

FFWPU Europe and Middle East : A Day and a Month of Liberation and Blessing

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Dear Family

In True Parents' providence, October has always been a month of liberation and Blessing. On October 5th we observed the little-known 70th anniversary of True Father's liberation from SeoDaeMun prison following the Ewha University incident. Today, October 14th is an even more important liberation day of all. As we all know, it was on this day in 1950 that the UN forces liberated True Father from the Hungnam concentration camp, the very day that he was going to be executed. As Father observed many years later, in something of a dry understatement, "Heaven simply could not stand idly by."

And today, with our beloved True Mother entering the 4th week of confinement at the Seoul Detention Center, we are again all praying for Heaven "will not to stand by," whilst reflecting that we ourselves cannot stand by either. This reality casts a shadow on our happiness, but it should not prevent us from celebrating together.

Every one of True Parents Blessings was a ceremony of liberation for humanity and for all of us, freeing us from the history of sin and suffering. And there are lots of these blessings to celebrate this month: On the 9th we had the 5th Anniversary of the 2020 Cosmic Blessing; on the 10th, the 15th Anniversary of the 2010 Cosmic Blessing and on the 12th, the 17th Anniversary of the 2008 Blessing for the Reign of Peace. Today, October 14th is the 43rd Anniversary of the 6000 couples, and the 16th Anniversary of the 2009 Cosmic Blessing. Fumiko and I wish all of our "6000 couple Blessing Classmates" every blessing. Later this month, we have the 55th Anniversary of the 777 couples on the 21st, the 6th Anniversary of the National Blessing in Shin Albania in 2019, and finally on the 30th, the 37th Anniversary of the 6500 couples in 1988.

So many Blessings! So much liberation!

We gratefully remember that behind the celebrations, True Parents had to work very hard. Reflecting about our 6000 couple Blessing back in 1982, True Father said: "It was like a market place of the human race. It was not only full of different colors but also bumpy all over, and in order to assure that there were no collisions, I had to sweat a lot." Yet True Parents were happy to sweat and cry again and again, for our sake and for God's.

In 2009, I happened to be on stage for the 2009 Cosmic Blessing at Sun Moon University, along with some VIPs from UPF. I will always remember True Father's tearful prayer of blessing that day. "Heavenly Father," he said "It has been so, so long since you lost your children in the Garden of Eden! But now, True Parents are bringing them all home to you. Please accept them in your bosom of love."

Thank you True Parents for shedding sweat, blood and tears for all of us, even now! We are with you now and until the end of time!

Sincerely

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