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# Letter from the Publisher

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak



IT HAS BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE FATHER went to Danbury. In all this time we have never heard one word of complaint from him about his environment. We have never heard him scold his followers for their mistakes and shortcomings which resulted in his prison sentence. He has offered this sacrificial period completely to God.

Furthermore, he has done his best to set a good example at Danbury camp, doing far more than his assigned duty. He finishes his own job in 15 minutes and then invests two hours helping others in their jobs. He has constantly assisted others. Fifty inmates have received the *Divine Principle*, the *Outline of the Principle Level 4*, and *God's Warning to the World* and many are studying the books. Father did not witness to them; the inmates sought out the teachings after their curiosity was aroused by his impeccable lifestyle. Many have come to respect him, and some now attend him closely. The inmates have observed every detail of Father's schedule—when he wakes up, how many hours he prays, what time he goes to bed, and also what kind of attitude he has.

True Father has undergone a period of sacrifice that was totally unnecessary and entirely unjust. Yet even though he was sent unfairly to prison, his prayers are for his enemies, he shares his love with others, he shows great patience, and he leads an exemplary life.

How painful it is for God to see Father's sacrifice every day! If we understand the mission and value of True Parents, we can realize how irreplaceable every day of Father's life on earth is. The world desperately needs his guidance; all humanity needs his teaching. If Father is in prison for one day, even one hour, precious time which he could use to directly reach out to all humankind is sacrificed. How tragic this is!

It is particularly painful that many people still understand Father to be a criminal. If the average American regards Father as a criminal and thinks he should

be in prison, this constitutes a very grave historical mistake. We can never condone this.

We have to eradicate the misconceptions people have had about Father. His honor must be restored through our own repentance and that of the American public. We have to declare openly that he has been mistreated. The time has come to proclaim his identity to all Americans. Father's honor was sullied by this false accusation and imprisonment. We have to confirm in the sight of everyone his dignity, his glory, and his real value.

History has shown us many examples of righteous people being mistreated, some even to the point of death. This brings about truly terrifying consequences, for when the innocent are unfairly judged, their accusers—or their descendants—pay a heavy price.

The Abel of Abels now suffers unnecessary sacrifice. But his prayer and his motivation of love have amazing power. If the people in the position of Cain do not accept with a pure, repentant heart Father's prayers and love under these conditions, they will have to pay a heavy price, either in the long run as history unfolds or through natural disasters. The future of this nation is very precarious.

The course of Father's court case was very unusual. We cannot even imagine Father using the money in the bank account for selfish reasons. The bank account was not his own.

The government intentionally insisted on the use of the jury system. Also, no matter how many political or religious leaders showed their support for Father

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Mother is joined by Ye Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, and Nan Sook Nim following the awards ceremony during which she accepted on Father's behalf an honorary doctorate from Shaw Divinity School in North Carolina.

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## PARENTS' DAY

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#### PART II

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**T**HE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF EVERY HUMAN BEING IS GOD. Also, every person is destined to one day become a personification of true love. But how do you really experience true love? The woman will find it through a true man, her husband; but first she has to help her husband become a true man. Then husband and wife can share true love and together become true parents. But which level of true parents do you want to reach: the individual level, the family, tribal, national, worldwide, or cosmic level? Cosmic true parents, that is best. Have you loved humanity and the universe with the cosmic level of true love? The smaller levels of love are absorbed by the larger levels: the individual love will be integrated into the family level; the family into the tribe; the tribe into the nation. True love for the country can be fused into true love for the world; true love for the world will be absorbed by true love for the universe.

You might declare to Satan, "You cannot compete with the quality of true love that we practice." Satan will laugh and say, "Are you really proud of your true love?" People in the secular or fallen world celebrate their birthdays; they hold parties for that purpose. What about you? You regard yourselves as godly people. What is the day of your birth? If you say, "My birthday is on such and such a day," Satan can say, "On that day, your parents gave you birth, didn't they? Those parents are fallen. So actually you come out of my own lineage."

Also, Satan will ask you, "Do you have a day on which you can celebrate your dominion over all things of creation? Is there a day on which you were given stewardship over all things?" Even though you may consider yourself godly, Satan still can say, "Look: All this is mine. I can claim and use everything. It is all my domain."

#### WHERE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE?

Godly people can be confronted by Satan, who will say, "What have you accomplished? Show me what you have done in this society. I receive great loyalty from people. There are many people who are dying for their loyalty to my power. Where are the people who are giving their lives in loyalty to God?"



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*Rev. Moon is like God's ace card;  
all of you represent the rest of the cards.  
Together, we will create God's trump and win for Him.*

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America is supposed to be one nation under God; that is the noble concept under which it was begun. But in contemporary America nearly everything is centered on the material aspect, which is Satan's domain. Virtually all of society is suffering moral degradation; drug abuse is rampant; free sex is considered normal; homosexuality is common. This is the reason why one Christian nation after another has fallen into the hands of communism. Where is the power of Christianity? Satan laughs at God and says, "Show me Your country; where are Your people? I know You created this world for the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth; and You said You were going to restore it and bring it to that ideal. But where is it being restored?"

What is the day of judgment? It is the final showdown between Satan and God. Satan will show all his cards and God will do the same. God must prepare His own cards; when Satan shows his joker or his ace, God will pull out His cards—true men and women. Then Satan will be stunned and will begin to retreat at that point. Satan can show all kinds of examples of his power within today's families. He can show how he has destroyed family after family through his power. Then he will challenge God: "Where are the families under Your sovereignty?" Satan has completely divided the world—all the races, nations, everyone—into chaos and confusion. He is triumphantly saying, "God, where is Your world?" Don't you think God needs a winning card to challenge Satan's trump? Don't you think God wants to have that kind of super-trump?

## **NO MATCH FOR GOD'S TRUMP CARD**

As soon as he sees God's super-trump cards, Satan will say, "Oh, no, those aren't the right kinds of cards. You are trying to play a different game!" But God will say, "Yes, they are two different cards. My cards are the cards that will save the world. But your cards are selfish cards; you worry only about your own well-being at the sacrifice of others." And for the first time, Satan will come to realize that there is no match between him and God, because their cards are entirely different. However, Satan has to admit that he is one of the beings created by God, and he is the one who has fallen. God will say, "Who are you, after all?"

Therefore, those who are working only for their own well-being, those individuals, families, and nations who are pursuing only selfish interests, will become Satan's trump cards. They will never become God's super-trump cards. God will display His unselfish trump cards and Satan's cards will be blown away, scattered. In the beginning of this card game between God and Satan, Satan had ownership of all the chips—the whole of creation and humanity was in Satan's camp. Satan will show his cards first and then demand to see God's. God will say, "Let me see your cards. Well, that card is self-centered and only worried about himself. I see now very clearly that your cards are evil and fallen. In fact, they are not real cards; they are imitations. My cards are true cards. Isn't that correct?" Even Satan will have to admit it and say, "Yes, you are right, God."

What about the United States? Is it God's nation or Satan's nation? Answer me clearly, you American people. Is this nation

under God's or Satan's control? It is under Satan's domination. The entire world is under Satan's dominion. Thus people are born under Satan's yoke; that is a fact. God lost everything to Satan. For that reason, there is no God's Day in the satanic world; there is no True Parents' Day; there have never been any True Children walking on the earth and therefore there is no Children's Day honoring the true children of God. There has been nothing that God can claim as His own. This is the great tragedy, that God lost everything He created. Where is God's nation today in the Christian domain? Can God celebrate the day on which His beloved son was killed on the cross?

## **TRUE LOVE COATING**

Blind faith will not work. You cannot demand of people that they just simply believe without any evidence or verification. Today everybody tries to be scientific, except when it comes to the truth about God. How can you abandon science when you speak about God? How can you do that if you are twentieth-century men and women? I have met many theologians who lack a fundamental understanding about God. Many people respect me simply because of the logic of my teachings. Even philosophers want to meet with me; they change their concepts after only one meeting. Many times I have asked scholars questions and they could not answer.

What is the Unification movement? It is a new entity. It is the new trump card that God can play against Satan. Whatever cards Satan presents, this new card of God can wipe them out. What kind of card are you? Do you have a number? Are you an ace, a king, a jack, or what? You may have a special number, let's say an MFT card. In order to move to another department, you can receive another Unification card. But I don't want you to turn your card in for a satanic card.

Our cards have a different backing; they are coated with true love. Satan doesn't worry about the number so much; the most important thing is the true love coating, for that is what will completely defeat Satan. What is the card of the Unification Church? For the first time, we can celebrate God and His day. God's Day alone would not be powerful because God needs to have True Parents here on earth. Therefore, we must also have Parents' Day because that represents the victory of God here on earth. Without True Parents, there is no true love. Satan will say to you, "Do you have that kind of day? Show me your cards, then." When you show your cards, at first they will not appear to be different from Satan's cards—there are diamonds, hearts, and so forth. But when you turn them over, you will be able to show that they are coated with true love. Perhaps they aren't completely covered, but if even one corner is painted, that will be good. Satan cannot cope with that true love coating. He will draw back and retreat.

Therefore, in the Unification Church we have many unique celebrations—besides God's Day and Parents' Day, we have Children's Day, the Day of All Things, Foundation Day, and others. Basically, however, the Unification movement is founded upon two things: God and His true love. God and His true love



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were never fulfilled here on earth until the True Parents were established. For that reason, the Parents' Day celebration is special. Based upon the true love of God, Parents' Day has been installed. Upon the victory of Parents' Day, True Children came into being and therefore Children's Day came into being. Now the ownership of all things can be transferred to God and therefore the Day of All Things came into being. Upon that foundation, the Day of Family, the Day of the True Nation, and the Day of the True World will come, even the Day of the True Cosmos.

### **DON'T MISUSE GOD'S HOLY PLACE**

Do you have true love? Show me. What is the content of that love? You may say it is God-centered, and so forth, but in plain language, what is true love? I will give you the answer: True love has no end. It never gets boring; you always want more—you want it to continue forever. After a hundred years, you will still



**Watching Father during his speech on Parents' Day 1985.**  
Left to right: Hoon Sook Nim, Jin Whi Nim, Jin Sung Nim,  
and In Jin Nim.

want to be with your beloved: that is true love.

In the love of God, there are no dirty or ugly places in the beloved. The love of God doesn't change, not even in the bathroom. Today's Christianity does not really understand true love. Every individual has his or her own most holy place. The man has his most holy place and the woman has her most holy place within their own temples, their physical bodies. That holy place is the sexual organs. That is why it is so important not to misuse that area. The punishment is so incredibly severe when you misuse it. Individuals have to worship in that holy place. This is why Satan is attacking sexual morality so strongly, encouraging illicit love. Satan is trying to destroy humanity in this way. Therefore, God must restore that holy place and make it truly holy. The blessing of God blossoms through these holy places.

The key to that holy place belongs to your spouse. The holy relationship between husband and wife is very sacred and beautiful. It must be pure and it must be disciplined.

My own life has been nothing but suffering, particularly since I learned the overwhelming truth. I have been trying to live that truth. To do that I have gone to the lowest, most miserable places in human society. Sometimes I felt as if I were a prisoner of God, but then God comforted me. While I was giving all my effort to set the tradition of true love, my youth passed away. Now I am in my sixties.

### **THE FINAL JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHERLAND**

Who has really known the heart of Jesus, whose physical body was taken away by Satan? Nobody has known the real purpose of Jesus the Messiah, who came to earth after long preparation. The followers of Jesus inherited the tradition of sacrifice from him, and they have been expanding around the world for two thousand years. Directly after World War II, Christianity became the dominant influence in the world. However, at that particular time, the established Christian leaders of Korea and the Korean government failed to listen to Rev. Moon. For that reason, I embarked on a sojourn in the wilderness, starting in 1945. This year, 1985, is my fortieth year of life in the wilderness.

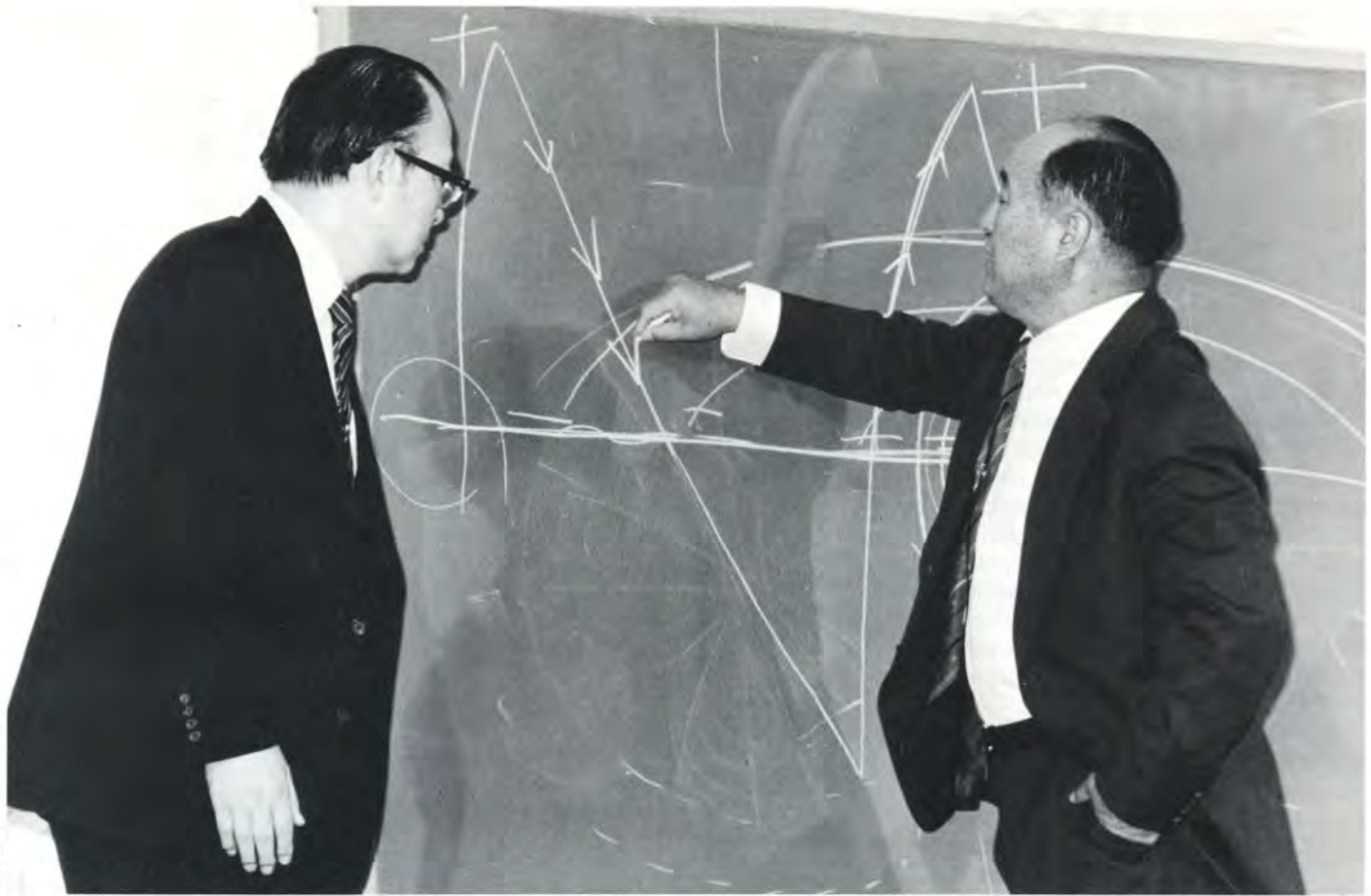
I knew I could not go back to my homeland without having a superior foundation. When I was crossing the 38th parallel to go south, I pledged that I would return on the worldwide level. Therefore, no matter what race you belong to, keep in mind that we have to concentrate on creating our fatherland during these final three years, giving our best. Now is the time of the final showdown.

This period is comparable to the time when the Israelite spies went into Canaan to analyze the situation there. When the spies came back, Joshua and Caleb were the victors of faith and led the people into Canaan. Today I find myself in a land that has treated me like an enemy, and I am working to restore my position here; at the same time I am reconnoitering. When Jesus was crucified, the goal of worldwide physical and spiritual salvation was no longer possible, so only spiritual salvation could be ushered in through his sacrifice. The chosen nation of America and the free world will eventually turn to Danbury as the mount of both physical and spiritual resurrection.

### **DANBURY IS A TOOL FOR GREATER VICTORY**

Since I have gone to Danbury prison, so many significant historical events have taken place. On the fortieth day after I entered prison, an open house day was held there for the first time. This meant that visitors could come in and mingle with the prisoners and see what it was like inside. At that time crowds came to see. They were not interested in the prison itself, but they were trying to get a glimpse of Rev. Moon. After seventy days of my prison term had elapsed, unprecedented dialogue was begun





between the nations of North Korea and South Korea.\* Later, Red China publicly criticized Marxism and began to adopt free market economic policies. Furthermore, many hundreds of ministers have attended seminars sponsored by our movement and have praised Rev. Moon as the “twentieth-century prophet of America.”

Of course, officials of the United States government have taken the position of enemy to me, but I have no animosity toward them. I made a clear statement of forgiveness to the U.S. government. I have been loving America more than ever, knowing that God loves and needs this country. At the same time, the one great power that fears me the most is the Soviet Union. Soviet authorities thought that since Rev. Moon went to jail, it would be the end of him and his church. But on the contrary, Rev. Moon is becoming much stronger. When I entered prison, the American government considered me to be an enemy of America, or a controversial leader at best. But the Soviet leaders can clearly see that on the day I come out of prison, I will emerge as a hero and a champion against communism. Then, who is the most threatened by me? The Soviet Union and international communism. Everyone else is joining with me more and more every day.

It was Satan’s plan to send me to jail, but it was God’s plan to use that jail as a tool to win the greater victory. Prison is the

worst possible internal hell on earth and I am winning the internal victory there. You are in the external hell, which is the fallen world. Therefore, you must win the external victory in order to be parallel with me and make oneness with me. I want you to understand the clear goal, as expressed in our motto for this year, “Creation and Building of the Fatherland”—God’s homeland here on earth. That is my goal, and I am achieving the necessary victory even in the worst possible hell on earth, the prison. You must win the same victory.

## BE WILLING TO DIE FOR GOD’S SAKE

Furthermore, while I was in prison, I sent a special emissary to Red China to negotiate behind the scenes on an issue that is most important to the future peace of the world. No matter what, I cannot feel any personal hostility toward America or the United States government. We cannot be defeated by Satan or by communism. For that reason, I must forgive the United States government and work with them, striving to embrace them. There are brothers and sisters who are now fighting and even dying in the Soviet Union and other satellite countries. They are becoming martyrs for the Unification movement. Therefore, we must be serious; and we must have no complaint. The one who decides to give up his life for God’s sake and for the True Parents’ sake will find it.

God’s people should be willing to die for God’s sake. If they are willing to do that, God will find His Kingdom here on earth—that is the absolute truth. When people are giving their lives and transcending culture and skin color for the sake of God’s Kingdom on earth, they shall find that Kingdom. Today, at the culmination of our celebration on Parents’ Day, we must

*\*Editor’s note: On September 29, 1984, North Korea delivered over 700 truckloads of food and humanitarian relief to South Korean flood victims. This exchange marked the first non-hostile interaction between the two sides since the Korean War. In November the two nations began for the first time to discuss the possibilities for economic cooperation, bilateral trade, and family reunification.*



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pledge to march forward toward the ultimate battleground for the final victory. That is the true meaning of this celebration. This is not just a day to be happy and merry. We have to commit ourselves to that final goal.

In one hand we must grasp the United States of America and in the other hand the Soviet Union and international communism. Remember, God is playing His extraordinary and final "card game" with Satan. And God is holding onto one trump card: that is Rev. Moon and you. Rev. Moon is like God's ace card; all of you represent the rest of the cards. Together, we will create God's trump and win for Him.

Therefore, there is no viable choice but to become united and totally committed. There are 52 cards in a deck; we have all the cards we need for every eventuality, for every different direction. Can you say that you are a card in God's hands? I want you to be the best cards; if not an ace then at least a seven, eight, nine, or ten.

Thus you have to be different from other people. Your eyes should have a different shine. Your focus should be different; not concentrating on earthly, material things, but on spiritual things. Your every behavior should be different when you are a child of God. Tell yourself, "I am different because I am a child of God and I have True Parents." Do you know how old I am? Am I 25? I feel like it. That is because of my purpose. I am constantly busy. I always yell at my own legs, "How can you be relaxed? There is no time!" If my body tries to lie down and rest, I yell at it, "What are you doing? This is an emergency! How can you rest now?" I always battle with my own body, my eyes, legs, and so forth.

## **I AM RESTORING TRUE PATRIOTISM**

Do you think Satan likes to see people trying to imitate Rev. Moon? Satan hates to see that. I voluntarily went to prison although I could have avoided it. There were many different places I could have gone, rather than returning to the United States. But I chose to go to prison for one purpose: to save America; to shake up this country and turn it toward goodness. Patriotism and the love of God have not been strong in America. I want to revive those attitudes here. By entering prison, I am restoring true patriotism in America. I am not a citizen of this country, but I love this country so much that Americans will become ashamed and will begin to love their own country, and love God.

What about you? Are you a true American or a false American? Are there more of God's Americans or Satan's Americans in this country today? There has been little patriotism in this country; and love of family, clan, and society is severely lacking. Look at the statistics of drug abuse: virtually ninety percent of the young people are affected by the drug situation, even students in elementary school. Thousands of them lose their minds due to drugs. Is that the effect of patriotism or love of God? Therefore we have to shock this country; we have to give a special injection into the American body that will dissolve the poisonous effects of these drugs. We are the physicians with our

own spiritual medicine. We have to inject this nation with love of country and love of God.

When I went to jail some people thought, "Rev. Moon, you cannot influence those prisoners." But what happened? Rev. Moon went to the hellish society of the prison, and the inmates there began to be transformed. Even though I cannot openly preach the Principle, the inmates are being transformed by their direct experiences with Rev. Moon and his way of life. There is a special destiny that I have to fulfill at this time in Danbury. People have said it is impossible to restore America, but I will bring a great awakening to this country. We will bring great patriotism back to America, great love of God, so that this nation will truly become the instrument of God and will save the world.

Everybody stand up. On this Parents' Day celebration, those who pledge your commitment to win your external battle, as I have won my internal battle, and become extraordinary men and women; those who pledge to bring this nation to patriotism and the love of God and by so doing bring salvation to the world; those who pledge to me on this Parents' Day, raise both your hands and declare that you will become Joshuas and Calebs. Say out loud, "I will bring the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and march towards great victory!" Amen! Amen! Amen! God bless you! ♦





# FINDING MY TRUE FATHER

*Personal Testimony by Mrs. Youn Young Yang*

**I** WAS BORN ON MAY 10, 1910, IN NORTH Korea. I grew up in a family that had been Presbyterian as far back as my great-grandparents' generation in the 1800's. My parents were farmers and grew cotton, grain, and a large variety of other products. I went to mission school until I entered college. Missionaries in my hometown taught me to play the piano when I was very young. From the age of seven my singing ability was recognized and I always sang at family and church gatherings, and at public music festivals. I was raised in an atmosphere which was always cheerful and bright.

I studied the Bible as a subject until junior high school, and I acknowledged God's existence blindly and absolutely. From studying the Old Testament I gained the conviction that immorality and injustice will perish, while righteousness will surely prevail. This strong belief guided my actions throughout my life.

I went to Seoul to study music at Ehwa University and became a teacher there after graduation.

## **I PLEDGE MY LIFE TO GOD**

In 1950, war suddenly ravaged Seoul and brought me to the brink of death. I became involved in the resistance against the North Korean communists; I was captured and taken for execution. Looking at the bright moon I prayed to God, "Please receive my spirit. If it is possible, however, for You to extend this life, then I will dedicate myself to live only for Your will." Miraculously, the five communists who were pointing their guns and knives at me changed their minds and took me for interrogation at the police station. There I was released by the help of some young man.

Later, when the Allies came, they also tried to arrest me, suspecting that I had



*Mrs. Youn Young Yang*

been teaching the songs of Kim Il Sung! However, a friend testified that I was a person who was determined to die as a martyr for Korea, and so I was saved. I have always found that God never disregards the prayers of innocent people who try to follow His will.

When the communists retook Seoul in January 1951, I fled to Taegu and then to Pusan as a refugee. There, I volunteered

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my services in a church choir and at the Taegu middle and junior high schools for free. At that time our facility was nothing but a leaky tent pitched temporarily in the mountains. We managed to get a piano, which we placed on the dirt floor inside. Teaching piano there was a sobering and pitiful sight! Students would climb the mountain to come and practice, and sometimes they would end up practicing until one in the morning. One time one of my students stayed too late and spent the whole night shivering in cold and fear because of the curfew. When I found out I felt intense rage toward those who had started the war. Intuitively I sensed that these were indeed the Last Days, a time of judgment, as it was with Sodom and Gomorrah. I promised myself that I would continue to live the rest of my life righteously.

In July 1953 the armistice was signed, and when I returned to Seoul I felt ready to help anyone who asked me. I did a lot of work for the Ehwa choir and taught music at the university. At that time I also studied the Bible with the Jehovah's Witnesses. Normally I would return home after ten at night, have dinner, and go to sleep, but I was restless and would awaken around two in the morning to read the Bible by candlelight.

I felt that the time of Christ's return was drawing near. Bible passages such as the ones which said that one person would be taken and the other left, and those which warned against false prophets, drove me to check my faith and to pray fervently. I became anxious because I didn't have any assurance that I could avoid deception and be saved. The claim that ministers made in their sermons—that if you simply believe, you will be saved—sounded suspicious to me. Passing the offering plate around during the service and cheering the best witnesses seemed like a shallow game.



## HYO WON EU FINDS ME

In 1954, I was working as a secretary for the government. On April 2, Hyo Won Eu came to Seoul and contacted me. He was a relative of mine, and someone I knew well. I used to visit him occasionally while I was teaching at Ehwa before the war. He became ill and returned to his hometown, however, and I didn't hear from him for a long time until he reappeared in Pusan as a refugee. We shared many stories of those suffering times. Now, here in Seoul, he and his younger brother Hyo Young and his cousin Hyo Min had spent a great deal of energy building and developing a factory—but they had given up the factory when they joined this new religious group. When Hyo Won said he wanted me to come and hear the “truth,” I chastized him and the other two strongly for abandoning a project that they had started under such difficulties. Hyo Min said that they had indeed found the truth and there was nothing to regret.

At that moment, a scene suddenly passed through my mind like an arrow: I saw Jesus asking Peter, John, and James to put down their nets and follow him. When the vision passed I asked Hyo Won how he could possibly discuss the truth if he didn't even know the Bible. I was desperate to discern whether this was a heretical group or not.

Hyo Won smiled and told me to listen to his testimony. Originally he had wanted to study theology, but all the ministers he knew were very poor. So he decided to study medicine so he could build a base of financial stability and help the community of believers physically as well as spiritually. At that point he became seriously ill. For seven years he studied the Bible in his sickbed, but it was very difficult for him to sustain hope. Without the prayers of his mother and one healer's prophecy that he would accomplish great things in the future, he might have given up. Finally he was introduced to the Principle, and he became convinced that this was the truth that could save humankind. In December 1953 he met Father and received Principle education for several months. Then he came to Seoul to lecture the Principle. I was the first person he contacted.

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## OVERJOYED BY THE PRINCIPLE

As I listened to his testimony I felt that because he had such a noble ideal, Hyo Won could not commit any crime or mistake. However many false prophets there might be, God would not let such a good and pure man go astray. He was so intelligent that I felt he could understand the Bible much better than I probably could. At that point I asked him to teach me the Principle.

I was especially moved by the explanation of the plus and minus aspects of God. When I used to witness, people would ask me to show God to them, and I would get completely stuck. This explanation of creation, which described the give-and-take action between the dual characteristics of God, was very enlightening. The teaching of the human fall was certainly true to human nature and perfectly logical. All the Bible quotations that the revival ministers could not explain were solved. I clapped my hands in joy, realizing that the person who had discovered this truth must be very close indeed to the Almighty.

I wanted to meet this person. I felt that if I met him I would learn much more and understand it more quickly than I would through this long explanation. My heart grew very hasty and determined, and I told Hyo Won to stop the lecture. I pressed him to introduce me to the person who had revealed these words.

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He smiled again, and asked me if my heart was sincere. At about five o'clock a young man came into the room, and when all the others bowed, I did also. I realized that I had seen him somewhere before, in October of the previous year. I sat down with a few others and we listened to him speak. He shared about his past, particularly his experiences in overcoming difficulties with spiritual power. I saw no trace of suffering in him, however; only a mysterious warmth.

When I realized that this man was the author of the Principle, I couldn't regard him as a normal person. Rather, I felt him to be a mountain of divine spirit. His face was particularly expressive, and I observed a great variety of emotions in his continually changing countenance. As he lead the discussion afterwards he brought out many thoughts and feelings from deep within my mind and heart, and without hesitation I disclosed my past and my character, as if I were talking with someone I knew very well.

## I DISCOVER “FATHER”

For the next few days, I came every day to study the Principle. In the evening, Teacher\* would speak to us. At that time, many spiritualists and old halmonies (grandmothers, elderly ladies) from the area would come and give accounts of their revelations about our group. On April 5, a lady named Shin Dak Lee came and said she had been pushed to come here with the message that “Father's loving daughter” had come. She had the gift of speaking in tongues. After praying for a short time her hands and feet began to shake, and she spoke in a strange language. When I questioned her about it, she said the words were a prophecy about the future. I became very curious and asked her to continue. This time she spoke more forcefully, and she even sang!

I was very surprised by this phenomenon. I began to feel jealous and angry that God did not recognize me with such a gift. I thought: My ancestors had worshiped God for many generations, my parents had lived very faithful lives, and I had also served God absolutely. Why had neither I nor my parents witnessed or experienced speaking in tongues?

\* In the early days Father was called “Teacher”





*Father and followers in the late 1950s.*

I couldn't get control of my heart, and I put my head in her lap and cried out, "Father! Father!" so long and so loud that the landlord came and opened the door to find out what was happening. Hyo Won made the excuse that we were praying fervently for a sick patient! After crying, "Father!" for a long time, Teacher, who was sitting beside me, suddenly looked like "Father" to me in my own mind. It came as a revelation.

Suddenly I grabbed him and demanded to know why he hadn't told me himself that he had come with the mission of True Father. At this moment I felt like a little child who had found her father again after she had gone far away and then returned.

Then I suddenly realized that my real problem was whether or not I felt Teacher could truly believe in me. I asked him, "How much will you love me?" He opened his arms and stretched them out wide and said, "I love you this much." At that moment I felt complete contentment and happiness. All at once everybody began to sing hymns and Teacher prayed. Then my arms began to shake and involuntarily I began to sing,

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The world is completed! Oh, Christ, through my mouth your teaching of the Bible words is realized. All come and hear this profound word! This land is full of God. Hear all my words of happiness. Oh, Christ, giving this eternal love that I do not even know, let this mysterious fact be known to the people throughout the world. Christ, please come quickly. Oh, Christ, oh, Christ! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, amen!

When this song ended I said, "From now on, I am going to prophesy. I will become like the disciple Paul." That night I went back home determined to become "Heaven's woman," and to live according

to the revelation I had received. I told my husband he could manage the household with the help of the housekeeper. He stared at me strangely but he could not say anything. I disappeared into the loft to pray. After this realization of God's mighty will, I was so full of determination to spread the message that I could not sleep or even stay still for very long. One of my uncles had given his life for the sake of the nation, and I determined to do an even greater work for the sake of all humanity.

## **BEGINNING TO WITNESS**

At five the next morning, I washed my face, took my bag, and stepped out of the house without breakfast. First I visited a minister, Kyung Gik Han. He was director of a local school of which I was also a board member. I had conducted the school choir and also his church choir, and I had also frequently sung solos in his church. We knew each other well. I told him that the time we were living in was the Last Days, and I asked him, "Don't you think a figure like Moses should appear?" He asked in return,



"Where is Moses?" I told him that I wanted to bring him to a person like Moses who had brought a new truth. He said, "Sister, are you mad?" I answered, "No, I received a revelation." He then began to oppose me, declaring that the Old and New Testaments were complete, and asking what I could possibly mean by a "new revelation." In times of war a woman's nerves must get very disturbed, he said, and if I wanted to speak about such strange things, I should leave his house at once. I left, feeling that he was the one who was truly mad.

Then I witnessed to the principal of another nearby school. I brought him to Teacher many times, but finally he said he could not come because he had too much work to do.

Soon afterward the church moved to a place we called "West House." It had one large hall where we would hold service on Sunday mornings, and two smaller rooms. Even when only a few people came, Teacher would speak as if he were addressing thousands. I could see the sweat coming through his clothes. During that time I would often witness to people on the street and try to tell them that they had to find the new truth, since we were living in the Last Days.

## **I TRY TO CONNECT WITH SYNGMAN RHEE**

More and more deeply I realized that the Principle was indeed the truth that could save humankind. I began to feel desperate to connect President Syngman Rhee and President Dwight Eisenhower together so that they could bring about world peace. I was determined to reach a certain woman who was very close to President Rhee and his wife, so I visited her at her home and office many times. She was suspicious, but two or three times she did offer money to help us. I continued to try to persuade her to come and hear the lectures, and finally she agreed.

At West House Hyo Won taught her the introduction, and she said, "You will save the world with this." But then she left and never came back! I was struck dumb with amazement. With the help of missionaries she had gone to America to study religion and philosophy, and she was now teaching ethics at Ehwa University. Yet how could Heaven possibly be with her? How could she be

capable of realizing that this truth could save the world, and yet be so unwilling to study it or witness about it? She was in the position of John the Baptist on a family level, but she failed. Eventually she even tried to destroy us.

Early one morning I went to visit another woman who was also close to President Rhee. While walking down the road on the way to her house, I had a vision. My mother appeared to me, surrounded by angels. Because of the barrier of the 38th parallel, I had not been able to travel to the north to visit my mother. She had passed away, but I didn't know it. She was clapping her hands and saying, "Well done!" The angels were about to place a crown on my mother's head. They said that if I worked hard and accumulated enough merit, they would put the crown on her head. Then my mother said to me, "God has been looking for a trustworthy man on earth for a long time, and having seen

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I arrived at the lady's house, knocked on the door, and was invited in by a maid. As I entered the living room I saw a picture of Jesus on the cross wearing a crown of thorns. I felt as if a knife were cutting my heart open and I started to cry. Suddenly Jesus appeared, and my physical mother and my foster mother also appeared, crying and holding Jesus' feet. Jesus patted them gently on the back and said that this was not the time to cry but rather to work. Immediately my pain and my crying stopped.

The lady came in and I testified to her that great and important events were taking place. She asked me if war had broken out again! I assured her that such was not the case; I told her to come and hear a new truth. She confessed that she had thrown away her Bible during the

military conflict to avoid danger from the communists, but I comforted her, saying that reviving the word in her heart was more important than possessing a book. We drove to West House and Teacher spoke with her for several hours. Afterwards she came twice to the center and had many spiritual dreams, but ultimately her heart did not open.

## **TRIALS AND VICTORIES**

Next I witnessed to another university professor who was also the supervisor of a Christian museum. During the war he had developed a strong vision of Christian unity. He was famous as an eloquent speaker. He immediately agreed to hear lectures and came to West House. During Hyo Won's lecture on Christology, however, he asked several difficult questions. He started arguing, and finally he went home.

Several days later Hyo Won and I visited the professor at the museum, and we spent four or five hours in discussion. He admitted that a time would come when our church would become established and the accusations against it would cease. One day, a group of students approached him about writing an article with the purpose of destroying the Unification Church. I pleaded with him not to do it, warning him that if the Principle were indeed the truth, he might suffer judgment. He did not write the article, and I was so grateful. Later on he died, but I feel that if he had lived he would have become a member.

I witnessed to many Ehwa University teachers, but they all thought I was mad, and started spreading rumors. No one joined and finally my heart became very sorrowful. I decided to change my witnessing method, and I started to witness to people who were not necessarily from the upper classes. Our church looked so shabby and unconvincing that I decided to provide my own house as a lecture center and residence for a number of members. I donated everything I had. I gave my husband a book on the Principle to read. After reading it he said it was good, but he doubted that the ideal could be fulfilled.

After this, many trials came. Thieves broke into the house and stole all the silverware. My son, Du Sum, was hurt in a dynamite explosion. A short time later,





*1963. Father and Mother offer a prayer upon receiving notification from the South Korean government that the HSA-UWC could officially operate as an organization.*



in September 1954, my husband died after three days of illness. Then the church center was moved far from the neighborhood where my house was. I went to see Teacher, and he said that the chosen people must pass through many trials. He told of the indemnity that had to be paid in his own family when he received the Principle.

While I was teaching music at the Yeun University students' summer festival, I invited three friends—a Bible teacher and two students—to come and hear lectures at my house. All of them were moved and came the next day to hear Hyo Won's lectures again. Teacher spoke in the evening and nurtured their spirits.

After three days, they began to witness and brought so many people that the house looked like a hotel! Every evening after lectures Teacher would talk to us; being with him was like having a party. My heart was so moved by Teacher's love and compassion as he welcomed the newcomers. I felt as if I were on a cloud. I wanted to serve with everything I had. Truly heaven was at hand!

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From an April 1985 interview with *Today's World*:

**Today's World:** *You composed a number of holy songs. Can you tell us the process through which they were composed?*

Most of the holy songs I composed came through spiritual experiences. Once I had a strong vision of Jesus, from the time he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane until he was sent to the cross and crucified. While Jesus was on the cross, a whirlwind came up about him and his image became pure and white like marble. I could see the wounds in his hands and feet.

This vision came quite suddenly—as utter revelation. At the time I was a tutor for the children of Mr. Chan Kyun Kim, who is now the regional leader of New York. Strangely, I cried out to Mr. Kim, “Let me be crucified! Jesus is a man; we need a woman to be crucified!” Somehow that kind of thought accompanied the vision. Mr. Kim was very worried, and ran to get Father so that he could talk some sense into me. I usually listened only to Father!

In that vision I received the basic musical theme for the holy song entitled, “Suffering Jesus,” and I sang it—as if I were a radio or a simple receiving instrument. From that moment on, for about two months, I thought about the words and wrote them down.

Even in my dreams I would receive melodies. I would keep paper and pen next to my bed so that when I awoke I could write them down and not forget them. “That Amazing Love,” song number 38 in the Korean Holy Song Book [not in the English song book], came from a dream. In the dream, a girl about 12 years old danced around a small, beautiful hill. In this case, a melody did not come directly from the dream, but rather the dream inspired me to compose one. “Day of Glory” also came from a dream; in this case the melody and the central idea came in a dream, and I wrote the words later.

Usually, from the visions or dreams, the main idea or feeling would come first,

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then the basic musical theme. From that point, the music could be developed and the words written. Many composers create their works on the foundation of a preexisting poem or melody, but these songs are unique and original, stemming from spiritual experiences.

Often Father would be the one to christen the songs with an appropriate title, for example, “Pledge.” I wrote this song between October 1955 and January 1956. The church center had moved far away from my house, and I had felt very lonely. I sang the song for Father's birthday, and annually for three years again after that.

The words for song number nine in the Korean Holy Song Book, “Principled Soldier,” were written by Father, and then Father asked me to write the melody. I wrote one melody, but Father rejected it, saying it was “for juveniles”; so I had to write another. I liked the melody that I had first composed, and I

later created words for it. It became “Song of the Banquet.”

**Today's World:** *What is the role of music in the restored world, and in spirit world?*

Father told us that if we restore this world to the original ideal, there will be nothing but music and dancing. There will be no more sorrow and no more tears. We will be able to play more than work.

This world is a shadow of the spirit world, so the role of music is similar in both worlds; however, music is more useful in the spirit world. On one occasion in 1955, Rev. Won Pil Kim started to dance. So Father danced and the other members began dancing, too. Then somehow, the dancing became more strong and hot and exciting, like a fire. Even the members who couldn't dance, danced, and I felt as if I were flying! Our dance was really shared and influenced by spirit world. In our church family on earth we use music to stimulate unity; in spirit world the purpose of music is to generate joy—joyful give and take.

When Father was young, he listened to a lot of music, especially popular music. Most of the songs would express love between lovers, and Father would compare his love for God with the love expressed in such songs.

Father has always asked me to sing many songs. I really like to do it. I love all songs, not just holy songs. In the church in the early days it was unusual for members to sing popular songs, but I would. I think Father likes my singing because I have a lot of experience in singing itself, but also because I have experiences in listening to God and sustaining spiritual experiences.

**Today's World:** *Could you share with us more about your experiences with Father?*

Father never really gave us direct advice in the beginning. He just told the members that they should try to get answers to their questions in prayer. So they would pray, and then they would take their hunch or intuition to Father and ask him if what they wanted to do were right or wrong. If he smiled, it meant it was acceptable; if he didn't, it meant it was wrong.

If Father had commanded us, “Do





*The early 1960s. Mother holds Ye Jin Nim as Mrs. Won Pok Choi looks on.*

this," or "Do that," then the members would have had to pay indemnity if they failed to do it. Since the Blessing of True Parents in 1960, such indemnity has decreased quite dramatically. For example, if a rich person joined the church in the early days, he would become poor. Now, however, a poor person who joins the church can receive money. So now the situation is quite the opposite of what it was before Father was blessed.

**Today's World:** *Were you present at True Parents' Blessing?*

Yes, and I sang a song that I composed. I was extremely happy on that day, because the Bible says that if you are present at the marriage supper of the Lamb, you can avoid the Last Judgment. Everybody was dressed in white robes, but only a few members attended. Mr. Eu was the master of ceremonies. Afterwards we all changed into Korean clothes, sang songs, and danced together. Father had

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the members drink milk, signifying that they had been reborn and fed as babies. Father also gave out holy salt that day. Five days later Father blessed the Three Couples, using the same offering table as that which had been used at his own Blessing.

God has given all secrets, all revelation to Rev. Moon. I have received a lot of revelation from God, too, but often I would listen to Father as if listening to God Himself. Not only has Father received the Principle, but I have also experienced that his premonitions are

always correct. They have always come true.

**Today's World:** *What can you tell us about True Mother?*

I remember Mother when she was 16 years old according to the Western style of reckoning. Honestly, when she was blessed she was so young that I worried about her, but I came to realize that she was really full of wisdom. I was relieved. She is very kind, and very beautiful.

Father is getting rather old now. It is good that Mother is still young, because she can support him. If they were both aging at the same time, she probably wouldn't be able to support him so energetically. She gave Father many children, and she feels that this was really God's will.

Many of the sisters thought that perhaps they would become Father's spouse. Actually, if Father had chosen one of them, there might have been a lot of jealousy. But nobody expected someone her age.

Often I felt a kind of pitying love for Mother, because she was always pregnant. Many times she couldn't follow Father on trips because of her physical condition. When Mother bore Hyo Jin Nim, she and Father were living in a very humble house. The heating system was not very good, and it was a very cold winter. Shortly after the birth, Mother went outside to greet Father when he returned home one day, and she was exposed to a very cold winter wind. I feel that because of that, Mother is very weak and easily chilled. It is very important that a woman take care of her health for one month after she has given birth.

**Today's World:** *What does Father expect of Mother during the time he is in prison?*

He expects Mother to share true love with the members and with True Children. I think that Mother manages her role very well. She often takes members shopping, especially those from abroad, and buys them gifts. I can also see that Mother is trying to unite the Cain and Abel children. Many blessed couples and blessed children visit the True Children, and they spend a lot of time together. ♦





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# IN THE SHOES OF A SERVANT

## Memories of My Time with Father in Danbury

*by Mr. Takeru Kamiyama*

**A**S YOU KNOW, FATHER AND I WERE incarcerated on July 20. It was the first experience of prison for me. You could actually call it "camp," rather than prison, in a real sense. In Danbury there are six different levels of incarceration; we were in the minimum security camp. I was given a six-month sentence. This was reduced according to a system of reward for good behavior to four months and 17 days. Father's original sentence was a year and a half, which is being reduced to one year and one month.

At the prison camp, 11:00 p.m. is lights out. After that there is roll call at midnight, then at 2:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., then again at 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. This is the time when all the inmates have to be at their own cubes. That's the rule. At the 9:30 p.m. roll call everybody must be standing up, not sitting on a chair or lying in bed, in order to be checked. At the other roll calls the inmates can relax, as long as they are in their cubes. If you don't show yourself in the cube, you will be punished. You might be transferred into the higher security prison nearby.

Usually, the inmates get out before their full term. Those who are sentenced to two years in prison spend the last three or four months of their term in a halfway house, a place where they prepare themselves to be restored into society. There they receive job placement assistance. They go out every morning and come back there every night. If they get a job, they can work all day and don't have to come back until 10:30 at night. However, if they don't find a job they still have to come back for roll call, when all inmates are accounted for, usually at



10:30 p.m. and 3:30 a.m. They have to be at the halfway house at that time. They continue that kind of life for the three or four months.

The Danbury camp does not have a fence around it—just an invisible fence. If you step over the boundary, you will be punished and transferred to the higher security prison. Therefore, when you arrive at the prison you have a few days of orientation about the rules there.

## Visiting Days

Father's prison number is 03835-54. The visiting days are decided by the last digit in the first sequence. Since Father's is an odd number, the odd days are his visiting days. The last digit in the first sequence of my number was 6, so I was allowed to have visitors on even days.

When you have a visitor from 8:30 in the morning straight through till 3:30 in the afternoon, you have to have your lunch in the visiting room. You can't go back to the dining room for lunch. There is a coin-operated machine where you can get sandwiches for about \$2.50. They are cold, but you can warm them up in the microwave oven. The food from the machines is not very tasty.

Each inmate is allowed to have ten visitors on his visiting list. The prison officers check each visitor before he or she is allowed into the visiting room. Inmates may also have spiritual advisors who can visit the inmate on both odd and even days. Father's "spiritual advisors"

are Col. Pak, Rev. Kwak, and Mr. Peter Kim.

Each inmate works on alternate days; if you work today, tomorrow you have off. When you have a day off, you can study the whole day, except for roll call, when you have to be back in your cube. You can also go outside and walk around; you can do many things. But there is that invisible fence that you cannot go beyond. Danbury camp is on top of a hill and the view from there is quite beautiful. You can see a very picturesque landscape and a man-made lake. I spent a lot of time with Father looking at this beautiful scenery. There he would talk to me and teach me many things. He said, "Many people will come to visit this place; it will become very famous."

## Prison Clothes

On the day we arrived at the prison and went through the orientation process, I thought we would be able to at least keep our own underwear. But we had to give up even that. After we were deprived of all our clothing, they handed us prison underwear. In my case, the underpants were baggy and completely out of shape, and the trousers were also very baggy. I had to hold the trousers up because they were always dropping down; I wasn't given a belt. At the same time, the underpants were riding up and down beneath my trousers, so I had to hold on to them. Father received the same kind of

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clothes; they had been used by previous inmates and were unwashed and worn-out. He had to use that clothing for three or four days until he was given new ones.

When we were told to change our clothes, the prison officers said I could change in a little room which had a window in it. I entered this room and began to change. Then I looked out at Father—I thought he was going to be given the same room. But instead he had to change his clothes in the public room. He was standing near the corner, but there were five officers present. Through the window, I could see that Father was starting to change his clothes—that means he had to take everything off, put his clothes in the basket, and then put on the ones given to him. I was very shocked, and I immediately ran out and asked him to use the little room where I had been. But since I was a prisoner an officer shouted at me, "Don't move! Stay there!"



*Father at an interview with a Japanese journalist in the autumn of 1984. Next to Father is Mr. Takeru Kamiyama, and across the table Dr. Bo Hi Pak.*



*The television and video room at Danbury prison. This facility is also used for receiving visitors.*



I felt sorry to see Father in a position that was even lower than mine. It was very shocking and painful to me. I will never forget that experience.

I couldn't do anything. I was very hurt because Father had to expose his holy temple in front of those five fallen people, in that public place.

As you know, in the Hungnam prison camp, Father slept near the toilet, which was the dirtiest place imaginable. He chose to sleep there because in that way he could prevent people from stepping over him. He didn't want his holy body, his temple, to be stepped over by fallen people. He used a little glass of water to wash his body every day. He knows the value of his body. So I suffered very much to see this similar situation in Danbury. But Father could see my heart and immediately said, "Kamiyama, it's okay. This kind of thing happens all the time. When you go into the military, such things are normal." In that way he comforted me. I wasn't suffering because of my own situation; but Father was trying to comfort me, thinking maybe I was nervous about being in prison. Really I felt sorry to see him in a position that was even lower than mine. It was very shocking and painful to me. I will never forget that experience.

### Our "Sympathy Cube"

We went to our dorm. There are three dorms—A, B, and C. Forty to fifty inmates stay in one dorm. In one corner of our dorm was the closet and next to it was our cube, number A-7. Army bunk beds are in each cube. When we went to our cube, we found nothing but two bare mattresses—no sheets, blankets, or pillows. We had to try to find some used, dirty sheets from the laundry basket, ones the others had already discarded, and wash them.

The cubes are made out of dividers, with the top and bottom areas open. There is no real privacy inside. The cubes



have no doors. In the dorm closet near our cube was a sink; they kept the mops and buckets there. The telephone is also in that corner. Everybody feels sorry for whoever has cube A-7. You could call it the "sympathy cube." It is the worst cube because it's so inconvenient. People are always passing it because of its proximity to the telephone and the cleaning equipment. Also the closet door was difficult to open and close and made a lot of noise. All the inmates used that phone to make collect calls because nobody could call in. So from early morning to late at night, inmates were making calls, talking all the time. They were always standing in line right outside our cube, waiting to use the phone. Sometimes inmates had to wait one hour to make a call.

According to the rules each person has a ten-minute time limit on the phone, but in reality nobody kept that rule. There was a chart where you could write down when you wanted to make your call, say, "10:30 to 10:40—Kamiyama," but nobody actually kept that schedule. The inmates waiting in line always talked loudly, using many dirty words, and they would peer inside our cube, since there is no door. They were like a bunch of guys in a barbershop, you know, very rough. They would just come close to our cube, and look inside; then after their call, too, they might take a look. It was like a showroom. Emotionally it was very difficult to remain stable in that cube.

The conversations I overheard from the

men were not pleasant, even though I didn't understand everything they said. I learned a lot of new terms there—lots of curse words! One time a guy was making a phone call and I counted how many times in five minutes he used one particular dirty word. I learned later what this curse word meant; I didn't know at first. The men would use this word throughout their conversations—between sentences, after a statement, before a statement. Many people say, "you know," or "well," or "uh," but these guys would use this four-letter word to decorate their sentences, strengthen the meaning, and so forth. I became very curious about this particular word they were using literally hundreds of times. So I asked them, "What does this word mean?" They said, "You don't have to know that. You're religious, so you just need to read the Bible and say prayers. Ha-ha-ha!"

### A Prison of the Mind

During my whole experience at Danbury, I didn't feel that the camp itself was the prison. Rather the mentality of the inmates was the prison; they are imprisoned in the world of Satan. They are captured by Satan's dirty language and foul "values." In our movement we try to find the goodness in each other, lift each other up, and cover each other's weaknesses. That's the world of love and care. But, in Satan's world of hell you see the exact opposite. People try to find the other's weaknesses and degrade him even more. They are filled with complaints, resentment, hatred, and vengeance. They constantly curse each other and try to bring each other down. They actually enjoy it. That is the hell I found—the hell of the mind. I'm not saying that everybody in Danbury is a hundred percent terrible. I asked one inmate, "Do you use that word in front of your wife or children?" He said, "No! Never!" But he throws those words all over the place at the other inmates.

Over seventy percent of the inmates smoked—and cigarettes weren't even big enough. Many of them smoked cigars, big ones. I was often coughing during my four months and seventeen days there. The smoke smells terrible and it even sticks to your skin. When I first came back, my children said, "Papa, you smell so bad!" Even the book of Father's speeches absorbed that smell and became sticky. I could detect that after I had been





Everybody feels sorry for whoever has cube A-7. You could call it the "sympathy cube." It is the worst cube because it's so inconvenient.

talking on the phone would finish their cigars they would just crush them beneath their feet on the floor. Father would sweep them up.

Every Tuesday you could buy food such as apples, oranges, and canned juice at the commissary. While the inmates were on the phone, they would eat these things and drop the apple cores and juice cans on the floor. I couldn't stand to see Father cleaning up all these things, so I would fight to take the broom away from him, but he said firmly, "No, it's okay. I will do it." Many inmates had told me that our cube was so bad that the officers would give us a better one if I requested it. I asked Father if I could request a different cube. He thought about it for a minute and said, "Hmm...the number is a good one—A-7." So we kept it.

## Restoring the Hell of Hells

Father's course during this time was to restore the position of servant of servants by going into prison, which is the hell of hells. From that lowest position, he had to work his way up to the position of servant, to adopted son, step son, real son, and so on. That is the course of restoration. Father has previously said that when he lost the foundation in South Korea, he had to go into North Korea and start from the lowest position. He was also in prison there, which is the hell of hells, and he was in the servant of servant's position. From there he went up to the higher levels.

On the outside of our cube was a nameplate, and my name was listed above Father's name. After some time, the nameplate was changed and Father's name was put on top. Then I heard Father murmuring to himself, "Well, the dominion has changed." He said it in a very small voice, but I caught it. Thus,

out for about two days. Even now Father is living in that terrible environment of dirty smoke and foul language. When you meet the inmates in the visiting room, they are completely different. They act so gentlemanly in front of their wives, children, and guests; they seem to be very dignified and nice. But as soon as they turn around and go back to their cubes, they become quite vulgar. Men who have committed crimes and are gathered together form a very low world.

## Father Was Constantly Cleaning

All the inmates clean up their own cubes every morning. After they have swept their cubes and gathered up all the dirt, they push it along the hall and leave it on the floor in the corner along with their cleaning supplies, just outside of

cube A-7. There are no trash cans there. The trash cans are located outside, and the inmates never go that far. They just dump all their garbage and dirt on the floor and take off—they don't care. When we first went to Danbury it was mid-summer. Large electric fans were standing along the corridor and all the trash and dust that got deposited near our cube was blown around. Of course, the dirt got blown right inside our cube. Unless we cleaned up all the time, the floor was constantly dirty and dusty.

I would clean often, but so would Father. He preferred to use the shorter broom rather than the longer one. He swept everywhere, including beneath the lower bunk bed. He would reach down and practically lie on the floor to get at the dirt under there. He would also clean up the trash outside the cube. It was so painful for me to see that. When men



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Father had started from the bottom, representing the servant of servant's position, and then went up. On the fortieth day of our term, a prison open house took place. The people of the outside world could come into the prison and look inside the cubes, symbolizing that this hell of hells was being raised up to the level of hell. Thus, the dominion was moving up. I wasn't so aware of that, but when I heard Father murmuring I realized again what a serious fight we were in.

One time an inmate took a brand new rag and used it to wipe up the oil from a car he was working on, and then he threw that oily rag into the bucket with all the other rags and they all got stained with oil. Father picked up that oily rag and started to clean it as well as the other rags. He worked with strong detergent on those rags for many hours. He would wash them and then smell them and say, "Not yet." And then he would wash them again. This kind of hard work moved the inmates to sympathy. One inmate said, "Kami, come here. Tell Rev. Moon not to do that. If you just leave the rags dirty, they will soon get rotten and then they will have to throw them away and get new ones. Look, this is the United States—it's a rich country! This isn't Korea. There's plenty of tax money to pay for that stuff. Tell the Reverend!"

### **Father's Loving Dominion**

The inmates were moved by Father because he dedicated himself to the lowest position without complaint. Also Father's work was impeccable. I really saw Father's character in his arrangement of the dining hall. When he arranged the tables he would line them up exactly, almost as if it had been done with a ruler. On top of the table were salt and pepper

shakers. Father had a very clear principle: salt goes on the right and pepper on the left. Sometimes I didn't follow that principle and I would put the salt on the left, thinking, "Anyway, as long as both are on the table it's all right." But Father would say, "No, Kamiyama—put the salt on the right; pepper on the left! Then put them both in the very center of the table. You should be able to see the salt shakers and the pepper shakers in one line down the whole room." He set a beautiful table! He always cleaned out the lids of the salt and pepper shakers, too. He was impeccable.

By the same token, the way Father makes a bed is absolutely perfect. You can't find a wrinkle anywhere! As you know, the blanket is covered partly by the sheet as it is pulled back. Father's bed was always exactly straight. The pillow had no wrinkles at all. Two plaid blankets are given to each inmate; one can remain folded. When Father folds a blanket the checks lie perfectly parallel to the fold. Everything is exact.

With my own eyes I saw that wherever Father is, he takes loving dominion over material things by the way he cares for them. Father would make his bed perfectly, using one blanket, and then he would sleep on top of that, covering himself with the other blanket. Then when he woke up, all he had to do was straighten up the well-made bed and fold up the other blanket. He could make his bed beautifully in thirty seconds or less. In the beginning, I followed Father's way and I could also make my bed quickly. But after a while, I would feel chilly at night so I started sleeping inside the rest of the coverings. Then when I got up, it took a lot more time to make my bed. Father would make his bed in thirty seconds and leave, so I would have to catch up with him.

### **All Your Weaknesses Are Exposed**

Sometimes I would just roughly make my bed and follow Father to the kitchen, thinking, "I'll come back later and make it better." But after work, I would come back to my bed and it would be neatly made, just like the top bunk. Of course, Father had done it. I was supposed to be serving him, but he started serving me and I felt bad about it.

Every week an inspector came to check how clean people were keeping

their cubes. He came around 10:30 every Monday morning to find who had the most beautiful cube. Father and I always got number one in cleanliness. Because of that, I focused my energy to clean really well early each Monday morning. But on the other days, I didn't work so hard. Then Father said, "Let's clean every day, not just Mondays." If you stay with Father one week, perhaps you can show him just the best part of yourself. But after four months and seventeen days, twenty-four hours a day, you can't hide anything from him. All your weaknesses and shortcomings will be exposed by him, through his own excellent example.

Father has a very clean, devoted nature, very principled. He really dedicated himself in the kitchen. Usually people would just wipe off the tabletops, but Father would carefully clean every part of the table, including the legs. You can read in Bill's diary, "Even in the winter, Father was soaking wet with sweat." That is how much he dedicated himself. I couldn't watch Father working so hard at such lowly work. I thought, "I can't stop Father from doing all that, so the only thing is to do it first." So I would try to start cleaning before Father did, but then Father would already be there, and we would have a race. You can imagine what the other inmates thought. They are particularly lazy; that's one reason they ended up in prison. Here were two mature Oriental gentlemen, competing with each other to wash the legs of the dinner tables! So the inmates said, "Take it easy! Don't work so hard! All you're earning is eighty-eight cents a day!"

Watching Father doing all these things, I was not only impressed and moved; I was also pained in my heart. Here he is, the True Parent of humankind, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, doing these most lowly things, lower than any of the other inmates. He must have sensed my pain, because one day he told me something. I guess he wanted to comfort me. He said, "Kamiyama, it's okay. To be in a top leadership position, to be the True Parents of humankind, you have to go this way, from the lowest of the low, from the bottom. You must go down there and only then can you be qualified to assume a higher position." ♦

*Excerpts from a speech given at the World Mission Center, March 25, 1985.*





At East Garden Holy Ground in February. Left to right: Hyun Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, and Jin Sung Nim.

INTERVIEW WITH HYO JIN NIM, HYUN JIN NIM,  
KOOK JIN NIM, AND JIN SUNG NIM

# DEVELOPING THE HEART OF A FILIAL SON

*Interview conducted by Mr. Tong Moon Joo*

From January 12 to February 20, Hyo Jin Nim made a special forty-day condition to pray every night from midnight to 2 a.m. at East Garden holy ground. His motivation was to solidify his determination to support Father completely as his True Son and to deepen

his commitment to Father's sacrificial way of love. Among many other things, he prayed for the unity of the True Family and for the unity of all the blessed children of the world, for whom he feels personally responsible.

Shortly after Hyo Jin Nim began his

condition, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, and Jin Sung Nim wanted to support their brother by praying with him, and they ended up making forty-day prayer conditions themselves. The following is an interview with the four brothers after their conditions were completed.



**MR. JOO:** *Hyo Jin Nim, could you tell us your motivation for doing this prayer condition?*

**HYO JIN NIM:** I am the eldest son of True Parents' family. I only did what I felt I had to do. There are no words to express how moved I was when my brothers joined me in prayer every night. What especially touched me was that they did it voluntarily from their hearts, thinking, "I must go through this together with my brother. Whatever it takes, I want to support him." They all have a very full daily schedule but they came every night without one word of complaint.

I want to be a person who can give freely, but it's not easy to constantly have this attitude of heart. My utmost desire is to be able to give my greater, larger self. Many people have lost the ability to manage or develop themselves constructively; they pursue only their own interests and settle for merely personal achievement or material success. You cannot become your true self if you are only disjointed fragments. So because of this, I want to understand and manifest God's will, whatever it takes, and I want to not only digest all the different aspects of myself, but convey this "digested" self to others.

And I also have a wish for my brothers and sisters: that they become people who can stand before the world and convey God's message. My lifelong goal is to glorify God. In the eternal world God is all there is; so I want to become a person who can understand God's will and reflect His love. My hope is that my Unification Church brothers and sisters can also become such people. I believe our path is the only path that can lead us to the achievement of this goal.

I wish with all my heart that without a day's delay blessed families, including blessed children, can become united and absolutely obedient and responsible to the True Parents.

**MR. JOO:** *Could you other brothers explain what motivated you to participate in this condition?*

**HYUN JIN NIM:** At first, it was because I wanted to support Hyo Jin Hyung.\* I really didn't understand the meaning and depth of this forty-day condition. Later on I realized its purpose. It also helped

\* *Hyung—the Korean word for a boy's older brother.*

me understand myself better. Until this condition I didn't clearly perceive my faults or my good points. Sometimes it was very hard for me to face the facts. But I feel this condition came at a stage when I was breaking through adolescence, I guess, and arriving at a newer understanding of the world, my position, and the people around me. I don't feel that my doing this condition was such a great accomplishment; it was so small compared to the many other great gifts Hyo Jin Hyung and Father have given to God and humanity. In my heart I feel that it was too small to be so significant; it was actually a time to grow.

**KOOK JIN NIM:** I started the forty-day condition during my exam week, when Hyo Jin Hyung had already begun his condition. I did it because I love my

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brother and I wanted to be with him. At first I participated only on the weekends. And after exams were over, the basic reason I went up to the holy rock was to support my brother and keep him company. But when Hyo Jin Hyung had finished his condition I kept on going because I had started something, and I couldn't just let it hang, because I was doing it for True Father. I was praying for the members, so that they could realize what kind of suffering my brothers had gone through. So I decided to complete the rest of my condition.

**JIN SUNG NIM:** When Hyo Jin Hyung Nim started his condition, I was beginning a new semester in law school. I went up to pray with him a couple of times. As a new member of the True Family, I'm always trying to find a better

way to serve the True Family and unite with my brothers and sisters. But I realized through the guidance of Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, and Kook Jin Nim that I was allowing too many excuses to come into my mind when I thought about a forty-day condition. Many times a little voice in my head would say, "Well, you're very busy," or, "Your school is very important, so you have to watch out and get enough rest at night so you're not sleepy in class." And I realized that, in a way, Satan was trying to come into my mind. On the one hand I wanted to become a better brother for my new brothers and sisters. But at the same time I knew that if I didn't do anything about it, Satan would attempt to come in and influence me to take the comfortable way and find some justification for not making the effort. With the help and example of Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, however, I began to realize that you have to take responsibility and do something towards your goal instead of just thinking about it. And even though school was on my mind, I realized how Father always gives more and more and doesn't pay attention to excuses. So, besides the fact that I wanted to go out and support Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, I also realized that I needed this kind of condition to deepen my own heart so I could become a better brother.

**MR. JOO:** *What did you see as the most significant point of the forty days?*

**HYUN JIN NIM:** When I was sitting there with Hyo Jin Hyung on my right side and Kook Jin on my left and I heard them pray, I could feel their determination and devotion to their missions for the sake of the world, and how much love they were giving out. I could especially feel this from Hyo Jin Hyung. He was always praying about how to further the creation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. My two younger brothers were right there supporting him, and this truly builds the spiritual fire in you. You just want to get up and shout, you have so much energy. You want to go out there and teach people what they're doing wrong. When they're praying it's that intense.

They came every night to the holy rock. They might have had an exam the next day, or three tests to study for, or it might have been cold and raining. In such situations your body doesn't want to respond to you. But in spite of all these circumstances they would come and pray;





*At the start of their two-hour vigil, Jin Sung Nim was usually the first to pray. Left to right: Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, and Jin Sung Nim.*

they would share their feelings. To me that was the most inspiring aspect of it. Every time I heard them pray, it made me feel that I had to give them something through my prayers or through my actions.

**KOOK JIN NIM:** The most inspiring thing for me was hearing my brothers' words. They spoke truth not just on the family or tribal level; they spoke for the sake of the world and the universe. Their words weren't just words; they had deep feelings behind them. Hearing what they said about the responsibility of each of us inspired me very much to go on, because when they prayed I felt Father's heart coming right through their words. I felt the sense of responsibility they have toward our Heavenly Father and True Parents and their other brothers and sisters; how much they care about the suffering of others, how much they would like the members to be aware of that, and how they don't want our Heavenly Father to suffer any more.

**JIN SUNG NIM:** For me the most inspiring point was having True Family there and being able to listen to them pray. I especially spent a lot of time with

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Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim, and even though they are just starting high school I know they are under a lot of pressure. During those prayers, I usually prayed first, then Kook Jin Nim, then Hyun Jin Nim, and then Hyo Jin Hyung Nim. During the day Kook Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim are normal, active youths. But when I heard them pray, I was just astounded by the depth with which they were speaking one on one to Heavenly Father.

During their prayer they did something they usually don't do around people: they

opened up their hearts; and because I was there I was able to hear, see and feel the most inner self they were offering to Heavenly Father. I am sure that in Heavenly Father's eyes they are not just children, and I was there to witness their deep understanding of Heavenly Father's and True Parents' heart. It was just unbelievable that they prayed this way at such a young age. What you see with your eyes can sometimes make you not see, because when they were sharing with Heavenly Father, suddenly their great strength and their characters just flowed out and almost overwhelmed me. When I listened to Hyo Jin Hyung Nim pray there was a closeness between him and Heavenly Father that was so intimate. I was there witnessing a conversation between Heavenly Father and His children. It was a very, very special time.

**MR. JOO:** *If Father were here right now, what would you like to say to him?*

**HYUN JIN NIM:** You know Father's history: at the age of 16 he pledged to Jesu Nim that he would accomplish the goal and become a true man and do this mission even if it meant giving up his life. I myself feel that this is the only





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*During a walk with Mother at East Garden. Left to right: Hyun Jin Nim, Ye Jin Nim, True Mother, Shin Jeung Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, and Nan Sook Nim.*

meaningful gift I can offer to True Father and True Mother.

**MR. JOO:** *What is that?*

**HYUN JIN NIM:** The pledge to become a true son of God and a true son of True Parents. The pledge to become an ideal person, an ideal Adam. But I feel that even though this forty-day condition seems significant, I still have much more to do, because Father did not just stop at the age of 16 after pledging his life to Jesu Nim; he kept on doing even more and giving even greater pledges and making bigger determinations. I want to give the same to Father.

**KOOK JIN NIM:** I don't feel I have to say anything to Father, because from the beginning of their lives our True Parents have done so many conditions and suffered so much. They know I have gone

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up to the holy rock for forty days; they know what I have prayed for, what I have asked Heavenly Father for. When they were young, they also made the same kinds of conditions; so it is not necessary for me to go to my father and report what I have done. I just went up to the holy rock to pray, not for myself but for my brothers and sisters and for Heavenly Father; so it is not my victory, it is their victory. I cannot go up to my True Father and True Mother and say, “Look what I have done,” because I have not done anything so great.

**JIN SUNG NIM:** Like Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim I feel that my Father is looking at me, and though he gives me so much love and understanding through his eyes, I know he's hoping that I can do much more. He knows that I do not see the suffering, the bloodshed, and the tears that have gone before me. In a way there





*Smack! A kiss for Sun Jin Nim. Left to right: Young Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim holding his daughter Shin Jeung Nim, True Mother holding Shin Goon Nim (Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim's second son), Nan Sook Nim holding Shin Bok Nim (Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim's first son), Sun Jin Nim, and Kwon Jin Nim.*

isn't really much to say about this forty-day condition because it was our duty. As Hyo Jin Hyung Nim often tells us, if something is expected of us, and we are able to do it, then accomplishing that deed or condition is nothing to brag about. Even though True Parents are happy, we are just fulfilling our responsibilities.

**MR. JOO:** *What message would you like to send to your brothers and sisters worldwide?*

**KOOK JIN NIM:** I hope that soon the heavenly tradition will be brought down to earth and all the people in the world will follow the proper order in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which is absolute and cannot be compromised. That order descends in a chain: True Parents' family comes first, then the first disciples, and then the next disciples. This

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was the way the Kingdom of Heaven is to be founded. The whole world was made according to strict heavenly law.

**JIN SUNG NIM:** Nobody thinks more about the brothers and sisters in our movement than the True Parents and the True Children. Everyone here is so grateful for the effort and the sacrifices that our brothers and sisters are making out there. But one of the things I have come to realize is the profound meaning of the word "true." I have been spending enough time with the True Family to see the difference between true and not true, and I know that the key point, not only for our members but for the whole world, is that every person has to go from not being true to being true. Many times you can't see clearly, even though True Father has been giving words of guidance for many years. It's very difficult to strive continually towards the highest goal. Our



members should be careful to never become static. Every day they need to know as individuals and as families and as groups that their goal is still far ahead of them. They have to try every day to keep moving, because if they stop moving, Satan's constant attack will make them lose ground even without their knowing it. They always have to know that their goal is the very highest goal, and they have to keep going.

Many of our brothers and sisters in this movement have been members for many years, and sometimes they judge the Unification movement. But I deeply felt during this forty-day condition that this time is one of the greatest turning points in the history of humankind, and especially in the history of our church. As Father has told us, had Christianity accepted him, the Unification Church would not have needed to exist. Now after forty years of Father's total sacrifice we have come back to another crucial point. I hope our brothers and sisters can understand that there is a great change coming; the greatest of victories is at hand. But it can only come about if our members are ready to move into action. We have to break out of our old way of thinking and understand that a brand new beginning is coming upon us in our movement. Our Father is saying that out of thousands of members even just a few hundred of us need to completely understand the crucial aspect of this time. Hopefully more people than that can comprehend the path that we have to take, starting in 1985, upon Father's great victory at Danbury.

**MR. JOO:** *Jin Sung Nim, what is the point that has most inspired and impressed you about the True Children?*

**JIN SUNG NIM:** Sometimes I look at myself and see the reality of my own situation and how far I have to go before I can reach my goals. Then I see that every day I make so many blunders, many careless mistakes of character. My motivation and my thinking are not always pure. I know each of the True Children is extremely sensitive. They feel all the impurities of character and heart around them. I know it's so easy when you receive some deeper truth to turn around and judge your brothers and sisters. But True Children never do that. They always want to understand and give you more love; they always try to raise you up.

**MR. JOO:** *Could you give us your understanding of filial piety?*

**JIN SUNG NIM:** I know that if I don't really understand how much True Parents are doing for all of us and for God, then I cannot actually say that my love for them is true. If the parents are suffering and the children say, "I love my parents, I love my parents," but they do not even see their parents' suffering, then they only have a shallow love for them. So I think I have to develop my understanding of my Parents and how much they are sacrificing, how much they are suffering, before I am able to say that I am a filial son.

**MR. JOO:** *When are Father and Mother happiest?*

**KOOK JIN NIM:** When they see their children doing well in school, getting

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good grades and so forth, they are very proud of their children. True Parents actually feel joy when their children excel. At times some of the children may not be doing so well in school. But when True Parents see them playing with each other, expressing closeness and love—that makes them happy. Although I cannot definitely say what brings True Parents joy, I feel this does, watching my younger brothers and sisters playing and feeling so much love for each other.

**JIN SUNG NIM:** Father and Mother ask us to go to school so that we can have a respected position in the eyes of the world—so that people will listen to our message. I know that will make Father and Mother happy. I'm already 23 years old, and I'm still becoming a man—and by Heavenly Father's standards that means I should also become a true man. When I grew up in Washington, I spent most of my time just going to school and

being a good student. But many ideas from fallen society can influence you when you're young if you're not careful. Especially now during this crucial time when we are all growing up so quickly, before we all become mature men and women, we have to prepare our hearts. And when I can deepen my heart with a greater understanding of True Parents and what they are trying to do, that will make them happy.

When I compare myself to my true brothers, Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, and Kook Jin Nim, spiritually I feel I'm a whole generation apart. They are a generation ahead of us. When I am with True Parents, I feel my understanding of the significance of everything around me is so shallow. I feel that Father and Mother only need to look into my eyes for one second, and they know where I am. I am convinced that my only offering is within myself; I have to try to bring myself closer to understanding them, closer to becoming a true man.

**MR. JOO:** *What do you feel is the most significant and inspiring point about Hyo Jin Nim?*

**HYUN JIN NIM:** He is able to put his personal desires behind him and do things for others. That is truly Father's spirit. In many ways he is just like Father—how he speaks, how he looks at you. But as with Father, I cannot say any one part of him is great; everything is great. Hyo Jin Hyung is the first son of True Father and True Mother and the first male representative of our family. I thank him because in so many ways he demonstrated the trueness of our True Family.

I have three heroes in my life. The first one is True Parents—I think of them as one entity. I can't see one without feeling the presence of the other. The next two are Hyo Jin Hyung and Heung Jin Hyung. I hope I can absorb all the wonderful traits of Hyo Jin Hyung. He has great determination, love, filial piety, and strength in so many fields; and I hope I can also inherit the fine traits of Heung Jin Hyung—his ability to care so much for people and his great filial piety and true-heartedness.

**KOOK JIN NIM:** Hyo Jin Hyung, like our True Father, is a unifier; he is one with himself, and he is able to control his emotions and his feelings and live for his children, his people. That aspect of being able to sacrifice everything for his





*East Garden staff members and some of the 36 Blessed Couples and blessed children often joined the brothers in their winter prayer vigil.*

brothers and sisters and for the people around him is one of the things I most admire about him.

**JIN SUNG NIM:** I truly, truly love Hyo Jin Hyung Nim. It's very hard to point out a specific characteristic I like best. We were not around when Father as a boy took up his challenge and developed through many stages to become a true man in the sight of God. When I look at Hyo Jin Hyung Nim and the other True Children, I can see for the second time in the history of the universe something very special: true sons and daughters of God as He intended them to be, growing up.

One way to understand how the True Children enter the perfection stage is that as they grow, they are deepening their love for Father and Mother, and they are thereby connecting directly to Heavenly Father. And now we are witnessing Heavenly Father coming to dwell in Hyo Jin Hyung Nim's heart. When we pray many of us just ask Heavenly Father for something. But suddenly, right before our eyes, we're watching Hyo Jin Hyung Nim becoming a true man. Heavenly Father is so clearly calling him, pouring so many things into his mind and heart. And just to watch that, to witness this kind of fulfillment, and to know that everyone is

intended one day to reach it, is very, very inspiring.

**MR. JOO:** *In light of Father's mission, what do you think Hyo Jin Nim will do in the future?*

**HYUN JIN NIM:** I feel Hyo Jin Hyung is walking the same road as True Father. There is a lot to this, because Father is striving to achieve worldwide unity and bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. But to bring the proper order and godly standards to the world, is the work of the second generation; to modify, shape, and smooth the edges is our task. And since Hyo Jin Hyung is the leader, I feel that is his role. But in heart and spirit Hyo Jin Hyung has the same role as Father, because their goals are the same; their objective is to make a better world.

**KOOK JIN NIM:** During this time members hear or read Father's words, but sometimes they feel shaky about them or they don't understand what Father is trying to say. Hyo Jin Hyung shows a true understanding of Father's words and is able to teach us this kind of understanding.

**JIN SUNG NIM:** Father and Mother

have been walking a lonely path, trying to teach thousands of people the truth. If our leaders could fully understand True Father's heart, many more people could accompany Father on this road. But up until now, Father and Mother have been walking this road alone, and no one could completely understand them. Now we have somebody who has found True Parents' path and is running up to Father and Mother to share that path with them; one who is ready to go even to the farthest destination that Father and Mother want to reach.

I do not even understand yet where Father and Mother are and where they are going. For instance, when I try to imagine what's going to happen next year or in five or ten years, I realize that my understanding is very weak. Father has planned out all those years so carefully, and now Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, with his wonderful mind, is planning out the future very carefully too. He is thinking very much about the blessed children. I hope this new generation, the blessed children, can unite as closely as they can with Hyo Jin Hyung Nim and the True Family; that will signify a great new age. I am sure that guided by Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, the blessed children's depth of heart can go far beyond what we know now. ♦





# SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL AWARDS FATHER HONORARY DOCTORATE

*by the Editorial Staff*

**O**N MAY 11, SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL in Raleigh, North Carolina, awarded Father an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree. Mother participated in the public graduation ceremonies at the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, accepting the honor on Father's behalf.

School trustee Rev. Oscar McLaughlin, in presenting Father's degree to Mother, remarked that Father was being recognized for his "commitment to the cause of Christianity in the world today and social and political activism, including religious freedom" as well as for

"his campaign against world communism." Rev. McLaughlin called him a "fighter and champion of peace and justice" and a "champion of human rights against all forms of tyranny." Mother stood quietly by while Rev. McLaughlin spoke; then she accepted the diploma and a red and white doctoral hood in Father's place.

Mother gave a brief but moving speech [see box] to which the 3,000 people in the audience listened with great respect and sincerity. As the first American school to

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**REMARKS OF  
MRS. SUN MYUNG MOON  
Delivered  
in Acceptance of  
the Honorary Degree  
of Doctor of Divinity  
Award to the  
Reverend Sun Myung Moon  
by  
Shaw Divinity School**

Convocation for the Awarding of Degrees  
Shaw Divinity School  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
May 11, 1985



*Mother addresses the audience at Shaw University upon accepting Father's honorary doctorate.*

Dr. Smith, Dr. Turner, Dr. Paige, members of the faculty of Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and our family, I would like to express my deep gratitude for the honor you have bestowed upon him this day. My husband was especially moved when he read of the history of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, and of their founder, Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, for he found in the life of your founder two Christ-like characteristics to which he dedicated his own life: love of God and service to humanity.

I am told that on your Founder's Day you all gather around Dr. Tupper's grave in the center of the campus to pay tribute to this great man, and to read aloud the epitaph on his tombstone:

He counted not his life  
Dear unto himself  
That he might lift Godward  
his brother.

Dr. Tupper received a great deal of persecution for his idealism and yet he persevered with courage. Rev. Moon, too, knows the meaning of being persecuted for the sake of ideals; he is in a federal prison this very day on that account. Yet the sole purpose of his life will continue to be to lift all people Godward and ease the pain of suffering humanity.

My husband has also devoted himself to the cause of unity and understanding between races. When he was asked, "Who is the greatest American leader of the twentieth century?" Rev.

Moon replied, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." At a time when many oppressed people wanted to return hate for hate, Dr. King said, "We must return love for hate." Dr. King was imprisoned over and over again, and he gave his life for what he believed, but his words continue to inspire us.

In the same tradition, my husband loves his enemies. He long ago forgave his accusers, and he loves America now more than ever. He is thanking God in prison because he has been used as an instrument to rally and inspire the American people to fight against all forms of oppression and injustice.

Rev. Moon shares with Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University a commitment to international, interreligious, and interracial harmony. Since it is his belief that Jesus would have us live, work, and study as one loving human family, he has dedicated his life and his ministry to end racism, religious bigotry, and all forms of intolerance, not because he hoped it would make him popular or famous, but because it is right and because it is the will of God.

Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University have had a great past, and Rev. Moon believes and prays that, with God's blessings, it will be used by God to establish an even greater future. He is pleased then to join in the great tradition of the Shaw Divinity School in working to love God and serve all God's children.

May God bless the Shaw Divinity School for its bold leadership and courage now as in years past, and may He use it as a living instrument to build His Kingdom.

Thank you very much. ♦





*After the May 11 ceremony, Mother is joined by (left to right) Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Ye Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim, and Dr. Mose Durst.*

publicly recognize Father in this way\*, she said, Shaw Divinity School demonstrated great courage, vision, and Christian commitment in the highest sense.

In addition to honoring Father, the school also gave honorary doctorates to Dr. W. Franklin Richardson, general secretary of the National Baptist Convention and senior minister of Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, New York; and to Dr. Oscar Cook, pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and a member of the general board of the Baptist State Convention.

The doctoral presentations were made before the joint commencement



*Mother shakes a professor's hand at the reception following the conferring of Father's honorary doctorate. Left of her is Dr. Joseph Paige, executive vice president of Shaw Divinity School. Hyo Jin Nim is at right.*

*\* On December 9, 1975, Father was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree from Ricker College in Houlton, Maine. This is the first time, however, that Father received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from an American institution.*


ceremonies of Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University. More than 350 students received degrees, with 14 divinity school students graduating.

Dr. W. Franklin Richardson commented at a luncheon after the event that it was truly commendable to give the degree to Father while he was still in prison because "Jesus tells us to remember those in prison: '...I was in prison and you came to me' (Mt 25:36)."

In announcing the awards, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University, stated that honorary degrees are given to persons who have distinguished themselves in their profession, specialty, and communities, and to persons who have been instrumental in advancing Shaw Divinity School.

A statement released by the school said that Father "has demonstrated a deep and sacrificial concern for establishing God's kingdom through the elimination of racial and religious bigotry." ♦





# MINISTERS RESPOND TO THE VIDEOTAPES

by Rasik Buhla

**I**N THE WINTER OF 1984-1985, VIDEO-tapes of the Principle and literature sets were sent out to 300,000 clergymen all across America. Included in the packets were response cards which the ministers were asked to fill out and return to:

Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
P.O. Box 1254  
Danbury, Connecticut

Out of 300,000 tape sets sent out, about ten thousand responses have come back so far. These comments have been collected and evaluated by the video project staff.

Fourteen percent of the responses were filed as "very positive." Many of these were strong affirmations of Father's ideas and vision for the world. Several ministers said that they had written President Reagan to plea for Father's release; one even requested of the President that he be allowed to replace Father in Danbury for the duration of Father's incarceration. Some commented on the great need for Father's leadership in the world today. Some ministers sent small donations.

In other positive responses, several ministers sent long, heartfelt sermons trying to comfort Father, reminding him that many righteous people in the Bible suffered and were persecuted for their faith. Some said they differed with Father

theologically but were united with him in his quest for religious freedom. Several asked Father for his help in some of their own church projects. Fifteen percent of the ministers requested tapes for their fellow clergymen, and some requested video cassette recorders.

About 35 percent of the responses were negative, or were understood as such. A considerable number of Christian ministers sent tracts on their own faith, hoping to convert Father. A large percentage of ministers asked that their name be taken off the mailing list immediately, and some sent scathing messages. Many returned the tapes unopened. Some sent back the boxes containing mutilated, burned, or erased tapes. Some of the tapes were returned having been recorded over with movies in foreign languages, sports newscasts, and the like. A few ministers sent hard-core pornography, strange books, or other paraphernalia.

Twenty-five percent of the ministers who responded said they would like to comment later after reviewing the material.

The following are excerpts chosen by the *Today's World* staff from some of the positive responses. These and others can be seen as truly historical treasures—the fruit of forty years of Father's blood, sweat, and tears shed to unite Christianity.

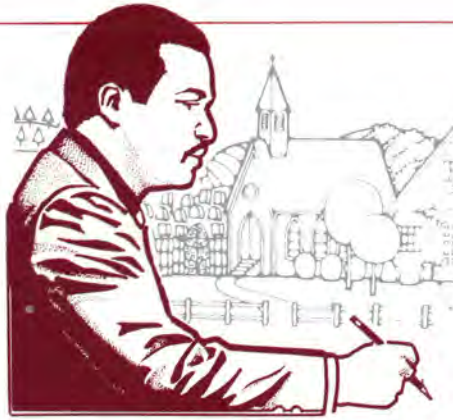
I am in agreement with most of the Unification Principle. It is consistent with most of my convictions. There is not enough theological difference between us to hinder my working with the Unification Church. I am presently working in conjunction with your church and expect to continue. God bless you; I "know" you are called by God for just such a time as this.

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I have received your recent letter and material forwarded during your present incarceration in Connecticut. I was most happy to receive your communication. I want you to know that I am in harmony and agreement with the concepts of the Unification Church relative to the building of the "Kingdom of God." The tapes and various seminars proved to be invaluable. I was very much inspired as I listened intently, for this is really the first time I have heard a ministry explained in detail so parallel to my very own teachings, which center upon the awareness of Christ in us! I personally understand why you are locked up by the "system." We certainly appreciate your attitude while you are there, for in prison you are demonstrating that you are "free indeed," which is a monumental step.

...Rev. Moon, I truly support your stand. I highly respect your position, and





I am ready to come together in cooperation with you to create a God-centered consciousness in the pursuit of our goals. Kindly advise me, Rev. Moon, as to how we can connect with your group to share insights, including the communication you have with African countries. In particular, please outline how we can work together in getting the "Unification Church" and the "Body of Christ" to come together to focus upon our mutual concerns.

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My prayers and those of our congregation are lifted on behalf of you often. We know your deliverance will come—and soon. Our Lord must surely be shaping you for an even greater ministry. Your tolerance is commendable.

Your local church has been a source of help to us—know that we care deeply about you. American Baptists care; I care personally.

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This is not the first time I have read a letter from a minister in prison. The New Testament has a number of them, which I treasure very much. Their author is a man by the name of Paul. Martin Luther King's famous letter from a Birmingham jail changed the minds of Christians about what a controversial, dynamic, persecuted black church could do about injustice and protecting civil liberty. Maybe the Lord allowed you to go to prison unjustly so that you could be an effective witness to religious freedom. If your report of the trial is true, you surely got shafted.

Brother Moon, let me encourage you to continue what you are doing in this situation. You are stating the issues quite clearly as you understand them. God has used you in a surprising way since you came to the United States. I am sure your

mailing has made you friends. Count me as a new friend. If I have been a bit critical, please understand that your best friends tell the truth in love.

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I wish to thank you for your strong efforts in helping us understand how you see God working in our midst. There have been many rumors and a lot of bad press surrounding your church group and I suspect that the real heart of your beliefs and motivations remains largely unknown in this country. You have been gracious enough to reach out with this box-load of information, and that speaks well of your intent to help us gain this knowledge. I'm very unhappy with the tendency of many people to not hear you folks out. That's not at all representative of the Lord Jesus, whose heart's desire is that we always express love toward one another. I grow and learn from the dialogue I experience with different groups, even if I disagree with them.

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I am appreciative of you and your ministry, Rev. Moon—there is an abundance of truth in the "Principle" and "Unification Theology." I know many Unification members and I find them to be truly Christian. I am privileged to be an associate member of your church.

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Your letter was received, and its contents were noted with care. You have my prayers, always, for your deliverance. God is watching over you. All things work together for good to them that trust in His Holy Word. Be strong and courageous. Time will teach the world who you are.

Thanks for the tapes and books; I

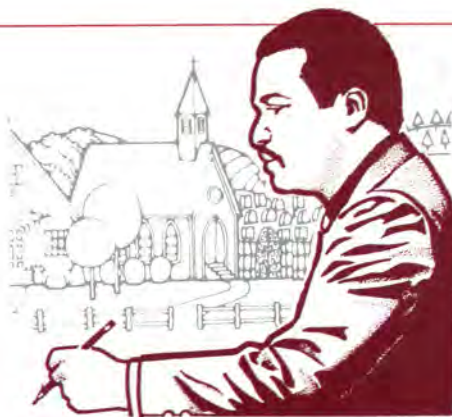
enjoy reading them. You are more in line with what Jesus taught when he was on earth than any person I have known about. You are carrying out the things that Jesus taught. Some day I trust I can meet you in person. My congregation is praying that you can be completely delivered, and that you can stay in good health and carry on to the Glory of God. I would be delighted to have you work with us in the great work of Jesus Christ, and to work together with you in this worldwide program that God has put on your heart. It is the exact thing that Jesus wanted and died for: one world, one people—no boundaries between them.

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Even though we have never met, it has been my privilege to be a visitor at the seminary in Barrytown, New York, and to attend the conference on Unification theology this summer in Athens, Greece. On both occasions, I have been impressed by the sincerity, hospitality, and dedication of members of the Unification Church. While I do not accept Unification theology (to the extent that it is even formulated yet), I count myself among those who are disturbed over your imprisonment. There is little question that the decision against you has set a foreboding precedent for religious liberty; and that is a judgment I have shared widely with others.

Over the past few years, at conferences and in adult education classes at a college and in local churches, I have presented the teachings of the Principle as an alternative vision of the Kingdom of God in America. The vision is an alternative to what H. Richard Niebuhr called "the coming kingdom" to be realized by vigorous social action. It seems to me that the Unification Church, in its several branches, is experimenting with a variety of means for bringing about the Kingdom





of God—much as did the proponents of the “social gospel” in the early twentieth century. In most of the settings in which I have presented these ideals, however, I have found that the depth of hostility toward the church is in direct proportion to the shallowness of understanding about the church’s current teachings and practices. Perhaps the latest mailing of information will increase both the knowledge of, and tolerance for, Unificationism.

In fact, this letter is sent primarily as a note of gratitude for your generous gift of videotapes and books explaining the teachings of the Unification Church. The materials were sent to one of my colleagues. He knows of my interest in Unification theology and so sent them on to me. These instructional aids could have not come at a more opportune moment. I will begin a new full-credit course for undergraduates in April which includes a section on the Unification Church. The students will be reading *Outline of the Principle Level 4*, and the videotape lectures will be an extremely helpful means of clarifying the reading. With thanks and hope for a speedy end to your imprisonment—

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I enjoyed the tapes on the “Fall of Man.” And I also read your book, *God’s Warning to the World*. I am hoping the Lord will permit me to meet you in person. I feel that we must work together. I am not organized with any large denomination. In 1968 the Lord led me out of the large denominations because He had shown me much of what you teach. We at the True Church of God are just a small group. So I am looking forward to the time when the Lord will bless us in working with you.

I do believe that the Lord sent you to America to warn this country. God never

brings destruction upon any land without sending a true prophet to warn its citizens; as He sent Jonah to the city of Nineveh, so has He sent you to America. So I am praying for your release from prison. In the meantime I will be doing what I can.

At the present time, my church has established a non-profit organization known as the Willing Workers Inc., which helps the needy and the disadvantaged. I want to be in close contact with you, so please feel free to write and inform me about what I may do to help in your release.

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You are doing a good work, just as the early Christians did. The enemy is trying to hinder your work by bringing false charges against you, as the Pharisees and Roman authorities did to the early church. Rev. Moon, God is going to deliver you out of the hand of the prince of this world.

P.S. Our church is praying for you and your work.

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I feel honored to receive a letter from you—especially a prison letter—for it reflects the heart of a man I desire for a friend and to be a friend to. Rev. Moon, I am praying for your release, and the Lord is going to do it.

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I have worked with members of the Unification Church in the San Francisco area for some time now, and find them to be persons of love and compassion. I have enjoyed and still do enjoy our relationship. I say this so you may know that there are those who see the value of

your ministry to America and the world.

I would be remiss if I did not use this opportunity to express gratitude for the substantial financial support the Unification Church has given to councils for church and social action all over this country. Thank you.

One cannot express in words all the feelings of love and genuine compassion that people share with one with another in times of struggle, like these times. Yet I want you to know that our prayers are for you and your lovely family. The prayer we pray is that God will continue to bless and keep you, and that you may be ever strengthened for the ministry of your call.

All I have written is simply to say thank you; thank God for you.

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Two of our church members have already borrowed the tapes to show at home. They found them very interesting. If we can obtain a video cassette recorder, we may show them to our men’s, women’s, and youth groups. Thank you.

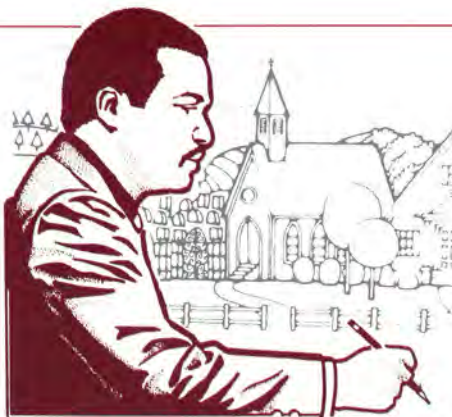
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My dear Brother, I don’t hold anything against you for being in jail. You stood up for God. I have been in jail; I kept praying to God and finally I was released....

I’m going to fast and pray for you, my dear brother. I read that letter and I felt the spirit of the Lord on me. You are all right. We have to work together for God; it doesn’t matter what church we belong to. Amen!

You can keep writing to me; I am your friend. I know you are a good preacher—God tells me you are. I stand by you in prayer, Brother. But you write to me; I would like to hear from you.... I’m just a poor old man in God.... Anything you





want to write to me is okay; I like the words. Now if you don't mind I will pray for you.

Dear God, as I get down on my knees for my dear friend, I look to heaven above, for the sake of my brother Sun Myung Moon. Please God, bless him, keep Your big hand on him so he can withstand the wiles of Satan. Let him know I love him and his family... In Jesus' name, be with him all the way in his calling, dear God. I ask You in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Thank you kindly for the videotapes and booklets. May you rest assured I shall listen to them and use them. Words cannot describe how upsetting the situation of Rev. Moon is to God-fearing people. I certainly will support you in all your endeavors by whatever I can do, if you let me know. On the other hand, I'm not surprised. Moses, Aaron, Ezekiel, Jacob, Jesus, Saul, Peter, Paul, and Nehemiah were all great people of their time, as was Bar Kochva and Rabbi Akiba. I can go on and on. They were all persecuted innocently by people who never understood the greatness of God Almighty. Rev. Moon is not the first one, and Rabbi Hillel was not the last one. We all have to be prepared spiritually, emotionally, and physically for unknown situations, but as experience shows, the oil has always toppled the water. As the Bible is the word of God, I am sure I will pass over and Rev. Moon will continue to be the servant of God in the years to come. If I can do anything to support Rev. Moon I certainly will not hesitate one second. My best wishes to you, and you may count on my support anytime.

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I feel some kinship toward you as an individual, as you are both a Korean and

a minister. It was while I was in Korea (1954-1955) that the Lord finally cornered me and let me know His will for me to serve Him. Besides that, there was a time during the early years of the church that I formerly pastored when the church put its money in the bank under my name. So, except by the grace of God, I could have been you.

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The tapes are true and wonderful. I have played them to my congregation. The entire church is praying for you, and we feel that you are not guilty.

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I am a young pastor who continuously seeks more knowledge about the church and the ever-touching word of God. Thank you so kindly; I have enjoyed the literature and the videotapes you have sent me. We have used one of your films in our Bible training class as a teaching aid. The materials are great, and our congregation truly enjoyed the teachings and examples given. The enlightenment of this material is very encouraging and uplifting to the soul and mind. Many of my friends have received this same material and are very impressed. This is an excellent teaching program. May God continue to bless you and your ministry team.

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Since the last time I wrote you, I have contacted several people about attending meetings in Houston, Atlanta, and Washington, and I plan to continue to tell others to see and hear for themselves just what the Moonies are all about. The April issue of *Time* magazine has an article on the Moonies, and of course, they only gave negative information.

Thank God, I was the first one here to say that it was nothing but a bunch of lies. That is why it is so important for others to go and see for themselves. I can now speak boldly to anyone that they should go and see what the Moonies are doing.

It is my desire to come and visit you. As I stated before, I would like you to come and speak in Memphis when you are released. Before you went to prison, if I saw a story in a magazine, I wouldn't give it much thought. But after reading the article in *Time* magazine, I am more convinced than ever that the Lord has you in prison to awaken the leaders of the Christian world.

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A few days ago I met some of your wonderful people and was invited to attend a breakfast meeting. It was there that I really learned what Rev. Moon stood for. I want you to know that as of this moment I am your friend and I believe you and I like everything you stand for. We are both looking in the very same direction. I am trying to do everything I can to promote the kind of program that you have, and I am very sorry that I did not meet you earlier. But as of this day I am going to do all that is within my power to help promote you and your wonderful soul-saving program. I listened to the tapes today, and I liked what I heard. And I like the work your wonderful people here are doing. I love them. I am an old man with much experience in life, and I am happy that I had the opportunity to meet a minister like you who is trying to do God's will for all humanity. I am praying for you, and if there is anything that you want me to do for you, just let me know. Today, you have a real friend. ♦



# BREAKTHROUGH IN THE MIDST OF NEGATIVITY

by Sinwalter Ferrari Jr.

**A** FEW MONTHS AGO I BEGAN TO visit ministers in the Spanish churches of Manhattan. One of these churches was negative towards the Unification movement yet it was there that I experienced something very spiritual. The minister was young, but he thought we were working for the anti-Christ. Every time we visited his church, he would just ignore us, and he even advised any guest speaker to make the topic of his sermon "Today's New Religions and the Anti-Christ." During such services we prayed hard in order to protect True Parents and ourselves.

The second time I went there, the guest minister again spoke about the anti-Christ. However, this time he warned the head minister that he, too, could be serving the anti-Christ if he made his own ideas appear to be God's will.

The third time I went by myself. Upon my arrival, a young lady made a note of my name and the church I belonged to. She was shocked to hear that I was a "Moonie." The pastor received the guest card but did not announce me, even though I was the only guest.

This time there was also a guest speaker. The topic of the sermon was Ezekiel's being called by God to preach to Israel. The speaker said that God told Ezekiel that he had learned many heavenly things through his suffering experiences and thereby became qualified to preach.

One of the visions of the great prophet that the guest speaker described was that of a stream of water which issued from the restored temple of Jerusalem. The river cleansed and freshened the waters of the sea to which it flowed, and everywhere the river went the land was renewed with life (Ezek 47:1-12). Ezekiel was led into the river until it became too deep for him to wade across. He was told to declare all that he had seen unto the house of Israel (Ezek 40:4).

Just as the sermon was coming to a close, the guest minister had a vision of a mountain with the sun shining brightly upon it and clear water running down from it. He said the aisles of the church were turning into a river and he saw me right in the middle of it. He looked



straight at me and asked me to come to the front. "Do you know why I called you?" he said. Internally I knew why, but externally I said, "No."

Then he explained his vision to everyone, saying that there was a very bright spirit upon me and that God was asking me to preach to many churches like Ezekiel, because the water from the river was up to my knees.

"Where do you come from?"

"I come from Brazil," I answered.

"You did not come here just to visit this church. You came here because you have something we do not have. How long have you known Christ as your Lord and Savior?"

"A few years," I answered.

Then he turned to the head minister and said clearly and in a loud voice: "This young man does not come from the anti-Christ; he comes from the real Christ. He is working for the real Christ."

Then he asked me to raise my hand and repeat three times in front of the whole congregation, in my own language (Portuguese), "Christ is my Lord and

Savior." Then he held my hands and asked the congregation to pray together.

At that moment I felt a great victory for God because at last we were all melted together as one Christian family. The guest speaker placed his hand on my forehead and I began to pray aloud, strongly, and in the name of True Parents. When I finished, he asked me to stand right next to him, this time facing the whole congregation so that everyone could see me.

After the service, I saw the other minister and went to explain about our programs and literature. I could see that he felt confused and rather ashamed. Since that time, however, I have been visiting his church and he has been opening up more and more to learning something about the Principle.

Through this experience I could honestly see that spiritual world is very desperate and intense at this time and how powerfully God is working to testify to our True Parents even in the midst of negativity. ♦

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# LOVE AND SACRIFICE PRESERVE THAILAND'S FREEDOM

by Ursula McLackland  
IRFF representative to Thailand since 1977

*In terms of  
medical  
treatment and  
hygiene, IRFF is  
now responsible  
for all the  
Vietnamese boat  
people that enter  
Thailand.*

**T**HAILAND HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 60 million, and five million people live in the capital city of Bangkok. Bangkok is quite developed and absolutely cosmopolitan, but the rest of the country is very poor. The next largest city has only 100,000 people, and everywhere else there are only villages and rice farms. In Bangkok, shopping centers are built at a faster rate than in America, and both the Thai people and the tourists there like to spend their money rather lavishly, no matter what the political situation is. In the country, however, the people have only rice to eat, with little opportunity to spend at all.

The population is almost entirely Buddhist—96 percent. Muslims make up only about one percent. There are also very few Christians—one to two percent—but recently young people seem to have become more interested in Christianity. Many of them take Bible study courses by correspondence.

The climate is tropical. Technically, there are three seasons—a very hot summer, a six-month monsoon season, and a “winter,” which is still very warm. To a visitor, it just looks as if it’s either raining or not raining.

## Medical Team Helps the Refugees

Since 1975, the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF; formerly WRFF) has been



continually involved in Thailand. Our most successful work has been done through our refugee camp medical team. Financial support for the team comes from the Rescue Committee for Indo-Chinese Refugees located in Japan, and the staff comes from the Japanese Medical Academy for Peace. Lately our staff has consisted of between seven and ten Japanese: one doctor, a pharmacist, three nurses or midwives, a few medical technicians, and a driver. In terms of medical treatment and hygiene, IRFF is now responsible for all the Vietnamese boat people that enter Thailand. The medical team works full time.

In 1979, the government asked IRFF to take care medically of a small refugee camp of about



Since December 1979, IRFF has had a medical team working at the Sikhiu Vietnamese Refugee Camp north of Bangkok.





*IRFF representatives present Queen Sirikit of Thailand with a donation of a lathe machine. Left to right: Jack Hart, Kem Mylar, Satoru Katsuda, Ursula McLackland, Joe Rodolico, and the Queen.*

1,000 people called Sikhiu Camp. It was originally started in 1975 for the Vietnamese people who had escaped by land through Laos and Cambodia. It was a small camp compared to some of the others in Thailand.

After one or two years, however, more and more Vietnamese refugees began to arrive by boat. The Thai government was extremely cautious in its treatment of the Vietnamese boat people because of the threat of communist spying activity. The government pronounced that it would put the boat people together on islands or in isolated areas and restrict the refugees from access to all foreigners, even to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). This created an uproar from the UNHCR and dozens of other foreign agencies working in Thailand. They protested about possible human rights violations. Yet the government remained secretive about its plan, refusing to let any of these agencies know where the islands or isolated areas would be.

At that time the Thai government contacted IRFF unofficially and told them that all the land people in Sikhiu Camp would be relocated to other countries, that the camp itself would be cut off like an island, and that 5,000 Vietnamese boat people would replace the previous refugees. The government knew our anti-communist stand and had come to trust us over the years. We agreed to take care of these 5,000 refugees in every way possible. Workers in other relief agencies learned of this and became very jealous, since they were not permitted to get into the camp without going through elaborate procedures. The UNHCR

especially wanted to get their social workers in, but the Thai government did not allow it, knowing that social workers can move immediately into the living situations of refugees and secure connections to spies. The UNHCR has no control over its personnel, and many of them are indeed leftist. Yet the Thai government let our social worker come in, and our entire team was able to work effectively.

There were many educated people among the Vietnamese land refugees, including some very qualified doctors. At one time the medical team had as many as eight Vietnamese doctors helping the staff, and they received a small salary for their assistance. But as the land people got resettled, we lost most of our Vietnamese doctors. We were concerned at first about hiring an outsider, but the Bangladeshi doctor we found to help us turned out to be a very good worker. He and his wife are fine people. We had no problem getting him into the camp because of the trust the Thai government has in us.

### **An Interview with the Queen**

In 1980, IRFF representatives visited the Thai princess, who is also the vice president of the Thai Red Cross Society. To support the work of the Red Cross, IRFF presented her with a gift of three microscopes. Later, when IRFF expressed the desire to donate a Tong-II lathe machine to the queen of Thailand, the queen granted us an audience. This was quite miraculous, because our gift was not costly and not directly related to her primary interest, which is handicrafts. Nevertheless,

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*July 9, 1980. Jack Hart (second from right), chief administrator of IRFF in Thailand, presents a donation of three microscopes to Princess Sirindhorn (left), vice president of the Thai Red Cross.*





*IRFF representative teaches math and English to children in Bangkok.*

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one afternoon we were called and informed that we were to meet the queen that evening.

King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit are extraordinary examples of dedication to their people. They travel around the country for eight months of the year, speaking to the people and making plans to try to improve their economic situation. The Thai people love their king and queen very much, and no one says anything against them. The sacrificial devotion of the royal family to their country is one reason, I feel, that God can protect Thailand from communist invasion. We in IRFF also feel that by desperately trying our best to serve the people we are offering a condition to preserve Thailand's freedom.

There is certainly no logical reason why Thailand hasn't fallen yet. Even the Thai police wonder about it. Thailand is strategically important to all of Southeast Asia. It is feared that if Thailand becomes communist, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines will also be lost. Thailand is the only existing hope for protection and liberation to those already suffering in the communist countries of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. The preservation of this nation is essential to God, and its stability is really nothing short of a miracle.

When we went to the palace for our audience with the queen, we didn't know the formal procedure for presenting a gift. The five of us were told to line up in a row, but we saw that we were a great distance from the queen. We were confused, and Jack Hart, the IRFF representative who was to present the gift, didn't know if he should approach her. The queen must have sensed our bewilderment, because she came all the way across the room to us in a very natural, humble way.

Normally an audience with the queen is a highly official occasion; gifts are quickly offered with a

bow. Yet Jack, who loves the royal family, began to testify before the queen in tears about how the royal family's concern and sacrifice for the country of Thailand moved his heart. He expressed to her how much he respected them and felt connected to them.

During this testimony and a brief discussion with the queen—which lasted about twenty minutes altogether—the queen stood very near to us. This is very rare. The queen is like a goddess to her people, and they would not even think of drawing near to her or touching her. But because Jack had spoken from his heart, she responded from her heart as well. When he mentioned the refugees, she asked, "How are they?" as if she were inquiring of her own children. We experienced a wonderful feeling of closeness to her, and she shook the hand of each of us. This was shown on the evening TV news. Before she left the room, after she had briefly received a gift from another group, she turned back to us and said, "I can't tell you how much you have cheered me up!"

## **Social Work in Bangkok**

The Thai people are generally very proud of not accepting Christianity; little has remained from the mostly temporary efforts of Christian service there. Thus we had to be strongly determined to show them our sincerity through our work.

In January 1981 we received \$2,000 in funds and launched another medical team, this one to serve the poor people in the slums of Bangkok. We started it with the help of a Thai foundation. The director of this foundation is a good Christian who later became our friend. In the beginning a nurse from her foundation came to work with us, and later two social workers were added to the staff. Our clinic was open once a week, and the people came for medicine and advice.

The Japanese medical team would come down from the refugee camp to the city on weekends and help us, but later on the number of refugees in the camp increased so much that we could not rely on



*IRFF doctors and nurses serve over sixty patients in one afternoon.*





*Clothes are distributed in the Makkasan slum area of Bangkok by IRFF representatives.*

their help. We had to depend more and more on our own resources. Now we have our own Thai doctor.

We also taught adults how to cook foods which they could sell. Primarily we wanted to teach the people how to help themselves. Parents came to us with problems concerning their children's schooling. Since many of the children did not go to school and had nothing to do, we began some simple educational programs on basic hygiene and other things. In addition, we were able to begin a scholarship program for as many as sixty children. In every home in our neighborhood we took a survey, and where there was a need and where the parents responded, we pledged to support their children with scholarships until the children completed their education. In many cases we were able to get children legally registered for schooling who had not been able to register previously.

If the parents displayed apathy or irritation with our questions, the social worker would warn them that this was their only chance to get help, and that we would not come again. Later, when those parents saw the progress of the other children, they complained. We explained to them that they had failed to respond when they were given the chance. We worked this way in order to teach them the lesson that they had to invest themselves before they could receive help, and to encourage them to see the value of what we were trying to give them.

It was also important for us to learn that we should not just give endlessly, running after people, but that we had to require some condition of interest and cooperation from them first.

So far, IRFF has operated under a temporary registration as a foreign agency working in Thailand. It is our hope that within a year or so we will be permanently registered as a foundation, which has the right to work with any group of people in Thailand and raise its own funds. Until we are established as a foundation our work will be somewhat restricted in scope.

Once we become registered we will want to expand our medical services to many more poor areas in Bangkok. There are groups which already do social work in the slum areas, but few can afford to do medical work because it is so expensive to hire doctors and other medical personnel. We have the personnel, so we want to assist other foundations in this way.

The success we have created so far in Thailand, however, is really due to the unity of the IRFF representatives, their prayer, hard work, and disciplined lifestyle. We have met Thai people who are very serious in wanting to know God. They pray desperately and make tremendous efforts to find Him; it is exciting to watch them grow spiritually. When I am with two or three such people together, I can really feel the presence of God. ♦



*Social worker Sao Wannee and IRFF representative Ursula McLackland visit a slum area in Bangkok to distribute clothes and see families whose children have applied for scholarships.*





# A GIFT TO LEBANESE CHILDREN

## IRFF Sends Aid to the War-Torn Nation

by Michael Giampaoli  
Executive Director of IRFF  
in the United States

**T**HE TRAGEDIES SEEM TO BE NEVER-ending, and the children grow up amidst violence, hatred, bloodshed, and extreme fear. In Beirut ten years of political strife have left thousands of children orphaned in the streets, their schools closed, their homes wrecked. The Lebanese Child Welfare Association (LCWA), founded in 1936, has been a constant source of aid and comfort for the children of this war-torn country.

Last year the association adopted 500 refugee families and distributed clothes, toys, milk, and other foods to 2,000 children. Mrs. Zahia Salman, who is the president and founder of LCWA and is respected throughout Lebanon for her humanitarian service, has worked tirelessly in serving the helpless and suffering in Lebanon, primarily in Beirut.

This year, Mrs. Salman sent an urgent request to the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) to help her organization purchase gifts for Lebanese children wounded or orphaned in the conflict that has divided Lebanon. The Week of the Child is an annual event commemorated throughout Lebanon, and it promotes a wide range of cultural, educational, and service activities presented by and for children.

Normally the government provides aid



*Lebanon's prime minister, Rashid Karamé (with white hair), thanks IRFF representative Thomas Cromwell (second from the prime minister's left) for IRFF contributions to war-maimed children.*



*Mrs. Zahia Salman, president of the Lebanese Child Welfare Association, receives a plaque given by IRFF which bears the inscription: "To Zahia Salman in recognition of her service to Lebanon's mothers and children."*

for the event, but this year, because of the divisions within the government itself and the heightened intensity of the conflict, it was unable to do so. IRFF responded to Mrs. Salman's request, enabling the Week of the Child celebrations to go on as planned.

Children representing the six prefectures of Lebanon participated in

competitions in oration, essay writing, handicrafts, drawing, and music. All of these activities sought to embody this year's theme, "Our Children, the Witness and the Cause."

Some of the other activities that took place were: a march of scouts and schoolchildren through the main streets of Beirut; radio and television programs; visits to sick and handicapped children in hospitals and institutions; the opening of a free kindergarten in one of the poorest districts of the city; and the offering of scholarships to needy children. Besides supporting the April 1985 Week of the Child, IRFF's contribution provided toys, clothes, and educational materials for various children's centers.

At the opening of an exhibition of photographs depicting children affected by the war, IRFF representative Thomas Cromwell presented the IRFF contribution to the LCWA. Mrs. Salman presided over the occasion. Prime Minister Rashid Karamé addressed the gathering, expressing his gratitude to IRFF and personally thanking Thomas for his effort and support. In the midst of continuing desperate circumstances, Mrs. Salman continues her courageous fight for the children of Lebanon and for the hope that the future will bring peace. ♦



## NEWS FROM TODAY'S WORLD

### Scandinavia: Special Witnessing Condition

by Hans Karlsson

SEVEN BLESSED WIVES FROM Sweden, Norway, and Denmark came together in March for a 21-day witnessing campaign in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark.

This campaign gave many of the wives the opportunity to return to a front-line mission. "For a long time I couldn't take part in an active mission because I was taking care of my three children," said Bergljot Oladottir, the team leader. "These weeks in Copenhagen have given me rebirth." Mrs. Oladottir was born in Iceland, but joined the church with her husband in Oslo, Norway, in 1975.

"This team helped bring the Scandinavian countries closer together. It felt natural to be working together here in northern Europe," she said. "Through this experience we

also could learn to offer a period of separation from our children, even if only for a short time. In this way we could give the most precious thing we had to Heavenly Father; so I felt very happy to do this."

The team's activities included visiting ministers, street witnessing, fundraising, visiting schools, and dialogues with minority groups. "Through visiting the ministers, we found out that the Christian churches in Denmark are much influenced by socialist thinking," said Mrs. Oladottir. "But we also had some good responses, which we hope can open the door for dialogue in the future."

The team was blessed at the end of the condition by a visit from Mrs. Chong Wha Kim,



*Mrs. Kim with the blessed wives' team: Back row (left to right): Bjorg Lorentzen, Inge Johansen, Gertrud Vad, Karin Fuetsch, and Rosi Christensen. Front row (left to right): Liliana Karlsson, Mrs. Kim, and Bergljot Oladottir.*

wife of the European leader Rev. Young Whi Kim. Her parental heart towards everyone created a very harmonious atmosphere. Mrs. Kim gave advice to the blessed wives, drawing from her many experiences of working with Father in the early days of the movement in Korea. "Father always set the condition to love the nation before his own family," she said. "This team has followed that tradition."

After the condition was over, a seven-day inter-Scandinavian workshop was held at the Finnish training

center in Leppakoski, about fifty miles north of Helsinki and only some 150 miles from the Russian border. It was attended by more than thirty people.

Earlier inter-Scandinavian workshops, all given in the English language, had been held in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, and this international cooperation is now blossoming into an exciting tradition for the future. The next blessed wives' witnessing condition and workshop will take place in September in Oslo, Norway. ♦

### Letter from the Publisher

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or tried to assist him in getting an appeal, nothing worked. The officials' attitude in this case was one they might have shown a murderer who had had previous convictions. There was no justice. There was no recognition of the fact that his being a religious leader had some bearing on the case. Unquestionably, racial and religious prejudice played a central part in his indictment and trial; in fact, there is convincing evidence of a conspiracy behind the whole affair.

How can the people who prosecuted Father escape the judgment of history? In the future, historians and lawyers will research every detail of this case over and

over again. Nothing will escape them. As far as the prosecutors are concerned this case is closed. But history has yet to pronounce its judgment.

Government leaders and anyone directly or indirectly involved in this unfair decision must sincerely reconsider it even now, and act on the promptings of their original minds. They have to do something. For our part, we Unification Church members cannot simply wait for the joyful and exciting day when Father is released. We cannot receive him as if he were a common criminal whose sentence in prison, his expected duty, is over. We must greet him with the restoration of his dignity. We must erase this unfortunate decision. This sorrowful historical period can only be nullified by

repentance on the part of Father's accusers. Americans are the people of the chosen nation. Father's innocence, dignity, and honor must be restored by the Unification Church members and by the people of America, her representative political leaders, and particularly those who form the Christian foundation of this country.

Above all, we have to declare Father's innocence. When he is released from incarceration we have to greet Father with a proclamation to all humanity: "He is innocent!"





## The Ultimate Weapon

by Dr. Joseph Scheftick

*This is the third and last part of Dr. Joseph Sheftick's series on the power of the mind. In the first two parts, which appeared in the March and April issues of Today's World, Dr. Sheftick explored the areas of how the power of the mind influences a person's health and how the power of imaging relates to the healing process.*

*In this final segment, the author describes the potential destructive uses of mental energy being researched in the Soviet Union, and what scientists in the West need to focus on now in order to combat evil and transform society.*

**A**T A TIME WHEN THE WORLD LIVES in fear of nuclear war and the superpowers seek to enlarge their arsenals with new technologies, the search for non-nuclear weapons has led to research in psychotronics, a new science that deals with psychic powers such as telepathy, clairvoyance, and psychokinesis, and to the application of these powers for military purposes.

At the end of World War II, Joseph Stalin knew that the United States would demobilize most of its armed forces. The United States alone, however, had the atomic bomb, so Stalin knew that Soviet domination of the world would not be possible at that time. While the Soviets began their massive spying efforts to obtain nuclear secrets, Stalin became

aware of an individual named Wolf Messing, a psychic performer who was traveling in the Soviet Union. Messing was called to Moscow and asked to perform several tests: to obtain thousands of rubles from a bank teller by handing her a blank piece of paper, and to enter Stalin's heavily guarded *dacha*. Messing accomplished both by using the power of mental projection. This was only the beginning. Dr. Phillip Berg, head of the Research Center for the Kaballah in New York, received reports during the 1970's from Jewish physicists who fled the Soviet Union that Soviet scientists are researching extrasensory perception (ESP) and psychokinesis far more seriously than are their counterparts in the West.



## Growing Use of Telepathy

On March 20, 1970, a heart was stopped in a Soviet research laboratory. It was the heart of a frog, stopped by the mental suggestion coming from a gifted telepath. The successful killing of the frog coincided with a series of breakthroughs in secret Soviet investigations into the paranormal.

The leaders of the Soviet Union realized with awe that mental energy could be tapped and that the nation which could harness mental and psychic energy could also control the world. The KGB was therefore assigned to oversee the development of a vast arsenal of exotic weapons.


Psychic research has also been going on in the United States. In April 1984 an article appeared in the *New York Post* which claimed:

U.S. intelligence agencies won't talk about it, but they are rushing to catch up with the USSR in what one scientist calls the race for 'inner space.' The CIA is now seriously pondering the possibility of raising 'psychic shields' to keep Soviet clairvoyants away from our secrets.

The CIA's latest 'remote-viewing' (clairvoyance) project was code-named 'Grill Flame,' and was carried out in part by two respected academics. They gave a psychic the latitude and longitude of a remote location [in the Soviet Union] and told him to project his mind there and describe the scene. He described an airfield complete with details including a large gantry and crane at one end of the field. The CIA was impressed but skeptical. There was indeed an airfield at the map coordinates the psychic had been given. The site was the Soviets' ultra-secret nuclear testing area at Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan, but there was no [known] gantry or crane there. So the CIA waited for the next set of photos and sure enough, there were the gantry and crane, just as the psychic had described them. No one in the U.S. intelligence agencies had known the equipment was there, so the information couldn't have been leaked to him.

An article in the January 1984 issue of *Time* magazine reported:

On the third Tuesday of every month in the fall and winter of 1980, a bizarre rendezvous allegedly took place in Washington, D.C. A Navy officer in plain civilian clothes carried a briefcase



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evil is true love,  
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in the creation.

handcuffed to his wrist into the parlor of 'Madame Zodiac,' psychic and palm reader. By looking at top secret photographs and charts the clairvoyant attempted to predict the movements of Soviet submarines off the East Coast.

## Mental Energy as a Weapon

The science of psychotronics recognizes that matter, energy, and consciousness are all interconnected; and it has contributed to a new understanding of the energy-related capabilities of human beings and of life processes and matter in general. Psychotronics is also concerned with the projection of mental energy either by an individual or a group using mental control or by using energy-emitting devices. It seems to be possible, with certain devices, to store, multiply, and magnify mental energy and then use it as a weapon. The Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations are making significant progress in this area. Of course, psychotronics can be used for good purposes as well.

A paper entitled "The New Mental Battlefield," by Lt. Col. John B. Alexander, Ph.D., surveyed the military potential of psychotronics. He stated that the possibility of using psychotronics as weaponry has already been explored. Specifically, he wrote, "What we are discussing are weapons systems that operate on the power of the mind and whose capacity for lethality has already been demonstrated." Alexander suggests that psychotronics has such destructive potential that "certainly with development, the use of it will be able to induce illness or death at little or no risk to the operator."

It is clear that the weapons employed by those who would dominate the world have progressed from sticks and stones to bows and arrows, to guns and cannons, to modern atomic weapons operated by sophisticated electronic equipment, and now to the next level—the power of the human mind and energies that exist in worlds and dimensions both seen and unseen.

What mystics and masters have taught for centuries is now being rediscovered by quantum physicists, the "mystics" of the modern age; and that is that human beings are multi-dimensional, and so is their environment. The new physics has recognized that consciousness indeed plays an important role in the workings of the universe. The outcome of any particular scientific experiment no longer



seems to depend only on the laws of the physical world, but also on the consciousness of the observer, who has now become the participator. It has also been postulated in the new physics that there are regions or dimensions which do not exist in either time or space, and that portions of consciousness affect not only matter and space, but also time.

## Harnessing the Highest Truth

Despite the massive research, one aspect of existence that still needs to be recognized by the new physics is the existence of a source, or original center, of existence—God. The Creator conceived the cosmos and humankind according to a paradigm which modern physicists need to comprehend. Modern science also has to incorporate into its cosmology the existence of spiritual beings—both those who did and those who did not at one time have a physical body.

Today, as the awareness and understanding of the principles of creation

increase, humankind will be capable of regaining proper dominion over mind and body. The separation between humanity and God, which occurred through human misuse of the highest and most powerful form of energy—love—distorted inherent human energy patterns in the spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical dimensions. To use a contemporary metaphor, Man's original "programming" was distorted, and people created and manifested a perverted paradigm of themselves. This has been expanded to the family, tribe, nation, world, and cosmos.

The distorted energies of evil, and people who would use these energies for domination, can only affect those who have a similar pattern of distortion. To avoid such adverse effects a person must be able to transform and transmute the energies within himself or herself on the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual planes.

Self-centered anger, resentment, rebelliousness, virulent jealousy, and the desire to dominate others for one's own purposes are nothing more than corrupted

energies. The healing and restoration of these energies begins of necessity on the individual level. These have to be purified and transmuted by each of us; most importantly, we must cut the root of the original source of these perverted energies. Only then will good triumph over evil on every plane of existence.

The ultimate "weapon" against evil is true love, as this is the highest and most powerful energy in the creation. Every one of us needs to become a master of true love. It is love that will transfigure human consciousness and the manifestations of such discordant energies as hatred, jealousy, and resentment, which form the base for many social injustices. True love will mobilize the spiritual world to assist in God's program of restoration. It is true love alone that will provide the motivation to utilize the energies of the creation for good rather than evil. The power of true love will be the bond that will unite humankind into one family, with God and True Parents at the center. Finally, it is love that will give birth to a new world of harmony, peace, and prosperity for all. ♦

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*The Gleaners of Las Vegas: America's number one food bank at work.*

# TO FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD

*by Michael Macijeski*

**H**UNGER IS PERHAPS THE MOST BASIC problem of all humankind. Many missionaries have found that before giving spiritual nourishment to people, they first have to provide physical food. How difficult it is to think of God when you don't know where your next meal is coming from!

In America, it seems especially unnecessary and shameful that so many go hungry in the world's richest nation. Perhaps it is a symptom of how far apart from one another we have drifted in this country—millions of pounds of wholesome food are allowed to decay, often in the same neighborhoods where families suffer from malnutrition.

Both our True Father and the President of the United States have called for a volunteer effort to help solve America's

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**ACTS 20:28**

hunger problem. Churches, especially, have a spiritual and moral responsibility, as ambassadors of Christ, to serve and care for the community with a loving and parental heart; what good parent allows his children to go hungry? The development of programs that can effectively deal with hunger in America is, I believe, the first step towards ending hunger worldwide and creating a foundation for God's substantial Kingdom on earth.

## **Members Unite in Food Distribution**

Towards that goal, Unification members all over the United States have begun food distribution work in their own cities. Despite the fact that centers have had very little time or manpower to



devote to food distribution, church members in conjunction with local churches and community organizations helped distribute over 5 million pounds of food in the first three months of 1985!

Last year 250 trucks were donated by the Unification Church to the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) to help in social action work in the United States. The IRFF Truck Office has kept records of the amount of food these trucks have transported. According to these records, in the first quarter of 1985 the following states led the nation in IRFF-related food distribution:

#1 — California	1,434,400 pounds
#2 — Nevada	1,050,000 pounds
#3 — Colorado	535,600 pounds
#4 — New York	433,779 pounds
#5 — Florida	282,035 pounds
#6 — Illinois	228,200 pounds
#7 — Arizona	212,800 pounds
#8 — Washington State	210,000 pounds
— Arkansas	210,000 pounds
#9 — Massachusetts	100,000 pounds
#10 — Tennessee	98,624 pounds

In many of these cases Unification Church members were only a part of a larger service 'chain' involving various other organizations, which in many instances were actually the main organizers of the activities. These totals should *not* be regarded as tallying the amount of food IRFF or the Unification Church distributed alone, but also the amount of food we *helped* distribute in cooperation with other organizations.

Exactly how are church members working around the country to distribute food? Since considerable freedom was allowed in terms of how members might choose to set up their programs locally, different patterns of food distribution have emerged. However, there do seem to be three basic types of set-ups: (1) The most common way is for Unification Church members to form one link of a chain of service organizations involved in the food distribution process; this chain frequently involves churches, food banks, National Council for Church and Social Action (NCCSA) chapters, and local government. (2) In some areas, our members have chosen to help large, successful, well-organized programs that already exist. A prime example is the Gleaners, Inc., in Las Vegas. (3) In a few cases, members have chosen to establish and manage their own organizations, such as Project Volunteer in the California Bay Area and in Chicago.



*Members of Project Volunteer in California prepare a load of fresh produce for shipment.*

In the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Area of California, Project Volunteer has grown steadily since its inception in 1975 to become the church's number one food distribution program in the country; this project alone distributed over one million pounds of food in the first three months of this year. Project Volunteer works from a large warehouse facility to serve a network of over sixty organizations, which are often run by volunteers who receive the project's services. Utilizing a full-time staff directed by Mr. Robert Dilg, Project Volunteer now has a fleet of five trucks, two of which are presently being converting into flatbed vehicles in order to transport fresh produce from the fields. A Project Volunteer tradition is the annual "Salute to Community Servants" awards evening, which honors those who have pitched in to help make the project a success. Now an important element in

the Bay Area's anti-hunger campaign, Project Volunteer's success is a testimony to what can be done through years of hard work and consistent effort.

### **A Community Takes Pride in Itself**

In Arkansas, ambitious beginnings have been made. Members in Little Rock used their new IRFF truck to deliver a huge walk-in freezer donated by a local Burger King to the Arkansas Food Bank, and have been participating in a monthly United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food distribution program. Recently, members took part in a "Community Pride Day" held by Concerned Citizens United for Decency, a group that had previously collected 2,500 petition signatures against pornography shops in Little Rock. Local residents



staged a neighborhood cleanup this spring, and collected a full truckload of abandoned furniture, used tires, decaying rugs, dead branches, and other trash that had been collecting on abandoned lots and other sites throughout the neighborhood. After the cleanup, free doughnuts from the Arkansas Food Bank network and drinks from McDonald's were enjoyed by the participants at a local church. In West Memphis, Arkansas, Rev. William Smart used one of our trucks to deliver an estimated 200,000 pounds worth of USDA food to needy local residents during the first quarter of 1985.

According to IRFF, New York City's program ranked third among cities in the nation in the first quarter of this year. New York's method of operating is one of the best examples of the chain-of-service program that is becoming the most common set-up around the country. Headed by Mr. Bobby Wagner of the New York Unification Church, a crew of about ten brothers picks up food from local area donors or USDA offices. They then deliver the food to a growing network of over 120 churches and organizations, which in turn distributes the food to the area's poor. The New York City members have been exemplary in helping other cities in the area begin distribution programs of their own, by hauling truckloads of surplus food from New York to six other major cities in the Northeast. They use a fleet of five trucks, and they are hoping to get more soon.



*New York City volunteers distribute muffins on Staten Island, New York.*

*The New York City truck fleet delivering 51,000 pounds of surplus food in Jamaica, New York.*



*Bobby Wagner, head of New York City's food distribution program, pulls his weight in muffins.*

## America's Largest Food Bank

The Gleaners, Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada, cited by President Reagan as America's number one food bank, has been using our trucks regularly since the beginning of the year to help in its massive pick-up and distribution operations. (See *Today's World*, May 1985). Several members of the Las Vegas Unification Church help the Gleaners in their work every day. Mrs. Celeste McKinley, who heads the Gleaners, is also a founding member of the Independent Network of Food Organizations (INFO), a new national food bank network which she hopes can begin using our trucks and volunteers all over the country.

But we are just beginning. The figures in the first quarter represent only a small fraction of what church members can do.

If so much can be done by a small percentage of our membership, the possibilities are limitless once more and more members all over the country become involved in social action work.

Any of these patterns, or other ones, can be successful, depending upon their suitability to local need and the quality of their management. Actually, this pattern of researching local need and networking with other local groups was one of the few guidelines given when the trucks were sent out, and it seems to be bearing fruit. Father, after all, is the one who has encouraged us to serve other churches and organizations. As we seek to develop and unite the many different styles of programs across the country, let us ask God's guidance to help us build a network of service that is both united in heart and as diverse as the people it serves. ♦



**"MY HUSBAND LOVES  
HIS ENEMIES.  
HE LONG AGO FORGAVE  
HIS ACCUSERS,  
AND HE LOVES AMERICA  
MORE THAN EVER.  
HE IS THANKING GOD  
IN PRISON BECAUSE  
HE HAS BEEN USED  
AS AN INSTRUMENT  
TO RALLY AND INSPIRE  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
TO FIGHT AGAINST  
ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION  
AND INJUSTICE. "**

***Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon  
May 11, 1985***