

God's Hope for America Bus Tour - Day 42 – Seattle

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On the edge of Lake Washington, a large group of Seattelites greeted us. A second bus pulled in shortly after us, ready to take an extra busload of pilgrims on the final leg of the journey to Oregon. Since we arrived early, there was plenty of time for fellowship. As the warm evening sun began to lower in the sky, we all hiked to the top of a hill, where Rev. David Roberts, pastor of the Northwestern district, emceed, and Raymond McCready opened in prayer. Rev. In Chan Park and his wife Julie Park then gave a beautiful musical offering.

Pastor Richard Rivers shared with us about how he started a ministry on the internet and now has 500 members. Encouraging us to do what we can to spread God's hope, he said, "Know you are in the presence of God.

Mrs. Noriko Fisher, who lived in Kodiak, Alaska for seven years and met Father and Mother Moon there upon their visits for fishing and workshops, talked about Father Moon's determined character. "Father Moon could not give up, he could not fail." She shared this treasured experience to encourage us to, likewise, go forward courageously and powerfully for God.

Seijin Shirotori, a young Unificationist who has been on the pilgrimage since Day One, related his experience as well. "I can now understand why Father Moon loves America so much. With the people I meet and the nature, I can feel Father Moon's heart, and I can feel God pouring his love on us. The pilgrimage is ending, but this feels like the beginning. I encourage everyone to experience this. What is most important is what we do after the pilgrimage, when we go back home to our friends and family."