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SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

[Report by Peter Kim at the Leaders' Meeting on July 8, 1995 at East Garden]

True Parents left for South America on June 18th, and are returning today for a 21-day period. They visited 13 countries this time, coupled with the previous four (Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil) makes a total of 17 countries.

Now In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim will cover a further six nations in the Caribbean and South America, which will make a total of 23 nations. Father spoke to between 4,500-5,000 VIPs and dignitaries from all over Latin America. Today they arrived here at 3:00 p.m. and will leave for Kodiak at 6:00 a.m. tomorrow morning where 140 Japanese and Korean leaders are waiting for them for a meeting and probably Father will start matching at that time.

June 18, Lima, Peru

After leaving on June 18th (by chartered plane) True Parents stopped at San Juan, Puerto Rico and Cali, Colombia for fuel and then went on to Lima, Peru. The original plan was to have the banquet on the 18th, but it turned out that the 18th was a national holiday so it was held on the 19th. Since Father arrived on the 18th, True Parents had the whole day of the 19th with no fixed schedule. The church leader suggested to visit the Inca ruins. They had to charter a different plane because the American plane regulations wouldn't allow them to fly to such a high altitude (Cuzco is at 2,400 meters).

Cuzco was the capital city of the Inca civilization. The Inca civilization started around the 12th century, lasting until the 16th century when the Spanish invaded. There are still many
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KENDRA'S VISION, FEBRUARY 17, 1994

I was wrapping flowers and I had a vision from God.

The student council had decided on having an assembly just for the kids. Every Friday we would meet in the cafeteria and discuss a different subject each time. All the kids thought the grownups couldn't hear them, but they were wrong. The adults could listen to what they were saying by the loudspeaker.

This week they were talking about the teachers. Kids would come up to the front of the cafeteria and say if they liked their teacher or not, and why. Most of the kids came up from Mrs. Luek's class and Ms. Harris' class. They said opposite. Mrs. Luek's class liked their teacher and Ms. Harris' class didn't like their teacher. But they were surprised when I went up there because I said something different.

I said, "Come on, you guys, give Ms. Harris a break. It's her first year teaching here at Franklin. She's trying her best. She thinks that because she's at Franklin she has to be more strict. We have to forgive Ms. Harris. I know you know what that means. Because you go to church, don't you? No? Well, you should go to church. One in particular, is mine."

Then I started talking about the Principle. When I was done, everyone wanted a Divine Principle book. Then I remembered I only had one in my backpack. So I had to tell them to come to my church and get one. Everybody at church was very glad to see so many people who wanted to have a Divine Principle. We decided
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FOR THE LOVE OF GOD AND MAN

Across the sea in the midst of war
In a shack made of cardboard and mud
Lived a simple man with a heart of gold
Who shed his tears and sweat and blood
For the sake of God and Man.

He sat in the middle of a circle of friends
Teaching about the approaching end
Of this age of sinning-----
And a new beginning-----
Of love for God and Man.

The world was cold, but this man was bold
For through years of prayer he had been told
That though the Lord would be rejected
Still his plan would be perfected
His plan for God and Man.

So through the years he soothed our fears
And nurtured joy out of our tears
He raised up saints and raised up sages,
To fulfill the hopes of all the ages
The hopes of God and Man.

Now all the world knows his name
For his diligent struggle has won him fame
And soon, in his victory, all the world shall
acclaim
The name of "Sun Myung Moon"
The savior of God and Man.

Alex Colvin
1/22/80



Linda Colvin
205 Marie Ave.
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

July 9, 1995

Dear Arizona Family,

Please find enclosed a beautiful poem on Father written by my husband, Alex, back in 1980. When he pioneered "home church" in Baltimore he would sometimes raise funds by selling his poems right on the street corner.

And now, I am reaching out with one of his poems to do a little "in house" fundraising. We have recently lost our family business and are working to rebuild again, but the financial burden we have been under for the past two years is taking its toll on our health. The next few months should be a turning point for us and we would appreciate if you could keep us in your prayers.

Also, if you would like to donate something for the poem it would be very much appreciated. God bless you and all the families and members there in the great state of Arizona!

In True Parents' Names,
Sincerely,

Linda Colvin

CHURCH CALENDAR

September 1995

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism
- 18 Foundation Day
- 26 Shin Joong Nim's 2nd Birthday
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification
- 30 Hyung Jin Nim's 16th Birthday

KENDRA'S VISION

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to sell the Divine Principle books.

Well, every teacher, kid, and parent told everyone and they all wanted one. The church made a lot of money. So the church got big.

Kendra Anderson

C A R P

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last November, my wife and I visited you there and we wanted to thank you for your kindness and also the donation of puppets and metal etchings.

Announcement: Belarus Unification Family is looking for individuals, couples and families who would like to come to work in Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia or the greater CIS sixth of the world for from 40 days to one year. It requires lots of sacrifice but you'll be happy. Already many families are raising young children and having babies here in an environment of many spiritual children. There are four types of missions. 1. Teaching Divine Principle and counseling members. 2. Working with high school teachers on the course of ethics and morals. 3. Working with adults, WFWP and charity. 4. Starting businesses.

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Thank you for your hard work for Heavenly
Father and True Parents,
Jeff Tallakson

SOUTH AMERICA

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remains from that period. The more interesting place to visit is at Machu Picchu (which means "woman's belly button"). It is placed very high so one cannot see it from below. Therefore, they were able to hide. It was built 600 years ago with granite stone. It was so well built, it lasted all this time. No mortar was used and still it lasted.

About 1500 women priests lived there. Around 1517 the Spanish army invaded Cuzco, the capital and those at Machu Picchu abandoned their village and disappeared. In 1911, an American archeologist excavated the place - now 500 tourists a day come to visit. Father said that those who built the Inca and Mayan civilization must have come from Asia. Many of the buildings, the art work and the way of dressing are very similar to the Asian way. Father made a very serious prayer condition there and said someday Unification Church members will visit to see where Father prayed.

That night was the banquet. President Fujimori's schedule wouldn't allow him to come but two former Presidents were there. Fernando Belaunde Terry and Francisco Morales Bermudez (one is 82 years old and the other is 75) came with their wives.

After the banquet, both former Presidents said that they will come to the Blessing. Peter Kim realized that when people get old they become more like a child - he felt this beautiful quality of child-like joy to see Father.

South American people always come late - the banquet always goes later than scheduled. Then around 11:00 or 11:30 p.m., Father changes to casual clothes and then meets with the members. There are not so many members in each country and 3/4 of them never saw Father before. So, Father pours out his love to them until 1:30 or 2:00 a.m. Even some of them never learned to bow, so Father taught them. They were so inspired by Father and Mother. The next day, of course, Father has to get up at 5:00 a.m. to leave at 6:00 a.m.

Out of 400 VIPs at the banquet, 138

signed up for the Blessing. Now the Peruvian Church must follow-up and educate and bring them to the Blessing.

June 20, Bolivia

True Parents left Lima at 6:00 a.m. but Satan was working. Actually through airplanes there were many difficulties. Even the day before when they tried to leave Cuzco around 2:00 p.m. to Lima for the banquet, the control tower said they couldn't fly after 2:30 p.m. This has never been seen before. So they called some of our allies who pulled strings and finally they were able to get to Lima and hold a successful banquet.

Next day they left Bolivia planning to go to La Paz, Bolivia, which is 12,000 feet high so they had to get another local plane. When they left Lima they were told that their clearance hadn't come through yet, so they planned a fuel stop near the border - waiting for clearance. However, when they re-fueled still no clearance came. It turned out that someone who was a little negative was making things difficult. The cost of this was lost time. True Parents arrived in La Paz at 11:00 but this was 30 minutes late for the meeting with the President of Bolivia who had another schedule and had to go.

La Paz is the highest capital city in the world (12,600 feet). Mother felt dizzy - no oxygen. Everyone was worried about Father being able to speak. It is not unusual for first time visitors to end up in the hospital. As you know when Father speaks he pours out his whole energy. However, he did it strongly.

Around 340 VIPs came, including generals, cabinet members and clergy.

Father's speech is about one hour and 12 minutes depending upon how fast he speaks. If the members are really united and have set good conditions, then the audience can quickly receive the message with no one walking out. Peter Kim could see that it was a very spiritual event.

In Bolivia, near the border of Paraguay and Argentina is an area called Villa Mandes. It is supposedly the best place for fishing in South America. They say that during the three month fishing season there are so many Dorado that you don't even need a hook to catch them, you can

use a spear, a pitch fork, a net or whatever. Two men filled two 8-ton trucks in one day. At this site there is a small hotel and a hot spring. Father bought 6,000 acres of property for \$150,000 to make a future workshop site for high level people.

June 21, Quito, Ecuador

The capital is Quito on the equator, however it is cool because of the altitude. There is even snow on the mountains on the equator.

Ecuador is supposedly the best place to grow roses. Peter Kim sat next to one rose grower businessman who said that he sold to Eden Floral.

Father met President Sixto Duran Bellen at the Presidential Palace for 40 minutes. He was so inspired that he told Father even though he couldn't come to the banquet himself, he would send his wife and daughter.

His wife came to greet Father 10 minutes before the speech. Father said to her, "Let me tell you what True Love is." Father takes any opportunity to teach Principle to every person he meets. Later she said that even though she couldn't understand everything, she felt Rev. Moon has tremendous power.

The President gave Father his word that he would help our movement in Ecuador.

Again Father spoke to members until 2:00 a.m.

Father visited another place where there is a monument at latitude 0:0:0 which is the beginning of East, West, North, South. At this place True Parents took pictures at each direction and prayed there.

By the way, Un Jin Nim qualified for the 1966 Olympics. She was competing in Sweden against the best 300 riders in the world and came in second. The name of Un Jin Nim's horse is Ecuador.

Next True Parents flew to Santiago, Chile, a long flight. Father was always practicing his speech, at meal times, flying times, etc. He lived up to the standard of giving a one-hour speech after 3 hours of prayer and study.

June 22, Santiago, Chile

Chile is the 3rd major country for the Catholic church to provide Catholic scholars. So a Cardinal's power there is very strong, and the most powerful Cardinal sent his nephew as his representative. Also, there were generals and scientists, etc. A most respected Chilean scholar was in tears listening to Father's speech.

Again at night Father spoke to the 50 or so members. He always speaks according to what the members need. He told the members that when you go to the spirit world, you can compare it to a balloon: according to how heavy or light the air is allows the balloon to float freely. If we have a God-centered True Love attitude, we can float freely. However, if we have complaint or dissatisfaction, then we will be heavy and cannot float. So do not have complaint against God, True Parents, your leaders or brothers and sisters or you will suffer in spiritual world.

June 24, Bogota, Colombia

Bogota is also at a high altitude, therefore it was nice and cool even though it is on the equator.

Columbia is a very meaningful country to Korea because 1,200 Colombian soldiers helped in the Korean War. Korea built a memorial to the 212 soldiers who died.

At this banquet many presentations were made to Father. 400 VIPs came including all of the Cabinet Members and the top military Generals.

In 1983, Father had visited Cartagena and at that time he donated \$100,000 to the Simon Bolivar Foundation. This time they gave a plaque to Father.

Also, one famous scholar spoke and praised Father's work. Another PWPA professor wrote a long poem praising Father for sending wonderful Japanese sisters as missionaries.

Father gave a commemorative plaque to the joint chiefs of staff, as that was the day of the outbreak of the Korean War. It was a recognition to the 1,200 soldiers who supported South Korea.

The next day they visited the Amazon jungle where Father made a special prayer condition to liberate all the primitive people who

have lived there in suffering conditions.

June 27, Panama City, Panama

When True Parents flew from Colombia into Panama, they were searched thoroughly by dogs sniffing and pat down because of the Colombian drug problem.

The President was out of the country so he sent his Vice President. Around 400 VIPs came to the banquet.

Again Father met with the members until 1:30 a.m. They couldn't possibly imagine the joy of being together with Father and even Father sang songs for them.

June 29, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

True Parents left Panama at 5 a.m. It was a 2-hour flight but no one was at the airport to greet them. They went through customs, etc. and still no one was there so they had to take a taxi. The taxi driver spoke English and was very informative telling them that Columbus died there on his 4th voyage to the new world.

The church leaders were very embarrassed to meet Father later because they had been waiting at another airport.

Father had a meeting set up with the President who is 80 years old and blind. Peter Kim wondered how can a blind man run the country: he must be an exceptional person - President Joaquin Balaguer.

When Father met him he gave him a big hug, not just a handshake. It was easy to do that because he was blind. Actually, the security chief was very disturbed because you shouldn't touch the President.

At the dinner table Father was to sit opposite the President, but instead he sat next to the President. Father started to educate this President about True Love and telling him that Father would take responsibility for the social ills of his country.

Father gave the President a gift - a Christian Bernard watch - and put it on his wrist. The security was going crazy, but the President said it's o.k.

The President was inspired and he called

for the official photographer. However, Peter Kim was wondering how could they get the pictures from them. It turned out that the photographer was the official correspondent for *Noticias Del Mundo* - so the next day he delivered the pictures.

Mr. Kim realized that Father had invested for years into *Noticias*, CAUSA, AULA, Summit Council, etc., etc. We don't always see the result but we can see that Father was sowing seeds and those seeds bore fruit later.

Father said that his speech this time was the equivalent of shouting out from a big mountain which has an echo. Then that echo goes to all other places. So that is why he was speaking to the highest level people (big mountain) and speaking so seriously.

Two former presidents came, the head of one political party, the President's assistant and all major newspapers and TV outlets covered the banquet and Father's meeting with the President.

At this time, Dr. Bo Hi Pak is doing a revival tour in Japan giving much hope to the suffering Japanese brothers and sisters. Dr. Pak said that half the audience is smiling happily at his speech - these are the parents and family of our members who didn't really understand Father or our movement, but could appreciate Father when they hear from Dr. Pak. The other half of the audience is in tears - these are our members who have suffered intense persecution recently and Dr. Pak is giving them so much hope about the future.

In Japan one famous spiritualist (Mr. Song) who has successfully predicted Kim Il Sung's death and other things, met with the Japanese media and told them that Japan will collapse between 1998 - 1999 if they don't receive a wise man from Korea and follow his direction.

June 30, Haiti

There is no commercial traffic between the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and also American planes cannot go there. So the Vice President of the Dominican Republic gave his own private plane.

Haitians speak French so Father called Dr.

Tom Ward to come to translate for Father.

Haiti is the poorest country in this hemisphere and also security wise there was some question. So Father was advised that it may not be wise to go there. But Father never wavered at all and went there because a country like Haiti needs Father even more.

Because of nighttime security concerns Father spoke before the meal, in case people had to leave early.

Father had the Holy Day Celebration on July 1st with the members in Haiti.

July 1, Guatemala

True Parents visited the Mayan ruins in Guatemala.

One long-time PWPA contact who we haven't taken care of so well, heard Father was coming and was so excited that he met Father at the airport and helped to bring many VIPs.

Father met the President twice. He is 48 years old and was appointed by the former congress. He is a very righteous man and wants to work for human rights with the United Nations. Father met him for 30 minutes in the morning and talked about Adam and Eve and True Love, etc. Later Father had lunch with him, his wife, his Chief of Staff and another advisor. This time Father spoke for two hours and almost didn't touch his own lunch. Father said that this is his last chance to give God's message to this leader so he must take the opportunity. Father used many noises and body language and really made an impression upon the President.

Again father spoke to the members until 1:30 a.m. after the very successful banquet.

Father got a very interesting proposal called "Operation Whitecap", proposed by the President of Argentina to the United Nations. It is a proposal for a united international cooperative effort to combat world hunger. It was endorsed by 65 U.N. countries and 34 American Presidents. They want to educate the elite people of underdeveloped countries then send them back to their country together with volunteers from developed countries. This is exactly what Father has spoken about for years.

July 4, Managua, Nicaragua

When Father was in Danbury he called Arnaud de Borchgrave to give him directions how to help the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters who were in danger of being cut off by the American Congress. *Washington Times* (Father) gave \$100,000 seed money to support the Freedom Fighters and challenged the government to not give up on them. The decision was reversed. Violetta Barrios de Chamorro (Lady President of Nicaragua) welcomed True Parents this time warmly together with her son Pedro. She said the support of the *Washington Times* and Father for the Freedom Fighters at the most despondent moment gave them hope. They were almost ready to give up before that happened. So they are indebted to Father. Mrs. Chamorro asked Father what she could do. Father told her to be careful about focusing only on economic growth and at the same time losing young people morally. Father said "Give me 500 of your best young people and I will educate them and send them back to you as the pillars of your society." Now Dr. Ward is preparing this education.

Mrs. Chamorro told Father she is tired, has ulcers. Father said, "Come to our Blessing and I will find you a husband." She said, "What kind of husband?"

Pedro Chamorro's wife sat with True Mother and she asked if she could come to the WCSF-Media Conference. However, Mother invited her to the Blessing too.

Jimmy Carter, the one who was the cause of Nicaragua's problems, was having a banquet in the same building as Father.

Father's schedule is so intense every day from morning until night. Early morning Father told the members to come at 5 a.m. He talked until the last moment, even standing in the elevator to say good-by to the members.

July 5, San Jose, Costa Rica

Former President Rodrigo Carazo Odio was sick in bed but he desperately wanted to see Father. Father sent him a huge bouquet of flowers.

400 people were at the banquet. They had the best banquet facility.

July 6, El Salvador (The Savior), San Salvador (Son of the Savior)

Father met President Calderon, a huge man. Father quickly told him, "I like the name of your country, but your country needs a savior. Please give me 500 young people and I will educate them."

Father introduced the National Leader to the President. The National Leader is a 33-year old, Brazilian brother. Father said, "You are brothers O.K.? Because you are both like my sons."

The banquet was smaller than others but Father didn't change his delivery at all.

The National Leader had been blessed to an American sister who didn't like him so he wrote a letter to release her to go to the 92 Blessing. Suddenly at 7 a.m. Father called him and Father heard that he was a little sick and also one Japanese sister who had been ill in bed and couldn't even come to the banquet. Father called them together and matched them together. He (the Brazilian brother) was sooooo happy. This is the first matching of the 360,000 couples.

July 7, Mexico City, Mexico

As Father arrived there was a special one-day workshop for 180 young people interested in the Blessing. Father spoke to them for three hours and concluded by asking them if they were willing to give up their old Father (Pope) and follow Father and come to the Blessing. If so, "raise your hands."

The banquet was big and beautiful with many great testimonials about True Father.

Father spoke to members until 2:30 a.m. Then he was up at 4:30 a.m. to travel back to the United States and go immediately into the leaders' meeting.

Altogether, Father met eight Presidents.



FROM THE STATE LEADER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

September is here and we can begin to believe that Arizona's summer is coming to an end and the cool autumn and winter months will soon be here.

On August 25, Blessing '95 was successfully conducted in Korea and by satellite in countries around the globe. 364,000 couples received the Blessing, 4,000 more than the goal of 360,000!

I want to congratulate Robert and Elena Rodriguez from Tucson, and Jo Ann and Jay Cool from Phoenix, who went as previously married couples, and Joyce Anderson and Elay Zander who were matched by Father to Iwongi Masinde (Zaire) and Denny London (New York) respectively. Couples may consummate their Blessing after 40 days.

As I hectically helped Joyce and Elay to prepare to go to New York, I felt so elated and I realized that there is so much joy to be experienced in sending spiritual children to the Blessing. The Blessing often entails very painful restoration, but knowing that those who receive the Blessing are being engrafted into True Parents' lineage is exciting for both heaven and earth, and serves to remind me that this is what it's all about. It also reminds me that God wants each one of us to be a channel of Blessing to others, and that true joy comes from sharing our blessings.

In 1998, True Parents will bless 4 million people, which gives us another opportunity to bring our family and friends to receive the Blessing.

I heard one very moving testimony from Dan Fernelius' spiritual parent, who had the wonderful opportunity to bestow the Blessing on his own parents in his home this August.

Many years ago, True Father said that in the future we will be the ones to Bless people, and it seems that this time is fast approaching. This time True Parents Blessed people from so many different backgrounds and it seems that

anyone who agreed to participate was able to do so. I felt through this how much True Parents long to give the Blessing to all mankind.

True Family Speaking Tour

During Father's South American speaking tour, he spoke in 16 countries. Father is now planning a 16-city tour in North America representing 160 nations of the world. This tour began September 5, in Philadelphia. The True Children will speak in the rest of the 50 states, possibly coming to Arizona in October (no date is firm yet).

This speaking tour is the Third Stage in the progression of True Father's teaching ministry in the Western world.

Mid 70's - Proclaimed Messiahship

Early 90's - Proclaimed True Parentship

Mid 90's - Proclamation of True Family

My own feeling about such a tour is that Father's main concern is how to pay enough indemnity to protect America and to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

If we only judge Father from a practical standpoint, we will struggle to follow him, for Father is motivated by a very deep spiritual sense of what is necessary for the fulfillment of God's providence at any given time, not by what is practical.

True Father will speak in California on Saturday, September 16th, 1995 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach.

WFWP Sisterhood Ceremonies

The WFWP will begin Sisterhood Ceremonies in our region, which gives those of us who didn't make it to Washington, DC, the opportunity to participate in a very historic and moving ceremony.

The first conference will be Saturday, September 30, 1995 at the Renaissance Hotel, near the Los Angeles International Airport. Invitations for friends and family will be available soon.

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WAVE OF REPENTANCE WASHES CHRISTIANITY WORLDWIDE

[The following article was printed in *The Arizona Republic* on June 20, 1995]

By John Dart
Los Angeles Times

A wave of confession and repentance for past sins, some of them the racist evils of decades or centuries ago, is sweeping Christianity worldwide.

It reaches from the pope, who wants the Roman Catholic Church to openly repent its historical transgressions before the next millennium, to hundreds of German Christians who gathered recently in the Netherlands to apologize for the atrocities of the Nazi era.

In France next Easter, Protestants and Catholics will gather to launch a series of ceremonies along the route to Jerusalem taken by the medieval Crusaders, saying prayers of remorse for the thousands of Muslims the European knights slew in the name of Christ.

Lutherans have expressed contrition for the anti-Semitism of their church's founder, Martin Luther. New Zealanders have gathered by the thousands to confess sins against the Maoris. Americans say prayers of atonement on wind-swept prairies where white men massacred Indians. Japanese Christians, stepping in boldly where their government waffled, will ask forgiveness for Pearl Harbor.

And this week, the largest Protestant body in the United States, the Southern Baptists, is expected to apologize formally to blacks for endorsing slavery.

Why the mass rush to repentance? Although many of the groups have no connection to one another and do not coordinate their actions, Christian leaders involved offer many explanations: greater interaction among races and ethnic groups leading to intensified efforts to erase bitter memories, growing cooperation and theological unity among Christians, and hopes for

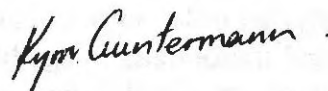
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To give the Blessing to 364,000 people of the world requires an enormous amount of indemnity. Organizing and supporting Father's tour and WFWP Sisterhood Ceremonies in the eleventh hour could be seen as one way for us to pay some of that indemnity to preserve and protect the Blessing of those 364,000 couples. Let's support these events in whatever way we can.

God bless you in your quest to become true husbands and wives, true parents and people who can inherit God's Kingdom.

Sincerely,
ITPN



Kym Guntermann

a religious revival after Christianity comes clean on its historical sins.

The outbreak of ex post facto mea culpa has met with both praise and skepticism within the Christian community and among the people to whom they apologize.

"Cautious optimists see it as a good sign for coming changes, but the skeptics say they have heard it all before - empty promises," said Russell L. Twiss of Vancouver, Wash., a Lakota Sioux and director of the International Bible Society's Native American ministry.

The idea of later generations repenting a historical evil does not seem meaningful, said James Wall of Chicago, editor of *The Christian Century*, a leading mainline Protestant magazine.

In the case of Pope John Paul II, the impetus comes from the approach of the third millennium, or thousand-year period, since the birth of Christ, an anniversary expected to bring both critical assessments of Christianity and celebrations of its history.

The leader of 950 million Catholics worldwide set the tone in 1992 by formally acknowledging that 17th century church judges [See *REPENTANCE*, Page 11]

WHAT GRANDPARENTS ARE

Former President and Mrs. Bush were the keynote speakers at two of the recent International Women's Friendship Conferences. Mrs. Bush read a very special letter she had received from an 8-year-old who was explaining what grandparents are. She thought it was possibly the best set of instructions she had ever seen on how to do the job right. Here is the letter excerpted from her speech:

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fighting and traitors and things like that. Grandmothers don't have to do anything but be there. They're old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It's enough that they drive us to the mall where the "pretend horse" is, and have lots of dimes ready. Or, if they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty caterpillars.

They never say, "Hurry up!" Usually they are fat. But not too fat to tie kid's shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. And they can take their teeth and gums out. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like why dogs hate cats, and "How come God isn't married?"

They don't talk baby talk like visitors do, because it's hard to understand. When they read to us, they don't skip or mind if it's the same story again.

Everybody should try to have one - especially if you don't have television - because grandmas are the only grown-ups who have time.

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BOOK REVIEW

Fascinating Womanhood

by Helen Andelin

Reviewed by Nadia Clarke

This book was recommended by a friend of mine in Ohio (a French sister blessed to a Japanese brother). It happened more than six months ago, and somehow I held on to the little piece of paper where I had written down the title. I ordered it through the library this summer.

It is quite a good chunk to read, but every chapter includes lots of testimonies of reversal from bad or so-so relationships to good relationships between husbands and wives, and I found this to be very inspiring. Basically, if you apply the principles of this book, your relationship with your spouse is bound to change - miracles happen. As for my testimony, I did make some changes in the area of cooking, and did get one "this was good" from Robert last month, a one-of-a-kind statement which is my miracle! (Everyone has their secret wish!) All the advice is good, and you can become a "fascinating woman" that your husband cannot help but fall in love with.

The only piece of advice I am not sure of is the recommendation to leave all the money-making to your husband, and to let him be the sole but respected provider... nice thought!

The best advice is to accept your husband completely - make a list of all the things which bug you and look at it once in a while to remind yourself this is part of the package deal you "bargained" for. And also make a list of all his good qualities and PRAISE him for them. This is the hard part for me, but I am working on it. Have fun getting your miracles!



REPENTANCE

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erred when they condemned Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei for saying the Earth revolved about the sun.

In April, about 800 German Christians crossed into the Netherlands to join about 6,000 other Christians, mostly Dutch, in a service asking forgiveness for the World War II invasion of Holland.

An estimated 15,000 people crowded into Aloha Stadium in Pearl City, Hawaii, in May to watch descendants of early Christian missionaries, fruit-company founders and Japanese Hawaiians seek forgiveness for their ancestors' sins against native islanders.

The Rev. Gary Best of Langley Vineyard Church near Vancouver, British Columbia, who spoke at the gathering of Christians in April at the Dutch-German border, said he saw instances of heartfelt changes of attitude.

"I saw one Dutch woman who said she was raised to hate Germans but was there praying tearfully with three Christians from Germany," he said.

"There is no wholesale agreement that repentance can somehow mysteriously break the spiritual impact of past violations," said David Bryant of New York, who heads the committee that promotes the National Day of Prayer.

"But to the extent we are living off the bitter fruits of the past, we evangelicals need repentance and reconciliation as well as restitution to offended groups in order to reach our goals of evangelizing the world," he said.

S. BAPTISTS APOLOGIZE FOR PAST RACISM, SLAVERY

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ATLANTA - Members of the Southern Baptist Convention, America's largest Protestant denomination and one that was founded in large part in defense of slavery, voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to "repent of racism of which we have been guilty" and to apologize to and ask forgiveness from "all African-Americans."

The statements were contained in a resolution on racial reconciliation passed on a show of hands among nearly 20,000 messengers - as Baptist delegates are called - attending the denomination's annual convention, a three-day gathering being held at Atlanta's Georgia Dome sports arena.

Passage of the resolution was a dramatic move for the denomination, whose leaders have turned to the right politically and theologically in recent years, taking increasingly tough lines against abortion, homosexuality and the ordination of women as pastors.

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