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Summer Rain Falling on a Green Lawn

Among the songs by American pop singer James Taylor, there is one called “Line ‘Em Up,” which portrays President Nixon’s resignation in 1974. Near the end of the song, there is a line that says:

“Yeah, big Moon landing, people are standing up.”

Here, “big Moon” refers to none other than my husband, Rev. Moon Sun-myung.

When we arrived in America in 1971, five years before the Yankee Stadium Rally, the world was like a shipwrecked vessel that had lost its compass. The threat of communism was growing day by day, and Christianity was gradually losing its strength. Young people were wandering, having lost the true purpose and goal of life amid the collapse of sexual morality. America, founded with the blood, sweat and tears of the Puritans who had crossed the Atlantic in search of religious freedom, had forgotten its calling and become stained by decadent culture.

With President Nixon’s Watergate scandal, public sentiment was divided and

confused, and politicians demanded his resignation. The whole world joined in the commotion, but my heart ached deeply because I knew that this incident would bring terrible pain to good people.

My husband and I cried out to the American people, “Forgive, love and unite.” This was not simply a call to forgive one man, President Nixon. It was a message urging all Americans to awaken. It was a lonely cry to block the ever-advancing ambition of communist forces to turn the world red. It was a call to ignite the fire of the Holy Spirit in the dry hearts of the American people and awaken them to the thought of God.

In the winter of 1972, just over a year after we arrived in America, we held a “God Conference” in New York. At that time, we explained the reality of the world to our members and spoke to them about the responsibility we had to shoulder.

“The democratic world is in an urgent crisis because of the threat of communism. To overcome this crisis, we must take active responsibility.”



My husband and I immediately began speaking in Baltimore, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities. We gathered young people and formed the One World Crusade, encouraging them to awaken the world with fiery passion.

The year 1974 was a very important year in world history. President Nixon contacted us, saying that he very much wanted to meet us, so we went to the White House. To him, in his anxiety, we explained what God's Will was and sternly taught him what America needed to do.

After that, we toured and spoke in 32 cities. At first, Americans were bewildered. Gradually, however, they came to understand our purpose, and wherever we

went, the number of people increased as they were moved by our message.

Our speaking tour reached its peak at Madison Square Garden in New York. It was the first major lecture of the Unification Church held in America, and one of the most astonishing records in American history. More than 30,000 people filled the venue, yet some 20,000 more were unable to enter and had to turn back. That's how big a success it was.

The theme of our address was "The New Future of Christianity." New York is the biggest city in the United States, and Madison Square Garden is at the heart of New York. Therefore, the flame for God that was kindled there spread throughout all of

America and became a torch that lit up the global village. Just over three years after coming to America, through the Madison Square Garden rally, we were able to fulfill God's Will for this period in the quest to liberate all people.

Without even a moment to rest, we held two more rallies in succession that moved America and the world: the New York Yankee Stadium Rally, held in 1976, the year of America's bicentennial, and the Washington Monument Rally in Washington, D.C. Following the success at Yankee Stadium on June 1, we decided to hold the Washington Monument Rally. As expected, the American government and religious circles launched an all-out attack, and the media were busy slandering and criticizing us.

"There is strong opposition from the White House and the State Department."

"All the newspapers are so busy attacking us that they hardly have enough space."

At the time of the Yankee Stadium Rally, 12 groups had attacked us, but for the Washington Monument Rally, more than 30 opposition groups united and came against us. Even the Communist Party joined in, determined to stop the rally itself from taking place. Yet we carried it out without an ounce of fear or hesitation, risking our lives solely for God's victory.

After countless hardships, permission to hold the rally was finally granted only 40 days before the event. Emotionally, those

40 days felt longer and more desolate than 40 years. Wherever I was, whatever I was doing, and whomever I met, I could think of nothing else. I was so absorbed in it that I confused morning with evening and evening with morning.

Finally, on September 18, 1976, the great rally commemorating America's bicentennial was held at the Washington Monument grounds. The sight of some 300,000 people gathering like clouds was truly a miraculous scene.

The Washington Monument Rally was not held to promote the Unification Church or to make known the names of Moon Sunmyung and Han Hak-ja. Rather, internally, it was an offering of tremendous sacrifice. We even heard reports that there might be a terrorist attack, but we were not afraid at all. Rising early in the morning, we offered deep prayers. Then, with hearts heavier than those of people sentenced to death and walking toward the execution grounds, we went to the rally site. We entered the venue while praying that all humanity could be moved. Those prayers and devotion became a lamp that dispelled the darkness, not only for the 300,000 people gathered there, but also for all Americans and for every person in the global village.

Until then, the American media and the American people as a whole had opposed the Unification Church. Yet we overcame that opposition and succeeded with the rally, showing that God was with us.

My husband and I crossed over to the

unfamiliar land of America and endured every kind of hardship. Through three great rallies, we fulfilled the sacred Will that God had hoped to see accomplished. We achieved true victory at Madison Square Garden in New York in 1974, at Yankee Stadium in 1976, and at the Washington Monument Rally. Yet the glory of those victories was not for our church. It was for all humanity throughout the global village.

There is a reason we were able to receive such broad and deep support in America within such a short time after our arrival. Our appeal that Americans must recover their religious spirit and attend God in their hearts resonated deeply with them. Our prayers and devotion to awaken the value of the family and to help young people recover morality and move forward toward their dreams also moved the hearts of the American people.

At first, people did not feel much affection for us, a couple from the East. They found the unfamiliar words “Unification Principle” strange. Yet before long, they realized that this Principle was the truth, and gradually they became our members. The words of the Principle, which first spread mainly among the elite, soon gained the response of many people reaching beyond the lines of race, occupation, age and education, and became the central axis of their lives.

We traveled throughout America, established schools, founded newspapers, organized service groups and presented performances of traditional Korean songs and dances by the Little Angels. Along

that path, the blood, sweat and tears of the missionaries never ceased to flow. And there was our unceasing prayer.

The 40th anniversary celebration of the New York Yankee Stadium Rally, held in the summer of 2016, was a day to reflect once again on that heart. I know that we must not remain where we are, content with those victories from decades ago. At the end of the day, I lingered at Belvedere. A summer rain fell upon the lawn, and once again, deep in my heart, I felt the call to focus my mind and continue on the path toward a world of hope and happiness as the Mother of peace.

This message is excerpted and edited from Chapter 4 of True Mother's memoir, Mother of Peace: And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears from Their Eyes. Based on the original Korean edition of the book.

The Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing Share True Parents' Vision Across Korea

True Parents have consistently emphasized, “As the chosen people, we must fulfill our responsibility to attend Heaven,” underscoring the importance of education on the *Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea*. In response to this guidance, missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung, the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing, have been conducting a nationwide lecture tour on the *Great Epic* visiting churches in 26 regions throughout Korea.

Running from 2.3 to 5.7 by the heavenly calendar in Cheon Il Guk year 14 (21 Mar–21 Jun 2026), the tour has highlighted the providential significance of the *Great Epic* while encouraging blessed families to embrace their mission and responsibility.

True Peace presents the heartfelt responses and firsthand reflections from churches across the country that have welcomed the tour. We hope this feature will serve as a meaningful record of the growing appreciation for the significance and value of the *Great Epic*, centered on the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing.

—Editor's Note

MISSIONARY MOON SHIN-CHUL'S TOUR: “BUILDING AN IDENTITY OF FAITH TOGETHER WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION”

Missionary Moon Shin-chul continued his lecture tour on the theme of the *Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea* with visits to Daejeon Grand Church in the Daejeon–South Chungcheong District (May 9), Cheongju Grand Church in the North Chungcheong District (May 16), Iksan Grand Church in the North Jeolla District (May 23), and Daegu Grand Church in the Daegu–North Gyeongsang District (May 30). At each church, he delivered lectures and participated in discussion sessions with members.

The gatherings brought together younger-generation ministry leaders, core members, young adults and Seonghwa students, providing an opportunity to reflect together on the future direction of faith education and ministry for the younger generation.



Throughout the tour, Missionary Moon Shin-chul emphasized the importance of nurturing the younger generation in faith. During meetings with ministry leaders, he explained that helping young people grow spiritually requires offering them love and understanding rather than compelling them to adhere to standards and schedules, and that setting an example through one's own life is more important than simply imparting teachings. He also listened to the concerns and challenges faced by



① Missionary Moon Shin-chul delivering his message at Daejeon Grand Church ② Missionary Moon Shin-chul with the youth ministry staff at Daejeon Grand Church ③ Missionary Moon Shin-chul speaking at Cheongju Grand Church ④ The Cheongju Grand Church praise team singing before the lecture ⑤ Missionary Moon Shin-chul meeting with the youth ministry staff at Cheongju Grand Church



those serving in Hyodong, Seonghwa and young adult ministries, engaging in sincere dialogue with teachers and ministry leaders.

During meetings with core members, participants exchanged views on a wide range of topics, including church ministry, education for new members, and creating an environment in which the younger generation can take root in the faith. They openly shared the challenges they face in ministry and reflected together on how to help young people grow in faith.

In the lecture that followed, titled “The Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea”, Missionary Moon Shin-chul highlighted both the identity of blessed families and the providential significance of the Han people.

He emphasized that every person is a precious child of Heavenly Parent and explained that, centered on the love of the True Parents, we are called to realize the ideal of one human family. Drawing on experiences from his own journey of faith and personal growth, he encouraged the younger generation to embrace their faith with confidence and put it into practice in their daily lives.

He also spoke about the role of parents and teachers, emphasizing that the family and the church are the two most important environments for passing on faith to the younger generation. He urged parents and educators to nurture children with love and respect, and stressed the importance of understanding our identity as the chosen Han people while striving to be a positive influence in our

communities and in every sphere of life.

Following the lecture, young adults, Seonghwa students, and youth ministry leaders gathered for an open dialogue. Participants freely exchanged perspectives on faith, identity, and the roles of both the church and the younger generation, fostering a strong sense of mutual understanding. Their willingness to listen to one another across generations and responsibilities gave the tour even greater significance.

Participants unanimously shared that the tour had reaffirmed the importance of educating the younger

generation and strengthening their identity in the faith.

Shin Dong-beom, a young adult from Daejeon Grand Church, remarked, “It was a meaningful opportunity to reaffirm our identity as Pure Water.”

Sonomi Ito, a Seonghwa teacher at Cheongju Grand Church, said, “I renewed my commitment to becoming a teacher who embraces Seonghwa students with love.”

Moon Bae-gwan, pastor of Iksan Church, reflected, “I will strive to build a hyojeong church—a community of filial sons and daughters—through action rather than words.”



❶ Missionary Moon Shin-chul with the members at Iksan Grand Church ❷ Missionary Moon Shin-chul with the younger generation members at Iksan Grand Church ❸ Missionary Moon Shin-chul speaks to the younger generation members at Daegu Grand Church ❹ Daegu Grand Church younger generation members meeting with Missionary Moon Shin-chul

MISSIONARY MOON SHIN-HEUNG'S TOUR: "SHARING HOPE THROUGH THE IDENTITY OF BLESSED FAMILIES"

Missionary Moon Shin-heung continued meeting with members through Sunday services, lectures, and discussion sessions during visits to Donghae Church in the Gangwon District (May 10), Giheung Church in the Southern Gyeonggi District (May 17), Buan Church in the Jeonbuk District (May 24), and Seo-gu Church in the Incheon–Western Gyeonggi District (May 31). At each location, core members and younger-generation members gathered to reflect on the value and mission of blessed families and the future of the church.

Through his messages, Missionary Moon Shin-heung encouraged members who have remained steadfast in their faith despite difficult circumstances, urging them never to lose their identity and pride as blessed families. He explained that the devotion (jeongseong) and love accumulated over the years have sustained the church, and that the challenges of the present should be understood as part of the preparation for a new era.

In his lecture on "The Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea," he spoke about the responsibility and mission of the chosen Han people. He emphasized the value of living not for oneself alone but for the nation and for others, encouraging blessed families to become a positive influence in society. He also explained that a life centered on the True Parents' Will is the starting point for



transforming individuals, families, and communities.

Throughout the tour, discussion sessions provided opportunities to exchange ideas on education for the younger generation, parenting, and the role of the church. In meetings with young adults and younger-generation ministry leaders, Missionary Moon Shin-heung listened attentively to their concerns about faith, career paths, and family life, offering thoughtful and heartfelt guidance. In conversations with core members, he emphasized that creating an environment in which the younger generation can grow securely within the church is one of the community's highest priorities.

Particular attention was also given to the role of parents and teachers. Missionary Moon emphasized that children should be supported with love and respect so they can walk the path of the Will with confidence and initiative. He also urged the older generation to take responsibility for creating a church environment where



① Missionary Moon Shin-heung with a member of Giheung Church ② Members of Giheung Church offering a warm welcome to Missionary Moon Shin-heung

the younger generation can find hope and take root in the faith.

He also listened to the voices of members in the field as they exchanged views on a variety of issues facing local churches, including the church's future direction and renewal, helping young adults establish themselves within the church community, and supporting multicultural families. Members took this opportunity to reflect on the direction of their faith and to consider together the respective roles of the church and the younger generation.

Participants shared that the tour had reaffirmed for them the value and mission of blessed families. Yasue Matsumoto of Donghae Church remarked, "I will strive to live a life that returns the love I have received from the True Parents." Toyofumi Aono, pastor of Buan Church, said, "I renewed my determination to live in oneness with Heaven and the True Parents." Young adults likewise shared that the experience gave them a renewed sense of pride and identity as second-generation blessed families.

The nationwide tours of the two Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing continue to bring the message of the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People to local churches across Korea, connecting regions and generations through a shared understanding of True Parents' vision.

Missionary Moon Shin-chul's tour, visiting larger churches in bigger cities has focused on educating the younger generation and strengthening their identity in the faith, while Missionary Moon Shin-heung's tour to the precious churches in Korea's smaller communities has encouraged members by emphasizing the identity of blessed families and the practice of faith in daily life.

Together, these tours have provided a meaningful opportunity to reaffirm the value of the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People, a message that True Parents have been emphasizing. They have also encouraged blessed families and the younger generation alike to reflect more deeply on their identity, mission, and the direction of their faith. 





① Meeting with the core members at Donghae Church ② A happy moment for Missionary Moon Shin-heung and a Donghae Church family ③ Missionary Moon Shin-heung with the members at Donghae Church ④ Missionary Moon Shin-heung singing with some members at Buan Church ⑤ Buan Church members listening to Missionary Moon Shin-heung's message ⑥ The members of Buan Church with Missionary Moon Shin-heung ⑦ Missionary Moon Shin-heung speaks to the core members at Seogu Church ⑧ Members of Seogu Church listening to Missionary Moon Shin-heung's message ⑨ Missionary Moon Shin-heung sharing a meal with the younger generation at Seogu Church

The Value of the Marriage Blessing

The Marriage Blessing is a special grace established by our beloved True Parents, Rev. Moon Sunmyung and Dr. Han Hak-ja, following their Holy Wedding in 1960. It has become a central tradition and practice of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). The Blessing is not simply a wedding ceremony, but a sacred covenant centered on God's ideal of true love, true life and true lineage. Through it, couples commit themselves to building God-centered families that contribute to peace in society and throughout the world.

According to True Parents' teachings, the family is the foundation of peace in society and the school where people learn love, responsibility, cooperation and compassion. Because many of today's social problems originate in broken families and selfish ways of living, True Parents emphasized that world peace begins with restoring the family through the Blessing. The Blessing is therefore presented as Heaven's solution to family instability, moral confusion, divorce, racial conflict and spiritual separation from God.

True Parents also taught that, through the Human Fall, humanity inherited original sin, selfishness and conflict. The Blessing provides a path to reconnect with God's original, sinless lineage and ideal. Through this tradition, couples commit themselves to purity, faithfulness and living for the sake of others. True Parents emphasized that true love, true life and true lineage all originate from God, and that blessed families are called to embody these values in their daily



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lives. One of the central teachings associated with the Blessing is the restoration of true lineage.

The Blessing teaches that marriage is sacred and eternal. Husbands and wives are not merely temporary partners but eternal companions who help one another grow spiritually and emotionally. A successful blessed marriage requires mutual respect, honest communication, forgiveness, humility, and dedication to one's family and community. The Blessing also has the power to heal wounds from the past. Men and women are equal in value before God while possessing complementary qualities that come together harmoniously in marriage. Couples are encouraged to persevere through difficulties with loyalty and commitment rather than abandoning their relationship when challenges arise.

Another important aspect of the Blessing is its connection to world peace. True Parents teach that political systems alone cannot create lasting peace because peace must first begin within the family. One distinctive feature of the Blessing tradition is its encouragement of interracial and international marriages. These marriages help break down barriers of race, nationality and culture while promoting reconciliation and global harmony. Through such unions, people learn to see humanity as one family under Heavenly Parent.

Purity before marriage and faithfulness within marriage are also strongly emphasized in discussion of the value of the Blessing. Young people are encouraged to develop good character, self-discipline, spiritual maturity, and respect for the sacredness of love and sexuality. Marriage is presented not merely as an emotional attraction but as a lifelong responsibility and commitment centered on God.

The Blessing is also connected to the Three Great Blessings: individual maturity, the establishment of ideal families, and loving stewardship over creation. When individuals grow spiritually, establish loving families, and contribute responsibly to society and the environment, true fulfillment is achieved. In this

way, the Blessing integrates personal growth, family harmony and social responsibility into one vision.

Blessed families are expected to become examples of moral living by remaining faithful in marriage, raising their children with spiritual values, serving society, and promoting peace and reconciliation.

The Marriage Blessing movement has spread across many nations and cultures, inspiring interracial harmony, family ethics, interfaith cooperation and service to humanity. Large-scale Blessing ceremonies demonstrate the universal desire for stable families and lasting peace.

In conclusion, the value of the Marriage Blessing lies in its vision of restoring God's original ideal for the family. It elevates marriage into a sacred and eternal covenant rooted in true love and responsibility. Through the Blessing, couples are encouraged to overcome selfishness, practice sacrificial love, and build families that contribute to the healing and unity of humanity. True Parents envisioned a world in which all people live together as one family under God, and the Marriage Blessing remains a central expression of that vision. 



HJ PMC's Media Mission and Four Spiritual Muscles for the Age of AI

The Dawn of the AI Era: From Answering Questions to Acting Autonomously

In the recently aired KBS documentary *Insight: War for Talent 2*, the chairman of a major corporation observed that artificial intelligence is transforming the very paradigm of human civilization. He described the present as the era of “reasoning AI,” in which humans pose questions and AI provides answers, and predicted that we will soon enter the age of “agentic AI,” in which AI systems make judgments and act proactively on their own. Humanity now stands at the threshold of a transformation so profound that knowledge alone and technical expertise may no longer be enough.

This transformation is not simply one person’s forecast. The world is rapidly shifting from an era in which AI serves as a tool to one in which AI operates autonomously. Market research firms project that the use of agentic AI in corporate operations will multiply severalfold within a single year, while global technology companies are racing to lead this new frontier. As physical AI—the integration of robotics and artificial intelligence—also moves from concept to reality, humanity looks toward unprecedented new horizons of productivity and convenience.

Yet this same technology casts a long shadow. Deepfakes that are virtually indistinguishable from reality are being weaponized for fraud and violations of personal dignity. False information can spread worldwide in an instant, while concerns grow that entire sectors of employment may be transformed. The international community has already recognized AI as a double-edged sword—both an opportunity and a threat. Global forums such as the World Economic Forum in Davos have begun serious discussions on cross-border AI governance, and South Korea has taken a pioneering step by enacting the world’s first Basic AI Act, establishing a framework for AI

regulation. Expectations and anxieties are rising together. We stand, unmistakably, at a turning point in the history of civilization.

At this pivotal moment, however, before asking how quickly technology is advancing, we must first ask where it is leading us.

Our Path Forward: A Faith That Develops Four Spiritual Muscles

The rapid advancement of science and technology also presents a profound challenge to the faith of Family Federation members. We now live in an age when AI can draft sophisticated lectures, quickly organize vast collections of True Parents’ words, and even generate compelling video content. Watching advanced AI systems perform—more quickly and seamlessly—tasks that once required significant human effort, devotion and time can leave us feeling unsettled or even displaced.

Yet one truth remains clear. While AI may replicate the forms and outputs through which True Parents’ words are conveyed, it can never replace the experiential understanding, heartfelt connection, and lived practice that come from embodying True Parents’ teachings in one’s own life. This raises one of the essential questions of our time: What is the role that AI can never replace? That question is the fundamental challenge our era places before us.

In the KBS lecture, the chairman underscored a striking paradox: the more society enters an age in which AI replaces human labor, the more vital it becomes to develop four uniquely human “muscles”—thinking, adaptability, empathy, and physical action. These four muscles also provide a meaningful framework for the life of faith within our Family Federation community.



· **The thinking (heart) muscle:** Moving beyond simply retaining Divine Principle knowledge intellectually, we are called to meditate deeply on True Parents' words with sincere devotion and heart.

· **The adaptability muscle:** Boldly employing the advanced technologies of this new age in service of the providence and the substantial realization of Cheon Il Guk.

· **The empathy muscle:** Embracing humanity's suffering with true love and perceiving the pain and longing hidden behind people's lives.

· **The physical action muscle:** Putting faith into practice by embodying, in everyday life, the ideal of one human family under Heavenly Parent.

Cultivating these four spiritual muscles—qualities that no artificial intelligence can ever truly replicate—is the direction we must pursue in this age.

HJ PMC: A New Media Platform Delivering Messages of the Heart

For more than two decades, Hyojeong Peace Media Center (HJ PMC) has grown under the love of the True Parents, standing at the forefront of the providence by broadcasting HJ Global News in eight languages and producing more than 600 video programs.

HJ PMC is now seeking to broaden the channels of media so that Family Federation members can strengthen these four spiritual muscles. To that end, the company has actively embraced AI technologies throughout its production process, transforming the creative environment. From routine production tasks to complex video editing that once required significant time and expense, AI is now being used to enhance both efficiency and production quality.

At the same time, HJ PMC is preparing to reach younger generations through innovative formats such as AI-powered animation, docudramas, video webtoons, VR content featuring holy sites, and 24-hour live channels. Building on this foundation, HJ PMC is dedicating its full

creative capacity to producing True Love content that inspires empathy.

Looking ahead, HJ PMC will continue strengthening its role as a "Cheon Il Guk Media Bridge," vividly conveying the living realities of the providence to members throughout the world.

The Posture of Blessed Families in the Age of AI

The lecturer emphasized that the ideal person for the future is not a specialist confined to a single field, but rather a "convergent generalist" who can connect diverse fields of knowledge. In an age when even secular experts warn against remaining within a single discipline, our members must likewise become convergent people of faith—harnessing advanced technology as a tool for witnessing while steadfastly preserving the essence of faith and the original culture of shimjeong (heart).

How, then, should we use this tremendous technological power?

On October 8, 2023, at Hanhwa Gung in Las Vegas, True Mother declared:

"I pray that you will become central figures who utilize all the conveniences of civilization to quickly establish an environment in which at least one-third of humanity can attend Heavenly Parent in this present age of the 'one-second sphere'."

Just as the printing press once accelerated the spread of God's Word, AI now stands as a new civilizational asset that can hasten the realization of the kingdom of heaven on earth, where humanity lives in attendance to Heavenly Parent.

It is our hope that, on the path pioneered by HJ PMC, all members will continue moving forward together by faithfully developing these four spiritual muscles. 

Heavenly Japan's Younger Generation Pressing Forward Even Amid Trials

Workshop Launching the Japan Global Leadership Program (JGLP)

Following the confirmation by Japan's High Court in March 2026 of the ruling calling for the dissolution of the Family Federation in Japan, Heavenly Japan's Family Federation has faced unprecedented trials. Yet even amid these challenges, the younger generation of Heavenly Japan is transforming despair into hope, guided by True Mother's providential vision and strengthened through the visits of the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing. This article highlights their determination, their initiatives, and the grace-filled testimonies unfolding on the frontlines of the providence.

—Editor's Note

The younger generation of Heavenly Japan continues pressing forward without pause, even amid trials. Along the way, they are sustained by True Mother's love, while the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing walk beside them on that journey.

In March, with the finalization of the High Court's dissolution ruling in Japan, the Family Federation in Heavenly Japan lost the providential bases it had safeguarded for more than half a century, plunging the community into unprecedented sorrow and hardship. Yet the church in Heavenly Japan did not stop.

The greater the difficulty, the more earnestly members have sought to become clear and pure heavenly water, bringing cleansing to a darkened world in accordance with the heartfelt desire of the True Parents. Centered on the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing, the Family Federation in Heavenly Japan is now moving forward vigorously with the 2026 Heavenly



Japan Future Generation Project.

The first step began on May 27 in Tokyo with the workshop launching the Japan Global Leadership Program (JGLP). This nine-month leadership development program brings together twelve young public mission workers from Heavenly Japan for intensive language training in the Philippines, six months of overseas mission service, and a pilgrimage to the holy sites in Korea.

On the second day of the JGLP workshop, Missionary Moon Shin-chul paid a special visit to the participants. Since the dissolution ruling, members have no longer been able to enter and leave the Shibuya Headquarters Church freely. At the Shibuya Headquarters Church, Missionary Moon first offered a heartfelt prayer to Heavenly Parent before meeting with the participants for a time of encouragement and open dialogue.

As participants shared their questions openly, their

anxiety gradually gave way to deep trust, and their once-hesitant hearts were transformed into firm resolve. At the conclusion of the gathering, Missionary Moon placed a Death Valley Holy Salt necklace around each participant's neck—a gift imbued with the love and devotion of the True Parents.

At the commissioning ceremony, Heavenly Japan President Masaichi Hori encouraged the young public mission workers to see themselves as modern-day scouts of Canaan, sent to realize a world of peace, and commissioned them with strong encouragement. The twelve young mission workers offered their pledge of determination before Heavenly Parent and the True Parents and raised a cry of Eok Mansei. They then departed for the Philippines, where they began intensive language training at the HJ Global Education Center.

“Although I have many concerns and uncertainties about leaving Japan and stepping out into the world, my



①② Participants in the Japan Global Leadership Program sharing their reflections ③ Missionary Moon Shin-chul presenting a necklace with Death Valley holy salt ④ Heavenly Japan FFWPU National President Masaichi Hori delivering his message at the closing session of the JGLP ⑤ Program participants and leaders with Missionary Moon Shin-chul

greater desire is to become a child who can help fulfill the vision and dream cherished by Heavenly Parent and our True Parents. Above all, as a filial daughter, I hope to become someone in whom True Mother can take pride and someone who can be a source of strength to her.

As the 12 of us set out together on this path, we are renewing our determination to save lives throughout the world by working together. United in heart with one another and with those who remain in Japan, we want to move forward toward the world.”

Toward the Future Together

On 29 May, the Inheritors of Heaven’s Love and Blessing visited the participants at the HJ Global

Education Center in the Philippines. Through heartfelt conversations, they shared the significance of the providence unfolding in Heavenly Japan and the hopes that True Mother has for the younger generation.

The participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to prepare themselves for public mission despite the difficult circumstances facing the church in Japan. They also reaffirmed their determination to become leaders who can serve the providence wherever they are called.

The Japan Global Leadership Program is more than a leadership training course. It is a providential initiative to prepare the younger generation to carry forward the Will in a rapidly changing world. By gaining international experience, strengthening their faith, and broadening their perspective, these young public mission workers are preparing to become leaders who can contribute not only to Heavenly Japan but also to the worldwide providence.

The path before them will not always be easy. Yet their determination to press forward, even amid trials, reflects the hope that True Mother continues to place in the younger generation.

As the participants begin this new chapter, the members of Heavenly Japan ask for the prayers and encouragement of the worldwide family. United in heart across national boundaries, they are taking their first steps toward the future together. 



❶ JGLP participant Sumika Shimizu shares the inspiration she received during the program ❷ A photo of the JGLP participants during their time at the Sunhwa HJ Global Education Center in the Philippines



A Life of Public Service Dedicated to True Parents' Providence

National-Level Seonghwa Ceremony for Park Kyu-nam of the 72 Couples

A National Seonghwa Ceremony for Park Kyu-nam of the 72 Couples was held at Seoul Asan Medical Center on HC 4.12 (28 May). The ceremony was attended by some 80 pastors and members and



The national-level Seonghwa Ceremony for Mr. Park Kyu-nam

included prayers, a report on Mr. Park's life, and the reading of a memorial poem dedicated in his honor. In outlining Mr. Park's various public missions, Korea Family Federation President Song Yong-cheon described Mr.

Park as devoted public servant who helped True Parents develop the providence. Since joining the church movement in 1957, Park Kyu-nam dedicated his life to the providence as an early pioneer witnesser and church leader, Secretary-General of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism and National Messiah to Nigeria. He is best remembered for his time as CEO of the Korean League's Ilhwa Cheonma Football Club during its most successful years in the 1990s. True Parents honored his life of dedication with a special inscription and blessed his transition to the heavenly realms. 

Sharing the Mission of the Chosen Han People and the Vision of Peace

FFWPU Korea President Song Yong-cheon's Nationwide Great Epic Lecture Tour

As part of his nationwide lecture tour on *The Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea*, FFWPU Korea President Song Yong-cheon spoke at Dongducheon Church on HC 4.3 (19 May) and Deogyang Church on HC 4.5 (21 May). At Dongducheon Church, he emphasized that the Han people have carried forward

a tradition of faith, hyojeong, and the spirit of peace. At Deogyang Church, he shared a message centered on the True Parents' shimjeong and key episodes from their providential course. Members reflected on the mission of the chosen Han people and renewed their determination to realize peace. 



❶ Members of the Dongducheon Church members preparing for the lecture ❷ Dongducheon members with Rev. Song after the lecture



Restoring Balance in Faith and Life

Cheonbo Education Center Launches a 16-Week Hyojeong Camp for Family Happiness for English-Speaking Filipinos in Korea

The Cheonbo Education Center held an online orientation on HC 4.3 (19 May) for its 16-Week Hyojeong Camp for Family Happiness. The program is designed for English-speaking Filipino members living in Korea, and provides an opportunity for participants to share the emotional challenges they encounter in the mission field while supporting spiritual renewal and happiness within their families. Participants expressed their determination to restore balance between faith and daily life and to cultivate a healthy family culture through the 16-week camp. 



Participants in the online orientation for the 16-Week Hyojeong Camp

United in Commitment as Leaders of the Next Generation

2026 FFWPU Heavenly Korea Workshop for Seonghwa Student Leaders

The 2026 Heavenly Korea Workshop for Seonghwa Student Leaders was held on Jeju Island from HC 3.29–4.1 (15–17 May). The workshop brought together Seonghwa student leaders from across the country, along with public leaders serving the younger generation. During the workshop, participants took part in the Mount Halla “One Team Challenge,” where they established district goals and reflected on the meaning of unity. Gathering by districts for shimjeong sharing sessions and joining together for praise and prayer, they renewed their determination in faith and reaffirmed their responsibility and mission as leaders of the next generation. 



Seonghwa student leaders joining their hearts by offering a praise song



Carrying Forward the Tradition of the Blessing Through Harmony Across Three Generations

Korea: 1800 Couples Hold General Assembly
to Commemorate the 51st Anniversary of Their Blessing

The Korea 1800 Couples Blessed Families Association held a General Assembly in the Cheon Won Gung Multipurpose Hall on HC 3.23 (9 May) commemorating the 51st anniversary of the 1800 Couples Blessing. Approximately 1,200 people attended, including some 600 second- and third-generation children, making the gathering especially meaningful as a celebration of harmony across three generations. The assembly opened with a performance by representatives of the first-generation advisory council. Jung Jin-ok, president of the Women's Association, and her husband presented a flower basket as an expression of gratitude. In her opening prayer, Senior Vice President Song Myo-sook recalled the day of the Blessing 51 years earlier and offered thanks for the love of the True Parents. Association President Park Beom-ju remarked that the gathering was more meaningful than ever because three generations had come together.

Mrs. Julia Hoon-sook Moon, chair of the Korean Cultural Foundation, also extended her congratulations and gratitude to the elders, senior members of the 1800 Couples, and all the members.

"As you celebrate your 51st anniversary and look ahead to the 61st and 71st anniversaries, I pray that you will continue, in good health, as central figures

of the providence, upheld by the words, love, and grace of Heavenly Parent and the True Parents."

A special awards ceremony was also held. The family of Lee Jeong-ok from the Gyeongnam district received the Largest Family Participation Award, with 21 family members attending. The family of Ra Byeong-jun received the Four-Generation Participation Award, with four generations—including great-grandchildren—present. Members reflected on the value of the path they have faithfully walked over the past 51 years and renewed their determination for all generations to move forward together in oneness at the center of Cheon Il Guk. Following the assembly, participants toured Cheon Won Gung together, sharing a joyful time of fellowship and inspiration. 



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① The Ra Byeong-jun family, who received the Four Generation Participation Award ② Korean Cultural Foundation Chair Moon Julia Hoon-sook offering her congratulatory message ③ 1800 Couples members and their families who attended the 51st Anniversary General Assembly



Cultivating Hyojeong Education Leaders for a Culture of Peace

Taiwan: Ilwon-do Hyojeong “Seed Trainer” Program

The Taiwan Ilwon-do Hyojeong “Seed Trainer” Program, jointly hosted by the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace and the Family Federation in Taiwan, was held at the Xinzhuang Mudanxin Civic Activity Center from HC 3.30–4.1 (16–17 May). Approximately 80 local participants attended the program, which was designed to cultivate professional instructors for the promotion of Ilwon-do throughout Taiwan and to help foster a culture of peace. Participants expressed their determination to share Ilwon-do and hyojeong culture widely throughout their local communities. 



Ilwon-do instructors who completed the Hyojeong Seed Trainer Program

A Festival of Peace Created Together by the Next Generation of Korea and Japan

Japan: 2026 Korea-Japan Yokohama Peace League

The 2026 Korea–Japan Yokohama Peace League, which promotes friendship and unity among the next generation of Korea and Japan, was held successfully on HC 3.30 (16 May). Approximately 140 children, young people, and staff members from Korea and Japan participated in the event, enjoying fellowship and friendly competition, with the team from Gifu Prefecture, Japan, claiming the championship. Participants spent meaningful time together, transcending language and national boundaries while reaffirming the values of peace. Organizers expressed their hope that the next generation will grow into leaders who will help build a peaceful global community. 



Peace League participants offering their dedication to friendship and peace



A Memorial Service Offered with Gratitude and Loving Remembrance

USA: Seonghwa Memorial Service



New Jersey members who attended the Seonghwa Memorial Service

Members of the New Jersey Family Church observed Memorial Day on HC 4.9 (25 May) by holding a Seonghwa Memorial Service in remembrance of brothers and sisters who had entered the spiritual world. As part of the day's observance, 18 children and their parents visited East Ridgewood Cemetery, where they cleaned the gravestones of Family Federation members and placed flowers and American flags at their resting places. Remembering the dedication of their senior members who had entered the spiritual world, participants offered their heartfelt gratitude.

A Journey to Rediscover the Roots of Faith

North America: ROOTED Young Adult Workshop

A ROOTED Young Adult Workshop for participants from North America was held at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center from HC

4.30–5.6 (14–20 March). Approximately 50 young missionaries and young adults attended the workshop, deepening their understanding of faith through lectures on the Cheongpyeong Providence and *Chambumo Ron*. The Blessed Family Ministry and Next Gen Mission offered educational sessions on lineage, purity, and the meaning of the Blessing, followed by question-and-answer sessions that gave participants an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the value of blessed families.

Participants also visited the Original Cheongpa-dong Headquarters Church, Seodaemun Prison History Hall, the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), and the Paju Wonjeon. They concluded the workshop by visiting Cheon Won Gung and touring the exhibition of paintings on *The Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea*, deepening their understanding of the providential significance of *The Epic*.



Young missionaries and members from the United States during their visit to the Original Cheongpa-dong Headquarters Church



Renewing Their Resolve to Fulfill Heavenly Parent's Will “Higher Ground” Special Tour in Korea

The Higher Ground touring team participated in a special tour of Heavenly Korea from HC 4.30–5.4 (30 April–4 May). On 1 May, approximately 70 leaders, including Continental Chair Demian Dunkley, visited the Original Headquarters Church in Cheongpa-dong to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the Family Federation and reflect on the footsteps of the True Parents. They later participated in the Cheonshim Won Special Night Vigil Prayer, offering jeongseong and renewing their determination in faith.

On 2 May, they attended the 2026 Hyejeong Cheonju Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, where clergy couples also received the grace of the Blessing. In the afternoon, they visited the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum and renewed

their determination to inherit the victorious providential course of the True Parents and become leaders in fulfilling Heavenly Parent's Will. 



Clergy on the Higher Ground tour smiling brightly during their visit to the Cheonil Sanctum

Honoring 70 Years of Faith with Gratitude and Respect

Canada: Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Mrs. Kim In-ae's
Joining the Church and Her 90th Birthday

A celebration for Kim In-ae of the 72 Couples, marking her 90th birthday and 70th spiritual birthday, was held at the Toronto Church on HC 3.10 (26 April). During the event, plaques of appreciation prepared by the Family Federation Canada Headquarters, the Sun Moon University Institute of Unification Thought, and Iksan Church were presented in recognition of Mrs. Kim's lifetime of service as a respected senior member. Approximately 120 members expressed their congratulations and gratitude to Mrs. Kim, who served for 30 years as National Messiah to Canada and dedicated her life to the providence. 



Members who gathered in Toronto to celebrate Mrs. Inae Kim 90th birthday



Building an Identity as Sons and Daughters of Heavenly Parent

Philippines: 8th 2-Day Pure Water Workshop



Young members in the Philippines listen attentively to True Parents' teachings

The 8th Pure Water Workshop was held at Antipolo Church in the Philippines on HC 4.7–4.8 (23–24 May). The workshop featured lectures and sharing sessions designed to help participants establish their identity as sons and daughters of Heavenly Parent. Through community service and a variety of other activities, participants reflected on the importance of putting their faith into practice. The workshop also included games and reflection activities that helped participants deepen their understanding of Heavenly Parent's love, their own value, and the importance of living according to their original mind. Participants renewed their determination to grow as Pure Waters who resemble Heavenly Parent. *TP*

Building a United Community Through the Practice of Moshim

Philippines: Home Visits and Moshim Workshop



Family members who attended the Moshim Workshop

The Family Federation in the Philippines conducted home visits and a Moshim (Attendance) Workshop from HC 4.5–4.9 (21–25 May). During the home visits, FFWPU Philippines National Leader Ronnie Sodusta visited inactive families in the Palawan region, worshipping together with them and offering encouragement. The visits sought to strengthen relationships and help reconnect families with the church community. From 23–24 May, the Family Federation Philippines also held a Moshim Workshop in Puerto Princesa. Yutaka Yamada, Continental Director of Heavenly Asia-Pacific, encouraged participants to fulfill their providential mission with renewed commitment. *TP*



A Celebration of Unity Across Generations

Philippines: 37th One Family Sports Festival

The 37th One Family Sports Festival was held at the Sun Hwa HJ Global Education Center in the Philippines on HC 3.28 (14 May). Blessed children, new members, and young people took part in the event, enjoying a variety of sports activities and fellowship with the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries. The festival also provided an opportunity to welcome and connect with new members. Reflecting on the vision of One Family Under God, participants strengthened their sense of community while sharing the joy of unity across generations. 



Participants in the One Family Sports Festival express their love by showing a variety of hearts

Nurturing the Dreams and Visions of the Younger Generation

Philippines: 2026 Hyodong Summer Camp

FWPU Philippines held their 2026 Hyodong Summer Camp was held at Antipolo Church on HC 3.25–3.26 (11–12 May). Rev. Froilan Matbagan Jr. encouraged participants to stand firmly as sons and daughters of Heavenly Parent. Through the camp, the Hyodong participants renewed their pride as blessed children and their determination to fulfill their responsibilities and mission as members of the younger generation. 



Hyodong Camp participants pledge to grow up as worthy children of Heavenly Parent



A Training Ground for Experiencing the Heart of Heavenly Parent's Will

Thailand: 2nd 21-Day Spirituality Workshop

The opening ceremony of a 2nd 21-Day Spirituality Workshop, attended by 75 participants from seven countries throughout Heavenly Asia-Pacific, was

held at the Pakchong Training Center in Thailand on HC 3.24 (10 May). Dr. Julius Malicdem, Vice-Continental Director of Heavenly Asia-Pacific, emphasized the

importance of living a life of true love for the sake of others. The participants pledged to become central figures in the providence by achieving heartfelt unity with the True Parents and putting true love into practice. *TP*



Spirituality Workshop participants express themselves with hearts

Not an End, but a New Beginning as Leaders at the Forefront of Providence

Asia-Pacific: Graduation Ceremony for the First Class of Heavenly Top Guns

The graduation ceremony for the first Heavenly Top Gun class in Heavenly Asia-Pacific was held in Quezon City, Philippines on HC 3.14 (30 April).

Over the course of a year of training, the 10 Heavenly Top Gun missionaries served in a variety of mission settings and carried out diverse educational activities while demonstrating exemplary faith.

Continental Director Yutaka Yamada encouraged the missionaries to grow into key providential leaders with courage and a strong sense of responsibility. The graduates renewed their determination to become one with the True Parents and fulfill their calling to carry forward Heavenly Parent's Will. *TP*



Asian Heavenly Top Gun participants offering their determination at the end of the workshop



Advancing with One Heart Centered on the Word

Burkina Faso: Heavenly Africa Continental Director's Visit

Heavenly Africa Continental Director Jean-Pierre Kadima visited Burkina Faso from HC 3.29–4.6 (15–22 May). During his visit, Rev. Kadima met with members through special worship services and leadership meetings, reviewing the local ministry and discussing directions for future cooperation. He also visited the Bobo and Borgou regions to encourage members and presented plaques of appreciation to former national leaders in recognition of their dedicated service. Members deepened their spirit of hyojeong toward True Parents and renewed their determination to move forward together. 



The touring delegation is welcomed on their arrival in Burkina Faso

Exploring the Vision

and Direction for Future Development

Democratic Republic of the Congo: 2026 National Leaders' Assembly

The 2026 National Leaders' Assembly of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was held in Limete, Kinshasa, from HC 4.2–4.5 (18–21 May). The assembly featured a variety of lectures, including sessions on pastoral ethics and *Chambumo Ron*, and reviewed the progress of the ongoing temple construction project. National Leader Rang-wan Lubaka encouraged participants to move forward with one heart, centered on the True Parents' words, for the continued development of the community.



Participants in the National Leaders Assembly in DR Congo



A Time to develop as Responsible Citizens

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Youth Education Conference



Members of the younger generation pledging to bring victory in their mission

A Youth Education Conference was held at the Seonghwa Institute of Technology and Science (ISTS) in Limete, Democratic Republic of the Congo, on HC 4.2 (18 May). Approximately 60 young people and invited guests attended. Held under the theme “Is Patriotism still an Essential Value Today?” the conference featured presentations and discussions on civic responsibility and the social role of young people. Participants renewed their sense of mission as members of the younger generation who will contribute to the development of their nation. *TP*

A First Step for New Blessed Families

in Sharing True Love

South Africa: Banquet for Newly Blessed Couples



Members who attended banquet for new blessed families in South Africa

A banquet for newly blessed couples was held at the Peace Embassy in Johannesburg, South Africa, on HC 3.16 (2 May). The couples signed the Marriage Blessing Pledge, reflecting once again on the meaning of the Blessing. National Leader Emeraude Heaven Ndonga encouraged them to grow into families that practice true love in society. Family members and guests offered their blessings and congratulations as the couples embarked on their new life together. *TP*



A Practical Experience in Learning the Values of Peace

Uruguay: Ilwon-Do and Tong-Il Moo-Do Introductory Workshop

An introductory workshop on Ilwon-Do and Tong-Il Moo-Do was held at Montevideo National Garden in Uruguay on HC 4.7 (23 May). At this first workshop of its kind in Uruguay, Dr. Gustavo Giuliano emphasized cultivating character and putting peace into practice through Tong-Il Moo-Do and Ilwon-Do. Participants learned basic breathing techniques and movements while experiencing the values of true love and peace centered on the True Parents' words. 



Workshop participants training their minds and bodies with Ilwon-do

A Harmony of Peace and Inspiration Through Music

Brazil: “Voice and Art” Choral Concert

The “Voice and Art” Choral Concert, hosted by the Family Federation in Brazil, was held at the national headquarters on HC 3.30 (16 May). Brazil Regional Director Samuel Ota Linhares shared the True Parents' vision, emphasizing the importance of promoting peace through the arts. During the concert, the Sun Hak Choir performed sacred hymns, while the Voice and Art Choir delighted the audience with Korean popular songs and selections from musicals. 



The Sun Hak Choir offers a holy song during the Voice and Art concert



Youth Outreach Activities Across Nine Nations

Heavenly Central and South America: Hyojeong Team's 40-Day Witnessing Campaign



Members of the Hyojeong Team offer their determination for the 40-day witnessing campaign

From HC 2.20–3.30 (7 April–16 May), the Heavenly Central and South America Hyojeong Team carried out 40 days of witnessing devotion in nine countries, including Brazil and Argentina. A total of 115 young people from the Hyojeong Academy, Hyojeong Rang, and Pure Water teams participated. Through witnessing activities, community service, Cheonshim Won devotions, and Happy Day events, participants connected 156 new members to Heaven. The Hyojeong Team resolved to continue a life of devotion, united with the True Parents in spirit and truth.

Blessed Families to Carry Forward the Tradition of True Love

Cuba: 2026 Hyojeong Cheonju Blessing Ceremony



Members in Cuba share their joy at the 2026 Hyojeong Cheonju Blessing Ceremony

FWPU Cuba held 2026 Hyojeong Cheonju Blessing Ceremonies in Havana and Sancti Spiritus on HC 3.16 (2 May). The ceremonies were the fruit of six months of witnessing activities, with a total of 12 families receiving the Blessing—five in Havana and seven in Sancti Spiritus. The blessed couples pledged to strive to build ideal families centered on the True Parents' words.



Sharing the Meaning of Family and Peace Through the Values of Love and Respect

Albania: A Visit by World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo

World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo visited Tirana, Albania, on HC 4.9–11 (25–27 May). On the first day of his visit, a conference commemorating the International Day of Families was held under the theme, “Family: The Foundation of Peace and Social Order,” with more than 200 local community leaders and international representatives in attendance. In his keynote address, Rev. Doo emphasized the values of love, responsibility, and mutual respect. During his visit, he also met with local leaders and members, sharing True Parents’ vision and practical direction for building peaceful families and communities. 



Conference in Albania sharing the values of love and responsibility to mark World Family Day

Toward a Loving Community That Connects Generations

Germany: 2026 Pentecost Festival

The 2026 Pentecost Festival hosted by FFWPU Germany was held at the Neumühle Training Center in Bad Camberg on HC 4.7–4.8 (23–24 May).

Celebrating its 19th anniversary, the festival brought together blessed families to strengthen harmony and fellowship across generations. World Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo encouraged participants to build a loving community with open hearts. The event also included the inauguration of Karen Pock as Youth Director for Heavenly Europe and the Middle East. Participants renewed their determination to become blessed families that build

communities of love and harmony, leaving with a renewed sense of purpose as FFWPU Germany recalibrated its compass for the future. 



Smiling members who participated in the 2026 Pentecost Festival in Germany



Celebrating the Value of Family and Community

Albania: 2026 Annual Gathering of Blessed Families



Participants in Albania's annual gathering for blessed families

The 2026 Annual Gathering of Blessed Families in Albania was held at the Mullet Training Center on HC 4.6–8 (22–24 May). Around 80 participants attended the gathering, taking part in counseling sessions and fellowship programs designed to promote spiritual growth and strengthen family relationships. Separate programs for the first generation, second generation, and Hyodong children helped participants of every age deepen their understanding of faith, family values, and community. 

Family Activities and Blessing Pledges

Renew the Meaning of Family

Moldova: International Day of Families Celebration



Special activities for children celebrating the International Day of Families in Moldova

Events commemorating the International Day of Families were held across Moldova on HC 3.29 (15 May). In Cantemir, Chişinău, and other communities, a variety of local programs encouraged broad participation throughout the region. Working together with local organizations, the Moldova Family Federation organized family activity programs and opportunities for participants to renew their Marriage Blessing pledges. The celebration brought together multiple generations and reaffirmed the family as the strong foundation of society. 



Sharing the Value of Families and the Joy of the Blessing

Italy: 2026 Family Festival

The 2026 Family Festival was held at the Andrea Auditorium in Bergamo, Italy, on HC 3.24 (10 May), with a performance by Holy BandIT adding to the festive atmosphere. A Blessing Ceremony was also held, with newly blessed couples from Bergamo and seven invited couples participating. Participants expressed their hope that the festival would help promote a healthy family culture and the values of peace throughout the local community. 



Smiling members after the Blessing at the 2026 Family Festival in Italy

Planting the Seeds of True Love in the Local Community

Hungary: Heavenly Top Gun Missionary Activities

Heavenly Top Gun missionaries have been hard at work in Pécs, Hungary during the first half of 2026. Since February, the missionaries have been witnessing daily and giving lectures while building a local foundation. They have also been holding two regular community events each month to strengthen their connections with local residents. Centered on True Parents' words, the missionaries are committed to continuing their outreach activities and sharing the message of true love. 



Heavenly Top Gun missionaries in Hungary inviting people to a Worship Concert



Sharing the Values of Mutual Prosperity and Respect through Peace Education

Romania: Peace Maker Program in Public Schools



Participants in the IRFF Peace Education Program in Romania smile as they show their names written in *Hangeul*

In early May, the Romanian branch of the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) conducted a Peace Education Program at a partner school in Negrilești. The heavenly tribal messiah missionary team joined approximately 40 students and teachers in a program centered on living for the sake of others, mutual respect, and harmony. The program also strengthened cooperation between the school and the local community. *✝*

A First Step in Raising Leaders of the Next Generation

Albania: Youth Leadership Training Program



Young leaders smile brightly at the Youth Leadership Training Program in Albania

The first session of a Youth Leadership Training Program was held in Korçë, Albania, on HC 3.13 (29 April). High school and university students participated in lectures, discussions, and team activities designed to strengthen their sense of community. The eight-session program aims to develop future leaders for the local community while providing young people with education in the True Parents' words. Organizers hope participants will grow into next-generation leaders grounded in strong moral values and leadership. *✝*



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Let us become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk
who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people
in unity with True Parents!

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