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Above: Father and Mother pray at the headquarters church in Seoul, Korea. Below: Father draws the motto for 1989: "The Unification of Korea"

God's Day Morning Speech

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON JANUARY 1, 1989 SEOUL, KOREA

The following is a combination of Col. Sang Kil Han's translation of Peter Kim's notes in Korean, given in the World Mission Center in New York, and Bernhard Quandt's simultaneous translation of Father's speech at the Headquarters Church in Korea.

Col. Han: Father's midnight sermon lasted from midnight until 5 o'clock in the morning and then at 5:20 a.m., Father held a worship ceremony, after which he cut the cake. Then he commenced the God's Day morning speech:

oday is the 21st anniversary of God's Day, which was established on January 1, 1968. The Unification Church's four main holidays are the Day of All Things, Children's Day, Parents' Day and God's Day. Their significance is based on God's three blessings—the perfection of the individual, couple, parents, children and ownership. Which day is most important? Actually, all four holy days are one, each a part of the four position foundation. If Adam and Eve had reached perfection, the joyful day they would have received God's Blessing in matrimony would have been God's Day, as well as Parents' Day, Children's Day, and the Day of All Things. The original God's Day would be the day we celebrate God's creation. In all of creation the depth of God's investment of love is very visible. In restoration, however, the four days had to be established one by one ending with God's Day. The human fall came in the perfection level of the growth stage. Therefore the seven-year suffering course Mother and I went through together after 1960 was the period to cross from the growth stage into the perfection stage. It was during this period that I installed Parents' Day, Children's Day, and the Day of All Things.

God's providence has been to restore a country centered on God, where the person that God raises is in the subject position. The constitution would be heavenly law, centered on God. However, because individuals have been centered on Satan, then the family, tribe, and nation have also been centered on Satan. Since the national level has belonged to Satan, all the religious leaders raised by God have been opposed by authorities of the state. Jesus was crucified by the courts of the nation.

CREATE A RIGHT ANGLE

The stage for the fight with Satan is on the individual level; the unity between body and mind. The mind represents the vertical, the body represents the horizontal direction. If a complete right angle is formed, a spherical, harmonious shape is created. But if we slant even one degree, we become Satan's arena. Many times the body doesn't act according to the mind's direction, and that is when the problem begins in the individual, and can be passed on to become a serious problem of lineage.

If God represents the absolute vertical, then who will represent the absolute horizontal of mankind? True Parents. In the physical world, we see that the orbit of the planets, day and night, and the seasons, although changing, are in an unchanging pattern. In the spiritual world there also must be a center around which an unchanging orbit can be described. Then on what basis can the vertical direction from God and horizontal direction from True Parents be united? When we are constructing a building, it is most important that the vertical lines are exactly vertical. Then the building is strong. Therefore, only when the vertical axis is completely centered on God, with our body intersecting our mind at right angles, will Satan have no place in that individual.

When man and woman meet each other, should the husband run toward the wife or vice versa? They should meet in the center. Power, money, knowledge or false love may tempt either away and then the vertical line is bent. But acting with true love means they will never leave the vertical direction coming from God.

God is without substance and form, and the same is true for love. Have you ever touched love? Love, even though it is not tangible nor part of the physical world, completely permeates both the physical and spiritual worlds and is something we cannot live without. Love connects and unites the vertical and horizontal. It is a constant, eternal thing because its give and take forms a spherical action. This power of love becomes like a cement which unites the spiritual and physical worlds and bonds the spiritual world with God. Love is the source of power, so especially if we want to do something that requires much energy, then we need much love.

Love travels extremely fast, and has such impact that one individual can whisper love to another and the other will experience it as thunder so loud that it shakes the entire earth, and lightning so powerful that it makes everything fearful. There are many kinds of love: love for friends, between couples, and between parents and children.

MAKE GOD LAUGH AND CRY

The reason why people all over the world are crying out to God is that God is living for the sake of mankind. If we want to catch and hold on to God, we must live in the same way as Him, living for the sake of others. Which is more attractive: someone who can make God laugh, or who can make God laugh and cry? How wonderful to be able to move someone to laughter and to tears. The family where the husband and wife have not loved each other to the degree that they make

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each other cry with overflowing happiness, is an unhappy family. Do you think God would like to live in our families? When you go to America, they have senior citizen homes. These people are very miserable, because they would much rather be with their grandchildren than living a life of comfort.

The love that brings two young people together to hold hands, or two old people, is the same attractive kind of love. Think about the love which is felt and expressed between a grandfather and grandmother who are 100 years old, as they hold each other's hands and are concerned about each other. Such a love is even deeper and stronger than the explosive love between young men and women.

Love is not the power to compare, but rather is the power to unify and integrate. When we achieve the level of true love, then we've gone beyond race and nationality and enter the fourth dimension. No matter what background a person has, no one can do without love; it is indispensable. God's love cannot be exchanged even with God Himself. God is precious but God's love is more precious than God Himself. Who says so?! God says so!

What can move the Korean or any race to become crazy with enthusiasm to love their country? A tremendous amount of knowledge? An incredible sum of money? Only the power of love can motivate the Korean people to become patriotic towards their own country.

The Unification Church Blessing is now only on the church level. Since the world is still within the realm of Satan, in the future we must also go through the national and world levels of approval. Until True Parents can see a united mankind, the world-level blessing will not be fulfilled. After that, we go into spirit world, are accepted as blessed members and belong to one of the twelve tribes. Together with Father the blessed couples can settle down. Those who live indebted become servants, those who help other people are given the master's position.

FOLLOW MY PATTERN

The kind of heart which I have qualifies me to be what I am. You must understand the background of my life and follow that pattern. I never buy clothes for myself—I always want to give what I have to beggars I see on the street. In America, while traveling thousands of miles, I ate at McDonald's rather than at more expensive oriental restaurants. Everyone is watching from the spirit world. You cannot just take things for your own selfish use. In my life of faith I went through so much suffering that I heard God cry with me. Through this I learned the heart that can love billions of people. We have to win our enemy so that he will voluntarily acknowledge he was saved by

us. We cannot get into heaven until we get that recognition from our enemy. If you don't follow the tradition I've set, we cannot succeed.

When you are in a harmonious environment, everything is beautiful and joyful. But even in prison I never become depressed, because I have always trained myself to overcome the obstacles in front of me. God's strategy is to be struck first by Satan and then to take ownership. Historically this formula is repeated numerous times. We must become the kind of person who could sit in a prison looking at the water coming out of the rainspout and wish he could heat that rainwater up in a bathtub and give God a relaxing bath rather than worrying about his own misery. When we have that kind of a heart towards God, we will be intimate with Him. Then God's Day will become your day, my day, our day.

Once we experience God's heart then we become accustomed to experiencing His love. As we truly experience it one time, two times, ten times, we don't have to try anymore. A life of God's heart and love means love you live and experience, empirical love, not love you only think about or discuss. A vertical relationship with God is even stronger than a mother-child relationship. I am a person who always communicates with God. I can feel what God feels, so we are literally the same in that way, like resonant bodies. When God hears

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something, it will sound the same way in my mind and heart. I have been living as such an object to God all of my life. I could persevere through suffering the deepest hell on earth only because I know how much God needs me. Only through us can He regain His lost children. We must be more serious than God about His dispensation or else we cannot make God laugh or cry.

Mother and I always feel we wish we could do more for our members; we feel sorry when they suffer. I am very sympathetic, but I am never indebted to our members. I pray for those Unification Church brothers and sisters who are waiting in a communist jail to be tortured or executed. My prayer is not an ordinary prayer—it is from a heart that incarnates misery.

WINNING OUR HOMELAND

In the history of restoration, we can see how much Abel has suffered at the hands of Cain. How much frustration must have accumulated in the heart of Abel, but Abel should never let it force him to forget that only by love can Cain and Abel be united. Only by forgetting the pain and afflictions can we unite, and only by loving our enemy can we be true sons and

daughters of God. We can receive salvation only as we endure through suffering with no bitterness or lasting resentment.

When you see many houses while riding in an automobile through the city or in the countryside, you should yearn to go into each house and talk freely to them about God, His love and suffering. With such a serious mind, your deepest joy would be to teach them and experience their understanding and acceptance.

Anyone who does not have his Fatherland centered upon God is really a miserable, pitiful person. There is not much suffering for us Unification Church members to go through from this time on. I will ask church leaders to go to their hometown neighborhoods, or *t'ongban*, and bring all of their relatives and neighbors to revival meetings there. In Korea, a province is comparable to a state, *kun* is comparable to county, *myôn* is village, and the smallest unit is a *t'ongban*. We want to work at the most grassroots level—to go to any house and give the message of God there. We will make them aware of the need for the unification of Korea. Such a movement is now going on in Korea.

You have to fulfill your mission so that your ancestors will be proud of you. Don't forget that I asked you to march forward with me. Let us pray.



Brothers and sisters give a mansei cheer to True Parents at God's Day evening entertainment, in the Little Angels auditorium.

Witnesswith a Desperate Heart"

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON NOVEMBER 10, 1988 EAST GARDEN

here is the world headed? You don't worry about where the world is going but worry only about yourselves, your things and about where you are going. But God worries about where the world is heading. If you really want to be a part of God's providence, you must put yourself in God's position: look at world affairs and think ahead of God, worrying about things on His behalf.

Even if you are concerned about the world, your concern may stem from a secular point of view, actually the satanic viewpoint, which has no meaning or value in the sight of God. God would like to lead man back to his original position, and ultimately bring in the Kingdom of Heaven. To do this, absolute purity is paramount; anything stained by Satan has no qualification to be part of God's world.

Even though the goal is wrong, Satan's "movement" is trying to bring in its own utopia, ahead of God's people. Communism has espoused the great cause of creating utopia for all the working and poor people for 70 years. However, their "utopia" can never materialize.

Only the Unification Church can come near the expectation of God. The Unification Church was born for the sake of world restoration, rather than for an individual, or even the Unification Church itself. Though Satan has desperately tried, his efforts to thwart and destroy the Unification movement have failed.

What is God's most important tool? Because He desires a principled world, He searches for the person of principle. What is a principled man? Man without the fall. God is desperate to find the first man and woman who can attain perfection.

You really do not know the importance of perfection and why it must be attained because you have never seen or experienced it. The reality of the satanic world is so powerful that it is difficult to even imagine perfection. You have become a victim of habits inherited from Satan.

The Principle says to reach individual perfection you have to walk Adam's unfulfilled path and grow through the levels of formation, growth, and perfection. If there had been no fall of man, your God-centered mind would have become your central figure and your body would absolutely follow it. Yet the body became the master and our most fearful problem is to get our body to follow our mind with no contradiction.

Now man's mind goes in one direction and his body in another. But if you are absolutely united with the love of God, you become an absolute plus with no room for anything else. However, Satan also became master and imposed himself as

a plus. So the God-centered plus (the mind) and the Satan-centered plus (the body) repel each other, causing total confusion and disorganization. Man must center upon the love of God so that both mind and body respond to each other and constantly resonate harmoniously.

How can we get rid of Satan-centered love? Actions connected to satanic love always lead man into hell. Man has to deny and separate himself from satanic love at every level. At one time or another, many people have been able to totally deny satanic elements and influence, but Satan always infiltrates again. Thus, you have to deny Satan over and over again, 1000% every day.

HOW SERIOUS ARE YOU?

Jesus said, "Those who seek to gain their life will lose it; those who lose their life for my sake will find it." God is deadly serious about this point, but you are casual. Those who listen to this teaching should be more serious than God. The religious way is a most serious way with one false step taking you straight to hell. It is like walking on a tightrope every moment of the day, never knowing at what point you might fall off.

How many people in the Western world share my seriousness? Absolute denial is the beginning point. When you deny yourself, don't do it blindly, but with the hope of attaining true love and a true relationship with God. Denial is not in itself the end goal. The goal is to create a true mind and body, always expressing and receiving God's love. If you don't attain this goal during your lifetime, you will take your contradictory nature with you into the spirit world and it will continue to be your burden.

Without having as serious a commitment as me, you will just live in a routine way. But life is not fruitful with just routine prayer and service. The Unification Church started out centering on the most noble God-centered providence in the entire history of humanity. Our ideology is correct and I have embodied true love. Why then has the Unification Church not been prospering? Simply because you did not share my seriousness. Your tears have dried up.

Your five senses are all looking out for your own interests, not God's, using and exploiting God's ideology for your own sake. If you are my real disciple, you would be so concentrated and focused upon embodying the Principle as I have done, that you would forget eating, sleeping, and everything else. Principle has to become that real.

You need a life filled with tears. Even with such a mind of repentance, you can have no confidence that you will be ab-

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solutely saved. Routine prayers you have prayed even 1000 times have no meaning. You should be desperate for your blood lineage to change and be purified. With that kind of aspiration alone, God can accept you as my true disciple.

I have already taught all the words you need to accomplish this. I now wait for you to act and embody them. The Principle has been given to you as your weapon, but winning the victory is your job.

Do you think we are building one giant house together, or is each person building a small cubbyhole for himself? Will your house be comfortable for Satan or God? That you cannot stop Satan is the problem. How can you even think about taking plenty of rest and food first? You have to do the mission first.

TEARFUL WAY OF REPENTANCE

Mother's role is to follow Father absolutely. Her basic concern is the True Children. But only upon Mother's request do I speak to our children on the phone when they call us in Korea. I want to concentrate and focus on one thing—mission. Aren't you afraid that the American people will accuse you as the first Americans to be taught by me if you don't do the same as me?

I always want to be anticipating what God wants. That is the way I push things to happen. When I began the pioneering work in America our numbers grew quickly. If there had been no legal battle, we would have gained 50,000 members right away. Satan's strategy was to divert my energy from evangelizing and creating the movement, to dealing with legal battles. However, I fought the court battle with one hand and continued to pull America up with the other hand.

Before I entered Danbury, 400 mobile homes and 250 trucks were purchased to be your tools during the time I was in Danbury. I did not want you to slacken off, but rather to move ahead, to strengthen and prosper, not only in evangelical activities, but by feeding the poor people and doing relief work at the same time. How much did you love these vehicles? They were to go to museums, as a momento of my investment in America. Because I did this shortly before I entered Danbury and not at an ordinary time, they were the most incredible treasures.

You are your own worst enemy, not your family or your country. You have to go the tearful way of repentance. According to God's standard, you and your lineage can only be accepted when you change and are born again. We have to revitalize and reorganize. There are a great number of conscientious people out there. If you cannot do the work, at least become a spark that makes things burn into a fire.

There are two ways to go: one way is that you sacrifice and go through your mission step by step, denying yourself and repenting every day. The other way is that you forget yourself and tackle the giant Satan. You are in David's position. Say to God, "I want to become Your hammer; I want to be

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When you become a small Reverend Sun Myung Moon, you have the condition to be forgiven, and God will be on your side

Your weapon. Like David, I will confront Goliath, so use me as Your tool. Throw me at them. Do anything you want; I am obedient to You."

BECOME GOD'S HAMMER

If you have the absolute determination to become the hammer of God, God will need you and not abandon you. But if you try to win the battle with a self-centered attitude, no matter how many years you struggle, it would be in vain. Even self-denial takes too much time. Instead, volunteer to become God's hammer.

Before I came to the United States, God was all by Himself here with bare hands. When I left Korea for America I was an individual; but when I returned to Korea, my foundation was on the national level. I had determination and the attitude to be used as God's hammer. I knew that if you try to commit yourself totally, you may be hit and persecuted, but that is the only way to advance beyond your present level.

If you just continue as you are for the next one hundred years, nothing will happen. There is not much time left for the Unification Church of America. From this point on, with the help of God, you have to get out of your deadlock and leap into a new stage. You must forget eating and sleeping and in the name of God just tackle your mission. When great religions were persecuted, they prospered. Voluntarily do things to be persecuted and you will prosper.

The only way you can survive is to become God's hammer, for then you become the men and women who are needed by God, and you will receive God's protection. Rather than trying to pay a little bit of indemnity through

making a condition, become God's weapon. Cry out that America is in ruin and failing. Throw a stone that will make the biggest possible ripple. As the ripple becomes bigger, the greater the impact and the faster you will zoom out of your deadlock into the new horizon before you.

I know where I will go in the spirit world because I laid all the foundations needed. What about you? Sitting and trying to get rid of that chain won't work. Battle against those most opposing the Unification Church in your region. Your weapons are the truth, your passion, and your true love. Conscientious people will get excited and ask if they can join you in the fight. This is how you win membership.

You do not fully realize how much you need to be liberated from the satanic realm, the satanic lineage and the satanic environment. The reason we have Holy Salt is to purify food, buildings and all things. You are stained and contaminated, but you can be purified by the love of God. Jesus pinpointed



this principle exactly, "Unless you love me more than your wife, your husband, your parents, and your children, you are not worthy of me." Your weapon is sacrificial love.

THE PATH OF PERSECUTION

Only the rope of God's love can pull you from the indirect to the direct dominion of God. Even I could not go from one to the other in one jump. I have been struggling an arduous path, step by step going through the servant of servant, servant, adopted son, stepson, son, then finally True Parents' position. Jesus' greatness was that he lived his life for the mission, working and being persecuted for the sake of God. Nobody can deny that Jesus lived entirely for God's sake. This is the standard by which I also live.

Perhaps you think that you receive persecution because of me? But do you realize that I receive persecution because of

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If you reach out for the sake of God, True Parents, and others, then there is fulfillment for everyone, otherwise you could lose everyone and God.

you, your iniquity, lack of faith and betrayal? You have the freedom to follow me, but I don't have the freedom to follow your path. I have to hold on to you in order to save America. I need you to save America; you are my mediator. How much I suffer to lead and to forgive you! You are so naive and relaxed. If you think following me is difficult, think about how much more difficult it is for me to hold on to you. Many people have hurt and abandoned me, yet I still hold on, constantly teaching, believing, trusting and pushing. You are deeply indebted to me. You and your generations must pay back the debt. Before my life is over, I want there to be a complete giving and receiving of forgiveness, unifying everything.

I must create a nation with the heavenly constitution declaring the laws of heaven. Brotherhood, represented by America and Germany, and parents, represented by Korea and Japan, must join and make unity. That is the only way

you and your posterity can continue to receive God's blessing. The only way to make the world into one is by crossing national and cultural boundaries to unify the lineages. World unity can quickly be achieved through many international marriages.

The way God looks at the world is entirely different from us. We have to close the gap and, like David, win against the worldwide Goliath. I taught you everything; I already fought every battle. Even if it is difficult to win, at least you must imitate me. When you become a small Reverend Sun Myung Moon, you have the condition to be forgiven, and God will be on your side. That is the only way to get us out of our present deadlock. At that time, God will fight your battles for you, and you will be victorious.

Church leaders may think people should automatically follow their leadership. But you must eliminate this attitude. You cannot try to take

the best for yourself just because you are a leader. You are in a very serious situation; you must break out of it now or you will have no way to do it in the future. You must hurry! You must have the "can do" spirit and work hard.

THE TRUE WITNESSING TRADITION

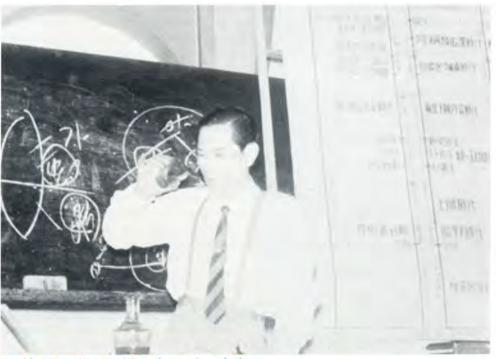
Reorganize America into a heavenly America. Make the church organization more powerful. From now on, your primary mission is to increase membership. To do that, you must follow my tradition exactly. When I first came to this country, I directed each leader to give five two-hour lectures

per day, making a total of 10 hours a day.

It would have been impossible for Jesus to be crucified if he had 84 disciples completely united with him. Thus, the number 84 needs to be indemnified. Your goal is to gather your relatives and friends and create your own 84 member clan.

I told the newly blessed couples in Korea that they were each in the position of Jesus. Both husband and wife need to create their own tribe of 12 disciples. To belong to one of the 12 tribes worldwide your tribe must begin with 12 disciples centering upon yourself. Otherwise the 12 gates to the Kingdom of Heaven will not be open to you, nor will you have the freedom to come through every gate.

We have received persecution, but from now on, the members of your clan will fight battles for you. The elder son's birthright has been restored. For that reason, your younger brothers and sisters can now listen to Divine Principle lec-



President Hyo Won Eu giving a lecture in early days.

tures. Satan had previously claimed the elder son's position, but has now been forced to leave and we have taken it over.

I have been emphasizing the formula of 1-1-1. Why haven't you accomplished this? The time is ripe. You can do it and people will welcome you. You have to fulfill this responsibility and create the momentum. Even if there are only three people in a center or other department, they should organize a congregation and try to bring 12 people. The 12 people will grow into 70 and quickly become a congregation of 84.

You are the head of the tribe and all your relatives, including those in spirit world, will be a part of it. Repeat on your level what I have done with the 36, 72, 124, 430, 777, 1800, etc.

When you see the young people spiritually dying out there, you should be more passionate than I am, crying out for their salvation.

blessed couples. Your relatives have to be blessed. You have to liberate your clan—both your family here on earth and in the spirit world. You have to join the organization of 12 tribes here on earth worldwide, and at the same time your ancestors in the spirit world must unite and do the same. If you fail to organize your relatives here on earth and your ancestors in the spirit world, your worlds will be in disarray. You have to restore your ancestors as well as your relatives.

I am not deemphasizing the importance of an economic foundation. In fact, all American church members must assist business enterprises to produce economic success. The body, which is material and represented by the economy, is primary in a way because God created it first. True love can bring spirit and life into the body—that is how man becomes whole and perfected. Then, He put the spirit into the body. The primary mission of the Japanese church is to restore the body or economy, but ultimately the spirit must be put in. Japanese members are spiritually very strong and the membership is growing. Even while the Japanese members work in economic activities, they use spiritual principles and thus receive revelations, visions, and tremendous spiritual benefit. The United States must do the same.

ONE PURPOSE AND GOAL

I have also emphasized in Japan that no matter what our mission is, our lifestyle is to be a spiritual or religious one. The center of everything is the love of God, not church, not business. True love at the center is what welds them together.

Whether you are in a business or church mission does not matter. In both your primary purpose is to become the personification of true love and True Parents. Those should be the only things on your mind. Sometimes you are trying to fulfill this through the external mission and sometimes the internal mission, but in the end they have one purpose and goal. I look at and treat them as the same in Japan.

We are in competition to obtain the true love of God. If Adam had grabbed true love first with a selfish motivation, Eve would complain. A selfish motive in seeking true love always brings destruction of relationships. Grab the love of God not for yourself, but for your spouse. Then God will be willing to give to you and there will be absolute gratitude instead of complaint. If you reach out for the sake of God, True Parents, and others, then there is fulfillment for everyone, otherwise you could lose everyone and God. This is the core formula of Unification Theory. Conversely, the communist world thinks everything is "mine." However, we understand if one side takes but does so for the sake of another, unity is made and that is how to make the world unified.

When I entered Danbury, I did not curse America or seek revenge; rather I continued to love and help save America. When I received good food or gifts, I always distributed them to the other inmates, keeping only the smallest portion for myself. That is the way I practiced loving. The inmates felt I must be a holy man of God, or I would not be able to do such

a thing. I do not live in a self-centered way.

When I began the Unification Church in Korea, the late Mr. Eu was the president. I directed him to lecture the Principle 18 hours every day, even though Mr. Eu was crippled and not very healthy. At that time we had almost nothing to eat. Sometimes Mr. Eu complained that it was too hard because nobody came to listen to his lectures; so I sat as his student and listened to every lecture. That was the tradition I made for three and a half years.

The number of members will increase according to the number of hours Divine Principle is lectured. Even the world's standard is to work eight hours a day. I am the founder and embodiment of the Divine Principle, yet I listened to lectures hundreds of times. You think, "Oh, I can lecture," but that attitude and lack of effort will not bring members. Rev. Ahn prays one hour for every hour he lectures. I gave similar instruction to the key lecturers in CAUSA: (1) pray, then lecture the same length of time, and (2) lecture heart, not theory. Lecture with passion and tears, making it like an evangelical meeting and evoking tears from your audience. Do you think all the spiritually dead souls will rise up if you do not give your own tears and soul? Raising up dead souls takes all your effort. When you lecture or give Sunday service, you should desperately appeal to God, "I am the worst sinner under the sun. I cannot do this without You, so please come and help me. I tearfully beg to be able to give Your heart to the audience."

You must organize yourself so that you can lecture 8-16 hours per day. When you go over 16 hours, you go beyond the formation and growth stage, which God will accept as the entire day. Don't wait for people to come to listen to your lecture: Go out and get them! Nobody will come until you advertise, unless you go out and reach the people.

If you really want to save your country, get down to work and increase the membership. How many tears have I shed for America? How many tears have you shed for me? If you have not shed tears for me, I find it difficult to expect you to shed tears for the people. You have the mind of a thief.

Are you going to reach my level, the late President Eu's level, or will you be stuck on your own level? Membership will increase parallel to the amount of lecturing and praying that is done. Members don't just walk in. You need to witness with a desperate heart. I used to pray up to 17 hours a day, kneeling on the floor. This is God's business and He will send you members only when you lecture.

The responsibility of all Unification Church leaders is to lecture 365 days a year. I created the video workshop tapes because there's no way people can accept the Principle if they don't even hear it! Put up a P.A. system anywhere there is a crowd and speak out loud and clear. Many people might call you crazy, but from God's point of view, you are a saint. You can do an entire cycle of Principle once every three days. When you see the people in this dying America don't you feel ashamed that you have a solution you have not taught them? You are not leaving the right tradition for the people who

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will join later. Make a new tradition that they can inherit.

If no one attends, beg the people to come or go out to lecture in a park, public place, bus or train station. Witnessing is your primary job and the mission I give you today. I declare this an emergency situation for America.

CREATE YOUR OWN TRIBE

It is your country and your future generations which will decline and be destroyed, not Reverend Moon. The kind of tradition in which you are living today is killing, not saving America. When you see the young people spiritually dying out there, you should be more passionate than I am, crying out for their salvation.

Therefore, from now on there should be daily lectures and workshops going on. When a person listens to the Principle the first two times he fights with his previous concepts, comparing his own ideas with what he hears. The third and fourth times, he fights with his environment: "When I join, what will happen in my family?" But during the fifth and sixth times, he says, "No matter what, I'm going to dedicate myself to this cause." That's why it's important that guests can hear six cycles of Principle in 3 weeks—a 21 day workshop. Continue this for one or two years and you will see your membership quickly increase. There is no other way to bring people except through the Word, by the Principle. Did you join the Unification Church by look-

ing at Revevend Moon's face? You joined after listening to the Principle, didn't you?

If you sit still, you will die. You have to work, to restore, to inject life. Take care of the people; embrace them as if they were new members of your family. Use the pair system, with an older member taking care of a newer member. Amazing things happen when the Divine Principle is lectured. People receive revelations, see visions, and strengthen each other. I remember the early days as the most wonderful. I feel the most worthwhile job is to teach the Divine Principle. It is like opening up the door of Satan's world and pulling a person into heaven. In order to enable another to have rebirth, you must labor even more than a new mother does.



The era to spend time and effort to pay indemnity is over. From now on, it is time to build heaven in this nation. My victory in Korea makes it possible.

Up to this time you have been mobilized for other missions, but from now on, you should create your own clan and tribe. This is the time to multiply. If you obey this direction, multiplication will happen. In a small way, you are the Reverend Moon in your area. You are the savior to your state and city. Always think about my pattern and tradition. I have left footprints for you to follow. As much as the spirit world assisted my own mission, they will also help you to be successful.

"For the Sake of the Whole"

By Hyo Jin Moon True Parents' Birthday February 11, 1989 World Mission Center

oday is a day of recommitting myself to the vows that I made to the True Parents. When you have a child of your own, every interaction with that child is precious and immeasurable. Every moment with your child is always fresh and of such overwhelming intensity. For us to truly rejoice on this day, we must come before True Parents as their true children. We must be grateful for that bonding relationship and the experience of true love that tran-

scends anything man has created. We must understand that the realization of True Parents depends on our ability to become their true children, and that without having True Parents, we can never be true children. As children of these same Parents, we must have a sense of absolute unity. That is the essence of the ideal family.

How many of you come from small towns? Which do you like better: the city or the small town? Many people come to the city because they feel that there's more opportunity to find a better job or to meet people. Basically they leave their small town because they're not satisfied with its lifestyle and social structure. By moving to the big city, they find a multiplicity of social patterns and ethnic backgrounds, providing them with a better chance of choosing the kind of social structure or group they desire.

Why did you come? Most of you who came from small towns obviously liked an atmosphere of more family-oriented closeness than the big city offers. The reason you are in the Unification Church is that you like our kind of lifestyle. It's very important for you to share yourself with others. But many

people who leave small towns are confused about their focus in life. Their value does not lie in those kind of loving relationships, but somewhere else.

When you understand the principle of love, everything you see is actually your partner of love.

The diverse opportunities that exist in large cities make it so difficult to unite people. This kind of pluralistic social structure causes the existence of pluralistic values and ideologies. People belonging to such a society feel they are free to do whatever they want. But people tend to abuse this kind of freedom, creating an absence of the criterion of right and wrong. Only if there are people willing to commit themselves

to a purpose greater than themselves can unity occur. If such a purpose becomes an underlying standard, a family spirit will be created.

Are you living for others?

What is a true relationship? Often within a relationship when something goes wrong, I hear people say, "You don't love *me*, but only your concept of what I should become. You're not



Hyo Jin Nim speaks on True Parents' Birthday.

embracing the kind of inate qualities I possess." When you stress only your own point of view, you tend to be confronted with such a feeling. If you live only to satisfy your own personal interests, it is very difficult to have true relationships. We cannot avoid living with other people. How can you simply disregard the fact that there are millions of people in this world and put total emphasis on your existence? Such people could only have hypocritical relationships. They would only pretend to care about others—knowing that their only real concern is their own self-interest. That's exactly what this world is—a pretentious society! We say that we care for humanity but our daily lives have nothing to do with living for that purpose. Often, we're only trying to make ends meet for ourselves.

Let's say you are walking on a tightrope and you are scared because it's really life-threatening: "If I fall down, I'll die!" You fear it, because you know this is not where you belong. Men are not made to walk on a tightrope, but to walk on the

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ground. As a fallen man, you desire to go back to the original, because that's where you feel safe, that's where you belong. But sometimes only when you are in a life threatening situation, do you really wish for the original world.

As members of the Unification Church, what is our one unifying theme? We want the kind of world where there is no evil, where there is peace, love, and trust; a world where we can go anywhere without fear of losing our life. We want a world where we can look at everybody and believe everyone loves and cares for us as much as we love and care for them.

A true family system

If you have loving parents and a loving family, you know wherever you go, that you are not alone. Someone loves and cares for you, needs and appreciates you. If you have that kind of security, you feel safe wherever you go. In order to establish such an atmosphere everywhere you go, you need to feel that kind of security within a family and within a social system that has such an underlying value.

f you expect to live in a world where there is love, you must initiate it. A world abounding in love starts from you and it starts from me.

Love can embrace this universe. When we become totally enraptured in love, we see everything with eyes of love. All of our senses will be focused with that intense power of love. When you live in love you see the unique traits of everything and find them beautiful. You must have give and take with the kind of love that created this universe. When you understand the principle of love, everything you see is actually your partner of love. Through this awareness you start appreciating the value of things which exist around you.

How many of you are married? Give and take makes you happy within that relationship. Who initiates, the husband or wife? When you come home at night, and you say, "Oh, you look wonderful tonight, even more than yesterday," then the other responds and you get closer and closer. You can substantiate whatever you want. If you expect to live in a world where there is love, you must initiate it. A world abounding in love starts from you and it starts from me.

What if everybody were to say "Somebody else can provide that kind of world. I'll just tag along. Why should I make myself suffer? Let someone else do the job." If everyone becomes that apathetic, the ideal world will just drift away. Can you let that happen? If you truly love your child, could you let him drift away in front of your eyes? As much as you love your children, you have to love this world. As much as you love your possessions, you have to love Heavenly Father! That's what Father has told us. You have to give yourself for the sake of the whole.

Promote the whole

Many times Father sacrificed his family for the sake of this world. The first parents failed Heavenly Father by not uniting with His commandment. That commandment will be the basis of constructing the ideal world where everybody can live as one. The existence and unity of the whole is the tran-

scending value of the ideal world. In that kind of ideal society, people will live together as one. Everyone will understand the existence of self, but will consciously promote the whole.

All the unique characters within that society will achieve their true value and experience joy only when they participate in the progress of the whole. For example, I love everybody in this room, so everybody, not just one person, loves me. So this is a kind of ideal society because I have a unifying theme which is telling me that I must live for the sake of the whole. I have that concept—it is drilled into me. I made the decision to live like that. Everyone must have that kind of desire if we want a world of love.

The failure of Adam and Eve was that they thought only about themselves; they didn't think about God. The first parents were thinking: "Oh, it would be nice to be like God, to have His knowledge. I want to touch it; I want to feel it." They made that clear decision to cross the line by forgetting about God's command. In their ideal, God was excluded.

If some of you were excluded from my ideal, do you think there would be peace? No! I love everyone who lives for the sake of love. It doesn't matter who you are, what color or what gender you are, because the true love value can unite everybody. Heavenly Father's desire is to manifest the ideal world based upon love.

Through the chosen people God is fighting to remove the barriers preventing Him from obtaining His ideal. The communists see the development of history through conflict, but they don't understand the internal cause. They believe that from a primitive communist society, through a slave, feudal, and democratic society, the communist society will ultimately come. But that ideal communist society is a godless society based upon a godless ideology where people are living for the sake of the state and are promised everything in return. The communists say that the state is the body and people are the cells. There is one principle to create a unified society and communism is using that principle without God. Communism wants to take the place of God but that's not going to happen.

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Leaders listen intently as Hyo Jin Nim speaks.

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True Family in the Homeland—

After the traditional Korean wedding celebration at Hannam-dong for Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim, True Family pose for a family portrait. Back row: (left to right) Hoon Sook Nim, Jun Sook Nim,



Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Soon Ju Nim, Un Jin Nim, Jin Hun Nim. Front row: Hyung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim with Shin Young Nim, Hyo Jin Nim with Shin Jeung Nim, Father, Mother, Ye Jin Nim with Shin Goon Nim, Jin Whi Nim with Shin Bok Nim, In Jun Nim with Jeung Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim.

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Take the initiative

Look at yourself in retrospect. Remember the fire you had in your heart when you joined. Where is it now? I applaud those who still hold on to that fire. But what about everybody else who has lost that fire? The Principle you heard when you joined never changed. We have come a long way and have made progress. How are you going to face all the saints and sages who have waited thousands of years? How are you going to face Heavenly Father who has waited 6,000 years when you don't even have the courage to wait six, seven or ten years? Yet you expect to receive the love that belongs to Heavenly Father. You are giving so little and in return you want to receive endlessly! Such a person is a thief, who steals because he doesn't want the hardship of working.

Tell yourself:
"God has been suffering too long. I
want to relieve God of His regrets, His
struggle, His suffering and His pain."

Many of you have lost the fighting spirit: "This is enough. I give up!" What is enough? People out there still don't know Principle. Did Heavenly Father give up after six thousand suffering years? We don't even use all the establishments Father has constructed. We're barely maintaining what we have; and what we have, came from the sufferings of people around the world.

If you want the ideal world, you have to get up and work! You have to take the initiative. You have to substantiate true love! Don't let love just dwell in your conceptual realm! Tell yourself: "God has been suffering too long. I want to relieve God of His regrets, His struggle, His suffering and His pain. If I love God and my True Parents, how can I just sit still?"

You're adults and many of you have children. How are you going to set an example for your children? What are you going to say when they grow up and say: "Mommy and Daddy, don't just tell me these things anymore without doing them yourselves." What are you going to say to that? Are you going to blame Heavenly Father and True Parents for giving you this kind of responsibility? Your children are watching and learning every moment. You have to create an ideal environment for your children. Your children are growing up. If you don't do it, your children will bear that burden.

I appeal to America! Through the foundation that Father has prepared, we have to give ourselves and our efforts. Every moment we should be doing something for our cause. Our actions must reflect the ideal intentions of God. We have to find that fire and light it. That is our responsibility if we want to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Responsibility is not a burden because through it you can obtain God's love. Through our own efforts we have to obtain the ideal comparable to God's ideal. You can think, "I am actually duplicating the creation process. Like Heavenly Father, I am giving my 100% for the sake of love and

for the sake of the substantiation of my ideal. Only then do I have the possibility to receive the immense love of Heavenly Father."

All created things basically act only according to their instincts. Mankind, however, is not driven just by instinct; we have the freedom to make choices. Through this freedom we can choose to unite with God, and that is how we can receive God's love. Heavenly Father created mankind with perfection in mind. He didn't intend for man to fall. He had an idea of how this relationship would substantialize. But man has failed to deliver his side of the responsibility. That's why he fell—it's not God's fault.

True Father's course

There is only one formula, the Principle. If you are following something other than God's formula, how can you expect to receive what God has? It's impossible! If you want God's love, you have to do God's Will. Why do you think Father is going that course? Nobody's excluded. Everybody must follow that path to reach the ideal world. Make a clear choice and be committed to see it through.

Everyday we have to remind ourselves where we belong. We have to say to ourselves: "I belong to the Kingdom of Heaven, I don't belong to this world. This is my house and I have to clean it. As long as our family lives here, this house will stay clean and pure." We go into the secular world and learn about it so that we can know clearly how to win over the enemy. That should be our attitude. We're here to win; we don't have to lose.

How are we going to defeat the enemy? With a love attitude: "I will give every ounce of myself for the sake of love." With that determination we will not break our commitment to God. It doesn't matter if the path is arduous or if we are tortured. That's the attitude of a hero. Even in this world, we praise such a person because he is determined. Only people with such determination and attitude will succeed: "If you push me this much, okay, I'll take it. If you push me a little further, I'll take it. If it comes back stronger every time you push me, I'll be ready; I'll be stronger. Then we'll see who wins because there is only one champion." When you go into



Brothers and sisters prepare to receive the sermon.

a ring, only one winner comes out. God will fight until His ideal is realized. There is only one alternative: to overcome Satan and realize the ideal Kingdom of God. That's why God hasn't faltered or given up: because He's an absolute God. That is the kind of Father we have; therefore that is the kind of children we should be. The only way to win is to accept the pain. This is a war. If I lose, then I will have to give in to Satan and his demands, and that's not what we're all about.

We have to know ourselves. We're here to be responsible for human failures. Through our efforts, we will indemnify all the failures of past humanity. Through our blood, sweat and tears there will be a manifestation of the ideal world in the end. That's how I see it, and that's how you should see it.

We must toughen up to embrace and overcome all physical obstacles. I think this way because it's what I learned when I wanted to become the greatest fighter. You have to accept those pains. I totally accept what I have to do; it's not a struggle because I made that choice.

A heavenly vanguard

In the past, I had a clear goal in mind: to satisfy myself. I was critical and analytical. Father told me to be responsible for going to school, but I didn't like it. Now it's different; I have to think about God, True Parents and the ideal world. Now, I'm criticizing and analyzing every step Satan takes. Our intelligence is so that we can build an ideal world. For the intellectual,

love appears to be just linear. Actually, love comes in all different sizes and shapes. Through this love, we become transcendental; we experience a spherical or fourth dimension.

What is the meaning of a vanguard? How do you think these changes will come? Just 20 years ago, black people were treated as second class citizens. How do you think they brought about that change? It started from one man's idea and because the time demanded it, that idea was fulfilled. Similarly, people are looking around and realizing that the American system is not working. We have to be the vanguard of idealists who will provide a model and example. Our ultimate goal is to have an ideal world and to find our unified nation. That's what we need to do and we have every means to do it. We truly have to put our words into actions. True love means to love our fellow man. Everybody must be the embodiment of God's ideal, not a hypocrite. God's ideal is a unified world—one world under God. If you're really this kind of person, you must have a broad enough scope to embrace all the religions of the world. That's what we are all about—to live for the sake of other human beings—which is the basis of all religions. Worship God with that thought in

Don't you like to see me smile all the time? Frankly, at

times, people expect to see me struggle because that's more realistic. Every responsibility I accept wholeheartedly. If I am frowning or sad, it's because there is still a little piece of me left over; but I can fulfill my responsibility to cut off Satan. Think like that!

Magnify God's foundation

Let's do it for the sake of love! Let's give everything because that's what we want. I want to walk everywhere and be welcomed by all the people of the world. Father has poured so much effort into preparing this foundation for America and now we have to be responsible. We must multiply and magnify it. That is the intention of God: to magnify His Love. I'm

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After the Pledge Ceremony, Hyo Jin Nim cuts the cake. Left to right: Jin Whi Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, and Hyun Jin Nim.

ready, even though it's not going to be easy or automatic, for I have to face a period of growth. That is not easy while living in these harsh surroundings where you literally have to separate good and evil. I wish this was an ideal world where everywhere you looked people would be living the ideal standard. Then, you wouldn't have to search with a magnifying glass for the ideal.

But this world is not like that. It is a war-torn environ-

ment. What is ahead of us is not as hard as what Father has faced in his lifetime. We have it easy. We all know what we have to do. We have to move as one family with one goal, united with Father and Mother. That's the only way we can look at each other: as true brothers and sisters. No matter what little problems you might have, digesting them is no problem because you love your father and mother, your brother and sister. We can sacrifice a little of ourselves to unite and become one.

Most of the time when I am with the blessed children, everything that we do is their decision. I follow what they want 75% of the time. If we have a specific thing to do, we do it. But when there is time given to us then I ask them, "What do you want to do?" I follow their intention because I love them.

If we accomplish our responsibility, every moment and every meeting will be a joyous occasion. But many times I have to say strong things because it's necessary. Not everyone is feeling like they should. Until everyone is one I have to do this. We have to truly celebrate this occasion by making one more commitment to do it! You promise me this? Let's make a pledge then. Let us pray.

Meeting God In The USSR

by Erin Bouma

Erin Bouma has been editor of the "Soul of Russia" newsletter since 1987. She wrote this article about her experiences during the World Media Association's Fifth Fact-finding Tour to the USSR, November 10-20, 1988.

don't speak Russian yet, but since the Soul of Russia providence began three years ago, I have been praying for the people in that land. I wanted to be open to any possibilities to meet good Russian people, get to know them and give them a few small gifts I

brought. I sought to reach out, beyond Intourist guides and the hotel staff, to ordinary Soviet citizens with little or no contact with foreigners and let them know that the

world outside is thinking of them and loves them.

As a result, in ten short days in the Soviet Union, I met George, Garik and Andrei. They came into my life and brought me closer than ever to the Russian people and this historic time in their country. As I told Garik and Andrei when we parted on my final day, "Now that we are connected in heart, neither time nor space can come between us. This is not the end, but only the beginning of our spiritual relationship.

I was in Leningrad only half a day when I met George in a bookstore. He spoke English and offered to sell me Russian craft items in demand by tourists. His spirit was bright and I began asking him questions about himself. When I discovered that he was an artist, I asked him if he would take me to see an exhibition we had passed earlier during a city tour. He agreed, and a friend of his and a church brother accompanied us to the hall where Ilya Glazunov was showing his prophetic and nationalistic paintings to hundreds of Soviet citizens. I had read about this artist and the public response and I saw for myself the artist's bold use of crosses, Christ and biblical symbolism in his contemporary interpretation of events.

I was encouraged to meet George the next day, to view what he considered an even more meaningful exhibit. On Sunday, we took a cab across town to the Komsomol Youth Palace, where hundreds of Leningraders were lined up to see the art show. George told the director that an American journalist had ar-

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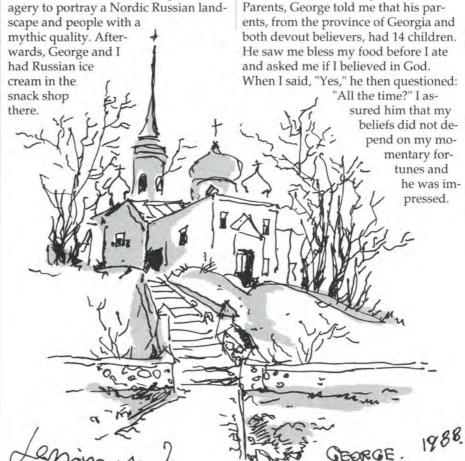
Deep communion of hearts

Then, we went to a six-month old cooperative restaurant downtown where we spent the next three hours sharing. George is unmarried, in his late 20s, spent two years in the Red Army

(where he was threatened with a week in prison if he didn't paint communist slogans on banners), taught himself English, and is trying to pursue his art work against great odds. He is very interested in American culture and hopes to one day visit

this country. I promised to write him a formal invitation to visit.

When I showed him photos of True Parents, George told me that his par-He saw me bless my food before I ate and asked me if I believed in God.



He is not sure that he believes but he does place faith in the goodness in people. After dinner, George sketched a beautiful Russian country church as a gift for me. I want to send him some art supplies that he can't obtain at any price in Leningrad. The next time I am in Leningrad, George will show me his paintings and we can further pursue our new friendship. He walked me back to my hotel that evening and we reluctantly parted.

It was five days later at Zagorsk that I met Garik and Andrei. When I and a participant of the WMA tour came out of the Chapel's main sanctuary after witnessing the fervent faith

of Russian believers, I noticed a young man walking near us, while we freely spoke English. I finally asked him, "Do you speak English?" and he responded, "Yes."

After a brief conversation, I learned that Garik was Armenian, single, and



"Waiting" by Constantine Vasilef (on display at the Leningrad Youth Palace) portrays the artist's wife wearing a cross.



Andrei and Garik, on a pilgrimmage to Zagorsk Trinity Monastery, meet Erin as she tours the grounds.

had studied law, but was presently living in Byelorussia near the Polish border and, through his belief in God, searching for a just society. He insisted on buying me a miniature icon and several Millennium pins and postcards from a Russian shop for believers. He began telling me about his friend who was in the church praying at the time. Fortunately, I was able to meet Andrei before our Intourist bus left to return to

Moscow, and we had our pictures taken together. When our Intourist guide determined that Garik and Andei could not ride back to the city with us, I made an appointment to meet them outside my hotel in Moscow the next morning.

Garik and Andrei were prompt the next morning, though a bit cold since they had no gloves. We went in search of a warm place where we could relax and talk, and ended up close by at a state restaurant on top of a building overlooking Red Square. Andrei spoke no English so Garik graciously served as a translator. We ended up spending a total of seven hours there in deep discussion of spirituality and our lives.

A spiritual pilgrimage

Four years ago, Andrei spent three years in a mental hospital because he, as a young person, was attending church.

There he underwent drug and shock therapy for his "illness." This served to disorient and depress him, and leave him with a sense of guilt, but he did not lose his faith. A sensitive and spiritual young man from Byelorussia, Andrei is married with two beautiful young children. He is especially concerned that his son and daughter be kept spiritually alive in their present environment.

Andrei asked me to take a handwritten book of his religious poetry with me to the United States, have it translated, and tell him if it was any good. He was able to support himself by doing art work for his friends and

by assisting at the local church. Andrei's questions about spiritual life were truly inspiring to me. Garik also understood much of what I was able to share.

I assured them both that God is a loving parent and that they were sons of God. I told them they could continue to grow spiritually with a teacher and by opening to the love that God is pouring out to them. I showed them True Parents' pictures and told them of their

"We need the openings Gorbachev is affording us and he needs us to prove to the world that the USSR practices some human rights."

mission to bring the world together as one family. They were both inspired. Andrei commented that he had to wait until he was 35 years old to hear these words of comfort and hope. His sad but pure spirit lifted throughout the afternoon and he declared that the torment in his mind which had triggered a 2-day fast and taken him in pilgrimage to the Monastery was cleared away. He said I reminded him of his mother, then said "No, all mothers."

Both Andrei and Garik felt we were meant to meet. It was difficult to leave them after experiencing such heartistic sharing, but I promised to write and see them again as soon as I could return.



Poster commemorating 1000 years of Russian Christianity at the Monastery of the Caves, Kiev.

They still had a long train trip (10 hours) ahead of them to return home to Byelorussia that night.

All this took place on my final day in

the trip, my heart was full, and connections I had made with the Soviet people inspired me with new hope.

Sources of hope

I found three very hopeful sources of life in the Soviet Union in my short 10-day glimpse. One would be the devout and steadfast believers (primarily older babushkas, but also some monks and spiritual youths) not able to shake the tyranny of the system over them, but not dissuaded by it either. This group is represented, for me, by Andrei and his difficult course of spiritual suffering.

Then, there are the young democrats and activists, who vow to persist in challenging the once-terrifying and monolithic totalitarianism of the Communist Party state. These are the young people at the Independent University, the Democratic Unionists (includ-

ing founders of the Memorial Committee to commemorate victims of Communist State crimes),

and Garik in his search for
"justice." They represent the
more political, secular righteousness of

a dynamic, educated force.

And finally, there is one group I

haven't mentioned much, but was very impressed by. Often full of the most initiative and hardworking are the young entrepreneurs of the streets, many whom have taught themselves English, who take risks and "hustle" in the best capitalist traditions. These young men meet the tourist buses, identify non-Russians in a crowd and have discovered the reality of market principles. Although my relationship with

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And the sea, clandestine
in the heights
was being born
tear after tear,
Behind the dream where there is no bridge.
My brother is not sleeping.

And here there is you and here I am waiting, and there is silence amidst all, and in the silence a chord.

ABOUT LOVE

Who are you? Existing in me Even then

> when I was flying, like a particle of particles, towards the earth.

I forced my way through non-existence And manifested in dew, and the dew was animated with the desire to live.

I longed to become a granule, and be crowned and disavowed, and wait.

By Andrei K.

My heart was full and connections
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Moscow. I made one more trip to Red Square and that evening our entire tour group took the overnight train to Helsinki and home. Even though I was physically exhausted by the strains of

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Zagorsk Trinity Monastery

George was non-commercial (and he also lives in the artistic, international circles in Leningrad), I feel that he represents the best of these "unofficial marketeers": creative, curious and outside the daily grind of Soviet life.

The future of Russia and/or the dissolved Soviet Empire belongs to these old and new energies which transcend socialist dogma and intimidation. They are not the front line of Gorbachev's troops but, as a young man from the Democratic Union expressed it: "We need the openings Gorbachev is affording us, and he needs us to prove to the world that the USSR practices some human rights." The future of the USSR, I believe, is in the destined interplay between these types of citizens. It will be both interesting and consequential. God has prepared these three forces to converge and unite to shape the destiny of the post-communist Slavic world.

IRFF School in Liberia

Part II

By Francis Sheku-Fobbie

n Steve Buono's previous article (see TW Aug. 1988), we explained how our IRFF school in Liberia was started. Later, Steve asked me to write an update on the school. I am one of the five teachers on our staff. Despite some difficulties, the Kpanyan Central Elementary and Junior High School is gradually gaining the recognition of the community, the surrounding schools, education officials, prominent citizens, and foreigners in Sinoe County. It is situated 25 to 30 kilometers (16 to 20 miles) east of Greenville, which is the administrative headquarters of Sinoe County, in a village called Kabada.

As well as being one of the most beautiful schools in the chiefdom, it is just a few meters away from the farmto-market road. This makes it accessible to people far and near by means of commercial or private transportation. The building has four classrooms and provides conducive and well-ventilated

space for at least 36 students per room. The building has a spacious hallway, a fairly big auditorium, a library, a registrar/secretary's office, and the Principal's office.

At the time we were trying to get our school permit, all the teachers in the county (about 1000) boycotted classes for nearly two weeks demanding the dismissal or transfer of their

Chief Education Official, who was accused of corruption and who had persecuted us in the past. But it was his permission that was needed to issue the temporary permit for our school. Even under such difficult circumstances, we received our permit.

My prayers answered

Our initial aim was to have only the junior high level. However, due to the sparse population of the area and other uncontrollable factors, we had to include an elementary section. This first year, we have two classes in the elementary year (first and second grades) and one class in the junior high section (seventh grade). I am responsible for the second grade. The initial enrollment was 33 students. It is like preparation for the start, and every year we hope to expand until the desired standard is reached.

I have learned a lot of les-

sons at this humble stage of Happy stude our school operations. During the first week of school activities, there was only one student in my class. I prayed to have at least seven students and they came by the end of the second week. I now have three girls and four

prayer was answered incredibly.

The next challenge was how I could present the material so the students could understand. Even though I have

boys between the ages of 10 and 14. My

two years of teaching experience, I'm not a trained and qualified teacher. I lack the teaching techniques to effectively teach, as well as to really express the heart of True Parents to the students. Within the first month, I could feel that I was not getting through to the children. During a short prayer in preparation for teaching, a clear but low sound

echoed in my ear: "Explain the lessons to the students as though they are your own children; teach them with a loving heart; be calm with them, don't be harsh." When I implemented these instructions, the girl who had the most difficulty with arithmetic started catching up very rapidly. I realized how much God is with my class and the school. This was a valuable experience for me.

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In addition, my students became very regular and had the best attendance record in the school. They were often among the first group of students to



sons at this humble stage of Happy students gather together outside the new school.

meet school requirements. Best of all, they are always very eager to learn Holy Songs at Holy Song practice every Friday.

The heart of sacrifice

It was during this time that I had my greatest struggle since I joined this church. My physical mother suddenly called me over the radio, notifying me she was about to visit me. It has always been my desire to make her happy, especially remembering the significant role she's played in my life. I needed to focus on my mission, and turning my back on her was my Isaac; I felt Abraham's heart when he was about to sacrifice his son. Later, I realized that if this has been God's situation for the past 6,000 biblical years, His grief must be unspeakable. I felt God's heart and many times I desperately cried.

At one point during this struggle, Heavenly Father spoke to me in a few words one evening saying: "Fobbie, you're getting 'muddy' because you are surrounded by evil spirits." That was all. I realized that a greater degree of substantial commitment and loyalty to Heavenly Father and True Parents was needed during this internal trial. Letters and radio messages started pouring in from my mother. The situation was like a knife cutting into my flesh. But, behind this struggle I learned insights that were profound and beautiful. I will always appreciate them.

These profound lessons took me to a new realm of faith and dedication. As I continued pouring out my heart and strength to the school, the students started becoming more attracted to my efforts. I felt more was expected of me, even beyond academic activities. It was time for me to start opening my heart to the teachers and the students, to set a standard of unity with my Abel by following his directions absolutely. This awakened a sense of new and greater responsibility in me.

I had always wanted to be the standard of everything in the school. I wanted my students to exhibit the highest standard in attendance, punctuality and neatness. The limitation I discovered within myself was that I was narrowing this precious concern to only the students in *my* class.

Thinking big

I started exerting the same concern to other students, especially the first graders, by washing their sores when the clinic was not open. The sores on the children started diminishing. I can really see how spirit world is supporting our activities, and encouraging us to start thinking bigger for the school. I also thought of Hyo Jin Moon's speech at Belvedere on March 6, 1988, when he said that we should "Think Big" (Front Line, Vol. 5, No. 1-Spring 1988). My present determination is to bring Heavenly Father and True Parents' heart of love and care to the students and the teachers, so they may receive True Parents.

I also became more courageous to start visiting and encouraging their parents, re-emphasizing the significance and objectives of our school. I asked them to send more children to the school, for only 10 to 15% of the child population in the area attend school. I learned no matter how difficult our missions might be, when we apply true love then our results become more substantial for God and True Parents. I could feel the good spirits working and wanting us to bring more victory for Heavenly Father.

The school is not only involved in academic concerns. We extend our activities to include community services. Most of our students have diseases related to poor hygiene. Our clinic staff advised us that curative measures are not really the remedy because their environment is the main cause. We found out later that their drinking water comes from stagnant water down in the valley; so we sponsored the construction of two simple wells. One of these wells is now the major source of drinking water for the people in the village. Also, every Friday we march through the village, and occasionally the children carry things that they've made in their Arts and Crafts class home to their parents. As a result, people in the community are getting more interested in our school.

A public victory

Other nearby schools always have an annual gathering to celebrate National Flag Day on August 26th, but they hesitated to invite our school. They had been informed that we would have our own Flag Day ceremonies. Finally, they decided to invite us, giving us the invitation letter only 48 hours before the event. They asked our school to give the "Vote of Thanks" address.

Ready to cooperate, we mobilized our

teachers to be in full attendance. We were the first group of teachers to arrive at the program site. In a brief meeting, we became acquainted with the Teachers' Association, and were informed that our school was eligible to register its teachers with the organization. In the final meeting after the program, our school was commissioned to occupy the secretariat portfolio in the Association. Our school had finally become a member of the school system not only in the county but in the nation as well.

At the completion of the program, Steve Buono, our principal, was to give the "Vote of Thanks" address. As he got on stage, it started raining so heavily he could not be heard. After waiting a few minutes in meditation, he began yelling



Steve Buono giving inspired guidance to the teaching staff.

his short but strong address. While the guest speaker and other impromptu speakers had given politically oriented speeches, he talked about God's love. He admonished parents and teachers to love the children and help them to have patriotic and God-loving attitudes. This was such a surprise for the people! He ended his speech expressing his gratitude to God. He concluded that teaching young children is appreciated by God. The participants, the education officials and other teachers admired his speech very much.

As this is the beginning of our recognition, we are all very determined to have the aims and objectives of this school accomplished. Father said: "... with determination, the power will come and God will work miracles..." We are even more determined than ever to raise our school to national recognition and to demonstrate the highest standard of moral, ethical, spiritual, and quality education in Sinoe county—even in the nation!

My struggles and lessons in the past tell me that as I continue in this mission, tougher and deeper struggles await. But I hope I'll always appreciate them with gratitude.



Students and teachers on a march through the village.

"The Only Goal Worth Living For"

by June Darby

June Darby is from South Africa. She has served as a missionary in seven different countries and is currently in her eighth.

efore I share some of my experiences as a missionary, I would like to explain how I joined the Unification Church.

When I was seven and eight I had to attend a boarding school. Often when I was alone in the fields and gardens of the school, Jesus would come to me. He was my best friend and I shared everything with him. When he was there with me, I felt so happy, safe, peaceful, and loved. He told me that if I wanted to be happy when I grew up, I should pray every day to do God's will. So, from that time on, I prayed to do God's will every night when the first star appeared in the sky.

I committed my life to Jesus when I was 16. I seriously contemplated becoming a

nun, but after I prayed about it, God showed me that He wanted me to become a mother.

When I finished high school, I attended a teacher's training college. I was involved in a church at that time, but I could never accept that Jesus came to die on the cross to forgive men their sins. I would cry every time I heard that preached and I totally rejected it, feeling that it was a tragedy and should never have happened. I stopped attending church because I did not want to be a hypocrite.

Guidance from Jesus

A year later while I was in a prayer meeting, Jesus again came to me. The room was

filled with a bright light, and I felt a feeling of deep calm and peace. I felt my spirit leave my body and be embraced by Jesus. With great understanding, kindness, and love, he told me not to worry about the question of his crucifixion. He wanted me to go back to the church and serve him there, and he told me that I would find the answers to all my questions later.

I threw myself wholeheartedly into the activities of the church, doing my best to sincerely follow the teachings of Jesus. The words "If you love me, keep my commandments" moved my heart at that time. But I was concerned because I saw

When I prayed about it, God showed me that He wanted me to work at helping the whole continent of Africa, especially South Africa, to become truly Christian and God-centered, but not with the missionary group that had offered me the

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that the church was not able to combat the teachings of communism; nor was it able to show people how to expand their hearts and overcome racial prejudice so that all people could truly become brothers and sisters under God. It was not able to teach people how to love centered on Jesus and God, nor could it explain why scholarship. Instead, God showed me I had to understand the problems and suffering of people before I could practically and constructively work toward that goal, so I studied social work.

Soon after I finished my studies, I went to Europe to experience the different cultures there. I then realized that the time

> had come for me to totally offer my life to the service of God, and that I should now become a missionary. I was in Rome at the time, looking for a church group where I could be a missionary. I didn't mind which church or group, so long as it was working on the world level. I wanted my actions and service to help the world become a better place. I also wanted to experience the dynamic, living presence of God, because I felt that the spirit of most churches was dead.



June Darby, second row on the far right, at a recent workshop in England.

love, which should be sacred and noble, had become dirty and defiled.

I prayed that, if God willed, He would use me as His instrument to write a book about the truth that could solve every problem and bring peace to the world. I knew He had all the solutions.

I was offered a scholarship to study in California and become a missionary.

When I was witnessed to and heard the Divine Principle, I knew immediately that Jesus had led me there and that it was God's will for me to join.

Early missionary experiences

That was soon after True Father blessed the Holy Grounds in 1965 and sent missionaries from America to Europe and

Australia. Missionaries went first to Germany, Italy, England and Holland. After some months, missionaries from Germany went to Austria and Spain. The missionary in England at the time was Sandi Pinkerton, and I became her first member. (She was not the first missionary to England, but the fourth.) Soon two more South Africans became chosen ones, but no matter how hard we witnessed and taught, no British people joined. While Marion Porter (nee Dougherty) was leading in England, we received guidance that British people would join once a fourth person from the Commonwealth joined. That person was a Canadian, and no sooner had he moved in with us than two British brothers accepted the Principle, and within a few months we had a foundation of 12 chosen ones.

This experience showed me very clearly that we are not working in the Unification Church just as individuals. Each one of us represents some providential purpose, and we are working as representatives of our nations and many generations of people.

When I was asked to go as a missionary to Holland in 1968, I felt that I had to really serve and love Holland with all my heart to repay the spiritual debt South Africa owed to Holland. It was through Holland that Christianity had first come to the shores of South Africa. And it was through the generosity of the Dutch that many of the persecuted French Huguenots found a place of refuge. So many French Huguenots had flooded into Hol-

land at the cost of their lives that the resources of the Dutch people were severely depleted. To alleviate the stress, 200 French Huguenots agreed

to colonize a country where they could find freedom from terrible religious persecutions. That country was South Africa

While I was working in Holland, I genuinely felt that the Dutch were the most wonderful people in the world, and I was so grateful for the privilege of working there. I felt that no other people in the world were better prepared to accept and follow the Lord of the Second Advent. Subsequently, when working as a missionary in other countries, I have had similar experiences after asking God to help me love that nation as He did. It was amazing—I really felt how God's love makes us feel so unique and special. I realized that I had to love people in a simi-

lar way if they were to experience True Parents' and Heavenly Father's heart through me.

After the blessing of the 43 couples in 1969, True Parents asked some newly-blessed representatives of Britain, Germany, France, Holland, Italy, and Austria to go out as missionaries. Britain sent George Robertson to Malta, Carl Redmond to Australia, and myself to Jordan.

Alone in Jordan

I was very grateful to be chosen to go to Jordan as the British national representative. Dennis and Doris Orme had told me that I would really learn God's suffering heart through the suffering of the many refugees who had poured into Jordan from Palestine after the Israeli-Arab conflict in June 1966, and were still living under extreme poverty and hardship in refugee camps.

At first I found it difficult to love the people of that country. However, through my love for the creation there, I could begin to appreciate the people's good points, and I grew to love them as I had loved the people of Holland. I visited refugee camps accompanying those who were giving aid to the refugees, and my heart was deeply moved by their suffering. I experienced the suffering of Heavenly Father in my prayers and I would cry uncontrollably,

It was also incredibly lonely for me in Jordan. I could begin to understand Heavenly Father's lonely heart. I felt how much He loves us and wants to be loved Heavenly Father to help me overcome. At that time I went to the Post Office, hoping against hope for some mail as I hadn't received any letters for months and months. Great was my surprise and delight to find a copy of the 'Way of the World' from Korea!

I eagerly read Father's sermon and was so surprised to find an answer to my prayer. Father said: "No matter how difficult or lonely our situation, we must never deviate from the religious path but always stay faithful to God and comfort His suffering heart." I cried as I read it for I knew then that True Parents were with me and understood my situation. I was grateful for their love and concern to help me overcome my struggles.

Later when I was in Korea for the Blessing in 1970, Mrs.Won Pok Choi told me that True Parents had been very worried about me in my lonely situation. True Father had many times expressed his concern for me. I was so deeply touched by this substantial expression of True Parents' love and concern that I cried for a long time. True Parents have so many important concerns and are responsible for the whole world, yet they could still find time to worry about one unimportant little missionary!

Scotland and Ireland

About 6 months after the Blessing, I was sent with Patricia Hardman (Hartley) to begin a mission in Scotland. After a few months, Patricia was recalled and I continued on my own. One day, while pray-

ing in a park in Edinburgh to have the right attitude and heart for witnessing, a woman suddenly ran up to me, tears streaming down her face, des-

perately asking me if I'd seen her little boy whom she had just lost. She ran from person to person imploring them for help. Suddenly she saw her child and ran with all her strength, grabbed him, and held him tightly to her as if to make sure he could never be lost again. I prayed deeply to experience the heart God had revealed to me through that mother so I could search for True Parents' lost children with a similar heart.

When witnessing, I made many conditions for the spirit world to work and help me find people. I would always pray for God to speak through me, for only He knew the key to move and unlock each person's heart. Many times I would find

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> by us, and to be a part of all our activities and relationships, and yet is completely ignored, left out, unwanted, and forgotten by us most of the time. Because of the atmosphere of tension and fear due to the civil war, people were afraid to go out at night. It was very difficult to teach people, and this made my work so lonely. Although I received many invitations to visit patients whom I had nursed at the hospital where I worked, I only visited people for the purpose of witnessing or teaching. Then because I was so very lonely, I began to contemplate visiting people just for company. I felt that that would be wrong, that I was weakening as a result of being on my own, and I asked

myself saying things that amazed me. People would be surprised and exclaim "But how did you know that? I just prayed for that this morning!" It is very exciting to find oneself being used as an instrument to bring people to know the love of God and True Parents. For me, this is a most fulfilling and noble purpose to live for.

After Children's Day, 1972, I was sent to Ireland. Even though two missionaries had gone to Ireland two years before, they had had many difficulties and there were only two chosen ones in Ireland. When I prayed with my central figures, Dennis and Doris Orme in Britain, they cried for Ireland, feeling that they had let Heavenly Father down. I prayed very much to comfort their hearts by bringing many people in a short period. I made a condition to bring 12 people to accept True Parents within 3 months. Great was my gratitude and joy when that condition was fulfilled!

Once while praying in Ireland I had a vision: I saw that all God's hopes and expectations are centered on True Parents, and that the destiny of all mankind—past, present, and to come-is entirely dependent on True Parents. I saw that if people did not unite with True Parents and enable them to fulfill their mission and establish the conditions to save all mankind, human beings would degenerate in a short period of time into animal-like beings with no spiritual sensitivity, causing God and True Parents unimaginable anguish and intolerable pain. I prayed that we could support and help True Parents be victorious in whatever way we could, and to understand their significance and value more deeply.

Because there is generally a deep love for God in Ireland, and the Irish chosen ones were so "on fire" for God and True Parents, we had new people joining every month. My deepest desire and prayer was always for one nation to arise soon in the world which could accept and recognize True Parents.

While walking home from the bus stop one day, I was praying about our activities and I suddenly experienced God's love. I felt as if love were bubbling through my whole being, and I was intoxicated by the feeling! I didn't worry who saw me or what they thought as I danced, skipped, and sang all the way home. I was so totally filled with the joy of tasting God's love!

My next mission was to be the missionary to Malta. Soon after I arrived, I saw a couple of films about physical disasters which are prophesied to take place in the last days. I felt that God was showing me how desperately urgent He feels to save as many people as possible before the final judgement and destruction of evil, when many people will perish in disasters of various kinds.

Later I was sent to help in a mother's position in Australia. I felt very much that I needed to be totally connected to True Parents in order to be able to express their heart of love, especially that of Mother.

ents, and the True Children, and end the suffering of mankind by freeing people from evil. Most of all, True Parents must be lifted up and recognized by all peoples of the world. My deepest longing is to see this come about in the shortest possible time.

I think I prefer the pioneering lifestyle more than working where there is an established foundation because through our struggles to establish a foundation in our



In her most recent missionary country, Kenya, June poses with some of the Kenyan members.

People are hungry for love, and it is only True Parents' love that can give life and hope to our dead spirits. I prayed to become True Parents' channel; to speak only what they would have me say, to go where they desired, and to act as Mother would behave.

Back to Africa

Toward the end of 1987, I received word from my national representatives in South Africa, John and Freda Brady, that Heung Jin Nim had given me the mission to work in Kenya as a missionary. I was deeply grateful, for my heart has always been to work on the front line, pioneering in missionary activities.

I feel a great desire to really substantialize the heart and word of Heung Jin Nim and the True Children. I want us all to be on fire with the love of God and True Parents so that we can "fight the last holy war" together with all the saints, martyrs, and providential figures of the past. We must, as Heung Jin Nim said, destroy Satan's kingdom once and for all and fulfill our glorious and sacred destiny; we must embrace True Parents' course and their future vision. We must vindicate the suffering of Heavenly Father, True Par-

mission countries, on both the spiritual and economic levels, we are able to experience the heart and raw-bone suffering and struggles of True Parents in establishing the foundation for world restoration. One has to struggle to embrace different cultures and peoples, to love them more than one's own nation. One's heart develops in order to raise young chosen ones with the patience and love of True Parents. There has to be a total commitment to fulfilling one's responsibilities. Even though you may feel like it at times, there is no running away. You have to love unconditionally, for your responsibility is to restore a nation.

It is an awesome and seemingly impossible task, but the beauty and the challenge of it is that in struggling to accomplish it, one can identify so much more with True Parents' course and heart. For me, the only goal worth living for is to unite more and more with the heart and marrow of True Parents, until we become totally one with their shimjung and can dwell with them as their true sons and daughters, working with them for eternity to build and develop God's Kingdom on earth and in the spiritual world.

THE CHILDREN'S SECTION

The population of our precious second generation is increasing rapidly; therefore, we are offering a section in Today's World that we hope can spiritually stimulate our blessed children (and the original child in all of us). We want to create a forum for those trying to provide blessed children with nourishing educational materials as well as help encourage others to create new resources.

We rely on your contributions and suggestions. Please send articles, stories, pictures, poems, games, puzzles—anything that may help children grow toward a better understanding of God, True Parents, the Principle, and the values of our way of life. Contributions from the children themselves may also be considered for publication.

This month's contribution is from Sue Exler, currently a member in Holland. In this story, the names Adam and Eva are used to illustrate what the relationship should have been like between Adam and Eve—a loving, caring, loyal relationship between brother and sister. The character of the little bear Onion represents what Lucifer's attitude toward Adam and Eve should have been.

Onion and the Rainbow Factory

by Sue Exler

o you believe in fairy tales? Once upon a time, in a faraway land way, way up in the white clouds, lived a little white bear. Well, actually he wasn't so little, he was quite round and fat. He had big blue eyes and a round, shiny red nose. His name was . . . well, I bet you can't guess what his name was. No, it wasn't Pete, and it wasn't Joe. His name was Onion. And I bet you can't guess what he did. He made rainbows. That's right, rainbows. Beautiful rainbows in all different colors, and all different sizes. You see, Onion worked in a rainbow factory with the other rainbow-makers.

But Onion was different from the others. He was the only bear who cried when he made a rainbow. He cried because rainbows were so very beautiful. He just couldn't help it. That's why he was called Onion.

Because Onion was so different from the other bears, they always laughed at him. Sometimes they even pointed their fingers at Onion, snickering and giggling and calling him names. So Onion was usually found working quietly by himself. If you looked closely you might see a tear or two (or even three) trickling down his nose, depending, of course, on how beautiful was the

rainbow he was making.

The rainbow factory was actually a small part of a very big business that made more than just rainbows. Oh yes. They also made full moons, half-moons and quarter-moons; as well as stars of all different colors. Sometimes, when Onion seemed a little overworked and cried a little too much, they put him to work making full-moons.

On this particular day, Onion was found working very hard indeed, for it was the last week of the Great Competition. In eight days, the maker of the most beautiful star, moon or rainbow was to win a Great Prize.

Of course, all the bears, not only Onion, were working terribly hard because they all wanted to win the Great Prize very much.



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The Great Competition

As Onion was working on his rainbow, sitting quietly on his cloud, he happened to glance down. He looked once, then he looked twice. But the third time he looked really hard. He was looking straight into the bedroom of a little girl. She was lying down, quite ill, under the covers. A boy just a little bit older was sitting on her bed, his head hanging down. Onion watched with big eyes, and listened closely to what they were saying.

"Oh Eva," said the little boy, "please get well soon. I miss you. You know how much I love you, my dear little sister."

"Adam," said Eva, "you are such a wonderful brother. Everyday you come to sit beside me and you always cheer me up, you really do. What would I do without you?"

Eva started to cough, and then she sighed.

"Oh Adam, do you know what I would really like?" She sighed again. "I would love more than anything to look out my window and see a beautiful rainbow. I've never seen a rainbow before. But somehow I feel that if I could just see a rainbow, I would be happy." Adam put his arms around Eva and hugged her quietly.

Onion had leaned over so far on his little cloud to hear what they were saving that he knocked off two boxes of tissues and almost fell

off himself!

When Onion had climbed back on top again, he just sat there thinking about what he had heard. His heart almost broke for Adam and Eva.

Suddenly, Onion forgot all about the Great Competition. He forgot all about the Great Prize. Onion decided he was going to make the most beautiful rainbow anyone had ever seen! Not for the Great Competition, but for Adam and Eva.

Adam and Eva's Rainbow

Onion was seen working very hard in the days that followed. He also seemed a bit more teary than usual. The other bears just laughed and



Adam and Eva looked out the window at the most beautiful rainbow they had ever seen.

went on with their work. They giggled and snickered at Onion. Some of the bears even threw things at him and then quickly hid so Onion wouldn't see who had done it.

This made Onion's heart ache, but he kept working steadily. He knew that time was short.

Everyday Adam went to look out his sister's bedroom window, searching and praying for a rainbow to appear. He even brought pictures of rainbows, but it didn't seem to help.

Adam came into Eva's room that morning, but she seemed so weak and more ill than ever before.

"Adam," said Eva. "I'm feeling so tired."

"Eva, I'm here," said Adam. "I'm here with you always. Don't worry, I'll take care of you." And Adam said another prayer for Eva.

Well, it was close. They almost had Onion working on full-moons again. But, because of the Great Competition, they let him alone. Next to Onion, some scattered about, some piled high, were 100 empty boxes of tissues. Finally, Onion put the finishing touch on the rainbow.

When Adam came into Eva's room that morning, the first thing that he saw was Eva standing at the window, looking out at the most beautiful rainbow he had ever seen. It had so many beautiful colors, and it shone and sparkled with such wonderful lights that it seemed magical.

When Eva turned around to look at Adam her cheeks were rosy, her eyes were sparkling and bright and ... she was laughing!

Adam ran to Eva and threw his arms around her. Hugging each other with brotherly and sisterly love, they walked together to the window.

As they watched, their eyes grew big and they wondered at two teardrops that slid from color to color, tinkling musically as they went, only to disappear gently into the clouds.

I think you can guess who won the Great Prize that year. Yes, it was Onion. And a prouder, happier bear would be hard to find. He has so many friends now, and I don't think anyone laughs at Onion anymore.

If you happen to see a very beautiful rainbow on a particularly rainy day, well... it just might be that Onion has been working on that rainbow especially for you!

True Family Portrait Treasures

Happy Birthday, True Family!



Hoon Sook Nim's 26th birthday February 6, 1989.



Yeon Jin Nim's 8th birthday February 8, 1989

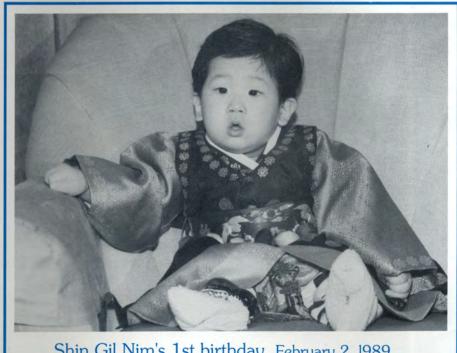
We're happy to present a monthly True Family birthday page. As much as possible, we will have photos of True Family's birthdays in order to keep brothers and sisters more updated about the True Family, and to give a taste of the precious atmosphere at East Garden. In this issue we present all of the February birthdays.



Shin Jeung Nim's 6th birthday February 21, 1989.



Kwon Jin Nim's 14th birthday February 25, 1989.



Shin Gil Nim's 1st birthday, February 2, 1989.

LECTURE WITH PASSION AND TEARS, MAKING IT LIKE AN EVANGELICAL MEETING AND EVOKING TEARS FROM YOUR AUDIENCE. DO YOU THINK ALL THE SPIRITUALLY DEAD SOULS WILL RISE UP IF YOU DO NOT GIVE YOUR OWN TEARS AND SOUL? RAISING UP DEAD SOULS TAKES ALL YOUR EFFORT. WHEN YOU LECTURE OR GIVE SUNDAY SERVICE, YOU SHOULD DESPERATELY APPEAL TO GOD.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon November 10, 1988