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The Dawn of a New Day in Africa

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I feel sincere gratitude toward all who helped make the events in Africa great. We can all say it's clearly a new beginning in Shin Africa. For almost forty days, we had the FFWPU International Headquarters' support. We cannot forget the youth team from Universal Peace Academy, nor the missionaries. They were fantastic at helping us promote this providence. African members also worked hard, with all their hearts.

Africa has seen a lot of sun and the moon, now we are seeing a combination of the entire universe, the center of the universe, God's only daughter. She opened the door in Senegal by liberating Africa, creating a foundation to free Africa; finally, her love, grace and blessing are bearing fruit throughout Africa. Nobody can stop it.

I want all to know about what happened in Africa, what changed in human beings' lives and in African life. The Zimbabwe program name made it clear: Peace Starts with Me; Peace Starts with My Family. This was an initiative from our beloved True Mother, because national restoration should start there. Many religious and political leaders and chiefs participated in the blessing, which our True Mother openly gave for Africa.

Many received the blessing even before they came to the stadium. The pre-blessing reached 61,723 couples from mainly Apostolic and Pentecostal churches. How did that happen? Obviously because True Mother told us, go there, proclaim True Parents. People are ready to receive the blessing. This blessing news became like a fire, touching churches and communities and constituencies. It became a national movement automatically.

On that, I can say truly that the grace and the guidance came naturally from True Mother. She initiated it and gave all necessary internal resources. She opened the door for grace to enter. Eventually grace touched our African brothers and sisters. At the same time, we received the international headquarters' clear support. What happened? They grabbed True Mother's word, brought that into the field and advised us, so together we became one, as siblings under True Mother. That created synergy, so what we did not know, they knew; what they could not do, we could. We became like a mind and a body, united together and with God. True Mother you sent them.

The blessing was the center of everything. Mother came to Zimbabwe and the president received her in his home palace. Before True Mother came, the president had accepted that True Mother should come to Zimbabwe because she had touched them by her initiatives, by the word, the foundation and the vision of our beloved True Parents through UPF, IAPP, IAPD and the Association for Chiefs.

The day of the blessing was sunny, in November, the rainy season. We prayed not be disturbed by rain, but as a result, it was extremely hot. Because of the distance and timing, many people stayed home to follow the blessing by radio or television. That is how we came out with seventy-five thousand people blessed in Harare.

In Cape Town, South Africa, brothers and sisters chain fasted for three days each, especially, during the last thirty days. Some John the Baptist figures helped mobilize couples for the Interfaith Peace Blessing. I am particularly grateful to Prophet Samuel Radebe, founder of the Revelation Church of God. He beautifully and movingly introduced True Mother during the Peace and Family Festival. He also brought many couples from his church to the blessing.

One could also feel that True Mother worked hard in South Africa, preparing religious leaders, community leaders and others for the Africa Summit. That the Khoi-san representatives, usually called Bushmen, the Namas, Griques and Krakwas also took part in the summit and the blessing adding a special flavor and diversity to the events was moving to see. One of their chiefs attended the blessing and some of his children received the blessing. They want an MOU with UPF to seal the cooperation. The professors of the Bloemfontein Theological School, who also do much work in the Middle East, with UPF, also seek a partnership.

Thanks to True Mother, a blessing revolution is taking place in South Africa. The blessing ceremony moved many of the guests, including dignitaries from throughout Africa, who are looking forward to taking part soon.

In the celebration after the blessing, touched by True Mother's love, people sang, danced and ululated—a true expression of children responding with loud jubilation to their parent's love. True Mother sowed a meaningful seed. We will nurse it, water it and put enough fertilizer to make sure it bears much fruit soon. Thank you True Mother; we will not disappoint you! We know that True Mother liberated Africa in Senegal. That happened, so we are free! We are free to attend God Almighty. We are free to fulfill our responsibilities, and we are free to establish Cheon Il Guk.

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God's Hope for Humanity, Part One

Father gave this speech on October 20, 1973, at Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University in Washington, DC, on a twenty-one city speaking tour of the United States, one of several U. S. tours in 1973 and 1974. .





True Father went on three speech tours of the United States—visiting all fifty states—in the year he gave this speech, "God's Hope for Humanity." Above: Members are on the steps of Federal Hall on Wall Street in New York City promoting Father's speech at Carnegie Hall. Four hundred members worked hard to make that event a success.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your coming tonight. I thank God for this opportunity because I have been looking forward to visiting this city and meeting all of you.

Because we speak different languages, even though I can speak, from your standpoint I am mute. Also from my standpoint, even though you can hear, you are deaf. To correct this, we need the man standing next to me as my interpreter. However, as you know, interpretation from one language to another is not an easy task. So this man needs your sympathetic understanding. My topic tonight is "God's Hope for Humanity." This subject is vast in nature and rather complicated in nature. I will try my best to stay on the central point of my topic.

God and human beings as partners

If there is a God, God definitely needs human beings. God created all things, but in creation, human beings occupy the most precious and distinguished position. For us to have a clear understanding of the relationship between God and ourselves is therefore important. Historically, many theories arose concerning this relationship. Varying opinions, theological concepts and academic schools abound;

however, the true, living relationship between God and humankind remains an unsettled question.

Since this relationship is so fundamental to life, our understanding cannot proceed until we have clarified this question thoroughly. As we pursue the answer, we discover there are two main perspectives that we might take. One view is from God's standpoint; the other is from our viewpoint. Various religions have developed through developing these two perspectives and there must be one principle common to all religions, one that can clarify the relationship between God and ourselves. God wants us to understand this truth in the ultimate sense.

As someone living on earth, what do you consider most precious? If somebody were to ask you this question, I'm sure your answers would vary. Some might say, Power. Some would undoubtedly say, Money is everything. Others would suggest wisdom or knowledge. Are those elements—power, money, knowledge—the most important ones in life? If we take time to reflect on this question, we can conclude that ultimately, no one who will claim these as most precious. What, then, do we hold as most precious? When we look into this question deeply, other

thoughts emerge. We'd soon conclude that the most precious thing in life is love. Second to love, life itself is most precious. If we have love and life, we need one more thing—an ideal. These three elements, love, life and an ideal, are not just precious and profound in value; they are what make our lives worth living.

While it may seem like an expression from a fairytale, that we need to emphasize the notion of unchanging, unique and eternal love is understandable. No one wishes for love to change. Regardless of whether we are teenagers, middle-aged or senior citizens, we all wish for love that is eternal. In the same way, with respect to life, there is no one who wishes to live for a short time and then just die. We wish for life to last forever, to be unchanging, uniquely special and absolute.

The goal of religions is ultimately salvation and eternal life. Were there no belief in eternal life, we would not have religion. Religion is necessary because through religion people can strive toward the ideal of love. Thus, love, life and an ideal are the most precious things to us and we cannot help striving for eternal life.

Furthermore, we see that "love" and "ideal" are meaningless by themselves. Love exists only when there is someone to love and someone to be



Father accepting a proclamation in support of his speaking tour. According to Michael Mickler's *40 Years in America*, Father received hundreds of proclamations during his speaking tours of the U. S. from 1972 to 1974.

loved by. In the same way, an ideal is something to share with someone. Love and ideals come alive as soon as a reciprocal and complementary relationship of giving and receiving is established. We are in the object partner position and always need someone to be in the subject partner position. Love and ideals will bud and blossom into full flower only when two elements are in a relationship as subject and object partners.

Are we the cause, the source of the universe, or did someone create us? How can we be the cause of the universe when we did not even create ourselves? That we are resultant beings is obvious. We are the products of some cause. Therefore, a cause, in the subject partner position, has to exist.

There must be a cause for our existence. This subject partner, or cause, then, is the essential reality. We must be as certain of this as we are of our own existence. Whatever name you choose for that cause does not matter. The most important thing is that there is a causal being. We call that being, "God." Let us put our question to God. What is the most precious thing to you, God? The reply will be no different from your answer and mine. God will answer, Love, life and my ideal are the most precious things to me. Does God need money?

God created everything. Everything belongs to God anyway. God does not need money. Does God need power? God is already the source of all power. What about knowledge? God is omniscient and the source of all knowledge. Yes, God is all these things, but God cannot have love, life and the ideal alone. God needs to share, to interact with someone in a reciprocal relationship. Even almighty God cannot experience the value of love, life and his ideal when he is alone. That is why God created human beings to be object partners.

Now I shall ask, Why do we act the way we do? The answer is simple: because God acts that way. All human traits originate in God. Why are we the way we are? Because God is that way.

We are mirrors reflecting God's characteristics. God is just like you and me. God is the origin. Therefore, our love comes from God's love. Our life comes from God's life and our ideals come from God's ideals. We feel these are the most precious things because God felt these were most precious first. God is the subject partner of love, the subject partner of life and the subject partner of ideals. We are the object partners of love, the object partners of life and the object partners of ideals. Therefore, if God is

absolute, we are to be absolute. If God is unchanging, we are to be unchanging. If God is unique, we are to be unique. If God is everlasting, we are to be everlasting. Our eternal life is not a fantasy but reality. Since God is eternal, he created human beings to be eternal. Otherwise, we would not reflect the nature of our eternal God.

Human beings are God incarnate

If there is a God of love, life and ideals and that God does not manifest all these qualities in humans as his object partners, God has defeated the purpose of creating. God either projected God's own full value in the object of creation, or created nothing at all. God is the subject partner to humans and we are the object partners to God. An object partner is the full reflection of the subject partner. So we are the visible form of God and God is our invisible form. Subject and object partners are one in essence. God and human beings are one. Human beings are God incarnate. Otherwise, we would not be able to reflect God's full image. God could not realize joy, the purpose of the Creation. When we as object partners are not perfect as God is perfect, we cannot reflect the full love, life and ideal of God. So human beings, God's object partners, are as important in value as God.

If I made excited gestures and shouted to an empty auditorium, I am sure anyone who saw me would wonder, Is that man crazy? Although if someone were listening and responding, some object partner was present to receive my words, even one small child in front of me and I poured out my heart and soul to that person, I would be considered normal. The sole difference is the presence of a person as an object partner.

I am trying to illustrate the value of an object partner. As we are God's object partners, we are in a position equal to God. Thus, people share the same value as God and are just as important as God. Even though God is most high, noble and mighty, God too has to have an object partner. Otherwise, God feels no joy. Joy comes when you receive stimulation from an object partner. Not even God can be joyful alone. Please realize that God created the universe and us for



Banquets during the 1973 Day of Hope events took place before the opening day speech in each city. Onstage with True Parents is True Parents' translator, then known as Col. Pak Bo-hi, who is Hook Soon nim's father./

joy. However, God's joy remains dormant until God interacts with an object partner.

Until now, through Christianity we placed God so high in heaven and pushed people so low in hell that an unbridgeable gap has been between us. A wide and raging river has separated us from God. We do not dare to reach out to God as a living reality. We have been unable to realize that God is so close, so real and so approachable, that we can even dwell with God. We are supposed to be the living temples of God. Yet conventional Christianity has been unable to make that a reality. No matter how wealthy and famous you may be, unless you have someone with whom to interact, so that you can share your joy, your sorrow, your opinions and your ideals, you are just a poor person. We feel joy and sadness because God's heart can feel joy and sadness. Not until this time in history did we ever believe that God could feel sorrow. And God can feel excitement and indignation, just as we can. We, God's object partners, have the ability to experience emotion because our subject partner, God, has the same capacity for emotion. God is the first personality; human personality comes from God. How then can we become God's true object part-

ners? By efforts and hard work alone? No. There is but one way to come together in oneness with God. That way is through love, through oneness in love with God.

Let me illustrate: Suppose that opposite a famous man is a woman who is unassuming and meek and without beauty or education. However, once this great man and this humble woman establish a circuit of giving and receiving in love, she will achieve his level of prestige. Let's say the man's name is Jones and he falls in love with this woman and marries her. She then becomes Mrs. Jones and returns his love with all her heart. Whatever power, authority and prestige Mr. Jones enjoys, Mrs. Jones would share in every respect. Now, what does this teach us? Once we have a loving relationship with God and become one with God, our value increases instantly to the level of God's value. Love such as this is everlasting, unchanging and unique.

The alpha and the omega

Now is the time when we have to fulfill this fundamental relationship between God and humankind. The subject and object partners must be one just as cause and effect are one. Therefore, the Bible says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and

the last, the beginning and the end." [Rev. 22:13] Within God, two are one. God is the beginning and we are the end. He is the first and we are the last. The relationship between God and humans is a circuit, because the beginning and the end come together in oneness.

Peace, happiness and joy are the fruits of harmonious love. Therefore, in God's ideal of creation, the relationship between God and human beings was to be one of harmony in love, harmony in life and harmony in ideals. Thus, we know that God is the subject partner and we are the object partners. We also know that the object partner is just as important as the subject partner. We now want to know precisely what our position as God's object partner means.

When God created human beings, God gave us wisdom and ambition. Wisdom gives us the power to compare and ambition gives us the power to strive for the best. If there are two choices before us, we will automatically compare them to determine which is better. Our human desire leads us to choose and our ambition does not let us rest until we have attained ultimate fulfillment. 

This is the beginning of Speech 2, Book 1 of Pyeong Hwa Gyeong.



To New Citizens of Cheon Il Guk

True Mother delivered this speech at the Peace and Family Festival, in Harare, Zimbabwe on November 21, 2018, the National Sports Stadium



Enthusiastic couples at the Peace and Family Festival, Hyo Jeong Cosmic Blessing in the National Sports Stadium in Harare, Zimbabwe on November 21

You who have received the blessing today have gained the qualifications to go through the door to enter heaven. Human beings, whether in the past or the present, have longed for a united world of peace. Yet that dream is steadily growing more distant. The two hundred some nations that hold the 7.6 billion people of the world have borders.

The UN came into being seventy years ago for the sake of peace and unity, however, that UN has been unable to fulfill its responsibilities. We are living in a world today, in which conflicts and barriers between religion, ideology and culture are steadily increasing.

How can we achieve a unified world? We cannot achieve this with human efforts or human knowledge alone. This is why we must understand and know the creator of this universe, God. The blessing event today becomes the path for a united world. All the customs from the past must be discarded and humanity must find the path heading toward a

unified world centered on God.

Several rivers converge to form a great waterfall and that great stream of water eventually leads to the great ocean.

There can be no hope in things that do not follow God's circular laws of creation. For the past two thousand years, since Jesus went to the cross, Christian culture has dominated the world. Yet, until now, Christians did not know Jesus' essence. They did not know who they should be waiting in order to welcome the Messiah.

Blessed families that have received the blessing today, I said that it is through the True Parents that we can have this today's blessing. What is the ultimate destination of Christians and people in other religions? If they wish for a peaceful united world, they must have the qualifications to attend our Heavenly Parent, the owner of peace. You who received the blessing today have received the qualification to be a citizen of Cheon Il Guk, the place where we Heavenly Parent can embrace us. However, with this comes with responsibilities.

European Christianity spread Jesus' name to the world. Yet they did not know Jesus. Jesus clearly said to love your neighbor as yourself. However, those who went out into the world put the interests of their own nations first and harmed many nations. In particular, they did many wrongs here in Africa. They were bent solely on fulfilling their own interests and the interests of their own nations.

The only ones who can correct the past wrongs in history are True Parents. Earlier I said several rivers converge to form a waterfall, which leads to the ocean. Likewise, all religions must head toward the same destination as well—that great ocean. The people who can guide all religions to that great ocean are True Parents, and the only begotten daughter, the True Mother.

I pray that all the blessed families born here today will become eternal, true blessed families who can open the doors to the kingdom of heaven on earth and the kingdom of heaven in heaven. 



True Parents' Benediction

True Mother offered this prayer in National Sports Stadium in Harare, Zimbabwe at the Peace and Family Festival, Hyo Jeong Cosmic Blessing on November 21.



Above: From the moment President Emmerson Mnangagwa received True Mother at the Presidential Palace, the media showed keen interest in True Mother's visit; Below: Much effort went into creating an event through which Zimbabwean members welcomed True Mother and God's grace to their nation.

Honorable Heavenly Parent! Adam and Eve, who could have become the ancestors of all humankind, did not obey your will. Therefore, for us to come to this day, in accordance with Heavenly Parent's principles of creation, God, our Creator, had no choice but to lead the long providence of restoration through indemnity.

God had to lead the restoration through indemnity for the long period of four thousand years to send Jesus Christ, the true parent of humankind. Mary, who gave birth to him, and the people were unable to fulfill their responsibilities and thus Jesus had to go the way of the cross and say he would return.

The blessed families who will receive the blessing here today are the fruits of Heavenly Parent's, God's blood, sweat, and tears during the sorrowful history of the providence of restoration.

The ideal of creation expressed God's desire to love and embrace humankind as his children. Yet the ancestors that had responsibilities did not fulfill them and two thousand years have passed as we longingly

waited for the day Jesus Christ would return.

However, Heaven could not raise and use people that had not fulfilled their responsibilities. This is because the people that did not fulfill their responsibilities have indemnity to pay.

Thus, for the first time in six thousand years, Heaven gave birth to the only daughter of God who could be called "My beloved daughter." Through this, in 1960, True Parents came into being. Therefore, until now, hundreds of thousands of couples in the spiritual and physical worlds have been blessed and have expanded Heavenly Parent's realm.

Today, because of Heaven's love for Africa, which is filled with sorrow, and in particular Zimbabwe, Heaven sent God's only daughter, True Mother, to bless the good men and woman here today. Fallen humankind cannot be reborn and resurrected without going through True Parents' blessing nor can they stand before Heavenly Parent. This means they cannot become God's children.

Therefore, here, where you receive the blessing today, not only those in

the physical world but those in the spiritual world are participating, too. I pray that you come to realize that through the people who receive the blessing today, all the wrongs of history can be reversed.

The blessed families who received the blessing today have responsibilities. This does not end with one family; you must become a tribal messiah who shares the blessing's grace for the sake of those around you and your tribe. Please bear in mind that the true owners of Zimbabwe, which has the meaning "the venerated house of Christ," are all of you that received the blessing here today.

O Heaven! How long have you waited and endured for this moment? Now, starting from this place, the entire continent of Africa will become heavenly Africa, centered on God and here will be heavenly Zimbabwe. I ask once again that you lead the way in establishing heaven on earth, where blessed families will live with freedom, equality, peace, and happiness on earth and joy and glory in heaven. I pray and proclaim all of this in the name True Parents. Aju! 



We Need to Know the Messiah's Essence

This was True Mother's keynote address at the 2018 Africa Summit Opening Ceremony on November 22, 2018 at the Cape Town International Convention Center.

Beloved guests from home and abroad, in particular, the high-level dignitaries from thirty-two nations, ladies and gentlemen:

Today, I have thought deeply on how we can achieve true peace. Just in this nation and on this continent, many righteous people have worked for a world of freedom and peace. In particular, at this time when a hundred years have passed since the birth of the great Nelson Mandela, we are all thinking about how to realize his endeavors.

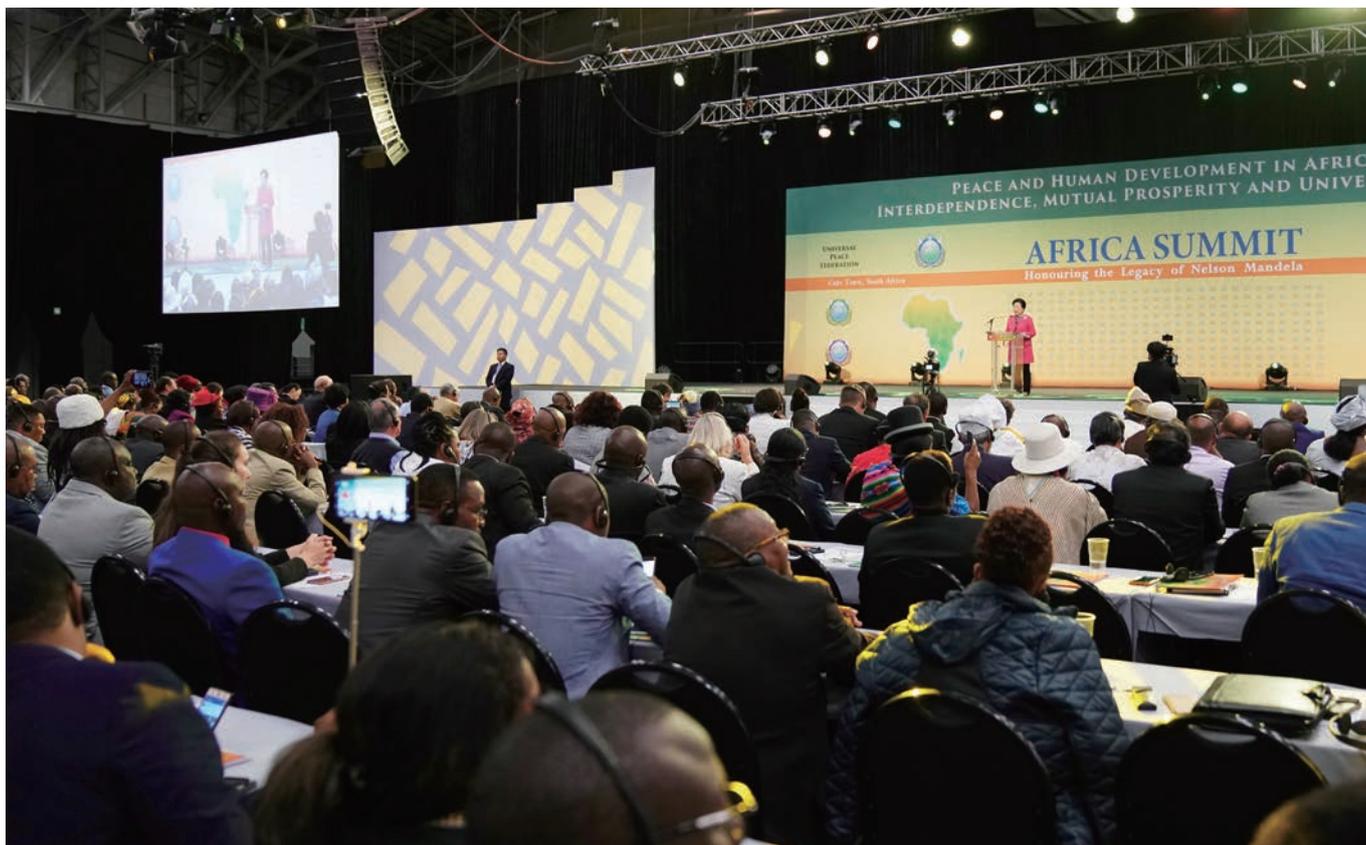
Today, the problems are occurring throughout the world. Large nations and small nations wish for peace. However, the walls of race, religion,

ideology and culture—these numerous walls and borders—continue to increase. Do you think that we as human beings can find the answers and conclusion to this? We must clearly know who the owner of this universe is, God our Creator! He is our Heavenly Parent. The Creator had a dream. Thus, he created all things in the universe and then created Adam and Eve who could become the first ancestors of humankind.

He gave them the responsibility to go through the growth period. Responsibility... Adam and Eve should have matured from within the position of absolutely unity with God. However, they were unable to do so and created the world of people today

with their many problems.

The Creator is an omniscient and omnipotent being. From start to finish God is the same. He is a being that absolutely cannot fail. The problem is that in accordance with the principles of creation, he gave people responsibilities. Therefore, Heaven had no choice but to lead the difficult and tough history of the providence of restoration through indemnity. How difficult must it have been? It took indemnity through a long four thousand years for Jesus Christ, whom God could call "My son" to be born. God's only son... God's had created a man and a woman. Then, the person who gave birth to God's only son and the surrounding people should have



Religious leaders, tribal chiefs, political and societal leaders from numerous nations listen as True Mother speaks at the 2018 Africa Summit in Cape Town South Africa.

helped Jesus meet God's only daughter. However, they did not fulfill that responsibility.

Jesus came after four thousand years to be the True Parent of humankind. Yet the people who sent the Messiah Jesus Christ to the cross believe they will receive salvation through the blood of the cross. How wrong is this? We have seen through history the indemnity paid by the people who sent the True Father to the cross. When Jesus died, he said he would come again. He said he would return and hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. He was saying he would become the parent of humankind. In that case, Heaven had to prepare a nation for the birth of God's only daughter who had gone unfound during Jesus' time.

Thus, in 1943 in Korea, God's only daughter, True Mother, was born as the mother of the universe and humankind who can liberate all the people of today. I am sure everyone here today has a family. No matter how great a man is, he cannot have a child without a woman. This means that the birth of life begins with the woman. However, the history of

civilization and of Christianity until today has progressed oriented around males. When we look at our present state, which has progressed, oriented around males, something is lacking; it is not balanced. Only through the True Family does humankind have a future. Thus, in 1960, True Parents manifested through the Holy Wedding. For humankind, this was an event full of hope. However, Christians did not know about this incredible miraculous event. Through the manifestation of the True Parents, many African countries gained liberation from colonial regimes. After Jesus went the way of the cross, Christianity began with the resurrection by the Holy Spirit through the work of the Apostles. In the beginning, they went through severe persecution.

Christian society's shortcomings

Christianity became active after official recognition in Rome in 313 AD. It spread from Italy throughout Europe until it arrived in England. Then, centered on England and the surrounding nations Christianity spread to the world.

Even these people did not know Jesus' essence. How could they carry the teachings of Jesus to "Love your neighbor as yourself" yet due to differences in skin color and differences in race begin the slave trade? They were selfish and thought only of the benefit of their own countries as they took everything away from the colonies. In the end, instead of becoming a civilization that spread Christianity, they became a civilization that plundered. Through this Europe may have flourished externally, however, internally, mentally and spiritually they became perverse. Thus, around WWII, communism began to dominate and spread throughout the world.

Even without an environmental foundation, because we are the True Parents, we had no choice but to save the world through America, which represented the democratic world. Therefore, in 1975, we went to America and educated the people saying, "America is sick and I have come as the doctor. The families in America are on fire and I have come as the firefighter."

Heaven had blessed America so it could create a foundation for the



original returning Messiah. This was for the sake of the world. However, America had forgotten its responsibilities. The destruction of the family, corruption of youth through a degenerate culture, drug problems... Communism was just around the corner, yet no leader could protect America. At this time, as the True Parents, we established the *Washington Times* as a conservative paper. Consequently, all the nations in danger communist regimes taking them over received protection through the *Washington Times*. One example of this is Nicaragua.

The world was gradually heading toward a state of unpredictable instability. However, Christianity was asleep. In this situation, starting from the bottom, through blood, sweat and tears, we sent many young missionar-

ies throughout the world. Many missionaries are here on this continent, too. Especially, here at an event hosted by UPF, is Kathy Rigney who is responsible for this continent. She came to Africa as a missionary in 1975. Since then she has been working hard for this continent.

We call people who know True Parents' ideology "*shikgu*" [family members]. They emulate True Parents and ceaselessly put into practice the true love of living for others' sake and are Heavenly Parent's children. There have been other great people on this continent too, in particular, Nelson Mandela! I know how much he wished for freedom and how much he loved peace. The problem is that throughout the world, people have pursued world peace through human strength and efforts, yet the conclu-

sion is still far away. Humankind must know the cause. The owner of this universe is the Creator, God. Separated from God, the Heavenly Parent, there is no answer.

Therefore, Heavenly Parent had no choice but to wait for the birth of True Parents, as victorious humans, during the long six-thousand-year providence. This is because fallen humankind cannot go directly into God's presence. The family tree is different. Thus, through receiving the blessing from True Parents, you must be in the position of having fulfilled your responsibilities, in order to become Heavenly Parent's true children. When we look at the seven billion people of the world, I have worked hard to create an environment in various spheres so people can quickly learn about Heaven's providence.

PEACE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: INTERDEPENDENCE, MUTUAL PROSPERITY AND UNIVERSAL VALUES



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- ① Religious leaders during the interfaith prayer: The traditional holy man prayed in the language of his ancestors and ended "in the powerful name of Jesus Christ"; The Buddhist prayed for the wellbeing of those we love and for those we may not yet love;; the Muslim translated his Arabic phrases into English and continued in English; the Christians asked that God angels to "surround us and protect us day and night."
- ② Prominent people from various fields had come to the 2018 Africa Summit and had an opportunity listen to True Mother in person. Her statement about early European Christians, "They were selfish and thought only of the benefit of their own countries as they took everything away from the colonies" elicited a round of applause.
- ③ Calmly True Mother informed them "In 1943, in Korea, God's only daughter, True Mother, was born as the mother of the universe and humankind who can liberate all the people of today."
- ④ Plenary Opening: Dr. Thomas Walsh welcomed everyone and explained that the 2018 African Summit was a collaborative effort between UPF and the Royal House of Mandela; Philbert Seka, UPF Africa, was the moderator; Mandla Mandela, chief of the Mvezo Traditional Council and Nelson Mandela's grandson eloquently welcomed everyone including Mother Moon to the "mother city," Cape Town; Baleka Mbete, Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa began with a song about Nelson Mandela; Roger Nkodo Dang, the president of the Pan-African Parliament, the African Union's legislative body spoke as did Eric Houndete, vice-speaker Benin parliament introduced True Mother by listing many of her accomplishments since True Father's ascension.
- ⑤ Those representing nations were called to the stage following True Mother's speech.

Amongst those, the core is the blessing. We have dreamed of one human family centered on God. Yet we did not know the way to make this happen.

There are over two hundred nations in the world. Small nations and large nations both have put the interests of their own nation first. The UN, established seventy years ago, has made effort to fulfill that role; however, we are unable to become one. We are unable to unite as one voice.

The course ahead

What must we do? The answer is simple. We must transcend race; we must transcend religion and we must know that God, our Creator, the Heavenly Parent is our parent and that the ones who will help us to

stand in our Heavenly Parent's presence are the True Parents. This is why the Family Federation finds the blessing important. Nations who have been enemies have united with one heart through the children of these nations and through the blessing. The true family movement is the only shortcut to a world of peace and in particular the basic unit for realizing the kingdom of heaven on earth. The only way to becoming a child that Heavenly Parent can embrace is through the receiving the blessing. Through this blessing and through the true family movement, you yourself will become tribal messiahs and can liberate your ancestors.

Therefore, today your ancestors who wish to go the path of the blessing through you have filled this hall to the brim. Today's gathering is not a

common one, ladies and gentlemen. I pray that you bear in mind that this is a miraculous day in history, in which we realize Heavenly Parent's dream and humankind's wish. There can be no completion through ignorance. You must learn. Clinging to the past cannot bring a hopeful future. What will you do? Will you create an Africa that is the light and the lamp in front of the world as a nation and a continent that has received the blessing and has been reborn through True Parents? In the Bible is a passage stating, the "first will be last, and the last first." Know that you who have received the blessing are in this position. I pray that you become people who understand the truths of history and the providence properly and go forward together with God's only daughter, True Mother. ☞

The United States

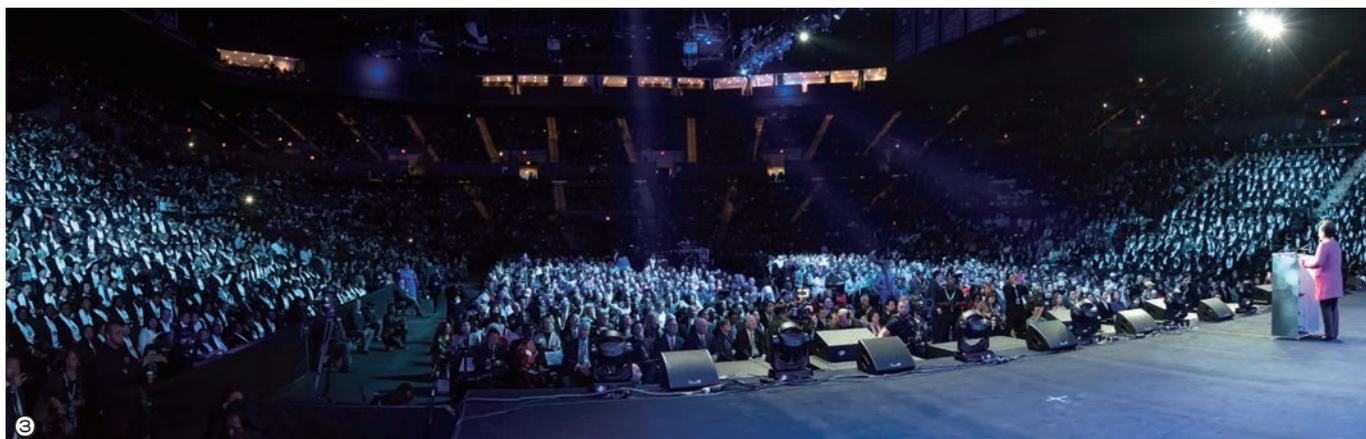


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- ① True Mother addressing the large crowd at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Long Island, in the US State of New York
- ② True Mother with children onstage at Nassau Coliseum
- ③ FFWPU-USA donated all profits from ticket sales to outreach efforts in Africa
- ④ Combat in World War I ceased on November 11, 1918. The US celebrates Veterans Day on this date yearly. In honor of military veterans the Family Federation donated money to four organizations that aid veterans during the event.
- ⑤ From left: Bishop Noel Jones gave an inspirational message beginning with honoring God for Father and Mother Moon; T.L. Barrett spoke about "the real wonder woman" True Mother; A. Curtis Farrow led the 5,000-voice choir; ABp Stallings, national co-chair American Clergy Leadership Conference introduced True Mother, Richard Buessing, president of FFWPU-USA, gave the opening prayer.
- ⑥ Members had prepared and had professional coaching to dance to the song Unconditional, an English version of the Korean song 무조건 (Mujogeon)
- ⑦ Bishop Hezekiah Walker leading the Love Fellowship Choir and 5,000 voices for Peace in "Souled Out" and "Every Praise"



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Harare, Zimbabwe





- ① True Mother reading the Hyo Jeong Cosmic Blessing Proclamation
- ② True Mother carrying out the Holy Water portion of the blessing ceremony with representative couples as others did it throughout the stadium.
- ③ The wife of a traditional chief offering flowers to True Mother
- ④ Archbishop Johannes Ndanga spoke about Zimbabwe's plight; Rev. Mwalagho Kililo was the MC; Bishop. Albert Chikuni, Family Life Ministries, prayed; Prophet Paul N. Bendera, of the Revelation Church of Tanzania prayed; Tariro Sambasa, 3rd Place poem on Peace; Takunda Jicombo, 2nd Place; Alessandro Renbonipassy, 1st place poem
- ⑤ Those in the stadium to receive the blessing begin preparing; security was tight and it took time for people to enter the stadium.
- ⑥ Politburo member Josiah Hungwe read President Mnangagwa's speech and Energy Mutodi, deputy minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services sang;
- ⑦ At the back of the stage, *from left*: Bakary Camara, chairman of the heavenly Africa Regional Group; Yun Young-ho, secretary-general IHQ; Tom McDevitt, chairman, UPF USA; Kim Ki-hoon, chairman North America region group, George M. Ogurie, president FFWPU, Nigeria and Yeon Ah Moon, president of WFWP International
- ⑧ True Mother gave the keynote address following a six-minute introduction (with English translation) by Archbishop Ndanga.
- ⑨ True Mother, Yeon Ah Moon and all on hand give cheers of Eog Mansei, which Rev. Ogurie of Nigeria led.



Cape Town, South Africa



- ① True Mother receiving flowers in Cape Town, South Africa.
- ② True Mother carrying out the Holy Water Ceremony, assisted by two young women, second-generation members from Africa and from Korea
- ③ Despite the travel involved to Africa and within Africa, True Mother invested energetically in Zimbabwe and South Africa.
- ④ Prayers showed the diversity within Africa, where even most scientist agree the human race emerged through the first man and first woman.
- ⑤ A spirited crowd, at an event , cohosted by the Royal House of Mandela
- ⑥ A spirited crowd, at an event , cohosted by the Royal House of Mandela and to which flocked many followers of Prophet Samuel Radebe



Victory Celebration



- ① True Mother cuts the customary cake as Yeon Ah Moon joins the audience in applauding True Mother's victory.
- ② Otsuka Katsumi, special emissary, Europe, and Jacques Marion, president, UPF-France presenting a painting of Cape Town's Table Mountain, a beloved local landmark.
- ③ Kathy Rigney, special emissary to Africa and Robert Williamson, special envoy to South Africa present a gift to True Mother
- ④ An all-female singing group rouses the crowd at the celebration of the success of the South African Summit and blessing ceremony.
- ⑤ Cheers of Eog Manse resound throughout the African continent.



2019 Sun Hak Peace Prize



An Advocate for Women as God Made Them 2019 Sun Hak Peace Prize Laureate

Waris Dirie

Waris Dirie (Somali: Waris Diiriye) (born 1965) is a Somali model, author, actress and social activist. From 1997 to 2003, she served as a UN Special Ambassador. Dirie was born into a nomadic family in 1965 in Galkayo, Somalia. At the age of thirteen, she fled to Mogadishu in order to escape an arranged marriage to a 60-year-old man. There, she briefly lived with an older sister and her family.

Dirie along with a few relatives later moved to London, where she resided with and worked for an uncle, who had been appointed Somali ambassador. When his term in office ended, Waris remained in the city and held a job at a local McDonald's. She also began evening classes to learn English.

Career

By chance, photographer Terence Donovan, who helped secure for her the cover of the 1987 Pirelli

Calendar, discovered Dirie. From there, her modeling career took off, appearing in advertisements for top brands such as Chanel, Levi's, L'Oréal and Revlon.

In 1987, Dirie played a minor role in the James Bond movie *The Living Daylights*. She also appeared on the runways of London, Milan, Paris and New York City, and in fashion magazines such as Elle, Glamour and Vogue. This was followed in 1995 by a BBC documentary entitled *A Nomad in New York* about her modeling career.

In 1997, at the height of her modeling career, Dirie spoke for the first time with Laura Ziv of the women's magazine *Marie Claire* about the female genital mutilation (FGM) that she had undergone as a child, at the age of three along with her two sisters. That same year, Dirie became a UN ambassador for the abolition of FGM. She later paid her mother a visit in her native Somalia.

In 1998, Dirie coauthored her first book along with nonfiction author Cathleen Miller: *Desert Flower*, an autobiography that went on to become an international bestseller. She later released other successful books including *Desert Dawn*, *Letter to My Mother* and *Desert Children*, the latter of which was launched in tandem with a European cam-

paigned against FGM.

In 2009, a feature-length film based on Waris' book *Desert Flower* was released, with the Ethiopian supermodel Liya Kebede playing her. The movie has so far been released in 20 countries including France, Spain, Israel, Greece, Poland and Brazil. In January 2010, it won the Bavarian Film Award in Munich in the "Best Movie" category. It was also nominated for a Film Award in Gold in the "Outstanding Feature Film" category at the German Film Awards, and won the Audience Award in the "Best European Film" category at the San Sebastián International Film Festival.

In 2010, Dirie was appointed Peace Ambassador for the Year of Peace and Security by the African Union.

In 1997, Dirie abandoned her modeling career to focus on her work against FGM. That same year, she was appointed the UN Special Ambassador for the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation. In 2002, she founded the Desert Flower Foundation in Vienna, Austria, an organization aimed at raising awareness regarding the dangers surrounding FGM. Waris followed that in January 2009 with the establishment of the PPR Foundation for Women's Dignity and Rights', an organization she founded along with French tycoon François-Henri Pinault (CEO of PPR) and his wife, Hollywood actress Salma Hayek. Waris has also started the Desert Dawn Foundation, which raises money for schools and clinics in her native Somalia, and supports the Zeitz Foundation, an organization focused on sustainable development and conservation.

Dirie has received many other prizes and award for her humanitarian work and books including:

Woman of the Year Award (2000) by *Glamour* magazine.

Corine Award (2002) of the umbrella association of the German bookselling trade

Women's World Award (2004) from former President of the USSR, Mikhail Gorbachev.

Bishop Óscar Romero Award (2005) by the Catholic Church.

Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (2007) from former President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy.

Prix des Générations (2007) by the World Demographic Association

Martin Buber Gold Medal from the Euriade Foundation (2008), founded by Werner Janssen in 1981

Gold medal of the President of the Republic of Italy (2010) for her achievements as a human rights activist. 

Information source: *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*

A Champion of Africa's Agricultural Potential 2019 Sun Hak Peace Prize Laureate

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina

By Julian Gray



“I am greatly honored to learn of my award of the globally prestigious Sunhak Peace Prize... Wherever there are wars and conflicts, people go hungry. Wherever there is peace, food security thrives. Let us feed our world with peace.”—Akinwumi Adesina (Twitter) November 24

Dr. Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, president of the African Development Bank (AfDB), was selected to receive the 2019 Sunhak Peace Prize for his work to empower the agricultural sector in Africa. The Sunhak Peace Prize Committee said, “Over the past three decades, Dr. Adesina has led an African agricultural revolution and improved the food supply for a hundred million people across the continent.”

Akinwumi Adesina was born into a farming family in Ogun State, Nigeria, on February 6, 1960.

“Many of you may not know that I came from a poor background. I attended a village school. My dad and grandfather worked as laborers in other people's farms. My dad could not read and write until he was 15, when an uncle of his took him to Lagos, where he went to Igbobi College and later got a job as a civil servant. That is how I got educated. I wouldn't be getting this award if I wasn't



standing on the shoulders of my father who sacrificed so much for me."

—From his World Food Prize speech

That education includes a degree in Agricultural Economics from Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria, and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University in the United States.

Dr. Adesina began his career with the West African Rice Development Association (WARDA) in Côte d'Ivoire. He worked as a senior economist at the Rockefeller Foundation, which then appointed him as its representative for southern Africa. He later became Vice President of Policy and Partnerships for the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), which that Foundation partially funds.

One of Adesina's mentors was Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug, whose work to lead a green revolution in Asia and South America is credited with saving a billion people from starvation. "Dr. Borlaug was a huge inspiration for me. But one moment in particular stands out in our relationship. It was in 2006, as we both walked the streets of New York on our way to the Rockefeller Foundation. He gently put his hand on my shoulder and asked, 'Akin, do you play football?' I wondered why he would ask such a question, out of the blue, given that we were discussing agriculture and how to feed Africa. Unsure of what he was getting at, I politely said, 'Yes, I play soccer'. He then proceeded, now with deliberateness in his voice: 'You see, in soccer, you can never believe you can win unless you score the first goal. Akin, I want you to go out there and score goals for agriculture in Africa. Then Africa will believe it can win with agriculture'. It was such a defining moment for me.... The 'agriculture gospel' is

simple: To lift millions of people out of poverty, agriculture must become a business. For in agriculture as a business lies the hope of economic prosperity for Africa."

It was at AGRA that his abilities to push through bold policy and finance initiatives came to the fore. Working with heads of state, finance ministers and bank executives across several African countries, Adesina successfully won some \$4 billion in bank finance commitments toward Africa's agriculture sector and inspired innovative systems by which banks lent even to smallholder farmers.

In 2010, Adesina was appointed Minister of Agriculture in his native Nigeria, while United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon recruited his support for the UN Millennium Development Goals.

As agriculture minister, he stopped 40 years of corruption in the fertilizer sector through implementing an electronic wallet system, based on mobile phones, for the distribution of fertilizer. Within four years his policy had dramatically transformed the livelihoods of 14.5 million farmers while vastly increasing food production across the country. Adesina changed the perception of agriculture in Nigeria from subsistence to viable business, attracting \$5.6 billion in private sector investment commitments.

In 2015, Adesina was elected president of the African Development Bank (AfDB). His strategies continue to reflect his passion to unlock wealth for African economies and lift millions of Africa's poor, including women and youth—which he has made a particular focus, into Africa's emerging middle class. *TP*

Mr. Gray is a researcher in the FFWPU IHQ.

Giving the Blessing in Public Places

By Mercedes Gonzalez

My husband, Osamu Tomita, and I signed a private Resolution on Saturday, September 8, 2018, and prayed at the altar in our house to offer it to God. We framed it and put it in our bedroom, so we see it every day and remember our pledge. The next day, Sunday, September 9, in the morning at the FFWPU headquarters in Madrid, we made an Official Resolution together with other blessed couples. Once again, we hung the official banner from our True Mother in our bedroom.

We began to pray every day asking God to guide us on how to start and what to do to achieve what we had pledged. We asked for an action plan. When asking again and again the same idea always came in response: "Go to Retiro Park and conduct a World Blessing and Holy Marriage Campaign there. Dress in white all the married couples as you do in the events." I then started designing the format for the campaign. I finished that and then went looking, little by little finding the different elements to offer for the five steps required. By constantly asking the Holy Spirit, ideas came to me.

Having all the materials prepared, we decided to begin our work for God, his providence and for the True Parents in the morning of Sunday, September 23. First, we had a hard time finding a parking lot. That first day, we drove around for quite a while until we could find a space to park the car. The entrance we found was the only entrance to Retiro Park with stairs, so my husband had to pull the table up using a metal hand truck and I carried a suitcase with everything else inside.

Once inside the Retiro Park, I began to pray, asking God to help us find the right place to do the blessings with his Holy Spirit. We found a bench in the shade and there we put the table with all the material. We prayed, "Please help us to find good Christian couples, those with a common base to accept the True Parents." I asked "Yesu nim" [the Korean form for "Jesus" (예수님)] for help so that his children, the Christians, could receive the blessing from God. With the blessing shawl on and a three-item questionnaire, I started to stop couples. After a while, I found the first couple, from Spain. When I read the three points to them as wedding vows, I started to cry because I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. The wife almost began to cry with me, and so it was with the following couples. On that day, we were able to give four blessings. With the next three wives, we embraced weeping and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. I think Yesu nim helped us a lot. My husband and I did not ever feel alone; it was obvious that God was helping and supporting us. After a few hours we decided to leave to continue the following Sunday. This had been our first day. We had a long journey ahead of us to get the 426 more we had yet to fulfill, with determination and effort we set our minds on fulfilling our goal.



Clockwise from top-left: Mercedes blessing a couple from Spain in Reitro Park, Madrid; a couple from Peru; a couple from Venezuela; a couple from Mexico, near the "altar" with a picture of True Parents and one of Jesus; a couple from Ecuador and a couple from Nicaragua

Thus we continued on the following Sundays of September and October. The second Sunday of the campaign, on September 30, was difficult internally and externally. We had to work with a hippie girl who occupied our bench; this required patience. In the end, she left and wished us a lot of success in what we were doing. Many ideas came to me, from how difficult it would be on Sundays in the harsh winter to how huge the goal was that we needed to accomplish. Another Mount Everest like the one I had to climb to get the money for donations covering the 210 generations of blessed ancestors, the eight lines. So we continue on Sundays, October 7 and 14.

I started to work at Home Church on October 5, 8 and 12 of October, which were all weekdays. I went to the town of Galapagar, northwest of Madrid and there, going up and down stairs with the suitcase and the second day with a backpack, with a lot of effort and difficulty I gave the blessing to couples; it was not easy.

An important juncture

Everything changed when I heard what Rev. Michael Balcomb had to say, the explanations he gave us of how to get the desired result, 430 couples. From that day, everything was different. I started looking for all the records of the 1997–1998 blessings in the Malaga–Torremolinos area and then those with UPF and Pure Love Education Academy until 2018. Adding all those, the goal to meet was 48 more married couples. And of those 48 we already had very few left, to reach the goal.

I prepared a new questionnaire with the questions related to the fulfillment of the three biblical blessings as the way and the formula for world peace. So, starting with October 20–21, Saturday and Sunday, we began giving the blessing to young people and engaged couples. Only the people who supported the concept of the three blessings received the holy wine, prayer and holy water. Everyone in the photographs accompanying this article (and many others) had a paper stating the Three Blessings for them to remember what kind of campaign it was and the points they had supported.

Finally, on October 24 and 25, we only had eleven married couples or engaged people to reach. I decided to go to Galapagar and visit people in their places of work, such as shops, restaurants, coffee shops and on the street. Without a table on which to put all the material that was in the backpack, everything was externally more difficult. I started and with a lot of constant prayer, guidance and determination, I was able to achieve the goal in those two days.



Clockwise from top-left: a couple from Venezuela; a couple from Romania; a couple and their daughter from Bolivia; a couple from the Dominican Republic; a couple from Spain and a couple from Romania all blessed in Parque del Buen Retiro (Park for a Good Retreat)

The last day in particular I worked from 11:15 to 2:48 to do the last seven blessings. This was the last part of the race and I was determined to fulfill it no matter how long it took, but with God's help I had to reach it. When I had only three blessings left to conduct, I entered a Catholic Church and asked God with all my heart to guide me to find the people prepared; again I prayed to Yesu nim asking for his guidance to find his children.

On the street, a young girl, seeing how difficult it was for me to do the act of the blessing with all the things I had to use, gave me a big hug in the end. So the last person arrived, a married lady from Honduras, who did everything and took the photograph as well. Yet, she did not give me her cell phone number or e-mail address. I thought, How am I going to end with this final lady, when I can't take care of her afterward? I decided to do one more person.

To finish the 430 blessings, God sent me Wendy, a married lady, also from Honduras, with a precious baby. It was already 14:48. As I was walking toward, the bus I looked to Heaven and I offered God, True Parents, the Holy Spirit, Yesu nim, blessed ancestors and saints from Spain three cheers of Eog-Mansei!

To feel that God could claim the efforts made from 1997 to the present day for the realization of our beloved and respected True Mother's 2020 Vision and the building of Cheon Il Guk was wonderful. It has been a beautiful experience to work in unity with God and my husband Osamu san as a united trinity to fulfill the goal of the 430 blessings and to do our mission as heavenly tribal messiahs in my hometown of Madrid and my country of Spain.

I have been an foreign missionary in five different countries and I was abroad doing God's work for twenty years. My reflection is that I could help God in all those years because of the assistance of the heavenly work of Daemo nim and Cheongpyeong. I was able to attend several workshops and attend for more than a hundred and twenty days. I think this has been the key for the Holy Spirit to help me to do this important mission. I could carry my cross and persevere because of the heavenly work of purification and rebirth at Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' Cheongpyeong holy ground. I will remain grateful eternally! ㄸ

The writer and her husband, who have three adult children, received the blessing among the 6,000-couple blessing group.

Blessing Kentucky

This article began as a report to True Mother given through Rev. Kim Ki-hoon, chairman of the North American Regional Group, in late September and includes updates sent by the Joe Willett and from the Willett's firstresponders1 Facebook page (spelled as shown here).

By Joe and Sun Willett

Two years ago, True Mother strongly talked about [US] state-level blessing. On October 5, 2017, my wife Sun was thinking and planning how to do this state-level blessing until late into the morning. She then made her commitment and promised God that she would bless all the rivers, lakes, creeks, reservoirs and all the drinking water sources for all 120 counties in our state and bless officials at their county seats, here in the State of Kentucky.

That night, she asked True Father, Is this plan good? If it is, show me a dream tonight. Father gave her the dream: We were waiting in the New Yorker Hotel's Grand Ball Room for True Father to speak. This was the answer she needed.

Since that time, we have driven over sixteen thousand miles. We were driving eight to twelve hours a day, coming home late into the morning hours. Even in the wintertime, we were out very late giving blessings and blessing water resources in faraway counties.

We first visited all 120 counties and more than that number of cities to bless their water resources and bless county and city officials. We were blessing county judge executives, sheriffs, fire chiefs, battalion chiefs, emergency services leaders, mayors, police chiefs, assistant chiefs and captains. They were also in and out of their offices for meetings, emergencies and on-site responsibilities. So we realized we would have to go back to many counties to reach the leaders we had missed. We have re-visited 120 counties to reach these leaders and we have blessed five hundred leaders so far through the holy wine ceremony.

A reorganization

We needed to change our strategy when we were doing counties farther away. We found we could do a three-to-four-day trip, do three to four counties in a day, and then go to a hotel in the next day's working area and repeat that. We not only had shorter trips at night, we had better coverage of each county and we averaged ten to twelve counties on each trip, or more.

We have had many dreams, revelations and miracles that have spurred us on. We have hundreds of pictures of us blessing dignitaries. We have not had much time to write out our testimonies yet but Sun has kept accurate records and notes of our experiences. For officials, sheriffs and police officers whom we could not meet because they worked on a different shift, we left the marriage re-dedication candy packets for all the married couples in their departments. They expressed deep gratitude for our prayers for their safety and for that of their families. The blessing re-dedication packets are made of two mints and the re-dedication vow message, so the official can take it home and do the re-dedication with his or her spouse.

We still have to work three days a week at our flower business but during those days, whatever



Clockwise from top left: Sun Willett with Bill Deskins, the chief executive, administrative and fiscal officer of Pike County; Assistant Chief Templeman of Springfield KY did the marriage blessing and thanked us for visiting first responders (those whose jobs call for them to go immediately to the scene of an accident or emergency to provide assistance); Sun with the city police chief, the county sheriff and the local fire chief

time we need, we take to bless couples and to encourage blessed couples to do the forty-day and three-day conditions. We have forty couples so far who have done the three-day ceremony.

Seeing visions, dreaming dreams

Since we started the state-level blessing, we have received over thirty dreams that promised fruitful results and visions for the future, but also challenged us to speed up our activities. Those dreams are exciting and amazing and we wanted to share two of them now as well as a miraculous vision we received on our last day.

On a beautiful sunny day, Sun was standing on the top of a mountain, part of a chain that seemed to be u-shaped but could be described as three-quarters of a circle surrounding a huge valley. It reminded her of a stadium. Thousands and thousands of members filled the valley and were surrounding True Mother. Sun was looking for True Mother but she could not see her. True Mother was so far away that the people looked like dots, but she could feel that True Mother and members were so happy and they were taking pictures with True Mother.

In a second dream, True Mother is seated in the front of a bus full of members. Two young, second-generation men were both sitting in the driver's seat and they were sleeping and exhausted. Sun is sitting behind True Mother. True Mother is turned three-quarters the way around toward the members and she is so happy, she is singing. Sun had never seen her so happy but True Mother also looked tired. Still she was so joyful that Sun wanted to sing along with her.

Admiring dedication and service

On Wednesday September 26, we were visiting the last three counties on our second round, making two hundred and forty visits to Kentucky counties. Many times, I had felt tired and dizzy but we always went out, but on that day, I also felt nausea and a headache on top of the other things I was dealing with. I worried about how I could meet people in this condition and thought it would be dangerous for me to drive, as it was raining heavily and the roads were slick.

Our first county was very hard. We only blessed the chief of police and an emergency services official. Our second county was even worse; the county and the city government had already closed at noon. The only place that was open was a storefront office with signs encouraging people to re-elect a state senator.

The people there were not too interested when we explained our mission to network with prayer groups to pray for first responders [people, such as police officers or emergency medical technicians, who are among those responsible for going immediately to the scene of an accident or emergency to



The Carrol County Kentucky sheriff, Philip B. Marshall, and the Carrolton City fire chief, Michael Terrell, and his wife receiving the blessing

provide assistance]. They also rejected the blessing ceremony. It seemed the most reluctant one was an older gentleman, but when one of the others let on that he was a pastor, I was very excited to meet him and to hear about his life. At one point, I asked him if he knew if there were any pastors serving as chaplains for the fire and police departments. It turns out he had a many years' long history of serving as a chaplain for first responders. I realized we had only been praying for first responders for a year but this minister has been on the front line experiencing the pains and suffering alongside of his flock for many years. I told him it would be an honor if he could share some of his experiences on our website [the Facebook page listed above]. I then asked him again, saying that we needed at least one person in this county to do the holy wine blessing and he accepted. Looking back on this meeting, I felt this was the breakthrough for what happen next.

Reaching our objective

We moved on to our very last county, Carroll County, but we were worried. We wanted to reach 500 holy wine blessings on this last day of our yearlong blessing activities, but it did not look possible. As we entered this final county, the sunshine broke through the clouds and the sky started to clear. While the government offices were open, nobody was in. At the last office we visited, the lady said that the fire chief, police chief, and the sheriff were all in the same place at one of the fire departments and that the police station was next door. They were putting new radios systems into some of their vehicles.

We met and explained to the police chief what we were doing and that we wanted to take pictures. The police chief actually got the fire chief and the county sheriff. This is the first time we were able to take a picture of three leaders all together. They each did the blessing and the fire chief had his wife there for his blessing.

There were many other police officers dropping by and some firemen working. One at a time, among all these activities we would stop each person and bless them with holy wine. Not one person objected. When we were driving away Sun counted up the blessings and we had met our goal of 500 blessings!

It felt like a real victory but I soon felt haunted by an often-returning nightmare. I am no father of faith like Abraham, but Abraham failed to do just a small part of the offering, to cut the dove and for that, look at what became of his descendants! But at the same time, we felt liberated and grateful we could devote our lives for this.

We were driving home on one of the most dangerous winding roads in Kentucky. I was struggling to keep sharp. The winding road took us up to the top of a hill and we saw about a dozen giant wild turkeys right on the side of the road. We slowed, thinking they would fly away from us but one of them took off right in front of our car and the rest flew right over us following the first turkey. We cheered at seeing this unbelievable spectacle.

Then further down the road were two even bigger birds on the road. Just as I was concentrating on the curve in the road, one of the birds rose up and began flying so close to my driver's side window he was blocking the view. His wings nearly hit the window as he flew parallel to us for about four or five seconds.

A sign in the sky

As we were entering back into our home county, I saw the most unusual cloud formation. It looked



For the Willitts, a sign from God on their final day of outreach among first responders throughout Kentucky.

like God had taken a giant comb and raked the front edges of the clouds straight down into a vertical drop of several hundred feet. These puffy thick strands of cloud had both a uniform thickness and a uniform space between them. The wind curved these thick strands into duplicate curves as if they were strands of puffy hair.

When we got home we were unloading the car and something reminded me to look up and right above and just to the north of us were the vertical strands of clouds. Something prodded me to look up again, this time above and slightly to the south. And then I saw it and I began yelling to Sun to look up!

I was struggling to get my camera to get a picture of it before the wind blew it away; it was a perfect gigantic head of an American Eagle. Under its hooked beak, its mouth was open as if it were calling out. The eye and the protruding brow that makes that stern and noble expression were present.

And the clouds that curved out from the eagle's neck in a half circle and turn back right at the place where the shoulders of the wings would be, and then the clouds sweep back forming the front shape of the wings. The top of the beak was beginning to change just as I took the picture but it still shows the shape with unmistakable certainty. We were speechless. As God showed us this American eagle in the clouds, he reminded us to be strong, bold and brave; so let us bless America and the world.

True Father's tears

I was going to finish the edit and send this report tomorrow but this morning Sun came to me and told me she just had a dream and she broke out crying. In her dream, True Father came to her in her room. Tears were in his eyes and he was holding her hand. Father started to go, but Sun was holding his hand, crying, Don't go! Don't go! Don't go! as Father was walking away, while Sun was still crying loudly. We long for the day when God and True Parents will not have to cry.

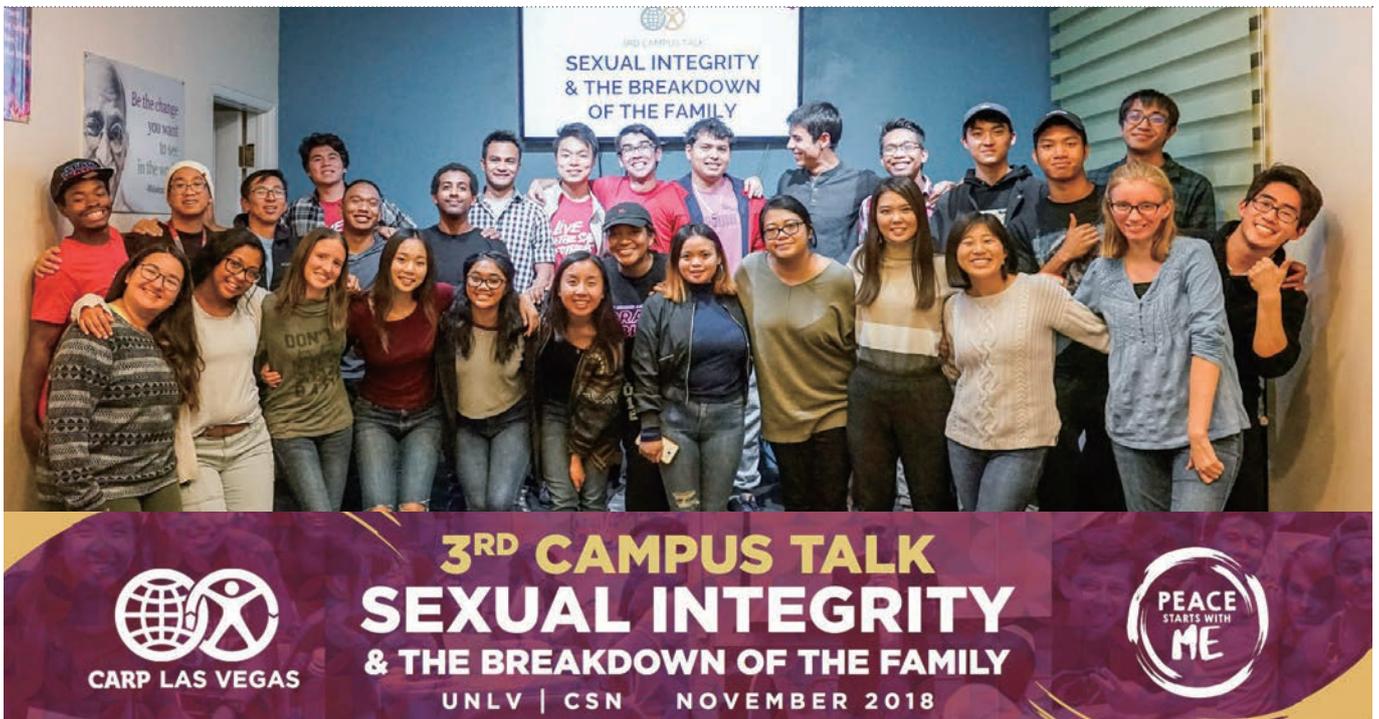
That same morning, while reading *hoondokhae*, we came upon these words by Father, "I want to meet you to praise your hard work with my tears." We were reading *Cham Bumo Gyeong* page 588 chapter 26. We are especially grateful for our brother Laurent Ladouce and his wife Shigeko san. Laurent's request that his wife, Shigeko, could come from the spiritual realm to help us in giving the blessing deeply moved us. There were those who were stubborn and refused the blessing many times but then without any visible reason, they suddenly changed their minds and received the blessing. I think that Shigeko san was a bright spirit working hard to educate and convince the ancestors to change the minds of their descendants so that they could receive the blessing. We will always be grateful for their help.

This was the last day of 240 visits to Kentucky's counties in order to bless and rededicate the marriages of county officials, other leaders and all the people in each county. In the past year traveling over sixteen thousand miles, we have faced many challenges but God has always been there ahead of us every step of the way. On this journey we experienced the deeply profound sadness of God and of the Messiah, True Parents, who have always hidden their unspeakable burdens from us.

This journey has also brought us many wonderful dreams and incredible visions as God pushes us to work harder, longer and faster. Our last day was the most incredible day of all and we want to bring that testimony to all our brothers and sisters soon. Throughout our journey, God was reminding us again and again, so I say it here: BE STRONG, BE BRAVE. 

Sexual Integrity and the Breakdown of the Family

In early November, USA CARP Las Vegas hosted its third Campus Talk



These young adults have likely been forming their personal views regarding sexual activity for some time; CARP's Campus Talks, with expert speakers, can provide powerful reinforcement for the decisions they have made or convince them to adopt a less risky lifestyle.

CARP Las Vegas hosted two Campus Talks this semester titled Sexual Integrity and the Breakdown of the Family on two campuses during the first week of November. This Campus Talk would mark the third time CARP Las Vegas hosted this event.

On Thursday, November 1, the CARP chapter at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) held its Campus Talk. This event aimed to explore how the sexual integrity of individuals greatly shapes their own marriage and families and how that in turn

affects the world at large. To have two experts in the fields of marriage and media as their presenters was a privilege: Dr. Loren Marks, a professor in the Department of Family Life at Brigham Young University, and Cheryl Wetzstein, a forty-year veteran reporter for the *Washington Times*. Around seventy students, including four CSN student government senators, as well as eleven faculty members and two faith leaders attended.

Ryota Naito, president of CARP CSN, was the MC for the program.

Dr. Federico Zaragoza, president of CSN, gave welcoming remarks. After sharing his own journey as an "original dreamer," he commended CARP for the important work it is trying to do on college campuses.

The first speaker, Mrs. Wetzstein, spoke on the effects of the media since the 1970's sexual revolution, which turned the traditional culture of abstinence and modesty into a society of free-sex and promiscuity. She exposed the inaccuracy of Alfred Kinsey's research on sexual behavior, which had been a catalyst



for the sexual revolution. Furthermore, she argued how federal programs on abstinence and healthy marriage have a positive impact on communities.

The second speaker, Dr. Marks, gave a presentation titled, "Sexual Revolution vs. Sexual Integrity—Which Will You Choose?" Through telling research and his personal testimony, Dr. Marks encouraged the audience to consider how sexual integrity leads to more fulfilling marriages.

After the presentations, a Q&A session allowed the participants to converse honestly with the speakers. Many sought answers on how they could begin to live a life of sexual integrity despite past mistakes or how they could advocate sexual integrity to those around them.

To conclude, Ryota spoke of future opportunities to receive more education, to mentor others and to advocate sexual integrity. He invited everyone to participate. Following the event, faculty members, two student government senators and other community leaders joined a reception and continued conversations about what they could do moving forward. Some expressed interest in joining an advisory committee for future Campus Talk events.

Dangers of exposure to pornography

Following the Campus Talk on CSN Campus, the Campus Talk, Sexual Integrity and the Breakdown of the Family, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) took place on Wednesday, November 7. This event had a similar flow to the CSN event but featured different presenters.

The UNLV event featured Dr. William Struthers, who studies and teaches about the impact of pornogra-

phy consumption, and Mrs. Marcia Barlow, who represents United Families International at the United Nations. Around eighty students and other young adults including representatives from the UNLV and CSN student governments, four faculty members and about a dozen leaders from faith groups attended the event.

Kailey Teo, president of CARP UNLV, warmly welcomed everyone and invited the director of government affairs, Dr. James Wasden, to greet the guests. Dr. Wasden, who is also the advisor for CARP UNLV, shared his personal experiences within his marriage and commended the work of CARP in encouraging the students to think about their options in relationships.

Dr. William Struthers presented first and shared striking observations and research on how pornography has evolved within our culture—stripping the taboos, distorting our perceptions and making "porn" part of a new norm. He talked about how severely the younger population has been affected by the pornified culture, to the point that he is currently reworking and updating his research from ten years ago.

Next, Mrs. Marcia Barlow presented on "Sexual Liberty and the Impact on the Family." Mrs. Barlow used numerous data to show the widespread consequences of the practice of sexual liberty, expressed in the forms of cohabitation and having multiple partners prior to marriage. Statistics on domestic violence, poverty, abortion, education attainment and crime showed convincingly that the idea of sexual liberty rather than sexual fidelity is a main contributor to the worsening challenges faced by not only our children, but society as a whole.

During the twenty-five-minute Q & A session, the participants were eager to ask questions regarding the impact of viewing pornography and cohabitation. This allowed the discussion to go into highly specific points. Dr. Struthers made his points by sharing personally about his intimate relationship with his wife, while Mrs. Barlow carefully explained her disagreement with the concept of sexual liberty with concrete evidence.

To conclude, Kailey invited everyone to consider their "Next Steps, such as receiving more education, mentoring others or advocating for sexual integrity. Participants stayed in the auditorium, talking to each other and reflecting on what they had just heard.

The speakers and guests representing different organizations came to a reception. It was a pleasant meeting, and though most people were meeting for the first time, they felt a sense of bonding. We also invited them to join the advisory committee to plan future Campus Talk events. We all left the dinner with a feeling that we were all at the right place with the right people and that together we can make something truly wonderful happen.

Many participants, young and old, felt hopeful, energized and eager to take action. Through the continued support of many, along with the connections made through these events, CARP hopes to continue sharing these important values on college campuses. Are exciting developments happening in your CARP chapter? Send your stories to jennifer@carplife.org 

A CARP Las Vegas member wrote this article; see their Facebook page for more.

Creating Winning Teams

Before the Chicago Cubs won the baseball World Series in 2016, they hadn't won it since 1908. How did the 2016 collection of players do something that no team of Cubs had done in 39,466 days? This was the longest slump in baseball history. A "slump" is when a player or team performs below their ability for some time. Even a great team might lose four or five games in a row, but recovering from any slump can be difficult.

The Cubs' organization hired Joe Maddon as the team manager after the 2014 baseball season ended. He was the team's third manager in four years. One factor Maddon understood was that he had to keep his players loose and not brooding over temporary slumps or mistakes. He did this in a variety of ways.

Generally, baseball teams play music in the team clubhouse before a game and after game, but only if their team had won the game. If they had lost, the managers wanted players to take losing seriously, to be self-critical—so no music. One of Maddon's first deeds in Chicago was to hire a DJ to spin records in the clubhouse win or lose. Most famously, after long road trips when the Cubs had been the "away" team going from city to city, when they were due to take the long

flight back to Chicago, Maddon ordered them all to wear onesies (one-piece pajamas) on the plane. Maddon called these "pajama parties." These millionaire athletes flew home in some spectacular onesies! Sports broadcaster Mr. Jesse Rogers quipped, "A shark, a Ninja Turtle and Superman walk onto a plane. The start of a joke? Nope, the end of a road trip for the Chicago Cubs."

Of course, the development of FFWPU is not comparable to the losing years of the Chicago Cubs. True Parents have led us from a small mud hut to the global level. We are now pushing toward Vision 2020. We are on the course of self-transformation. That is where the similarity lies, not in the long slump, but in the revolution. This article looks at some of the transformative factors as seen through the campaign for the Peace Starts with Me (PSWM), Heal the Nation event at Nassau Colosseum on November 12.

One in the spirit

"O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is." This is Psalm 63:1, which comes to us from ancient times but expresses the heart of

believers from that time up to this present day. Many of us struggling in a hostile environment or straining to make some positive contribution to our communities or nations thirst for communion with God and so we pray.

Rev. Richard Buessing, president of FFWPU for a heavenly USA, encouraged members to pray in early August. "Brothers and sisters" he said, "this Sunday, we are beginning our first national prayer condition. It is called 365 Prayer, and it will cover every minute of every day for the next year, all across America." The prayer condition is internet based (To see the site, Google familyfed 365prayer).

The website lists four national prayer points, goals that U. S. members are pursuing during the yearlong prayer offering. All the goals, begin with Glory to Heaven, peace on earth... 1) heal and comfort Heavenly Parent's suffering, wounded heart 2) unite with True Parents now 3) Korea, Japan America attend True Parents now, and 4) restore the material foundation now! You will also find goals listed for two U. S. subregions.

The national prayer condition beginning on Sunday, August 12, meant exactly three months of



The Cheongpyeong-style workshops complete with ancestor liberation and ancestor blessing were part of the internal preparation that contributed to the success of the Nassau Colosseum Peace Starts with Me event.

prayer preparation before Subregion One's PSWM event. The prayer points for Subregion One were "Glory to Heaven Peace on earth... bring absolute victory in the November 12, 2018 Peace Starts with Me rally, raise seventy heavenly tribal messiahs to expand God's lineage, bring 210 top John the Baptists to expand True Parent's influence and raise 120 young people to lead us into the future." Also listed on the site are the U. S. movement's 2020 goals as points to pray about and strive to achieve.

A personal commitment

The first step in joining the 365 Prayer is to click on the Book a Time button. The site perceives your time zone and shows you available twenty-minute time slots. After you click on the time slot, essentially you volunteer to pray for those twenty minutes on that date. If you wish to pray at the same time each week, just click "recurring." You give your name, an e-mail address and a phone number. You need to indicate which of the five U. S. subregions you belong to (or simply wish to pray for).

You do this on your personal initiative, a bit like Moses, all alone climbing Mt. Sinai. As President Buessing put it, "It will be your indi-

vidual responsibility. It will be your effort to connect to God, to our True Parents and to all the providential things we are doing to realize the kingdom of heaven on earth."

The tag line for the website is Glory to Heaven 24/7. If members select every twenty-minute slot of time and click to pray during that time weekly, collectively, they would be praying for the nation twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The registration process is computerized; the spiritual and emotional elements come with your prayer.

On the same website, you can join their National Prayer Call. The national headquarters conducts these over Zoom conferencing software, which works on many types of computers, phones and tablets. It's not an audio call, but video. It costs nothing for meetings involving fifty or fewer devices. For larger numbers, only the host (in this case the US national headquarters) would pay a monthly or yearly fee. On the 365 site, you click on Join the National Prayer Zoom Call Now and download an executable file that allows you to connect to a prayer with other human beings every Wednesday at 9 pm U. S. Eastern Standard Time, which is the latest time of day for this prayer within the United States. The U. S. has

six time zones. The Hawaiian–Aleutian time zone would be the earliest; the Prayer Call begins there at 4:00 PM.

FFWPU national education director, Mari Curry, explained what takes place during these phone prayer meetings:

For the last year and a half, we have a weekly video prayer call that we do to pray for True Parents, our leadership, our members and the victory of Vision 2020. Before big events, like Nassau [PSWM November 12] it becomes a daily video call for forty days. We had, on average, 125 unique call-ins, many of which were done by groups or families so on average there were close to 150–200 participants. The general format took about twelve minutes and was as follows: 1) Greetings 2) A representative prayer 3) A brief update on progress of the event 4) unison prayer 5) A closing prayer

Once a week, on Wednesdays, it would be a special, longer session that included hoondokhae reading as well as spiritual guidance from Dr. Kim, our continental director, and some more extensive prayer point recitation.

It is quite popular and useful, because it brings the nation together-



er. It was helpful to spiritually protect our nation and our event; it brought about greater unity and it allowed for members farther away to contribute to the providence, support one another and connect to what was going on. It was a very special time especially since we have so many members that live far away from our communities.

Spiritual cleansing

On July 28 and 29, on the grounds of Belvedere, the True Family's home in America before the purchase of East Garden, members of FFWPU for a heavenly USA were inside a large white tent. This was the first stop on the 2018 American Tour, Hyo Jeong Cheongpyeong Special Event.

For Unificationists, the Cheongpyeong experience shares some similarities with sweat lodges, a religious ritual for some Native Americans. These are communal events; both Unificationists and Native Americans experience it in an enclosed space with others.

William Walk Sacred, a medicine man among the Cree people, of Quebec Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan Canada, refers to the sweat lodge experience as a marriage ceremony within oneself or a rebirthing. For both groups, it is intense and

we emerge from it as if into a different world. As one young man said at Belvedere, "I did feel a lot of good energy here, a lot of high vibrational frequencies, which is exactly what it takes to change humanity. I truly believe it."

At the August 4-5 Cheongpyeong workshop in Maryland, for the area including Washington DC, the nation's capital, Dr. Michael Jenkins observed, "This special workshop gives you a chance to take a quantum leap, up to another level because in a very short period of time, spiritual power comes. It can really cleanse us of all the attachments we have had to the past or things that are blocking us."

President Buessing explained, "We had presentations by Rev. Jin-hwa Chung and from In-pyo Moon; they provided practical and spiritual information that we needed."

One young man said, "I enjoyed the chanyang session and felt that it was liberating. For me, I feel like I am in a spiritual rut at the moment so it was uplifting and I could feel the good spiritual vibes." These Cheongpyeong re-creations, which also took place in Las Vegas, October 27-28 and Chicago November 3-4, are certainly part of the national effort to realize Vision 2020.

The fruits of fellowship

Those in the music and religious spheres as well as many in the corporate world recognize A. Curtis Farrow as a director and producer of music-related events. He and his production company, Irving Street Rep Inc., have successfully produced both musical acts and musicals such as "Sophisticated Ladies," "Godspell" and "The Faces of Black History." He's best known for producing and directing, for close to two decades, McDonald's annual Gospelfest, for which he's won two Emmy awards. He had an earlier successful career at Wall Street investment firms, but his heart appears to be in God, in music, in other forms of entertainment and in helping people.

At Madison Square Garden, on July 15, 2017, he directed Hezekiah Walker and a choir of two- to-three thousand singers. At Nassau Coliseum, he directed a five-thousand-voice choir.

Despite his status in the entertainment and corporate world, there he was in mid-September 2018 wearing a pin-striped suit while hauling a backpack and ad-libbing lines for the US church's Weekly Update film crew as he made his way down New York City's Thirty-Fourth Street. "Hey Team! Today's word-for-the-



- 1 Regional Chair Kim Ki-hoon at a chanyang session
- 2 Chairman Kim assisting an elderly woman
- 3 Clockwise from top-left: A. Curtis Farrow, directed the choir and did much to make PSWM a great success.; Rev. Juanita Pierre Louis, national vice-president of WFWP, at an ACLC Prayer Breakfast; Rev. Luonne Rouse of UTS, a professor with a preacher's soul; the *Christian Times* carried an article about Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon; Bishop Edgerton, who led many in his flock to PSWM

day is 'activation.' November the twelfth is coming. [Pointing to his chest] We need to all put our little A's on there. You are a hero! You are a hero with an A on your chest, because we are going to activate. November the twelfth is going to be a rousing success! [Pointing his index finger directly at the camera lens] because of you, the activators! [Rapidly clapping his hands] Come on! Let's do it! [His right fist in the air] Activate!

Other people from the entertainment world made appearances on the Weekly Updates, available at family-fedDOTorg, such as Kadeem Alston Roman, the choreographer and director of Full Force Dance Repertory, who helped the dancers at PSWM rise to a professional level. He demonstrated some steps and explained where dancers could go for live rehearsals.

The American Clergy Leadership Conference (ALCLC) held several

rollicking prayer breakfasts. At the one on October 26, Rev. Kim Ki-hoon, chairman of the North American Regional Group, explained, "Today over two hundred pastors and our second gens came together at the New Yorker Hotel Grand Ballroom for the sake of this coming rally, November 12."

Mr. Farrow was behind the podium that day and to great applause he announced, "Mother is coming to America!" He would go on to say, "The Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church: I called the first lady [the pastor's wife] and said, 'I need some voices.' By that evening, she called me and said, 'I need twelve buses.' She had six hundred voices!"

That same morning, Bishop Laurence Edgerton, said, "When I had to get out of the box to understand Mother Moon, I understood it [her objective] was not only peace in the house, it was peace in the world! She's talking about peace in my America!"

FFWPU Vice President Dunkley would later give a sermon in Bishop Edgerton's Chambers Memorial Baptist Church in East Harlem, New York. Rev. Levi Daugherty, founding member of ACLC, said of the bishop "this man of God... really loves our True Mother, loves our True Father,

loves the great work that we are doing."

How to create winning

Finally, Kaeleigh Moffitt and Tasnah Moyer (once with a supporting cast) performed in skits highlighting Youth and Young Adults' Ministry PSWM-related activities, including a contest with a \$1,000 prize for the best "Unconditional" dance video. The videos were all good. Meanwhile, Rev. Dunkley, Karlsun Allen, Kana Suzuki, Yoshie Manaka and others performed with credible acting skills in various "advertisements" promoting events and ticket sales or choir participation that showed great ingenuity and were well produced. Some were amusingly unrealistic, a kitschy reminder of filmmaking in the silent movie era.

In an online video titled, "Joe Maddon Explains Why Culture Creates Winning," Maddon states, "Chemistry will follow winning, but what if you aren't winning? How do you create winning? You create it by creating culture (or chemistry) first. How do you do that?... Build a relationship with the fellows." The US movement has been doing that. 

A True Peace magazine staff member submitted this article.

Hyo Jeong Youth Orchestra

Increasing, True Mother is having a benevolent influence on Gapyeong County, in the area around Cheon Jeong Gung. The initiative described below may well change the lives of some of the county's young residents.

On November 4, at the Cheong-A Camp auditorium in Seorak, Korea, the opening ceremony for the launch of the Hyo Jeong Youth Orchestra took place. Eighty-seven students from forty-five families living in the Seorak area have signed up for instrumental instruction on the violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, guitar, percussion and voice. In addition to the formation of this orchestra, there will be the formation of a youth choir.

Earlier this year, True Mother had asked David Eaton and his Hyo Jeong Music Committee to start the process of finding students and teachers in the hopes of developing this unique musical opportunity into a formidable music project that will assist in the advancement of heavenly culture. In addition to the musical component of the project, there will be an educational component as well. Professor Mi Ran Kim, who teaches at the Sun Hwa Arts School in Seoul, and Mr. Dugk Hun Cho, director of the Korea Multicultural Peace Federation, are creating an internal guidance curriculum based on True Parents' words concerning art and culture. Principled education will be a significant aspect of the HJYO.

The program on November 4 included a flower presentation to True Parents by David Eaton and several children of the HJ Youth Orchestra program, an invocation by Rev. Dong Woo Kim, senior pastor of the Cheongshim Church in Seorak, congratulatory remarks by Yeon Ah Moon, WFWP international president and Dr. Young Ho Yun representing True Mother's Secretariat. A video message from True Mother was also presented in which she mentioned how Heavenly Parent's presence is evident in this special place and that if we pray sincerely we can receive special inspiration from heaven about art and creativity.

David Eaton cited two quotations from True Father regarding art and culture in the establishment of a culture of peace. The first one was from True Father's autobiography:

People often think that politics moves the world, but that is not the case. It is culture and art that move the world. It is emotion, not reason, that strikes people in the innermost part of their hearts. When hearts change and are able to receive new things, ideologies and social regimes change as a result.

Father made this assertion in the context of his establishing the Little Angels. In her speech of April 25, 2016, True Mother recalled that era and how when our church was very poor, Father had the vision and foresight to create the Little Angels School and the wonderful performing troupe that would "strike people in the innermost part of their hearts" and effectively open people's mind to the truth of Divine Principle. The second quotation that Dr. Eaton cited is from *Cheon Seong Gyeong*:

"The ultimate goal of artists, and those who work with the arts, is to reach the world of God's heart. God, the Creator, wants to feel boundless joy through all the different things he personally created with his own hands, one by one, as works of art. God's heart is such that he wants to give again after he has given. After doing things for others he wants to do more for them, and even after investing unconditionally he wants to forget what he has done. That heart is the basis of the world of true love. God's ideal of creation for the created world arose from that heart. The starting point of art is the desire to represent that heart.



- ❶ Representing True Mother's Secretariat, its deputy chief, Dr. Young-ho Yun, gave opening remarks.
- ❷ David Eaton leading the faculty orchestra, comprising accomplished musicians with hearts willing to serve others and to perhaps transform the lives of young people in rural South Korea.
- ❸ The potential synergy is already evident—adults and children, the talented and the aspiring

Accordingly, in the world of art there are no national boundaries. The purpose of art is not to serve as a tool of an ideology or an agenda. Its fundamental principles are harmony and unity. Divisiveness and conflict are fruits of fallen nature. Therefore the world of art demonstrates universal characteristics in all directions, bringing the East to understand the West and the West to accept the East."

Director Eaton made the point that a symphony orchestra is a Western cultural invention and that by creating a Western-style orchestra in Korea there would be an opportunity for East—West unity to emerge; Two-becoming-one in the spirit of Cheon Il Guk.

As part of the HJ Youth Orchestra festivities, there were several musical performance by students and faculty members. Two young violinists, brothers Chan Hee and Chan Woo Moon, performed Jacques Offenbach's "Can Can," and Shuji Hata delighted the

audience with a solo guitar performance of "Phantom of the Opera." David Eaton then led the faculty orchestra in several songs with vocalists Eun Chae Lee, who sang "Nella Fantasia," and Yasuko Sakada and Mi Ran Kim performed a duet of the well-known Korean song, "Ma Bop Eh Sung" (Magic Castle). Yeunhee Chang was a featured soloist on her soprano saxophone in "Nella Fantasia."

The HJYO faculty will include Angelica Birdsong and Min Jin Cho (violin), Yuh Jin Choi (viola), Jun Suk Hwang (cello), Michiko Watabe and Kumiko Kitaoko (flute), Junko Suzuki (clarinet), Shuji Hata (guitar), Yun Gun Kwak (drums and percussion), Mi Ran Kim and Eun Chea Lee (vocals), and David Eaton will lead the HJ youth orchestra. The HJYO staff will include Yeunhee Chang, Ji Ae Shingok and Eriko Kubo. Music lessons will take place daily and the HJ Youth Orchestra will provide instruments and rehearsal facilities in the Cheong-A Camp that is located near the Global Peace Center.

True Mother's aim is to create a new cultural center in the Cheongpyeong Lake campus that will function as a concert hall, a theater and movie venue, a recording studio, a music academy, dance studio and martial

arts school. The Cheong-A Camp facility will be the primary location for this vision. Moreover, there is a plan to have summer arts workshops that will educate artists in the ways of Divine Principle and Unification Thought's Theory of Art, while providing expertise in music, dance, sound engineering, filmmaking and martial arts. Students will also perform in the local community as part of an outreach effort in conjunction with the local churches and tribal messiahs.

After the program, David Eaton recalled True Father's words from 1983 regarding art and culture and creating a heavenly artistic culture: "If, through prayer and hard work you cleanse yourself, you will always be able to ask your mind what is right. If you have some artistic question while choreographing or staging a dance or a song and you don't know what the right staging should be, as long as you have purity in mind and heart, God can tell you easily. So, keep your mind and heart clean so you will know what is artistically right." Aju! 

The International Hyo Jeong Music Department of the Cheon Jeong Gung International Headquarters submitted this article.

Subregion Two's Mobilization Experience

This is the translated transcript of the writer's talk delivered at the victory celebration in front of True Mother after Korea's Subregion Two's October 28 rally at the Cheongshim Peace World Center, for which he was the MC. Please note that Korea is among those countries in which municipal entities, from smallest to largest—from hamlet to province—are inside one another within the nation like a Russian matryoshka doll. Townships may contain villages and hamlets, for example.

By Kim Dong-woo

Last year, we decided to go to all of the areas in Seorak Township to inform people about the blessing. We did this in about two months. We held Filial Piety Festivals in thirty municipalities within Seorak. On the foundation of our early efforts, we established twenty-one home groups and each home group was in charge of one or two municipalities. Once every week, without fail, members would go to

the village area within Seorak and perform service activities focused on Happy Health (electrical acupressure machines). This has continued since then.

As we did this, word of our activities spread and eventually someone reported this to the local government administration. One day, someone from Seorak Township contacted me. They asked if those doing our home group activities could form a partner-

ship with the township to work together in caring for isolated elderly people in Seorak. We formed this partnership and cooperated in taking care of aged shut-ins, those old people living alone and unable to have much contact with others. Then, early this year, the Gapyeong County Senior Citizens' Association contacted us. They said, You have been doing many service activities in Seorak. Since you are conducting activities in the senior citizens' centers and helping old people living alone, let's form a partnership.

Gyeonggi Province has a project overseeing 141 senior citizens' halls. The provincial government runs these. We formed a partnership through which eight of our home groups supported eight of their senior citizens' halls. In that way, we began to work with the Gyeonggi Province Seniors Citizens' Association.

Aspiring to achieve a heavenly county
This year, when we learned the date for our Subregion Two rally, October 28, we made a plan. We in the





One of 126 senior citizen centers that Rev. Kim spoke at in an effort to complete the foundation for a heavenly Gapyeong County

Cheongshim Special District prayed to learn what the purpose behind the rally was. What our members collectively decided was that through this rally, we would complete the foundation for a heavenly Gapyeong County. What is the standard for completing the foundation for a heavenly Gapyeong County? First, to go to all villages within the county, not missing even one, to teach people there about True Parents and conduct blessing ceremonies. We could not skip even one village. Second, the population of the county is 64,000. The standard we set was to bless 10 percent of the population.

This standard's origin, as you may know, is AD 311, when Constantine recognized Christianity. Christian scholars believe that 5–10 percent of the Roman population was then Christian. We felt that if we bless and offer to heaven 10 percent of the county's population, we would move those in the spiritual world and the county would be able to stand as the capital of Cheon Il Guk.

Day-to-day efforts

We began our activities with all members united on this goal and dream. As you can imagine, visiting each village to hold blessing ceremonies for the people there is not easy. However, because we had a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Gapyeong County Senior Citizens' Association, we were able to work within the senior citizens' centers. We then went around with the president of the senior citizens' association. We told the president that we were there to do true family activities, so please send an official memo to all 126 villages or townships in the county asking for their cooperation.

What I am saying is that Heaven moved for us. The president sent official memos asking for cooperation to all 126 senior citizens' centers in the county. We organized task forces to go to each municipal area. There we met the four major leaders—the mayor, the head of the senior citizens' association and the Saemaetul [New Village Movement] leader and the leader of the women working for

Saemaetul. We worked to hold as many blessing ceremonies as we could in all the villages without missing even one.

This was our determination and we held Filial Piety Festivals and United Hearts, Hyo Jeong Blessing Events for four months, from July to October. We had to go to over a hundred villages. Even if we held an event in one village per day, we would not have been able to go to each of the more than one hundred villages. When we started, we went to one a day, but then we increased to two a day. As more time passed, we held events in three villages a day. We had decided to complete everything by October 18. So, in the end, as we came into October, because we did not have much time left, we had four teams going to separate villages each day to hold blessing events.

As Jesus fed the five thousand

These events were not just gathering the villagers and going out for a meal. Since we were in the position of offering our sincerity, to show this



Because they were feeding such large groups,, the dish-washing and cooking volunteers were vital to the success of this outreach program.

through our actions, the older members of our church would meet at the church to prepare meals for one hundred to two hundred people. They would pack the meals into cars and go around to four places a day. This was how we fed people at the blessing events.

In this way, we held events until October 28. The results... Within the 126 villages or towns in the county, we held blessing events at 140 locations. The total number of participants was around 5,300 people. When looking at 10 percent of the county's population, we still had to bless around 1,200 more people in order to reach our goal.

We decided then that we would bring 5 percent of the county's population to the rally on October 28 and together with True Mother, we would have an internal ceremony marking the beginning point of forming the capital of Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, I told the sub-regional director, with our purpose in mind, that the Cheongshim Special District had the goal of bringing eighty buses of people to the rally, though many people should also come from other districts. We worked with the goal of bringing eighty buses.

Last year in May, we had our rally in Kintex [an exposition center near Seoul]. At that time, we had mobilized enough people for twenty buses. Then for the November 11 Hopeful March Forward Rally, we filled forty buses. During the last year, even mobilizing to fill eight buses exerted a lot of pressure on our members. In order to mobilize eighty buses, we would need 220–230 church members to manage those buses.

We made a chat group for all the bus managers. When I looked at it this morning, we had 237 managers in the chat room. What is good about the age of instant communication is that if you post something in the chat room all 237 people will know the current situation clearly and instantly and work with that knowledge. That is why I feel that the rally was a victory.

Our task force

Also, I would like to thank our Japanese missionaries and our members in Cheongshim Special District, centered on our Cheongshim Church, who worked very hard. We established our task force and in the beginning, in July, around twenty people came. In September going into October, at the point of the highest participation, we had 105 people going out every day. As I said earlier, this task force would go out to the villages, talk to the village leadership and gather people. Also, at church every morning, members would gather for hoondokhae and the elder members would meet to prepare meals. While those members focused on outreach, other members washed the dishes from the meals of the two hundred people. If they hadn't done the dishes, we would not have been able to hold events the next day. Therefore, mothers with babies or with preschool-aged children took responsibility. They came to the church with their children in tow and worked together to do the dishes. The 120 people in the task force truly moved as one body.

When we held our final blessing event on October 18, the task force felt very sad. But on that day, Heaven

truly showed us evidence of its great work. On that day, after our members prayed at the Tree of Blessing and were going down, someone took a photograph overlooking the Cheongpyeong training center. On the other side of Cheongpyeong Lake from the Cheongpyeong training center, a rainbow was visible over all of Gapyeong County. It was Heaven's answer and a sign that the restoration of Gapyeong County, the capital of Cheon Il Guk, had begun and that our task force had truly done their hard work to the end.

We did the activities, but one amazing aspect was that the Cheongshim Special District could proceed in this way, providentially, because of True Mother's leadership. In truth, last year we held Filial Piety Festivals in about thirty municipalities and many of us were busy doing service activities. During the opening of HJ Magnolia, True Mother told us to have a banquet for the leaders of Seorak Township. At that time, I thought this was just a blessing from True Mother, but that became the starting point for the Cheongshim Church to be able to restore the eldest son realm in Seorak. Now, Cheongshim is no longer just a church in Seorak. It is not just a church but Cheongshim benefits the economy and the livelihood of the citizens, especially the farmers, in Seorak. [He may be referring to tax revenues from our businesses and the increase in population from many members moving to the area.] Therefore, in the future, if they do not work with Cheongshim, Seorak Township cannot develop. The townspeople, those with businesses and other



Above: Rev. Kim leads a group of rural folk in cheers of Mansei, following his lecture; Below: a commemorative photograph at one of many senior centers they visited, where Rev. Kim spoke and the members served food

leaders have come to acknowledge this. That is how much the town's leaders have changed. The person that created the decisive point of change is True Mother.

At the beginning of this year, the reason we held these blessing events was also, in truth, connected to May during the Azalea Great Works, when on the last day, as part of the multicultural festival, Mother gathered the citizens of Gapyeong County and told us to hold a singing contest. At that time, we thought Mother was giving us a blessing but we realize now that True Mother was directly leading the way for the Gapyeong providence centered on Cheongpyeong through the Cheongshim Special District.

Dreams and focused efforts

We had our rally on October 18. The next day True Mother called for all Japanese missionaries in Korea to come to Cheongpyeong. Four thousand three hundred of them came. Of course, Mother blessed all the Japanese missionaries in all of Korea, but

the missionaries of Cheongshim Church truly felt that Mother was giving a blessing to the Cheongshim missionaries in the Cheongshim Task Force. We felt this because after the meeting many of the members had dreams. One missionary came to me and beseeched me, "Rev. Kim, please ask True Mother something for me"

I asked her what had happened and she replied, "I had a dream that we held a blessing event in Pyongyang. In the dream, we had the event because True Mother sent us there. Please ask True Mother when I should go."

That is what she asked me. So I went to True Mother and asked. True Mother said, Go whenever you are ready; so work hard. Truly, we here at Cheongshim Church have united with True Mother.

Once, one of the early members came to our church. While talking about many topics, the early member asked if the Cheongshim Church members face spiritual difficulties or struggle over what has happened to some of the True

Children. One of our members gave an immediate response.

Elder, I am sorry. We hear these things or get text messages about them but do not have time to look at them. We are attending True Mother and we have work and activities to do for us to realize a heavenly Seorak and a heavenly Gapyeong. We do not think anything else is important now.

Hearing this, I truly felt that True Mother has trained the members of our Cheongshim Special District well and that she is encouraging us toward the victory of becoming the capital of Cheon Il Guk in this era. Now is the time of victory. We at Cheongshim Church once again pledge our total investment, even putting our lives on the line, until the day we can proclaim Gapyeong as the capital of Cheon Il Guk to True Mother. 

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