

International President's Message

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THE PEACE CUP AND ITS HOST NATION



Dr. Kwak gave this presentation on August 15 after hoondokhwae at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu.

ather founded the Peace Cup and made it into a football tournament that is known worldwide; he has gone on to found the Women's Peace Cup, which will be played by eight teams from the six continents. A well-known team from each continent will compete. And on account of the strength of European football, there will be one additional team from Europe. As South Korea is the host nation, a South Korean team will also compete. This makes a total of eight teams.

These teams will be divided into two groups of four teams each. The four teams will compete among themselves, and the winner from each group will play the final match on November 4. We held the draw for the groups yesterday.

When Father first founded the Peace Cup in 2003, you have no idea how cold was the reception he received or how severe were the hardships he had to endure, even though he was doing it for a good cause. For an international tournament such as this to be held, approval must be won from the football association of the host nation, the Asian Football Association, and FIFA. This is because the dates are fixed for matches played by every team in the world; unless the associations arrange to have a few days vacant, an international tournament cannot be held. As a general rule, all international tournaments must receive permission from FIFA.

Through football, as in other areas, Father has made great effort to bring peace for humanity, because he considers football to be an especially great sport. Toward this end, he founded the Ilhwa Football club—eighteen years ago—and in recent years made plans to host an international tournament, something no individual had ever thought to do. Nevertheless, he has had to face many difficulties, because no one recognized the work he has been doing.

After the first tournament was held in 2003 and the second in 2005, it became well known around the world. In January 2005, through good fortune and providential assistance and as a result of the life that Father has led, I was appointed the chairman of the Korean Professional Football Association. This is truly amazing. It is nothing short of a miracle that Heaven made me the chairman of the Korean Professional Football Association. I did not bring this about by myself, which shows how significant it is. Now that I have become the chairman of the association, our situation is completely different. It was much easier to hold the second Peace Cup last year and the teams that came from abroad for the tournament were better known. The Peace Cup is well known worldwide.

Now Father has founded the Women's Peace Queen Cup. He is launching it in an evennumbered year, so that the Peace Queen Cup and the Peace King Cup can alternate. Thus, a Peace Cup soccer tournament will be held each year.

The draw for the tournament was broadcast nationwide by MBC TV. I was preparing to come down here to Yeosu yesterday, when I received a call from Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, the director of the Northeast Region [formerly, Northeast Continent], who told me he saw the Peace Cup draw broadcast on Arirang TV in Moscow. The fact that the draw is being televised is notable in itself.

Since there aren't many private women's football clubs, the women's national teams will participate. Normally, FIFA would not allow a private organization to hold a tournament involving national teams, but since there are not many such tournaments for women's teams, we were permitted to invite national teams. This is truly amazing.

Currently, the women's national team ranked second in the world is that of the United States. They are coming, which is even more amazing. Fourth-ranked Brazil is coming. The two European teams, Denmark and Italy, are also in the top ten. There is only a slight difference between them; the top five teams are very similar in strength.

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In the previous (July) issue on page 6, the person pictured together with Father on Cheongpyeong Lake was Shin-sook nim, not her elder sister Shin-mi nim. We sincerely apologize for the error.

Cover Photo: August 23 at Cheon Jeong Gung, True Parents conduct matching for their grandchildren

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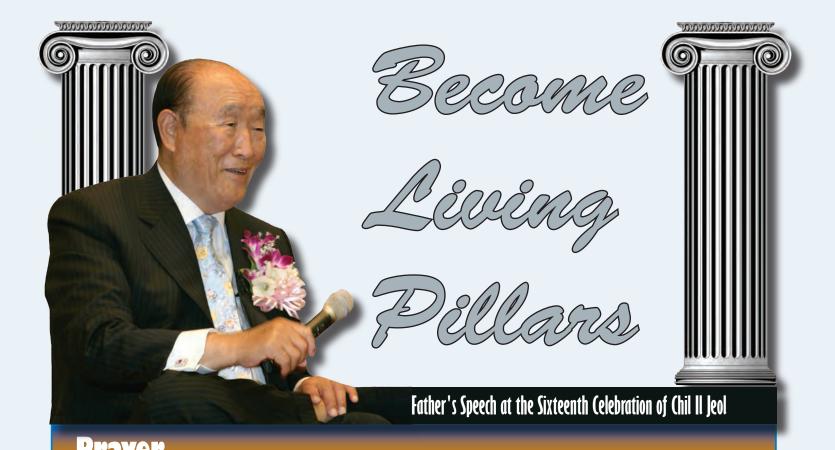
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eloved Heavenly Father, today is July 1 of the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, on which we are celebrating the sixteenth occasion of Chil Il Jeol.

We realize how much You have striven in the course of providential history to integrate everything from Heaven, to find and restore the number seven, and to draw the final line of victory.

For so long You have persevered and endured unceasing agony to cross over the limiting lines of Your original ideal at the Creation, in order to restore the original position of humanity from the level of the individual to the family, tribe, race, nation, world and cosmos, centering upon the throne of God. You, Father, lost the position of the owner from which You could govern the entire universe with the sovereignty of love, with Your complete transcendence and immanence and with full authority and omnipotence, and have had to labor and toil until now; knowing this, we are too ashamed to stand before You.

You have borne with patience even the fact that the one-time mistake of Adam and Eve, our progenitors, brought about such destruction both on earth and in heaven. It was Your original, prudent intention to have the original standard of Adam be such that he could reach the perfection of Your will in the world that You created according to the highest standard of creation. You have waited for the day when Adam and Eve could be united into one in mind and body, internally and externally, with You. Adam and Eve were to be the origin of the nation, where they could govern and settle down, become the root of this original homeland, perfect themselves, and finally receive the blessing. We are aware of this truth, and ask You earnestly to allow us to express our due reverence toward You.

From the day this son came to know the will, I have devoted all I have within me to transcend the limits of the hopes You cherished for establishing a world of heart, for the one Adam and one Eve to achieve perfection and to settle down based on Your original, ideal sovereignty of love—and from this position of perfection to become husband and wife in oneness of mind and body with Heaven. Knowing your desired ideology of settling down eternally based upon such a model family, which will be established on the basis of Your love and become the original center of the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth, this son has come this far under Your guidance.

Now that the coronation ceremony centered upon the kingship of peace has been carried out, the limits of Your original standard crossed, and the summit of your grief and sorrow surmounted, You can finally stand at the top of love as You have desired to, with complete authority, and have all beings in the universe under Your protection. You are now in a position wherein You can assert Yourself under the standard of absolute love, absolute obedience and absolute faith, become the flower and fruit at the center of love in the ideal world of complete oneness, and restore the standard desiring the liberation of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, where the first family and its descendants to come, who will reign over the entire universe, will be embraced in the bosom of love and not one would have reason to heave sighs of lamentation. From this day onward, You can have full sway over the entire universe, embrace it as Your object of love, bestow love upon it and live together with it, embracing it with a heart that is greater than the heart of love You had at the time of the Creation. We understand Your heart and desire to make this universe into one, wherein the fruits can be borne together with the fragrance of Your love in the center of the original flower of

Your perfect heart, and the fruits thus borne in each and every family in the cosmos taken into storage in the storeroom so that families on the levels of the individual, tribe, race, nation, world and cosmos can enjoy self-assertiveness and liberation, and go and settle down anywhere in the world with glad hearts.

Now that the coronation ceremony centered upon the kingship of peace has been carried out, and the month of June ended yesterday, starting from the month of July through August, and September, the rallies for the Universal Peace Federation and to restore the homeland should be finished by September 10, so that on the absolute authority that embraces self-assertiveness and liberation of the victorious supremacy of Abel, we can advance into the age where the authority to bring everything to the good can be exercised with the victorious kingship, with the original authority of the Father, the authority of the great master of the universe. Father, we hope and pray that you will allow us to achieve this.

Though this son has served Heaven with complete devotion from the time I was a mere child until now, I know that the life I have led has not reached the standard Your original heart desires. I earnestly hope and pray that through the Unification Church You will allow all people in the world holding the value of the center of the universe to create blessed families who can

be respected wherever we go and can exercise self-assertion within the substantial realm of family, in a universe united under one sovereignty of love and aiming for the very highest summit with one common hope, the worries in our hearts dispersed.

On this Sabbath morning, celebrating the sixteenth occasion of Chil II Jeol, all Your children have gathered here from across the nation, so please sanctify this place where Your children are seated, as well as the offering table. We beseech You to allow this place to become the peaceful kingdom of Your love, where You can settle down stably with a heart centered on these families, with even greater affection for them, and, going beyond the nation and even the universe, treat these families with a heart that is billions of times greater than the desire in Your heart to meet the original family after losing the family ideal in Eden.

This son hopes and prays that You will bless us to accomplish all we have planned to achieve this year, from this morning through the months of July, August and September to October, and that only the flowers, fragrance, and fruit of the supremacy of Your victory will be placed within Your mind. Please accept this report given this morning, and everything else, with pleasure. I report, report, and declare this in True Parents' names! Amen! Amen!

Speech

oday is Chil II Jeol [7 1 Day]. When you add seven and one you get eight. On June 13, we celebrated a very important day, and the period from that day to the last day of June was a period of seventeen days. Today is the eighteenth day. Isn't that so? Eighteen days! Considering everything in this light, I believe we have reached the final phase.

I have not lived my life all by myself. I could not have done that even if I had tried, but the time has come when I can live alone. That is why the thought that came to me as we ushered in Chil II Jeol was, "Everything I have done and lived through from long ago in my hometown was in order to bring this day to fruition."

For whom have I lived? When you consider whom I have lived for, you reach the conclusion that it was not for myself but for God—for His will, for the people and things of heaven.

This was not a task that several people were responsible for. Only one person was. I have walked this path alone. I performed the tasks alone. I was not in an environment where I could discuss with anyone else that I would go this or that way. Why? I was in a position where I could not be together with God, since He could not directly govern fallen Adam and Eve; unless I achieved the perfection of restoration after passing through the course of restoration, I could not be free from the position of Adam and Eve after the Fall.

That is why everything, even the work involving the will of God, could have been carried out by anyone under His guidance. I am now eighty-seven years old, but because six months have passed since my birthday, I can be connected to the era of the number eight, for I can safely be said to be eighty-eight years old.

The Unification Church, and religion in general, came to exist because of the Fall. Nations came to exist because of Cain and Abel. Cain murdered Abel, so Abel has to come again to

reclaim the position of the elder brother. It was because the elder brother did not want to have his position taken by his younger brother that he shed his younger brother's blood. Because of this, history has continued to be bloody and will continue to be so until it reaches its final destination.

Who should shed blood, Abel or Cain? The elder brother struck the younger brother first, causing him to bleed. Because of this, the one in the elder brother position set the tradition of history. Even now, it is Cain, the elder brother, who causes Abel to bleed. This signifies the era individual bloodshed and the era of family bloodshed. There are eras for tribal, racial, national, global and cosmic bloodshed..

At present, we have traversed the standard of the nation and advanced into the era of the world. Communists, materialists and theists are at odds over the question of whether God exists or not. Centering on God and Satan, the people and things of heaven, and all nations of heaven are shedding blood. In order to go beyond that and finally bring an end to all the bloodshed, they must not fight back. It would not be right for them to fight back. Since the onset of history, it has been the strategy of God to be beaten first, so that He can take something in return.

What would I wish to leave to all of you on this Chil II Jeol? Until now I have carried out all these tasks alone. In seeking the word, the Principle, God did not tell me, "Look up such and such a page in the Bible." It was more as if on a pitch-black night, with the aid of the light from a firefly—because a lantern would be too large—I prepared myself. I looked around to find what in my surroundings might harm me, what monster might injure me. I needed to identify the monster.

After discovering the monster, learning how it lived and the doors it could enter by, I needed to block it. The question was how I could block it. If I were to block it with my feet, my feet would bleed. If I were to stop it with my hands, they would bleed. If I were to use my head against its whole body, my head

would bleed. That is the history we lived through.

That is why all those who desire to live within the religious realm and receive blessings will all be ruined. Satan's side will finish them off. In the end, they will not remain. That is why it is nonbelievers who establish the nation. The nation is what the elder brother, Cain, brought into existence after killing Abel. Would a few decades be enough time for the murdered Abel, the younger brother, to climb up into the position of the elder brother and stand on an equal footing with him?...

How difficult is it to convert one person to your faith? Even if—in order to convert the person—you were to fulfill the role of the grandfather of that person, or the father, or the husband, or the wife, or the child , it would be difficult to bring someone from the satanic world over to your side…

Do you know about fishing? It looks as if it is all rest and play, but there's no resting involved. Someone who is good at fishing does not act rashly. When he has to do something, he does it with care. As far as questions about life are concerned, he considers them over the course of a lifetime. That being the case, how much more would the person think about the providence of restoration, which is all about paving the way to God's liberation along a path unknown to humankind.

Perhaps you may not know this, everyone. If the men who came here a while ago, the peace ambassadors, were here now, they would understand this. They are in the same generation as I am. When we were young, we used to play games with folded paper and with marbles. You hit a small marble with a larger one like this, "pop!" Back then a penny bought me three marbles. I remember asking my mother to buy me some marbles and being yelled at. I would cry and cry...

I used to cry in such a way that it would irritate my own mother. I cried in such a way that anyone who heard it would run away, even my own mother or grandfather could not bear listening to me. If you are actually going to cry, shouldn't you cry until

you have surprised everyone and knocked them down by it rather than stopping after a few squeaks? Yes, my nickname was "one-day crier." I was famous for being a one-day crier. I would cry until I bled.

Others would know I was demanding something because they had done something wrong. I cried because I was feeling bad over something my mother, grandfather or father had done wrong. I had to make them yield, even if I had to bleed. When you would go to the countryside, instead of finding paper-floored rooms, you'd find rooms covered with reed mats. Do you know what reed mats are? They are rug-like things made by weaving reeds together. If you press down and run your hand over it, you would find cuts on your hand. That shows how sturdy the reeds are. And the mats are made by weaving

them together.

When I decided to go ahead and cry, I would roll around on the floor so much that even though I was wearing socks, I would rub my feet against the mat until I made holes in my socks and my heels started bleeding. The blood would soak into the floor. If there were no response to that, I would start staining the walls next. This would continue until I lost all energy and passed out; I'd bled so much that I was on the verge of dying. I am such an extreme person.

Because He knew my character, God must have thought, "If I get hold of this fellow and put him on the narrow path, he would more than accomplish all that I set out to do." Since He is so resourceful and capable, and understood my personality, do you think the idea would have come to Him to make use of me? Even God Himself can be implicated if He does wrong. In that case, even He would become desperate.

When I was young, whenever I heard somebody in some town was good at doing something, I would find him and say, "I hear you are good at doing such and such. I've been thinking about if for three days, and I think I've come up with techniques of my own that will allow me to beat you. So, let's get down to it!" And once I got hold of him and began, I would

never admit that I had lost. Instead, I would insist that it wasn't over yet. It would be over only when I said, "I have lost." How could it end if I didn't admit that? My personality is like that.

In light of this, you don't know how complicated the path I have been blazing is. Grandmothers, mothers, or the daughters-in-law, the daughters of the three women or the grandmothers, all refer to me as "My teacher," and not the grandmother's teacher, mother's teacher, my teacher, or my daughter's teacher. They all call me, "My teacher!" Isn't that so? [It's true.]...

Here's a question for the creatures called women: Is Adam the elder brother or is Eve the elder sister? Which is it? [Adam

is the elder brother.] What? [Adam is the elder brother.] Adam is the elder brother? [Yes.] I often hear women nowadays calling, "elder brother, elder brother." What is the reason for this? It is to find the elder brother lost in Eden....

I had six sisters of my own, six. I had six sisters, and though all women feel some attachment to me and admire me, my sisters liked me the best. Even when our mother brought home something for them to eat, and they could have finished it off, they always left some for me.

Three were older than I am, and three were younger. It was not good for them to mistreat their brother, because it would have caused problems for them at home.

That is why they treated me well—for their own good. The same is true of all woman Unification Church members,



Father with two of his granddaughters (in front, Shin-mi nim, blessed in 1999; at back, her sister Shin-sook nim, blessed on August 28). They are the daughters of Sung-jin nim, Father's son by his marriage to Choi Sun-gil, whom he had to leave behind in Seoul when God called him to North Korea in 1946.







True Father spoke with True Mother after each event during her world speaking tour. In these photos taken at the Yeosu training center, Father invites Shin-joon nim (middle) and Shin-won nim (right) to speak with True Mother on August 5 while she was in Mexico city.

whether they are Asian, Westerners, or of any other race. Taking ten nations for instance, if I were at the center of them, the ten nations would not fight with each other.

Hwang Sun-jo! [Yes.] You boasted that in the Cheon Seong Gyeong translation project, though there were many complications over the months it lasted, the members from the seventeen nations did not fight once, didn't you? Were you saying that just to please me, or was it true? [It was true.] How is that possible? I suppose those people who came to work on the project were all nobler than I. If it had been me, I would have been fighting every three days, or swearing at the very least!...

After establishing Cheon II Guk and performing the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, how many years passed before we performed this [recent] coronation ceremony? Hwang Sun-jo! [Five years.] How long was the total time taken? [The full time was five years and five months.] What, a total of five years? Did all this happen after only five years? We certainly have grown.

Everyone, after we hang the sign for the Abel UN after December, we will have to wrestle at least once at the risk of our lives. It will be my fight alone against all the nations that are opposed to the idea. That's the kind of fight we are preparing for.

The question is, will you run away when the time comes and you are faced with such opposition, or stand in the front, take full responsibility and shout out to them, "Go ahead, hit me!"

Don't take me for a fool. There is nothing I haven't done. When I go out to sea, I am the best fisherman. Wherever I go, I become famous in less than a year. Why? Other fishermen don't go out to fish when it rains; they stay at home. They don't go out at all when it rains, because when it rains and lightening is striking, you can't catch big fish at sea. They all disappear. Under such circumstances, with the thunderbolts striking and the wind howling and with my clothes wet to the skin in less than five minutes, so wet that water is actually dripping from them, I sit still and fish. You have no idea how blessed that is. The fish don't hesitate to take the bait. They say that fish don't take bait when it rains, but when I'm fishing, bigger fish than usual do. Yes, fish, too, like me so much that they follow me around. That's what happens.

This is also the case if I decide to go hunting somewhere. The Army Basic Training Center is near here, isn't it? There is a shooting range there frequented by soldiers and others who hold shooting records with M1 carbines or rifles and who are proud of how well they shoot. I first bought a gun in 1962, so that when I climbed mountains, I could hunt wild boars, roe

deer, or even tigers if there were any.

After buying a gun, the first thing you would begin shooting at would be pheasants or sparrows, right? Didn't we manufacture air shotguns used for shooting sparrows? We first began to research and manufacture an air shotgun, not at the suggestion of Moon Seong-gyun, but at my suggestion. I came up with the concept of reversing the valve, which created higher pressure.

Did you know that I am good with machines, having studied science? Our Shin-joon has inherited this trait. I am not a crude person from the countryside who makes his living by wheedling money out of naïve women.

Do I need a lot of money, or do I not need money at all? [You need money.] Do I need a lot of money, or not? [You need it.] I don't need it! How about you? [We need it.] Do you need money more than I do? Bring me the money you have, and I will save Korea with it. I will not use it for myself. I am very frugal toward myself. I don't use money for myself.

We are planning to make helicopters. When I first said that we would use manufacturing techniques that come from the United States, others began saying that for this and that reason it cannot happen, and so on. But even if they thought it couldn't happen, it would not have been right for me to think so too. I am a man who makes what is impossible for others possible. Those who were doing very well in the world but failed and ended up here have all said so. If they were doing so well out there, why didn't they stay where they were and act like leaders instead of being pushed around?

I'm starting to become sweaty now. Today is a good day, and I should be treated well on such a day. What time is it now? [It is twenty minutes past ten.] No, it's fifteen minutes, no, seventeen minutes and twenty seconds past ten! [Laughter] Set the time right on your watch. [Laughter] Why are you laughing?...

Hwang Sun-jo! Where did Mother speak the day before yesterday? [She was in Israel.] Israel!... I hear sixty people died there in recent fighting. It's a war zone. After word got round that Mother and some of the True Children were going there, there were those in the United States who raised a commotion and cried, "Good Lord! Our True Parents, our True Mother and True Children should not go there." On the night before they were to go, I got a phone call indicating that it was still an issue. "You rogues, were you the ones who decided this? I was the one who made the decision, and in doing so I chose and sent those who would live, not those who would die. Why all the fuss then? You good-for-nothings!" Nothing can come of this if nations like that are not visited. If my work had been as easy as that, I would have had no reason to be abused by others, or



imprisoned....

Where are peace ambassadors usually educated in the Unification Church? They should be at hoondokhwae by five. How many years has it been since we started hoondokhwae? Hwang Sun-jo! [It has been ten years.] During those ten years, I have always been on time, strictly at five o'clock. No, I was late once some time back because of our Sun-jin.

If you are late, you should repent. Many people are enduring difficulties to come to these sessions, and church leaders should not hide in the back room. Even God Himself should follow Rev. Moon. After the father has raised his child, and the child turns out better than the father, the father should follow the child after he grows old, shouldn't he? It is the same.

Until now I have taught you many spiritual things when you found it difficult. Those times have passed, however. Now, the age of God's direct management and dominion is at hand; it's a new era. Now I can only help you to a certain degree, according to a legal and logical standard. Do you understand what that means?

It is no longer an era of grace, or of forgiveness. Now a person must fulfill his responsibility. If he doesn't, he will be responsible for it and will have to resolve it all by himself. Ancestors, descendants and so forth no longer matter. When Adam and Eve fell, the history of salvation moved through their children, their descendants. Now, though the father, elder brother or teacher is right there, they cannot help the person concerned. Since this is an age where you need to solve everything by yourself, you should no longer act impulsively.

What do you think I am trying to say, everyone? If you were to visit our palace, you would see that pillars like the ones used there cannot be found anywhere else in the world. The biggest of them was assembled from five pieces; it was hard work just to bring them to the construction site, first by ship and then overland. People like us have some scientific or professional knowledge about this kind of thing. For the sake of weight distribution, the truck had many wheels, like this in a long, straight

line. That's how the pillar had to be transported.

Can these stone pillars be moved back and forth, to any place we choose, or is it not possible to move them around? I know that they are a symbol of the directions I give: "You will not move even after a decade or even a hundred or a thousand years. You will stay right there, standing as you are now. Until the house collapses and loses its shape, you will be the central pillars that hold it together and maintain its form as a house!"

Who is the owner of that house? Though the members of the Unification Church may say it is our palace, the owner is surely God; yet it is not good enough for God to be its owner. If you were to see the palaces and buildings like that in the spiritual world, you would see that this is nothing.

It would be wonderful if I could build a palace in this world that is tens of times greater than this one, as a place where God can rest, before I pass on into the spiritual world, but that kind of project couldn't be completed in a year or two. I'm eighty-eight years old now; in two years I'll be ninety. People would think I were crazy if I started a new project now. They'd say that I'd never see it through to the end. When I think about things like that, I can't help becoming more cautious.

At this very spot too, there should be a palace hundreds and thousands of times better, where God can come and dwell. That is how it is in the spiritual world. That is what the palaces in the spiritual world are like. I know. God is now in a position to become the owner of this palace. Until now He has had to live in sorrow, but now for the first time ever, He is residing in this palace as the first home built for Him based on restoration through indemnity. Though I may not be able to stay here for ten years, twenty years, a hundred years or a thousand years, it is the hope of this son that God will stay here like this pillar and watch over the house instead of me.

There is only one God. What is happening in heaven? If there is anything God is helping us to achieve on earth, I must add something, do something, to augment that; and when I go to heaven later, together with whatever I have accomplished, what



On August 23, after Ahn Shi Il Pledge Service, True Parents matched four of their grandchildren. This photo was taken at the congratulatory banquet at the Marriott hotel: *Standing, left to right*, Shin-Joong nim, Shin-eh nim, Yoshida Jin-hwa nim, Kunitoki Shiroi nim, Shin-il nim (Sung-jin nim's son) Shin-bok nim (Ye-jin nim's first son) and his fiancée Yoo Yeon-sun nim, Shin-sook nim and her fiancé Otsuka Hirotaka nim and Shin-mi nim (Sung-jin nim's daughter) sitting: *Left to right*, Mrs. Yoshida, Jun-sook nim, Hyun-jin nim, Ye-jin nim, Dong-sook nim, Mr. and Mrs. Kunitoki

is achieved on earth will also serve as the original foundation on which I will serve God. The problem is, what is to be done if there is not enough time to complete it, or if I am not in a position to do it. Do you understand?

Therefore, you should be prudent. If you can't be a great pillar, you should at least serve as one end of a pillar, buried deep in the earth, where you can stay for tens of thousands of years and help to preserve even one letter or one memory of Father. If you can do that, as long as the house built by Father and the ideologies advocated by Father do not disappear from the face of the earth, that site where you are buried will shine as your personal property. When you pass on into the next world, you will be praised and given awards for it; and through it, memories of you will live on forever.

What is to be done in that case? I'm telling you to build your own palaces. Do you understand? [Yes.] I'm telling you to build minor palaces. If a decision was made to build one in your province, the provincial governor should bring together other leaders and national assemblymen from that province and build it there.

Once that palace is built, those who helped build it should live in it. Though you may not be able to accomplish great deeds in your life, you should at least live in such a way that others can trust you and rely on you; you should be devoted to heaven, be a credit to God and live in such way that God remembers you as a member of the family of heaven.

If this were so, after visiting this palace, if there were a nice palace in Gyeongsang Province, God would visit there next. If there were one in Jeolla Province, He would visit it too and then return to Heaven. The time would come when He could make annual visits, or visit on special occasions such as at the end of the year. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were a few such palaces in Korea?...

If you were to wake up early in the morning and take a walk around the palace, it would take you an hour or two at least to make a complete round. What could you do to pass the time in

such a place all by yourself?

If I heard that another palace was to be built in the countryside, I could help with managing its construction, and offer other assistance, too. The palace here was built with the aid of the spiritual world. Now that I have nothing else to do but sit and rest, the best way to make me work again and make my life worthwhile would be to call me to assist in building other palaces. If there were a hundred people in Korea preparing to build palaces, there would be a hundred palaces built in Korea.

This is the message that I want to leave behind me on this Chil II Jeol. What is left for us to do? As far as I know, after creating Adam and Eve, God also created the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. Humankind has remained unaware of this because of the Fall. I have discovered all these truths and learned them by myself. The reality of heaven is that it has already been created, but it has been left empty until now. However, I have worked things out, so that now we have entered the era in which it can finally be put to use.

Centering on Adam's family and the standard begun from that family, God must have prepared the grounds for a palace that would have connected them to a time one thousand or ten thousand years later, with preparations made centered on Adam's family. Do you understand?

These preparations were made centering upon the original, anticipated family of Adam, without the Fall. Of course, it is true that the families, the descendants of that original family, are now living together as the people and citizens of peace, but we should never forget that we have a Father who has prepared everything and is waiting for us, and that a nation that was meant for us used to be there. Do you understand? [Yes.]

You should think about how, in the ideal kingdom of heaven, you can become the best parents, the most devoted sons and daughters, and fulfill the duties of the finest patriots, saints, and divine sons or daughters. You should ponder this in your hearts by yourselves. Do you understand? [Yes.] Do you? [Yes.]...

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Experiences with the True Family



By Kwak Jin-man

never imagined Heung-jin nim going to the spirit world or that any of the True Children would ever be attacked in that way. I remember very vividly that all of our Unification movement was in repentance; it caused a total reexamination of the internal state of our Unification family. I also remember very vividly that we got through it.

For you guys, it's probably some old story, right? Heung-jin nim passed away. His life is a far away story. But you parents probably remember how it was; you remember how powerful our recommitment was, right? All of us in the Unification family pledged and promised, "This will never happen again." I remember there was a collective sense of urgency. It was a wake-up call. You and I remember the state of mind, the heart of utter repentance.

Let me say this and speak out very clearly: If True Parents are True Parents, True Children are what? True Children. When Hyun-jin nim first said in public, "True Parents are my father and mother and Heavenly Father is my grandfather," it kind of surprised me. Can you imagine calling Heavenly Father, "Grandfather"? Can you imagine? Of course it's natural, but at the moment, it shocked and surprised me. I know our movement, especially when Heung-

jin nim went to the spirit world, went through a recommitment and revival, but somehow over the years, that has become more and more distant. When Young-jin nim went to the spirit world, I didn't have a direct experience, but I remember repenting so much.

Do you know Shin-yea nim? Do any of you know Shin-yea nim? She is the third daughter in Hyun-jin nim's family. I remember when Shin-yea nim passed away. It was during Hyun-jin nim's second twenty-one-day workshop. In 2001, with the mandate given by True Parents, he held a series of twenty-one-day workshops under the title, "Creating the New Paradigm of Leadership," when he was trying to wake up our movement, when he was trying to put the Unification house in order.

Hyun-jin nim was coming back from a business trip. He was in the car, and I was sitting next to him. There was a phone call from Jun-sook nim. She called my phone, as Hyun-jin nim didn't carry his phone so much. I picked it up. Jun-sook nim's voice was very high pitched, and I could sense the vibration of that desperateness. I handed the phone to Hyun-jin nim. Jun-sook nim was frantic, because suddenly Shin-yea nim had a high fever and she had been brought to the hospital emergency room. Doctors were saying that it was critical.

Jun-sook nim was in a state of hysteria. We couldn't calm her down. She said Shin-yea nim was in critical condition. Come quickly, come quickly! Come Quickly! She was desperately pleading with Hyun-jin nim. Hyun-jin nim tried to calm her down over the phone, "Okay, I understand. Which hospital is it? I am in such and such a place, and I will be there in approximately so and so long." I remember him driving as fast as he could, but it still took us almost an hour and a half to two hours from when we first got the phone call. When we arrived at the hospital, Shin-yea nim had already passed away.

I remember that Hyun-jin nim just ran into the hospital. In the room, there were very few people, and I saw Jun-sook nim

Father helping Heung-jin nim with a fish hook in Kodiak, Alaska



was still holding Shin-yea nim in her arms. She could not compose herself. Of course, as you can imagine, Hyun-jin nim's heart was also aching, but he had to try to calm Jun-sook nim down. For them to have a private moment, we stepped out and closed the door and they had a prayer of offering.

I kept asking myself, "Why? Why does this kind of situation happen again and again, and why can't we prevent it?" I know that it's not in any way Hyun-jin nim or the True Family's fault.

I know the many situations and circumstances we, the Unification Church, had a lot to do with, especially at that period of time. Actually, Hyun-jin nim and the other True Children and True Father as well as do not like to explain or to share the painful part of their hearts, right? They would rather not talk about it, but actually, Hyun-jin nim scolded me and the other CARP leaders about our mentality. He asked us, "Why does it always take the True Family's suffering and tragedy to make you realize what your responsibility is?" I remember vividly. He explicitly told me, "I don't like you to just be stimulated by those kinds of things. What should stimulate you is not the agony of True Parents and the True Family, but the fact that they're standing there, the fact that I'm leading you and the fact that True Parents are still leading you on the front line. That should stimulate you. That should be more than sufficient to fuel you. It should be a sufficient motivator for you to fulfill your portion of responsibility. Why does it always take unnecessary sacrifice that should not take place for you to wake up and understand?"

Obviously none of us had anything to say. Hyun-jin nim expects us to be mature enough, after years and years of guidance from True Parents, to wake up and not to need that kind of unnecessary stimulation. The reason I am telling you about these things is because True Parents and True Family and now the True Grandchildren and so forth stand in the vertical axial line, in which they are the providential axis. That is the focal point. That is where the ultimate victory of God or Satan is determined.

The past, present and future will converge at that point. The

Cain children of True Parents are supposed to be protective layers, to unite with True Children and create the necessary foundation upon which the True Family can stand, and thereby prevent attack and invasion from Satan directly into the True Family. You understand that, right? [Yes!] Okay. I want to move on to more positive experiences.

I'd like to speak about my direct experiences with Hyunjin nim, since I've already spoken about my experiences with Heung-jin nim, whom I spent more time with when I was growing up.

Hyun-jin nim was in a younger age group. He is very bright and very humorous. He makes very witty remarks and makes people laugh. He is much more outgoing; he would sing a lot in front of leaders. Heung-jin nim was more introverted in character. Hyun-jin nim is very sharp.

At that time [as teenagers], we were trying to infiltrate East Garden as a way of testing the security [See TW May 2006]. Well, one day I didn't bring my black clothes, and I was scolded. Heung-jin nim's clothes would have been too big for me, so he told me to borrow black clothes from Hyun-jin nim. I went to Hyun-jin nim's room on the third floor to get the clothes. At that time Hyun-jin nim was still only in middle school, but on his desk was a flag, the Harvard University flag. Also at the front of his desk was a very tightly filled daily schedule.

When Hyun-jin nim was a middle school student, he was very much driven and focused and goal orientated to study hard and do sports and whatever was necessary to do well. True Father was always encouraging True Children to represent their family well and excel in all areas. Particularly, I remember that in school Hyun-jin nim was very focused on preparing himself to represent True Parents. The schedule was very, very tight. He disciplined himself. Actually, Hyun-jin nim was the top student in middle school and the captain of the football team and of the lacrosse team.

Hyun-jin nim disciplined himself to wake up early. He must have woken up quite early, because he would ride a bicycle to the YMCA in Tarrytown, which was at least several miles from

East Garden, and swim a couple of hours a day to make his body fit.

Afterwards, he would ride his bicycle back and go to school.

I remember when Heungjin nim called us to play Dungeons and Dragons. From time to time when Heung-jin nim would ask Hyun-jin nim to play, Hyun-jin nim would say, "Heungjung"—he used to call him that—"Heungjung, it's time for me to study," and he would go study instead; or he would say, "It's time for me to do this or that," and he would leave. It wasn't often, but there were times like those, because he was very disciplined, very goal-focused and driven to try and prepare himself. Usually Heung-jin nim would let it go, but sometimes he would get a little upset. He would say, "Can't you stay a little longer?" or "We're right in the

Father posing with men from International Seafoods of Alaska and Kook-jin nim, who caught this large halibut in frigid waters off the coast of Alaska in the late 1980s





Yeon-jin nim, True Mother, Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim in Croatia, on July 8 during the global speaking tour

middle of the game!"

Heung-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim and Kook-jin nim were really close. The passing of Heung-jin nim was devastating to Hyun-jin nim, and I'm sure for Kook-jin nim as well. Hyun-jin nim is a lot more outgoing, but there was a noticeable change in his character during that time; he became much more introverted, much more reflective, and during that time, he physically grew. I think that was when he had gone into high school. In terms of height he really grew, and at the same time he became very skinny. He looked like a different person, before and after. His legs became very thin and his face became very slim. Later he confided in me, "You know, the passing of Heungjung was very difficult, very tough. I really regret that I was too focused on studying, too focused on achieving my goal and didn't spend enough time with Heungjung." That always is a heartache; he felt sorry to Heung-jin nim.

I know that was a very difficult time period. His character changed. Many people misunderstand Hyun-jin nim a lot because he seems tough, right? Pretty strict. He talks in such a straightforward way. But you know, when Hyun-jin nim was young, he was different. I think Hyun-jin nim still has a very humorous side. Sometimes the comments he makes are very, very funny. Intellectually, I'm a little slower; sometimes I don't get a joke that he's making. Then he says it in a different way, and I say, "Ahhhhhhh!" And then I get it, and Hyun-jin nim laughs.

Of course, he has that side too, but after Hyun-jin nim began assuming more public responsibility from 1998, I noticed that as years went by, he became more serious.

To be an elder brother, to wake us up and to put us in our place is not a pleasant job. Once Hyun-jin nim told me, "True Parents are true parents. They have parental hearts; they will forgive us for anything. They will forgive us over and over again. They will trust us, no matter what. That's the nature of a parent, isn't it?" Sometimes Hyun-jin nim says, "In a house, you need an older brother. You need an elder brother figure, who needs to give discipline, to straighten things out, especially if children take advantage of their parents!"

Obviously, nobody would enjoy it. Speaking straight and

pointing things out is not pleasant. Most of us would avoid the situation or gloss over it and never really confront it. Hyun-jin nim always challenges. He doesn't settle for mediocrity or middle ground or some compromise that's less than ideal.

We only want to bring out the positive, bright spots, even if the whole report is not so positive. We tend to accentuate the positive part. You know, sometimes Hyun-jin nim is troubled by the less-than-true communication that takes place within our movement. He almost says, "Why do I have to be the one who has to bring the bad news to True Parents? Why do I have to be the one to point things out that I know are painful to True Parents? As a son, I don't want to do it."

That's one aspect of it. The other aspect is that Hyun-jin nim sometimes scolds blessed parents and leaders, but it's out of love and because he does care so much. It would be so much more convenient and it wouldn't damage his image or him at all if he just smiled and said nothing....

I hope STF is receiving education emphasizing culture, how culture should drive structure and how structure shouldn't drive culture, how our ideals and our practice should align, and should be one. If we resolve this, if we represent the ideal and embody True Parents' teachings, there is no reason why the people shouldn't be flocking to True Parents. Who will not be attracted to someone who really practices living for the sake of others? You are naturally pulled. Father tells us we will naturally be put in the central position. We will be recognized and become the community leader. Hyun-jin nim often tells us that the secular world is not the problem. No matter how invincible, how powerful it may appear, it is nothing; the issue is internal. We need to straighten our Unification house. We need to get it right and we need to be proper representatives of True Parents and the ideal.

Of course, bitter medicine is hard to swallow. Don't you agree? [Yes.] From 1998 and 1999 until now I have seen the progression. Hyun-jin nim wanted to trust leaders. He wanted to trust our members. He did. When he started this course, he confided in others and wanted to bring unity of Cain and Abel in our Unification house, because that is how we can liberate True Parents; that is how we can be the proper vehicles to accomplish God's dream. Somehow, as I see the progression of Hyun-jin nim's course from the beginning until now, I realize how difficult restoration is and how Satan's presence is so real. I cannot deny how powerful it is—he tries to attack and tries to prevent and tries to infiltrate at the most crucial points, in the most crucial relationships, at the most crucial, vital moments.

I trust people's basic intentions, and I am not blaming anyone. I am in no position to judge, but sometimes, unknowingly, being in a leadership position allows us, in one sense, to be manipulated and utilized by Satan, causing division or a delay in God's providence that causes so much pain and agony. I don't want to go into it so much more. But somehow I know there are many misunderstandings about Hyun-jin nim. I know who he is, the real person in front of me. I know his heart and I know his actions probably better than most of you do, right? [Yes.]

One of the things that I hear people say is that Hyun-jin nim is very tough, but you have to understand it's because of the providential position and the responsibility and the need and urgency. If he didn't care, if he didn't take it seriously, he wouldn't put himself through this. I know it's not easy to speak out straightforwardly. It takes a lot of courage, you know? And when you do that it shows your trust, your trust in

the maturity of our leaders and blessed families and that we will be able to understand his intentions and understand his heart. But sometimes, I guess, we disappoint. Hyun-jin nim is walking a very lonely course.

Father has said he walks a very lonely course. I think Hyun-jin nim's course is very similar. No one can truly understand the gravity and magnitude of Father's responsibility. Can any of us really fathom it? We can't. It's not possible.

You know how much in their history Heavenly Father prepared the Israelites to receive Jesus, don't you? The very people who were prepared to receive Jesus were the ones who turned against Jesus and crucified him. I remember Hyun-jin nim telling me once, during one of his tours, "You know, I'm afraid the Unification Church could make the same kind of mistake." He worried that we will cause so much detriment to God's providence and we will prolong and delay it. I don't know if these younger STFers really understand what I'm saying, but I'm speaking more to the parents and elders. Actually, you know that the True Children are direct sons and daughters, the direct lineage, the Abel children. And you know that those in the first generation are the ones who were restored and received the blessing and were engrafted to True Parents' lineage and are accepted, therefore, as Cain children to True Parents, right? You, the first generation, are in the Cain position and younger brother and assistant position, the unity of which is so vital.

We in the second generation are more like nieces and nephews to True Children. For example, Jun-sook nim is my younger sister. Even though she is my younger physical sister, I always call her Jun-sook nim. Even my father and mother call her Jun-sook nim, and I call [their daughter] Shin-yea nim and all the True Grandchildren –nim, because of their being in the third generation of the lineage.

Strictly speaking, the second generation should be the foundation for True Grandchildren. Did you know that? Parents, did you know? Anyway, the point is that we—especially the first generation—should have that strong unity. I think that is essential and important for God's providence to move forward.

Let me just end by saying... I heard you guys walk and run a lot, and you get ankle injuries and have knee problems and other joint problems. Joints are where all the pressure converges. When I look at Hyun-jin nim, his position is unique in the sense that Hyun-jin nim connects vertically, he connects horizontally, and he connects the front and back. He is right there at the joint, at the vortex in which there are pressures both intergenerationally and on a horizontal level—related to Cain and Abel—and within the True Family as well. There are front and back relationships and all that pressure.

In one sense, True Parents are the historical form of all of human history, right?

Encompassing the past, including all of human history and posterity, True Father stands horizontally on levels from the individual level to the cosmic level, the eight stages from the servant of servants to God's position. On every providential stage, Father takes responsibility. However difficult, however great the pressure, he takes responsibility, doesn't he?

With Hyun-jin nim, in a sense, generation to generation and within the Unification house and also within the True Family, all these issues and all this pressure converges. You can imagine that it is not an easy position, and I know it's not an easy position. When I look at True Parents and the True Family, and when Hyun-jin nim is standing in front of me, I cannot utter anything in the face of that. I can just bow down. The



Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim at the seaside in Azerbaijan, a former republic of the USSR, during True Mother's speaking tour

only words that I can say are "I am grateful." I am grateful that they are there and that they are taking responsibility. And I am truly grateful for this vertical axial line, and I am truly grateful because I know that course is very, very difficult.

I am right beside him, and I've seen many, many things, and I've indirectly experienced many things. Of course, Hyunjin nim doesn't go into a lot of this, though sometimes he expresses a glimpse. You cannot fathom, you cannot imagine what he goes through.

He tries to inspire you and invest in you. He always wants you to really do your best and has high expectations of you, so that you will rise up and work with him, unite with him and really move the providence forward; isn't that right? He calls you his elite troops that he puts so much trust in, okay? I hope that you will take pride in this and respond to his call, because he really needs you to be his right hand.

When I look at you guys, I see you have so much potential, so much more potential than I do or any of the older ones who went through many turbulent times. I expect, especially as we turn to the peak culminating point of God's providence in 2012, that you will play a vital role as you graduate colleges and enter into leadership.

Whenever I'm called to testify to True Children, I cannot do them justice. I am very afraid, because I may portray them in a wrong way and unwittingly, unintentionally cause some misunderstanding. So, I am nervous in this situation.

There are so many things that I could share, but my time is up and I have to catch a flight back. I know I can come back in the future. [Applause]

I pray to God that I represented the True Children. If there is any misunderstanding or misportrayal, it is solely my responsibility.

I hope that I have been able to connect to you, to bring some aspect of True Children closer to your heart. I hope that in the future I can share more of the victories and challenges. I am sure that we can grow together and that we can support True Parents and bring victory together, right? [Yes!] Okay, thank you! Thank you, parents, thank you, STFers. I hope it will be a great kickoff and you will be victorious. Thank you and God bless you. Please join me in prayer.

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With the South Korean team, these are the eight. Yesterday's draw placed South Korea, Brazil, Italy and Nigeria in Group A; and North Korea, the United States, Denmark, and Australia in Group B.

The Potential of Soccer in Korea

Since South Korea's national football team competed in the 2002 World Cup and placed fourth, Korean fans have underestimated the standard of world football. For this World Cup they were all excited and predicted Korea would make it to the final four again, but we didn't make it to the second round. None of the Asian teams got through to the second round, including Japan, which did not win a single World Cup match.

Though they failed to pass beyond the preliminary round, Korea did win once. Koreans were full of hope, and when they did not win the last game, everyone kicked up a fuss, asking why the team could not make it to the semifinals or even the quarterfinals. They were saying it was the fault of the Korean league [the "K-League"] or the Professional Football Association. They became too excited to think rationally!

For that reason, I have visited the major TV broadcasting stations and met those in charge. I met the president of SBS and I had a meeting yesterday with the president of MBC. Beginning Monday, I will meet with newspaper editors. I should enlighten the people running these media organizations.

In all these meetings, I asked why people were so critical. When the world was preparing for the World Cup and the national team was playing, all the stands were filled with people. When they were playing in Germany, though it was pretty much the middle of the night because of the time difference, people sat up and watched and were excited. Why, then, are the stands relatively empty at K-League games?

On the one hand, I was worried, but I decided this was a good opportunity to explain the situation to all of them. I had been overseas. I came back resolved to do this. I went around to the heads of broadcasting stations and discovered they knew no more than the general public.

One said that the professional soccer association should do better. Another asked what the clubs were doing, adding that professional football was a business and it was the clubs' job to make their products attractive, promote their teams and attract viewers, yet they were not doing so. These were the opinions of the people I met. So I answered them, point for point. I told them that the World Cup had been an opportunity to reveal the current state of Korean football. From watching the games on TV or even going to Germany, people must have realized something from watching the matches.

There are limitations to the Asian physique, and the techniques used by our players were less sophisticated than those of the best national football teams. I realized this keenly this time. I like football, but this is what people need to know about football in South Korea. Do I recognize this gap? Of course I do. If you wanted to make a short person grow, would you pull his legs out or pull up on his neck? Growth takes place in stages.

Why don't the spectators, who dressed in red and came together in the plazas in major cities to cheer for their team in the World Cup, come to see the league games actually played here in Korea?

Korean people like football. More than 3 million people belong to amateur teams and play in the early morning before work. They get up at dawn to play at local schools or in parks. If these three million people were to buy tickets to three games a year, the nine million tickets sold would far outnumber the 2.9 million that are now being bought each year. Each team plays thirty regular season games a year. If those football lovers bought three tickets a year, the stands would have four times more occupied seats than they do now.

If people won't spend the money to buy three tickets a year, do they have a right to criticize the professional teams? I asked the president of MBC if he had ever bought a ticket to a match, and he said he hadn't. That's precisely the trouble. The people should fulfill their role and responsibility as well. If our people do not love and support our football, how can the professional teams be expected to develop? Though people only make a fuss about international competitions and only cheer for their national team, where is it that the national team players can develop their skills? Isn't it through the K-League?

Another point that people bring up is the lack of connection the local communities have with football teams in Korea. People here say that the teams were created by companies only to be used as a means of advertising, and since the players are paid as company employees, the players don't try their best to makes themselves valuable products. I tell them that they shouldn't speak about what they don't understand. They criticize these big corporations, but it takes around nine billion won [about US\$10 million] a year to run a professional soccer team, and some pay more. Even for a large corporation, that is a lot of money, and if they use that much money to pay players and nurture professional teams, they are contributing to the nation and should not be criticized for that. Without them, what would happen to Korean football?

There is also another point for us to realize. In Japan—just by means of comparison— professional football came into existence much later than in Korea; Japanese football has a ten year history compared to Korea's nineteen years, but the number of spectators in Japan is much greater than in Korea. Japanese people are very enthusiastic. Compared to Japan, where they are attracting more spectators, it may be right to criticize Korea for not doing as much, but there is a fundamental difference. In Japan, love for hometown is very strong, so if a match is played by a team from Osaka or Nikada or Chiba, residents of those towns buy tickets and watch the game. Nikada is not a big city, and the Nikada team is one of the lower ranking ones, but when they play home games, an average of 40,000 people fill up the stands and cheer their team on. Think about that.

Student tickets cost \$3,000 and adult tickets cost \$7,000, so let's say a ticket costs \$5,000 [\$41,000] on average. So the total intake from those 40,000 people would be \$200 million [\$1.65 billion]. And when there are 40,000 spectators, TV stations broadcast the matches, and since there are many viewers, the matches draw paying advertisers before, during and after the match. Selling advertisement slots ought to be reason enough to air the matches, but this doesn't happen in Korea.

Though the Korean teams also have local connections, the leaders of local organizations haven't made use of the famous brands that sponsor them. A good example of this is Seongnam Ilhwa. Do you know Seongnam? The performance of Ilhwa has been nothing but excellent. Wherever the team goes, it is emphasized that the name is Seongnam Ilhwa. The name Seongnam is always put in. This is to create local ties, to induce excitement in local residents. The mayor, members of the city



The draw for the Women's Peace Cup, to be held in South Korea in October and November this year, took place on August 10, at the JW Marriott Hotel in Seoul. Brazil, Nigeria, South Korea and Italy drew Group A, while Australia, Denmark, the U.S. and North Korea drew Group B. Pyongyang has offered to supply a North Korean referee, which the organizers are considering favorably.

council, and the citizens of Seongnam don't do much, but have the name of their city mentioned time and time again whenever the Ilhwa team plays a match. Even people in Japan know the name Seongnam Ilhwa. It is the best team in Korea, and yet the mayor does not come to watch the game, because he is worried about other churches. The other churches, too, campaign for the people not to watch Ilhwa games.

People also abuse referees, saying they make bad calls and hinder the smooth running of the game. They don't acknowledge the refereeing at all. I feel bad about this. Since becoming the chairman of the football association in Korea, I sent thirty referees to Germany to a supplemental training session to make the Korean professional football referees world-standard referees. It cost a lot to send them there. They are training for ten days there; they'll return as better referees. Before they left, I had them in training here and gave them encouragement. I told them not to be dispirited. I told them that in exchange for demanding so much of them, I'd help them improve their ability. The referees went to Europe with high expectations, all excited about the education they will receive and with more confidence.

Another problem I noted is this: are the people congregating at Gwanghwamun plaza all dressed in red and shouting their

voices hoarse doing so because of their fervor and love for football? It is not really their passion for football that brings them there; it's all a part of a plan by companies seeking profit, such as soft drink companies who set up a stage and bring entertainers there to sing and the like.

So the people who flock there are not true lovers of football. I suppose we could say it is patriotism that makes them go there in large numbers, but it isn't really. It is more a herd mentality. They come and dance and vent their stress without any restriction. It may appear patriotic, but in truth it is somewhat twisted nationalism. If they really loved football, they would come to watch league matches. If they were to pool their strength, they could nurture the local teams.

That is why I went to the presidents of the broadcasting stations. I told them that of all the nations that sent their national team to the World Cup, only Korea had no TV channel exclusively dedicated to football. Korea is alone in this respect. Even Japan has a football channel that broadcasts nothing but football matches; those who are interested can watch it anytime. That is one way the number of spectators has grown.

I told the president of MBC yesterday that I understood that money is a motivating point; it's a commercial enterprise, so that is natural, but if everyone thought about only the finan-

cial side of Korean football, what would become of the sport? Though broadcasting companies will make their profit in other fields, shouldn't they spend money on something like this? I suggested they make a program dedicated to football. If they can't immediately dedicate a channel to football, they should at least broadcast the matches, even at a late hour. If the program was about famous teams in other countries and edited versions of K-League matches, showing the goals scored and the moves leading up to those goals every week, young people would become enthusiastic about it. The media and the broadcasting stations should nurture the K-League for the future of Korea. When the K-League grows and develops further, more players will emerge whose level of skill will allow them to play in the World Cup.

Look for yourselves. The four World Cup finalist teams this year all came from nations with strong, world-renowned professional leagues. It couldn't be otherwise. It's a simple principle.

North Korea in the Peace Cup

In addition to the draw yesterday, the question of whether the North Korean team is really going to come is also attracting

attention. People are wondering because North Korea is somewhat estranged from the world since their recent missile launches; and they recently refused aid for damage and losses from flooding when we offered as much as humanly possible—even though South Korea had suffered greatly from the storms as well. They are not in contact with the South Korean government and have not come to inter-Korean ministerial-level talks.1 Also, recently there was also a third-anniversary memorial service for Hyundai's Chung

Mong-hun on North Korea's Mt. Geumgang, where he is buried.² Family members and company personnel traveled from the South to the burial site, but the South Korean government representative was not permitted to enter the country. Various political leaders and the media are questioning the participation of the North Korean team, but they are coming.

Football officials or other representatives from the United States, Nigeria, Australia, Denmark, Italy and Brazil came to the draw. On behalf of North Korea, Mr. Park Sang-gwon came. He is the president of the Tongil Group there, and some people know him just as that, but he came with letters of proxy from the North Korean Sports Department and the North Korean Football Association. At the press conference, he was full of emotion. He said that though North Korea would prefer not to come to South Korea at this time, the team would come because it was Father who had invited them. He said he had been instructed to say that as long as war did not break out, the team would come.

More than forty reporters from South Korea and abroad

came to the press conference, and his comments had a strong effect. At present, there are some difficulties between North and South Korea, but such is the foundation laid down by Father that the North Korean football team is coming. If the invitation had been sent by anyone else, be it someone in the South Korean government or the chairman of any sports association, they would not come. This was shown only too plainly.

Bringing the People

Changing to another subject, you had great trouble selling tickets for the Peace Cup the last time, and that though the tournament was held for a good cause—through it Father desires to promote peace through the precious sport of football—the games were not well attended and this made our hearts ache. You went around and tried to sell the tickets, but the money brought in through ticket sales was less than the money spent to pay for advertisements and transportation in selling them. It was a financial loss for Father, not a profitable undertaking. As the person responsible for the event, wouldn't it be my greatest worry to make up for that, and make sure Father does not suffer as much of a loss this time? So a new goal has been set for this year's event.

Because the Peace Cup has become well known, I met the mayors of cities with stadiums and asked them if they would like to have the matches played there. Those who answered that they would check and see if other events can be re-scheduled were all eliminated. We will only deal with those mayors who hold onto us and say that they will do it by all means. This is a great change. At first, we should ask the mayors to pay us for allowing them to be a part of this international event. Shouldn't they pay to have world-class woman football play-

ers come to play in their stadiums? The difference between the men's tournament and the women's tournament is that we have to pay a fee for the men's professional teams to come. It is not a small amount. Some professional players are worth as much as \(\pi\)90 or 100 billion. That is just for one player. They are very highly prized. Each player needs to fly business class and stay in single rooms in five star hotels. They need ambulances standing by everywhere. These points are in the international

There is no fee to invite national teams. That cuts down the cost greatly. Since they are national teams, their governments take responsibility for them. We just need to pay their airfares. I told the mayors they should pay to have the games in their cities. The mayor of Suwon said he would gladly pay.

One thing that impressed me about him was that at the matches played in Suwon, he could not be found in the expensive seats in the first half. When I saw him in the second half, I asked him where he had been, and he said he had been with the Suwon fans to show his face and shake hands all around. He said it is the most effective way to campaign for votes! That goes to show how wise he is.

He respects Father very much. Though I had set it as a condition, he did make the payment. This is a record in Peace Cup history. So the matches will be played in the six cities of Seoul,



Rev. Kwak speaking at hoonokhwae at Yeosu's Blue Sea Garden on August 15, a Korean national holiday

 $^{1\,}$ Government ministers from the two Koreas have held fairly regular meetings, eighteen times in all, since July 2000.

² Chung, a South Korean, had been instrumental in turning Mt. Geumgang into a tourist attraction and the North Korean government felt it appropriate that he be interred there. This request was granted by his family.



Suwon, Cheonan, Masan, Changwon and Gimhae. The mayors of the other cities did not pay anything but have promised that they will do their utmost to fill up the stands.

Suwon is a model case. In order for the other cities to start behaving in the same way, we need a stronger foundation. In Suwon, the city is taking full responsibility for selling the tickets. I told them to fill the stands as full as possible.

I asked all the mayors to come to the draw yesterday. They are all great people. The smallest of these cities is Gimhae, which is home to half a million people. Suwon residents number a bit more than a million; Seoul has more than 10 million. The mayor from the other cities came, but Seoul sent the deputy mayor. We told them that coming to the draw would be good advertising for them. We explained it would be broadcast live and they should all put on makeup, and they did. They were all powdered and groomed.

We told them to each say a word or two and they expressed how happy they were to host such an international event in their cities. They promised it would be a success. Though it was begun amidst difficulties, Father's creating the Peace Cup will go down in FIFA history.

Every year the FIFA Women's World Cup is held in China. There was a tournament for the Asian zone in Australia, and the top three teams automatically get to participate in the Women's World Cup, whereas the other teams need to play again. Both the South Korean team and the Japanese team lost. China, Australia and North Korea won within Asia. Most of the teams coming to our tournament will be participating in next year's Women's World Cup. That shows what great teams they are. We are attracting even more attention, because the women's Peace Cup will be like a preliminary World Cup.

As we were negotiating with the U.S. team, I realized that not many teams were eager to participate. They don't want to make their players travel more and overexert themselves, and they are not even interested in the prize money, which is

\$200,000 for the winning team. If a foundation had not already been laid through the two men's Peace Cups, we would not be hosting this event. It is really impressive, the way developments are taking place so systematically and the road is opening up before us.

People are more interested than ever, so much so that after the draw was held yesterday, the newspaper articles about it could fill a scrapbook. Yesterday, all newspapers and internet news sites carried the story. The tournament will begin on October 28 and end on November 4; the opening match will be played between South Korea and Brazil.

The big game will be between North Korea and the United States. North Korea will do everything possible to beat the U.S. in light of recent developments. You don't know how proud the Suwon mayor is of hosting this match. It will be the big game. At the opening ceremony, just as the king or the president announces that the Olympic Games will begin, Father will declare the opening of the event, and after the final match is played on the fourth, True Parents will award the trophy and the prize money.

Some matches may be broadcast live; big games may be rerun repeatedly on sports networks. This will testify to the great work of True Parents directly and indirectly across the world. I'm truly thankful that this time we have begun on a completely new level. I hope you will buy tickets and come to see the games, and sell many tickets as well. Shouldn't you sell more tickets than the mayors at least? We should strive to make this event a success.

Our honored guests admire the way Father runs things and that he has come to host such an event. Those who have experience in this area know that it is not easy to bring famous national teams to such an event. They understand that it is Father's worldwide foundation that makes it possible, and they are honoring him. Let us give a big round of applause to Father to express our gratitude.

180-Nation Peace Tour

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On August 20, 2006, more than 60,000 people from around Korea came to the KINTEX convention hall in the city of Goyang to take part in the Rally for the Victorious Liberation of the Homeland for Cosmic Peace based on the Return of Heaven and Earth to God to welcome True Mother and other members of the True Family on their return from the world tour of UPF Rallies for the Restoration of the Homeland and to inherit the victory and accomplishments True Parents achieved in their course of building the kingdom of God's peaceful, ideal world. The rally was organized by UPF Korea. Here is the address which Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, Chairman, Universal Peace Federation, gave during this rally.

Welcoming True Mother Home

istinguished guests, leaders from the entire spectrum of society, ambassadors for peace and blessed families worldwide:

I sincerely welcome you to this solemn event for the victorious liberation of the homeland for cosmic peace based on the return of heaven and earth to God.

This rally is to commemorate the second anniversary of True Parents' coronation as the king and queen of peace and the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk, which was held centering on the national assembly in Korea on August 20, 2004, and to celebrate the victory of the 180-nation world tour of Universal Peace Federation rallies for the restoration of the homeland which took place throughout the world centering on True Mother and through the complete unity of heart, body and mindset between two generations within the True Family. It is also a day to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of True Father's release from Danbury prison in America, where he was unjustly incarcerated. For the past six months, True Mother has brought victory in fulfilling a challenging schedule throughout which she proclaimed Heaven's message of truth and officiated over the solemn ceremony of the marriage blessing. Today she has just arrived in Korea and is with us at today's event. I also had the privilege to accompany her on part of the tour, but I am not aware of any other international female leader or even a male leader for that matter who could bring such inspiration to the people of the world while digesting such a difficult schedule. The grace of the blessing that she has revealed and bestowed is a tremendous gift. In each nation that she visited, the entire nation—including the top leaders—welcomed her. This enabled her to bestow the grace of the blessing, unprecedented in providential history, on a national level. She is now here with us to take part in this ceremony today. The long journey that she undertook allowed the world and humankind to understand God and true love correctly and to recognize that we are in a time when the teachings of True Parents, who are trying to realize the true family ideal, are absolutely necessary.

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are different from us, ordinary mortals. In terms of the providence of restoration, God is the incorporeal vertical true parent, and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are the corporeal, horizontal true parents. They are the center onto which fallen humankind must all, without exception, be engrafted in order to be reborn. The manifestation of the true parent, true teacher, true owner and true king is an absolute necessity; he can horizontally manifest and embody God's true love, true life and true lineage that come down vertically at a ninety-degree angle without leaving a shadow. True Parents, whom we serve and attend, are the very people who have made God's providence possible and who are meeting this absolute necessity for the first time since the Creation.

At the outset of 2001, True Parents offered the Coronation of the Kingship of God to heaven. They then connected this heavenly fortune to the realm of the first, second, third and fourth Israels. On June 13 of this year, the entrance ceremony into the Cheon Jeong Gung and the coronation of the king of cosmic peace on earth and in the spirit world took place.

The path trodden by the Messiah is the model course for salvation and restoration that all people should follow. In particular, the era for the Completed Testament and the providence of substantial perfection, which True Parents opened after paying total indemnity for the Old Testament and New Testament eras, has been an unprecedented course of victory and a model that all humanity should follow.

In 1973, True Parents established the Professors World Peace



Academy (PWPA) and presented teachings on absolute values, which are the source of peace, to distinguished scholars of the world. At the height of the cold war in 1985, Father hosted a conference in Geneva, Switzerland, where he had an international group of distinguished scholars declare the end of communism and the fall of the Soviet Empire, bringing about the fall of the Soviet Union and materialistic communist camp, and the end of the cold war.

The cold war was an ideological confrontation between two worldviews and value systems. A more fundamental and long-running conflict within religion, ethnic groups and races has chronically threatened humanity's peace. To address this problem, True Parents have been developing the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Interreligious and International Peace Council as a new, global, Abel-type foundation for making the nations and political foundations acknowledge the religious foundation, which they expanded from the late 1950s through an ecumenical and inter-denominational movement.

In 2004, they founded the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace and appointed the Mongolian peoples, which comprises for 74 percent of humanity, to be the new restored realm of Cain in the era of the fourth Israel. Since then, they have educated the people to become part of the federation of the bloodline of the Mongolian people through the blessing. At this point of the conclusion of the providence, the new realm of Abel and Cain should further cooperate in harmony to realize the ideal of the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity.

From the mid 1990s, True Parents promoted the providence for the creation of federations of island nations, peninsulas, continents and nations, so that they would become a foundation for the territory of the kingdom of cosmic peace.

More recently, True Parents have announced the Bering Strait Peace King Bridge Tunnel providence, a massive proposed project that will break down the historical walls between the eastern and western continents. This is to ensure humanity's peace and well-being. They have also promoted the providence for the vast realm covering the ocean and island nations, in the com-

bined areas of the Asian island nations and Oceania.

True Parents stand out in their ability to decipher the timetable of Heaven in carrying out providential activities. They are gifted with the authority to govern the spirit world in heaven. True Parents have been using the word "cheonju" (cosmos), which expresses the complete union of the spirit world and the earth, in naming all the organizations and ceremonies that have been established or held before and after the start of the new millennium. This reflects the importance of the spirit world and a great transition in the providence. In order to greatly advance the providence from the global level to the cosmic level, True Parents broke down the walls of heaven and hell, resolved the problems of spirit people and blessed them, resolved the problems of the spirit world that is the fundamental world, liberated and completely freed the global village that is the resultant world, and ushered in the time after the coming of heaven, wherein the world is one of freedom, peace, unity and happi-

Who could have revealed the secrets of heaven and earth and the source of the root of all problems, which are chaotically intertwined, and build a kingdom of cosmic peace in which God is attended as the substantial king of peace?

Respected leaders, ambassadors for peace and blessed families:

Fortunately for us, we have come to enjoy the benefits of providential heavenly fortune while living at the same time as the True Parents. During the entrance ceremony and the coronation of the king and queen of cosmic peace, True Father emphasized that, "a lineage of purity and pure love is most important. There is nothing more important or valuable than the blessing. Let us become the leading force in realizing a kingdom of everlasting peace by practicing True Father's instructions for all blessed families, who should fulfill their missions as tribal messiahs and national messiahs through hoondok and the blessing."

May God's blessing be with all of your families. Thank you very much.



"At some point among the many times we shouted "true love power!" during Hyun-jin nim's speech, I felt as if something had punched a hole through the wall or mold that I have around myself. I felt this sense of liberation. I hadn't even realized how much of a wall I had around me until I experienced what it was like without the wall. I realized the reason I was struggling to truly give unconditionally this week of the assembly was because I was still holding onto myself unconsciously.

"During the event this evening I could experience firsthand the power of true love and see how it breaks down barriers. Everything and everyone was open—jumping, singing, and being crazy. The fact that we didn't speak the same language, that we weren't the same age and that we were from the first or second generation did not matter at all. Through this I could gain confidence that I can be an owner of true love, because I experienced it today. Thank you, Heavenly Father, True Parents and True Family. We are family! We are family!"

—Yun-ah Johnson, STF USA, second year

Thile True Mother is on the global tour with True Children, Hyun-jin nim's family went to Japan on July 31 to give new hope and inspiration to the mother nation, where members have been working so hard to nourish the seeds spread by True Parents all throughout the world.

Hyun-jin nim inspired all of us with his beautiful family. The three eldest children–Shin-won nim, Shin-eh nim and Shin-joong nim became actively involved in encouraging second generation members to inherit the faith and tradition set by True Parents. That first evening, Shin-won nim spoke to CARP and Family Federation members at the welcoming banquet at the Tokyo church headquarters. He spoke with such confidence and conviction that Hyun-jin nim was moved to share afterward his own experience as a parent. He could see tremendous growth in the past year in his son, and a strong sense of what True Father must experience in watching the True Children grow to resemble him. Shin-won nim also spoke to STF Japan, and

Left: Hyun-jin nim speaking with the STF members during the event, Right: During the Holy Ground pilgrimage, STF members and staff pause for a photo





Shin-eh nim spoke to STF and Junior STF members, conveying her heart and care toward the blessed children. Shin-joong nim joined in with Junior STF.

The fourth STF International Assembly was held this year in Japan from July 31 to August 6. Four hundred STF members from STF USA, Europe, Japan and Korea attended, along with two hundred Junior STF members, including Shin-joong nim, who is twelve years old. This assembly brought together STF members from Europe, Korea, the United States and Japan as well as the director of STF Latin America. From Junior STF came participants from Japan, Korea and the U.S. The theme for the assembly was Substantiate God's Ideal Family and the Peace Kingdom.

Our internal goal for the assembly

On July 31, at the opening ceremony in the Itako Hotel, in the small town of Itako, Japan, International STF Director Ittetsu Aoki gave some guidance on the attitude to have for this assembly. He explained how Japan is the mother nation of our movement, and in that position, Japanese brothers and sisters have sacrificed and served to an immense degree—even to the point where the mother is exhausted. For this assembly, we set the goal of giving new life and inspiration to the Japanese movement. As a part of that effort, STF members would witness for three days in Tokyo, striving to kick start a new breakthrough for witnessing in Japan.

Each year, Hyun-jin nim has emphasized the importance of experiential learning and frontline experiences as the core of the assembly, and of course, of STF training. In international teams, STF and Junior STF members would strive to meet the challenge of creating an international culture of heart. Mr. Aoki prepared us for the many exciting challenges that would be involved in witnessing. Organizing six hundred people to go out on the streets of Tokyo in international pairs and straightforwardly and proudly introducing themselves as members of the Unification Movement, founded by Rev. Moon, brought church, CARP and STF staff members together in an unprecedented cooperative initiative.

Most of the assembly participants did not speak Japanese. Most had never witnessed before. Members were very excited to have this opportunity to testify to their faith. In downtown Tokyo, near Shinjuku station, our Japanese hosts had prepared a brand new video center, the World Peace Culture of Heart Center, which would be used for the first time by these STF witnessers. Another very exciting aspect was that Hyun-jin nim's son, Shin-joong nim, would also join us as an eager participant in Junior STF. Soon we would hear his partner's testimony of the amazing determination and heart of this twelve-year-old future leader!

Junior STF and the hearts of True Grandchildren

The next day began with Pledge Service, hoondokhwae and some guidance on witnessing. The Japanese staff also showed a video presentation created by WFWP-Japan introducing Divine Principle and the Unification Movement, which would be shown to guests at the new video center. During the day, the director of STF Europe, Telmo Saraiva, and directors of STF-USA, Roland Platt and Nobuki Ishibashi, presented reports and creative and exciting videos on STF activities of the past year. That was followed by a series of fund raising testimonies, where the STF members of each group shared their experiences with meeting God and experiencing the heart of True Parents and other members of the True Family on the front line. Many testimonies reflected tearful experiences of God's love and a deep heartistic connection with Hyun-jin nim.

Later that morning, two hundred excited Junior STF members arrived at the hotel and joined their elder STF brothers and sisters for team-building activities. A report by the director of Junior STF, Mr. Motoyama, included an especially moving testimony of his experiences with Hyun-jin nim's family over the preceding few days. Mr. Motoyama shared his experience meeting Shin-eh nim, who spoke with STF and Junior STF members about her motivation for singing with the singing group initiated by Hyun-jin nim, the "girl band"—Colors of Love. He confessed that he had wondered, "Why would Shin-eh nim want to sing onstage?" Her nature is so internal, quiet and shy; this must be a tremendous challenge for her. Out of her devoted heart toward her parents, and her desire to encourage those in the second-generation to follow their

Left: STF members witnessing in Tokyo; Right: International STF members fully engaged in an international game of super handball





dreams and challenge their limitations, she was truly going beyond herself, with absolutely no desire for the glamour of the stage. Mr. Motoyama explained how she expressed this heart in tears.

True Father's course and witnessing in Tokyo

August 2 began with witnessing guidance by the director of STF Japan, Mr. Okawara; and Mr. Abe, the witnessing director of the World Peace Culture of Heart Center. STF members listened to reports from the director of STF Koreas, Mr. Han Yongdae; the director of STF Latin America, Mr. Thomas Schramli; and from Mr. Okawara. There were also witnessing testimonies from STF members of each group, which helped them gear up for their own witnessing experience.

After a two-hour bus ride to the Shinjuku church in Tokyo, the STF members and staff met for a Witnessing Kickoff meeting and then went out to witnessing areas assigned by the Japanese witnessing leaders for a short period to get our first taste of witnessing in Japan. The spirit was very high when we came back

On August 3, we prepared for a Holy Ground tour, which would take place the following day. Mr. Inokuchi gave a talk on Father's course and a testimony of some of his own experiences from having done forty-day fasts nine times. Next, he introduced Mr. Masuda, the first member to join in Japan, who gave his testimony. He told the moving story of how Rev. Choi first witnessed to him under challenging circumstances in those early days, in 1959. The third member of the Holy Ground tour team was Mr. Asai, who spoke of the realizations he came to regarding Japan's responsibility to support the unification of North and South Korea. That day, right after lunch, we went out to witness. The STF members were excited and eager to go out, meet the challenge and bring guests to the new video center.

Later that evening, we heard a very beautiful testimony from Shin-joong nim's witnessing partner. He shared how Shin-

joong nim was so determined and excited to bring a guest, he literally ran out to his witnessing area. On that second day, he met one sister late in the evening. His partner translated, so they could hold a conversation. After an hour, Shin-joong nim convinced this eighteen-year-old girl to come to the video center. That evening he skipped dinner to make a condition for her to return on the following day, which she did.

True Father's student days in Japan

Mr. Inokuchi, Mr. Asai and Mr. Masuda were our guides on a tour of Holy Grounds.

"In the morning, after witnessing we had the opportunity to participate in a tour of the Holy Grounds in Tokyo. It was such an amazing experience to explore the same streets that True Father once tread in his youth, where he brought so much victory for God and humankind. I remembered the pilgrimage in Israel I participated in before joining STF, and the connection between Jesus' course and Father's course became so much more real to me. It was the victory of true love.

"After this realization, witnessing seemed to be such a natural activity. I could feel that I was born to share the truth that was given to us with all my brothers and sisters around the world, whether or not I could speak their languages. I am very grateful to Hyun-jin nim and all those who participated in the organization of this assembly for giving us this opportunity to strengthen our faith and commitment in substantiating God's ideal family and peace kingdom through a clear understanding of our roots."

—E. F., STF USA, third year

After breakfast in the park, all participants went out to witness again for the morning. Shin-Joong nim's guest returned to the video center. Later that night, his witnessing partner explained that Shin-joong nim's guest had actually been warned by her sister (the day after her first visit to the video









Hyun-jin nim's children participated in the event, Left: Shin-eh nim; Middle: Shin-joong nim; Right: Shin-won nim

center) not to have anything to do with *Toitsu Kyokai* (the Unification Church), because they were dangerous.

That day she had called the video center, where someone on the staff encouraged her to come and find out for herself about Rev. Moon, rather than just taking her sister's word for it. She agreed and courageously returned. Meanwhile, Shin-joong nim brought another guest to the video center on the third day! All together STF members brought a total of twenty-three guests—a good preparation for Hyun-jin nim's speech the following day.

A celebration of true love power

Hyun-jin nim's speech on August 5 was the high point of the entire assembly. Over two thousand five hundred people gathered to meet Hyun-jin nim's family at the beautiful Hotel New Otani in Chiba.

The front of the ballroom was packed with over eight hundred STF members and three hundred Junior STF members, more having come from local areas and fund raising teams. As they sang holy songs in preparation, in Korean, Japanese and English, the whole room rocked with energy and excitement. When Hyun-jin nim arrived with his family, chairs were placed in the aisle right behind the STF members, where the family could see the opening performance by Colors of Love, featuring Shin-eh nim's debut onstage in front of the huge crowd! The audience was deeply moved by Shin-eh nim's purity and sincerity of heart as she poured out her love with four other singers in three songs and an encore.

Following this beautiful performance, enthusiastic STF members, all dressed in their black STF T-shirts, presented specially prepared greetings to Hyun-jin nim—first Junior STF, then Europe, the United States, Korea and Japan, who ended with shouts of "We are family! We are family!"

"I was very much looking forward to Hyun-jin nim's speech—I have attended his speeches at the past two assemblies, and each time I wished I could be a part of STF and be right there with Hyun-jin nim and join in giving off that energy. I was so exited, because this was the culmination of the year for me and the moment of a new beginning. So, sitting in the aisle, directly offering support to Hyun-jin nim was like a dream come true! Not long before the speech even began, though, the limitations started to hit me—the physical discomfort and tiredness of sitting on the floor in a cramped position, fighting tiredness and jet lag.

"However, as soon as Hyun-jin nim entered the ballroom, none of that mattered any more, because I was there to sup-

port him. Right away, Hyun-jin nim was so close to us, especially after he accidentally splashed his water bottle over himself and those around him! All the struggles I had gone through in that past week were gone. We were soon all jumping and cheering and singing centered on the culture of heart, literally being one family centered on God.

"For me the climax and most touching part was seeing Hyun-jin nim's family all together onstage singing and relating to each other, being there for us—Hyun-jin nim and his wife Jun-sook nim leading us, Shin-eh nim holding her younger sister and Shin-joong nim singing his heart out. I felt substantially that we could all become one with his family following all the way up the vertical axial line. This was an experience beyond anything I could have ever imagined!"

—Misun Muhlbock, STF USA, second year

Hyun-jin nim began his speech by expressing how he likes young people, because they dream big; he explained how young people need to be challenged to strive for a high standard. When we set a high standard, people will challenge to go up to that standard. You have to have hope, confidence and big dreams to strive for that standard. Even if you don't make it at first, try and try again. If a person can reach high without much effort, they become just like a paper tiger. But if we make effort, although it is difficult, we become real tigers! Young people need many challenges to become strong in their faith and conviction. He explained his love and trust in setting a high standard. "If I set a lower standard for you, it is as if I don't think you can do it.... What is God's standard for you? In history we have made so many mistakes, but God kept His absolute faith, love and obedience toward mankind, believing 'he or she will be a great son or daughter.' God has big dreams for us. Who makes our dreams small? Usually, the individual or their parents will make a kid's dreams small. When I first started STF, parents were reluctant. They had already decided, 'my child can't do that.' Will that child have hope? Later, once their children were transformed, changing through 180 degrees, their standard going so high, leading teams, and so on, parents became the biggest fans of STF!.. When a child is born, parents look at that child with love—they want to invest all their hopes and dreams in that child. They believe, this son will be president or a saint! God, as the Creator, when he looks at you, does He have a lot of hope?" Hyun-jin nim opened his arms wide, "This much?" and then extended one foot out to one side and one arm out to the other, "This much?"

From then on, Hyun-jin nim expounded on the theme of the power of true love. He brought a spirit of tremendous hope





At the opening ceremony, Hyun-jin nim asked Rev. Oyamada to come up and sing a song, which he did proudly and powerfully, just like a young man; *Right:* Volunteers involved in serving a Japanese community as part of the fourth STF International

and liberation to the room. He addressed not only the young people but also those in the first generation with a request that we become teenagers again, with an open mind and heart, filled with hope and possibility, and ready to dream big!

Shortly after beginning his formal address, he accidentally spilled a bottle of water all over his chest. From that point, Hyun-jin nim's theme moved on into one of liberation and celebration. He spoke of the "baptism" of sweat and the necessity and value of hard work and total investment. He surprised everyone by spontaneously asking Rev. Oyamada, an elder of the Japanese church and until recently FFWPU-Japan president, to come onstage and sing. Then he called up Rev. Yu Daehaeng, the person who has overall responsibility for the Japanese movement. He also sang a song. Later in the afternoon, he was splashing water all over STF members, calling up Colors of Love and first-generation brothers and sisters to sing and dance with his whole family onstage in a spirit of absolute celebration.

When Hyun-jin nim called up Mr. Ittetsu Aoki, the director of STF international to sing, Mr. Aoki enlisted the help of- Kwak Jin-man. They burst into a lively rendition of "Real Man," at which point, Hyun-jin nim asked all members fifty years old and older to line up and go through an alley of arms stretching all the way to the back of the huge auditorium and back! It was truly an afternoon of singing and dancing from that point until the end!

The whole audience could experience the culture of heart and a mood of excitement, hope and joy, similar to that we felt when we first met True Parents. Members of the second generation were filed with even more spiritual energy, beauty and power.

"Before seeing Hyun-jin nim, I was really thinking about how I view him, and the position he is in. I realized that even though I love him so much as my elder brother, I couldn't really see him taking the position of Father, giving the same kind of love as True Father. But he completely proved me wrong today! As I listened and watched Hyun-jin nim, and when he looked directly at me with sparkling eyes, I felt so much of Father's heart and spirit, and most importantly, love. I can see him now, more than ever before, as True Father's son. It elated me.

"Hyun-jin nim has given me so much hope, as did his whole family, and the STF family. This assembly has been life changing."

—Sarah Groenendyke, STF USA, second year

Everyone could feel the true love power in the room with such an explosion of youthful energy and hope; many shed tears thinking, this is truly the time after the coming of heaven. God is so happy and liberated to see these three generations in total unity in the True Family. There is so much hope from this time on. One STF member shared later, "I felt, 'This is the son of the Messiah. This is the spirit and power of God—true love power—so vibrant and explosive in this room. I can feel we are on the edge of a great breakthrough and the new era after the coming of heaven has become so much more real."

On the following day, as STF members returned to their home countries, Hyun-jin nim held a meeting with four hundred top leaders of the Japanese movement at the Unification Building in Tokyo. Then, on August 7, he spoke again in Osaka, creating an even more explosive event than the one in Tokyo! So much love and blessing came to Japan!

"Now I know: We are not alone in our efforts. We truly are one family, all working together toward the fulfillment of the same dream. I now have confidence that by working as a team, we are going to achieve this dream. For a while now, no matter how inspired I felt about restoring the world, facing the fallen reality around me, I struggled to see how this is going to happen. It was beginning to look impossible.

"During this assembly, I experienced firsthand the power of second-generation members coming together with one goal. We impacted people both inside and outside the movement. It was very moving to see people coming to visit the Culture of Heart Academy (the video center) through witnessing, and becoming inspired by our vision and our ideals. Also, to see the Japanese family members, from both the first and second generations, being spiritually revived through the spirit of the STF members was so exciting. This assembly has given me the confidence and conviction that we can change the world!"

—Crescentia Hinkle, STF USA, second year ◆



The Seventh International Youth Day (IYD) on August 12 brought 20,000 young people to Araneta Coliseum, in Manila, the Philippines, where they listened as Hyun-jin nim encouraged them to create a heavenly tsunami that would revive their nation and influence the rest of the world. IYD was a part of the wider International Youth Leaders Congress for Global Peace that took place from August 10–14, which was hosted by the United Nations Association of the Philippines in partnership with the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP); it was sponsored by World CARP, Service for Peace and the United Nations Development Program. The themes of the congress were in line with the UN Millennium Development Goals, such as the dramatic reduction in poverty, illiteracy and disease. Philippine Speaker of the House Jose De Venecia was encouraging in his congratulatory remarks. He compared the young participants to those who had fought for independence from Spain and the United States. He said, "You are the leaders now who will change the world. Our revolution, your revolution, my revolution, is the revolution of mind and the revolution of heart." He emphasized, "The Unification Movement is bringing people together under God, beyond religion and nation, which can be seeds of conflict. Let us work together with the Unification Movement."

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How beautiful is the land of Korea? With the Pacific Ocean to the east where the islands of Japan are, and on the other side, the plains of Manchuria...all the land will become one great nation.] We should make them into one nation. Can you sense this, or not? [We can sense it.]...

I'm sure there is a way waiting for me to help liberate God. So, if I leave work undone behind me, even if it is only a hundredth or one ten thousandth of it, God will be expecting me to offer prayers and conditions and finish the work when I'm over on the other side. If I don't fulfill it, He will call me and advise me, "Hey, you have prayed for that, so why are you sitting still and doing nothing?"

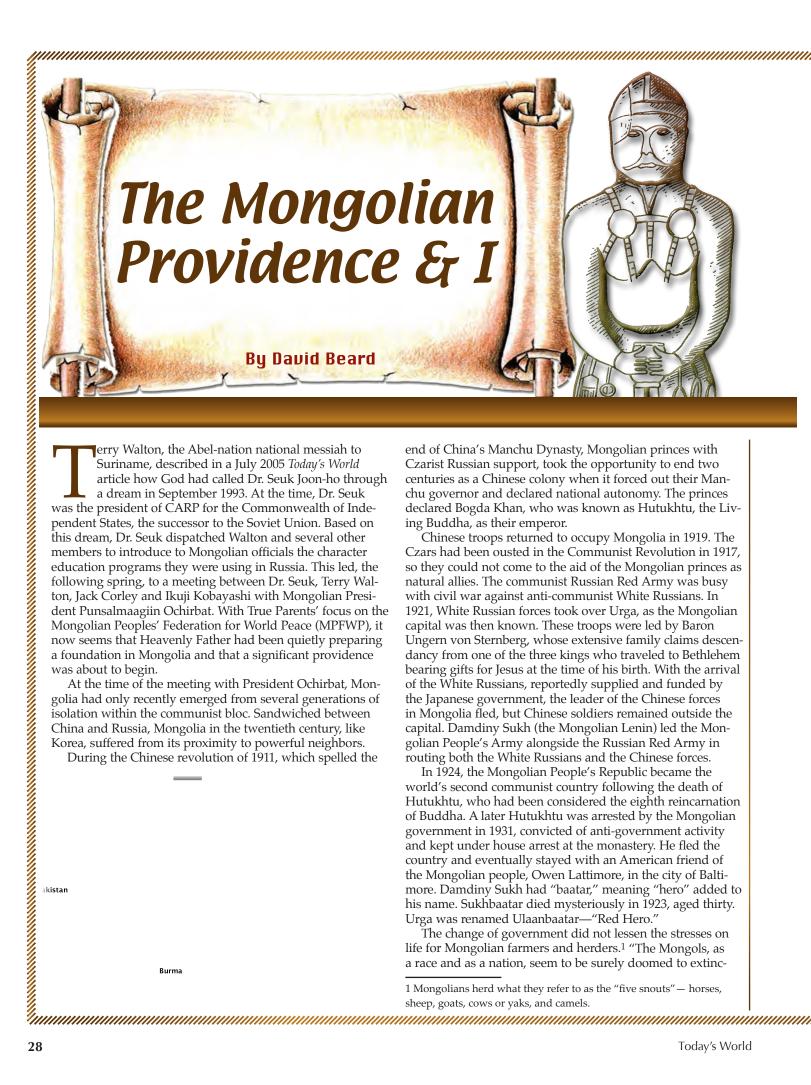
Therefore, I should start preparing to create minor palaces, harboring such a heart. It could not be done alone, however. The clan should be mobilized; the village should be mobilized; the township should be mobilized; the province should be mobilized; the entire nation should be mobilized. Since I know you are up to the task, before I go to the spirit world, it is my plan not to have the blessed Korean people simply remain in Korea....

I started out with nothing and have built such a great palace in the end. You, too, should start by preparing small grounds for palaces, so that they can expand hundreds of times, even to the spirit world. Such areas of development are calling out to me! Amen! [Applause]

Then all would be done. In terms of the condition, even if a thousandth, ten thousandth, hundred thousandth, or a millionth of it were achieved by the concerted effort of relatives over three generations—be they from the Kim clan, or the Park clan—all the people together will have achieved something unseen in the world before. God would be so amazed that He would hand over the actual rights of re-creation and say that He would not exchange what we have accomplished with this universe He has created. You should be determined to achieve this. God will not punish you for harboring such dreams in your heart. He won't punish you. If anything, anything at all, is possible, you should go ahead and do it. Is that clear? [Yes.]...

What is the message I want to leave behind on this Chil II Jeol? Would God be pleased, or be angry, if we offered to build for Him a kingdom of heaven that is greater than the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven that He created? [He would be pleased.]

So even though you may not be parents yet, it is the heart of a mother or father to see their sons and daughters become hundreds of times or thousands of times greater than they. This parental heart resembles God's heart. Therefore, God will accept it with joy and will bestow blessings upon blessings on you all! Amen! [Amen!] Now! [Applause... three cheers of eog mansei.]



tion," said Church of England missionary to Mongolia F. J. Griffith in 1929. "With pressure from Russians from the north and encroaching Chinese farmers from the south, the vise is tightening, and the Mongols are retreating to ever smaller territory." Based on his knowledge of how far missionaries had had to move to continue witnessing to contacts they'd made, Griffith estimated that in ten years recurring famine had driven the Chinese to appropriate a swath of land fifty miles wide and hundreds of miles long. Lattimore, in his travels along merchant camel routes a few years later arrived at a similar rate of loss.

In the 1930s, Mongolia was pulled into battles between Japanese and Russian troops, and in the 1960s, Mongolia severed relations with China when the comradely relationship between Chinese communists and Russian communists came to an acrimonious end. The USSR moved a hundred thousands soldiers into Mongolia and maintained troops along the Mongolian–Chinese border until late 1992

For the Mongolian people, though, their most horrific suffering came at the hands of fellow Mongolians, whose leaders during the darkest years of communist tyranny committed atrocities against their own population. Much of this was blind imitation of Soviet policies carried out by Khorloogiin Choibalsan (the Mongolian Stalin), who ruled his country from 1939 until his death in 1952.

There were purges of politicians, intellectuals and military men, poisonings and disappearances. Most notably—in tandem with the USSR's efforts to eradicate the Russian Orthodox Church—in Mongolia, effort was made to tear Buddhism out of the Mongolian national soil. More than seven hundred monasteries were shut or burned down. Monks were at first heavily taxed in an effort to get them to leave the priesthood. If that didn't work, they were arrested, beaten and tortured. Tens of thousands were executed.

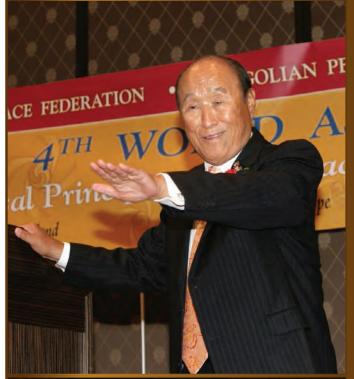
As in the case of the Soviet Stalin, following Choibalsan's death, the Communist Party condemned him and sought to distance the party from his reputation. In practical terms, this meant that dissidents no longer faced execution, they were instead sent to prisons or mental hospitals or into exile. Decade by decade government treatment became less severe, but people were still not free to speak out. The government continued to stifle its people.

Brave Mongolians take a stand

This was the atmosphere on December 10, 1989, when a twenty-six-year-old journalist, a future prime minister and future stalwart MPFWP member, Tsakhiagiyn Elbegdorj, stood on a chair and spoke to an audience of two hundred people who were parading in front of the main government offices carrying placards that called for ending bureaucratic oppression and for allowing freedom of expression. Government ministers and members of the rubber-stamp parliament watched from windows in the long, low, many-colonnaded office building, known as Government House, as the cream of Mongolian society, children of the elite who had mostly studied at Russian universities, brought the desire for democracy they'd experienced in Moscow to Ulaanbaatar.

In a 2004 interview conducted by Peter and Helen Evans, which is available online, Mr. Elbegdorj said, "We chose December 10 because it's International Human Rights Day. It looked as if we were linked to it or used that day to exercise our human rights." A week later they submitted fourteen demands to the government including that it allow multi-party elections and freedom of speech.

"We also demanded that they give us an answer or explanation of how they were going to implement these things," Mr. Elbegdorj explained. "We wanted communication on a weekly basis. If they didn't give us the answers in one week we were going to begin the next stage of our fight." The next stage called for weekly demonstra-







Father speaks to representatives of Mongolian peoples from around the world at the fourth World Assembly of MPFWP on July 15 in Geneva, Switzerland

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tions. Within four weeks, a hundred thousand people in a country of three million had joined the reformers.

There were ethnic and ideological tensions among the demonstrators, but they were careful about maintaining unity during that time when appearing vulnerable might invite a violent government backlash. After all, only the previous year student demonstrators were fired upon in Tiananmen Square.

One of the men looking down from a window in Government House was the minister of foreign economic relations and supply, Punsalmaagiin Ochirbat. In an interview with Today's World during a UPF seminar in Seoul, Justice Ochirbat, now a member of the Constitutional Court of Mongolia, explained that even as a minister in the communist government he was an early supporter of the democracy movement. At a time when the Secret Police were hunting down democracy advocates that were plastering the capital's walls with posters calling for government reform, he was providing nighttime access to his ministry's printing and photocopying equipment to the reformers. When the Mongolian Democratic Party held its first party congress in February 1990, where it announced its intentions to field candidates in free elections, several communist government ministers were invited to attend. Only Punsalmaagiin

as a result are constantly fighting one another." Father has expressed the hope that the extended Mongolian family takes part in "tear[ing] down the walls of the heart that divide us, that all humanity might live together in a society characterized by interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values."

The MPFWP

Jack Weatherford, in his thoroughly researched book, "Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World," wrote of newly democratic Mongolia, "I found Mongolians to be delirious at their freedom from centuries of foreign rule, and much of the excitement centered on honoring the memory of their founding father, Genghis Khan."

Within Mongolia, Russian communist efforts to wipe out all possibility of the memory of Genghis Khan ever rousing the people to rebellion verged on the insane. As Weatherford described these efforts in part, "Just as the British [in the nineteenth century] executed the sons and grandsons of the last Moghul emperor of India²... the Soviets purged the known descendants of Genghis Khan remaining in Mongolia in the twentieth century, marching whole families into the woods



True Mother and Hyun-jin nim (in the background) sprinkle Holy Water, like a blessing from Heaven, on representative couples taking part in the Blessing Ceremony in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on June 16

Ochirbat and one other minister accepted the invitation.

In light of the ever-increasing crowds at demonstrations, events moved very rapidly. The chairman of the parliament, Jambyn Batmonh, resigned in March 1990 and the parliament elected Mr. Ochirbat to replace him. He was also asked to head a committee that looked into changing the constitution. "We changed the communist constitution in 1990, so that parliamentary elections could be held in a democratic way," Mr. Ochirbat said. "We first developed a draft of a democratic constitution, and then we held open discussions on the constitution with all the people of Mongolia. Based on the discussions among the people, the constitution was approved by the new parliament." The constitution stipulated that the head of the constitutional revision committee, Mr. Ochirbat, would become the nation's first president. He served as a president under those conditions until 1993, when he was elected directly by the people in Mongolia's first publicly-held presidential elections. This took Mongolia from communism, which Father characterizes as being based on "an ideology of servants and masters," to democracy, which he explains is "based on a philosophy of brothers," where "everyone has the freedom to pursue self-interests and

to be shot and buried in unmarked pits, exiling them into the gulag of Soviet camps across Siberia where they were worked to death, or simply causing their mysterious disappearances into the night of history."

In an article on the online magazine *Mongolia Today*, an editor wrote, "The first step towards fashioning Socialist man out of the feudal nomad was the arrest and execution of the nobility, most of whom claimed direct descendancy from Genghis Khan and his sons. Then in 1925, the new rulers abolished the use of all family and clan names. 'It was purely for political reasons, to eliminate the influence of the nobility and destroy the hereditary status of their children,' explained Zhambaldorjin Serjee, director of the State Central Library. Since then Mongolians have only used one name, their given name to refer to themselves."

In some families, the surname was secretly passed down through the generations. In others, knowledge of the family and clan connections has not survived.

For some Unificationists, Father's sudden unveiling of the Mongolian providence was a bit disconcerting. Why Mongolia?

2 A descendant of Genghis Khan

Though more has been written in recent years about Genghis Khan's good contributions to the world we live in, for some time this was not the case. The name Genghis Khan comes up twenty-two times in *Time* magazine during the 1970s. There were four random references, such as the name of an actress' Lhasa Apso, four historical facts, one misstated historical allusion, four comments on leadership, two on conservative politics and a slur of the Chinese by a Russian. Genghis Khan was also used to describe an autocratic homosexual ballet troupe founder, Adolph Hitler, killer bees, sadistic elements in the Iranian military, a torturer by his victim and a slaughter of students by soldiers.

In some respects Genghis Khan has suffered from an anti-Eastern bias. We learn of Napoleon's contributions to modern French law or the contributions to road building and architecture made under the Roman Caesars, yet how often have we heard that it was the Mongols that first unified China or that they introduced paper currency and the concept of diplomatic immunity? Most conquerors could have both accomplishments and atrocities attributed to them. Alexander the Great is characterized as a "great military tactician," Napoleon Bonaparte a "brilliant military strategist," who other than Genghis Khan is



True Mother and Hyun-jin nim are welcomed to the recently renamed Chinggis Khan International Airport in Mongolia by sisters in traditional clothing bearing airag, mare's milk

commonly designated "a barbarian"?

Three generations of continual warfare in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries conducted by the family of Temujin, the Mongol who was given the title Genghis Khan, yielded a people connected globally by a shared physical trait, the appearance of blue spots on their buttocks during babyhood.

A 2003 report in the *American Journal of Human Genetics, entitled "The Genetic Legacy of the Mongols," begins, "We have identified a Y-chromosomal lineage with several unusual features. It was found in sixteen populations throughout a large region of Asia, stretching from the Pacific to the Caspian Sea, and was present at high frequency: 8% of the men in this region carry it, and it thus makes up 0.5 percent of the world total. The pattern of variation within the lineage suggested that it originated in Mongolia—a thousand years ago. Such a rapid spread cannot have occurred by chance; it must have been a result of selection. The lineage is carried by likely male-line descendants of Genghis Khan, and we therefore propose that it has spread by a novel form of social selection resulting from their behavior."

Reading Weatherford's book, I got the impression Genghis

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August 2006 31 an elder-brother figure he had a close attachment to—seemingly because circumstances put Genghis Khan in a subservient position to his friend, and that rankled. Also, although he accumulated perhaps more power and more wealth than any man ever on earth, even before his death there were signs, which he surely recognized, that disunity within his family would tear his empire apart. I had to wonder if on hearing these things Father would sense that this man was the seed of the global Cain lineage. Particularly interesting was the story of Temujin birth and that he emerged from his mother's womb holding coagulated blood in his hand. Traditionally this was seen as a sign that he would become a great warrior. With his emphasis on bloodline, I wonder if it signified something different to Father.

If we have trouble understanding the role of Mongolian peoples, perhaps it is because the essence of what Abel and Cain represent may be more complex than we realize. After all, if you were to strip away the understanding we have developed of Abel during the course of our spiritual upbringing—if we were to rely only on biblical accounts without the deeper insight that True Parents have brought to us—Abel is little more than the world's first murder victim.

In the course of reading a few pages each morning of the

recently translated "Cheon Seong Gyeong," I came across a passage where Father described the development of Abel and Cain philosophies and concluded that the Cain and Abel sides were inextricably linked and that neither was complete without the other:

All these views were incorrect, and so they need to be rectified. That is because these views had their origin in people who did not know that the mind and body are in a subject—object partnership. Those people have nowhere to go now because they always thought of the one as being separate from the other.⁵

which the former Communist Party is still a participant. Mongolia has reportedly played a strong behind-the-scer

Mongolia has reportedly played a strong behind-the-scenes role in attempts to bring harmony between the two Koreas as well.

Justice Ochirbat, who during our interview exuded fatherly warmth, said that his first foreign policy decision in 1990, after his assignment as president was to establish diplomatic relations with South Korea. "Because of communism, which was closed to the democratic world, Mongolia didn't have a chance to relate to South Korea during the communist time, but we have had diplomatic relations with North Korea since 1948. There is a festival every year in Pyongyang, the April Spring Friendship Art Festival. Mongolians often participate in that festival and wins many top prizes.

"If we look back to history," he continued, "Koreans and Mongolians have the same origin. The blue spots on our hips testify to this. That is why we are very close. We Mongolians think it doesn't matter—North or South Koreans—Koreans are Koreans. The same blue spot appears on the South Korean and North Korean people. For Mongolians, we don't distinguish between them; it's one nation. We all have that view."

In the interview with Justice Ochirbat, Ms. Tsendmaa acted

as interpreter. Her spoken English is good. Her voice has a mellifluous quality that may come from her native language. I had earlier interviewed her. She had only been secretarygeneral of UPF for a month. She explained that she felt she was given the position because Mongolian National Leader Kang Sang-sun, trusts her "to be responsible in the area of mobilizing Mongolian leaders to UPF."

She was in Korea with high-level guests at a UPF seminar and Mother's visit to Mongolia was only a few days away. She did not seem fazed by the intensity of her responsibilities. Her background is in professional journalism—print, radio and television. "I was working in the national language on

national TV as an economic editor," she said. "I prepared a thirty-minute economic program on the national industries of Mongolia, such as cashmere meat or the mining sector." Her producer was preparing a program on FFWPU in Mongolia in 1999 and had some connection with us. She invited Ms. Tsendmaa to go somewhere with her where she could "use the internet and enjoy a very good library." When invited to attend workshops, she accepted but her producer declined.

I asked her how Mongolians see the role of Genghis Khan in relation to the Divine Principle. "His original idea was how to make peace," she responded. "In order to make peace, his principle was to respect others. After conquering a nation, he never touched the religious field, and he respected religious beliefs or some inner value of human beings. He admired his mother, and he thought heart is important. If you understand people's hearts, you can make harmony. Once you make harmony with



During a clamorous break in a UPF seminar, I interviewed the first President of Mongolia, Punsalmaagiin Ochirbat (center). He punctuated some of his answers by affectionately patting me on the back. Ms. Natsogdorj Tsendmaa, Secretary-general of UPF-Mongolia, who had arranged the interview, is translating.

This reminded me that Abel and Cain represent relative good and evil and suggested that there are qualities that each needs in the other. Among the many favorable qualities of Genghis Khan that Jack Weatherford highlights, his tolerance for all religions stood out strongly when compared with the practices of the Abel-type religious figures of his day. He forbade torture of any person and introduced tax exemption for clergy of all faiths at a time when Muslims and Christians were killing each other over control of Jerusalem and the church had approved the use of torture by priests against suspected heretics.

Mongolia today

Something of the flexibility Mongolians inherited from their ancestors seems to have contributed to their peaceful transition from decades of one-party rule to multiparty democracy in

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others a peaceful environment can be created. That was his key philosophy. He promoted the family in order to make a stable and powerful empire," she added. "He made special rules for how to establish a stable family."

True Mother in Mongolia

In the video of True Mother's tour stop in Ulaanbaatar, as the motorcade is moving down the highway, a billboard is visible that depicts Mother looking radiant behind a flower bedecked podium on the left side, a world globe on the right side and—above two doves—Mongolian words in Cyrillic script announcing her global speaking tour.

From Rev. Matsumoto, a Japanese volunteer working in Mongolia, I learned that it is not a common practice to welcome dignitaries to Mongolia with billboards along the route from the airport to the city; members in Mongolia had the idea themselves. When Father came in November last year, they approached companies, such as Hyundai and Alcatel, that rent billboards from outdoor advertising companies. They carefully explained the importance of Father's visit and asked to borrow for two days the billboards that those companies use. When preparing the billboards with a message about True Parents, they included the name of the company from whom they borrowed the advertising space. This was done for Mother's visit as well. It is a

large, impressive, novel way of welcoming True Parents to their country.

The hall that Mother spoke at, the UB (Ulaanbaatar) Palace was massive. It seats 3,600 people. Student members had invited friends and professors, while providential organizations focused on working with their own contacts. A series of FFWPU, UPF and WFWP pre-seminars were held. For seminar graduates, attendance at Mother's speech was made a requirement for their becoming ambassadors for peace. Ms. Tsendmaa explained, "We have a big ambassador-for-

peace hope, so we reach an average of between seventy and eighty people a day from every sector of society. They listen to Father's view on how to make a peaceful world as well as the UPF vision and practical projects such as the Bering Strait Tunnel project and UN renewal."

Mongolian members told people about the innovative work True Parents have done to promote peace and that Mother is currently touring the world to speak out for peace. The response was very good. The large hall was full, on June 16, and the audience was fully attentive. Around one thousand five hundred audience members had been through the ambassador for peace education. On this foundation, surely they could more fully understand the heroic efforts of True Mother, who had been touring since April 28. The Minister of Social Welfare and Labor Luvsan Odonchimed spoke before Hyun-jin nim and True Mother presented their speeches. The Mother–Son combination is a powerful statement on the value of family.

Mongolians as a people spent seventy years cut off from the wider world. They are anxious to express the good values that have survived through that long period. It is inspiring that they feel resonance between their own traditions and the salvific message of True Parents







Top: Ex-Prime Minister Tsakhiagiyn Elbegdorj, who went from army journalist to activist to prominent Mongolian politician, with Hyun-jin nim; Middle Right: Ex-President Ochirbat in traditional garb offering a crown on June 13 and (below) with Dr. and Mrs. Kwak and their son Jin-man. Kwak Jin-man has inherited his parents mission as National Messiah to Mongolia.



(1992), which broke. I was re-blessed among the 3.6 million couples (1997). My wife was born and raised by Kenyan parents in Zambia. We adopted a son and have been blessed with a baby girl. A day before I began the fast, we celebrated her 103rd day ceremony.

I began my mission life as a pioneer in a small town called Embu, near Mt. Kenya in 1993; I have been in public missions since then. I have raised funds outside Kenya (UK, Japan, Korea), and I have been a missionary to the Island nations of Comoros and Madagascar.

The fast began on the same date, October 18, that I began a forty-day workshop in Cheongpyeong, seven years ago. This motivated me as I reflected on its significance.

irst, I would like to thank our Cosmic Parents and Parents of Heaven and Earth for the wonderful experience. What an experience! Is this what Moses, Elijah, Jesus True Father, saints and sages felt? It is a feeling removed from this evil world. It's absolute denial, dying then coming back to life. Thank you, Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim, saints, sages and good spirit world and all brothers and sister in Kenya whom we offered this great condition with, especially Mombasa members who felt for Africa at heart and were able to offer up to twelve days at the same time as I offered forty days. May God bless Africa. It is God's time for Africa.

Background

I was appointed a regional leader, based in Mombasa, the second largest city in Kenya, in 2000. It is in the very hot and humid coastal region, with temperatures of 30–35 degrees centigrade and 70–80 percent humidity.

Mombasa has a history of as long as five hundred years in the butter trade and was also a key port in the slave trade. Known as the Gateway to Eastern Africa, the British, the Portuguese and the Arabs used this port to enter Africa from the east.

I joined the church in December 1991, when I was twenty-eight years old. I participated in the 30,000-couple blessing

VIPs are following True Mother's speech on July 19, 2006, during 180 Nations Peace Tour in Kenya, Nairobi

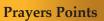
Purpose of the fast

The situation of Africa is generally pathetic. It is a continent hobbled by poverty, conflicts, diseases, droughts, etc. My cry has been, "Who will lead this continent out of this bondage of suffering? Where is our 'Moses,' our 'Joshua' or our 'David'?"

We are affected both internally and externally. We cry of exploitation but still as Africans we have a responsibility. Internally, prayer is the first solution. We have to seek heavenly intervention. The best environment for serious prayers is fasting, which in itself also is an offering. Combined, I feel fasting and prayer create the best heavenly weapon.

Kenya as a nation has had problems of disunity between leaders and members. This caused members to leave. This was a major concern to Mombasa members. It affected many activities, even blessing activities. We decided to do something about it—if not physically then spiritually. We must make conditions for leaders and members.

All Mombasa family members were involved in one way or another in this great condition. One brother offered a twelveday fast, while two brothers offered ten-day fasts, four other members offered seven-day fasts, while others offered four day-, three day- and one-day fasts for Africa and it's head-quarters, Kenya. They chain fasted as I did the forty days. (plus 1,000 full bows). Accumulated, it came to a hundred and twenty days offered by twenty-one people within forty days.



- The True Family is a model family.
- •God, let Africa be liberated through this condition in order to serve True Parents effectively on the cosmic level.
- •Open the hearts of both internal and external leaders to a sense of responsibility, implanting in them the spirit of living for sake of others, in order to be ready to die for Africa through service.
- •Let Africa take responsibility by overcoming our state of misery and stand in a position to save other continents.
- •Let Africa unite, all nations unite, for the sake of the world.



- Let the heart you have created in this race and the history of suffering be used not only to unite ourselves but also to bring together all races to Cheon II Guk as per your desire.
- •Let Kenya, "a nation in the East," as the headquarters of the African providence play the role of a central nation well, being able to carry the burden of the continent by indemnifying horizontally all the vertical conditions.
- •Let all members unite with the leadership, vertically, as we sort our problems through dialogue and live exemplarily for the sake of the ideal.
- •Bless us with the "tree of all things," in order to use material gains to improve the national providence with the goal of multiplying blessed families on the continent.
- Let Mombasa, "a city in the East," become a source of light and inspiration to the nation and Africa through these families who have devoted there lives for the sake of all the blessed families of the world.
- Accept this small condition Heavenly Father, to be used to save the situation of all members who in one way or another left the church because of either not understanding or lack of competence in leaders. Let them come back, so we can build Cheon II Guk together.
- Mobilize the good spirit world to support all these that we have asked and ease the way for your providence to excel through this condition.

Experience

Muslims comprise at least 70 percent of the coastal population. Our fast began in what is the month of Ramadan for our Muslim brothers, so all of Mombasa was fasting. The fasting spirit was everywhere.

The temperature was difficult to bear. Most of the time I could hide my fatigue by encouraging members, especially until thirty days into the fast. My strength always seemed the hope of the members, who did a prayer vigil, all day and night, for the last eighteen days.

The members' support was tremendous, both spiritually and financially. I knew that for more than a hundred days I would not be able to work. My wife was also an inspiration; she said, "God will provide," and truly He provided for my family for a hundred and twenty days after the condition, until I was strong and active.

True Father had previously requested five hundred African ambassadors for peace go to Israel as pilgrims in the month of August. We fell short of this figure. So on my twenty-first day, I was very happy to see African leaders in Israel joining others, in the second trip in November 2004. Though the figure was not reached, this time Africa responded.

My wife's determination and support were tremendous, especially from thirty days onward. At that point, I was thinking, "Now I can't join others at prayer." She made sure I walked and prayed in unison with members. Sometimes I felt so weak, but I couldn't show it in front of members lest they sympathize.

Visions

It was my first experience fasting beyond seven days, though I had done that seven times since I joined. Nevertheless, to go forty days was a matter of life and death. Visions of Africa



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and the African race began appearing, and now and then I was shown suffering and slavery and diseases in my dreams. Ancestors often called for help in my dreams. One time a loud voice called, "These are your people; liberate them." Another time, I heard, "Save your people." Most guidance came during the last twelve days of the fast.

My wife, also around the same time, experienced many spiritual visions. She recalls meeting her mother who had gone to the spirit world some two years ago. Her mother had strongly opposed the church before she passed away, but this time she appeared happy and was carrying the Divine Principle book in her hand. She encouraged my wife not to give up and said all her sisters must follow (this truth by joining) my wife. This message she also conveyed to the other three daughters in their dreams. They confirmed this later when they visited us. She gave my wife confidence, telling her that victory is on our side, she gave me a lot of moral support after this.

Other visions were about responsibility and instructions. Bring all blessed families together to understand their mission.

Forty days represents a new beginning, leaders to become the restored 'Moses' of today, guiding the people to Cheon II Guk

Change is coming soon be prepared, based on this victory

Results

After a year we have witnessed a lot of changes in Africa, especially in Kenya. True Father visited Africa exactly one year after the condition.

Externally, there were changes after the constitutional referendum (November 21, 2005), which caused the government of Kenya to submit to the people, thereafter exposing scandals and avenues of corruption like never before.

Internally, we have seen the effects of the changes in leadership that True Father made both on the African continental level and in Kenya (January 1, 2006). Father directly appointed new leaders. For the first time, he appointed a national leader for Kenya.

Family members in Kenya now feel motivated, especially the ones that we have shared this great condition. Changes are just beginning.

Finally, I would like to encourage all blessed members. When we are completely stuck, fasting conditions are very rewarding and much feared by the spiritual world.

May God bless Africa! God bless Kenya! God bless us all!◆

