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"BELOVED FATHER,

Now we are about to send off 1990 and usher in the new year of 1991. True Father has already been on the earth for 71 years and during this time, has restored 7,000 years of satanic history through indemnity. This has been the central focus of your dispensation. Now, the history of the satanic world has been eradicated and we must begin the God-centered history of the New Age. To do so, we should realize and perfect your own country on the face of the earth. Since all the conditions of satanic opposition and persecution towards your dispensation have been erased, we must now arm ourselves with Headwing ideology and bring it back to our native land. It is the time for us to build Heaven on earth. We should invest all that we have, no longer as indemnity, but as offerings to you, so that you can claim ownership for the first time in history.

This year of 1991 is the beginning of the decade which will see Father's 80th birthday. By shedding sweat, tears and blood we should decide the ownership of all things on earth and return them to you. Through serving both the vertical and horizontal Parents, both our mind and body will be resurrected. We should determine ourselves and pledge to march forward to these goals.

Korea, as the Adam nation, must accomplish unification. This is our imminent goal. The creation was the central aspect of the Old Testament Era, the children in the New Testament Era, and the Parents in the Completed Testament Era. Until now, you owned nothing. Now, centering on True Parents, all the blessed families must decide what belongs to you. We should accomplish this within this year.

I pray all this in the name of True Parents. Amen, Amen, Amen."

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God's Day 1991 Morning Speech



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The following speech is a combination of a summary given on God's Day by Col. Han from notes of Father's speech and a translation by Bernhard Quandt.

What is today? (God's Day.) So there must also be a Man's Day and a Woman's Day, or Parents' Day. Throughout history, you will never be able to find a day which is called "God's Day"—only in the Unification Church. Today is the 24th God's Day, and from the historical perspective this is the Age of the Unification Church. We have several holy days, but this is because of restoration. Originally, all things and all people would have been related to God.

When could we say that our original ancestors would have attained perfection? The state of perfection is when a man truly understands the value of a woman and a woman deeply understands the value of a man. Such a man and woman, in becoming one centered on true love, would manifest God. That was the original ideal of creation. When God becomes the center of their love, the direct dominion of God is estab-

lished. This center would have performed the perpetual spherical motion of true love. At that point, an absolute protector would have come into being to safeguard this center's movement. The unity created by this love would be such that the individual cannot run away. A home is established by such love.

So when a man reminisces about his homeland, his thoughts naturally turn to his parents and brothers and sisters. Since all the relationships of love in our family are the source of our life, when we think about our homeland we are thinking about the source of our life itself. Of course, if one thinks of one's homeland, one thinks of nature and the environment, but above all the heart of one's parents. The place where we received life is where our roots are. We cannot deny our roots. That is why every man, after visiting foreign countries for a long time, longs to go back to his homeland.



True Parents complete the calligraphy of the 1991 motto: "Ne Nara Tongil", which means "Unification of My Country."

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THE "ÔN PANG" OF LOVE

The place where heaven and earth meet is where God's root begins, and when that happens, the entire spiritual world is like an audience, supporting and applauding that relationship. The relationship between the spiritual world and the physical world is like two sides of a coin—the inner side and outer side. Where is your heart? It always wants to live, rest and play in the inner room, or "ôn pang" of love. This is roughly compared to the living room in Western homes, although not exactly because the "ôn pang" is where the parents reside: they live there, have meals there and sleep there at night. And that is the one room in the entire house where the whole family socializes. It is where you can feel your mother's love and where all your brothers and sisters gather together to rejoice, talk, consult, and be scolded—it is the very center of family life. "Ôn pang" is where you can find your family's love, so your mind always wants to live there.

Professors who teach school, teach the same thing over and over again. Pupils want something more than this. A food prepared with love tastes special. So why do we want to go back to our hometown? Because our heart wants to be where there is love.

Our body, compared to our mind, is almost worthless; as time goes by our body becomes like crumpled waste paper. It does not last, whereas our mind and our spirit last eternally. The purpose of life is to grow our mind through our body, not the other way around. Our minds have much greater value in comparison to our body, so please do not place importance on the body, but place the utmost importance on the mind.

Even though someone may be our own parent, or our own husband, wife, or child, unless true love is in the relationship our minds will not feel close to each other. The relationships between parents, husband and wife, and the children do not automatically foster a deeply loving and affectionate feeling. There needs to be true love before one can feel that.

If a child leaves the sphere of love, leaves its parents and runs away leading an immoral life, the parents feel sometimes it would have been better if he had not been born. If you leave the sphere of love you lose life. There are many kinds of love, but which is the most precious? The true love of parents is a vertical love and therefore cannot move about horizontally so much. There is only one place in the whole world where the children can receive the parents' love—that is under this absolutely vertical point. This is why no one can sever the love between father and son. The relationship between parents and children is so strong that no one can go against it or change it in any way. I have 14 children, but each is different in the way they laugh and smile. When a couple cannot have children, the flow of life is cut off. The husband's and wife's love for each other is horizontal and can more easily be separated.

There is a national custom in Korea called "se he," which

is offering greetings to the parents. On the first day of the year, everyone gathers together and visits their parents to offer the "kyong be." This is a custom which no one can omit—the day where heaven and earth are watching. In Korea there are many holidays where one offers the "kyong be", but this "se he" is the most significant.

ROOTED IN GOD'S LOVE

It is a human desire to be carried on the back of eternal and unchanging true love. Even a grown man or woman want to be carried on the back of true love, as a small baby is carried on the back of his mother. Every person's original mind would like to enjoy the security of the "ôn pang."

Jesus said that heaven is in your heart, or mind. Your mind was created of such high quality because heaven is meant to dwell there. We should be able to not only love mankind and all things, but also the one who is in the vertical relationship to us—namely True Parents. Otherwise, we cannot stand in the object position to God's love. So, we have to become people absolutely centered on the vertical. Does your nose want to live in the sphere of love? It wants to accomplish the vertical direction of love with your body. The liberal thinking is, "Anybody can receive God's love"—not so. We have to satisfy precise conditions before God's love operates.

Today, I'm talking at a bit of a tangent—it's a bit of a mixed salad I am serving up. That's not bad. It is all to do with God's Day. We even have to breathe with love. Ask your hair where it wants to grow and it will say, "In true love." When we trace our human roots, they originate in God. Our love must be rooted in God's love.

What kind of love do you want? Flat and smooth like a porcelain plate, or deep and round, like a soup bowl? Do you want an elegant sophisticated woman or a countryside girl for a wife? If you want to kiss your wife maybe she'll say to go clean your teeth, wash and come back. Mother did that to me many times.

THE THREE ASPECTS OF SUBJECTIVITY

So in reality it is not true you want to be in the Unification Church with Father, is it? (Yes!) The beautiful women don't sit in the front row, but at the back. The others come to the front and want Father's attention.

When you go to the spirit world you'll find everything I am saying is true. The law of love is that there must always be a center of love—parents in the family or the president in the nation. In Unification Thought there are three subjectivities—parentism, teacherism, and master/ownerism. The president, or king, should love his nation from these three positions. We should treat not only our parents with love and respect but also our teachers. The teacher is someone next only to our parents, and sometimes we have to show them even more respect than to our parents. And we should

When we seek the nucleus of love we have to deny our body, home, family and material possessions. I went the way of adventure, dedication, and uncompromising attitudes toward evil. Now, a new era can be established.

treat our teacher like we would treat our own parents and our own king. These three are interchangeable, and in fact, are one entity. This concept must be the basis of our thought.

What does God like—money, or knowledge? God is the king of the entire world. What God loves most is true love. Does God eat? In the spiritual world will you eat? Will you have to go to the toilet? Yes, in the spiritual world everything is there but it goes back to the original elements right away—there is no need for digestion. If you have a heart of love, whatever you want comes! Do you want to go to the spiritual world or not?

When birds come to Hannam-dong, I like to have bird food here so they can eat. Once I saw pigeons go away empty-handed and disappointed, so I asked Mrs. Kim to always put out bird food. When you walk over grass apologetically it is happy. Everything in creation responds to love. Because I know this principle, I am the head of the Unification Church.

Do you like it if I praise you? Of course! If you are proud of a friend and you praise them in front of everyone, they become better. The better that person becomes, the better you become. So, should you praise the Unification Church or others or not? (Yes!)

Try to forget your enemy as fast and as completely as you can. We all lived in the fallen world before we joined this church, so we all have fallen memories. The worse memories are those connected with love. You must completely erase all fallen love memories from your mind. They are your dire, formidable enemy. We should train ourselves to distinguish between true love and the enemy's love. They are never the same.

PERSEVERE AND PRAY POWERFULLY

Those who endure to the end will be victorious. That's the secret of the Unification Church. A person who has repeated a certain work a 100 times becomes the master of it. When you touch your beloved, do you want to touch that person again? Yes, over and over. The way to success is through repetition. We have to be adamant in our relationship with Heavenly Father; we must cling to Heaven and persistently ask Heavenly Father. But usually, when God scolds you once in a big voice, you retreat and never speak with God again. Don't do that to God, and never do that to Parents either. When Parents scold you, you must always return, just like a baby who cries after being scolded, but always goes back to the mother. Only that way can you maintain your love with your Parents and with God. Then God says, "Oh, you are something else! You win, I lose!" Actually, God likes to lose to you. True Parents like to lose to you as well. If you are more strong and more loyal in pursuing the dispensation than True Parents, they will say, "Oh you win; you're better than me." Father and God want to be able to say that to each of you.

So we have to persevere. I have persevered to pay the price for thousands of years of historical indemnity. That is what my 70 years of life have been about—persecuted over

and over again—not because I was wrong, but I was willing to pay the price. In the same way, since you are living together with me, you get persecuted and receive hardship, so you have to tolerate everything until the last minute. I have prayed for 70 years but never for individuals. I pray for the nation and for the world. I have prayed powerfully and tearfully many times. Put yourself in God's situation. Would you like this kind of prayer? (Yes.) When I pray, my prayer is sometimes for 10,000 years in the future. I pray for people to emerge from the Unification Church who are greater than me. God is looking for the true man who, centered on true love, is willing to shed tears, sweat and blood. God has been miserable throughout history. It is as if He saw an evil man abuse and then kill three generations in front of His own eyes. When people were martyred in history, God suffered more than the martyrs. God knew He had to separate man from Satan by such a course. God always wanted men to forgive and love their enemies.

So please, don't be like a mechanical toy; rather have a dynamic personality with a strong true love seed. Unification Church members must be different from others—be absolutely centered on God's love. Other churches do not have that passionate love between father and son; whereas we, in the Unification Church, know that God is our Father and we also have True Parents. So we have both the internal and external Parents, and as sons and daughters who are deeply connected with them, we live together, we rejoice together, we suffer together—live or die we literally become one with God and True Parents.

CHAMPIONS OF HEART

True Parents went a very difficult way, a thorny narrow path, until Satan had to give up and couldn't follow, and even God said, "I wouldn't have gone through that." When that happens, you can claim everything back from Satan. God is looking for champions of true love. With that foundation, victory can be made. I have paved the way in Korea and in the world, but it is just a condition. You have to break through at the local level.

Now is the time for us to march forward and build the Heavenly Kingdom on earth. How can it be done? In North Korea, everyone worships Kim Il Sung's picture, recites poems and sings songs dedicated to Kim Il Sung's name. It is the same thing in South Korea, but instead of Kim Il Sung's picture, we put up our own True Parents' picture, and call out with even stronger voices that these are the True Parents; Kim Il Sung is a false parent! If South Korean people, joined by all the Japanese, Americans, and the world's population, proclaimed "Our True Parents are here! Our external God is here. That's their picture!" then all of our ancestors and the entire spirit world will come to help and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth can be accomplished overnight. So, liberate 12 disciples, and then 120 disciples as the foundation to liberate your tribe.

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American Blessed Couples' Conference

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

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WORLD MISSION CENTER

INSTRUCTIONS

Translator: Dr. Bo Hi Pak

Today is December 19, 1990. This is the Unification Church All-American Rally or Conference. You must share this message with those who are not here, particularly through videotapes and recordings. Every American member must hear today's instructions.

Usually only state, city, and department leaders come to conferences. This is the first time I have asked all the blessed couples to come. I would now like to create a direct hotline for instructions to each member—and no longer use a pyramid type of leadership through which half the message is lost by the time it gets passed down to the bottom. Each individual must consider yourself not only a representative of yourself but also a representative of your family, county, state, and nation, your heaven and earth—and realize you are directly responsible to God.

Here are your instructions:

I. The Meaning of Providential History

True Parents have already restored the rights of the parents, the elder son, and the king back to God's side. Up to now, Satan had claimed all of that for his dominion; he controlled those positions. Finally God is in the king position, True Parents are parents, and you are in the elder son position. All these are restored.

II. America's True Reality and Attitude

A. National problem. The nation is in danger and without hope. We have to bring hope to the nation.

B. Economic decline. We must show the example of how to survive under any circumstances, even in the lowest situation. We have to be a model, teach others, and prevent America's decline.

C. Moral corruption, especially in the family and among children. We absolutely must stop it. There is no hope otherwise. Even though we have already sacrificed much in the past, we have to continue to sacrifice, if necessary, to plant a pure, uncorrupted root of heavenly tradition. Unless America reverses its degradation, it can offer nothing to the world as a model for the future.

III. The Church's Problems, including the Unification Church

A. Denial of public activity. Have you invested your heart in doing public activities with a real desire to fulfill God and True Parents' will? You have done it because you felt, "Oh, I have to. I have to set some condition." You have to repent and expel that kind of motivation.

B. Mediocre study, understanding, and lecturing of the Principle. You have to actually live the Principle. Have you

been taking the Principle more seriously than your meals and your sleep? Have you acknowledged the paramount importance of studying and reading and lecturing the Principle? The Principle is most essential for your life—more important than food. Since you have taken the Principle lightly, you have to repent.

C. Indemnity is taken lightly. You have not understood indemnity clearly. If you want to gain greater victory and result, you have to invest many times more. Then no one will accuse you. Indemnity is not just a Unification Church concept. The debts and failures of history have to be rectified. To prosper, a nation first has to pay these debts. The United States thought that its blessing would last for all eternity, yet today, we see "Yankee, go home!" everywhere. Why? The United States only wanted to enjoy its blessing and did not know how to pay the indemnity. Indemnity means investing. The most precious way is the indemnity way.

This is a very, very fearful talk that I am giving you now. You lack a clear understanding of indemnity. Because of indemnity, the central figures in the individual, family, and tribal courses all have been imprisoned. You know the course that I walked—that is truly an indemnity course.

D. The original ideology is lacking. My teaching is not individualism. No! God is public. Man is born for the sake of woman—that is public. Women are born for the sake of men—that is public. Parents live for the sake of children—that is public. That is the original concept and way, but this ideology is not guiding people's lives today.

1. **Individualism.** You have to completely demolish that way of being and thinking.
2. **Selfishness and egoism.** They are repelling others. God is not individualistic and does not repel anybody.
3. **Pragmatism.** God doesn't just look for expedient, practical solutions. He is eternal and practices eternalism.
4. **No eternal viewpoint.** In your life you don't act with an eternal perspective. You only look right in front of yourself, and consequently, are short-sighted.

All of these four result from failure to live according to the original ideology.

I have inspired the creation of so many businesses and economic programs and I invested, trusting that everyone would work like me, but that trust was betrayed. How can we restore this? Japan, the Eve country, will bear the burden of the economic problem, and the other countries and people will carry on mind-oriented missions. I have given Mr. Kamiyama the responsibility to select a twelve-member committee, including three Koreans, three Americans, and three Japanese to investigate and recommend whether economic activities here should continue or be closed. I have done so much for America, but no matter how much money is invested



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in this country, it just leaks away. Now I want to focus on helping the Soviet Union, China, and Asia.

I do not want to have a big HSA headquarters or a large world mission headquarters. Everything will be combined. One desk can be used by several people, and several offices can be combined. One small office is enough. Now the entire responsibility for the economic concerns of the United States is going from Father to Mr. Kamiyama and the Japanese members.

IV. The Economic Problem

A. In true love, God and True Parents invested and gave it away, invested another 100 percent and never even remembered it. But now, the elder sonship has been restored, so true stewardship and ownership also have to be restored. We have to harvest. If a business in our movement is not productive, it should be closed.

B. There should be a reorganization of bookkeepers.

C. Unproductive entities should be liquidated.

D. Those businesses that are operating at a loss are committing a crime, a sin. Our businesses are God's businesses; they belong to the world. Anyone who allows the loss of heavenly property is committing a sin. If I were responsible for a business, I would never let it go into the red.

The English, French, and Americans lost their chance to show the world the way to follow True Parents. Satan invaded. To restore this failure, in 1975 I sent out teams of missionaries—Japanese (Eve), German (Cain), and American (Abel)—all over the world. Similarly, now the American leadership will be organized with leaders representing Adam, Eve, and the archangel. Even though HSA-UWC has a president, the American is in the archangel position. Above him are one Korean, representing the Adam nation, and one Japanese, Mr. Kamiyama, representing Eve's nation. All three combined into one can do anything. Otherwise, there is no power. As the Korean, Japanese, and American leaders unite together, a foundation is made to resolve the problems of the Soviet Union, China, and America. When the Adam country, Korea, and the Eve country, Japan, unite together and restore one archangel nation, America, then all the archangel nations, including the Soviet Union and China, shall be revived.

What is the archangel's mission? The United States is like a storekeeper of those things needed for material well-being: knowledge, goods, scientific technology, and so on. It is not the owner of these things, but rather must wisely manage and share all these blessings for the sake of the world. But since Americans want to keep these benefits for themselves, they are losing.

The storekeeper has not done too well, trying to take it all for himself and make it his own property. That is why the Asian people, like the Japanese, come and take it over. In the Garden of Eden, the archangel took Eve away. This time, Eve, in restoration, will take the archangel's property to the Eve nation. Then ultimately it goes to the Adam country.

What is Christianity all about? Christianity is to create the realm of the bride to welcome the bridegroom when the time comes. That is the mission of the United States. You heard it very clearly. Mr. Kamiyama is a Japanese representative, and I will send a Korean representative. Mr. Kamiyama is the first Japanese whose child has become linked to Father's own relatives, the Moon family, in an international marriage. Mr. Kamiyama must earn money—not spend it! It is not an easy job, but he must do it as the representative of the Eve nation. The expenses of the church have been paid by Japanese members and businesses, not by the American members. If you American members see how the Japanese are making money for the sake of the church and work as hard and unselfishly as they do, you can succeed in America economically.

America's basic problem is individualism. My ideology emphasizes the benefit of the whole. The Unification Church has built up its foundation from way down at the bottom, and no one can take it over. I have sorted out and restored

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the entire complex worldwide situation, cleansed it, and made it into a harmonious and workable providential path. That is why I am the True Parent. In the entire world, no one else even thinks about such things, but I have not only thought about it, I have also designed and fulfilled this path.

Think about this. No matter how one analyzes it, if the Lord is coming as a person living on the earth, no other person can even come close to having the same qualifications as Father for being the Messiah. The only hope is Reverend Moon. That is an absolute fact.

Do you think I will come again and again in the future to meet American people? I will be here on earth only one time in history. Period. It is your good fortune to live as my contemporary. To share this mission together with me is the greatest honor. So, are you just going to be like a grasshopper and waste your time, do the mediocre thing, go your own way, and give up this opportunity? (No!)

V. Creation of a New System of Organization

A. Family unit restoration. The fall of man came at the family level. I have already spoken much about the necessity to create a heavenly God-centered family.

B. Tribal messiahship must be completed. Why? Because there are people out there waiting for the Messiah to reach them. The Messiah is willing to give up his life to accomplish that mission. With that kind of seriousness, you have to become tribal messiahs. You have no idea how much indemnity I paid to have the position of "tribal messiahship" come into being. Because of the birth of tribal messiahship, Satan has no way to infiltrate into the family. Tribal messiahship is almost like a big castle protecting your family. Satan cannot accuse me or my family because I have already accomplished the responsibility of True Parents—national and world messiahship, vertically linking the national, world, and cosmic levels. Now you are going to horizontally connect the individual, family, and tribal levels to this vertical foundation. Tribal messiahs must reach out to east, west, north, and south, through all 360 degrees.

C. Dual outreach: home church (Cain) and tribal messiahship (Abel). You have both a Cain-type and an Abel-type ministry, and they are parallel. You must accomplish both the Cain-type restoration of your neighborhood and community and the Abel-type restoration of your family and relatives. Jesus should have become a tribal messiah on the foundation of the unity of his family and the family of Zacharias. Then he should have gone on to national messiahship.

The time has come. You will go out and win because you believe me when I say that tribal messiahship can be done now. Go to your relatives, your brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, parents, and so forth. Their time has come—they have to listen to you. But bringing your relatives into tribal messiahship does not mean that home church is over, because you also have to reach the five billion people of the world.

I have often told you there must be unity between the mind and the body and the mind world and the body world.

By the same token, in your restoration work as tribal messiahs, there is the external and the internal, the Cain- and Abel-types. I have been emphasizing home church for so many years because home church has to be completed first to provide a foundation to restore the tribe.

The worldwide home church dispensation must proceed first, and then I can go to Korea and restore it. I consider Korea to be almost like my own clan, my own relatives. You have to assist me in the restoration and unification of North and South Korea. We must do home church work until all five billion people have been restored.

You have a great ally—spirit world. Satan is also a great ally because he has to cooperate with you now. I have always had incredible fear and trembling because there was constantly the chance that Satan would take you over. No more, however. I was always walking on the edge of a cliff—one wrong step and there would be a terrible problem. If I had made a mistake, the entire restorational world foundation would have crumbled. What a fearful situation! How could I sleep peacefully at night or eat in peace? I was always on pins and needles.

Adam and Eve's fall brought all this misfortune, but now True Parents have completed their mission, so your efforts will blossom and make a noticeable difference. As elder sons, the more effort you make, the more property you will gain. But it is not material wealth, not the bankbook I am talking about. It is love property for the sake of eternity. That will reach out to the entire heavenly world.

If there is uncertainty, fear, and all kinds of confusion and complacency prevailing throughout the whole world, do you think you will have the good fortune to enter into the heavenly kingdom? No way! You must have some assets in order to go in. Only on earth can people become heavenly citizens.

D. Creation of an autonomous system. In other words, you will be subject and control yourself.

1. To stop growing is to die.

Only you can make yourself grow, and you must grow every day, asking yourself, "How can I become better?" Compare your faith when you joined and now, many years later. Have you grown, stood still, or regressed? I myself am still growing, growing, growing, in every way possible, day and night. When winter comes and the weather is bad, then I pray for the sake of the root so that when spring comes, the root will blossom and prosper. In this way I never waste one minute. If your forward movement has been stopped, that represents death.

2. You will be responsible as a parent.

Adam and Eve fell because they forgot their responsibility as parents. Husband and wife together are responsible: "We are not going to be a burden on the church or on other people. We are going to make a contribution to the church and to the community, and will raise our children to be important leaders of this movement." This is a very, very important and fierce responsibility for you. To be a True Parent, I chose to

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walk a way that no one ever even attempted. In the future, the posterity of the world will have to bow down to the record of the True Parents. Of course, God has assisted me but I am the one who made my foundation. I am the locomotive, pulling God. This is autonomy.

You are in an Adam- and Eve-like position, but you must not be like fallen Adam and Eve and their children. Your children will grow up correctly when you show the example as husband and wife, mother and father, truly following the True Parents' tradition. If you do, your children will grow into good, heavenly citizens and become important leaders. If you cannot fulfill this responsibility, you will be accused of the same crime that Adam and Eve have been accused of for so many thousands of years.

It is not at all easy to be a good wife or husband or good parents to the children. You all start out as strangers. You have a tremendous and glorious responsibility on your hands. Do you follow?

3. Children's education and their foundation of faith.

That does not come automatically. You must be an example, pay indemnity, and pledge that "My children are not going to be a burden. I am going to lead them to be great citizens of the heavenly kingdom. I want to give my children a solid foundation of faith. That is my duty, responsibility, and joy."

4. Regular meeting attendance and observance of tradition.

That means that you are not going to be absent from any official church function. For example, on Sunday morning you may feel tempted to say, "Oh, it's Sunday. Well, I feel sluggish. I don't have to go to church. I worked very hard during the week." This is not at all correct! A workshop of 40 Moslems is being conducted right now in this building. Do you know that they worship five times each day? How about you? Always do Pledge service at five a.m.—either at home or at the church. Those who are doing it, raise your hands, please. Those who have sometimes not done it, raise your hands up, please. Why? Now you've heard it from Father. It applies exactly to you. In 30 years, I have not missed even one Pledge service on Sunday or on the first day of the month. That is a family tradition, the True Parents' tradition.

What is our Pledge? "I am proud of the one sovereignty, the one people, the one nation, the one language and culture centered upon God. I am proud of becoming a child of the one True Parent and shall inherit one tradition." Then what is the final point? "I shall become a laborer to establish the one world of the heart. I will fight with my life. I will be responsible for accomplishing my duty and mission. This I pledge and swear. This I pledge and swear. This I pledge and swear."

Why did I include the word "language"? Without language, no responsibility can be fulfilled. Heart-to-heart communication cannot take place. No relationship can be nurtured. When I use an interpreter, I feel only about 80 percent of my message is getting through to you. If you hear from me directly in Korean, it would be 100 percent.



Father encourages blessed couples to keep growing spiritually and not to burden the Church or other people, while fulfilling our mission of true parenthood to our children and to mankind.

My sermons have been published. There are now 200 volumes in the original Korean language, and more are being printed. This speech also will be published in Korean, True Parents' original language, because that conveys 100 percent of my meaning. Would you like to read it in Korean or English?

When you go to spiritual world, your ancestors will ask, "What language did you use when you were on the earth?" How will you answer? "I am an English master; I used the English language, naturally." Can you say that? That is not the will of God. Your ancestors will accuse you. "You lived as a contemporary of True Parents. How could you not have learned Korean—the original, native language?" What will you say? "I was too tired!" Don't say that. If you are asked, "Did you have food every day?" the answer would be yes. "Did you sleep every night?" "Yes." So can you say that you had no time? I am over seventy years old and I have learned English. At my age people forget things easily. If I memorized a word in the evening, by the next morning I would have forgotten it. I had to repeat each word 20 times or more. It was that difficult for me to study English. You are so young! Don't make excuses for not studying Korean. When you pass

I was always walking on the edge of a cliff—one wrong step and there would be a terrible problem. One mistake and the entire restorational world foundation would have crumbled. How could I sleep peacefully at night or eat in peace?

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into the spirit world, can you say, "At the time, I did not know how serious a situation it was on earth"? You must prepare for the spirit world while you are here on earth. According to the Principle, that is your most important focal point.

Those who can understand Korean, raise your hands please. Only one. If you die and go to the spirit world without reading my sermons in the original language, you will have missed a very important condition. If I do not unite the languages in my lifetime, it will be a big problem in the future. If True Parents themselves cannot unite the languages, who will do it in the future? Do you think the unification of the languages can be accomplished by military or political or economic power—or by diplomacy? No.

Korean is an absolutely superior language, particularly for the description of spiritual

matters and of all kinds of details. Compared to Korean, English is almost primitive. Certain Korean words cannot even be found in English. Koreans prosper wherever they go because they can pick up the language of that country so quickly. The English spoken by Col. Han, Dr. Pak, and other Koreans surrounding me is excellent. No other nationality can compete.

Mr. Kamiyama is a very good leader, but Japanese people just cannot pronounce English words. For example, "New Jersey" comes out "New Jahsey." Amazingly, in Japan, people are encouraged to learn Korean first to prepare to learn good English, particularly when they are young. Once your children learn Korean, they will be able to learn any language very well. Korean people can immediately master any language. That is why Korean can be a universal language; with it you can be successful everywhere.

What if God had not sent me to the world in 1920? What kind of world would there be now? Where would the world find hope, truth, or real guidance for their lives? Think about it.

One man has transformed the entire world and accomplished so much in his own lifetime, even while receiving constant opposition and being cursed by so many people because they did not like his success. It is just inconceivable. Since I represent God's side, the entire world controlled by Satan went against me, but I was never defeated.

Without Father, where would people have hope? Did Martin Luther King resolve all the problems between white and black? Patsy Johnson Casino has testified that the white girl assigned to be her roommate at college just packed up and left because her parents told her not to stay with a black person. Only true love can resolve this kind of problem. I am always preaching true love and many people think, "Oh, another true love lecture. I heard it already." But I will preach about true love another thousand years, and you still will never get tired of it. America's individualism will never bring unity among people, nations, or races. Unity, understanding, and harmony can only be created by investing and giving 100 percent with God's power. This is a profoundly great and simple truth.

Therefore, I am so optimistic and you should be too. The new world order will be born. Someone recently wrote the book *The End of History*, and indeed the end of fallen history is finally here. The new beginning is coming. True Parents are the new beginning. I am confident.

Who has the power and authority to command the spirit world? I can say, "You spirit world, from now on, since elder sonship has been restored, your job is to come down and work for the sake of Father's mission and tribal messiahship." You will all get support from the spirit world. If I were lying to you, shouting and lashing out at you, do you think the spirit world would move? No. I have to be absolutely standing on the Principle; only then will spirit world have to surrender. Because the spirit world understands, it will cooperate and east and west, north and south will become united. One world under God shall be born.

I have already instructed that you should set the tradition of attendance at Sunday Pledge and all church events and volunteer for all church activities. Do you have such tradition in your family—something unique in your home? I'm instructing you so that your family can truly create the right tradition and a strong foundation for your success. Otherwise when you go to spirit world, there may be no place you can stand, no place you belong.

Conclusion

Read these instructions every day. I want you to know that Father's job in the United States is 100 percent accomplished. Is there anything that I have not done yet?

American conservatives cannot deny my influence. After the fall of Vietnam in 1975, American morale was incredibly low. No one spoke about victory over communism at that time except Rev. Moon.

History has recorded what I predicted. At the time, it sounded crazy, but every prediction I have made has become a reality. Who would have thought that liberalism would be defeated and that conservatism would be revived? Father did.

Though I am not a legal citizen of the United States, I love America. No American can rival the work I have done to save this nation. I have completely prepared everything for you. If



Blessed couples raise their hands to pledge their participation in True Parents' crusade of building God's Kingdom on this earth and to never disappoint True Parents and Heavenly Father in this quest.

you still cannot do it, then there is no hope.

I have given you very precise instructions at this United States National Conference. Read them every day.

Tomorrow I leave for Korea and do not know when I will return. But spiritually I am listening to every one of you, including your bedtime talk, and spirit world will see what you are doing. When I ask spirit world if I should see the American members, they should be able to say, "Yes, Father. They deserve it. They deserve to hear you." Do you want Father to come to America? (Yes!) Why? Nobody wants someone who is going on into his eighties in another ten years! Do you still want Father? (YES!)

I feel that if Koreans, Japanese, and Americans unite into one then nothing is impossible, because the help of God and spirit world are immense and formidable. A great result can be obtained. Amazingly these countries were enemies, so if all three enemy countries unite together into true brotherhood for the sake of America, can you imagine how much spirit world will come down and help you? From there, a new United States of America will be born. I have done all the preparation work.

Four symbolizes the heavenly four position foundation. I want to start by forming trinities consisting of two Americans and one Japanese. Eventually a Korean will be added, making four, and then all over the country each such heavenly four foundation base should carry out my instructions. All the names will be recorded right here in this book. Those who say, "I really want to become part of Father's heavenly book," say with a big shout, "Yes!" and raise both hands. (YES!) God bless you!

I feel so joyful and so light. My heart is jubilant because I feel, "Even if I die, I am not a failure. I have succeeded in a great and extraordinary way. I am victorious. All we have to do is expand that victory." I want to bequeath this victory to you without receiving one penny from you. You are going to receive the inheritance without paying anything.

Think about it. If Jesus could have gloriously entered the Roman realm and declared Godism and the headwing ideology, what would have happened in these last two thousand years? Korea is like the Israel of the twentieth century. Reverend Moon came to this country, and the United States, like a modern-day Rome, persecuted me. But there is no way the United States can stop or hurt Reverend Moon. They are the ones who surrendered. Meantime, Reverend Moon is declaring to this country that the worldwide foundation has been made and that one epoch-making historical event after another will happen.

I feel so joyful, so wonderfully inspired, knowing that now the communist world and the free world are under control, the Unification Movement has a worldwide foundation, and the religious world is beginning to unify. When I think of all these kinds of accomplishments, I feel the phenomenal help and presence of God and am incredibly emotionally uplifted. I feel so victorious inside and outside.

Thank God, I have done it, and now I am bequeathing the entire inheritance to you. You take it over and become like Father in everything you do. Everywhere that you practice my way, you shall win the same victory that I did. As a living contemporary, you are working together with True Parents, breathing the same air, drinking the same water, shedding the same sweat for the sake of the kingdom-building—that is your greatest honor. Are you joyfully and voluntarily participating in this crusade? (YES!)

I want to end this meeting joyfully, not on a heavy note. Don't let me down. I want you to be inspired also. I will pray for you and I will always be with you, wherever I am. You can count on me. You are the elder, restored son of the True Parents. With that truth, you shall be victorious. On that note, I want to conclude this historical conference. Let us pray. □

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Filial Children of Our True Parents

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by accepting satanic standards, created a four-position foundation centered upon Satan. Therefore in this world today, we see a distorted standard of what should have been a truly ideal world.

I know everyone has studied these facts, but we have to clearly understand them, because they are the reason we are here. Were it not for this act, we would have already achieved an ideal world. Instead, we stand in this providential age of restoration, responsible for recreating a world that is physically created, but has not achieved Heavenly Father's ideal. To understand more completely, we have to look at history. Without understanding the history of Heavenly Father's Providential Movement, we cannot understand ourselves. If we don't know the reason why we are Unification Church members and follow True Parents, we cannot say that we are their true sons and daughters.

Spiritual and physical salvation

The Israelite nation had been established to receive Jesus Christ as the Messiah. So much blood, sweat and tears had gone into creating that foundation. However, because of the disbelief of the people, Jesus was not able to substantiate his True Parenthood in this world. By his crucifixion, Jesus could only create salvation within the realm of spirit. In the spirit world he created True Parenthood based on his relationship with the Holy Spirit. Therefore man can find salvation in the spiritual realm.

However this caused a separation between mind and body: the mind could be received and claimed by Heavenly Father because of Jesus' standard; however, the body was deviant in that it still belonged to Satan. That is why True Parents are here today: to substantiate the victory of Jesus Christ in this world, that we might also find salvation on the physical level. That is why we're standing here, living and breathing the same air and feeling the love of our True Parents.

After World War II, the foundation was set in which True Parents could restore this world. Father said if Christianity in Korea had received True Parents in 1945, then the entire world restoration could have been completed within a seven year period. Why? Because at that particular moment in history, Heavenly Father had enabled Christianity to reach all peoples of the world. Our True Father could have created an ideal world upon that foundation.

Sadly, we know the outcome. Korean Christians rejected True Father. Therefore, Father had to walk a lonely course of recreating a foundation to establish physical salvation for man; this need gave birth to the Unification Church. We stand here

I stand here before you as a representative of True Parents and my family, so please do not look at me as Hyun Jin. Many of you who have heard me speak before, know that I have always stressed this point. I would not have the courage or strength to speak to you, were it not for their support. So I come before you as a channel for them to express an aspect of Father's love, an understanding that Father has given directly to his own family. Following that pattern, you can express that love and tradition within your own families.

The theme for this year is "Ne Nara Tongil." You all know that means "Unification of My Country." It is on this theme that I will offer a sermon to you.

We have to understand that this is a time of restoration and that we would not be gathered in the World Mission Center, with the whole world opposing us, if it were not for this era of restoration. We would not be in this predicament if Adam and Eve had not fallen, but had instead achieved God's ideal. Then Adam and Eve, by fulfilling True Parenthood, would have created an ideal family and an ideal tribe, resulting in no separation of nations, races or religions. There would have been no separation in man at all: no separation between men and women, husband and wife, father and son, mother and daughter.

However, because Adam and Eve fell, we have the present state of the world. What is the fall? In order to create anything, you first must have a concept of it. In that same way, Heavenly Father had an ideal concept of man's responsibility to be His object, to fulfill and reciprocate the standard of true love. Adam and Eve rejected Heavenly Father's love and ideal, and

today as Unification Church members and because you accept True Parents, I look upon you as my direct brothers and sisters. You are in the Abel position to all other religions of the world. This gives you your distinction.

It was upon this historical foundation that True Parents established True Parenthood. At no other time in history has True Parenthood ever been established or proclaimed. True Parents are parents to all mankind and do not discriminate in their love. They want to extend their parenthood, not only to you my brothers and sisters, but to everyone.

Father's 21-year course

In 1945, Father started his physical ministry. Father walked a 21-year course which serves as the model course for restoration. In the position of third Adam, Father had to restore the formation, growth and perfection levels. Upon his first seven-year course, he completed the formation level. In the next seven-year course, he completed the growth level. Upon that foundation, Father was able to establish the position of True Parents through his marriage to True Mother in 1960.

The next point is very important: the fall occurred before Adam and Eve were mature. Without the consent of Heavenly Father, they initiated the sexual act of marriage. Father has said that the sexual organs are the body's most holy place, because they symbolize the spiritual and physical unity between men and women. Therefore, by fulfilling the ideal standard in the first and second seven-year courses, Father was able to take a bride and establish True Parents. Upon that foundation, Mother fulfilled a seven-year course, while Father completed his third seven-year course.

Upon that foundation, True Parents created the True Family, setting the pattern for all mankind, present and future generations, to receive the True Lineage of True Parents. You all realize that because of Adam and Eve's sinful act, man re-

As children of True Parents, our family feels an obligation to offer all that we can to guide you so that you may be fruitful and able to represent Heavenly Father.

ceived a fallen tradition and a fallen lineage. The formulation of the True Parent position is so important because from that point, Father is no longer the Messiah, but Father and Mother are True Parents of all mankind. No longer is Father standing just on the individual level, but now he is capable of standing on the parental level. By standing on a parental level, he can direct his love through a vertical plane. Through this foundation, True Parents made it possible for salvation to be achieved in the physical world.

You must understand as children of our Parents, we and restoration do not exist before parenthood is established. A single individual cannot be a parent. Because Father created True Parenthood we can restore this world upon this foundation.

Demonstrating their love for you, True Parents have not only set the standard but have also given you a most precious gift. Most of you are probably have a vague understanding about the importance of the Blessing and why we are blessed. However, the Blessing is the most precious gift that Heavenly

Father could have given to man. Through it, Heavenly Father grafts your lineage onto the root of the true olive tree of True Parents. Upon the foundation of the Blessing, you can be the salvation for your ancestry and also for your future generations.

With the completion of Father's 70-year course, the year 1991 begins a new era of the 8th decade of Parents' life. The number 80 is important because it represents Moses who, at the age of 80, led the Israelite people to the land of Canaan. Similarly, True Parents are leading you in the creation of a true nation centered upon God. As Unification Church members and blessed couples, you have a tremendous responsibility to help establish it. By receiving True Parents and their standard of parenthood, you must uphold the true ideals of a true son and daughter.

I don't know how to express it more frankly or impress it more deeply upon you my dear brothers and sisters. Through the God's Day message, Father has given each of you a duty to achieve tribal messiahship as the culmination of your Blessing. Father said, to have no children is like severing yourself from your own roots. Although you have the physical ability to create children of your own, you also have an obligation to the rest of mankind to walk the messianic course True Parents have walked.

Multiply True Parents' lineage

By establishing tribal messiahship, you are spreading roots and broadening your foundation through restoring children of this fallen world back to God and achieving your parenthood. You are the link of your tribe to True Parents. Your Blessing signifies that each of you has an individual mission (in addition to your church mission) to exemplify True Parents in your daily life so that you can inherit all that belongs to them. Through your Blessing you have the right of inheritance, the right of being a true son or a true daughter of True Parents, and you receive true life, true love and the true blood lineage. But you must not think of this as just a gift from Father and Mother; you also have to know the profundity of this gift. Unless this gift is acted upon, you will have no rights in the face of God and will be shunned like Adam and Eve, who caused all mankind to suffered immensely. Fallen men have scorned Adam and Eve throughout history because they failed to achieve the foundation of true parenthood; the same principle will apply to you. You are indeed fortunate to live in this era, to be able to serve True Parents, to be given the Blessing and the opportunity to achieve tribal messiahship. Yet, if you do not fulfill your position, your descendants will grow to hate and scorn you. I do not want to depress or upset you, but this is reality. If I cannot reveal the truth to you, who can I reveal the truth to? Even though it might be hard for you to receive, if I did not truly love you my brothers and sisters, why would I say "This is my Parents' will, this is our Father's Will; please accept it?" Fulfilling tribal messiahship will not only benefit True Parents, but all mankind and eventually you as well.

As children of True Parents, I and the rest of my family feel an obligation to offer all that we can to support, to guide and to lead you so that you may be fruitful and able to represent Heavenly Father. We want you to be able to say, "This is my rightful place. I am a true child of True Parents. Satan cannot take that away from me." We want to enable you to receive that right. Yet it will not come to you unless you create a foundation of substance at this crucial hour and live

up to these expectations.

You can understand the heart of our Parents, for many of you have your own physical children. When you look upon your children, you have so much hope that they will grow up and become responsible men and women of God, capable of achieving all that you have not yet achieved. In the same way, True Parents have so much expectation for you. When they see you, when they offer a message to you, they have that same feeling of wanting you to achieve all that you can achieve.

As an historical figure, you play the important role of spreading True Parents' lineage in your own tribe and throughout the world. How great that gift is! I want each one of you to receive Father's tradition: to see you have the same commitment and desire as Father, to pass that tradition on to our Muslim brothers, our Christian brothers, our Hindu brothers. Let us unite as one family under God and no longer see any separation. True Parents have indemnified all that past history and achieved a national and worldwide standard. Therefore, the barriers separating religions, races and nations are crumbling down.



Hyun Jin Nim and In Jin Nim, on behalf of True Parents, accept flowers that symbolize the love and honor the worldwide membership offer to Heavenly Father and True Parents on God's Day 1991.

Your effort must be to utilize the foundation True Parents have created by reaching out to your fallen brothers and sisters in the world and multiplying True Parents' lineage. If we do not fulfill this responsibility, Father will be unable to find our Fatherland, our homeland.

I know American members especially feel you've heard it enough; you might also feel that you live a regimented life of suffering and that you are giving all you can. But all your indemnifying conditions are going to be worthless unless you produce a substantial result.

You cannot justify your lack of result by your suffering and having lived a life of misery. American brothers and sisters, this nation is your responsibility. America's young peo-

ple are daily dying from drugs, losing their identity, crippling their nation. Regardless of your heartaches and tribulations, the reason why you accepted True Parents and your ministry is for the salvation of America. If we are going to create salvation for the world, we have to first substantiate it in our own countries.

Take the steps to perfection

Father frequently says in order to inherit the world you have to take all the steps that lead to the world: you have to fulfill your individual perfection and you have to perfect your tribal messiahship. True Parents have already indemnified the national and worldwide levels. The only responsibility that Father is giving to you is to achieve individual and tribal perfection. Upon achieving these goals you are free to inherit the national and worldwide foundation of True Parents. Isn't that great? This is the reason why tribal messiahship is so important and so crucial. It is a formula course through which you can restore this nation. By rightfully restoring this nation, you as the American children of True Parents, enable America to fulfill her providential duty of offering her abundance to the world.

Father has talked about true love in his speeches many times and even mentions that he will constantly talk about true love, even though our ears are tired of listening to it. Why? Because God's intent in creating man and the universe was so true love could be substantiated. Many times we members of the True Family talk to you about true love and don't distinctly explain what it is. True love cannot be categorized or confined to our cognitive understanding: true love can only be received on a heartistic and internal level.

I know you have seen my brothers and sisters many times before; sometimes my brothers come to you forcefully directing a point to you. Maybe some of you have reservations, "My understanding of true love is not like that." But why do you follow True Parents and want to learn their tradition? Because you do not have a clear understanding of true love.

Christianity was the religion chosen to set the stage for True Parents, yet throughout history, we see that some Christian churches have committed many injustices. "Oh God, why do you choose these people?" on-lookers may ask. Or, look at the formation of the American nation where European Caucasians slaughtered the native Americans of this land. The history of this nation is filled with stories of native Americans shedding their blood and tears, giving their life to save their homes. If one was a cynic, viewing such history would cause one to conclude that God is cruel. This also explains why atheism and communism declare "No!" to the existence of God.

We must not judge human beings by their actions. We have to understand intent on its original heartistic level. Now

as members of my family come before you, they are often very blunt—trying to connect with you on your level. However, with you numbering so many, we may not be able to connect with everyone on every level. In these circumstances, you must understand the motivation that causes us to stand before you, giving testimonies which show you True Parents' standard and encouraging you to follow it.

Through his life's work, Father is trying to abolish all the barriers Satan has created. If you determine your standard as the ideal and the one you judge all men by, there will be many deviances. How can we stand united upon a singular vision of our True Parents if we allow ourselves to hold our individual concepts of Father's vision, Father's tradition and Father's purpose? So we must change that type of thinking.

Make the Providence your own

In the Bible, you have read, "Do not judge others, lest you be judged." Your duty is not to judge your fellow brothers and sisters, but to establish your individual salvation. I can see many distinct levels in this room. Why? Because all of you, me included, have not fully established the clear unity of mind and body; therefore we cannot stand in the ideal position of perfected child.

ourselves; we cannot burden our Parents, but must go the distance with our own two feet, offering: "Parents, I want to carry you." Then you can say you are a true son or a true daughter of Father and Mother.

Why are we here? Because we know and feel deep inside that we are contributing to the Providence. However, we have to contribute more than just our sacrifice and suffering of the past; we have to make this Providence our own.

Father has set an incredible standard through his rigorous lifestyle and through his blood, sweat and tears. He is 70 years of age, yet he is willing to stand in front of you for 3 hours pouring out his heart. When I read Father's God's Day speech, I couldn't stop crying because I really understood Father's heart through his message. He said, "What I'm teaching might be simple, and could be summarized in 15 minutes. Yet I took 3 hours to give each of you the greatest chance in which to receive it." Now that is parental love. The dedication Father has to each of you is that profound.

I realize that sitting like this might be uncomfortable and difficult for you, but if we can't overcome discomfort, how can we say we have established the true relationship between mind and body? So if you feel uncomfortable, you are contradicting yourself.

Be victorious over Satan

My Muslim brothers who are gathered here today pray five times a day. They set that physical condition—we can learn from that. How many of you have never missed a single day of saying pledge on Sunday at 5 a.m. since you joined the church? Raise your hands please. You know clearly where you stand, I am not your judge. Parents are not your judge; Parents will forgive you and give you the ability to repent and say, "I will try it once again." Father has done this, this God's Day. However, you have to understand that Satan is watching you too. If you do not create that foundation, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Satan will not allow it.

Now do you see the importance and the seriousness of this condition? As a parent, Father wants the best for you: he wants all of you to become his true sons and daughters; to have your rightful place in heaven and in history, and to possess the inheritance. However, if you do not substantiate your foundation, how can you obtain them?

I'm sure if you gave a reason to Satan saying that what you have done is enough, Father would back you up and say, "Okay let's bring him." But whatever reason you were to give, you would know in your heart that you could have done better. I know in my heart that I could always do better.

Father said, "Once you feel you are no longer growing, you are dead because living a true life has to be constant progress." I cannot urge you to work harder, for I know you are working hard already. But for your sake, for the sake of your children, let us do it, okay? Yes!

I know I have taken a lot of your time right now. As I and my family look upon you, we see you as our younger brothers and sisters. You have not been able to share intimate moments with all of my 13 beautiful brothers and sisters because that's physically impossible. In the same way, all of us cannot give you messages on the same occasion, therefore some of us have come and spoken to you representing our family. But in our hearts and in our minds, we are always thinking of you. We are all endeavoring in certain activities with no other purpose than to offer our efforts to True Parents and to the

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Farouk Akbik, the official translator of the Grand Mufti of Syria, translates the spiritual inspiration shared by Sheikh Bashir, the eldest disciple of the Grand Mufti and the Iman of Umayyad Mosque.

Jesus Christ has given you spiritual salvation and True Parents are trying to give you physical salvation. But it is up to you to receive salvation. Restoration is not realized by simply sailing on the wings of True Parents' ideal: you have to give of yourself and create your own niche in that providence. In this way, you can make restoration your own.

Even a child grows and becomes distinct from the parent, establishing his own foundation; but you are no longer children. Father has walked a 70-year course of indemnity and fulfilled 7000 years of mankind's history. Now it is up to you, my brothers and sisters, to create the short step of establishing the ideal world, of finding our land of Canaan. We have to create the fundamental steps to reach that goal through our individual efforts. Then we have to walk along these steps

The 8th Day of Victory of Love

by Ye Jin Moon

Trying to hold back her tears, Ye Jin Nim gave the following testimony to brothers and sisters at the World Mission Center on January 2, 1991.

As you all know, today is the Victory of Love that Heung Jin Nim has shown to all of us. To many people who do not know about the existence of God or the meaning of life after death, the word "death" means "total darkness" and the end of everything. The feeling it conveys is one of total sadness. But we have learned from True Parents about the existence of God and know that going to the spiritual world is a time of celebration and joyful anticipation. Yet when we think about Heung Jin's life and ascension, we cannot help but be retrospective about why he had to go such a course at that crucial time.

God has been arduously preparing for the coming of True Parents and True Family throughout history. I'm sure God has great expectations and such hope for each child of True Parents—especially for Heung Jin, as the second son in Father's family. God must have had grand plans for him to become an exemplary son and exemplary blessed child to all members throughout the world.

I don't want to be too sentimental, but I would like to talk about Heung Jin as a person: he was always very gentle and although all of us in Father's family have some temper, he was the one with the least temper. Sometimes we would tease him about being too laid back, but he was always good with people, good with friends, and overall he was a very warm and very loving person. I do feel if such a significant offering was needed at that time, he was the most filial and prepared person of all. He always felt for God and talked about God. As you have seen through his drawings, he was thinking deeply about the spiritual world and about life and death. As a teenager, he was always contemplative, thinking about spiritual world and how it would be. He always stressed that he wanted to become a bodyguard for Father, so that if somebody ever pointed a gun at Father he could jump in and become the human shield. Even though he was joking about it, he said it a few times. Now that I look back, it was very prophetic. In many senses, he was the most prepared out of all of Father's children. Even when he was

born he had three days of extreme difficulty: he was at the verge of death for three days. Since he was so loving to Parents, then Parents really loved Heung Jin a great deal. We all have good feelings and memories about him.

A pure offering

Let us try to understand the historical background in 1983 that precipitated Heung Jin's sacrifice. Father was touring Korea to bring victory over communism; he was pushing hard to spiritually ease a very turbulent time in Korea. On the day of Heung Jin's accident, December 23, Father was giving a speech at Kwangju, a place which evokes painful memories of bloodshed for Koreans. With the start of the children's course in 1981, it was a very difficult time for Father's family.



Ye Jin Nim presents food from the Offering Table to Heung Jin Nim during the 8th anniversary of the Day of Victory of Love.

Throughout the world, Father had warned of the urgency for members to unite in deeply supporting Father and the Providence.

Through Father's teaching of the Divine Principle, we basically understand the principle of indemnity. Throughout His history of working to restore this world, God had to use this principle of getting hit and then reclaiming. Always at the crucial time, the most pure and spiritually prepared person

was sacrificed. We know how Jesus Christ, God's most precious son, had to be crucified at a critical moment in restorational history in order to save the world. In 1983, Heung Jin had been saying that when the crucial time came and Satan wanted to claim the biggest offering, he was ready to give up his own life in exchange for Father's life. Of course, we never imagined that it could ever possibly come true; but the spiritual atmosphere that was gathering was such that it became totally inevitable.

Even though we follow Father and hear how a certain time is so urgent spiritually and historically, we sometimes don't really feel it to our skin. We think, "Well, Father can indemnify everything," or "Father said that we are passing through such and such a course, and we must unite and pray." But we don't deeply feel the real urgency. Similarly, Father had mentioned to the True Family before he left to unite and pray for Father's course in Korea because it was such a significant time in Korean history; but we just couldn't fathom that something like Heung Jin's sacrifice could ever happen.

So on December 23, the news of Heung Jin came very unexpectedly: our family just couldn't believe it. We rushed to the hospital. When we learned how serious the accident had been, we gathered in a little room at the hospital and prayed desperately. We still had much hope in our hearts that this would pass and everything would be okay, as had always been the case when we have followed True Parents. But Heung Jin was obviously very, very damaged, and the doctor was beginning to say the worst. We were praying and crying, totally united in our desperation.

A time of repentance

Of course, Father had heard about the accident but he had to continue with the Victory over Communism speeches throughout the different provinces in Korea. He just pushed on, even though he had received such incredible news. Back at the hospital, we were wishing that Father would come and somehow save Heung Jin Nim, who wasn't getting any better. Eventually, Father came. Although we were beside ourselves, Father didn't show even one tiny tear. He comforted each one in turn, explaining that if God took Heung Jin's life we had to understand the meaning of his offering. Through this most painful lesson, we had to learn about the importance of unity between True Parents, the True Family and the church members throughout the world. Father told us that all religions would unite through Heung Jin who was to be the messenger



Ye Jin Nim gently smiles as she shares some of the True Family's warm memories of Heung Jin Nim.

and mediator for the physical and spiritual worlds.

Father mentioned that if we had been united with God and True Parents, the accident could have been avoided. However, the time and conditions were such that Heung Jin had to become the greatest sacrifice and offering.

It was a time of repentance for Father's own family; but Heung Jin's sacrifice and example even at death, provided a time when Father's own children could comprehend who they are. We understood that whatever small suffering we were going through, we had to deeply accept our faith while learning to love and unite with each other, True Parents and God. We realized that no matter what happens in our lifetime, we need to have total faith and be absolutely ready to give up our own life. With that kind of determination we would be able to follow in Father's footsteps centering on God.

Personally, I was able to appreciate how precious is the life God has given to me, and to understand how I could live up to God's expectations of me by fulfilling Heung Jin's mission.

Heung Jin's last wish was that those of us who remained behind would determine to offer and even totally sacrifice our life for

the sake of our mission. If we are resolved to face even death, we can accomplish so much. We promised Heung Jin that we would live the life he should have lived, and to take responsibility to accomplish what he could have accomplished on this earth. So it was a time of deep spiritual awakening for many of Father's own family's members. Through this experience, we were able to understand God's Heart toward Jesus' crucifixion and also Father's heart to sacrifice his most precious son for the restoration of the world.

The lesson that we must always remember on the anniversary of Heung Jin's ascension is that it wasn't inevitable and could have been avoided, had we been internally united and spiritually strong enough to ward off Satan's ongoing attacks. As we commemorate this day, each one of us should understand that if I can really become a true son or daughter of God, if my own family becomes a true family, on up to the tribal, national, and worldwide levels, united with God and True Parents, then we have learned the great lesson God wanted to teach us. This kind of painful event can be avoided in the future if we look deeply at our own life of faith—our shortcomings, lack of determinations, and mistakes—and feel on this day that suffering comes from "me"; that is, God looks down at "me" with a feeling of suffering. If we cleanse ourselves and purify our minds with a new determination and a new understanding, if we unite in God's true love and

follow Father, this kind of tragedy can be avoided. That is how I personally felt through the whole ordeal.

The one thing that I want to add is an example of Heung Jin's filial piety toward Father and Mother. Near death, he held on for more than 10 days and, as a courtesy to God, didn't pass until God's Day 1984 was over. Even that gesture was such a lesson for all of us. So I hope that this day is not just a day of remembering that Father's son, Heung Jin Nim, sadly passed away; but let this day be a day of reflecting on our own spiritual life—concentrating on our attitude and determination toward where we should be going. It is a day of respect for me and our family to examine our spiritual lives and our spiritual levels.

Pray to Heung Jin Nim for help

For me, the most important spiritual aspect about Heung Jin's death, was my experience of desperately searching for God: asking Him to save Heung Jin. During those 10 days, I completely clung to God while kneeling by Heung Jin day and night—repenting about our own past and our family's past. That was the biggest blessing and lesson from that experience. Heung Jin, through the whole ordeal, provided the example for us to wholeheartedly determine to give our life and accomplish the mission that God expects us to fulfill on this earth.

I know that Heung Jin is working diligently in the spiritual world. When our families are faced with many difficulties, we feel Heung Jin working, trying to contact us to give support. Even in the spiritual world he is on the frontline with the members who have gone to the spiritual world before him: doing the most he possibly can in the spiritual world to help True Parents and each one of the members.

Heung Jin is out there working on the frontline, so when we are faced with difficulty we can pray to unite with him, with Christ and all the blessed people who have gone before us. When we pray desperately asking for help, Heung Jin, Christ and all those people can work through us. Because we are living in the physical world, we do not know about the spiritual world; so at times we are bogged down with our problems on the earth. But spiritual world is really trying to help and is ready to work together with us; it is a matter of how prepared we are and how ready we are to accept the spiritual world's offer. No matter how desperately Heung Jin cries out from the spiritual world, if we are spiritually deaf and blind then we can't hear nor see how much he is trying to reach each one of us. So please pray that Heung Jin's spirit and the spirit of Christ and all the blessed people can work with us.

As Father stresses over and over, we are the ones who hold the key to open up the spiritual world. It's all up to us. On this day, if we can understand that insight one more time and be determined to push ourselves to fulfill that role, then I think Heung Jin will be eternally grateful. Then the whole meaning of Heung Jin's Sûng-hwa will not be in vain but will bear fruit. That is what Father expects us to recognize on this day. Let's really look at ourselves and set a new goal, a new understanding, and a new determination to go forward. I know a lot of members are having a hard time; but whenever I am faced with difficulty, I pray for Heung Jin, Christ and spiritual world to help. Many times, I was able to receive comfort; so I wish that members can do the same and that we can become participants in the victory of love—the true love that True Parents and God deeply stress. Thank you very much.

Concluding Prayer *(Ye Jin then prays in Korean)*

Beloved Heavenly Father, we are gathered here today in memory of Heung Jin. Dear Father, I pray that you can fill each one of your children's hearts with your warm love. Bless this whole hour with your warm love. Father, as we look behind at such a painful difficult situation, it has been so hard for you to bear the tragedies that have happened. Yet, we should not cry or be frustrated that such sad things have occurred, but pray to keep in mind the covenant that you had made with Heung Jin and True Father. We should not have a sad feeling for Heung Jin's loss, because as a result of his loss we could make a greater determination to have a new mind.

Let us now look back at our past to remind ourselves to make a new determination to follow God's dispensational will. I entreat you to help us to check our hearts, to see if we are, in your eyes, strongly standing as children of loyalty and purity. Let us renew this determination during this coming year. We pray that Heung Jin's precious blood was not shed in vain. Throughout the new year, let us keep a new determination and burning spirit: the spirit of Heung Jin's sacrificial love.

We beg you to save us—you who love us so much that you sent your precious only son, Jesus, to save us by giving his life for us 2,000 years ago. Once again, we remind ourselves of your deep will and desire to save all of mankind. Let us think of your great heart, of how you felt seeing your only son nailed to the Cross. True Father is fulfilling the dispensation of restoration with the same agonizing parental heart that you had as you endured these sacrifices for the sake of mankind throughout history. Let us deeply understand your agonized heart of restoration. Let us help to lighten your heavy burden by sharing your burden as your children. Dear God, in this new year, please help us determine to publicly confess, "We want to make your burden lighter" and then really do it this year.

God, your children, the Unification Church members, have worked so hard. They are so weary that I entreat you to touch each of their hearts, giving them comfort and courage. Your children here have had such a hard life of faith, filled with so many difficulties; may the experience of your parenthood be renewed in each one's mind and let your love blossom in each member's heart. Help us to realize the potential you placed within each of us so that we may become the hopeful children you need us to be. Enable us to have the courage to fight Satan in the world.

Up until now, Jesus, Heung Jin and so many saints have showed us how to fulfill your will on the frontline. They are all our models. Now we face the new year with a new mind, new heart, new understanding, and new determination. To carry out this pledge, help us examine how the saints walked in their daily lives and how they willingly sacrificed their lives. May we renew our minds with a burning spirit to fulfill your will and Father's desire, with a high spirit and grateful heart. In every direction—east, west, north, and south—let us spread your burning Spirit to every heart, bringing your unification into the world. Let us make this a holy day, with our members zealously trying to fulfill your will throughout the world.

Have mercy on us for we are such poor, unworthy members; please help us, even with our inadequacies, to have the strength to carry out your will. Chastise us that we may do

our best to fulfill your heavenly call. Let the Unification Church be the church that concludes your dispensation on this earth. I beg you to not allow our central mind and purpose to be shaken. Let us unite our original minds to become a church strongly united with you.

By your grace, let a new faith arise in Korea. As we go toward the 21st century, let this faith spread to the world like a burning filament of new hope throughout the world. If there are some dark shadows in your children's hearts, help them to get rid of them. With blessings and love in our minds, let us consecrate our hearts to you, becoming your chosen children. Let this special holy day be acceptable to you. Thank you for taking care of us with so much love, for teaching us with so much patience and for showering us with so many blessings. Let us pray with a new determination, warm tears, and a repentful mind as we walk the way of your will. We thank you, in the names of our True Parents, who came and brought victory on the earth. Amen. □

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God's Day Morning Speech

So when God comes down in vertical love, this is an historic time. You may speak about this theoretically, but in history, it has never happened until True Parents came. Then, God's Day was able to be proclaimed. I am talking about the real origin of God's Day. In order for God's Day to be proclaimed, His absolute vertical love had to come down through

one point. To fulfill that one meeting place is the whole purpose for God's creation. The reason we cannot forgive Satan is because he destroyed this place where Heaven and earth meet.

The relationship between North and South Korea is like mind and body. Spirit world is not well-organized yet, but by the time I reach the spirit world, it will be. The way of Principle is to follow step by step, never loosely. That is why you have to be very accurate in establishing your condition of love toward True Parents. When we seek the nucleus of love we have to deny our body, home, family, material possessions, everything. I went the way of adventure, dedication, and uncompromising attitudes toward evil. Now, I have won acclaim in Moscow and a new era can be established.

Blessed couples should not only be blessed within the church, but again blessed on the national level and finally on the worldwide level.

You should try very, very hard to completely inherit True Parents' victorious foundation. I cannot just give it and you receive it, just like that. Will you be received gloriously in Heaven? How big your heaven is depends upon how many heavenly families you bring together with you when you go to spirit world—at least 120 families. That will be your tribe. The Kingdom of Heaven will come centering on Korea, where we live attending to God. I laid all the conditions, now you must be more dedicated to your 120 spiritual children than to your own children. Then the Kingdom of Heaven will come. We must become True Parents' representatives. Those who pledge to go this way raise both hands. □



True Family is on stage during entertainment on God's Day evening: (left to right) Kwon Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim with Shin Myung Nim and Shin Kwon Nim, Nan Sook Nim with Shin Jung Nim and Jun Sook Nim with Shin Eh Nim.



Father and Mother lead three mansei cheers after Pledge on God's Day morning in Korea.



Hyun Jin Nim and In Jin Nim cut the celebration cake on God's Day morning, surrounded by (left to right) Jun Sook Nim, Nan Sook Nim with Shin Young Nim and Shin Jung Nim, Kwon Jin Nim and Un Jin Nim.

Achieving the True Parental Standard

Pres. Won Pil Kim Speaks at the European Leaders' Meeting

Paris, August 27, 1990

Previously, national leaders chose who would participate in the European leaders' meetings, but now, the European Headquarters will decide who will attend from each nation. Do you know why? The reason is because Europe is like one nation. That is why you should consider each nation of Europe as one state of a United States of Europe. Around 1980, when Father came to Europe, he was already thinking in this way. That's why the European Headquarters has initiated this kind of meeting and then invited the participants directly.

Also, if you want to change the mission of a department leader or regional leader, you must inform the European Headquarters and President Kim, giving your reasons. Do you know why we do that? It is because when the national leader wants to change a person's mission, he should not do it from his own point of view. If the leader changes the mission of a member for personal reasons, this will create many problems. That's why, whenever you want to change a person's mission, you should always do it centered on God's love, on the restoration of the nation, and the world, and on the realization of God's Will.

Secondly, when you change somebody's mission, you need to consider this person's spiritual development. Through this, you yourself will develop and become a mature person.

Actually, we cannot become mature by ourselves. In order to develop ourselves, it always requires another person in a reciprocal relationship. That's why, if I were to allow you to continue as you have been doing up to now, you would never become a mature leader. Also, you would not be able to raise up good members. On this kind of foundation, God's Will cannot be realized.

How to become mature

I spoke to you some time ago regarding so-called "problem members" who take up a lot of your energy. But, on the other hand, this is the person who makes

you mature and grow to perfection. On the other hand, an excellent member who always listens to you will give you a lot of energy, and also a lot of joy, but if you are working with such an excellent member, you cannot grow. In fact, having excellent members around you makes you a lazy person because these excellent members will do whatever you ask them to do and you will have nothing to do. So, which kind of members do you want to have—problem members or excellent members? Until now, you did not understand this point very deeply; that's why, when you found a difficult member, you tried to kick him out and keep him as far away from you as possible. But actually, what you have been doing is slowing down your own perfection.

There are many national leaders, department leaders, and regional leaders here today. Some may say to me that they want to change a person's mission. Then surely I will ask this leader "Why?" "How did you take care of this member?" When you are changing a person's

mission? Did your Abel figure call you and explain to you that because of this or that reason, he was thinking about changing your mission, and from now on, you would have an even more important mission? Was it like that? It wasn't like that, was it? More often, you experienced that suddenly your mission was changed. Sometimes, you didn't even know why you had to change your mission.

Father's living tradition

You have to really change this wrongdoing through establishing a clear system. We have to understand clearly what Father's tradition is. The essence of the Principle is good give and take centered upon God's true love. Is it good give and take to say to a member: "From today, your mission will be this one"? Not at all! We often study the Principle, but we do not know how to apply it practically in our daily lives, because we did not study closely the way Father lives. Please watch carefully what Father does, otherwise you will not be

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mission, you should not allow your personal feelings to influence you. If personal feelings are involved, it creates the foundation for Satan to invade our relationships. That's why, when Father changes the mission of leaders, he never does it based on his own personal feelings. When Father feels that he has to change the mission of a leader, for several years he will give some indication to the leader. Father has to prepare and also this person must prepare internally. Then, during this preparation time, if he improves, then Father will let him stay in his mission. This is the heart of parents. The heart of parents does not bring such a situation about suddenly. How was your experience of changing mis-

able to understand how to apply the Principle. Therefore, I want you to know clearly that it is the European Headquarters which will take the initiative regarding the changing of missions. In the same way, on the national level, the changing of members' missions should be decided by national leaders rather than by individual department or local leaders. God gave us blessings and brought many people to us. But many left our movement. Did you realize this?

Now, I want to explain the core point of today's meeting. From the beginning of this year, we made a goal to 12-up—to bring 12 new members each year. We have been working towards this goal and also for the unification of my nation.

This 12-up did not come from above downwards, but it came from members, from below upwards. Each member made a plan and then, after discussing it with you leaders, they started this year. In the past, because the instructions came from above, members just agreed to follow. Let's say that one person doesn't want to go, but if I push him he will go; on the other hand, another person willingly, from his own heart says: "I want to go." Which is the better result, the first one or the second one? Of course, you understand very clearly that the second case is better, but in order to make it happen, you need to invest a lot of time and energy. In order to come to this point, let's say that you spoke to the member and shed tears ten times, but the member listened only once. Even though you spoke ten times to the member, you shouldn't expect him to listen ten times; no, you should only expect him to listen once. We need to have this kind of heart.

Can you bring victory?

At the beginning of this year, we promised to 12-up. In 1988, we made a promise to triple up, but we could not realize it. In 1989, we made another promise, but we could not keep that promise either. Then, 1990 was the third attempt. Somehow, the third time, we have to make some kind of result. Therefore, I have asked each regional leader and national leader: "If you cannot realize it, what will you do? If you do not have the confidence, I will take care of your mission." Then, the regional leaders answered, "Yes, we will do it." At that time, I promised that even though I will take responsibility for your mission, I will not take away your position as a national leader, but I will move you to a different place. Then, because this national leader will keep the position of national leader, while doing another mission somewhere else, it is necessary to find a replacement. This new replacement will have all the rights of a national leader.

So, why do you think I have done this? It is because a national leader said that he has no confidence to 12-up. In other words, the national leader said: "I have no confidence to be a national leader." Imagine, if the national leader

has no confidence to be a national leader and I keep him, what will happen? The situation will become more and more difficult. Because this national leader has no confidence to be national leader anymore, I must give him the time and opportunity to find this confidence again. When he has regained his confidence, I will bring him back to his position again.

At that time, when I asked one by one whether they could do it or not, each national leader expressed his determination to succeed. With this determination, we started 1990. When Father came back from the victorious Moscow Rally, already, one-third of the year was gone. At that time, I called all of you



In Paris, Pres. Won Pil Kim poses with the smiling and determined participants of the Leaders' Conference before they leave for their pioneer missions.

and looked at the result. Already by that time there was almost no hope of 12-up by the end of the year. Then, once again, I spoke to you and said that I wanted to see how you did up to the time of the CARP Convention.

For East European national leaders it is the same. That's why, from the European Headquarters, report sheets are sent to all of you. I'm treating these report sheets very seriously, because these result sheets are like the fruits of all your nations' sweat and tears. Seeing these results, I feel I myself must make a strong determination in order to make you act. Will you accept? I want to change your place of work to another place, and so, you need to find your successors or replacements.

Since I came to Europe, four and a half years have passed. Until now, I have never changed national leaders'

missions. Even now, I am not changing your mission. You will maintain the positions of national leaders. It is just the areas of your activity which will change. Already, as you know, Father took six European leaders to Korea for one year, to educate them. They are not just studying the Korean language. They are in Korea in order to inherit Father's tradition.

A true leader

Because there are many people who do not know me or understand me, how can I say that I am the European leader? I was given the position of the European leader, but I have to make an effort to become the European leader. Can I be-

come the European leader by myself? Actually, I need you to recognize and testify in front of God, in front of True Parents and in front of your members that President Kim is really the European leader. Otherwise, I cannot become European leader yet. Then, in order for me to become such a person who can be recognized by you, what should I do? I have to convey the true tradition of God, True Parents, and true love. Also, I have to make effort to make you my successors. When I can make you into my successors, then I will not be needed in Europe anymore. Then, my mission will be over. Where should I go next? Maybe I should go to the continent of Africa.

The Messiah is not just the Messiah for a certain area. True Parents should be the True Parents for all of mankind. Then, what is the way for us to go? We

have to follow in the footsteps of our True Parents. If Father cannot go, then somebody else has to go instead. That's why I myself also have to become a person who can love not only European people, but also I need to be able to love African people. Therefore, you too have to establish the standard of not only loving your own nation, but to love at least three nations, five nations, seven nations. Otherwise, how can you resemble True Parents? That's why I myself want to become the European leader.

In order for me to become the European leader, I have to invest entirely for you; otherwise, do you think you will desire me to be your leader? No. Without children, how can I become a parent? There is no leader without members. Which do you desire, that I really become the European leader or that I just have the position of European leader? I want you to realize this point. You are in the position of leaders, but you did not become leaders yet. Similarly, many Unification Church members have the position of being Unification Church members, but not so many are really members of the Unification Church. Also, there are many who have the position of Blessed couples or Blessed families, but there are not so many who are substantial Blessed families. Therefore, I want you to consider how difficult it is to become a national leader. What we have now is only the position.

Now, I want to speak to East European leaders also. Because you are the pioneer leaders of your nations, often we consider you to be the leader of the nation; but I want you to know clearly that in the same way you only have the position of leader, but you are not a real leader yet.

I deeply appreciate what you have done. When you were still young, you went behind the Iron Curtain, you worked underground, and you didn't even meet Father; therefore you didn't really hear or understand the Principle so deeply yet. In spite of this, you went there out of faith and laid the foundation. This is the real foundation of faith and I value your faith very highly. West European leaders cannot reach this standard of faith. In Western Europe, have you ever been arrested or put into prison or tortured? You never had such experiences. From this point of view, we should really appreciate East European leaders. These East European leaders have such a strong faith, but regarding the foundation of substance to receive the Messiah,

it is not strong enough.

Educating Cain and Abel

For example, in Eastern Europe, when a member joined, this member was connected to the spiritual parent or leader in a one-to-one relationship. Because of this one-to-one relationship, everyone was connected directly to the leader; therefore, the leader understood the member's situation and the member also felt understood by the leader. But now that the Iron Curtain is broken down, there is a completely new situation. Those members who were working underground came out and met each other for the first time. At that time, they were very happy, but how has this joy developed?

Let's take the example of a parent who has one child. Of course, the parent invests exclusively for this child and the

you need to receive education.

Now, many new children are coming, one after the other. Some children follow you very obediently, but some children are not obedient at all. What can you do? Let's say that you give a position to the good child; then, to those who do not follow you well, you say: "No, you cannot be a leader." Even, this member may have joined earlier than the other member. Maybe, you will try to gather together those who listen to you well and give them positions and then you send the ones who don't listen to you away and tell them that you are sending them to pioneer. It sounds very nice, but your heart is not right and God is not happy with you. You should not forget that what you say may sound so beautiful, but what is your motivation, what is your heart? God and Satan are watching your heart. Then, your qual-

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child receives all of the parent's love. Then, after some time, a second child is born, then a third child. Then, what kind of situation will develop? The relationship between the child and the mother does not change. The mother invests in the same way toward the child and also the child's love for the mother does not change. But this new situation creates unexpected problems, because from the child's point of view: "My mother has been loving only me." But suddenly, another one comes and he thinks, "Oh, my mother's time is occupied by my younger brother or sister." For example, if the mother was giving milk to the second child and the first child came and tried to push the second child away, in such a situation, what should the mother do? If the mother pushes the first child away, how will he feel? Through this experience of rejection, he feels very lonely. This feeling of loneliness started after the second child was born, so in order for the first child to maintain the love toward the mother, what should he do? He thinks, "Oh, I have to remove the second child, then I can receive 100 percent love from my mother." Do you understand about Cain and Abel? As the parent, it is your responsibility to educate the children well. This is why

ification as a leader is taken away. If your motivation for sending a member to pioneer far away is entirely for his sake, out of real love and concern for him, then you need to really invest your heart much more toward him than toward the people around you.

The love of a true parent

Let's say that you have two children and one child is very healthy, but the other child is handicapped. Where does the heart of parents go? To the handicapped child. What are the characteristics of true parental love? It is not a fluctuating love. It is very straight. That's why, when the child is down, the heart of the parents is to try to raise this child up to the same level as the other child. Then, finally, the heart of the parents can find peace. As long as hell exists, the heart of God cannot find peace. Even if you don't take care of good members so much, they still do very well, because good members are an extension of yourself. But the members who have difficulties or problems are like handicapped children; therefore, your heart should go out to them. You need to raise up these members to the same level as the good members. What are evil parents? Evil parents are parents who only take care

of good children. That's why you should send good members to pioneer. Difficult members, you should keep close to yourself so that you can take care of them more. This is a good leader. Because we don't practice this, that's why we cannot develop.

We shouldn't think just about Western Europe or Eastern Europe. We have to think of a united Europe of East and West. If you just stay in your own nation, how narrow you will remain. The Kingdom of Heaven is not just one nation's Kingdom of Heaven.

You need to know how Hyo Jin Nim was raised. Father sacrificed his own children and took care of us Cain children. Father practiced this principle of loving the Cain children more than the Abel children. Sometimes, the True Children asked their parents: "Why don't you take care of us?" Don't you think the True Children really wanted to receive love from True Parents directly, but we stole from True Parents the time which they could have spent with True Children. What is the most important thing for the child? The best thing for the child is papa or mama. When a child has difficulty or is sick, the child will call "papa-mama." When the child

needs something or doesn't understand something, he will call "papa-mama." Why? Because for the child, the parents are almighty and omnipotent, like God. When the child is threatened by some big strong guy, the child goes to mama, even if the mother is a very skinny, tiny mother. In the child's mind, his parents are the strongest in the world.

Actually, we stole from True Children this name of "papa-mama," because we call True Parents "papa-mama." When we have some difficulties or problems, we go to True Parents and from early morning until late evening, we don't leave True Parents. Many, many leaders are there, so True Children cannot spend time with them. For example, when True Parents ate, they always ate with leaders while the True Children had to eat in the kitchen. But when True Children grew up, they realized: "Oh, this was really love from True Parents." This is just like when Abraham offered Isaac as a living offering. At that time, Isaac agreed to be killed. This is exactly how the True Children behaved. How do you think True Children feel seeing us if we are not qualified in the same way. Don't you think that True Children are saying: "We sacrificed ourselves and in-

vested ourselves totally; please, you do the same."

Until now, we could not do the 12-up. Why? Because, we stayed in the same place. We have to quickly make a foundation in the East. That's why Father asked us to use half of our budget to help the East and one-third of our members to be mobilized there. You have been witnessing in the West, but without bringing any results; but now the fruits of all our efforts and investments which we made in the West are blooming in the East. That's why I want to make sure that Eastern leaders do not think: "Oh, because we made effort, fruits came." That is wrong thinking. God and True Parents have been investing in the West. Then, on this foundation, the fruits came in the East.

What is the meaning of the fact that 500 people came from the East to the CARP Convention? Of course, not all are members yet, but this is already the sign from God telling us that we have to lay the foundation in the East. If many fruits were coming in the West, then nobody would want to go to the East. Why did God allow so few fruits to come in the West? This was a sign from God that the West has to go to the East. □

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Filial Children of Our True Parents

Unification Church—which is you. For example, my sister Un Jin Nim and I are trying out for the Olympics once more to establish victory for True Parents. However, that victory is not our own, for we're representing True Parents and the True Family, which is you. My older brother has been standing here in front of you, offering his heart and soul—every ounce of his blood and energy in hopes that you may be able to understand True Parents; he wants to bring victory in CARP for your sakes. My sister In Jin Nim will be going to Harvard, to learn all the knowledge of the outside world and acquire the ability to express True Parents' wishes to mankind and to bring victory to you. So don't feel that you are alone; we are always with you and we shall constantly be with you.

In the same way, please go out to the world and spread your wings, shining like the great men and women you could be. Please be exemplary in your communities, your nation and the world. Live up to your expectations and the expectations that Father has for all of you. Do you pledge to do this? Raise your hand please. Thank you! □

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World Pioneering Condition

In September 1990 Father announced the beginning of a 12-year world pioneering condition for American members, formally named the International Exchange Program. In this issue, we are publishing several of the first testimonies from Americans returning from their 40-day pioneering condition, and will continue to publish more in future issues.

Hope, after Tears and Sacrifice

La Paz, BOLIVIA

by David Malloch

I arrived in Bolivia on October 22, 1990, after 20 hours in the air, to begin my 40-day pioneering condition. La Paz is the highest capital in the world. The airport where I landed is at 13,000 feet, and the rarity of the atmosphere hits you like a brick wall as soon as you get off the plane. Apparently the air is so thin that they don't need a fire department because there is not enough oxygen for the flames to spread! This is a land of many extremes: I was bound to the tropical lowlands which with their hot steamy climate and torrential thunderstorms, are very different from the chilly highlands.

Bolivia is also a country with tremendous mineral resources. It should be the richest country in South America, but in fact it is the poorest. Bolivia has suffered greatly from centuries of corrupt dictatorships and has been referred to as "a beggar sitting on a chair of gold." The city of Potosi, which is even higher than La Paz, was built on a mountain of solid silver and the Potosi mine, the most productive the world has ever known, underwrote the Spanish economy and the extravagance of its monarchy for over two centuries. Indians were impressed into slavery in the mines and were required to remain underground for four months at a time. When they emerged, they had to have their eyes bandaged to protect them from the dazzling sunlight. A total of eight million Indians and imported African slaves died in those mines. Bolivia has a very tragic history including the present where there is still much corruption in the government.

However, during my forty days, I found much cause for hope.

As soon as I got off the plane in La Paz, things started happening. Not knowing where to go, I followed a group of businessmen into what I thought was customs' check. Inside was a red carpet, some rather lush furniture and a TV camera. One dignitary seemed to be the center of attention. I thought to myself, "Boy, this is a pretty fancy customs." I tried to ask when the suitcases were coming but no one could speak English. Finally someone asked me if I was a diplomat. It was then that I realized I was in the wrong place! Now if I had been smart, I would have played along with it and witnessed to whoever the dignitary was, but the prospect of being arrested for spying on my first day in

All you have to rely on is your own resourcefulness and your faith in God and True Parents.

Bolivia was not appealing, so I bolted for the door! I was met by our members and taken to the center. They had prepared the prayer room for my stay and when I saw their beautiful picture of True Parents I was moved to tears. I felt True Parents were very close. That night many spiritual visitors came to see me, so many that I could not sleep. I felt the spirit world was watching me very closely.

The missionary to Bolivia, Haruhiko Iwasawa, has been there for fifteen years and I could understand how difficult his course had been. Both his sons had died and were buried in La Paz—due perhaps to lack of proper medical care or to the high altitude. He felt it was a condition

to save Bolivia and since their passing, the whole political and spiritual atmosphere has changed. After centuries of military coups and violent rev-

olutions, the country has now achieved some stability and quality people are listening to the Principle. Certainly, whatever was accomplished during my 40 days there was solely on the merit of his foundation, and I want to pay tribute to him and his wife.

I left the next day for Santa Cruz. One brother, William Cruz, came with me to help. Haruhiko had asked one CAUSA contact to let us stay in this home. His name was Señor Mayser and he turned out to be quite an influential person. He had run for vice-president of Bolivia at one time and was very active in local politics. Many evenings he would appear on TV and wherever we went, everyone knew him. He asked about CAUSA a lot and thought that Dr. Pak was a truly great man. His family really extended their hospitality to William and myself.

I quickly found that God had prepared many things for me: I was able to rent a room downtown, someone else had a blackboard which we carted across town tied on the top of

a taxi, and I rented some chairs from the bar next door. I had brought a VCR and some Spanish DP video tapes, so we made a sort of video center. Finally we put a sign on the door—"Nueva Vision de Una Paz Mundial—Movimiento de Unificacion." Witnessing in a foreign language turned out to be fun. I appeared like a confused foreigner: "Perdonez senor, no habla espanol... misionario... conferencia... video... muy bueno... vamanos," Usually they'd think it was some emergency and this poor lost American needed help. It was a real attention-getter. After that William would talk to them and usually they would agree to watch a video.

During this time my prayer life im-

proved considerably. The nights in Santa Cruz are hot and humid; there would be torrential rain with great booming thunderclaps, dogs snarling, the beat of the disco, a rooster that crowed every hour right outside my window—and I'd be sweating all night long! In the middle of that I found great tranquility in prayer, and could pray very easily. I had brought my pictures of True Parents, Heung Jin Nim, and Grandmother Hong, and the Grandmother Hong prayer candle. Just to pray by candlelight late at night in a foreign land was such a deep experience. I could have prayed for hours. I felt

Mayser. We came to understand each other quite well. He was always telling me about the latest scandal in the government or how much protection money officials were getting from drug dealers. We'd be driving by a sprawling mansion and he'd say, "Narco-traffico." I came to know him as a righteous man of barely moderate means. The house in which we stayed didn't look like the house of a vice-presidential candidate: the roof leaked, there was no hot water, I found two lizards in my bed, and it was not uncommon to find ants crawling across my plate at mealtime.

On one occasion they took me to a Bolivian wedding. This began at 10 p.m., dinner was at midnight, and the festivities continued until 4 a.m. Now at these weddings everybody kisses everybody—an event which I tried desperately to avoid all night long! However, Señora Mayser did insist that I dance with her and so rather than cause a major outrage I allowed myself to be whirled around the dance floor alternately by the Señora and then by her sister-in-law. But I will say that I did not dance with any woman under 55

cance of Heung Jin Nim's ascension. I gave Miguel money for the bus to La Paz to hear a 2-day workshop from Tom Fields, the regional director, and I recently heard that both he and his friend Francisco attended the workshop and may go to Argentina with Tom for further training.

Probably the deepest experience I had was with a group of Chinese boys who had fled China after Tiananmen Square. They had come to Bolivia because it is the easiest country in the world to get into, but they were stuck there, unable to get a visa to enter the United States. They had opened a restaurant just to survive and I happened to meet them. They were a great bunch—bright, intelligent, good-humored young men. It was a real joy to be around them. One of them in particular had such a beautiful spirit. His mother was a leading heart surgeon in China and his father was an expert in Chinese art. He himself had been somewhat of an activist and thought it wise to leave quickly after Tiananmen Square. In tears he told me about his friend whom he loved like his own brother, who was shot by the government.

One night I brought a guitar over and we sang songs all night long: I in English, they in Chinese—many beautiful moving songs written by young people in China about freedom, peace and love. We went beyond the boundaries of language and culture. Truly our hearts were touched that evening. I felt the enormous potential there is in China—a thousand million people with no religious prejudices, who know for a fact that communism doesn't work and are looking for a new vision.

One Chinese girl who worked in the restaurant and spoke no English had been observing me and was aware that I was a missionary. Too shy to approach me directly, she passed a note to me. The note was in Spanish and I could not understand it. Finally I figured out that it meant, "Please help me find God." I was so moved by her sincerity and desperate desire to find the truth. We tried to communicate in Spanish but hers was almost as bad as mine. Gradually I came to understand her plight: fleeing from a hostile government, trapped in a foreign land, unable to speak the language, not knowing anyone, wanting to come to America but unable to obtain a visa, and at the same time longing so much



David Malloch (front row center), with six guests who just heard about Father's life course, looks healthy indeed as he concludes his stay in Bolivia.

very close to True Parents, Heung Jin Nim, and Grandmother Hong. I sensed they were waiting eagerly for my report of what I had done that day. Also when I specifically prayed for certain things to happen, they very often did. Sometimes I received direct guidance about where to go, when and who to talk to. I had deep feelings about the meaning of the 40-day pioneering and its significance as a condition for America, for Bolivia, for me and my family. I felt there had to be some internal change in myself, a change that I could bring back to America and to my mission there.

I prayed a lot for the Mayser family and my relationship with them deepened. I was studying Spanish every day and I began to communicate with Señor

years of age!

Witnessing continued very well. Forty people came to the video center and perhaps 7 continued to study the Divine Principle. One young boy would work all night and then come and hear lectures. When we arrived at 9 a.m. to open the video center, he'd be waiting outside. Two other brothers finished 7 day workshop and heard Father's life. They both signed membership: one, Genaro, was a philosophical Christian, and the other, Miguel, a gentle, artistic brother. Miguel gave me two of his sketches, one of Jesus, the other of "El Mundo Ideal." Miguel in particular plied me with questions about True Parents and the True Children, wanting to know each of their characters and the signifi-

to find God.

Quickly I got on the phone to Seattle (not an easy matter in Bolivia) and asked them to send the Principle of Creation tape in Mandarin. Three weeks and a lot of fervent prayer later it arrived. I almost couldn't believe it when I had the three of them sitting there ready to watch Divine Principle. After the lecture I was utterly stunned by their reaction. They said the Divine Principle that was written on the blackboard in Chinese characters was much deeper than what the lecturer was saying. It was the first time

they'd heard it, for goodness sake! I was very impressed by their thoughtfulness and depth, finding them to be very open and receptive to new thought. I realized that I needed some printed matter and had a Mandarin Level Four sent from the United States. They are all trying to come to America and I hope when they do, we can meet again. Certainly we made a deep connection and they could grasp something of Father's vision and the Unification Movement, particularly Father's projects in China. I think this will bear fruit in the future.

To conclude I feel this 40-day pioneer witnessing is a great tradition, one that we can take great pride in. It is also very healthy for one's spiritual life. It is just a breath of fresh air to be in a foreign country where everything is new and you can't speak the language, and all you have to rely on is your own resourcefulness and your faith in God and True Parents. It is also very good for one's marriage. What a moment it was to be reunited with my very pregnant wife at the airport and to have my 2-year-old daughter rush into my arms. □

Serving: True Father's Business

Madrid, SPAIN

by Cynthia Edwards

When I was six years old, my family moved from our hometown in New York to Madrid, on my father's business. We stayed for three years. Thirty years later, I travelled again to Madrid, on my True Father's business, and this time celebrated my sixth spiritual birthday in that city.

Coincidences of this order are rare in a life of faith. I had to believe God's hand was genuinely in the lottery that assigned us to our countries. But even while I was admiring God's modus operandi, I struggled with going to a civilized Western capital, when I had longed all my adult life to do "real" missionary work in the Third World.

Again, God came to the rescue. One drizzly, cold November day as I was driving through the streets of southeast Washington DC, pondering how to approach my overseas mission, my eyes were drawn to a homeless old man in a bright pink blanket, trying to sleep in a bus shelter. In the instant I looked at him, he looked directly into my eyes. I parked the van, put some money in my coat pocket, and approached the greasy old stranger. I tucked my coat around his shoulders the way I tuck blankets around my little boy at night. As I did, I felt my heart swell with the same mother's love, and tears coursed down my

cheeks.

So there it was. Father asked us to go to our country as a servant of servant, and taking it literally, I decided to serve the street people of Madrid.

From this point of internal departure, the rest of my plans fell easily into place. I found a soup kitchen in Madrid run by the Missionaries of Charity, and I joined them. These are Mother Teresa of Calcutta's heroic sisters. They devote themselves to serving the presence of Christ in his "distressing disguise" as the poorest of the poor. For me it was the fulfillment of a long-held dream to work beside them.

I stayed in the Unification witnessing center in Madrid, a comfortable apartment near the university. I soon learned about the distressing spiritual state of the country.

I became aware of a pervading set of values that seems very unevolved compared to the United States.

The Spanish President uses drugs recreationally, which is not illegal. The Vice-President is known for having two families, one legitimate, one not. Pornographic movies are open to all ages, in a deliberate policy to "liberate" the Spanish people from old-fashioned ideas of morality. Anti-clerical scorn is poured out in the daily newspapers. Terrorists set off car bombs at will, the youth are smoking themselves into early graves, and the women adorn themselves with the skins of endangered animal species.

The Spanish youth are without exception beautiful to look at. The boys are handsome, and the girls are lovely, with their

wavy brown hair, clear skin, and deep, dramatic eyes. But by the time they reach middle age they become sallow and haggard looking, beyond the succor of cosmetics and fashion. I firmly believe that they grow ugly because they have lost God.

God, however, is not lost. God goes where He is welcome. And by following my inspiration, I found God in the soup kitchen run by the "Indian sisters" in the famous blue-and-white saris.

Situated on the Ronda de Segovia in the shadow of the Royal Palace, every

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afternoon an average of 200 poor or homeless people gather at the comedor for a free meal, and to receive the nourishment of God's love, meted out generously by the nuns and their dedicated co-workers.

My first job at the soup kitchen was to chop up hairy pig's trotters for the stew. I regret to report that at that moment, I felt that it was truly more blessed to give than to receive. But after a few days' experience I realized that the menu was generally delicious and healthful. I became expert at preparing bucketfuls of potatoes, stacks of cookies, and laden platters of sliced chorizo (sausage). After the meal I helped clean the kitchen.

en, dining room, and eating utensils with large quantities of bleach. A young priest remarked candidly, as we rolled up our sleeves to wash 230 plates after Christmas Eve supper, that disinfectant is the most heavenly perfume you can wear after being among the street people.

The high point of my day, every day in Madrid, was that one blessed hour in which I helped serve the dinner. In this moment I felt the closest to True Father, who loved and served his fellow prisoners in death camps and jails. Now I know the smells his nostrils have been filled with, sharing a room with people who had no facility for washing. I know what it is to give fresh clothes to a man whose shirt and pants are covered in blood, judging only his need and not his worth. I felt God's love flow through me as I poured a cup of water or filled a plate with second portions, and served it with so much love and care as if I were serving True Parents themselves. I received joy that lifted me up until I felt light as a feather when an old Portuguese seaman mumbled, "Gracias, bonita" ("thanks") as I passed by with the kettle of hot chocolate.

Mother Teresa says, "Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them." Amen, Mother Teresa.

Remembering the aggressively secular spirit of Spain, and the tragic lack of spiritual babies in our movement there, was it not miraculous that I met and worked alongside some of the most Abel-type of the religious people in Spain? The soup kitchen is run by only two nuns, Sister Lavinia, an Indian, and the superior of the order in Spain; and Sister Paul, a Spanish sister. Neither of these sisters top 5 foot in height, but such is their spiritual power and vertical connection to God and Jesus, they can manage 200 mostly male and sometimes rowdy street people. But they couldn't serve them all without a lot of volunteer help.

The soup kitchen requires at least 10 assistants daily to complete all the preparation, dinner service, and cleanup in a reasonable time frame. Day by day, as we peeled vegetables, passed plates, and soothed lonely souls together, the

co-workers learned who I was and why I had come to Spain. I had sacrificed spending Christmas at home with my individual family, for the greater good of the greater family: God's family. Most of my companions were so inspired by this that they changed their minds about the Unification Church. One lovely lady, born on Christmas Eve and so named "Nativity," took a great interest in our beliefs and practices, and asked me to think of her as my mother!

But the greatest gift of all was a volunteer who appeared for five minutes

meal, in Spanish and English, led by Sister Paul, and prayers were offered by the Poles and Arabs. I was so inspired by this. It was like being in a Unification family!

The greatest times of all were the celebrations of Nochebuena (Christmas Eve), and Christmas Day. We had a Nativity scene set up in one corner of the room, and the people dressed up as the different characters: Mary and Joseph, shepherds, and the three kings. A band provided enthusiastic music for Christmas carols, and some of us broke out



Cynthia Edwards (second from the right) celebrates Christmas Eve in Madrid with the Missionaries of Charity and the director of the volunteers in a soup kitchen which serves food to over 200 homeless individual daily.

one day in the soup kitchen, and soon thereafter became my spiritual child. This sister, apparently raised in a shaft of spiritual light that broke through and protected her from the heavy spirit world of Madrid, has been a believer in Unificationism for years, without ever having met a member of our church. Had I not been there, in those five minutes between her arrival and her sudden departure to assist an injured woman, both God and I would have lost what I now know to be the real reason I was sent to Madrid.

The poor people of the soup kitchen came from many countries: Morocco, West Africa, Poland, Portugal, and Spain. We prayed together before every

into charismatic dancing, our feet motivated by the joy in our hearts. The Poles, young men far from home, sang endless sad lullabies to the Child born on that holy night. The young Arabs competed with driving drum tempos and traditional dances.

The food looked delicious—roast chicken, shellfish soup, sweet almond paste, and other delicacies, and even a celebratory glass of wine. I had been surviving on bread and coffee since my arrival and I began to feel quite hungry! But I was determined that the poor would have a better Christmas than I did. Externally, perhaps they did, but internally, I am sure I had the best time of any human being in Madrid. □

The Budding of Eternal Life

Moscow, SOVIET UNION

by Ron Beatteay

Isaiah 61:11—"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

First, I wish to express my deep gratitude to God and True Parents for this sobering experience. Though we were sent to serve and give to the people there, I have to wonder if it wasn't we who received the greater education.

When I reflect on what I've seen and experienced in the Soviet Union these 40 days, my heart goes through many things. I am humbled. I am grateful, relieved and proud. The truth is, I don't think that words can do justice to the dramatic events unfolding there. What I saw there, I have been longing to see here in America.

Through the many grand monuments, statues and paintings that you can find almost everywhere, I could feel that this nation was once bursting with pride and national vision. If the statues could speak they would probably shout out something like: "Who can doubt the righteousness of our cause? It is futile to stand in our way!"

I can see in my mind's eye the image of Father awake, late into the night, deep in thought and prayer, knowing that he must take this raging bull by the horns.

Throughout Moscow, Leningrad and other cities, students who have been to America on the International Leadership Conference (ILC) tour are continuing their Principle study. They are bringing their friends also, and now the problem is finding lecture halls large enough to accommodate everyone. But more than that, through the bonds of love and friendship I could feel growing there, I know that the family of God and our True Parents has truly taken root in the Soviet Union.

Fourteen brothers and sisters from

America joined the small CARP staff already working there and quickly became involved in an avalanche of tasks. We helped establish a new Video Center where students could come for lectures and discussion. Since students were coming throughout the day and night we had to develop a schedule so that someone would always be there to serve them and answer any

questions. We divided up into teams so that we could attend the lectures that were being held throughout the city and have group discussion. We also went on very interesting shopping adventures so that the students could always have some kind of food and refreshments, which most of the time they just seemed to nibble.

The students themselves made considerable effort in keeping up with the lectures. Having their regular class load and final examinations, it wasn't a small sacrifice for them to set aside four to six

hours a week to study the Principle.

Within a few days of my arrival in Moscow I met a young woman in the Post Office. She caught my attention because she had a Russian/English dictionary in her hand just like mine. I thought that she was either an American or a Russian who is learning English. I walked by her a couple of times and decided that I had to talk to her. I was happy to find out that she was a doctor and she was happy to meet an American. I explained that I was there to study Russian and also that I was helping to establish a church in Moscow. She was interested and we exchanged phone numbers. Her name is Marina.

Within days she was also going to the various institutes where the lectures

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were being held. In one institute she had to go around opening all the classrooms until she found the right one. As I got to know her better, I found her to be a serious and thoughtful person. She asked me more than once if I "really un-



Dr. Seuk and Pres. Baughman are pictured with a few of the Soviet students and some of the pioneers from America. This picture shows how cramped are the teaching centers but how bright is the hope and love generated in similar rooms all over Moscow.



Ron happily embraces his spiritual daughter and several new-found Soviet friends.

derstood" life in the Soviet Union. I think this was because she knew that foreigners in Russia could enjoy privileges that would insulate us from deeply understanding their difficulties.

I spent one Saturday afternoon at her apartment. I brought my guitar and began singing some songs from our songbook. She played some songs on her piano, both Western songs and songs of the "Revolution." She said at one point, "You love your country don't you?" I felt that she was speaking as one who painfully wished that she could feel the same way. I spent the rest of the evening teaching her the "Principle of Creation."

So many things she said and did taught me the painful reality of their lives. I gave her some of the canned salmon that I had brought with me, thinking that she would share it with her mother in a day or two. After a couple of weeks, I asked her how she had liked it. She replied, "I haven't eaten it yet. In May we are going to be hungry, and then I will be happy to eat it." Later, I gave her the rest of the food I had brought with me, plus a few simple things that are hard to find: Q-tips, a can opener, hair shampoo, and so on, which she shared with her mother and brother.

For our Christmas party we put together a collection of gifts to give the students. We found a plastic Christmas tree and decorated our apartment. I'm sure that for some, including Marina, it was their first Christmas celebration. But it was also an occasion where most of us would have to say goodbye, since our flight back to America was sche-

duled for the next day. Jack Corley gave a serious talk about Father's hope for the Soviet Union, and the need for the students themselves to become leaders, teachers and children of God.

Saying goodbye was difficult. The last night, I walked with Marina and several others to the subway. Since we were taking different trains we were standing and waving from opposite sides of the platform. I didn't want to board the train so I let a couple of people pass and just kept waving. Such beautiful people they are! What a crime it is for these barriers to have been erected, causing us to have lived together on this earth as enemies.

The Soviet Union is experiencing real economic hardship now, and for most of her citizens it is hard to see hope on the horizon. What is also needed is a deep sense of spiritual heritage, which comes from the acknowledgment of God as a part of Russia's national history and daily life, similar to the recognition given to the Pilgrims and Puritans who came to America through purely religious motives, and our founding documents that acknowledge God's sovereignty over men and guarantee religious freedom.

What is knocking at the door of Moscow is a new heritage, a sacred cornerstone, one that even America would envy. How proudly they will tell the story of having received the True Parents and offered their best and brightest to be taught and raised up by them. For this I am proud of them. I was doubly moved to watch them listen to Father's life and nod in silent understanding.

Upon my arrival in New York, I was told that my wife Arlette had given birth to our first child, a boy, on December 25—exactly 40 days after I left for Moscow. □

"An American with Love"

L'Estaire, HAITI

by Matthew Cowin

It was a hot October afternoon when I arrived in Port-au-Prince. By the time I had finished the half-hour cab ride to the home of our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Nishijima, my heart was pounding. Even though I knew that Haiti was one of the world's poorest countries, I could never have prepared myself to experience what those words meant.

After a couple of days I realized that the time had come for me to go to my assigned city. So on the third day I found myself and 50 other people squeezed into a bus with seats for 24, winding our way around the potholes that litter the country's only highway.

When we arrived in L'Estaire it was pouring rain. I stepped off the bus into a foot of mud and was then quickly surrounded by a group of angry local people demanding in Creole to know why I had come. Haiti's first free elections in 200 years were just six weeks away and the people were so nervous.

Just as I was beginning to doubt if I would live through my first day alone, a young man called out to me in perfect English. David Leonard had recently moved back to Haiti from New Jersey, which is where I live with my family. I told him I was a missionary from America and had come to work in the community. From that moment on, he was my protector and friend. David found a house for me to rent—one room with no running water, no toilet and no electricity, except for an hour a day when it was least needed. Compared to other homes it was one of the nicest.



Matthew is pictured with several Haitian young men, one of whom had initially wanted him to leave the country.

That night, I remember telling Heavenly Father that whatever He wanted me to do I was willing. Maybe it was too simple a prayer, but I hoped it was what He wanted to hear.

The next morning as I wandered through the streets I found myself constantly being asked for money and taunted by kids and adults alike—"Blanc, Blanc" (which means white) they called me. It didn't seem to matter if they had money or not, they all expected me to give something to them.

The streets were muddy garbage dumps, and literal rivers of human waste surrounded the houses, causing a constant stench in the air. It wasn't the environment that was causing me to struggle but rather the question, "What should I do?"

I had heard from David that the only other foreigners in town were some nuns who ran a private Catholic school. I felt I should introduce myself to them. I was a little surprised when a little Japanese lady answered the door. Sister Abe had been in Haiti 14 years. She was joined by two nuns from Zaire and one from Haiti. They were not very welcoming, but when I showed Sister Abe a photograph of my wife, Sachiko, a slight smile came across her face. I tried to explain in my limited French why I had come. My being a member of the Unification Church startled them a little, but when I offered to help them two or

three days a week they cautiously accepted. However, instead of working in the school I found myself painting an old house for the teachers and the convent.

I prayed to Heavenly Father that I could make this a condition and, through this offering, I could begin to find a way to serve the people of Haiti and testify to our True Parents. Thinking of Father's example, I tried to work hard and as the days went by, the dingy convent seemed transformed, as was the sisters' attitude toward me. Sister Abe started to serve me refreshments and they

would share their lunch with me. If it was not for their kindness I don't know how I would have survived, knowing that if I had resorted to eating the local food I would have become ill.

People mostly eat beans, maize and rice. Because there is no refrigeration the condition of perishable foods is terrible. The smell of rotting meat as I walked through the market was almost unbearable. The drinking water comes straight from the river, which is also used for washing both humans and animals. In most cases people eat only once a day. On market day, people travel all night to reach L'Estaire. They then sleep for a few hours on the street and at 4 a.m. the market begins. As I walked through the market place I often came across women and children too exhausted to work anymore, sleeping in the mud. Out of desperation for food someone might try to steal something to eat. If they are caught, terrible things are done to them. One time I witnessed people beating an old man until he was almost dead. His crime? Stealing a handful of rice.

At night it was hard to sleep; I could never really feel safe, and the noise of people fighting or children being beaten often kept me awake. There is very little family structure in Haiti. Living next

door to me were two beautiful little girls, eight and nine years old, being taken care of by one lady. They were not sisters and she was not their mother. Someone paid the lady to let them live there although neither of them knew who their mother was and only one knew her father. This lady treated them so badly, making them work from early morning until late at night, beating them for the smallest reason. Yet for all their suffering they always had a smile for me and loved each other more than most sisters. Carefully, I found ways to look after them and tried to give them a little of the love they had never received from their parents.

To most people I was the possible source of their next meal. Many times I had listened to Father at Belvedere ask who will take responsibility for the 60,000 people that starve to death each day? I understood what Father was saying in my mind but could not feel it in my heart. But now looking into the desperate eyes of these people, I was beginning to understand. As a teenager I struggled so hard to understand the purpose of life yet never once did I ever have to think about how to maintain my physical life. How could I talk to these people about the Principle when they couldn't think of anything but how to fill their stomachs? I felt so helpless.

The land around L'Estaire is very flat, but one mountain stands about two miles outside of the town, called La Croix (The Cross). No one knows from

The words that would touch me so many times in the weeks to come seemed to fill the whole mountainside: "As a servant but with a father's heart."

where the name came but it is a tradition to go there to pray in times of difficulty. The path to the top is not an easy one, and as I made my way up the mountainside I thought of Father as a young man praying to understand the Principle.

When I reached the peak and looked out across the land for the first time, I could see the incredible beauty of this country. This moment of joy was cut short by two young men who interrupt-

ed my prayer. They had seen me making the climb and followed me. They started to beg me for money. I couldn't contain myself anymore. After telling them to leave me alone, I cried out to God, "What do You want of me?"

In that moment I was engulfed by the pain of God's heart. My mind wandered through the course of history—from the state of Adam and Eve after the fall and along the course of restoration. The words of the Principle that I read so many times came alive to me. I started to cry uncontrollably as God shared His Heart of suffering with me. How low we had become; how far we had gone from His beautiful ideal; how much grief His broken heart had endured. Then the words that would touch

for the anger that the teachers unleashed on me. There is so much bad feeling toward America. They told me of camera-wielding missionaries who had taken photos with the children to supposedly raise money for the school and were never heard of again. They told of how the sale of the rice crop, the only major source of income, had been undermined by cheaper rice being imported from Florida; of how America had supported the dictators and was therefore responsible for the deaths of thousands; of machinery they could not use being sent as aid packages.

There was nothing to say. I waited awhile and then asked what they needed. The list was endless. I chose a few things—tables, benches and blackboards—and said I would provide them, but I would need their help. These things were not to be given but to be built. At this suggestion, nearly everyone backed away—everyone except the school principal.

He and I worked hard together the next few days. The people came often to watch us and laugh at us. Even David asked why I was embarrassing myself. Sometimes I scolded them for not trying to help their own children, but I knew that it was useless to just talk.

Little by little, people started to change and offered us help or something to drink. When we were finished it was a great sight to see the smiling faces of the children. Many people treated me differently then and I could testify to Father every night to groups of people hanging out in the street and even in the churches. David translated and became

so proud to talk to his friends about Father.

The nuns offered for me to stay in the convent with them in a special room set aside for visiting Church officials. For me this was also a tremendous victory—as if they were inviting True Parents into their home. The Mother Superior and an English-speaking sister came to visit me from Port-au-Prince. This sister and I talked for many hours about Father, his vision for world peace and the Divine Principle. I could not accept their offer to stay in the convent as I felt I should live amongst the local people, not apart from them.

David became very serious to understand who Father is and when I told him he is the Messiah, he readily accepted. It was very painful to leave him just two days later, but I pray hard that he can be strong enough until I come again.

When I was preparing to get on the bus one of the men who had persecuted me the most came up to me, grabbed my hand and said, "Now I have met an American with love." As I sat in the bus, a tear trickled down my face. I had done so many things wrong, but somehow I felt God was happy in that moment.

I'm deeply grateful to True Parents for giving me this experience and wish to encourage all brothers and sisters of the American Movement to participate in this condition at this most crucial time. In the past, I felt we have let Heavenly Father down; let us make Him proud and bring True Parents the vindication that should have come so long ago. □



Little 8 year old Roslyn of Haiti, cooks the family dinner using the bare essentials both in food and equipment—all that is available to the majority of Haitian families.

me so many times in the weeks to come seemed to fill the whole mountainside: "As a servant but with a father's heart."

Images of God, Father and Jesus filled my mind's eye: How they had suffered to gain their disciples, how painful their crosses had been. I opened up my Bible and read the calling of the first disciples, from Matthew and from Acts; at the time of the Pentecost. A new power filled my body as I pledged that whatever the circumstances I must leave True Father's spirit in this land and in the hearts of the people.

When I returned to my house, David was waiting for me. He suggested that we visit the only public school in L'Estaire. The "schoolhouse" was an old concrete grain barn, with no windows and no electricity for fans. By mid-morning the heat was unbearable. I wasn't prepared

The Hearts of the People

Mbandaka, ZAIRE

by Tom Fasulo

While preparing to write this testimony, I thought over the many different aspects of my experience. I realize that my tendency at first, and also those of other brothers and sisters who had returned

from their countries, was to discuss the external difference and/or problems that we had encountered. Of course, there are countless political, sociological, and economic issues, for example, that are of great concern and interest to all of us. But those situations are not at the core of our experience. When all the externals are stripped away, what remains is the hearts of the people.

My city is Mbandaka, Zaire. It is not really a city; it is more like a village

despite its two hundred thousand residents. The majority of the people have very few possessions, but they make do by using everything to its maximum with an amazing combination of ingenuity and a will to survive. There is no government welfare system in Zaire,

The people of Zaire taught me what Father wanted me to learn; I only hope I was able to leave something of value in their hearts as well.

so if a person wants to eat, he must grow or gather food somehow. He cannot pick up food stamps or wait for a check in the mail. The result, in my town anyway, was what I thought of as a "true free market economy" driven by the human instinct for survival.

For example, there were many independent truck drivers doing deliveries in Mbandaka. Their trucks were not powered by gas and oil, but by the sweat of their brows. The "trucks" were

center to harvest the palm nuts from the trees in our backyard. He climbed the tall trees barefoot, using a strap woven out of vines, with a machete under his arm. He chopped at the huge clump of palm nuts until it went crashing to the ground. One brother in the center told me that the palm tree climbers have a superstition that if they drop the machete while climbing, it is an omen that they might fall, so they do not climb back up that same tree. It is a very difficult and dangerous job. Yet he received only 300 Zaires for each tree (about 15 cents). Again, so much work for so little.

Somehow, somehow in this difficult external situation, the people seem to have a certain dignity that, I think, is hard for Westerners like me to understand. We are so used to having everything, and most of the people I met are able to live having almost nothing.

However, one thing they do have is religion. Christianity is very strong—it is often interwoven with traditional beliefs and practices, creating a truly unique form of worship. I attended one



Tom with his arm around Maseko, a brother who teaches biology in Mbandaka, Zaire.

fact, it was the most sincere and heartistic Catholic service I have ever experienced.

The Unification Church center in Mbandaka has eight full-time members, and approximately thirty core home members. It is like most other church centers throughout the world, with morning service, fundraising, witnessing, and so on. But I felt something different there that I had never felt before. There was a deep longing in the hearts of the members for True Parents. I know Father talks about it, but I don't think I had ever experienced it until I met the members in Mbandaka. Whenever they had an opportunity, they asked me to tell them about my experiences with the True Family. In fact, they treated me as a representative of the True Family, a position that both inspired and humbled me at the same time. I realized how much I had to grow my heart to be qualified to take that position of a True Parent.

I may have gone to Zaire thinking I had so much to give and to teach, but I left there filled with so much I had been given and had learned. I think the people of Zaire taught me what Father wanted me to learn. I only hope I was able to leave something of value in their hearts as well. □



Tom poses with our members at the church run farm in Kinshasa, the capital of Zaire.

oblong metal boxes, maybe 3 feet by 5, resting on a single axle with two old car tires as wheels. I saw men pushing carts full of concrete blocks up steep hills in ninety-five degree heat. They worked so hard and for so little! I know it took more than just a strong body to push that cart.

One day a man came to the church

Catholic ceremony, held outside at dusk, lit up by a combination of spotlights (courtesy of a neighbor's generator) and kerosene lanterns. A group of about forty boys and girls sang Catholic hymns in Lingala (the local language) accompanied by conga drums. What I saw as a beautiful and unusual merging of cultures was very natural for them. In

The Loving Tree

by Sue Exler

There was once a beautiful tree, called the Loving Tree. It stood alone on top of a little hill that was covered with green clover, buttercups and bluebells.

Its trunk and branches were gold; its round leaves were pure white and glistened in the sun. There was a pale pink glow that shown all around the tree.

Surrounding the hill was a forest of birch trees that seemed to protect the Loving Tree, as it waved its branches in the peaceful and fragrant breezes.

There was something very special about the Loving Tree. Yes, it was a different color than most trees. But something quite different grew on its branches besides fruits or nuts. The Loving Tree bore gifts. On its branches grew gifts of all different shapes and sizes. Whatever anyone could have wished to have, hung from its branches in beautifully-colored, wrapped and ribboned boxes.

Many, many years went by with the peace surrounding the Loving Tree never being broken. Since no one traveled that way, no one knew about this very special tree.

Next to the hill where the Loving Tree stood was a little valley where a small village called Pippinville nestled among the hills and trees.

One morning, as the birds chirped merrily in the trees, three boys came bounding up the winding path from the village, laughing and joking together.

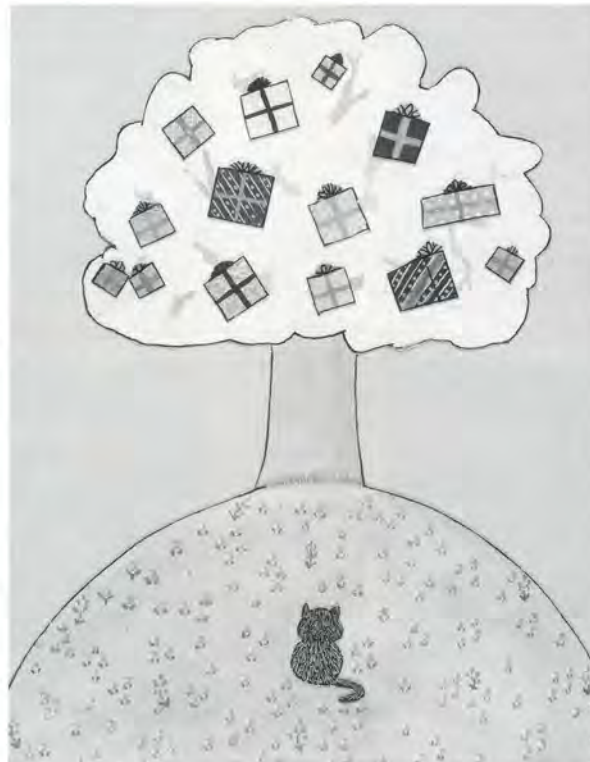
They pushed each other playfully, and began tumbling around on the grass together, yelling and shouting. The hills echoed with their laughter, until the sun was high above their heads. Then there was silence again in the hills of Pippinville as each eagerly opened a parcel they had brought with them.

"Mmmm. Mom always makes the best lunches!" said Murfie.

"Yeah, mine too," sighed Moo with delight, munching on a piece of rasp-

berry pie. "Hey guys. See that forest of birch trees up there? It sure is beautiful. My Dad calls it the 'White Forest.' Why don't we take a walk up there? We've never been up that way before."

"That's right, we haven't," replied Murfie. "And that's because we're not supposed to play that far away from the village."



"Aw, come on. Who's going to know? We'll be back before anyone knows we've been gone," said Moo. "Come on."

"Well, maybe you're right," said Murfie. "It won't cause any harm, I guess. Let's go, then."

"I'll stay here and wait for you guys, okay?" said Snuffy.

"Aw, come on, Snuff. We won't be gone long," said Moo.

"No, I'll wait for you right here," said Snuffy sitting down on a small white rock.

"Okay, fine. You're such a little fool sometimes, Snuffy. Maybe that's why

everyone laughs at you," said Murfie with a snort. He started to run toward the direction of the forest, with Moo following close behind him.

As Murfie and Moo entered the White Forest, a calm and peaceful silence came upon them. The white trunks of the birch trees surrounded them; as they walked, their feet shuffled through a wonderful carpet of bright yellow leaves. Sunbeams from high above passed down between the trees and seemed like heavenly guiding lights.

For an instant, Moo felt like running and jumping through the forest, but that feeling soon left him. It was so quiet and calm, it was almost like being in a church.

Murfie and Moo continued their journey, with only the rustling of leaves around their feet breaking the long silence.

On and on they walked until at last they came to the edge of the forest. As they pushed aside the branches of an old and gnarled birch tree, they both gasped. In front of them atop a flowered hill was the Loving Tree.

"Oh, Murfie!" cried Moo. "Did you ever see anything more beautiful in your life?"

Murfie still had his mouth hanging wide open, so it was difficult for him to reply. Moo grabbed Murfie's hand and they

ran up the hill together.

"Look at all those presents!" exclaimed Moo.

"Yeah. Aren't you glad we came?" said Murfie. As Murfie stared at the tree his eyes took in everything: the golden trunk and branches, the beauty of the pure white leaves shining in the sunlight. But especially his eyes focused on the beautiful shiny boxes with their colorful ribbons.

Slowly, Murfie and Moo walked around the tree. As if from far away they heard the birds singing in the trees as the fragrant breezes played gently with their hair—everything seemed like

a dream.

As Moo watched Murfie, the look in Murfie's eyes changed from wonder to greediness. Suddenly, all was quiet. The joyful chirping of the birds in the birch trees had stopped. There was no breeze.

Murfie lurched toward the Loving Tree and grabbed at a large gift hanging on a branch. The look in his eyes turned to astonishment when he found that the gift would not budge. He pulled and pulled, but the gift stayed on the Loving Tree.

Moo stared in surprise.

"I don't understand. Doesn't it come off?"

And then Moo began to grab at the gifts and together Murfie and Moo tugged and pulled, pulled and tugged. They ran around the tree grabbing at every gift they could reach, but none of them would budge.

Then Murfie and Moo became angry. They began to yell and scream at the tree. They kicked it again and again in their frustration.

Finally, huffing and puffing from his efforts, Murfie turned to Moo with an angry face and said, "Come on, Moo. This tree is no good. It's a junk tree. Let's go get an axe from home and chop this stupid thing down. We'll get these presents one way or another."

"Yeah, let's do it now! Why wait? This stupid tree has it coming! Come on, let's go!"

Murfie and Moo ran down the little hill and burst into the White Forest. There was only one thought in their minds: to get the axe. They no longer felt the calm and peace as before; now they only felt anger and rage.

Meanwhile, Snuffy had gotten up and entered the White Forest. He moved through it with feelings he couldn't name. Never had he seen a place so enchanting. He wanted to hug the lovely trees and thank them for the beauty that they had given him. He felt the trees somehow knew he was there. They had such a gentle and loving spirit. He knew they were more alive than they seemed, and he felt embraced by the beautiful forest. He went up to a great white birch and placed his hand on it. He almost thought he felt a heartbeat.

When Snuffy left the forest and the Loving Tree came into view, his heart stood still. As he climbed the hill, his eyes never left the Loving Tree. The pink glow around the tree became

brighter, and the breeze seemed to dance among the branches.

As Snuffy reached the top of the hill, he just stood there. He stared at the Loving Tree for a long time. After awhile he reached out and touched one of the white leaves; as he touched it, he heard a gentle tune. Music as quiet as the tinkling of a tiny stream came from the little leaf.

"You are so beautiful," breathed Snuffy.

And then he heard a deep sigh.

"Thank you. I am the Loving Tree," spoke a deep and gentle voice from far away.

"You bear many gifts," said Snuffy in awe.

"Yes," said the tree quietly.

"My sister has been sick for a long time. Do you think I might have one of your gifts? It would make her so happy."

"Love each other, give to each other and the Loving Tree will live in your hearts."

One of the beautiful gifts dropped down into Snuffy's arms. He gasped and hugged it to his chest.

"Yes, Snuff," said the Loving Tree, "Make your sister happy."

"Thank you, oh, thank you," said Snuffy.

There was a fluttering of wings above his head, and Snuffy looked up. Little birds were circling the tree, singing with great joy. The tree stood majestically under the blue sky and the pink glow was even brighter.

All the small animals had come out of the wood and were sitting among the wild flowers on the hill. There were white bunnies, chubby grey squirrels, white-spotted deer and red foxes. The pink glow around the Loving Tree grew and surrounded the little hill. Upon a gentle breath of air came the scent of many flowers. And as the breeze moved among the bright white leaves of the Loving Tree, there was the sound of music across the land.

Then the deep and gentle voice of the tree was heard, echoing across the hill: "Love each other, give to each other and the Loving Tree will live in your hearts."

Snuffy was overwhelmed. His heart ached with the perfection he had found.

He sat down on the hill and looked around; with his heart filled, his mind was at peace.

Suddenly there was a loud cracking noise! Murfie and Moo burst from the forest and ran up the hill. Murfie carried a large axe in front of him, shouting with excitement as he ran. The animals scurried madly this way and that, trying to find a hiding place. Snuffy jumped up, shocked and confused.

Murfie ran to the Loving Tree. Swinging the axe mightily again and again, he made great wounds in the golden trunk. Snuffy shouted and started running toward the tree; but he knew it was already too late. A golden fluid poured from the side of the tree. The leaves wilted and the tree began to fade.

"No! No! What are you doing?" cried Snuffy. He dropped to his knees beside the tree, and threw his arms around it.

But whatever he had grasped earlier, was no more. The tree faded away. As it faded, he heard a voice from somewhere crying, "Love each other, give to each other and the Loving Tree will live in our hearts...will live in your hearts...will live in your

hearts..." The voice faded as the tree faded, but the words continued to echo in Snuffy's mind even after the tree was gone.

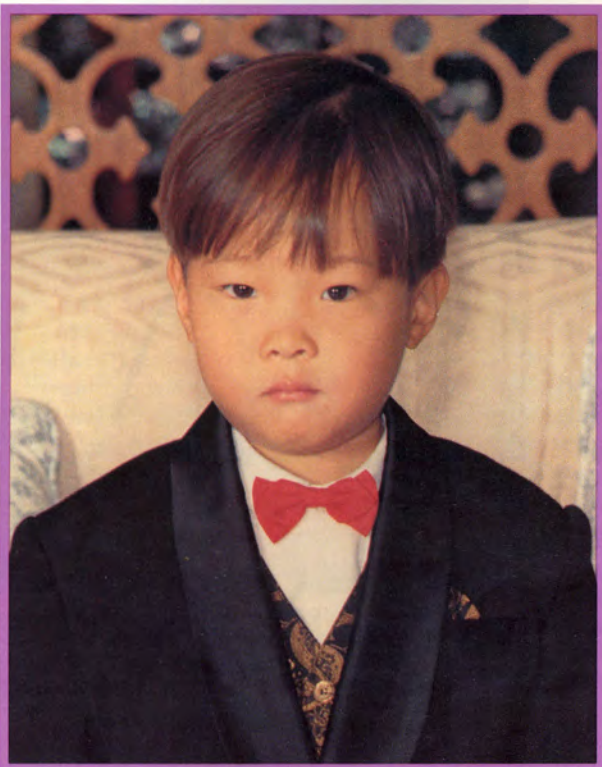
Murfie and Moo stood there with their eyes wide open in shock. Then their faces fell and their shoulders drooped. Shame came over them as they realized what they had done. Snuffy held the gift tightly in his arms and with tears streaming down his face, slowly walked down the hill toward home.

Later that evening as Snuffy lay in bed, he thought about everything that had happened. Then he cried himself to sleep. He tossed and turned as he slept. Then he had a dream.

The Loving Tree came to him and said, "Don't worry Snuffy. If you really believe in love, I will come again some fine spring day. Until that time, let me live in your heart. Don't forget me. Look for me, Snuffy, look for me..."

Snuffy began dreaming that he was sitting on the flowered hill with all the small animals around him and he was with the Loving Tree once more. Snuffy lay peacefully and slept on. □

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We would also like to extend birthday greetings to Jin Whi Nim, who became 27 on December 4, 1990.

John Novak

by Victoria Clevenger

When I first met John in November 1980, he told me he felt God wanted him to promote morality and to eventually become president of the United States. The more I came to know him, the more sure I was that God indeed knew John's capability—he could have become an excellent God-centered president. And the more John understood how God was working through our True Parents, the more absolutely he was committed to becoming a true son of heaven, in every sense of the term.

John was (and, of course, still is) an extraordinary example of the kind of child of God that True Parents encourage us to be: enthusiastic, initiating, determined, generous, sacrificial, pure, and dedicated to doing God's will. Once he understood that God's heart was suffering and that his own heart was unable to feel deeply, he made constant effort to awaken his ability to perceive God's heart. With him I experienced how close and heart-opening a parent-child relationship can be when the child shares completely and trustingly. He extended this beautiful filial heart to God and True Parents and was so delighted when he began to be able to pray with tears.

John was born on March 30, 1958 in the same area that he passed on—Washington DC—though he grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the third of nine children. After being educated in Catholic schools with a mind toward becoming a church leader, he earned a degree in political science from a Jesuit university in Wisconsin and then spent a year serving as a VISTA Volunteer in Alaska. John had many abilities, including in sports. His brother Tom observed that John could even have been a professional ball player but always "sought a path of living for the betterment of all others." After much careful examination of our movement, he joined in San Francisco, California in 1981.

Probably because of his warmth, courage, and tremendous "people ability" John was an excellent fund-raiser and humbly worked for many years on trav-

eling teams to support the UC headquarters. He welcomed the opportunity, when it came, to live in New York and always made a point of being the first one in line at Belvedere to hear Father speak, no matter how late he had been up working. He reveled in being right in front of Father and felt he and Father really came to know each other through their interaction there. John's example moved other members to also begin coming early. There were many times when John's natural leadership and enthusiasm for setting the highest standard inspired those around him.

John worked with the Global Economic Action Institute in New York and then, after returning from Korea where he was blessed to Ritsuko Novak in January 1989, he came to the Washington DC area to work with the American Constitutional Committee (ACC) the field to which he had always felt most called. There was no salary for him, but he didn't even expect it. He was quite happy to raise funds on the weekends and devote himself completely to ACC work during the week. He and Ritsuko lived with my family during that time, and I was both proud and challenged by seeing him maintain a consistent standard of fasting, of going out to pray early each morning, and of praying with Ritsuko each night.

After only six months in the area, he and Ritsuko were asked to take care of True Parents' house in Virginia. Their graciousness and capability impressed all who met them at Jefferson House, and True Parents always enjoyed visiting there. I really felt God's hand in trusting John and Ritsuko with that mission—both because they served True Parents and the elders of the church so beautifully and because it enabled John to personally interact with True Parents, an opportunity he cherished profoundly and might not have had otherwise.

While John was there he contracted a very aggressive form of lymphoma, but



John and Ritsuko Novak took loving care of True Parents' residence in Washington DC. Tom McDevitt spoke of John as an "outstanding individual and most memorable was his deep love for True Parents and how he expressed that love every moment."

he continued to serve and give. Nicholas Buscovich, the Washington DC church leader, shared that at the onset of his illness, when John was feverish and weak but hadn't yet been diagnosed as having cancer, he still wanted to honor a commitment he had made to fundraise on Thanksgiving for the church. Throughout his battle with the disease John was always positive, hopeful, uncomplaining, determined to do his 100% to get well, but also completely willing to go to spirit world, if that were his course. He passed into the spirit world on December 4, 1990.

Many of us can echo Bradford Parker's heartfelt testimony at John's Sung-hwa, "What I really treasure in life is a true friend. John was someone who never let me down, a wonderful example, and a great inspiration. I feel so fortunate to have him as a friend."

All who know you, John, thank you so much for your nobility and for the many glimpses of heaven you enabled us to experience. We pray our memory of you will empower us to make the impact for goodness you would have made if you had continued to live on earth. And, as my children now pray every night, "Please bless Uncle John have a good time in spirit world." We love you very, very much. □

Home to God's Heart

Esther Emakuneyi, a church member living in the Ivory Coast, passed into the spirit world on July 10, 1990. She was the 15-year-old daughter of Elizabeth Emakuneyi and Franz Baatenburg. Esther's love for Heavenly Father and True Parents is deeply moving. Her life is a wonderful example of the true Abel heart. Esther wrote the following letter to her spiritual daughter, Vivian. The mature and loving heart that Esther expresses in it is so pure and parental that we wanted to share it with you.

"Dear Vivian,
How are you doing? I miss you a lot but I was happy to hear your voice over the radio but there were some things you said that I couldn't hear clearly and that I asked you to write down.

My daddy is coming to Liberia but I think he will only stop at Sinoe; maybe you can communicate to him through radio and arrange how you can send my packet of cookies and doughnuts. But remember to not use white flour nor white sugar but brown, and also no coloring. Please keep the clothes your mother made for me safely until I come back. You can also check on our house to make sure everything is okay.

Please remember to take care of Iren-er, Zelda, Rose and Alice—having Principle discussion with them, teaching them Divine Principle step by step according to your notes. Alice should have "Divine Principle 6-Hour Lecture" and "New Vision for World Peace" and also she should have her 2-day workshop notes. You can ask her. You can invite all of them to student movement meetings and try to bring new people. How are the meetings for students get-

ting on anyway? Any progress? Are they planning other workshops? I hope so. Anyway, I know the situation in the country is not easy. I am praying for you every day. Keep safely indoors during dangerous hours of the day.

Please pray constantly.

Have a strong and deep conversation with Heavenly Father, for He understands your heart perfectly well. You must try to understand His. No matter what keep strong and of good courage—it is important at this time. Always connect to the church. Where do you have Sunday Service in Sinkor? I know it is not easy for you now, Vivian, but please be strong. I worry about you every day, but show me that there is no need to worry quite so much. I am right beside you in heart and spirit.

Try to serve your family the best way you can because that is the way to eventually win their hearts to God.

Have a happy spirit even though it may not be easy. I know you can do it.

We have to be very serious about witnessing, because soon people are to know who True Father is. We are living in a very important time. Your family should realize that sooner or later. We must find capable people who can understand Divine Principle and who can go to the World Cultural Festival Blessing in Korea next year. It will be a very big world event.

We should be thinking more and more of how we can work with the youth, ministers, government officials, and so on.

Educate your younger brothers and sister if not by word at least by

action. Sing Holy Songs aloud and try to have a nice family meeting with them centering on God. You can tell them your experiences, feelings, jokes, read Bible stories, study Divine Principle.

You can organize that well. Do you still have the money that we made from our business?

Please keep it well. If you always sing Holy Songs and pray strongly and even sometimes read Divine Principle aloud to yourself the spirit around your house will be bright because of you and good things will start happening

around you.

We are praying for Liberia every day. There is no such thing as a holiday; you have to continue working for Heavenly Father and True Parents wherever you are and whether you have a physical mission such as my daddy or a spiritual mission such as Home Church and witnessing.

We are living in a very exciting time just keep your head high—God is looking at you with great hope and expectation. You are a source of light and hope for Liberia. You must struggle a little longer, then you will see the true brightness of True Parents.

I have been very sick, but little by little I am recovering.

You can arrange with my daddy when we can speak with each other again. Please reply to this letter. Did you like the postcard of Abijian I sent? I have written to Iren-er and Alice, I want you to deliver the letters to them.

Good luck and may God bless and protect you. Let's pray we meet each other again soon.

Love, Esther"



Above: Esther (left) shares a happy moment with Vivian and her brother. Below: Franz Baatenburg with his wife Elizabeth at his side, reads a loving testimony to Esther at her memorial service.

How big your heaven is depends upon how many heavenly families you bring together with you when you go to spirit world—at least 120 families. I laid all the conditions, now you must be more dedicated to your 120 spiritual children than to your own children. Then the Kingdom of Heaven will come. We must become True Parents' representatives.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

January 1, 1991