has seen true parents? How do you recognize true parents? You cannot. Why don't you know? If you were to say that you would recognize true parents while not knowing how true parents came to be—what happened to our original ancestors, how God longed for the source of the true parents and how His wish was upset due to the Fall—I'd say you were lying. I'm sure that you've never seen true parents or true love. Have you seen true parents?

Did Adam's family become a family that was blessed by God, or did it bring disaster to God? [It brought disaster.] How do you know? In the Bible, they are described as having been driven out of the Garden of Eden and that the descendants of those who were driven out were destined to go to hell. That means that not one among the people in the world today could go to heaven.

Do you know God? Dr. Kim Min-ha, I'm asking you if you know God. You don't? That's why you have to listen to what this elder brother who knows God well has to say. I'm sure you don't like that. No? All my beloved friends were taken away. Everybody that I loved and trusted was taken away. I was thinking of working with the vice-president of Tongil Industries, but he was also taken away. I was trying to use a person who knew everything about the helicopter business in terms of technology in Korea and Asia, but I was told not to trust him. Why? His company in Changwon had failed. They were telling me not to use a person who had failed. Whenever I like something, it doesn't turn out for the better. The people I liked in the age of the individual, family, tribe and nation ended up becoming an obstruction to me later on, with the development of these levels. My younger sisters and relatives that I loved were taken away from me. I am not talking about the Unification Church's Rev. Kwak. The people who built the Unification Church through persecution were taken away because of the suffering they experienced, the blood and sweat they shed were about to hurt them. People other than me would cure them. They would be whipped on my behalf, and alone they shouldered the burden. They shed tears and were wounded. The fingers pointed at them were actually aimed at me. The mistreatment they received in the end made the people around them their friends. God became their friend. I knew about these things. Do not believe in the person that boasts of his successes. I'm sure many of the elders here are such people.

Those who like me, raise your hands. Don't lie. Close your eyes and think about it. Those who really like me, raise your hands. So you do. All the good-for-nothing Japanese have raised their hands. Do you like me? [Yes.] Do you like me or love me? [We love you.] Those who love me raise your hands. You're promiscuous if you raise your hand even though you have a husband or wife. You have to go to heaven with my

permission. If you were told to bring bread or lunch before you go, you should do so. That's the kind of thing I like. Since I'm always happy, I don't age. Didn't the Japanese drive me out? I'm making Japanese people into Koreans.

The people who like or love True Parents have raised their hands. Would you die for True Parents? When I tell you to take responsibility for everything on my behalf, would you accept my request? Are you worried? If I told you that I was passing on everything of the True Parents' to you, would you take it with you? People would sell off the things that should be eternally stored in heaven. That is why I never dream of having my own possessions. I would buy good things for those who were loyal to me and pass on everything to those people instead of to my own children. That is why God likes me. Why? Didn't God drive out the children of His direct lineage?

All those who are here today are fake. You are like things that are secondary, supplementary. God entrusted these supplementary objects to be His representatives; gave all His rights of inheritance to the supplementary objects. God is much greater than I to be able to do that. I've been doing this for only eightyseven years. God has been doing this for thousands and tens of thousands of years. God is saying that He is going to trust us and entrust everything to us. Not only that, He is going to give all of His rights of inheritance to us. Who would say no to that? Satan is trying to make people fail. Eighty percent of fallen people carry on the tradition that their ancestors received. Thus, there is nobody with whom God could really be pleased. Yet, with a good heart God is rebuilding mankind—cutting off anything that is wrong, for example your leg if it were acting strange, removing the skin and supplementing the flesh and bones to make that person into His representative and a person who could be better than God Himself. He is wiling to give everything to the person who represents Him in the created world. Therefore, wouldn't it be better to receive what He has to give rather than going to hell? God is saying that He is allowing us to inherit everything from Him, which is great one way or the other. Considering this, I have nothing. Did I love my children more than I loved you? Was I more fond of my own children than I was of you? I see that my children are here today. They say that their father loved the 36 couples—who are the ancestors—while neglecting them, his children, that I would neglect them so as to show hospitality to all of you. Did I, or didn't I, do that? [You did.] That is why the satanic world was having a fit. They were thinking if Rev. Moon kept on going like that, he would take away all of their people. Didn't I display such despicable behavior? I took those people from the satanic world, without a word. The only crime I could be accused of for acting in such a despicable way as a parent would be the crime of loving God, of treating the Lord of the Universe as the Lord He is, of carrying out His errands, of allowing Him to do what He wanted to do. That is the only crime. Why? Seeing me behave in such a way, would the satanic world be happy about it or not? I revealed all their secrets. Don't I know Satan's secrets? Do I or don't I? [You do.] Anybody who knows the Divine Principle can accuse and indict Satan in the presence of God. You could say, "I have evidence. Didn't you make mankind fall in such and such a way, you bastard?" If you come to know and befriend everything in your surroundings—inside and out, vertical and horizontal—God would not be able to say no to you, neither would Satan, nor anyone else. The case would be closed right there. No one can stop me from traveling down my path. I'd go to the end. If there were a tall tree, everyone including your mother and father would tell you



On May 8, Hoon-sook nim and her daughter Shin-wol nim went from Hannam-dong to a park to enjoy the spring day.

that you would be hurt if you were to go up the tree and fell down. Yet, children would still climb up and down the tree. They could climb up and down the tree as much as they like, as long as they don't fall into and drown in the river. Satan cannot allow people to be forgiven for things that they could be forgiven for. That is why I had to face all kinds of opposition from Satan. Why? It is something that upsets God. When God sees Satan opposing me, He is displeased. He cannot go along with opposition that Satan likes. That is why I silently receive his opposition. I would endure for a year, two years, ten years and even twenty years. Though I am without fault, Satan would lie saying that I had sinned in God's name. Yet, if I endure for thirty or even forty years, it will all be revealed. Once fifty years goes by, it would automatically be revealed. That goes for you as well. How hard should you repent? At least forty years should pass. The Christians fight among themselves and steal from one another and yet turn around and ask God for forgiveness. God is not so cheap. Why is that? It's not because of some stolen object from the banquet table. You have to know about the lineage. Say "lineage." [Lineage] The lineage is the problem. For what reason did the first ancestors fall? God was trying to establish His lineage by forming a parent-child relationship with mankind. He wanted them to grow in His love from that lineage. He wanted to bless them and have them inherit everything from Him, but they completely upset His plans.

God knows everything. On the other hand, unless I do something that allows even Satan to be forgiven, the path that Adam and Eve were supposed to take in the Garden of Eden before they sinned would close. That is why I have to love even Satan. Even though God is hurt by him and regards him as His enemy, originally when God created His son and daughter, the archangel was supposed to protect them and join them when they entered heaven. Even though the archangel sinned, if Adam worries about that, God would say to Adam, "If you can make Satan say that you were right and bring him to natural submission so that he follows you, have him repent many times more than he did before the Fall and have him fulfill the way of loyalty and filial piety many times more than he did before the Fall, I would feel compelled to forgive him." So when the True Parents appear and you meet them, what are you going to do? What are you going to do?

That's why even Satan is pitiable. God wanted to beat him to



True Father on May 8 with granddaughter Shin-wol nim on his lap who is observing her cousins, Shin-joon nim and Shin-rae nim

death, but Rev. Moon captured him instead and has defended him saying, "Satan is not somebody that should be killed by You. I will pay for his sins, so please leave him to me instead of killing him." If God were to refuse to do that, He wouldn't be God. Instead, He says, "Okay, since you're better than I am, give it a try." If God should ever rectify the lineage and abolish areas of the Garden of Eden, He would be entitled to appoint His representative and heir even in the presence of Rev. Moon. Japanese members tell me what I just said. Those who are here for the first time, do you understand what I'm talking about? The men who are here for the first time, do you understand? Are the Peace Kingdom Corps and the Peace Kingdom Police here? You aren't the army and police for God's nation. God does not have a homeland, because it is without form. The speech I recently gave was called "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World." What is the purpose of this? It is to liberate the fatherland and restore the homeland. We lost the fatherland and homeland. Even if the people of the world were to perish for some reason, the dignity and honor of the children who are responsible to create a world of peace should not be lost. Do you understand? What was the first thing that was lost? What did Adam and Eve lose at the time of the Fall? They lost the lineage. What is the lineage? It is the root of love and life. Do you understand? When I dance with excitement for releasing Adam from his bitter resentment, liberating God from his bitter sorrow and when Adam, liberated now, dances as well, would God say to you, "Hey, why aren't you dancing with Rev. Moon?" Do you shake your hips when you dance or not? Are you going to say, "I'm not budging because I'm a president," or "I'm not dancing because I'm a minister or a doctor."? When people, both men and women, hear a good song, their emotions well up and they feel like dancing. When that happens, would you want to dance or not? I can't dance in front of you today because of the women who are here for the first time. If I did people would say, "Aha! So it is true: the people of the Unification Church dance naked." That is why, though I want to dance, I can't. Parents' Day should be a day of celebration.

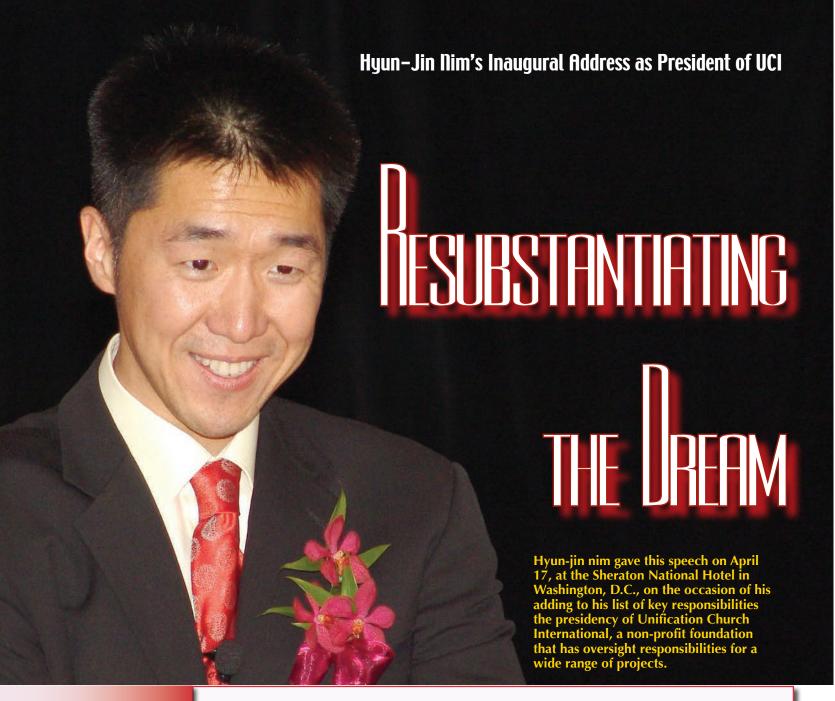
Why do I talk about True Parents? Why do I also talk about the Savior? There are many people who are in need of a savior. Why? They can be saved only after connecting to True Parents' lineage. Then, what is this True Parent? He is the Messiah. What's a messiah? It refers to the chosen people. The chosen people would be Abraham's descendants. They are all Israel; they are brothers. Those groups belonging to the realm of the Messiah who fight among themselves need a messiah. Jewish Zionism became the hotbed of communism.

Jacob's determination to defeat God and the angel allowed the chosen nation to come from him. The Israelites thought that God would concentrate only on Israel. Yet, they didn't know how to serve and attend God. Is Moses God? Moses and Adam were part of a motley crew. The Second Coming of the Lord was necessary because the first Lord failed. The first Lord came as God's son, but he failed. What are you going to do in this fallen world? You have to become true parents, but you don't know what a true parent is! The True Parents are here, but you don't know them; you don't understand who the returning Lord is. Such people should be cut away. There was no religion before the Fall. Everything that I've taught you is based on this fact. The communists can throw their dogma and principles out the window. They've practically become a religious group themselves! They can't make a false move in my presence. I know everything about them, even what's in their closets. I'll summon their ancestors and have them testify about them. I told them to pull down the statues of Marx and Lenin. I met Kim Il-sung and asked him about the *Juche* ideology. What is it? It's about creativity, awareness and independence. What does that have to do with a relational God? Those are but relative concepts. Love alone allows creativity and awareness to come about. Love—true love stands above these things. When a baby is born, doesn't it sniff its way to its mother's breast? It goes a long distance. You, do you like women? [Yes.] Do you like [your wife] more than you do your mother? Ask yourself; you should know. Do you like [your wife] more than you do like your grandmother? More than you do your queen? That becomes a problem. You should love your queen, grandmother and mother and then love your wife. If there is anyone who would abandon his queen, grandmother, and mother for his wife, loving her more, he should be driven out of the house. Or should he be protected? He's incapable of doing that because he doesn't understand lineage. He thinks his mother and father are stupid. Out of three hundred women on the streets, at least fifty, even eighty, of them indulge in free sex. Whose children are they? They have love. They have children. They have their own grandparents. How much research do you think I did for this work? I even investigated the Mafia. I even investigated Las Vegas. I know all the actors' secrets. I made preparations to clean them all up.

When I played sports, I always ranked at least third place in my group. Whatever I did, for example, the horizontal bars, I excelled. I can still do it now. I'm done in three to five minutes. I'm never late. People have to catch up with me from far behind. Has it been forty years since I made the Unification Church? I've met presidents of the United States twice before, but now I don't. If I met them and said what I wanted to, I might be able to save Korea and open the path for reunifying North and South Korea, if I boldly thrust the issue at them. I'm not lying. Where is the president of the *Washington Times*? Who is doing the six-party talks? I have their secrets in my hands. Eight [Korean] administrations have opposed me. I think I see some of the people [who worked as ministers during those administrations] here with us today. You may think, "Oh, Rev. Moon should treat us with respect!" I should give people the

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lease sit down. I want to thank all of you for coming here today and participating in this inauguration. I don't quite know what's appropriate to say at this moment. I'm not sure whether I should give a ministerial message, an educator's message or more of an executive's message. I'm at a loss right now, but I think an inaugural address to match the occasion should somehow encompass all three of them.

Especially since UCI [Unification Church International] is not just a collection of organizations with their individual purposes but is an organization that was founded based on a dream, a vision and expectation that doesn't find its root necessarily in our founder, my father, but goes all the way back to the founding of humanity and the expectation and dream that God had from the very beginning, I think fundamental questions need to be asked first to really understand the importance of this day and this era and to put them into context—not only from an institutional perspective but from a providential one.

In Rev. Kwak's testimony, the theme of Cain and Abel constantly resonates. As members of the larger Unification Church family, I'm sure people have different perspectives on that. I think for us to move together, we first have to build the basis on which our identity is constructed. So I will give, initially, a theological, or religious, or ministerial message.

After True Parents' birthday celebration in Cheongpyeong, at a gathering of the world's leaders, I spent a lot of time, and probably disappointed many leaders, talking about theological issues. [Laughter] One of them was really the theme of what the purpose of God's providence was. Who are we as blessed, central families? What was the vision and expectation that God had for Adam and Eve? Upon their failure, what was the vision and mission that God expected Jesus Christ to fulfill? It was the same mission and expecta-

tion that God had for True Parents as they trod their course, which they spent many years doing—thirty-four years to be exact—in this nation.

Why do we stand here today, calling each other brothers and sisters, members of blessed, central families, having received the blessing from True Parents? I think I need to start answering those questions first, so that we can understand who we are and what our foundation is.

The first question is what God wanted through Adam's family—what God's expectation for Adam's family was. Divine Principle tells us that God wanted to establish a four-position foundation centered on Adam's family. To make an ideal relationship between husband and wife centered on God, they would have procreated and had children centered on God, thus creating the four-position foundation. However, how many blessed, central families fully understood the meaning of the four-position foundation?

The four-position foundation is God's substantial ideal of Creation, with three generations in one lineage under God. God is involved in that family, thus substantiating true love, true life and true lineage. In the relationship that humanity had with God, He was not an omnipotent figure that was detached from human life and existence but was there, embodied in the true love and true life of his sons and daughters, first being substantiated through Adam and Eve and then through the family.

If this was God's ideal, which was tragically stolen away because of the Fall, what was the meaning behind the providence of restoration? It was a providence to reestablish, resubstantiate this dream—to create an ideal family. I'm sure many people were wondering, "Why did Hyun-jin nim really push Service For Peace? Why is his message always about living for the sake of others?" Because the impulse behind the creation of that ideal family should have been true love, living for the sake of others. After the Fall, the impulse that God had to initiate the providence of restoration was once again true love, living for the sake of others—living for his sons and daughters.

What was the false impulse that initiated the Fall? It was false love, self-centered love, the self-centered love of Lucifer not recognizing that he could have experienced the love of God through Adam and Eve. Instead of true love begetting true life and then true life begetting true lineage, false love initiated false life and substantiated false lineage. The providence of restoration, the undoing of this, has been the biggest headache and thorn to Heavenly Father and to the work of True Parents.

How is it that we now stand on a foundation in which once again we can talk about the ideal vision and dream of God? It is because the conditions of indemnity have been fulfilled, thus allowing True Parents to extend the blessing to the rest of the human family, thus engrafting that human family onto the true lineage of God. Father often gives the analogy of the wild olive trees being engrafted to the true olive tree. That is the essence and significance of the blessing from the perspective of God's providence of restoration.

Yet I don't know to this day how many of our blessed, central families really understood that in that kind of context. I know that when I was going to UTS, even my professors did not know it. Yet this was what God's providence is all about. Thus, the providence of God is to substantiate a restored family, thereby restoring all of humanity into one God-centered human family.



Hyun-jin nim with his wife Jun-sook nim and their daughter Shin-hyang nim at the table with Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan and Dr. Yang Chang-shik

When I look out on all of you, I see you as my extended brothers and sisters as you engraft into this True Family. The true resolution of Cain and Abel conflict then comes through the love that exists between Cain and Abel, living for the sake of others, living for something beyond self. In this context, we are talking about the Unification Church family and living for the sake of God's ideal, which is one God-centered human family centered on True Family. Amen, no-men? [Amen.]

That is the way I view this gathering. It is not one individual taking on the mantle, it is the family taking on the mantle, alleviating the burden that has been carried for too long by our Parents—taking ownership over that vision, just as Father, when he was a young man, took ownership over the dream that God had for humanity, made it his own and dedicated his life to seeing it fulfilled.

I'm wondering if I should go on a roll and start preaching. [Laughter] But I think it's appropriate, especially because the content is so important, that I take a little time for all of us to reflect on what the next seven years will be. What is it that we should accomplish? I don't think all of this was created because of effort alone or physical foundation alone. It was rooted in a vision and a dream. Whether we stand here or not, that vision and dream is going to go forward. Let us rise at this hour, recognizing the historical period in which we stand, and vigorously take on this challenge to bring victory in this nation. Amen, no-men? [Amen!] And I highlight the word "vigorously."

One of the things I'm trying to do now is to look at the overall movement here in America and build the best structure and processes that allow us to fulfill the missions of the various organizations that we have. It is not just a fiscal concern that I have; if I put it into business jargon, it's also a marketing concern. What position do we have in our relationship to the outside world? When I look on the mission of UCI or of HSA-UWC, it is not a mission of just educating our own people to build our own community of faith. Ours is a message that we need to be able to carry beyond our community to the larger world, because the larger world stands in the Cain position to our Unification Church family. Therefore, we always have to have an outward vision. This is something that, hopefully, I will help with in this position.

I think just this core content that I've talked about is exciting. I know vaguely how people think; I know what stimulates



them. This message of creating an ideal human family, the vision, the dream that God had, was not a detached dream that did not involve the human element. It is something that I know will resonate with people, especially in terms of heightening the level of spirituality. Most people think about spirituality from an individual perspective. However, the age of Cheon II Guk, the substantiation of the ideal family—the substantiation of extended members of the True Family through the blessed, central families—brings on an age in which spirituality has to be redefined. Not in an individual context, but within in the context of a give and take relationship between subject and object partners. Whether it be on a conjugal level, or brotherly–sisterly level, or parent-child level, the realms of heart are the basis on which we substantiate—and I put emphasis on the word "substantiate,"—God's vision of human spiritual growth, because that is where God can dwell, that is where human beings can touch that which is divine, that is where the best in humanity most resembles the original creator in God. In other words, the meaning of spirituality has changed.

How great it is, in an age in which a war against terror is being fought on religious grounds, where you have fanatics on both continents, from different religious points of view—whether it be Jew, Christian, or Muslim—that we bring this vision of spiritual families to the world, where our spirituality is rooted not just in what we preach and in the practices of our faith, but in living and doing the living for the sake of others, rooted in the fact and the knowledge that we came from one God!

On the business side, we need to start bringing in some additional basic management perspectives. I have a goal. I'm not going to tell you what my goal is from my business point of view, but I have a goal that this movement can be very prosperous—not only in terms of what I talked about but also financially. And it can happen. I know, especially in the past, we were very concerned about fiscal issues. As I've said, money is not the problem; structure is not the problem. People are the issue; vision is the issue; ownership over this vision, ownership over this dream is the issue. If that is rectified, everything else follows. With that said, I'm wondering if I should end. The future is bright; it is really determined by us.

Actually, I don't know why I have to be so formal, since I know most of the faces in this crowd. [Laughter] I don't know why I have to stand behind this podium. I've actually met most of you and talked with most of you on a very informal basis. So, can I throw this formality away and just say what's on my

mind? [Applause] I don't hear you. [Yes!] Okay, thank you.

I think it's somewhat historic that we're here in Washington D.C., not only the capital of this nation but also the capital of the world—especially at this crucial juncture in history. Father declared 2000 to be the beginning of Cheon Il Guk. Six years have already passed, and we're looking forward another seven years. From our perspective and also from the historical issues that are coming to the fore affecting all the people in the world, it's somehow a watershed, a turning point. I emphasize the word "turning point."

In an age in which Father declared we have to create an Abel UN where we gather all the religious leaders of the world,¹ all of a sudden 9/11 happened and you have religion, the basis on which conflict has escalated to the global level, affecting the most powerful nation in the world. Then you see the unfolding of U.S. policy, going beyond its borders and actively, vigorously carrying forth its ideas to the far corners of the world, which most Americans did not even understand or know of before its involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq.

You have the unfolding, historically, and recurrence of those same deep-rooted divisions that existed between the three main religions from the line of Abraham coming to the fore in this historic age. You see Christians, Jews and Muslims carrying forth those deep-seated divisions that we saw through the history of humanity and the history of religion and that have molded geopolitics in the world as we know it in the twentieth century—the world that we know it in terms of the Western world being the bastion of Christianity, the Middle East being the bastion of Islam and Judaism. You're seeing those histories coming to the fore in this crucial age.

You're also seeing the rise of Asiatic powers and their ideals in this age, with the rise of China and its becoming more of a major economic, geopolitical and military force in the world, especially in that northeastern pacific corner. You're seeing the prominence of the small peninsular nation of Korea coming more and more to the fore, with all the major nations that can be classified as superpowers seeing that as being one of the most important geopolitical issues of the day. In a world where that age-old conflict between communism and democracy was done away with twelve or thirteen years ago, you still see remnants of it in the north and south of the Korean Peninsula.

There are so many indicators. I think you can understand why if you look at it from a providential perspective. God has been moving. History has been moving. When I say it is time for us to rise and vigorously participate, that's what this time is suggesting to us! It is a time when historical, monumental effects can change the face of the world as we know it.

America is a superpower. Will it be a superpower twenty years from now? With the rise of China, what will Korea's role be? This obscure nation, which was not known by the rest of the world until the Korean War—in a new geopolitical atmosphere—what will its role be? The only so-called rogue nation that the Bush administration said is in an axis of evil that has a nuclear weapon is North Korea. At this point, Iran does not have a nuclear weapon, but North Korea does.

There is more happening in the world, in terms of history, than many other periods we've experienced in our own lives.... I think we should be comforted by the fact that we are living in a providential age, and we are the agents whom God is using to let this history move forward. This has to be something that is deeply rooted in you....

1 (*TW* insertion) see for example, Father's August 18, 2000 speech at the UN, "Renewing the United Nations to Build Lasting Peace"

In terms of our American movement, honestly speaking... I'm going to turn forty fairly soon. As I reflect at midlife, I'm wondering, "What did we accomplish? How big are we right now? How much have we affected the world, although all the historical circumstances that are necessary to bring about the type of change that we should be bringing about have been prepared by God? What are we doing? What about our 5% responsibility? How are we rising up and putting our little mark on history?"

I know most of you, because I grew up, basically, in America. I've been here, I believe, for thirty-three years of my life already. I guess I'm more American than I am Korean, although I always like to tell my children that I'm not American or Korean; I'm international. I have no nation. I have yet to find a nation, because we have not found a nation yet. We're a people in exodus; we're people in the wilderness. We have an identity, we have tribes, but we do not have a nation. Hopefully, we will find that nation, because I think whether we realize and are making the effort or not, Heavenly Father is already moving the tables. If we can't do it, somebody else will rise up.

Are we willing to make the sacrifices necessary to realize this dream that Father has been carrying, to be able to sacrifice as much as he has, to have that level of ownership, to have that determination, to have that strength? I think those are questions only you can answer. However, I'm going to do my best to challenge you. Are you going to welcome that challenge?

I think I'm wearing my executive hat now, not my pastoral, shepherding-the-flock hat. [Laughter] It's more of an executive hat, kind of a coach taking his team to the national finals, knowing that if this team is going to the national finals, we're going to face some stiff competition!... A good coach says, "I've got some talented players, guys with real ability, but what I need to do is mesh them into a team. We need to have a common purpose; we need to have a common direction. We can't be spread out, all individuals wanting their little piece of glory. We have to think like a team! We have to work like a team. We also need to sacrifice. We have to work hard....

I love being challenged. At the same time, I love challenging back. Let's say in that process we create a more stimulating environment, and in the process of doing that we accomplish

things that we have never thought we were able to accomplish. Maybe it means that even your paradigm needs to be totally adjusted.

For me personally, I like that kind of environment. I think we all need to be challenged. In my life I've been challenged many times, and I know that as the years go by, I will be challenged even more. In that process, instead of feeling weak or overwhelmed by it, I want to rise to that challenge. I want to embrace that challenge. I want to have ownership over that challenge. In that process we will grow. Could we all have that kind of attitude as we move forward? [Yes.] You guys, "yes, yes, yes, yes," it just sounds good. Do you have ownership over that? Do you really, really not mind new trials?

I think great things can happen. I've had the pleasure of meeting a lot of the guys from UCI already, and I know them, but I'll get to know them better. I think we're capable of doing more, and that's good. That means there's a lot of potential, but it also means we have to put everything in perspective and welcome whatever challenges come our way. We need to take ownership. One of the things we need to do is to see things in a new light. Can you do that? [Yes.]

There are also those from the nonprofit organizations here. For the nonprofit organizations, I'm going to start holding you more accountable. [Laughter] Do you think that's good or not? [Yes.]

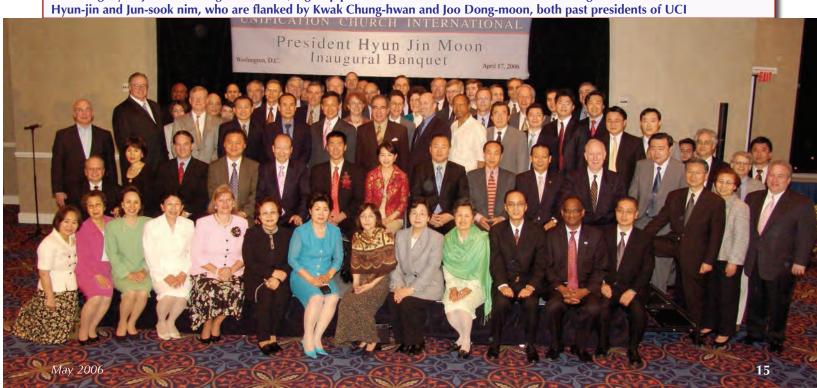
I'm not going to go into detail, but I can tell you that the things my parents are expecting out of UCI are very much involved with how they see the providence.

As I said, we should all rise to the occasion and embrace challenges. We need to have that kind of attitude. You also need to have a sense of purpose, that we're living for the greater good. It's not about you! It's not about the individual. If we have that level of ownership, great things will happen. Could I ask that of all of you? [Yes.]

With that said, everybody who wants to give UCI a new beginning and open up a new chapter in the history of this organization, stand up, raise your hands and say, "Amen!" [Amen!] Okay, thank you. [Applause]◆

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Following Hyun-jin nim's inaugural address, a group photo of the invited leaders from different organizations was taken with







y brothers and sisters, we stand at an important crossroad in not only our history but in the history of providence. For over forty years, we have wandered the wilderness, suffering many trials. We have faced the taunts of our fellow classmates, been persecuted by officials in society and been ridiculed as heretics by Christians. We have lost loved ones near and dear to our heart.

Although we talk about the family being the classroom of love, my childhood was not a happy one. Since our parents had given their lives to their public missions, there was no one to teach me or my siblings of love. When we were taunted and persecuted by other students or teachers, we had no one to go to to console us for the pain we felt. Instead of understanding and compassion, we were drilled in discipline and will. Feeling was for the weak, and obedience was all that was stressed. Father often talks about how his memory of his mother's love sustained him through many of his hardships, however, for me and my siblings, such memories were few and far between. In our times of hardship, we had no love to sustain us, just an empty hole in our hearts that ached with pain. Since we were never taught how to console each other, we ended up tormenting each other even more. Such was my life and the lives of my siblings: materially blessed, emotionally impoverished.

Despite the hardships, I had hope. As we were all taught, I believed that the blessing would bring true love, happiness, and family. Unfortunately, life is not fair. My blessing did not bring any of the things I had hoped for. I gained neither love nor children.

What sustained me during this time was my work and my relationships with a number of my siblings. After I graduated from Harvard University, I worked in Korea for the Tongil Foundation for six months. During that time, I reduced expenses in our group and raised nearly \$100 million for the Foundation in Japan. I also was able to help dispose of the facto-

ries in Germany that had continuously lost \$20 million a year.

Although I had some accomplishments during that time, I felt that I had done all that I could to help the Foundation and Father at that time. So, I returned to the U.S.A. to develop a company around the gun that I had invented. After many challenging years, in the end, I succeeded in achieving what I started to do. I built a successful firearms company. Today, Kahr Arms is one of the few growth companies in the firearms industry.

I have always tried to look after my younger siblings with a parental heart. To the best of my ability, I tried to love and guide them as an elder brother. Of all my family, I was closest to and loved Young-jin most. What I loved most about him was his generosity of spirit, selfless love, intelligence and concern for all of his brothers and sisters. As an individual, Young-jin was practically perfect his whole life. From him, I learned what it really means to be a brother, to be empathetic and compassionate. The one thing that he never understood until the end was failure and disappointment. Before Young-jin passed away, he told me that he did not want to live as I lived. He just wanted to be happy.

My brothers and sisters, isn't that what we all want—to be happy? We all know that there are many paths offered on the road to happiness. Some paths make one happy temporarily, some lead to misery and some lead to happiness to varying degrees. We, of course, believe that true happiness can only be reached through true love. So what then is true love?

Love is an emotion that binds two people together so that they become one in spirit and in body. True love is love that passes the test of time. It is a love that is eternal, a love that not even death can separate. Our challenge is to convince people that once they find love, they should cherish it as a gift from God and never let it go. The problem with the world today is that it does not cherish love. Instead, it pursues convenience. If you fall out of love, you can fall back into it again. If you need to relocate, you break up and find a new mate in

your new location.

I had lived a life where I had sacrificed my happiness for the sake of setting an example for my siblings. When I thought of it, however, I had to ask myself the question—do I really want to inspire people to suffer in the age of liberation? To me the answer was I would rather inspire people to find joy. But how can one inspire others to find such happiness and live if you have never experienced it?

In my heart of hearts, I knew that for me to help people find happiness and love, I needed to first understand and experience happiness and love.

Being Unification Church members, we are all familiar with Jacob's story. Jacob obtained Esau's birthright from him with porridge and took Esau's blessing by deceiving his father Isaac with his mother's cooperation. Fearing reprisal from his brother, Jacob fled to Laban's house, where he toiled for twenty-one years. For seven years, Jacob toiled to win Rachel's hand. After seven years of labor, Laban deceived him by giving him Leah; so Jacob had to toil seven more years to finally marry Rachel. He worked for seven years to gain his fortune. With his fortune, Jacob returned to his home offering gifts to his brother Esau to win his love and voluntary submission.

In explaining the significance of Jacob's life, the Divine Principle says: "Based on the Foundation of Faith which Isaac had established, the Foundation of Substance now had to be made in order to complete the Foundation for the Messiah. For this purpose, Isaac's two sons, Esau and Jacob, had to meet the indemnity condition for removing the Fallen Nature."

Jacob was the first person to substantiate God's vision of natural subjugation of Cain by Abel. In doing so, God blessed Jacob and his children to become the nation of Israel.

As God guided Jacob, God has worked mysteriously in my life to bring me here before you today. This was never a place which I expected or desired to be. Like Jacob, I did not find love until my second blessing, for which I will be eternally



grateful to True Parents. And now, I stand before all of you, our elders included, bearing gifts.

Because of True Father's command, I came to Korea last year. When I arrived, I toured our businesses in our group and found a very difficult situation. For forty years, our Tongil group has lost money, and in 2004 the group lost over \$54 million. The situation was bad and not getting better, but with True Parents' blessing, I was able to turn the business around and make \$12 million profit in 2005.

We made a dramatic improvement in our group's performance, but still have a long way to go. We still have over \$550 million of bank debt and substantially more liabilities. Although our situation is better, it will take time before we can return the earnings of the Foundation to the church since we must first repay the banks.

With your support and patience, we can make the Foundation "the gift that keeps on giving." With careful management, our business group can continue to increase its profitability and help support our missions throughout Korea and the world. So far, under my administration, our Foundation has contributed millions of dollars to pay for True Parents' speaking events this year. My commitment to you is to be a leader that can represent our members. As for me, I have come here to serve and have received no compensation for my work.

My brothers and sisters, I have suffered as you have suffered. My suffering is that of most people. It is the struggles that you faced, the struggles of your neighbors, your friends and relatives. There are people who have suffered and given more, and for those people I have nothing but respect. My suffering is my own, however, and to me it was and is real and continues to challenge me.

Nonetheless, suffering has not made me hate those who caused it. Instead, I have let go of the hate and anger for those who have caused me pain. For how can I hate my parents who gave me life, my brothers and sisters with whom I share my blood, and my community which fed and clothed me? Through forgiveness and compassion, I have become free from the prison of self-centeredness that binds us. If we are to be free, we must return love and kindness for the evil done upon us. We must pray that those who persecuted us

may find love and forgiveness in their lives, so they may be redeemed before their Creator.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:44, 45)

These words ring as true today as they did two thousand years ago when Jesus first spoke them. In truth, we must learn to love those who did us harm, so that we can be liberated from the prison in which unforgiving people live. Loving your enemy is embracing your own salvation.

Despite the challenges, somehow, God found a way for me. I have come to find love and family. Because of the joy that I now feel, I want to return that happiness to my parents' family and to all of you. My greatest hope is to inspire and empower you to find happiness in our community and become true leaders who can multiply God's love throughout the world.

My life is laid bare, open for all to see. I accept whatever judgment you have. To the best of my ability, I have lived my life as sincerely as I know and have always tried to be true to my conscience. Whether I have succeeded or failed in that endeavor is not for me to decide. I leave that to you all. All that I seek to do is to serve—to serve my family, tribe, nation and world.

Before us lies the Jordan River; we have wandered the wilderness for the past forty years. All we have to do is forget the past and cross the river to become citizens of a new Israel. It is time for us to become people of the Liberation Period.

As God said to Joshua: "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the people of Israel." (Josh 1:2)

"...as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and of good courage; for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them." (Josh 1: 5, 6)

What is the Liberation Period? According to True Father, it is a period of the coming of the Messiah and his acceptance. It is a period of understanding God's intent rather than following the letter of the law. It is a period when people govern

On May 1, on the 52nd anniversary of the founding of HSA-UWC, members in Korea gathered at the 9-storey FFWPU Headquarters Building in the Cheongpa-dong area of Seoul, a short distance from where the first church still stands. After a speech by Korean Church President Hwang Sun-jo, Kook-jin Moon spoke about the organization his parents have invested so much in building. Kook-jin nim is beside his wife Ji-yea nim, days before the birth of their second child.





themselves through their own consciences. It is a period of brother- and sisterhood and universal acceptance.

I'm turning again to the Bible; Jesus said the following: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5: 17)

"People will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the spirit will not be forgiven." (Matthew 12: 31)

Jesus cured the sick during Sabbath and associated with tax collectors and sinners. Ultimately, the laws that God had given were designed to bring people closer to him and free them from sin.

Isn't that why you tell your children to do certain things and not to do others? Do you tell your children this so that you can judge them and castigate them and throw them out? The intent is different. The intent is directing our children to make them better people. In the Old Testament—the period of indemnity—God gave laws to man and made them follow those laws with absolute obedience, but when Jesus came, the intent of the law became more important than the letter of the law.

We must remember that we suffered so that others do

not have to. Why do you want to perpetuate suffering in the world? The period of indemnity must end. Unification Church members must learn to be more open, embracing and universal. As True Father proclaimed, this is the time in which he is giving God's blessing to the entire world—on his victorious foundation of paying indemnity for all of humanity's sins through the greater suffering of our True Parents and the Unification Movement. We should rejoice that our brothers and sisters do not have to go through the courses that we walked. That is our pride and our accomplishment.

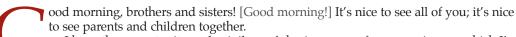
My brothers and sisters, I thank you for the opportunity to share these words with you. In conclusion, I want all of you to know that True Parents are the eternal root of all humanity. There will never be another True Parents. As the head of the Tongil Foundation, my responsibility is to use all of my authority to honor True Parents and work to establish their thoughts and message firmly in the world, and to ensure that their lineage becomes the trunk, branches and leaves to which all of humanity will be engrafted. With your support, I would like to pursue this mission that True Parents have given me to the best of my ability.

On May 8 Kook-jin Moon was officially appointed the President of the Tongil Foundation. He will continue the work he has been doing, infusing new life into organizations in Korea that are connected to our movement.



Growing Up with True Children





I have the opportunity and privilege of sharing some of my experiences, which I'm sure you want to hear, because I know the second generation. In your original mind, your natural heart and inclination pull you toward True Parents and the rest of the True Family. It's innate and is very natural, and I understand that it resonates in you, but because of different circumstances you are not able to have that kind of opportunity directly, physically. As someone who has had the awesome privilege and opportunity to be around the True Family, love was given to me and investment made not on a personal level but because of my representing the second generation, representing all of you and the rest of the Unification families. I have an awesome responsibility and duty to let the love and the heart that I experienced flow beyond me.

I want to share some of my experiences as I grew up with True Children and some of the very personal aspects of their lives. During this brief time, I want to allow you to feel closer to the True Children's heart and love.

Perhaps I should briefly introduce myself. I was born in 1966, the same year that Heung-jin nim was born. I was born in Korea and lived there until I was fourteen, when our family moved to America in 1981. We had the privilege to live close to East Garden. Actually, because I am around Heung-jin nim's age, I spent most of my time with Heung-jin nim, until he went to the spirit world in 1984. Afterward, I still had the opportunity to be close to the True Family, attending Hyo-jin nim until I graduated UTS and working with Hyun-jin nim from 1998, when he asked me to, while I was a national messiah to Mongolia.

I don't know how you guys are, but the second-generation kids in my age group when I was growing up in Korea had only a vague idea, almost like a dream or fantasy in their imaginations, of True Children, living in America like princes or princesses in fairy tales. There was the sense of "Oh, I want to be like them," or that kind of very naïve, pure and simple perception. My first encounter, when I first came to America in 1981, was when we temporarily spent a couple of months in Belvedere, because the house we were supposed to live in was not ready. On the first day, the whole family prayed at the holy ground, on the holy rock in Belvedere. The next day, I was just walking around in the garden near where the apple trees and some of the other trees are. I didn't know what the True Children looked like. When I was fourteen, I was skinny and short. Walking around near the garden, I met this very tall, well-built brother practicing with a sword, not a fencing sword; it was more substantial, not very thin. There were a couple of other boys there. At that time, I didn't know English and didn't realize it was Heung-jin nim. I was just curiously watching, just being there. He looked at me and said, "Who are you?" It was kind of an interesting encounter. I don't remember much, but the initial conversations were rather simple. He said something like, "So you're Rev. Kwak's son." He welcomed me and explained, "I'm



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Heung-jin nim." He brought me into his fold with his friends there.

On the front line

You know there are so many experiences I almost don't know where to begin! Heung-jin nim played mostly with Hyun-jin nim and Kook-jin nim. They were closest in age, and at that time Hyo-jin nim was in Korea and other places, so Heung-jin nim was kind of the boss at the time. Usually, the trinity of Heung-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim, and Kook-jin nim were the ones among the True Children playing the most together. Of course, other second-generation kids about my age played with them.

When I see my kids and these younger brothers and sisters that go to school now, I realize it's a different time. In the schools that we were going to, there were very few Orientals at that time. We were called "Moonie" and so forth. Especially in the 1970s and early 80s, I would say the level of recognition and the brand name that we carried had more impact than it does today. I had many interesting experiences on a personal level, which I don't want to go into at this point.

Hyun-jin nim and some of the other True Children sometimes tell people in the first generation, "You know, I was right there on the front line with you." and "The True Family is always on the front line." Sometimes you may not know what that means, but I personally experienced and saw what True Children went through. On the front line, you face persecution, right? On the front line, you have to confront and be confronted by the fact that you follow Rev. Moon or True Parents, right? You have to reveal your identity and try to love. You have to try to make an impression and represent True Parents in front of God and Satan. As you know, the True Children carry True Parents' family name.

I was in Heung-jin nim's room once when he was in high school and Hyun-jin nim and Kook-jin nim were in middle

The True Family celebrating Hyun-jin nim's third birthday;
Left to right: Hyo-jin nim, True Mother with Kook-jin nim,
True Father with Hyun-jin nim, Mrs. Choi Won-pok with
Un-jin nim, early member
Lee Joeng-og with In-jin nim,
and Ye-jin nim

school. Kook-jin nim was on the football team and Hyun-jin nim was too. I don't know if you know Kook-jin nim well. Kook-jin nim came into Hyun-jin nim's room after coming back from football practice.

Kook-jin nim was not physically big, relatively speaking, on the football team. Usually, you don't tackle your own team members as aggressively as you do your opponents, especially during practice. Of course, during practice, you tackle other players, in scrimmages and so forth, but Kook-jin nim came back with so many bruises on his body, even though he wore pads. I remember Heung-jin nim getting really, really upset. His younger brother got hammered and not just a little, but all over his body. Heung-jin nim realized Kook-jin nim was hurt. I remember Heung-jin nim putting him in a hot bath with Epson salts to soothe the injuries. Hyun-jin nim also got upset.

This is not the only incident I know of; Kook-jin nim and Heung-jin nim, all the True Children fought often in school, but I don't want to go into the details. I know they had to physically defend themselves in order not to be beaten and not to be pushed around.

Not only would the kids make fun of them, but the teachers and principals and others who were around would too. Hyun-jin nim privately told me about the experiences growing up. The parents of classmates didn't want their kids to be around them, and the parents were explicitly saying that to their children. You can imagine.

When you are older and can make sense of the world and put pieces together, you are able to understand; you can rationalize and somehow cope with it, but not when you are a little kid and this is your reality. It's a very difficult situation to cope with, especially when you are young. When the True Children say that they were on the front line, I know for a fact that is the case.

Many of the True Children went





to a private school called Hackley, in the Tarrytown area, but Heung-jin nim changed to Irvington High School, a public school, when he was in tenth grade. He transferred in September, but he had the accident in December and went to spirit world on January 2. Heung-jin nim had a quiet character; he seemed introverted. He was also very kind and warm-hearted. He always took care of the abandoned kids, those kids that no one else wanted to associate with. He took them into his fold and took care of them; I remember that from school.

I know another way that they stood on the front line. In the Divine Principle, the central figure, the core axis that God's providence works through, is the one who is liable to be attacked, because if Satan can eliminate or damage that person, the providence is prolonged. That is how Satan has been able to expand and continue his influence over the fallen world.

The front line is close to God's central figure, to True Parents and their immediate family, where Satan's total focus and attention is always targeted. True Parents meant for the Cain children, the first generation, as well as the second generation to be a protective layer to prevent the situation of a direct attack. Satan will do anything to get through. You guys are seventeen or eighteen. You weren't born when Heung-jin nim passed away twenty-one years ago. You parents remember when Heung-jin nim's accident happened.

On the day of the accident, he came over to visit my house and the houses of others in our age group to pick us up to visit Barrytown, UTS. Only the Lee brothers, Jin-bok and Jingil, were there at that time. He came over to my house, but a friend of mine and I had already left to go visit some other member.

We never imagined that a True Child would become an offering, a sacrifice. When I heard about the accident, we went to Belvedere to the rock for a prayer vigil, though it was very cold. Even as I prayed, the thought of Heung-jin nim passing to the spirit world almost never crossed my mind, even though we'd heard he was in critical condition. We thought that among the True Children, in the True Family, that was an almost impossible scenario.

Protecting True Parents

You have heard testimonies about Heung-jin nim's life and the famous stories of his taking his friends and testing the East Garden security, haven't you? I was one of those friends, a live witness to what Heung-jin nim was doing. Of all the things that are usually mentioned in Heung-jin nim's life story, I directly experienced many of them. There are also untold stories. Let me tell you about the infiltration.

For us, it was as if we were playing; it was an adventure, a military game or a spy game. That was our level of consciousness and awareness. Of course, when Heung-jin nim suggested these things, we went along and did them together, but I will give you an example of how serious he was. Even in this so-called infiltration game, Heung-jin nim made us put on black shoe polish, like the cream that marines put on their faces to make sure that their skin is not reflective and their skin color is hidden. Don't try this at home, okay? We didn't have anything better, so we used the black shoe cream, which is very damaging to your skin. And even though it was summer, we wore black gloves and all our clothes had to be black. If we didn't wear black, we would get scolded. The nights we would practice these things, Heung-jin nim would get permission from True Parents for us to stay overnight at East Garden. We would all cram into his small room, all the boys. We would change our clothes and put on our masks.

There were two scenarios: one was where you would infiltrate out from Heung-jin nim's room in the corner of the second floor of the main house. From the fire escape ladder, you hung out a chain. You climbed down, and the mission was to infiltrate out of East Garden without being detected. Sometimes we would do it the other way around and start from the outside and try to infiltrate in. But more often we would try to test it from inside out, because it was easier for us at the time.

You can imagine that each time we went out, Heung-jin nim would give directions about which path to take and which way to go. We had this map of where the security cameras were, where the dogs were, and where the fence was. Actually, the fence was electric, so if you touched it, the alarm would go off in the security base! We had to know how to avoid that. Actually, we dug holes. We dug holes in very convenient places hidden by woods. It was a serious manner.

We were told not to get caught, but obviously we were not professionals. It was just an adventure for us. We didn't take it as seriously as Heung-jin nim did. So most of us got caught in a relatively short time; we were detected by security guards. We were huddled up in a security booth, and later on, we were let go and told, "Don't do that again!" [Laughter]

Then we would go to Heung-jin nim's room and wait, but Heung-jin nim wouldn't come back for hours and hours. We got caught easily, even though we knew where the cameras and the dogs were and we'd tried to make a path to escape



undetected, but we were not as serious. The guards patrolled. Sometimes you just are caught suddenly. Sometimes you know when they're patrolling, but when you're not serious, you don't just stay and wait until the security guard has absolutely passed. You try to sneak by. That's why we were caught more easily; but Heung-jin nim, if he knew that the security guards were waiting, if he had any chance of getting caught, he would sit and wait under the trees in the darkness, even if it took hours. He really wanted to test them. Of course, he had a lot more possibility of success than we did, because he really took it seriously. He really wanted to test the level of the alertness of the security system, as well as the security guards.

Willing sacrifice

Many times Heung-jin nim was going around bringing kids to Belvedere when Father spoke there every Sunday. Actually, he didn't have a license, so he asked a security brother to drive

a van around and he would be in there to pick us up and bring us to the service. I think when he reached sixteen, he received his license.

Well, late one night, at almost 1:00 AM, Heung-jin nim came and knocked on our window, because he didn't want to disturb anyone by going through the front door or ringing our bell. He would come to our window and wake us up, "Come on, get out!" Anyway, he woke us up in the middle of the night. I went with him. Some other guys in our age group were there. He had a favorite spot behind the Gracemere property [in Tarrytown, NY] that some of you may know about. That is a big wooded property that Father bought to build a school on, but the local government did not give permission to do that.

There is a dirt road going back, and if you follow the dirt road, you come to a small pond, which was Heung-jin nim's favorite spot. He would go there to pray and spend private time.

He brought several others and me there in a small minivan. We got out. He kept the headlights on but turned the engine off. He was sitting in front of the van in the middle of the grill between the two headlights, where we couldn't clearly see his face. We could just see his figure, his silhouette. He was sitting with his arms crossed, and we were standing around him in a semicircle.

He was very serious. I remember this vividly, because he was extremely, extremely serious; it seemed he didn't speak for ten minutes. He was very quiet and didn't talk.

Then he said, "I cannot trust the security brothers fully. If a moment comes when an assassin, some killer, is about to shoot True Father or True Mother, in that split second of decision, would the security brothers jump in to stop the bullet without hesitation?" I forgot the exact words, but it is a valid question: In that split second will the security guard be able to commit his life to save Father's life? Of course, we always say we can offer our lives, but until that moment nobody knows.

He was telling me as well as everyone else at that moment, "I am willing to offer my life to save Father's life, but I want to also ask you if you can promise that." Three times to each person, eye to eye, he asked us. When he'd heard our answers, he wrote an "F" three times in the dirt. He said this "F" represented "Father," "Faith" and "Friendship." He put a circle around them and connected them as a four-position foundation chart.

Then he told us to remember the pledge that we'd made on that ground together. That was a very powerful moment in our lives. I don't want to forget that moment. I wanted to make that a part of me, so when we scattered, I took a small bit of that dirt and kept it for a while. After Heung-jin nim went to spirit world, I didn't just want to keep it, I swallowed that dirt to make sure it became a part of me and that it is never separated from me. I know Heung-jin nim and the other True Children are always going to be on the front line.

Rev. Kwak arrived in the U.S. in 1976. After applying for visas in April 1979, Rev. Kwak's family had to wait two years more to join him in America. *Left to right:* Jinhyo, Mi-sook, Shin-sook, Rev. Kwak, his wife Yun Jung-un, Jin-man, Jun-sook-nim (Hyun-jin nim's wife) and Sung-sook (ascended 1995)



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So he had the nine hundred people come from Houston on buses, and our meeting with him was extended until the time of their arrival.

Many retired American presidents have had their own libraries, museums, and memorial halls built. The Bush Library, built and furnished under the direction of former president Bush, seemingly extends in all directions on a total area of 90 acres. In order to receive us there, he had all his other appointments cancelled; in addition, he took special care when he heard that Hyun-jin nim would also be visiting him. I mentioned the official meeting he had with the women, but apart from that, he also met with Hyun-jin nim and a few of our church officials in a truly valuable session. Another of his sons, Neil Bush, who has met Hyun-jin nim before, was unfortunately out of the country. Neil Bush holds Father in high esteem. During last year's world tour, he came to hear Father's speech in several places, including the Philippines and Taiwan. At our meeting, the senior Bush told Hyun-jin nim that his son had written a sincere letter to him introducing Hyun-jin nim. Of course, since Hyun-jin nim had grown up in America, he had no trouble communicating with him. I was amazed, though, that although the president was superior in age and social status, Hyun-jin nim treated him naturally in a friendly manner, as he might his own contemporary. As befitting a person representing Father, he led the conversation with dignity, which astounded us. The subject of conversation moved naturally to the providential connection of True Parents' family and the Bush family. The gist of what Hyun-jin nim said was that he knew very well how hard Ex-President Bush had conscientiously worked not only for the benefit of the United States but also for the world and for peace in the Middle East while in office as president and how his son after him has also been working hard for world peace, and that in that respect Hyunjin nim felt a closeness to him, for he too has a father who has devoted his whole life to achieving the ideal world of peace. He spoke in this way and Mr. Bush responded accordingly.

Hyun-jin nim went on to speak about the issue of peace and family problems, and in particular about the matter of the unification of North and South Korea. He remarked that he was sure Mr. Bush had heard that Father had laid a foundation also in the North and formed connections there, and since the question of peace on the Korean peninsula was one of the greatest worries of not only the senior Bush but also of his son, he would also be aware that without making use of Father's foundation in the North, nothing could be achieved.

They also had a profound conversation about Middle East issues and Father's interreligious foundation, character education for young people, the true family movement, UN reform initiatives and so on. They spoke to each other in peace and harmony, as if it were any common family gathering. Mr. Bush also took pictures with our officials. The atmosphere was friendliest when he was photographed with Hyun-jin nim. Even at the official meeting with the woman leaders, he first expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Hyun-jin nim's visit. He treated us civilly throughout the official meeting, gave us priority, and praised our movement and the Father's accomplishments both directly and indirectly.

There is a passageway for the exclusive use of the ex-president leading from the room, and Hyun-jin nim and a few of us followed after him as he went down the passageway. At first, the security guards tried to stop us, but when they saw the look change in the eyes of their boss, they dropped back.

Ex-president Bush hurried on his way to keep his appointment with the nine hundred people waiting for him, and in the corridors and in the lobby many people of greater or lesser influence tried to get a glimpse of his face and greet him. The former president stopped briefly each time to nod hello, and he would stop at times to turn back and shake hands with Hyun-jin nim. Three times he came back to pat Hyun-jin nim on the back and shake his hand. I felt that he was doing so not merely as a politician but to express his good will and appreciation on the foundation of what Hyun-jin nim had said to him about the relationship of the two families centered on Heaven, the importance of the True Family ideology and the need for cooperation between the two families.

Though he is no longer in office, Mr. Bush is still well guarded. No one can come into close contact with him. The Korean women who had come to take part in the meeting were not made aware of this fact, however, because the former president had issued instructions in advance to the security guards to stand well back. Usually such a thing cannot be done.

Not only that, but do you think the highest leaders in a nation like the United States drink any beverage given them without second thoughts? Of course they don't. At the meeting with Hyun-jin nim, after the atmosphere got a little friendlier, Mrs. Alexa Ward, the American WFWP president, and WFWP International Vice-President Sugiyama brought in holy wine. They explained that it represented our vow and condition to live forever in happiness with our spouses without divorcing, and that they had brought it for him and his wife.

By American thinking, accepting and drinking holy wine right on the spot is inconceivable, but Mr. Bush didn't look awkward as it was given to him while he was standing near Hyun-jin nim. He said, "This must be like a religious ritual you have." And right there and then, he opened and drank from it. After he had drunk the holy wine, we told him that True Mother was touring the United States and across the world to conduct the Blessing Ceremony. We also gave him another cup of holy wine and asked him to give it to his wife, Barbara, when he returned home that night. He accepted it expressing thanks. I've heard that he always keeps his word. So, including the Holy Wine Ceremony, I believe that the series of events that took place on that day would be an important condition for the conclusive success of the Universal Peace Federation ideal together with Father's expectations for the Bush family.

Hyun-jin nim could have just gone and met Mr. Bush by himself. The reason he mobilized the woman leaders was to form a connection to the course of the providence taking place in Korea, which is centered on True Mother with the women representing her in the forefront. They are the Peace Kingdom Corps on the right and the Peace Kingdom Police on the left, which exist to stabilize a world that is out of control. This was disclosed to us at Cheongpyeong, and officially launched at the Mongolian Peoples' Federation World Assembly. For the great work of blessing all countries around the world in units of nations, within this period, this event had had to take place. So with Hyun-jin nim representing the True Sons of the True Family and the Korean woman leaders the True Mother, they were meant to meet and form a connection to the Bush family. Thankfully, Ex-President Bush did his best to accommodate Father's urgently drawn up plans. Father needs to complete the ideal Abel UN, and to do so the existing UN needs to be reformed. If this is not possible, a new Abel UN is needed. In

either case, the United States must play a very important external role. In light of this, the responsibility given to the Bush family is consequently very important.

Therefore, though the Korean woman leaders came without knowing all the details of the event, they received great blessings. True Parents bestowed on them great love and encouragement. Father did not consider their present social status or positions, but treated them as befitting representatives of Korean women. He offered a prayer in connection with the mission of Korean women in relation to the great providence of the unification of South and North and the realization of world peace.

During this time period, while in the United States, True Father made many decisions about impending matters. In the future there will be a "Women's Party" and the "Men's Party" under True Parents' overall administration that will be in a position to undertake great tasks. As you may know, Father founded the Family Party, which carries the sense of being an educa-

tional institution [교육당] using the Chinese character 별 for "당" meaning "house," [rather than the homophone character meaning "party"]. Its work involves leading the nation and its people through the education of properly establishing a family. We have been carrying out a nationwide educational program. If all citizens down to the basic grassroots level had been educated, Father would be able to administer things in comfort, but we failed in this responsibility.

History since the Fall is said to have lasted six thousand years, yet in reality human history dates back a hundred thousand years. Father is trying to set to rights and complete the restoration in his lifetime of the long, false lineage inherited from Satan, which is entangled in this long stretch of history.

Father needs to complete this work in his generation. He has labored and toiled to this end, leading us behind him, though we have been too ignorant and insufficient to the task even to keep up, let alone assist. At the end of next year, South Korean presidential elections will be held, and in the following year, 2008, there is an election for members of the National Assembly. However, Heaven has set 2012 as the deadline. From this perspective, we still have so much education and teaching to do, because we are living in the very important final period of fruition. Through the thorough execution of the activities on the grassroots level and through hoondok churches, we need to select Abel-type figures from all areas—politics, economy, culture, and society—and educate them, so that they can help make this an upright nation. Employing whatever means are necessary, we need to engender a movement to save our country. On April 18, Father made that decision and instructed Mother to conduct the Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of Homeland in a hundred and twenty nations, accompanied by their sons. The fortune, accomplishments and all results of providential victories have been bequeathed to Mother from Father. With her at the center, an educational tour will be carried out in a hundred and twenty countries, where representatives of the citizens will be established and blessed as the national unit. In the early days of the church, in this world filled only with those in the lineage



In February, Father reemphasized that Korean National Messiahs had to complete catching 40 each of 4 types of fish. 37 left for the Pantanal on March 1. 17 fulfilled their quota. On May 23, Rev. Kim Jong-soo (Micronesia) and Mrs. Moon Chang-soo (Togo) presented their prize catches to Father at Hannam-dong.

of Satan, True Father walked the difficult path of indemnity and sacrifice that he alone knows and performed the Holy Wedding. Following the Holy Wedding, he went on to find and establish each and every one of the 36 couples, a process that was like a bloody fight with Satan. To sever the bloodline of the Fall that had continued in us, True Parents paid the price through their sacrifices, set the conditions and made the necessary recompense in order to find and guide each one of us through the narrow gates of the blessing. Satan does his utmost not to have anything belonging to him snatched away, so True Parents had to go through a great deal of trouble in setting conditions and paying a price to reclaim the couples and bless them.

The opening between the gates of the blessing at that time could be likened to the eye of a needle, but with the 72-couple and 124-couple blessings—with each successive blessing, the gates have opened wider. As you all know, the blessing has been global in scope since 1992. We are now in a position where we can bring anyone to receive the blessing. On the foundation of last year's inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation, Satan has already surrendered, and the activities of the remnant companions have completely withered away.

Now, the providence of grace has begun, which enables the blessing to be bestowed on a large scale, by establishing representatives for the blessing in units of nations. We have remained unaware of this, but after returning from the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation, Father said that the inauguration would continue. He went on to hold gatherings of 50,000 people and then 70,000 people. In addition, Korea was divided into ten regions, and the blessing of a total of 1.2 million people elevated them, as blessing recipients, to represent the unit of the whole nation; this was then handed down to True Mother.

On this basis, the tour, with True Mother in complete charge, began in the United States on the April 28. This providential work commenced with the True Children and us standing as the Cain representatives in front of True Mother as the Abel. Accordingly, on the tour, Hyun-jin nim will accompany

Mother through our North American Continent region, Asia, the North East Continent and Oceania; Kook-jin nim will accompany her to the Middle East, Europe, and Japan. Hyo-jin nim will accompany her to Africa and South America. I say this again, that in this tour Mother will not only make declarative speeches but will also conduct the blessing in every country she visits as if it were the unit of a nation.

The programs for the tour will be conducted in English to help the world understand more easily. Mother too will be speaking in English. Considering the fact that most of the words and sentences of this new truth are very difficult, making it even more of a challenge to convey in English, I admire True Mother in going ahead with it. [Applause] Until yesterday, I accompanied her and delivered the introductory speech as the representative of the Cain side. You can't imagine how great Mother looked to me. She digested all of the difficult sentences as her own and spoke naturally, which was no easy feat. The highest leaders of the American movement, including Dr. Walsh, remarked that the speech was not an easy one even for Americans. Taking this into account, picture for yourselves Mother learning the entire speech, which is not a short one, and delivering it in front of an audience. In light of this, we should participate in True Mother's global speaking tour by setting conditions as well. True Mother will bring back and dedicate to True Father the victorious results of her tour through a hundred and twenty nations, accompanied by her Abel and Cain children and bestowing the blessing on a national scale in each country. After Father receives this, Father and Mother will dedicate it to God. One hundred and twenty is a number that represents the world, but True Parents desire to bestow and share the blessing with more people, so they have instructed the continental directors to have other leaders extend the number of those blessed to a hundred and eighty nations. There are over two hundred nations, ladies and gentlemen, if even the smallest countries are included. The fact that out of those, one hundred and eighty nations will be blessed, signifies that the blessing will be bestowed basically on the entire globe. This will lead to the spiritual world becoming a liberated realm of freedom that will play a more active

role in supporting our work on earth, giving way to more amazing spiritual phenomena on earth—and consequently the development of a new heaven and earth.

We are living in such a wonderful era. Earlier today, Mother accompanied Father to the airport, where Father's plane left first. Mother left thirty minutes later on a private plane on her way to Miami. By now, the gathering there would have drawn to a close. On the last tour, Father was on a hectic schedule, but he completed the world tour in healthy condition and returned to Korea, where he went on to host another grand event without taking any time off to rest in between. This has become the talk of the world. Everyone wonders at how robust father is, seeing that he can do these things at his age. Now, with Father remaining in the rear and Mother out in front with the True Children, the world will take more notice than ever. We should participate in Mother's 120-nation speaking tour by setting conditions. Moreover, since Korea is the fatherland of the providence, we should fulfill the responsibility given us by Heaven, no matter what.

Next, Father instructed that the structure of our financial foundation, organizations and institutions be reorganized. Last April 17, the inaugural ceremony for the new chairman of the board of directors of UCI was held in the United States. Though in many ways I was not adequate to the task, I had been serving in that position before April 17. UCI stands for Unification Church International, which is an oversight organization Father created for the international and global movement. The position of the chairman of the UCI board of directors was given to Hyun-jin nim. In addition, on May 8, Kook-jin nim will be inaugurated chairman of the board of directors of the Tongil Foundation in Korea. At this juncture, we need to understand that though until now God has carried out His work with the Cain children in the forefront, from now on, the True Children, the Abel children, will directly govern all affairs. How great and splendid this is! Imagine how much God must have rejoiced and how much more can be accomplished through them. In this regard, you need to realize that the times have changed and the fortunes of our movement have changed.

Also, Father has declared that, though until now UCI dealt with the United States, in the future UCI will be administering all financial foundations and bases in Korea, Japan and the rest of the world. He has instructed us to make this new structure known worldwide. The announcement has already been made in the United States and an official notice will be sent out around the world. We should not think that the True Children were given their positions because they are True Children, but because they

The Purification Azalea Festival May 3–7 commemorated the 11th anniversary of the Cheongpyeong Providence. Here, wishes members made are ceremonially being burned. The Azalea Festival will become an annual event.





On May 23, during hoondokhwae at Hannam-dong representatives of the Kim clan offered a plaque of appreciation to True Parents for the greatness of their teachings

have fulfilled the necessary internal and external conditions. We can expect great developments through them, since they are extremely expert. In this respect, all of us should be grateful and be inspired by how hopeful the future that lies before us is. We should do our best to help the True Children and be faithful in fulfilling our duties.

One more point I would like to add is that during this period, there was added a new cause for celebration. On May 1, at 12:43 PM, a fourth son was born to the family of Hyungjin nim. [Applause] Since they have one daughter, this son is their fifth child. He has been named Shin-deuk nim. "Deuk" comes from the Chinese character meaning "to receive." After finishing her tour in Canada, before she goes on to tour Japan, Mother will come for a short visit to Korea. For safety's sake, if you are not a direct party to it, please do not try to learn Mother's tour schedule in advance. I also ask all of you to set conditions. As Father was leaving, he also instructed that by May 10 the Korean missionaries and central church officials staying abroad should all come to Korea, where they are to

work for a while. When they are here, Father will tell them separately what activities they are to carry out; basically, their work will involve returning to their hometowns to educate people and carry out *tong ban kyeokpa* activities. If you can fathom Father's purpose in calling even the missionaries working abroad back to Korea and having them participate in grassroots breakthrough activities and hometown education, you will more than understand that you should be reawakened to the urgency of your missions as people living in Korea.

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will enter the palace on June 13. What is the significance of this? You may look at the palace as the sanctum where True Parents will reside, but the truth is that Father's thoughts are not on building a comfortable palace for himself to live in. Rather, they are on building the sacred palace of God, in which He can dwell in glory and splendor for the first time since the onset of history. Not just any well-built house can be called God's palace. The palace should be a place where its master, God, the greatest king, can dwell in glory. Together with omnipotent kingship, there must be citizens to serve that king. Though there are many stately churches claiming to house God, has there been any that house people of heaven serving the king, citizens of the kingdom of God, connected to the lineage of Heaven and serving God their king?

Furthermore, in order to serve that king, shouldn't there be a nation on earth where the king can assert Himself and rule over all? We should understand that God and True Parents have worked hard, overexerting themselves to build such a nation and develop its citizens. We should focus our attention on how we can establish a nation God can rejoice over and that True Parents have desired to see by giving everything we have and practicing absolute faith. We should focus our attention on how we can bless all peoples of the world to make them the citizens of this nation, that is, to have their lineage change to Heaven's lineage. •

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treatment they deserve. Their ancestors in the spirit world are saying no. I have to resolve that. Doing so is why I told them to come. If they refuse, saying that they're busy, they will go to hell. They will grow old, die and go to hell. When they go to hell, I'll drive them away. You are the flag bearers of the eight administrations that opposed me. Is Heo Moon-do here? Where is he? Heo Moon-do? Have you been sitting here all this time? You have to study hard. You've become familiar with our teachings to the extent that you can even exchange questions with the leaders of the Unification Church, even though you've been with us for only a couple of months. I can't say that I don't know him. I know this person well. And this person here is an affable fellow, but his belongings have increased. He explodes if he doesn't get his way. Thank you all for coming. Will you take one of the gifts on the offering table back with you, or not?...

What use is it to teach those smart people the reality of the spirit world, if they don't understand it? I should just tell them what they are capable of comprehending. You have to understand the root. I should teach you about the root. You all seem to have served important positions in your better days. Sometimes, I'm sure you were unavoidably compelled to pilfer. I faced such circumstances many times, but I did not do such things. That is why God has followed me to this day. Do

you understand? You must be clear on what kind of person I am. It will be difficult to meet me after I am dead. Don't think that I'm going to hell. I told people to take off their clothes and dance. What do they call the crime of taking off your clothes after getting drunk and dancing? I'm saying this to help you inherit the secrets that until now I have kept in storage. You deserve to be kicked... I like the Americans. Why do I hate the Koreans? Who will be accountable for them when they are punished after running away? Only I know the way to heaven. Get rid of your titles, such as church minister or church elder. That is why I kept on going alone like a dictator. People thought I would perish but I did not. Do you understand? [Applause]

So we've reached the end of my talk today. What was the first crime that Adam committed against? [Lineage] It was against the lineage! The second crime was between Cain and Abel. The elder brother killed the younger brother. When a mother who already has a child wishes to give birth to another child, which would be the younger sibling of the first child, shouldn't the first son or daughter protect that child? It is strange. The love... The lineage was changed. Adam gave birth to a son from a fallen lineage, and since Satan knew that the younger sibling that was to be born would come before him, Satan quickly moved to upset this plan and finish everything in a single generation.





rue Mother's speech was a great success for the New York region. The conference hall was packed with over a thousand people, including prominent figures in society, other guests and their families as well as our own members and their families. The April 29th event was held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in the Manhattan Borough of New York City. The building is beautiful, made of glass and incredibly huge. All were impressed by the conference center.

The first people that most of those who attended met were the ushers, members of our second generation. It was inspiring to see them, dressed in their very best, smiling and loving, shining testaments to their parents' accomplishments and work in the church. Their role, helping guests feel at home and greeting them warmly, was very important. These second-generation brothers and sisters came from all over the Tri-State area [New York, New Jersey and Connecticut] and beyond, even from Maryland and the Carolinas, and included several high-powered and spiritually beaming teams of STF members.

The success of the second-generation effort was due in large part to a beautiful, rousing, and incredibly inspiring speech delivered by Akiko Ikeno. Those who were involved in the ushering and other organizational efforts gathered prior to the event's beginning to hear what she had to say. The movement is very lucky to have such a young and vibrant leader in the second generation. She is a wonderful example of how a female in the second generation can contribute to the advancement of the providence as a leader.

A wide variety of guests attended. Some were elderly, and some were young. Almost every color of skin was represented, which stays true to New York's reputation as the point of convergence for people of all nationalities and backgrounds. One couple even came dressed in ancient American traditional hippie garb, showing that our movement has reached people from all parts of society.

Many leaders from society gave heartfelt greetings to the assembled crowd. In addition, some gave speeches in which they spoke highly of the movement's work toward the goals of achieving much needed world peace and unification. It was inspiring to see them there and to know that they are sup-

porting us. Words are very powerful, as True Father has shown us. What leaders and important citizens from various parts of the world said helped to create a beautiful atmosphere for the keynote speech.

The first person who spoke was Hyunjin nim, who was loudly supported by the STF teams and other members of the second generation in the crowd. He seemed touched by the support from the energetic youth. He read the evenings' hoondok passages with a powerful, confident voice, which set the audience alight. He showed his pride as the son of True Father and was a great inspiration to the guests and our members. Many were inspired by the hope for the future of our movement that they felt when listening to Hyun-jin nim.

When Hyun-jin nim paused to raise questions related to the hoondok reading, members of the second generation replied immediately, loudly and cheerfully. It was a heartwarming scene to watch as he interacted with them in this way.

Hyun-jin nim's powerful reading was followed by the angelic voice of New York's very own Seiko Lee.¹ Mrs. Lee, who is the wife of Regional Director Rev. Lee Ki-yeal, sang "Amazing Grace." At the past speeches, she sang "One world of Peace," but this time, Father instructed her to sing "Amazing Grace," a song Father began to hum once during a recent hoondokhwae session. The sound of Mrs. Lee's beautiful, clear voice helped create an incredible, warm atmosphere for Mother's keynote address.

While Hyun-jin nim's reading was strong and masculine, by comparison, True Mother's address was very soft and feminine. Her quiet grace and gentle voice set the crowd at ease and opened people's hearts to the message she presented. During True Father's world tour, he spoke in Korean, with translation. He showed us his power and leadership as a true Adam. At this speech, though, Mother showed the audience the face of true Eve. In motherly fashion, she spoke in English in a soft, yet clear voice, which communicated understanding and gentleness. Her voice came down from the stage in a way that wrapped around the audience and held them in her love. It almost felt as if she had come down amongst the crowd to personally invite each person to join hands with her and help make the Universal Peace Federation a victorious successor to the United Nations, as the Abel-type UN.◆

True Father On the Significance of the Current Tour:

riginally I was prepared to go to Korea, but this was extended for five days. The Family Party in the United States should be a house¹ rather than a political party. The most important issue in the U.S. is how to make a family. That is what is most needed in the U.S. Many famous white people have separated from their wives and slept with other men's wives. How could a world exist where there are things such as wife swapping? The Washington Times and UPI should be after such people. They should find evidence on those who do this and expose them. Will you clear away this indulgence in free sex, the homosexuality and lesbianism? How many places is Mother going to? Twelve or thirteen? She will go to twelve locations in the United States and one in Canada. The Mother has appeared. Therefore centering on the Mother, people must be born again. Policemen and soldiers should cooperate. That's why I appointed twelve people each for the Peace Kingdom Police and Peace Kingdom Corps. They're to be like the UN peace-keeping forces that were dispatched to Korea during the Korean War. Yet they failed to protect the people of this nation and the land. If Korea had been protected and if I had announced at that time the things I am saying now, it would have taken less than seven years to bring about a world of peace. Heaven protected me from Satan who was intent on killing me. If you can feel that God is your father and that the True Parent is your father, can you just sit there and eat? When I was sixteen, I was capable of driving the world in the direction I wanted with authority, even if I faced all kinds of troubles and tribulations. You should have greater pluck and strength than I had when I was young. You should not leave alone the hypocrites who ruin the world. Yang Chang-shik, you should go around the fifty states on behalf of True Parents.

Cain and Abel stand before Mother. When Jesus died the women opposed him, and the three women ran away. If the wives of the three disciples had offered their lives instead, things would not have turned out the way they did. Centering on the mother, Cain and Abel—the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peace Kingdom Police should unite. Such security measures were not in place in the Garden of Eden. This should be done on a national scale. The peace-keeping forces should also play the role of a global security measure.

—April 21, Hoondokhwae at East Garden [more on page 31]

1 Making it akin to an educational think tank

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The Universal Peace Federation Rally for the Restoration of the Homeland, NA 13 cities speech tour Schedule Apr. 28-May 13, 2006



^{1 (}*TW* insertion) A bit of artistic license is in play here: The region that the husband of the Japanese-born Mrs. Lee leads includes the northern portion of New York State.



he Queen of the Cosmos Visits the City of Angels was probably the Sunday, May 7, 2006 headline being flashed in the spirit world as True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, landed at the Los Angeles International Airport. Accompanying her were Dr. Hyun-jin Moon and his wife.

Held at the best hotel in the airport area, the "Westin LAX," the event was a spectacular victory among the programs in the cities that make up the 2006 120-city speaking tour. True Mother and Hyun-jin nim came to Los Angeles to give the national-level blessing to America through a gathering of ambassadors for peace.

Los Angeles has nearly seven hundred ambassadors for peace. At a reception dinner in the hotel that evening, more than forty new ones were installed by Ambassador Phillip Sanchez, the U.S. ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Honduras (1973–76) and Columbia (1976–77). This event was also special in that the ambassadors for peace who attended brought their own contacts and their families to receive the blessing directly from True Parents.

The attendance was surprisingly strong. All one thousand five hundred seats were filled and hundreds more chairs were brought in. Even so, many stood against the back wall.

The mayor of the City of Southgate attended the event and, of course, Ambassador Sanchez, who spoke of his pride in being a Californian. Congratulatory letters had come from members of the U.S. Congress and other local city mayors. Other important guests included Ms. Norma Foster, president of the United Nations Association, Pacific Chapter; Dr. William Johnson, district elder of Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches; Bishop Turner of the Power of Love Ministries, who is the head of the L. A. Sheriff's Interfaith Council, and many professors, civic leaders, pastors, imams, rabbis and Native American leaders.

Set up on a beautifully decorated stage, the program began with the gospel songs of the Sadoc Christian Singers, who under the direction of Mr. Keith Williams have won McDonald's national "Gospelfest" competition and have performed for Al Gore, a onetime American vice-president. Then Ms. Blinky Williams, née Powell, accompanied a medley sung by Dr. Gambrell, known as a soloist from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (MBC). The pre-program concluded with a four-part harmony by the eChord Filipino choir, whose melodious and joyful performance brought a demand for an encore.

1 So nicknamed because LAX is the airport code assigned by the International Air Transport Association for the nearby Los Angeles International Airport

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After the invocation by Dr. William Johnson, Imam Haitham Bundakji gave a stirring testimony of how he came to support True Parents' work in Jerusalem and in Jordan and what a difference it has made in his life. Mitsy Kuramoto, née Anceney, testified to how True Parents' teachings, which she grew up with, the matching and the Blessing Ceremony had filled her with so much hope to fulfill her ideal of a true family and make a difference for true peace in the world. Dr. Yang, our continental director, delivered the message from Rev. Kwak to the assembly.

Hyun-jin nim's rendition of True Father's message was especially stirring that night, not only because of the enthusiastic response of the audience but because he exuded confidence and created a strong rapport with them. Later he remarked that he felt the participants were well prepared for the Blessing Ceremony, not only because of the clergy vestments and bridal gowns they wore but also because of their receptive attitude. The couples that filled the hall represented a world of diversity, an interracial gathering of ambassadors for peace. Most of the couples who came to the stage for the Blessing Ceremony had completed their study of Divine Principle and did have some understanding of the role of the True Family in the providence of restoration.

True Mother's delivery of the speech is consistently clear and compelling, but that night she really deeply touched the hearts of so many. Dr. Sue Ann Harris, née Kim, a Korean-American professor commented, "She had the Holy Spirit working with her!" She reasoned that there was no other way Dr. Moon could have delivered such a profound speech so expertly expressed.

Rev. Joseph Lee of the Heavenly Vision Missionary Baptist Church is known by us as the "Hallelujah Minister," because he always shouts, "Hallelujah!" at Father's speech events. This time he was a little quiet, because he is eighty-seven years old and in a wheelchair. He really loves True Parents. He looked at the program and saw Hyun-jin nim Moon's name and also Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's name. He said that Hyun-jin Moon has a beautiful wife. Even though it was pointed out that Mrs. Moon was the wife of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Rev. Lee said that Mrs. Moon was too young and beautiful to be the wife of Elder Moon. Rev. Lee also said he enjoyed the program so much and felt the Holy Spirit descend upon the congregation.

True Father On the Significance of the Current Tour:

The time has come to give out the blessing centering on a nation. I just came from Korea, where I completed the Holy Wine Ceremony for 48 million people and the blessing ceremony for 70 million people. Such a foundation has been made in the homeland. That is why the time has come to give the blessing to all the nations in the world centering on Korea. I have returned the realm of the ocean, the realm of creation, the realm of the universe and the realm of the heart of the fourth Adam. The third Adam or Second Coming has come and liberated the Old Testament Age, Jesus' age and the age of the Second Advent, thereby opening wide the gates so that all the people can enter heaven. Thus, we are at a time where you can overcome Rome and bless all 193 nations admitted into the UN on behalf of Jesus. This in terms of Korea refers to the tongban gyeokpa initiatives. From the township, county and province including the metropolitan area, everyone should receive the blessing. Everything in heaven and earth should be combined and offered to God by January 13, 2013. There should be no one who has not received the blessing. Satan's lineage should not remain and the three generations in your family can be completely blessed and receive the heavenly inheritance with your sons and daughters.

-April 15, Hoondokhwae at East Garden



May 2006 31 The feeling of many was as though it were a personal conversation with each person present about the most important aspects of their lives. After the speech concluded, several high-level leaders, such as Bishop Turner, who had not originally planned to take part in the Blessing Ceremony, came on the stage with True Mother and Hyun-jin nim, wanting to be a part of this historic moment.

The Blessing Ceremony was a beautiful sight. Bishop Turner's wife shed tears of joy. The bishop later said she had needed this experience and that it had strengthened his family. It was evident that both on the stage and in the audience people were moved by the ceremony. Twelve Christian clergy couples participated including Bishop Juergen Bless and Father Pedro Contreras of the

Old Catholic Church in Southern California and their wives. Father Contreras not only serves as a priest but also is the principal of the American Hispanic Schools, which has twelve campuses.

Imam Haitham Bundakji's couple represented the Islamic faith on stage, where Rabbi and Mrs. Mordecai Waldman represented Judaism. Dr. and Mrs. Singh from the Sikh Faith Association and Mr. and Mrs. Steward of the Unity and Diversity Interfaith Group represented the world's other religions. Rev. Nolan, president of the congregation at Mt. Zion, MBC and a veteran of the Korean War represented military veterans together with Mr. and Mrs. Weir of Las Vegas. Chief Two Bears of the Lakota Tribe represented Native Americans. Mr. Chris and Mrs. Jin Choi of the Korean American Dancers Association represented Korean Americans. The noticeably pregnant Mrs. Yanagida represented future generations.

Afterward, a beautiful heirloom world globe, nearly seventy centimeters in diameter, mounted on a walnut display stand was presented by representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths, Rev. Dr. Johnson, Father Contreras, Rabbi Waldman and Imam Bundakji. The presentation was especially meaningful



Rabbi Mordecai Waldman and Imam Haitham Bundakji embrace on stage

in that symbolically the world is being offered to Heaven through this worldwide speaking tour, which the True Family is undertaking.

Dr. Yang, Ambassador Sanchez, Rabbi and Mrs. Waldman and Imam Bundakji presented framed certificates of appointment to key new ambassadors for peace including Mr. Aram Sadarian, the director of the L. A. County Sheriff's Advisory Council; Dr. Piara Singh, executive director of the Sikh Temple of Los Angeles; Mr. Patrick Ashouri of the Iranian-American Lawyers Association; Mr. Kevin Khadem, director of the Baha'i Faith Center of Beverly Hills; Mrs. Mary Anne O'Neal, former city council member of Carson, California; and Mrs. Wanda Parker, director of the Positive Choices for Youth Organization.

The proceedings came to a celebratory climax with the song, "Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleikum," written and produced by Barry Fasman and Rick Joswick, both members of the Family Federation in Los Angeles, who wrote it based on their experience with the Middle East Peace Initiative in Jerusalem. In all the excitement, each part of the program had been completed, yet the event finished forty minutes early! The final song was such a rejoicing that it kept going on and on. No one wanted to leave.

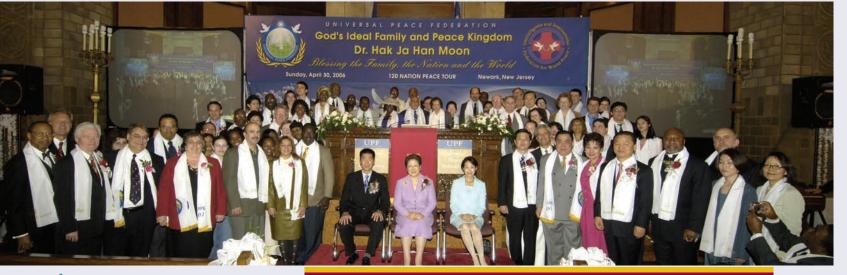
The magic seemed to last through the hoondokhwae session early the next morning that was held in the center section of the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Hotel. Mr. Don Mackowski stayed up nearly the whole night to make sure the stage was properly set up. Rev. Ku brought a huge, beautiful cake, positioning it perfectly. True Mother sat in the very chair we use in our church every Sunday to symbolize her presence at our services. Several of the ambassadors for peace attended the morning hoondokhwae meeting including Rabbi Waldman, Dr. Two Bears, Rev. Millsap and Rev. Contreras and their wives.

Rev. Nate Windman and Rev. Sheri Rueter, co-pastors of the Los Angeles Family Church, did a wonderful job reading

Two views of the diverse crowd on hand in Los Angeles to welcome the Queen of Peace







On April 29, True Mother and Hyun-jin nim spoke in a church in Newark, a city of around 300,000 people in the State of New Jersey, a short drive from New York City. It was the second stop on her epic 120-nation tour.

the text of each speech with great enthusiasm and exactness. Then the entertainment started. Hyun-jin nim introduced the STF members, who sang a holy song. A couple representing World CARP sang a ballad they'd composed. Finally, the children from our school on Huntington Drive sang "I Need You to Survive" and were cheered by all.

Breakfast with True Mother and Hyun-jin nim was a great experience, joyful and high-spirited. Not only the Family Federation leadership but also several local religious leaders attended. Several civic leaders took turns giving testimonies and commenting on the event. Norma Foster especially thanked True Mother for her inspiration and leadership in WFWP. Norma promised True Mother that she would continue True Parents' good work in Los Angeles. Rabbi Waldman expressed gratitude to True Parents for being able to find a wife. He and wife his felt overwhelmed with joy after participating in the Blessing Ceremony. Rev. Godwin D'Silva, our southern California leader, got up and gave a hilarious testimony that had everyone in the room, including True Mother, laughing. He also testified to the hard work of the regional leaders, Rev. Ku Baek-joong and his wife.

Mother concluded by expressing True Father's vision for securing the peace kingdom substantially on the world level by 2013 and asking that we make our best efforts to spread the good news and bring others into the true lineage of God. A tremendous experience with the True Family came to its conclusion, but we believe it will be the basis for a new era of the peace kingdom in Los Angeles. •

SOME REFLECTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS

Thave always believed that love is the center of true faith. Through Mrs. Moon's address and my work with the movement, I have come to a new awakening of the meaning of true, godly love. It is my hope and prayer that such true love will fill the earth and bring true peace.

—Pastor Cortina Reid, Christ Community Truth Church

The message of Rev. Moon shared by his son has the content we need for today. Many churches are reviewing the Bible with no real content to apply to our lives today. Today I heard a practical message for fulfilling the ideal of peace and practicing a true way of life. Let's get the message out—to every one, in every language. I congratulate Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on this great event and on this world tour.

—Father Pedro Contreras, Principal of the American Hispanic High Schools:

Rev. Hyun-jin Moon's speech was outstanding. Through it I could come to understand the purpose and motivation of Rev. Moon's activity. I love the idea of a tour to 120 cities worldwide. This is truly the dawn of the peace kingdom.

—Shirley Knight-Harris, Evangelist Shirley Knight Harris Ministries

Lenjoyed the speeches very much. They truly explain the meaning of God's ideal of true family and open the way for all to be a part of it. The love of family and the love for each other is the fulfillment of the great commandment. It must take great patience to bring this message on such a long tour, but I think it is the will of God. It opens up a lot of eyes and brings the truth about family and love.

—Superintendent Charlie Moore, Greater All Nations People Church of Jesus Christ

I'm so grateful to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for her founding of the WFWP and to Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon for sending her to be with us today in Los Angeles. This is God's time! The United Nations will be strengthened through this message to fulfill the mission to bring peace. Mrs. Moon, I will be a true mother. While you are away in other nations, I will be sure that the instructions and goals you presented are the top priority in our movement for peace.

—Norma Foster, President of the United Nations Association, Pacific Chapter

Ifelt the Holy Spirit in the room when the Blessing Ceremony took place. I am very happy and privileged to have attended the event. My wife and kids also participated and drank the Holy Wine. We are so blessed. Thank you, Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

—Minister Awoshika, Celestial Church of Christ

Ifelt very happy to hear such a message and be part of such an event. I believe this is a great help toward bringing world peace.

—Anthony Chapa, Department of Homeland Security (Los Angeles Bureau Director)





Then asked if he could identify when the momentum began shifting in Côte D'Ivoire, a West African nation with a population of 18 million, Adama Doumbia, the affable leader of West Africa's subregion II, replied without hesitation, "It was last December, when we had the inauguration of UPF here in Abidjan, which is the economic capital city of Ivory Coast."

Merely measured numerically, the UPF inauguration was a dramatic turning point. Since 2003, there had been 130 Ivorian ambassadors for peace. During two weeks of urgent preparation for the inaugural event, Ivorian members sent letters to prominent members of government, civic organizations and religious groups, as well as editors and other media figures. "We explained what a peace ambassador's mission is," Rev. Doumbia said. "We told them what we wanted to do with the ambassadors for peace. We told them that Rev. Moon is the founder, and we asked them, 'Do you want to become an ambassador for peace?'" The level of response surprised them. "We received 638 answers. Seven government ministers wanted to become ambassadors for peace, and they wanted to learn more. Three of them called us. They wanted to give some contribution, even symbolically. They gave \$100.00 each. We couldn't imagine... The Minister of Sports said, 'I want to come with twenty people, my friends and some people that I know. I want to come with them because this is a big celebration. I'm going to become a peace ambassador!""

With three government ministers all donating the same amount, apparently people in high places were talking about Rev. Moon's work and the ambassadors for peace mission. "We were going to have the UPF inauguration at the Cultural Palace, which was donated to this country by the Chinese government. So, the Minister of Culture already knew about our activities. He donated \$100 and said, 'This is a very good thing. I support you. You should continue doing this kind of work.'"

Family Federation

Côte D'Ivoire has a stronger foundation of Family Federation members than many countries its size. Under their national leader, Mr. Gabriel Likane, are around one thousand five hundred members

Historically, after the 1975 dispatch of Japanese, German and American missionaries, when neighboring nations became unsafe for foreigners, some missionaries—such as Akaishi Tsukasa, who was originally assigned to Congo—were shifted to Côte D'Ivoire. It was a safe haven where they could continue their outreach

1 In French, Côte D'Ivoire; in English, Ivory Coast. Since 1983, Yamoussoukro, birthplace of the country's first president, has been the country's official capital city.

efforts. The current membership strength is partially a result of having had so much missionary power concentrated in one country.

Sub-regional Director Doumbia also cites the good system of education. "We have organized a type of home church system. When we have a large area, we make small areas of about twenty houses with one person in charge. I was the education department director in 1993, when we were preparing for the 360,000-couple blessing of 1995. We had 960 candidates just for matching. We were busy every weekend and were always doing seven-day and twenty-one day seminars. We were very serious about that, based upon the education we received. One of the key educators was Mr. Akaishi, who is now back in Japan.

"Nowadays, Eugene Ahondjo is one of our main lecturers and public relations people. He is the one keeping in touch with civic and religious leaders. Moriba Kone is our secretariat; another key leader is Seraphin Kouakou." With members to call on when needed, Côte D'Ivoire has been able to assist neighboring countries for important events.

Fall from grace

Not very long ago, Côte D'Ivoire was a nation envied by its neighbors and admired as a model. For decades, Ivorians had been in possession of the rarest resource in West Africa—peace of mind. Their country, during the thirty-three-year tenure of Felix Houphouet-Boigny, Côte D'Ivoire's first president following independence from France in 1960, was stable and free from armed civil conflict. Meanwhile in the region as a whole, "from independence through 2004, the sixteen West African states... experienced forty-four successful military-led coups, forty-three often-bloody failed coups, at least eighty-two coup plots, seven civil wars and many other forms of political conflict."²

After Houphouet-Boigny's death, six years of economic hardship and inept, corrupt government led, in December 1999, to what the Associated Press described as mutinous soldiers rampaging the streets of Abidjan, "shooting wildly into the air, stealing cars and looting stores, apparently in a protest over unpaid wages." Thus began the unraveling of the national fabric. A few days later, on Christmas Eve, a bloodless coup brought down the government. An election ten months after that was aborted midway, so that the man in power could remain in power. Ivori-

2 From the synopsis of "Coups and Conflict in West Africa, 1955-2004" by Patrick J.. McGowam

ans rebelled.

The man in power was replaced by the candidate who'd been in the lead when the election was halted. Another election, one in which many people claimed to have been prevented from voting, was followed in September 2002 by simultaneous attacks on government troops in several cities.

In response, and in an attempt to root out rebels, government troops destroyed shantytowns near Abidjan, displacing 12,000 people. This led to a widespread uprising and swelled the ranks of the rebel armies. Rebel groups now hold the northern half of Côte D'Ivoire, while the government controls the south. Today, Côte D'Ivoire is in a state of on and off warfare.

Beyond numbers, following the establishment of UPF in Côte D'Ivoire, a change of heart seems evident. "We lack peace now, Rev. Doumbia said. "Usually when we write saying, 'This is Rev. Moon's organization,' people are kind of hesitative, but when we talk about peace, people are more concerned than before. For forty years in West Africa, there were many problems and civil wars. We were a peaceful country, so people were not so concerned about peace."

Not a religious problem

Even before the UPF inauguration, Côte D'Ivoire's ambassadors for peace were people well known in the country. Among them,

Imam Koudous, as president of the National Islamic Council, is the most eminent Muslim leader in a country that is 40 percent Muslim. Another ambassador for peace is Dr. Jacob Ediemou, who was appointed national Celestial Church of Christ leader in 2003. He is also the head of a national forum of religious leaders, which promotes tolerance and cooperation. Rev. Ediemou has attended events in New York and in Seoul.

The news media tends to describe the problems Côte D'Ivoire is embroiled in as having

religious roots. They have labeled the rebel-held north Muslim and the government-controlled south Christian. Rev. Doumbia flatly refutes this notion and explains how the misunderstanding may have come about.

"I'm from northwest of Ivory Coast, even though I was born in the south. I can tell you that the majority of people in the north are not even Muslim; they are animists. Originally, the Muslim people in this country came from the north. In the fourteenth century the Arabs come from the north—from Mali, from the Sahara. They reached the northern part of the country first, while the south is deep forest; it's not easy to penetrate.

"Only Europeans came from the ocean. They could reach the people in the southern part. You could see many Christians in the south originally, but after years passed, people are so mixed. You have parents from different tribes, different religions. The current prime minister, Konan Banny, is a Christian; his wife is a Muslim. The former prime minister was a Muslim and his wife was a Christian! There are many like this. Honestly, the head of the religious leaders' forum is our peace ambassador. I can tell you there is no religious problem here."

Rev. Doumbia went on to explain that what has split the country and sent it into such an unexpected tailspin is not religion but the question of what qualifies a person to be president. Particularly, some have called the bona fides of one presidential hopeful into question.

In 2000, after months of study by a commission of all the major political and religious leaders, a new constitution was officially adopted. In the past, a person just needed to be Ivorian and at least forty years old to qualify as a presidential candidate. Under the new constitution, the person has to be between forty and seventy and be an Ivorian whose father and mother are both Ivorian. The candidate in question, who years ago was the country's prime minister but who since has worked in banking positions outside of Ivory Coast, has submitted papers showing both his parents are Ivorian, but his opponents insist his father is from Burkina Faso. This issue has split the nation.

During the years that Côte D'Ivoire was called "an oasis of peace," people came from all the neighboring countries to share in the relative prosperity. The immigration rate is very high. Officially, foreigners make up 26 percent of Côte D'Ivoire's population. Unofficially the portion may be as high as 40 percent. Some feel that they though they originated in other countries, they have become Ivorian. Some are even fighting with the rebel

Love your enemies

The Minster of Education, Mr. Michel Amani N'Guessan, attended the UPF World Assembly in Korea in February. The Minister of Culture and Francophone Affairs, Mr. Theodore Mel Eg,

attended the Mongolian Peoples' Federation World Assembly last month. The two, who work with the president on an everyday basis, were recently asked to explain to the president why they both had been to Korea at different times. The meeting apparently went well.

Mr. N'Guessan returned from Korea so inspired by the UPF vision and the idea of taking the initiative in bringing peace that he decided to go into the rebelheld zone and organize examinations for students there to enter

junior high school and high school. "The Minister of Education invited me as an observer and adviser," Rev. Doumbia said, "to go with him from March 2-March 5 into the rebel area. He organized the examination there for the first time in two or three years. When the war started, most professors and teachers came down to the southern part of the country. Some people volunteered to stay [in the north] and teach, but that education was not recognized by the government. There had been some negotiation going on, but before he became a peace ambassador on December 8, Mr. N'Guessan did not want to organize the examinations. He went to Korea for the UPF event; he came back and decided to do it."

They traveled by UN plane under UN security. "The people from the UN side were asking the Minister of Education, 'Who is that man following you everywhere?' Wherever we went there was an official car for the minister. He always wanted me to sit in the car with him. As we traveled from point to point, we would talk. He would say, 'I'm a real peace ambassador. I'm trying to make peace. Am I a good peace ambassador, or not?' We met the leader of the rebel side and many other people. It was very inspiring actually."

In Côte D'Ivoire's entangled circumstances, the message of UPF—that peace begins within the individual rather than from one's surroundings—is an important one. •

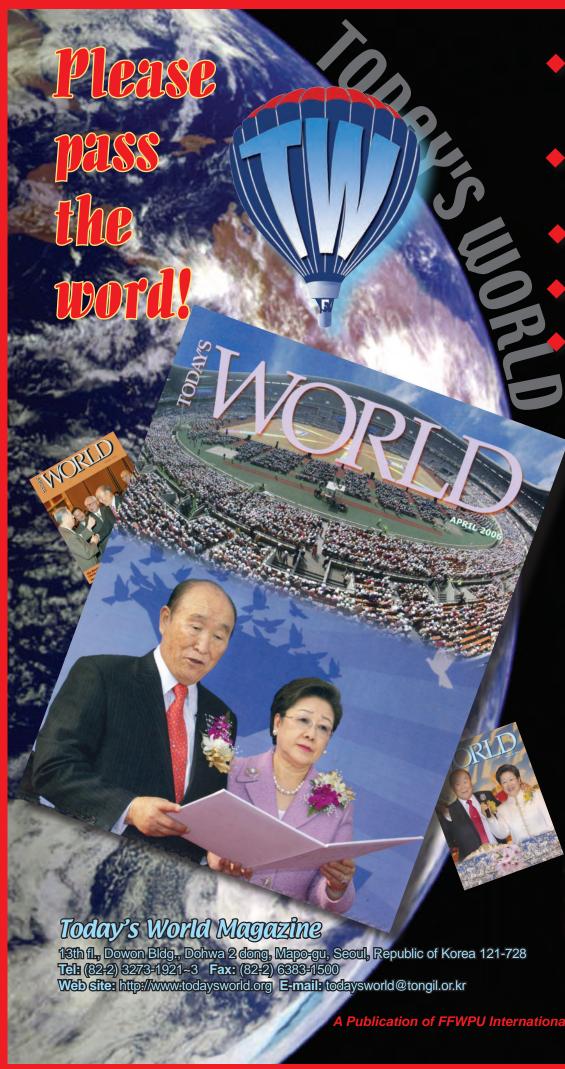
By David Beard



Tokuno, seated and in a suit, on Nsa Beach, Côte D'Ivoire

during the sub-regions first international seminar for

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