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### Happiness is Finding our Heavenly Parent Whom We Had Lost

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he True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind established themselves as the True Parents of humanity to realize the ideal world, one human family under God, who is the perfect, ideal Heavenly Parent. As such, True Parents have been treading the path of restoration through indemnity, overcoming all trials. In particular, after the Foundation Day of Cheon II Guk, through the seven-year course for the substantial settlement of Cheon II Guk, True Mother victoriously restored more than seven countries and seven religions, opening the genesis of a heavenly unified world. On that triumphant basis, True Mother dedicated the one hundredth anniversary of True Father's Holy Birth, as well as True Parents' sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary. There she proclaimed the

settlement of Cheon II Guk and the beginning of a new seven-year course toward the establishment of a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world. True Mother also offered to God the eighth cosmic anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension. We are blessed to live in the same era as True Mother, the only begotten daughter, who has put her life on the line whole-heartedly to keep her promise to God and to True Father.

True Mother declared the start of a new seven-year course toward establishing a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world. She also granted us a precious name, "Heavenly Parent's Holy Community." In addition, for Heavenly Parent to embrace his lost humanity with love, she called on all peace-loving people and started the era of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival.

Peace is the ideal and common dream of all humankind. Everyone desires peace across borders, races, religions and cultures—from peace in the individual, peace in the family, peace in tribes, peace in the nation and even world peace. Unfortunately, true peace has never been experienced in the history of humanity. True Mother is saying that the reason for this is because people did not achieve the ideal of one human family under the True Parents of humanity, with God as our Heavenly Parent. There can be no peace between siblings without parents, because parents are the center of siblings. There can be no true peace in the world without God, the Heavenly Parent of humanity.

This Peace Festival is a place of blessings initiated by True Mother, the Mother of Peace. There is a passage on page 327 in the Korean version of True Mother's autobiography, *Mother of Peace*, that states, "Man desires to receive all the blessings of God. Happiness is when humanity, after six thousand years, finds its lost parent. There is nothing more delightful than that. That is the reason religion exists, to find such a parent." I came to the Peace Festival to honestly testify about True Mother, because I have been able to see her from a somewhat closer distance than others have. I had sincerely prayed on the day of the Peace Festival that it would be the happiest day in six thousand years, a day on which many would meet True Parents. Our Unificationist family had gathered for a hyojeong meeting, and I felt revived and resurrected. Thank you so much, everyone, for taking that time to share love with one another.

We are now working toward the new goal of Vision 2027. Through the Peace Festival, I sincerely hope that God will bless all humanity with peace as we serve God our Heavenly Parent under the banner of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

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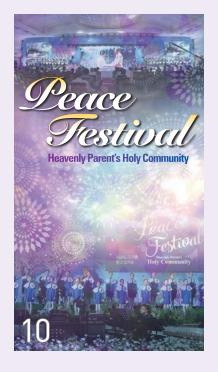
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# The True Ancestors The Perfected Adam and Eve

This speech is the whole of Book 1, Chapter 1, Section 1 of Cham Bumo Gyeong.

od created human beings to experience joy for eternity. Adam and Eve, the first ancestors of humankind, were created to be the object partners of God's absolute true love. Humanity had to originate from one ancestral couple. God created true love to flow in one stream; hence he cannot begin another stream of true love from someone other than one man and one woman. If Adam and Eve had become perfect through God's absolute love and multiplied good descendants, they could have realized an ideal family. Everyone in that family would have attended God the Creator as their vertical, incorporeal true parent and perfected Adam and Eve

as their horizontal, substantial true parents on earth.

Adam and Eve's true family would have expanded into Adam and Eve's clan. Their clan would have prospered, expanded into a society and nation and ultimately would have built a world that fulfilled God's three great blessings, to "be fruitful, to multiply and to have dominion over all things." That world would have been nothing less than the ideal kingdom of heaven that God had intended to build on earth.

From seeing Adam and Eve who were created in his image, we can understand that God exists with the dual characteristics of masculinity

and femininity. It is because God has both of these characteristics that God created Adam and Eve. Therefore, Adam and Eve needed to become one as subject partner and object partner, as a perfect man and a perfect woman. Had they done so, they would have reached a position equal to that of God. Then they would have given birth to sons and daughters and given them the same love that God gave them when creating them. Human beings were God's greatest masterpieces among all created beings. He created them so that they could also be in the position of creating such masterpieces, human beings, as their children. God therefore expected Adam and

Eve to become completely one as husband and wife. Then, when looking at the children born from their perfect union, Adam and Eve would have also felt the tremendous joy that God experienced when he created them. God imbued Adam and Eve with love that would have enabled them to give birth to children and to love them with that very love. In other words, Adam and Eve, being God's beloved children, totally received every single thing that God, the Absolute Being, had within him.

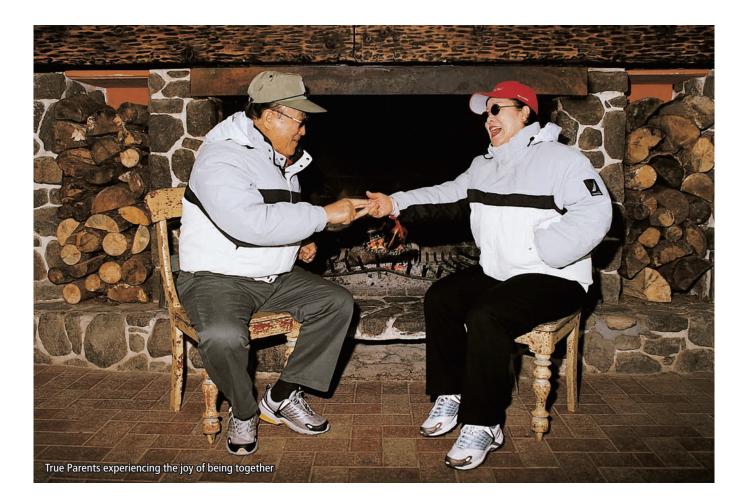
The original Adam and Eve were God's body. What I am saying is that these originally good ancestors of humanity were to be a substantial manifestation of God. God wanted to enter their minds and become one with them in physical form. In that state, even as God wanted to give them more and more, they— God and human beings— would revolve around one another. Spinning like a rotor, they would become completely one.

Had such seeds of love been sown, their descendants, humankind, would have borne the fruit. Then, no matter how far you dissected that seed, its core substance would never change. However, because of the Fall, that seed needs to be dismantled and repaired; it must be fundamentally restored, but this is impossible unless they bring God back into their lives and attend him.

God created heaven and earth in order to share his life and love. This is why God, the incorporeal one, brings forth a man and a woman as the eternal embodiments of his love. They are the True Parents, the good human ancestors, whom he now introduces to humanity as the central substance of his love.

The original Adam and Eve were to have been the True Parents. As Father and Mother, they would have been the center of the family and regarded as the king and queen of the family. Their sons and daughters would have been the heirs who could become future kings and queens. If the original ancestors, Adam and Eve, had not fallen, God would have been the grandparent who bequeathed his kingship to their family. That is why the True Father and True Mother are the king and queen of their family and represent all families in all nations. They are the original king and queen of the family, and you as their sons and daughters are in the position of princes and princesses who will inherit their kingship in the future as members of the royal family.

Due to the Fall of the human ancestors, God lost the true ancestors of humankind as he had envisioned them according to the ideal of creation. Human beings, no matter how great or how wealthy, even if they have the power to move the entire world, are still from the lineage of the fallen ancestors. This is a most lamentable truth. People who are descended from the fallen ancestors are bound to plummet down to Satan's hell. People throughout history have been searching for the original Lord, the original parents who are the true ancestors who can embrace fallen humanity as their true children. For this, God strove to recover the positions of Adam and Eve prior to the Fall, following the path of restoration continually for four thousand years.





As public figures, as True Parents, Father and Mother have brought joy to people all over the world.

Adam and Eve, had they not fallen, would have become the true ancestors of humankind. They would have become the True Father and True Mother, the True Parents of humankind, in the flesh. However, Adam and Eve fell, and humankind became Satan's children. Suppose Adam and Eve had not fallen, but instead had become a man and woman imbued with God's heart. They would have joined in holy matrimony as God rejoiced over them and have become the True Parents of humankind. Then the created world would have united with them in harmony, and joyfully provided their family with everything they needed.

Had Adam and Eve become a true son and daughter before God, had they become a true husband and wife as the model for all human beings, and had they become the True Parents of humankind who could attend God as their eternal parent, they would have been able to sing with joy and happiness throughout their lives. No one would ever have been able to lead them away, because they would have belonged solely to the one Lord. Their heart and their love would have belonged to the one Lord. Their one Lord would have been God.

The Fall disrupted Adam's family. Therefore, the goal of restoration, to return to the original state before the Fall, is to restore Adam's family. God first strives to recover one individual who will be his partner and then he strives to recover one central family. Only after that can he strive to recover a church, a people, a nation and then the world. Throughout history, God has been seeking a family that could become his ideal object partner. Such is the True Family. The True Family is fundamentally different in substance from ordinary families. Unless that Godcentered family can be recovered and aligned with God's ideal, there is no way to recover the ideal for the nation or the world. This is the reason that God must first establish the original True Family. Similarly, salvation

cannot be attained by individuals; rather, the basic unit of salvation is a true family.

Had it not been for the Fall, Adam and Eve would have become the ideal husband and wife and, one step further, the True Parents. They would have become the True Parents to their posterity and all the leaders, members of the headquarters. Had humanity prospered with Adam and Eve as the True Parents, they would have built one great family and established the world of peace in the Adamic cultural sphere.

The history of God's providence of restoration is a sorrowful history. The fact that God lost Adam and Eve is something to grieve over. The problem is that this loss did not end with those two individuals alone. Losing them meant losing their clan, and this lost clan has since expanded into peoples, nations and the world. By losing Adam and Eve, God lost them all. Thus, the loss of Adam and Eve meant that God's kingdom and his sovereignty were lost. It meant the loss of God's family, God's clan and the people for his kingdom. It meant the loss of the ideal for a man and woman, the loss of God's only son and daughter. That is why the history of salvation, namely the history of the providence of restoration, is to recover one man and one woman, Adam and Eve. If Adam and Eve had not fallen but had prospered, today every single human being among the many billions of people on our planet would be registered in the heavenly kingdom. Everyone would naturally enter the heavenly kingdom as one family.

Due to the fall of the first human ancestors, people could neither have true ancestors nor be true descendants. Even God could not be in the position of our True God. Nothing was centered on God, so there was no basis to build a true family, a true society or a true nation. For this reason, we must seek the true root, and when we find it, we will also find the nation in which everyone can live together as one true family. That is why, through the providence of salvation, God has sought to build one world, a world of hope, true peace, love and oneness. To realize this purpose, God sends the Savior. The True Parents must come to earth



True Parents found joy in their shared salvific mission-reuniting God's lost children with their Heavenly Parent.

and teach humanity to make God their central focus as individuals, to put God at the center of the family, the nation and the world; by doing so, they are trying to return all humankind to the original world. Such is the course of the providence.

God's hope is not for the Lord to return on the clouds in the sky and build a spiritual kingdom like a fantasy world. The reason he returns is to plant his feet on the ground and find the one bride who can receive God's total love. He does this work to recover all that was lost because six thousand years ago the first human ancestors became false ancestors. Therefore, in the course of history, a perfect woman must emerge who is absolutely connected to God's love. She must join with the perfect man who lives in oneness with God's love. She is able to stand as the bride of the returning Lord, who comes as the bridegroom. That time is at hand.

When they unite in this position, they are at the level of Adam and Eve before the Fall, when they were loved by God in the garden of Eden. They have reached the point to receive from God the three great blessings. With them emerges the foundational point on earth that Satan cannot invade. Had Adam and Eve stood in this victorious position as the ancestors of humankind, the archangel Lucifer would not have become Satan: rather, he would have attended them as a faithful servant, in line with the principle of creation. Because they lost that position, since that time, human beings have been orphans. Therefore, the True Parents of humankind, who can recover this position, must appear on earth.

The original Adam was one individual, yet he was meant to be the center of the family, the tribe, the nation and the world. The culture would have been Adam's culture. From that culture a language would have begun. Thus, everything would have developed and prospered. Accordingly, all the events that connect to True Parents can become sources for creating a new culture. From this new culture, a true history of humankind can finally unfold. True families, societies, peoples, nations and a true world can emerge.

The teachings that True Parents have established as the tradition will be central in every age. Thus far, human beings have based their hope for the world in a vision of the future, but no longer. Rather than looking forward to something yet to be realized, we will advance centering on the teachings that True Parents are practicing here and now. Based upon their teachings, history will advance. The heavenly nation to be erected based on those teachings will establish the center of the past, the present and the future. Once this nation is inaugurated, its culture will not be short-lived. It will extend to the world and remain alive and well, becoming the source for future cultural development. There will be total oneness. It will be the same, whether at the beginning or the end. 🌾



# Japan Must Keep Up the Pace

This was True Mother's message at Heavenly Japan's subregion three Worship Service of Hope on June 20.

hile watching today's subregion three Sunday service, I thought to share with you a children's song that I used to sing when I was young. This song brings to mind a beautiful image of a brother and sister by a small calm stream one warm spring day.

Splash, splash—when you throw a stone into still water, ripples form in the water. As one ripple forms after the other, the ripples spread out across the water.

Here is a beautiful scene of a brother wanting the ripples he makes

to reach his sister washing vegetables on the other side of the stream, hoping that they will touch the back of her hand. How beautiful this scene is, taking place in complete harmony with nature!

Subregion three is at the center of subregions one, two, four and five. Therefore, just like this little brother who tried to send out the ripples of water, may your devotion and determination reach out and influence all of Japan. It is my deep hope that subregion three will make effort to implement its plans.

By the end of World War II, Japan had become a country of war crimes. Yet, thanks to Korea, Japan has become an economic powerhouse. This is the historical truth. As an economic power, Japan is the world's best in packaging technology. The United States and many other countries have imitated Japan. When we receive a precious gift, the more beautiful the outer packaging is, the greater our interest in the gift becomes.

However, to see what the gift is, you must open the packaging. The value of a gift is not in its packaging, but in the gift itself. In that sense, looking at Japan, I sincerely hope that it will no longer try to package distorted truths about history or about the providence. Packaging is bound to come off at some point.

Subregional director Yoshifumi

Gotoda explained how Japan came to be where it is today; it is because of Korea, where God's only begotten daughter could be born for the sake of the completion of God's providence. Japan has been able to receive forgiveness because of Korea. This is due to True Parents having been born in Korea. Fallen people cannot enter into Heavenly Parent's presence without going through True Parents.

Looking back over the history of humankind, we have always longed for a peaceful world. Yet, in reality, we have not yet been able to bring that about. Many obstacles arose, including conflicts and wars, that prevent people from achieving oneness. Though people have tried to find solutions on their own, they all ended up failing.

We are created beings. Therefore, unless we live according to our Creator's will, there can be no peaceful world for humankind to live in. For the past six thousand years, this has been a human-centered world, but now a new era is emerging through the True Parents, who are bringing the providence to its conclusion. Finally, the True Parents have created an environment in which we can attend the true owner that humankind has so longed to meet, the parent who is humankind's Heavenly Parent. Yet, we are still finding it difficult to break away from old, incorrect customs.

True Parents have opened doors wide to the new era. From a human point of view, Japan is undoubtedly a nation that committed crimes that cannot be forgiven in the eyes of the world. Who, then, can remove this burden and open the way for Japan to go forward in hope? The True Parents can.

Japan should no longer be so concerned about the packaging, but let people know correctly about the underlying truth. It should settle everything that needs to be settled and pour new wine into fresh wine skins. If the political leaders and people of Japan today do not become those who can ensure Japan fulfills her responsibilities as a nation blessed by True Parents in this new age and new history, Japan's everlasting blessing will not come; Japan will not be blessed eternally.

Only when the people and political leaders of Japan join in the movement to attend True Parents, who are guiding all people to our Heavenly Parent—who is the owner of Japan and the owner of this universe—can Japan advance to a position from which to receive eternal blessings.

Therefore, subregion three must direct its activities toward educating and bringing rebirth to all of Japan. With the spirit of the rose of sharon and with an unchanging spirit, you must let people know about True Parents and bring unity in Japan. The work of completing the mission and responsibility of the Eve nation or mother nation—which carries a heavy responsibility related to completing God's providence—must not slow its pace. Do you understand?

Director Gotoda, blessed families and peace ambassadors, the wish of all families attending today's service is to see a heavenly unified Japan. Hence, I sincerely pray that you will all become people that can spur on this effort.  $\mathcal{P}$ 





The leaders of subregion three in Korea and in Japan with MOUs promising to achieve peace in the Pacific region through harmony and cooperation between South Korea and Japan







### **Heavenly Parent's Holy Community**



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## True Parents' Efforts to Reunite Korea

#### By Myung-chul Cho

ood morning everyone. My name is Myungchul Cho. I was a member of the Korean National Assembly. As a legislator, I was given a nickname. I was called "the Crybaby," because every time I was asked to give a speech, I would always be moved and against my hope and desire, I would shed tears. But today, because I am coming here to Heavenly Parent's Holy Community's Peace Festival, I am again moved to tears because I want to thank and welcome every one of you peace-loving citizens who have come here. I would like to thank in particular Dr. Moon for inviting me to come and speak.

I'm not sure how many of you know me, but I would like to briefly introduce myself. In contrast to those of you seated here, my hometown is Pyongyang. I was born in Pyongyang, as was Kim II-sung, so he and I share the same hometown. I went to Amsan School and later to Kim II Sung University. These are educational institutions where the elite of North Korea go. After graduating from university, I was appointed as a professor of Economics at Kim II-sung University. Thereafter, I went on an exchange program to China. From China, I came to South Korea.

When I came to South Korea, I visited the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy and began working there. Strangely, when as a North Korean I came there, when I saw how South Koreans respected me and welcomed me, I [fully] left, I became a defector from North Korea. I continued to work in South Korea until I was elected as a national assemblyman. I am also working as a professor at Sun Moon University. [Applause] Thank you. The president of Sun Moon University is also here.

I only have five minutes, so I want to end my introduction there. What I want to say is that you are genuinely blessed. You truly are blessed because from the moment you were born, from your youth all the way until your elderly years, even when you are old, you can always see Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon. You can always receive love and the truth from True Parents. You lead blessed lives.



It was at the age of thirty-two that for the first time in my life that I heard about Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. It may seem insignificant to meet True Parents, but for me it was such a profound shock. I was a professor at Kim II-sung University in North Korea at that time. My father was the minister of Construction in North Korea, and after True Parents' visit to Pyongyang, Premier Kim II-sung called all the ministers and he told them that he had met with Rev. Moon. All the government officers were shocked.

That caused me to think, How incredible must this person be? How great must this person have been that he moved Premier Kim II-sung? When I lived overseas and when I lived in South Korea, I saw so many people criticizing, cursing North Korea. But when I was in Pyongyang, nobody ever said, North Korea's ideology, North Korea's system is wrong. I never saw one single person tell the elite, tell the premier.... There were so many politicians, so many businesspeople, so many NGO leaders and so many religious leaders that came to Pyongyang, but every time they came to Pyongyang, they felt over-awed. Instead of telling the truth, they would praise the North Korean system.

However, Rev. Moon was different. He told Premier Kim Il-sung that the Juche ideology is wrong, that communism is wrong—that this system that denies God is wrong. In front of the premier of North Korea, Rev. Moon confidently, boldly spoke. What an incredible, what a great person!

I'm sure you know that if you go to North Korea and say the wrong thing, if you even mar a poster, or take down a poster, or take down propaganda material or speak about God, your life might be at risk.

So many citizens from America and around the world, so many pastors and businesspeople [came and said nothing critical]. It is unbelievable, unimaginable. Many of you might think, If I go to Pyongyang, I am going to speak freely. I am going to tell the truth.

Please believe me when I say, when you go there, it is just not possible. Rev. Moon was indeed an incredible person. What I felt was that he was a great person because when everyone else criticized North Korea, when everyone else cursed North Korea, they said, North Korea should perish. North Korea should be destroyed. When everyone else cursed North Korea, Rev. Moon said, "Even though North's Korea's system is wrong, even though the Juche ideology is wrong, we need to work together to realize reunification."

At the time, when he told the truth, he also extended his hand. I was so moved by that. And when I saw Rev. Moon launching various businesses, he seriously looked at what North Korea needed—from tourism, to cars, to hotels, to economic development.

When we speak of peace and prosperity, without love, is that possible? Can we have true peace and prosperity without love, compassion? That is the person Rev. Moon is. He practiced true love and compassion.

At that time, I also met Dr. Hak Ja Han for the first time. How can she be so pure? So radiant. The citizens of Pyongyang were applauding. Some people said, [Professor Cho's hand goes to his heart] "She is lovely. She is beautiful." But what I felt is that the face is a window into the soul of a person. The fact that Mother was radiant... Looking at True Mother, I thought, How great must be True Mother's love be that she is so radiant. You have been able to see True Mother, True Parents, for your entire lives. I can tell you that the citizens of North Korea desperately want to see True Parents, but they cannot.

When I see True Mother, Mother does not speak much, but you can see it in her countenance. I love True Parents and when True Parents do anything, an event, a gathering, I always do my best to attend. I can say that I am a fanatic when it comes to True Parents. It may be embarrassing for a political figure to say that he is a fanatic toward True Parents, but I can confidently say that.

When I see the path that True Parents have trod and the steps they've taken, it reminds me of a poem by Honorable Young-eun Han, which says, "What is a friend? You left me and beyond these beautiful gingko trees, beyond those beautiful hills, you have gone."

Rev. Moon left, but we never left Rev. Moon. He is always alive in our hearts. I have read this poem so many times when thinking of Rev. Moon, that I have memorized it. It's because of Rev. Moon, because of True Parents, that the Korean Peninsula has importance in modern history.

When Rev. Moon ascended, I was filled with concern. But after that, when I saw what Dr. Moon, what True Mother, did, I truly felt, Mother is the best! She is amazing!

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, his will, is not just being perfected, but True Mother has expanded on God's providence and made it blossom even more. I'm sure you know this even better than I do.

Look at all of the leaders from around the world that True Mother is gathering for the sake of peace, harmony and the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. No government has been able to do so. All the scholars of the world, even if they combine their wisdom together, can we say that they would achieve as much without True Parents? Mother is bringing together all of the world's scholars, and this is a sight that is not common nowadays.

Today, I heard that members of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community are increasing. This is possible thanks to True Mother. Because of that, I feel so happy and hopeful about the future.

I'm sorry. I am going over the time limit. I will take a bit more of your time. Mother needs to be with us. Mother needs to stay healthy, so that a nation like North Korea, such a dark place like North Korea, can finally see the bright light of reunification. We sing, "In the dark places, we will bring our embrace. Bring light!" Let us follow True Mother. Thank you very much. 7

Professor Cho was the first North Korean defector elected to the South Korean National Assembly, in which he served 2012–2016.



# **Become an Object of Joy to God**

#### By Su-man Kim

allelujah! Let us give praise unto the Lord, the Creator. The fact that I was invited here to the Peace Festival is an expression of God's great love and grace to all of us. May God's blessings be with you.

In December 2019, I was able to attend the launch of WCLC (World Clergy Leadership Conference). Thereafter, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon invited Korean Christian clergy members to East Garden. This is what I remember from her message: "Do not call me Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Call me Mother. Call me Mother Moon." I remember these words. Recently, I began reading Mother's autobiography, titled Mother of Peace. Once again, I could understand the value of Mother's request.

Why has Mother Moon been recognized as the "Mother of Peace"? When I look at the Rallies of Hope that have taken place recently, I cannot help but concur. Also, when I see how Mother is bringing all Korean religions through the Korean Clergy Leadership Conference (KCLC) for the sake of peace on the Korean Peninsula, and in particular, for the realization of a heavenly unified Korea, and seeing the importance she places on Christianity in bringing about peace on the Korean Peninsula and the realization of a heavenly, unified Korea, I am profoundly moved.

When I went to Liberty University in America, I was able to hear the testimonies of Rev. Jerry Falwell, the founder of Liberty University. He is a person I profoundly respect. During the last Rally of Hope, during the launch of Think Tank 2022, as the chair of KCLC, I was able to watch the testimony of his son, Rev. Jonathan Falwell. Hearing the message of the son of Rev. Jerry Falwell moved me.

I realized that everything that happens in life happens for a reason. We are the pure citizens who love God. In particular, in Korea's case, the Korean Peninsula is blessed with rivers, valleys and mountains—it is a beautiful land but a land with tremendous providential significance because of the ideological divide. Korea is divided into



North Korea and South Korea. But I believe that even this division will be resolved thanks to the unfolding of God's will and the suffering that Korea has gone through. This suffering has been a steppingstone toward Korea living for the sake of the world. Korea needs to live for the sake of the world. Therefore, in order for unification to happen, it must happen centered on God. It must be a heavenly, unified Korea. Otherwise, true unification is not possible. This is God's message and the responsibility of the people of Korea.

Until now, Christians have devoted themselves to the cause of peace worldwide. Today, we know the Mother of Peace, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, has been working tirelessly for her entire life for the sake of peace on the Korean Peninsula. Whatever happens, it is difficult to do it for a month. It is extremely difficult to pursue something for a year. But to pursue a goal for one's lifetime is impossible unless God blesses that endeavor.



Members gathered at Cheon Seong Wanglim Palace (the Cheonbo Training Center) to hear True Mother's message.

Every time I have seen Mother Moon, she has shed tears and spoken about God's will, about the need to realize a heavenly, unified Korea. I could see that Mother Moon is the True Mother who is working not just for the sake of peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula, but she has been carrying out God's will. I could clearly see that she has been appointed, anointed, called. God is guiding her in the realization of Heaven's providence. I have never seen a leader with greater passion for the cause of realizing a heavenly, unified Korea.

Many people may have a lot of potential. Many people may have a lot of initiative. But who else has passion that compares with the passion with which Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is mobilizing the global foundation and connecting it to Korea for the sake of peace, for the sake of harmony on this divided peninsula?

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has the ability, the passion, the will but also the heavenly mandate from God to carry out God's will. She is the Mother of Peace, wiping away the tears of suffering humanity. Thanks to her blessing, KCLC in Korea, ACLC in America and WCLC around the world are now coming together. Christianity around the world is c0ming together, centering on the Mother of Peace, to

bring joy to God, to return true joy to God.

I have seen this. In the past, Mrs. Yeon-ah Moon, Mr. In-jeon Hong and Hyeong-yeong Lee shared about the Mother of Peace, and this is the holy song that arose in me: We all want to become children that give joy to our Heavenly Parent. I would like to sing that song.

I want to be an object of joy to Heaven. Please cleanse my heart. Please grant that I become a new wineskin. Please shine your light upon my heart. Not as I will but as thou wilt. Grant that I may give you joy, my Lord. For as long as I am alive, grant that I may become an object of joy to you, Lord. Please grant that I may become an object of joy to you, Lord. The one thing I desire is to become an object of joy to you, God. The state of the st

*Rev. Kim is the chairman of the Korean Christian Leadership Conference.* 



# **Religious Leaders Express Support**

#### **By Religious Leaders**



#### **By Noel Jones**

other Moon, the Mother of Peace, your love, your faith, \_ your leadership and sacrifice have inspired the faith community and leaders of all faiths to come together as family. The way we can bring joy to God, our Heavenly Parent, is by joining together with the Mother of Peace, to bring the world together as one family. Mother Moon, with a mother's heart, you are inspiring us to give joy to our Heavenly Parent by making faithful Blessed families and coming together, too, as faith leaders to embrace all people. 🌾

*Rev. Jones is a Jamaican-American minister and a Pentecostal bishop.* 



#### **By Samuel Radebe**

ear True Mother, the Mother of Peace, congratulations for hosting this Peace Festival, to bring joy to our Heavenly Parent. The Creator, Umfihlakalo, is the God of all people, the Heavenly Parent of humanity. In African spirituality, Umfihlakalo is the sustainer of life. Life without him has no meaning. We all need to work to build a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, where we all value, respect and love one another as children of the same parent, our creator, Umfihlakalo. This is the only way to experience true joy and happiness. 7

*Prophet Radebe is the founder of the Revelation Spiritual Home.* 



#### **By Paula White**

ello Mother Moon! I want to congratulate you and all the dignitaries as you gather for the Peace Festival in Korea and all throughout the world. As you have taken on and believe God will bring about the reunification of North Korea and South Korea, and you've gathered and called for unity in the church, among all believers in and followers of Jesus Christ, I ask that God will give you great wisdom, that he will lead you, he will strengthen you and he will continue to hold up your arms, for isn't it pleasant for all brethren to dwell together in unity. May God bless you today and always. 🌾

*Rev. White is an American preacher, author and televangelist.* 



#### By Nuru Mohammed

he holy Prophet Mohammed taught us that people are God's family, and serving people is like serving God. This simply means that service to humanity is service to almighty God. We need each other. We cannot do without one another, because when we serve and reach out to one another, that will definitely be a source of blessings and a source of happiness in our lives.  $\mathcal{P}$ 



#### **By Bandu Pokurale**

espectable Mother of Peace, you have overcome all suffering and prejudice. You have traveled the world and revealed that sacred humans can be divine channels for God Almighty. You have invested everything for the peaceful reunification of your homeland. Dear Mother Moon, you are a champion of peace. You are the mother of the universe and the mother of peace. Shiva and Parvati are seen as an ideal couple In our Hindu tradition. You and Father Moon have manifested that ideal in your lives and teachings. 7

Sheikh Nuru Mohammed is a member of the Birmingham [UK] Muslim Liaison Committee. Pandit Bandu Pokurale is the chief secretary of Nepal Hinduism.

#### By Jesus Manuel Mejia Quirozo

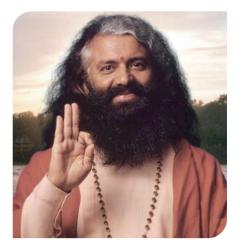
n this moment, I want to express my love and greetings to True Mother. How can we bring joy to God and gratitude to our Heavenly Father? I believe sincerely that the following points are keys: 1. Praise God with honesty and sincerity as children do. 2. Pardon people with love. 3. Without holding any grudge, appreciate one another as we have been taught by Dr. Moon, our True Parents and our Heavenly Parent. Mother Moon is seeking to bring about peace among humanity and the entire world. Amen!  $\mathcal{P}$ 

Jesus Manuel Mejia Quirozo is a bishop of the Anglican Church in Peru.



#### By Waku Higashi

Venerable Wako Higashi is head monk of the Tendaishu Chogyouan Buddhist Temple in Japan.



#### By Chidanand Saraswati

n our tradition, we say "the world is one family." This simply changes how we think, and therefore, how we live. As the divine father and the divine mother, God loves all children and wants them to be healthy and happy. So, to me, the best way to make God happy is to become truly one global family, a family that cares for one another, serves one another, protects one another and loves Mother Earth and all species.  $\not \sim$ 



#### By Mohammad Abou Zeid

was always engaged with the activities of UPF. All these activities were about building peace. We are doing our best to achieve peace. All this work was under the guidance of True Mother Moon. She is a true role model for peace for the whole globe, for the whole world. I wish that everyone can take True Mother Moon's example and try their best to follow in her footsteps in promoting peace and trying to make this world better.  $\mathcal{P}$ 



#### By Dobong

s a person leading the grand flow of the new millennial era from the twenty-first century, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is indeed the True Parent of humanity. As the Mother of Peace, she is seeking to bring about peace among humanity and the entire world. May Buddha's grace and benevolence be with her for all eternity.

Na-mu-gwan-sae-um-bo-sal. 🌾

Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati is president of the Niketan Ashram in Rishikesh, India. *Judge Zeid is president of the Saida Islamic Sunni Court.* 

Monk Dobong is head of the Ubong Local Temple under the Beopju Temple, of Korea's Jogye Order.



# **Hard Work and Recognition**

#### By Rumiko Yamashita



ello, my name is Rumiko Yamasita and I am from Yeongwol County, Gangwon Province, Korea. I am incredibly grateful to be here today at this significant event of the Second Peace Festival and share with you a little bit about my life.

In November 1997, I was married in the forty-million-couple International Marriage Blessing hosted by our True Parents, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Three years later, in February 2000, I moved to Korea. It has already been twenty-one years since that very cold winter day. Right now, I live with my husband, Tae-young Yun, my two sons, who are twenty and twenty-one, and my parents-in-law. Three generations live happily together under one roof. Moreover, another family lives in our barn, our thirty-five cows.

As I mentioned, three generations live together in our home. But when I first arrived in Korea, my parents-inlaw's parents were still alive, so there were four generations. Isn't that amazing? In Japan, I had worked in a bank, and lived in a family of six with my parents and three siblings. At the time I could not even imagine the tight family bonds that came with such a large four-generational family. However, it was not long before I realize what that kind of love and affection was.

When I was pregnant with my first child, my morning sickness was so severe I could not eat anything. Seeing this, my grandfather-in-law took the bus downtown to buy me hardtack. My grandmother-in-law, worried that her foreign granddaughter-in-law would have difficulty adjusting to married life to a Korean and a Korean lifestyle, cherished me and often told me funny stories. When I think about those memories my eyes still sting with tears of deep gratitude. Four years after I came to live with my husband, my grandfather-in-law suddenly passed on from this world.

After that I spent a lot of time caring for my grandmother-in-law. She had suddenly lost her eyesight and could not see anything. She could no longer stand because her knees were bad, and on top of that she began to suffer from dementia. So, every morning I started my day cleaning Grandmother's room, which had been ruined by urine. My mother-in-law says, "No one can defy dementia." She also struggled because of Grandmother. Nevertheless, Grandmother was well cared for by our family and after three peaceful years she passed away.

Since then, I have engraved the values of family love and true happiness in the center of my heart and have focused more on my faith. Meanwhile in 2009, at a forty-day Ocean Workshop in Yeosu, I was able to discover a deeper meaning to the value of the "joy of life" which I had also engraved in my heart.

For five years beginning in 2013, I became the outreach leader at my church in Yeongwol and now I am leading several volunteer projects as the president of the church Finance Committee. During that time, I received two Devoted Daughter-in-Law Award—one from the



Many others have received Filial Piety awards from the Korean government or other awards honoring their family life or character.

Yeongwol County Government through a nomination by my aunt and another from the Yeongwol Confucian School through a nomination by the president of our church's senior committee.

I received these precious Devoted Daughter-In-Law Awards, but I still feel inadequate. As you can tell, my Korean is still not perfect and cultural differences still sometimes arise. However, with the best of my efforts, if I can be recognized by my family, my neighbors and my community, and I heal even a bit of the pain that Japan inflicted on Korea in the past, I would take this path one hundred times over. Moreover, if I can give even a small amount of strength to True Parents who are exerting themselves to open the way for a true world of peace and a joy-filled future in a heavenly unified Korea, I will invest more effort as I take this path.

I endured many things throughout the past twenty-one years. Yet as a Blessed family, I walked a love-filled path striving to spread true joy, in my family, to my neighbors and to my community. I have made it to today by raising my sons into mature young adults who are proud of the path their mother has taken.



A citation from the Korean government honoring our church member's good behavior naturally reflects well on True Parents.

As my husband and I worship as a family, we continually resolve to become a couple that gives true joy to the world. I hope that many more families in Gangwon Province can become happy families that strive to testify to the value of the Marriage Blessing by leading meaningful lives.

From now on, I will attend my parents-in-law with the same heart of immense love and respect that I have for True Parents. I will love my husband more deeply with the same yearning I have for Heavenly Parent; and I will teach my two sons to become part of Korea's proud future and to build beautiful families just as I did with my husband. Since coming to Korea and meeting True Parents, I have been truly grateful for discovering my identity and realizing what I should live for. As I conclude my Hyojeong Testimony, at this opportunity, I would like to express my appreciation once again for True Parents. Thank you.  $\not \! p$ 

*Mrs.* Yamashita is one of many members who have received awards for their conduct and character.



# Hyojeong Encounters

This is the transcript of a speech Dr. Yun has been delivering on a recent speaking tour.

#### By Young-ho Yun

he reason I came here today is not to host a revival or to share and evaluate the international headquarters' strategies but to fulfill my duty as a filial son by giving you a sincere testimony about True Mother, whom I've attended at a close distance. I, too, am experiencing rebirth and resurrection through this hyojeong encounter. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to express my respect to you and convey True Mother's love to you.

It is important to move forward to achieve providential goals. But I also believe it is important for us to unite, harmonize and encourage one another along the way. I think hyojeong is our essence and that hyojeong is more important than the range of our providential goals.

I would like to share Mother's heart and circumstances with my seniors and juniors in life and in the life of faith. I will do my best so that this encounter, centering on hyojeong, becomes an opportunity for me to unite and communicate with the church leaders who are working hard on the front line with humble hearts.

The UPF member stage is a stage of understanding God as our Heavenly Parent. The church member stage is the stage of understanding that we are Heavenly Parent's child. The Blessed family stage is the stage of understanding that we are Heavenly Parent's family. The Cheonbo stage is the stage of understanding that I am Heavenly Parent's treasure. We aim to attain individual perfection as a church member, family perfection as a blessed family and perfection of dominion as a Cheonbo couple. This is how we grow through the road map of faith and restoration.

In teaching me about the happiness of a community, True Mother has told me ways to make our church, our holy community, a place we want to go to and not a place we have to go to. What True Mother has taught us about the culture of our church ever since the settlement of Cheon II Guk was that our culture must become one that can embrace everything. Lately, True Mother has been hosting a Sunday service every week. What is remarkable is that she is not doing this with a rational mind, but with sensibility, or in other words, pleasure and joy rooted in a heart of true love, that wants to keep giving, a heart of longing to meet her beloved children.

Furthermore, even within the COVID-19 pandemic, she started off a special one-hundred-day course centering on the ministers. She looked into the life of each minister in order to unite and walk together with them. I observed true maternal affection as I attended Mother by her side.

Within the fortune of the settlement of Cheon II Guk, she has started the Cheonbo Education Center and has led us to the path of asceticism to perfect the three great blessings. True Mother is changing the environment and culture of our community in order to cultivate the members, not through the past pioneering path for survival's sake, but through a formal sector of training of the heart and love.

The members of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community developed their faith due to True Parents' teachings and are following the path to become true parents. Step by step, we are marching forward to become true parents of our tribes and of our countries with our faith in True Parents.

I had never seen True Mother so pleased as she was after the launching of Think Tank 2022. Her eyes welled up with tears as she thanked the members, leaders, members of the headquarters' staff



and other staff members. She said, "Thank you. Thank you so much." I cried my eyes out. I could not but cry because I knew what she had gone through. When Mother came out of a US court of law after indescribable hardships, having had to testify, I asked her, "Why do you live such a tough life? Can't you live a more relaxed life? You cannot even sleep. You wake up eight times every night. Why do you have to live like this?"

Mother's answer to my question was very clear, "Because I am Mother." I believe our brothers and sisters raise your children with the utmost care and affection. Imagine that your beloved child trampled on your heart. On seeing True Mother embracing even such behavior, I realized that our path to attend True Mother as her sons and daughters could not be other than a path of humility. I could not withdraw when Mother was willing to go on. This is my confession of faith. This was how she fulfilled the seven-year course. Her mouth was sore and her legs were swollen. It was beyond words. But she accomplished it.

I believe you remember the Blessing Ceremony True Mother hosted in South Africa. Mother had to descend to the first floor of the FNB Stadium in order to carry out the ceremony, but the owner of the stadium had turned off the electricity and blocked the elevator.

Each step of the 140 stairs Mother descended reminded me of her seven-year course, or each day of her seven-year course, or even each day of the six thousand years of fallen human history. This was how Mother achieved the condition for national restoration. This is True Mother's course.

Mother supported True Father to live like True Father, Unification Church members to live like Unification Church members and a community of the heart to live like a community of the heart. This is the way she has lived. What we need to do today is observe Mother's achievements, feel them and sympathize with them as they are and to truly attend her with our hearts. When we realize a unified Korea and a unified world within our hearts with that mindset, I am sure Heaven will support us.

Do you remember True Mother's speech? "My body could not take another step, but I had to go on and I had to show them that we could create miracles.... I felt like a lonely sailboat on the vast ocean, but I had to keep my promise to Heavenly Parent and True Father." This is True Mother's heart.

Due to this fulfillment, we saw a new dawn. Thus, when I saw True Mother accomplish the launching of Think Tank 2022, I thought not only of her seven-year course but of her life course. I may not know much, but it suddenly hit me, and I could not help crying. True Mother said, "Thank you. Thank you so much!" "I trust you. You are the heavenly treasures and you are the first to take this path opened by Heavenly Parents. I will trust you!"

This is the providence of the Cheonbo Family Church. What I would like to ask of you today is to believe in True Parents, especially True Mother, and unite as we march forward. Like the wild geese that fly, traveling thousands of miles together, let us praise and encourage one another and head for our goal as we walk together on this path of victory by becoming True Parents' doubles, their ambassadors, their representatives.  $\tilde{\varphi}$ 

Dr. Yun is the director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters.

# The Value of ISCP through the Words of Prominent Leaders

*Excerpts of speeches at the ISCP General Assembly during World Summit 2019 and 2020* 

he International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) is an organization that True Mother, a founder of the Universal Peace Federation, initiated as one of UPF's primary associations on February 8, 2019, during World Summit 2019 in Seoul. True Parents had launched a similar organization, the Summit Council for World Peace, in 1987, as a forum for public figures who were no longer in office as well as people of noble birth to apply their wisdom and experience in exploring remedies to the world's problems and means of ushering in world peace.

ISCP's mission is similar in intent, but it is a network of heads of state or government as well as those no longer in office. The purpose of the organization is to harness the knowledge, experience and wisdom of those that are or have been responsible for dealing with problems at the highest levels of their own nation to help grapple with problems that affect other nations, such as poverty and corruption, as well as international problems such as war, climate change and conflicts between religious groups.

### Chuichi Date, member of the House of Councilors in Japan's Diet (2016–2019)

The International Summit Council for Peace was proposed by Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. They have committed their lifetimes to achieving world peace. In particular, this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of Dr. Moon's birth and the seventy-seventh anniversary of Dr. Han's birth. They have promoted the concepts of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values, and today the spirit of those concepts is more urgently needed than at any other time in history.

I would like to express my respect to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who has made great efforts, going four laps around the earth, last year alone, for a project to promote world peace, echoing her husband's determination. I think that's exactly why she is praised as the "True Mother, the Mother of Peace" who is creating peace in the world.  $\mathcal{P}$ 





José Manuel Barroso, president of the European Commission (2004–2014), prime minister of Portugal (2002–2004)

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to UPF and to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Thank you for your kind invitation to be with you in this great country, Korea.... It is only appropriate that I start with a quotation from Spinoza. In 2012, I had the privilege and the honor of accepting the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the European Union, and in my acceptance speech, I quoted Spinoza, a great Dutch and European philosopher, who said "Peace is not an absence of war; it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence and justice."

When we try to go for peace, for instance in this region or in other parts of the world, of course, we must pursue that goal through political, diplomatic and security means, but I think we should also think about the cultural and people-to-people contacts—everything that can generate an atmosphere of virtue, reconciliation and justice. It was that spirit, for instance, that made possible the reunification of Germany.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

#### Jimmy Morales, president of Guatemala (2016-2020)

ope is wishing for something to happen. Faith believes that it will happen. Courage makes it happen. It is an honor to be at this UPF 2020 World Summit to talk about building peace with interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. I would like to express my gratitude to those who provided this opportunity, especially the founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. I would like to thank the Universal Peace Federation for inviting me to participate in this world summit that brings together the leaders of 170 countries from the five continents. I have traveled from Guatemala accompanied by my wife, Patricia Marroquin de Morales, and other national leaders to tell all of you that it is possible to bequeath a better world to future generations if we all do our part. Dr. Moon, thank you for your example and courage at the head of the UPF. And to all of you, my best wishes for the prosperity of your families and nations. *P* 



#### Christopher Loeak, president of the Marshall Islands (2012–2016)

Ilow me also to take this opportunity on behalf of our executive leaders, his excellency President David Kabua, and the people of the Republic of Marshall Islands, to thank Mother Moon, UPF and their partners for the tireless and important work they have done and continue to do to promote peace and security—not only in one country but throughout our global community. Such an audience, as we have here, can only be attributed to the work and universal message of peace from Rev. Moon and the efforts of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as she carries on that legacy.... Your message to the world on peace and security does not go unnoticed or unanswered. The Marshall Islands will continue to be vocal and advocate for the cessation of war and of the nuclear arsenal.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

#### Sione Vuna Fa'otusia deputy prime minister of Tonga (October 2019–December 2020)

he Universal Peace Federation maintains that any successful strategy for peace must take into account the spiritual dimension of all human identity, experience and direction. A world where all resides in peace, a world in which all nationalities, ethnicities, races, cultures and worldviews are called to exist together in mutual respect and harmony, as the cofounder, Dr. Moon described, is the ideal world, one family under God. This ideal calls for teaching by example, since the path to such a society is through living a life of true love and living for the sake of others.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

#### Stephen Harper, prime minister of Canada (2006–2015)

have been honored to be a small part of the work this organization does to advance peace, interfaith understanding and dialogue. I am also honored to be here in this particular year, which I know is a momentous year for the Universal Peace Federation, because it is the centenary of the birth of their co-founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon. I certainly know, as we all noted earlier, that under the continued leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, you have a more momentous program, a more ambitious program than ever before.... The constant efforts of civil society led by this organization, the Universal Peace Federation, to bring about reconciliation between religions and nations, and especially between Koreans, North and South, will be more important than ever and will lay the groundwork for eventual success.  $\mathcal{P}$ 



### Samdech Hun Sen, prime minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia (1993– )

oday, I am honored and delighted to join the World Summit General Assembly and the General Assembly of the International Summit Council for Peace. At the outset, on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, I would like to express profound gratitude to the people and the government of the Republic of Korea and to the Universal Peace Federation for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to me and Cambodia's delegation.

This World Summit is an important forum, providing a rare opportunity for both governmental and non-governmental leaders from all corners to discuss and exchange views on the development of regional and global situations to resolve common challenges, to maintain peace, security and ensure sustainable human development for the world. Furthermore, the theme of this forum, "Peace, Security and Human Development," is relevant and important, while all nations around the world are currently facing a wide range of challenges threatening the peace, economic growth, prosperity and harmony among the people in the world. "

### Henry Van Thio, vice president of Myanmar (2016–February 1, 2021, through forced removal during the Myanmar coup d'etat)

would like to thank the Universal Peace Federation for organizing this summit on peace, security, and human development.... I think UPF is a well-established institution to promote harmony among different groups. We need to pursue the goal of peaceful coexistence and the development of our societies. To achieve this goal, cooperation from NGOs is essential. We expect our efforts to be strengthened through this cooperation. We must solve challenges through mutual understanding and the drive for social harmony. In this regard, young people serve as sources with enormous potential for the nation's development. Therefore, young people should be able to receive a quality education at all levels. We have governments, civil society organizations, academic organizations, international organizations, and parents, all of whom need to contribute in the present world.  $\not \!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!$ 



#### Newt Gingrich, US congressman (1979–1999) speaker of the US House of Representatives (1995-1999)

come today to say to each and every one of you who have busy lives, both up here [onstage] and across the entire room, that your willingness to take time to think about how you can reach out and how you can help Dr. Moon reach out is very appropriate, as we are here on the one hundredth anniversary of Rev. Moon's birth.

Because out of the devastation of World War II and the Korean War, he and his bride found the courage to dream that they could achieve something. What they have created together is amazing. I think each of us should take some courage from their courage. Each of us should share their vision that everywhere across the planet on every continent, people can be brought together. Only by finding a way to work together will we avoid the disasters that could otherwise afflict the entire human race.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

#### Joo-young Lee, deputy speaker of the Korean National Assembly

oday, many distinguished leaders attended this meeting, including a hundred and fifty heads of state or ex-heads of state from a hundred countries, five hundred parliamentarians and six thousand leaders from numerous sectors, such as politics, economics, religion, media and academia. I want to show my gratitude to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, Hee-taek Chung, chairman of *Segye Ilbo*, and others for hosting this summit to discuss world peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula, which we long for. I heard that even last year, in just one single year, summits were held nine times across nations and continents. I believe that the dedication to world peace is the impetus of this summit. *P* 

#### Ban Ki-Moon, chairman of Think Tank 2022 and secretary-general of the United Nations (2007–2016)

asting peace and security are humanity's dearest wish as well as the defining pillar of the United Nations. However, as a result of conflict, nationalism, unilateralism, geopolitical tensions, terrorism and ethnic and religious strife, lasting peace remains elusive in many parts of the world. Among this spectrum of crises, I welcome that the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula will be the focus of these deliberations. I would like to thank and extend my special gratitude to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for hosting this summit and commend her for her long-standing commitment to peace and reconciliation.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

#### Brigi Rafini, prime minister of Niger (2011–2021)

don't know if you all know about the Sahel area. There is a devastating civil war going on in the Sahel region of Niger. Many people, including civilians have been killed. That is why many people are praying for peace in Niger. We need to bring peace through prayer and action, not just words. I would like to stress once again, that peace is needed. As I said, I'll give you a short message. We have already heard many speeches. Now we need action, not just speeches. The world needs peace; it's our common task, and it needs everyone's participation and effort. All of us will be able to build peace around the world if we try to solve our common challenges. I look forward to good results. Once again, I would like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for inviting me to this important conference. Congratulations on the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the seventy-seventh anniversary of the birth of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. I wish you all great success. *T* 

## Moving from Being Blessed Families to Cheonbo Families

An interview of Director Young-hwan Gil



If we think about the 430 couples, many became closer to the church but did not actually join. How much more difficult is it to get the forty-three couples from among the 430 to become members of the church?

n Korea, I am making a model. Since it is so difficult, I am creating an organization, Pyeonghwa Aewon, which means "Peace-Loving People." We invite ambassadors for peace and UPF members that are not our church members to a Peace Festival. We then invite them to a Peace Service, and then we ask them to take part in our peace training, which is like a workshop. To a certain extent, it is easy. It is easy to meet them, easy to get to know them. If they actually join these three courses, it has been approved that they can become one's fortv-three substantial families and be seen as real members.

Normally, we should take forty-three couples from the four hundred and thirty couples. That was the original rule, but some of them live far away or are involved in their own pastoral work in other places. They are not close to us; they do not live in our area. In reality, it is not easy.

So, through this three-step process, we are creating families that are close to us, people who love



Director Young-hwan Gil with the editor-in-chief of True Peace magazine during the interview; Below: One of the books that members are studying in their efforts to become heavenly tribal messiahs and cheonbo families

peace; and then we guide them to become members. Later, we introduce them to the Blessing. Slowly, we want them to become cheonbo citizens. This is the path that has opened for these people.

We are not just meeting people who've never had contact with us before; we are searching for them through the UPF network. It's easier for us; there is a greater possibility of success, because they are closer to us and know about us. Often, they are already prominent citizens of their village or area. In this way, members have a greater opportunity to do activities with them because they can more easily connect with each other.

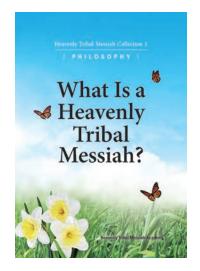
#### What sort of attitude or mindset do we need to succeed in this work?

work? We should have a mind, a heart, that is completely aligned with True Mother—faith, too, aligned with True Mother. I often see that when we do not have confidence within ourselves, it becomes exceedingly difficult, but the moment we start following our True Mother's will, many miracles happen. This helps our members realize they have a lot of strength; they just need to follow True Mother. Then they start praying at the Cheonshimwon. In this way, the members themselves begin to open their hearts more.

Of course, there is often a negative or dark side that arises when people feel they are not able to do something. They feel it is difficult because they do not have money, or they do not know the right kind of people. They become increasingly depressed, because they feel unable to accomplish it. That group or category exists. Raising forty-three couples who will follow the church or follow the movement is important, but more important than that is becoming close to those people, loving them and taking care of them. That process is important. It is the road to becoming cheonbo people, heavenly cheonbo people with a good heart.

Normally, people that have accomplished the three blessings should become cheonbo members, right? I call a person who has already reached individual perfection, who has accomplished the three blessings, "a heavenly self," leading to a heavenly family and a heavenly tribe. In order to become a heavenly self, we first must have love within our hearts. It's important to achieve the forty-three couples, but it is more important for us to be in a cheonbo family ourselves—to have achieved the three great blessings. Of course it is important and we should want to liberate the people we bless as we work to reach those forty-three couples, which is why True Mother is helping us. We are going to create a book, "The Path of Becoming a Heavenly Cheonbo People." That is also why we need education about the Cheonshimwon and education on the Cheonbo course.

We want people that do the course sincerely and become cheonbo people. We do not want to just reach numbers. We are not working to say X number of people came. This is the work of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.



### Have you seen that kind of transformation in some of the members?

f course! I feel it a lot. Many changes have occurred because they believe in the miracle of True Mother. They understand True Mother's heart. Many of the pastors testify that there are many people who are achieving the forty-three couples and among them many are poor, impoverished. They find a way, they get support. They receive help, and they move together to achieve the forty-three couples.

The changes in the members' hearts deeply move the pastors. That's why, when she speaks to the pastors, True Mother often says, "I trust you," and she tells them, "You are the stars." When the pastors report to her, Mother says, "The reports of the pastors are a festival of stars."

That True Mother trusts the pastors scares them. They become tense and they must find a way to make a change in themselves, too, for each to become a better person. True Mother is not shouting at them and putting them down; she is lifting them up and trusting them, so they change. Having changed, when they go back to the mission field, to their churches, the members see that type of pastor and also change.

#### I understand that you have teaching material that you use. What are some of the main components?

wo things in Cheonbo education make up the Cheonbo Leadership School (CLS). Alternatively, we call it the Cyber Leadership School. We use Cyber Leadership School when the learning is done online. It's being made in Korean, Japanese and English.

We meet once a month through Zoom, internationally, by region. Members study online and some people from overseas come here to gain some education. That's off-line education, but because of the Coronavirus, we aren't doing off-line education now. We are working through and supporting the Cyber Leadership School.

If you are asking what makes up

the curriculum of the Cheonbo Leadership School, I will tell you. There are three components: Cheonbo Leadership School I, II and III. In Cheonbo Leadership School I, we explain the basics—the most important points to become a member. We teach them the Divine Principle in a basic way and True Parents' life courses. We let them know what Heavenly Parents' Holy Community means.

Of course, after they have received the basics, they want to become members and receive the Blessing. We deal with that in CLS II. At that level, we want to find three people and through those three, create a home group. Once the home group is created, we teach them how to multiply home groups. So they become twelve and then they become forty-three. That is the job of CLS II.

What is CLS III about? It's for making the transition from Blessed families to Cheonbo families. They are already in Blessed families, and they have their trinity. They need to leave that level, too, using the leadership skills necessary to find 430 families and become Cheonbo families.

The most beautiful leadership in the world is coaching. Coaching is not about putting yourself out there but finding a way for the object, the person you are talking to, to achieve what he or she wants to achieve. You coach them so that they succeed. It's not about forcing them or giving them orders but helping them grow. Basically, just as True Parents have said in their speeches, it's about emptying yourself and doing everything for others, living for the sake of others. In the Cheonbo Leadership School, we stress that type of leadership. We teach that type of leadership in CLS III.

We teach the basics; we then teach them to become heavenly tribal messiahs and then to become Cheonbo families. We have created a program with good content in order for them to be able to follow the course and succeed.

Every country is different. The coaching style we use in Korea does not work with Americans, for example. The Japanese style does not work here in Korea. What does that mean? We work to find good examples, good outcomes, in the local area. We study how different people succeeded in their localities. When I see that they need some help, we discuss ways that might help them succeed. I give them additional input to assist them.

I have helped a hundred and eighty pastors here in Korea to become successful. They write diaries. For the sake of coaching, I look through their diaries. I am helping them so that they can succeed one by one. I am now making case study books. After we see case studies from different countries—Korea, Japan, America, we will also have developed a system for what works where and how.

#### In your cyber school, do you teach from here or are others doing it in their own countries?

www.enslators and we do it from here. We just do the main course. We call it flip-learning style. It's not about the teacher becoming the subject. Basically, the student becomes the subject. Instead of me teaching something, I first give the students the material and a Zoom video in English. They study the material by themselves first.

Then in the main study session, after they have studied the material, we come back together on Zoom and we study together. I support them. I am not teaching them or telling them what to do. I cannot teach them because every country and every situation is different. I just show them the principle and I find out how they manage it, how they adapt it to their country.

In the main class, we basically have people asking questions. I ask them questions about what they have done, and they report, give their presentation, and then other people ask questions of them. And those people also report. So the people in the Zoom conference can all learn about it. I just coach them.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

*This interview took place in Director Gil's office in Korea on July 8.* 



# FIVE REGIONAL PEACE FESTIVALS

















#### A SACRED GATHERING OF A HOLY COMMUNITY

#### By Jin-tae Joo

warmly welcome everyone, brothers and sisters, to this Peace Festival of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. Since today is a festive day, I want to greet you all with this poem. Together with the exceptional love and blessings of God, the Creator, and our Heavenly Parent, I hope that this precious time will be a celebration that strengthens the mind and body of everyone present and of all of us who are drained due to this Covid-19 situation.

#### You Are a Blessing

Heavenly Parent, the source of blessings True Parents, givers of blessings We who have received the Blessing Peace-loving citizens who received the Blessing along with all the creation are cheering today!

Today is a blessed day, a day for blessings the day of and the start of the Peace Festival!

Adam and Eve, the first beings created at the outset fell for the serpent and ate the forbidden fruit breaking the parent-child relationship and turning us into orphans

As if with swollen breasts from nourishing us Heavenly Mother aches from years of weeping for us

Wanting to hug us and not able to looking at us malicious children the futility of the fleeting years accumulates

Promptly, did the only begotten son and daughter come to earth All have been waiting for the marriage feast of the Lamb God in heaven and men on earth!

With determination to end the losing streak of restoration Crossing high jagged mountains Behold the Mother of Peace, who has followed the path of adversity! Behold the substantial Holy Spirit!

May the Peace Festival bring glory to Heaven blessings to earth And may people all experience overflowing joy May it produce a seed of gratitude, excitement and enthusiasm!

Heavenly Parent, the source of blessings True Parents, givers of blessings May the joy of peace-loving citizens who have received the Blessing, bloom with love, with happiness, with determination

Through today's Peace Festival, we will learn, Who is our Heavenly Parent? Who is the Mother of Peace, True Mother, the only begotten daughter, and Who am I? I hope that during this precious time, you will find answers to those three questions.

Dear participants! I just received a truly surprising message. True Mother, the only begotten daughter of our Heavenly Parent, also known as the Mother of Peace, the Mother of Miracles, the Mother of Unification, and the Mother of Love, has just appeared in the heavenly nation of Gyeong-in. I would be grateful if you join me in welcoming True



The Peace Festival of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community took place simultaneously in all five of Korea's subregions. This is subregion one, the heavenly nation of Gyeong-in.

Mother with a thunderous round of applause.

I want to ask you once again to thank the True Mother of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who blessed today's Peace Festival with her merciful eyes and unspoken words. Thank you, True Mother!  $\mathcal{P}$ 

As the leader of FFWPU Korea's subregion one, Rev. Joo is a co-president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification–Korea.



#### WE ARE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS

#### By Bo-guk Hwang

would like to sincerely welcome everyone who is participating in today's Peace Festival, despite their busy schedules and being between activities and responsibilities. Mr. Hyung-soo Kim, chairman of the Guri City Council, Ms. Kyung-ae Yang, a Guri City Council member, and Ms. Kyung-ja Min former parliamentarian have joined us today. Today, we also have the Korean Christian Leadership Council (KCLC) pastors here with us. Many people are also attending this event online through the Peacelink platform.

I would like to sincerely welcome Family Federation members, peace ambassadors, invited leaders, and all peace-loving citizens. At this time, I would particularly like to welcome the founder of this foundation, the Mother of Peace, True Mother, Han Hak Ja Moon, who is with us. Let us send her a big round of applause with gratitude and praise.

The world is facing a lot of difficulties due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The corona pandemic is changing the common sense of human security. It has now been confirmed that a selfish way of life can no longer guarantee the future. We must all exercise a sense of community to create a world where we can live together, prosper together, and enjoy happiness together. To that end, finding peace is something worth doing. Humanity has always longed for a world of peace. But that world is still far away. Then, how will a world of peace be realized? The world of peace will be achieved when order between God, man and nature is maintained and they harmonize with one another.

The peace festival we have prepared today is a festival to celebrate and establish that we are all brothers and sisters under one parent, with God the Creator as the parent of humanity. This event aims to break down the walls of religion, race, culture, and ideology and, with true love, unite to create a world of peace.

Where there is division, Satan will always be present. But wherever there is peace, God is there. Matthew 5:9 says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Rev. Sun Myung Moon dedicated his entire life and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has dedicated her entire life as well to creating a peaceful world. As models for a world of peace, they presented the vision of one great human family under God and have pursued numerous peace projects with their indomitable spirit. Thanks to both of them, peace or the dream and aspiration of peace has touched every part of the planet. Even now, Dr.



A view of the Peace Festival of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in subregion two, the heavenly nation of Gyeongwon

Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Mother, has been working hard to create a world of peace, which has required her recently to travel several times around the Earth. I hope that today's Peace Festival will serve as an opportunity for you to join the ranks of those who are creating a new history in a new era. I pray that Heavenly Parent's grace is with you and your family. Thank you.  $\not \!$ 

As the leader of FFWPU Korea's subregion two, Rev. Hwang is a co-president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification–Korea.



#### AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER ONE'S TRUE SELF

By Gyeong-deuk Yoo

uly 11 was a truly significant day. Many missionaries and blessed family members living in the Daejeon and Chungcheong areas worked hard with the mindset that they are of apostles of peace, distributing True Mother's autobiography, *Mother of Peace*. Some people were from heavenly unified Korea's Sansuwon Patriotic Association (a mountain hiking club that includes many ambassadors for peace among its members) WFWP, the South Korea–North Korean Unification National Federation, the Universal Peace Federation and even Youth and Students for Peace. We were able to invite the many people that we are connected with through our own activities to this Peace Festival.

Many people who worked hard for some time and those attending this event for the first time deserve our gratitude. I would like to express my gratitude and applaud all the peace-loving citizens who watched the event live through the Internet in the Daejeon region, in the Chungcheong region, in heavenly Korea overall and in heavenly Japan.

Above all, I would like to congratulate True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who planned this Peace Festival to spread true love. She also watched the meeting afterward at which we gauged the success of the event live from Cheon Jeong Gung in the Hyojeong Cheonwon Complex.

#### The most important teaching

In Mother's autobiography, *Mother of Peace*, she wrote that the first thing to do is to educate people correctly about God, and the second is to reveal the relationship between God and humanity. As such, *Mother of Peace* stated that she did her best to spread the word, crossing the five oceans to visit the six continents—traveling hundreds of thousands of kilometers to reach every area of the world.

That is why she prepared the Peace Festival. I hope that through this Peace Festival, you have discovered or uncovered your true self by contemplating who the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, is, who True Mother, the only begotten daughter who has revealed Heavenly Parent is, and who you are. I hope you have deepened your understanding of yourself. Through the Peace Festival, I hope you will realize that God, our Heavenly Parent, is truly your parent and that you are Heavenly Parent's child and that you compre-



The banner for the Peace Festival of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in subregion three, the heavenly nation of Chungcheong, includes that the theme of the festival was "Blessing."

hend that as we (humanity) attend our Heavenly Parent, we become brothers and sisters united under God.

In July, the mugunghwa flower begins to bloom in the Daejeon and Chungcheong areas. The mugunghwa overcomes trials and tribulations and arrives in full bloom. It is a flower that blooms and blooms, again and again; it is a flower that endlessly blooms. With this behavior, it symbolizes an unchanging heart. We prepared this peace festival, hoping that you would rise above the trials and hardships of these challenging times at work and at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. May you not surrender but instead mirror the spirit of the mugunghwa. I hope that everyone that took part in this Peace Festival today will realize that they are a precious blessing from heaven and have renewed hope for the future.

I would like to express my sincere welcome to all those who supported the festival from far and near, as well as those who attended the festival through the Internet. Thank you.  $\not P$ 

As the leader of FFWPU Korea's subregion three, Gyeong-deuk Yoo is a co-president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification–Korea.



#### **NO PEACE WITHOUT PARENTS**

#### By Sang-jae Lee

eace -loving citizens who came to subregion four's Jeju Peace Festival as part of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in Korea. Blessed family members, I sincerely welcome you.

Today's Peace Festival is for the blessed families and relatives of those in Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and new family members who grasped the importance of this event and are participating with Heavenly Parent's Holy Community for the first time. Additionally, for the new peace-loving citizens here in the Gwangju Church and the whole area of Jeju-do and Honam through the Internet. More than twenty thousand people have joined us online. We want to give you a big round of applause and welcome you all.

Dear All! Peace is the ideal and the common dream of all people. Everyone desires peace across borders, across races, religions, and cultures—from individual peace to peace in the family, peace in tribes, peace in the nation, and even world peace. Unfortunately, true peace has never been experienced in the history of humanity.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, True Mother, says that the reason for this is that people did not achieve the ideal of one human family under our Heavenly Parent, as the true parent of all humanity. There can be no peace between siblings without parents, because parents are the center of the siblings' existence. There can be no true peace in this world without God, the parent of humanity.

For this reason, President Hak Ja Han Moon traveled the globe multiple times a year. It did not matter what kind of place she was going to; she goes wherever people need her. She is willing to go to the lowest and most remote parts of the world; she has been an



The Peace Festival of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in subregion four, the heavenly nation of Jeolla

extremist in knowing God and striving to serve him as our Heavenly Parent. In that she transcends national and religious barriers, heads of state and heads of religions gained inspiration from Dr. Moon's life and commitment; they began to celebrate Dr. Hak Ja-han Moon, calling her the "Mother of Peace."

Today's peace festival is an event filled with blessings from the Mother of Peace, Dr. Hak Ja-han Moon. Kindly join me in giving a round of applause to Dr. Hak Ja-han Moon, who is watching us online via the video.

Through this peace festival, we pray that you will receive blessings from God as you serve and attend God as our Heavenly Parent, under the banner of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. In addition, Heavenly Parent's Holy Community has planned five such events on the themes of blessing, joy, gratitude, happiness and determination. Through this festival, I wish you a blessed journey in search of your true self as you meet your Heavenly Parent, who has been lost to us for six thousand years. I once again would like to express my gratitude to all the peace-loving citizens who joined us today.  $\tilde{\varphi}$ 

As the leader of subregion four, Rev. Lee is a co-president of FFWPU-Korea.



#### FIND YOUR TRUE SELF THROUGH THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE

#### By Young-bae Park

elcome everyone to this Sunday Peace Service. I would like to share the core teachings of the Family Federation with those who have come to this Sunday peace service. In every country in the world, the words of Exposition of the Divine Principle are becoming like salt and light. The Divine Principle reveals the existence of God and presents a clear understanding of the

Creation, the Fall and salvation. When you understand the teachings of the Divine Principle, you discover your identity.

True freedom and liberation come from a true encounter with God. The Divine Principle vividly illuminates the heart of God at the time of the Creation, the sorrow of the Fall, and the pain of the providence of salvation. You will experience true encounters with God through the teachings of the Principle. The Divine Principle will open a new world for you. It will become your heart's manna and quail and your light. The Divine Principle is the truth discovered by wandering around the vast intangible world. This truth, which only Heaven had known was revealed by walking up a path of bloody hardship.

John 8:32 says, "and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." If God is the creator of humanity, God must have had a reason for creating us. If we knew the reason, we would know the purpose of our existence, because the purpose of the Creation is the purpose of our existence. What does it say that humanity does not know for certain why it has existed so far? It suggests we do not clearly know the being that caused humanity to be on earth.

How can we know God? The way to know the intangible God is to know God's



The Peace Festival of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in subregion five, the heavenly nation of Gyeongsan. Additionally, the banner describes their own gathering as a Hope and Progress Peace Service.

purpose for creating by looking at all the things God has created, just as you can see the artist through his or her work. What is the reason that God created humanity? Was it because God should not be alone? The Bible says that God saw what he had made and that "it was very good." We can surmise that God created to feel joy. According to the Bible, God created man in his likeness (Genesis 1:26), blessed them and said, "Be fruitful, multiply, and have dominion over all things." (Genesis 1:28). The reason God gives blessings is because man's joy is God's joy. Just as the health and happiness of a child makes the child's parents happy. God's feels joy when man, whom he created as objects of joy, feels joy. Therefore, God created Adam and Eve in his likeness, and blessed them to create the kingdom of heaven on earth.

What is the meaning of God's blessing, "Be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over all things?" You can see that these words express God's wish. Parents love their children, hoping that they will grow up to be good and healthy. When a child has become an adult, the parents hope the child has a good partner and has many children, builds a blessed family, is respected by others, and lives well. This heart is unchanging with parents who have children. This unchanging heart of a human parent is the "heart of God", our parent, who said "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it." "Be fruitful" means to develop and let your body and mind grow. Wanting your mind to grow is wanting to become mature.

Wishing for children to become mature is wishing for them to be filial. Therefore, in this blessing from God, "be fruitful" means "love your parents." When a child grows up, he or she wants to marry. The heart wants to find a partner. God gave us that heart. That is how our bodies were created; that is how our minds were created. This is to achieve the God blessing, "to multiply." The word "multiply" means to marry, have children, to fill the earth. God blessed us to travel on the path of love, saying, "multiply." That is why people want to marry and have children. We love our husbands or we love our wives, and we love our children. We want to create a loving family and then a loving people, nation, country and world. To achieve this, we must first love our parents, love our wives or husbands, love our children and love our neighbors. This is how God's blessing, "multiply," can be fulfilled.

To "have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth," means to love all the creation with the heart of loving parents, brothers, spouses and children. We must make all the creation grateful to God for creating Adam and Eve. In that way, God, who said, "Have dominion over all things" and gave man the right to do so, will also be happy.

If you love creation, you come to know that you have been raised by God's love, a love which is greater than your parents' love, the love from those who gave birth to you and raised you. That is how you meet God. Because God wants it to be like that, he said, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." (Genesis 1:28) Here, God's blessing expresses the wish that man be a being of love. These are called the "three great blessings." Realizing the three great blessings fulfills God's purpose for creating and us the purpose of a man's life.

It is not easy to live happily in the world with a good heart. Some blame the world when they cannot be happy even though they are doing good, but there is no denying that unhappiness is created within oneself. This is because within the individual there is the original mind and an evil mind that confront and fight against each other for different purposes; the evil mind is the cause of one's unhappiness. For humans to achieve happiness, we must come out of the abnormal state of having two natures and have only one nature, which is our original state. To do that and to do good, which is what the original mind wants, we need to know why we came to have an evil mind.

We did not know clearly why we, who were supposed to have only one nature, came to have two minds. The Divine Principle teaches the cause of this misfortune, saying that Adam and Eve, the human ancestors, fell by eating the fruit of good and evil that God had commanded them not to eat. The reason Adam and Eve, who before the fall were not ashamed even though they were naked, covered their lower bodies after they ate the fruit of good and evil is because they had sinned with their lower bodies. It is human nature to cover up faults. We must reassess God's expressions in the Bible, which could only be conveyed using metaphors and symbols.

What caused Adam and eve to lose God's great love? What caused the children to separate from their loving parent? What is it that made them ignore God's warning, "for in the day that you eat of it you shall die"? What made them decide not to care about dying if they could eat the fruit of good and evil? It cannot be anything less than the temptation of love. The Fall was an act of adultery. The Bible story clearly shows this. Adultery destroys an individual's personality as well as the family, society and nation. Adultery destroyed the garden of Eden, the kingdom of God. As Jesus said, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires." (John 8:44) We feel ashamed of the lewdness in the human mind—traces of our ancestors' sins.

Up to this day we have thought that lewdness is simply an ethical issue for individuals, but we now know that demons and Satan are behind lewdness. So how can we leave this to be as it is? From now on, we cannot permit ourselves to live with such unrighteous desires. We must fight these sinful desires with all of our being. We have been called to this truth for this fight, to save the individual, family, nation and world. This sinful world is a world in which humanity grieves and God grieves (Genesis 6:6). Therefore, God will surely save this world, which due to the Fall has become a world of pain and sorrow.

As the prophet predicted, God sent Jesus as the Savior. The distrust of the Jewish people drove Jesus to the cross. Jesus, who came as the Savior, bore the sins of humankind and took the path of death on the cross to save fallen humankind. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" (Matthew 23:37)" This was Jesus Christ's sorrowful heart. Jesus is to return to fulfill the mission that he could not realize when he first came. Jesus comes again so that we can become God's sons and daughters, who do not have original sin, people of heaven, so that God can dwell in our temple, and to achieve a nation in which no more tearful prayers nor sorrow arise toward Heaven.

We traditionally call God "Heavenly Father," but God is the oneness of father and mother, so "Heavenly Parent" is a more accurate expression. God is our Heavenly Parent because man and woman were created in God's likeness. Therefore, Jesus must come as a groom and meet his bride, the only begotten daughter, and they are together to manifest as the True Parents through the marriage supper of the Lamb. They are to declare the new, more explicit truth, saving all humankind, and finally completing the kingdom of God.

The Divine Principle is a new truth that enlightens us of the principle and purpose of existence. Luke 5:38 says, "New wine must be poured into new wineskins." I hope you all received great enlightenment in the peace service today. May the grace of the Heavenly Parent be with everyone who came to the peace service. As Matthew 7:7-8 says, "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."  $\phi$ 

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# A Large Family three generations living together

Grandmother, husband and wife, and nine children

#### By the Family of Jae-sik Lim and Hye-kyung Cho

ood morning! My name is Jae-sik Lim. I am the father of nine children. Three generations live in our home. I'm Hye-kyung Cho the mother and this is our oldest daughter, Won-hwa Lim. We were blessed at the 30,000-Couple Blessing Ceremony in 1992.

**D** ad: My brother first came to church and was doing activities; a little later, he invited me to join, and thanks to him, I received the Blessing. At first, I didn't think much about it, and I did not know much about the church. Still, since I lived and grew up with my brother, I had absolute faith and trust in what he suggested. I had just been discharged from the military at the young age of twenty-four and with my brother's encouragement, I decided to take part in the Blessing Ceremony.

**om:** In my case, I recall a speech from True Parents that said, 'If you live with your parents, you will be blessed', so, as soon as I received the blessing, I knew that I had to live with grandmother. The children's grandmother is very devoted to the children. When the balsam flower blooms, even if they are all asleep, she puts a flower in their hands; she does everything for them. She cuts all the best fruit and places them on a plate in front of us. From the moment I gave birth, everything from bathing to eating and dressing—she did—I only gave birth to the babies, and my mother-in-law raised them all.

One time, I asked grandmother, "Please give me a compliment." Grandmother said, "What should I compliment you for?" "Maybe you can't think of anything but I am sure there is at least one thing," I replied." She was embarrassed for having remained silent for so long, but since I kept asking her for at least one compliment, she finally said, "You seem to have done a good job giving birth to nine babies." After she said that, I cried a lot that day. I was so grateful that I fell asleep after crying for a few hours, so all the scoldings and discouraged feelings melted away with that one message.

**D** aughter: First of all, it is always noisy because I have so many roughhousing brothers. When I go out, I always have to fix my hair. One day I went to church and came home, no one was there. I couldn't see any of my younger brothers. It turns out, I had left them at church. Every time Mom and Dad leave the house, they say, "When mom and dad, aren't home, you and your younger brother are the parents, so don't fight with each other." Since then, I have been very nervous. Because when I see Mom and Dad fighting over something, I feel as if it is happening to me too. When my Dad scolds me, my heart





freezes. I remember thinking some days that I have to fix a situations as fast as I can before Mom or Dad return.

**D**ad: We make certain plans for our children's futures, but as we were raising them, things didn't always go our way. They grew up as second-generation members, and we want them to receive the Blessing, hopefully with another second-generation member that has faith. First of all, we hope that they will receive blessing and follow the same path we did, the path of creating a happy family.

**D** aughter: After graduating from university and living a social life, I feel grateful that my parents can lead a harmonious family. I feel privileged. If they said something like this before, it didn't make sense to me. However, as I was working, I realized that "My parents must have felt like this." Especially when I started working, it was really hard at first. So, I felt the feelings of my parents, and when I looked around, I saw that there are many divorced families. I came to realize that in our church family, the divorce rate is extremely low compared to society.' I think that when we come to realize such things, we are satisfied and want to keep our family close and live a harmonious life.

**om:** We always speak kind words for our family members so that there may be love in the family, the love of a couple, the love of parents, the love of brothers and sisters, in this family. We feel that what we learn through life itself is not something we can teach or learn somewhere else. These children, whether they liked it or not, grew up together and learned together. That's what we feel as parents. No matter how harsh the world is, I want to live a good life. If you live a good life, the end will be good. So, as long as we live with kindness, we can feel that Heaven is always with us wherever we are. God is with us even now. Feeling and receiving these blessings, we cannot deny our True Parents. Because that's how we met, so the children actually can't go anywhere else, they are the product of this amazing Blessing and life.

I am always grateful for that. I like my husband. I want my children to have many children. Because I know how pleasant it is, I want my children to feel that too. What I want to say to my children is to live a good life, and when you get blessed, remember that having many children is a blessing.

**amily All Together:** You are a blessing! 🌾



# An International Couple with Eleven Children

By the family of Mr. Seung-han Shin and Mrs. Hiroe Maeda

**other:** Hello. I am Hiroe Maeda. I met my husband Seung-han Shin through the International Blessing Ceremony led by True Parents in 1995 and came to Korea. Now, we have eleven children, five sons and six daughters.

**D**aughter: I am the third daughter of Seung-han Shin. I am eighteen years old. I am doing my best to support my mother at her side.

**other:** My husband and I didn't plan to have so many children from the start. However, ever since I was young, I used to think it was a filial duty to show our children to our parents. Since we have many children, people often say that we must be a loving couple. Actually, that is not true. We fight a lot.

**D**aughter: When I gave a testimony at a rally of one hundred thousand people, I referred to my parents' arguments.

### From a video of the daughter's earlier testimony

"Hello. My name is Gi-woo Shin and I am a thirdgrade student at the Gwang Yang Junior High School. My parents received the 360,000-couple Blessing as a Korean–Japanese couple and gave birth to five sons and six daughters. My oldest sister is now a freshman in college, and my youngest twin sisters are now three years old. We are happy siblings who are never lonely, but there are times when we face small crises. That is when our parents argue. When their relationship is good, it is as though peace between Korea and Japan starts from our family. On the other hand, when they are in conflict, it is as though Korean–Japanese conflict is taking place in our family."





**other:** I often feel sorry for our children. There were many times when they had to cancel plans with their friends to look after their younger siblings. I couldn't give them enough pocket money as their friends received. Neither could I give them many treats or dress them in good clothes. I also feel that I lack as a mother in many ways. They may not say much, but I know they have endured a lot. However, they have lived with good hearts and have supported me in many ways. They divide the housework and they do their chores even if they have complaints. I am grateful to them and I feel that I lived up to this day because of them.

After we were blessed, my husband suggested that we wait until True Parents returned from overseas to Korea before we start our family. We felt a lot of good fortune when True Parents returned to Korea after a long time because so many members had been setting conditions for this. I believe it was because of him that Heaven blessed us with so many children.



Actually, my husband was rejected when job-hunting many times because of having such a large family. But he kept trying to somehow find a job so that our children would not starve and suffer. This gave me a lot of strength and I am very grateful to him.

**D** aughter: From time to time, I felt uncomfortable for not having enough space and time of my own. Sleeping together in a narrow room is uncomfortable. I felt stressed when we got into a fights due to our different personalities. At such times, I used to harbor negative feelings and think to myself, "Why was I born into this big family?" But my mother, who has made great effort in raising us even though she suffered from declining health after giving birth to my younger siblings, made me think about True Mother, who must have faced health issues due to deliveries of even more children, but she has paid devotion toward True Father for the sake of humanity without sparing herself. I think that is incredible, and I always feel very grateful for that.

**other:** Our children have received much supports from various enterprises, organizations and foundations. I have told my children to return their appreciation, their thankful hearts, to the nation and the society when they grow up. Our children have studied and worked hard with the goal of being adults who can lend a helping hand to children in difficult situations.

**D** aughter: I would like to thank True Parents for giving me this precious gift—a large family. I will work even harder to be filial to our parents and become an essential worker in society.

**he whole family:** You are a blessing! 🖗

# Jim Rogers Speaks on the Korea–Japan Tunnel Project

On September 16, 2019, Jim Rogers, the famous investor who has developed a keen interest in Korea and in some of True Parents' projects, visited the city of Karatsu in Saga Prefecture, Japan to learn about the Korea–Japan undersea tunnel project and to tour the beginning section of the tunnel, which already exists. What follows is an interview of him the following day during which he spoke of his impression of the project and its potential value.

Yesterday, you showed us a picture of your daughter. What is your family like? he most important thing in my life right now are my children. I never wanted to have children. I thought children were a terrible waste of time, money and energy. I was never ever going to have children. I felt sorry for people who had children. Well, I was wrong. I was one hundred percent wrong. So now, my children are the single most important thing in my life.

#### You've traveled around the world twice. When will you next travel around the world with your children?

ell, when this tunnel is built, I want to drive from Tokyo to London with my children. I hope my children are growing up to be adventuresome, like I am... or was. So, I certainly hope that as soon as the tunnel is finished, I will be one of the first to drive from Tokyo to London.

Yesterday, you inspected the site of the Korea–Japan

Undersea Tunnel. How do you rate it as an investment target?

he projections are, apparently, that it can pay for itself, that it can be profitable. That's the most important consideration. You don't want to burden other people with debt. In English it's called "project finance." In other words, the project itself will pay for itself. That is a very good kind of investment. The Koreans don't want to have a lot of debt. The Japanese don't want to have a lot of debt. So with project finance, if it pays for itself, it's fabulous. It's great. That's the kind of investing you need to look for, especially with infrastructure.

#### Do you think you could benefit from this project?

hat's what the financial people who did studies show [that investors gain profits]. I have not done the studies myself. I know it's possible. Will it work? I don't know. The engineers say it is possible to do it. The geologists say it is possible to do it and the financial people say it is possible to do it. I have not done my own independent research on any of it, but the experts tell me it is possible.

#### You said the Japan–Korea Undersea Tunnel is one of the most exciting projects, but...

or this part of the twenty-first century, absolutely putting a tunnel between Korea and Japan has to be very exciting. It opens up Japan. It opens up Korea more. It will bring the two countries closer together. It has got to be one of the best things happening right now.

#### What might be the impact of the Korea–Japan Undersea Tunnel on Korea and Japan?

f course, it will help a lot if all you have to do is get in your car and drive to the other country! That makes it very easy. Otherwise, you have to go to the airport, get a ticket and blah, blah, blah.... If you can just say, Let's go for a drive and then drive, it will change lots of things, lots of people's mentality especially in the southern part of Japan and the southern part of Korea.

### Can this project revive Japanese society?

f course, it will help a lot. A building project like this brings lots of jobs in the first place and once it's open it brings new opportunities for travel, tourism, commerce—for everything. A project like this... These things



Jim Rogers with engineers and other staff members 540 meters below the earth's surface during his tour of the Korea–Japan undersea tunnel.

don't come along very often in history. We've had them before—in England with the tunnel between Dover and France. But these things don't happen very often. This is a huge project. It will change geography and it will change history. Geography does not change very often. This will change geography.

#### High political barriers remain to realizing this project. How might we overcome them?

he most important thing, in my view, is to make sure people know that it is not going to cause debt. The Japanese right now have too much debt and many Japanese people know that. So you have to show them that it is not going to add to your life's burden or your children's burden in the future.

After that, you have to show the benefits for tourism, for commerce, for trade and for everything else. I don't know how you do that. I guess we could go back and see how the English and the French did it when they built their tunnel. Somehow, they convinced people it was good.

So, first make sure people know that it is not going to cost them any money, it's not going to cost Japanese taxpayers; it's not going to cost Korean taxpayers. It is going to be a benefit in the end and they [the taxpayers] don't have to pay for it. The project will pay for it.

I don't know why politicians are against it. That's what's confusing to me, because to me it is so clear that this is good for the world; this is good for both countries. I don't see why any politician would be against something like this. Maybe you should sit down and speak to them and ask, Why is this bad? Because I cannot see any reason that it is bad.

I guess the ports might say it is bad for the ports, but it brings so much extra business to the port of a different kind—maybe not as many ships would go in and out of the port but it would bring lots more business of other kinds because more people and more transit can go through the port. Maybe it's not on boats, but it is an increased volume of traffic, so shopkeepers and other people would have much more business.

As far as making money, as far as projections, somebody can sit down and do the financial projections. I haven't. I'm too lazy, but somebody who is smarter than I am can do it. If you have good projections based on good [financial] principles, you should show that to the world. Then, usually, you can raise money in the markets, especially project finance, if you have good numbers and good principles.

#### What would you estimate is the significance of the Korea– Japan undersea tunnel and the International Highway Project in the twenty-first century?

t has a lot to do with it [development in the twenty-first century], because now you bring Japan closer to Asia and more integrated into Asia. The thirty-eighth parallel is opening up, so this is going to open up Northeast Asia, especially those two countries [the two Koreas] that have been somewhat closed they bite each other sometimes. But two countries that have been somewhat closed will be much more open.

You know, people in London are going to drive to Tokyo, too. It's not going to be everybody coming from Asia to Europe. Many people from the rest of the world... Right now, it's impossible to drive from Tokyo to London. But with the thirty-eighth parallel coming down, China opening up, Russia opening up, you're going to see more and more people—crazy people like me traveling to see these countries.  $\mathcal{P}$ 

The video of Jim Rogers in Japan and this interview of him were part of subregion five's July 11 Rally of Hope. Busan, which is in that subregion, is where the tunnel will connect with Korea.

