

# WestRock Family News

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*Motto of the year:*

*Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in  
resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!*

## Important Happenings Around the World

**TRUE MOTHER:** is back in Korea

**SPECIAL DAYS FOR THE FAMILY FEDERATION WORLDWIDE:**

Next **Ahn Shi Il** is on Saturday, September 6

**HERE IN AMERICA:**

American program to honor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of True Father's Seong Hwa will take place at the Manhattan Center on Saturday, September 20 at 10:30 am  
There will be a \$100 plate banquet lunch at 1 pm

Help with the offering of signatures from America, in repentance for True Father's prosecution and imprisonment. Go to

[Recognition of Injustice and Apology](#)

**IN NY District:**

**We are planning a series of local God's Hope for America Rallies throughout the NY District.**

**The first one took place on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> in downtown White Plains, the next one will take place on Saturday, September 13 in Brooklyn (corner of Newkirk Ave and Marlborough Rd). at **3:30 pm**.** (just 1 min. walk from Newkirk subway station (Q train))

**AND IN WESTROCK:**

**Unification Thought Workshop**, Sept 5-6 (see announcements for details)

**Divine Principle Study & Discussion:** Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm at the White House.

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## The Sermon this Week

This week, at Belvedere, Andrew Compton gave the sermon. Before giving the sermon he showed a video, and overview of the DP that is a little different. To watch that video go to: Justin Okamoto gave the sermon "Judge Not" If you would like to view it, go to this link: <http://vimeo.com/105033394>  
To watch the sermon go to: <http://vimeo.com/105052595>

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## Pastor's Weekly Greeting

Hello Everyone!

Please take time to read True Mother's words from September 1 (below this letter)

I pray that you had a good Labor Day weekend.

I am happy to report that we had a good experience with the "God's Hope for America Rally in NY" that took place in White Plains. 45 members (including Dr and Mrs Balcomb) were there to support and help invite guests (5 new guests came) to our event. (there is a more complete report below in the testimony section)

The next rally will take place in Brooklyn on Saturday, September 13 at 3:30 pm.

Location: corner of Newkirk Ave and Marlborough Rd

Please do your best to come and give your support!

Also, please take note that a Korean Study Group is opening up to all members. I personally gained a lot from this group. Please check it out under the announcements (under OTHER)

God Bless You and your Family!  
Let's make it a great week!  
Andrew Compton

### **True Mother's Message at Hoondokhae in Cheon Jeong Gung**

8.8 on the heavenly calendar in the second year of Cheon Il Guk (September 1, 2014)

**September is the harvest month.... At this providential harvest time, our responsibility is to witness—** to find the many prepared and ripened grains. Hence, you should boldly let people know about True Parents. Have you seen the recent popular movie, *Myeongryang*?

**There is no owner in this world. The people's hearts felt empty as a result. The leaders then were not** able to truly lead the people and help them. That is why when Lee Sun-shin stood on the frontline in that difficult environment, with the heart to serve **the people, the people united. This changed Korea's** fate. What do you think would have happened if Lee Sun-shin had not been there at that time?

Even though this age has many great people, people are still waiting for a true owner. You have **received True Parents'** blessing. Do not be afraid! If you become one with True Parents, you can overcome and resolve all problems. Should a person, who knows about this, just remain dormant? You should take the lead to witness and educate people! Father always spoke of this. There is no perfection in ignorance. Hence, you should let people know. Now is a time when you should boldly advance. Do not fear the better-established religious groups. Do you understand?

I called members of the Youth Federation and CARP here today. How many of you have come? You have come at the right time. Remember many prepared lives are waiting for your voice and touch. Challenge yourselves and meet them! It is not incorrect to say that the history of our Unification Church started from CARP. The standard of our Unification Church is high. When we convey the word, you are people that can digest anything. Hence, move forward with confidence! My hopes for you are high.

In December, I plan to go to Las Vegas to educate young people that can grow into leaders on the frontline through a forty-day witnessing course. In order to do so, it is important that you are able to communicate. Since English can be seen as a common language used around the world, I am about to give you the opportunity to speak without fear; to enable you to speak to a certain extent after the forty days.

**Korea is the fatherland of our faith, True Parents' fatherland. What does that imply? We must be able to embrace many brothers and sisters. The countries that stood at the frontline of missionary work...**

Korea was a bit weak. Those countries included Japan, America and Europe, Germany in particular. They have not been able to raise successors. Time does not wait for us. It actually feels a bit late. Are you then going to give up because of that? We must make it possible! Most leaders are in their sixties and seventies, but did they raise successors?

Even though each of the providential organizations carries different responsibilities, I hope that they become one with the headquarters and work together in a direction that brings about greater results. Since results are important, do not assert what is yours alone, but join hands and make greater results. The message I have given you this time is about this: Forgive, love and unite! **This is the true love "flu"** of this age given to you by True Parents. I hope this spreads to the nation and moves on to all of Asia **and the entire world and that you yield results from such a foundation.... When one catches the flu,** one must try hard to **recover from it. Isn't that right? The true love flu! I hope that providential** organizations and groups often collaborate and communicate with one another and bring about greater success.

A few days ago, the pope paid a visit to Korea and it became quite an issue. However, what came from his visit? He has left. The work that we do, however, is to save people. What else is greater than this, that we should be grateful for? Instead, you should be afraid of sleeping. Father tried not to sleep. You **said you would become devoted children and patriots. If that's the case, shouldn't you take after True** Parents? Please become sons and daughters that resemble True Parents and realize their hopes. This is the way to give blessings to our descendants in the future.

These days, I have been thinking a lot about indemnity. What can be done to pass down a world **without indemnity to our descendants in the future? Just as I did, you should be able to say, "Follow in my footsteps!" Only by doing so, can the Cheon Il Guk era... True Parents have opened the door to the**

kingdom of heaven on earth. However, this depends on how extensively you are able to build a good environment. This is harvest season. Please have greater determination and bring about results through that!

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## **Prayer Requests**

Laura Nabetani is now at home – and doing better. Thank you all for your prayers!

Jiau-Lan Weinstein (she is in Taiwan – and her situation has grown worse)

Moses Kiely – 3 years old, grandson of Michael and Maria Kiely, diagnosed with leukemia

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## **Testimonies/Reports**

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

### **“GOD’S HOPE FOR AMERICA” RALLY AND OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, August 30, 2014

White Plains, NY (Downtown)

#### **STREET RALLY**

About 50 WestRock Family members gathered at noon today on a downtown corner in White Plains, NY. The first “God’s Hope for America Rally” in New York began and ended with music led by Rob Kitchens on guitar. The MC, Andrew Compton welcomed everyone, then introduced \_\_\_ Hillier to read a short excerpt from Rev. Moon’s words. After that, two short speeches about America were offered by David Rowland and Susan Bouachri. Michael Balcomb gave summary remarks and Julia Okamoto offered a prayer to end the rally. Everyone was invited for lunch .

#### **WITNESSING**

At that point, brothers and sisters joined together in groups of 2 or 3 to witness in the nearby area. They handed out witnessing cards, flyers for an upcoming worship service on “The Joy of Family Life” and extended a lunch invitation to the people they met. After 20 minutes or so on the streets, the members and the interested people they met, went to the Arthur Murray Dance Studio a few blocks away.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Five guests joined with the members for lunch there.

After enjoying Subway Sandwiches, chips, iced tea and cookies, the MC, Andrew Compton, asked each person to stand and introduce him or herself, tell where they came from and what is their favorite place. After this icebreaker, he briefly shared our purpose for holding this gathering including an idea to hold small group meetings like this on a regular basis in White Plains.

Then the group was divided into smaller groups for a discussion about two topics: “What I like best about America” and “What I can do to make things better”.

These ten minute discussions were followed by Andrew Compton’s short introduction to Rev. Moon, the ideas he teaches and to our activities in the local area. After this Michael Balcomb spoke about the discussion held in the group he was part of. One key idea they expressed in that group was the importance of doing the little things to help other people. He also gave a warm invitation to everyone for the National Memorial Service for Rev Moon.

John Kung and Celina \_\_\_ reported on their discussions and the MC brought things to a close. Conversations among the attendees continued, names and contact information for those who might be interested in the small group idea were collected and the clean-up began.

Nearly one month after the conclusion of the nationwide bus tour, the “God’s Hope for America” vision is alive and well in White Plains! Brothers and sisters were inspired and uplifted by their witnessing experiences and by the new guests who had just been met on the street a few minutes earlier. This event was a solid forward step in answer to the question “What’s Next?” here in WestRock .

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Light Thought for the Day:

## **Speed of Learning**

**Instructor: "Isn't it remarkable how quickly the kids learn to drive the car?"**

**Parent: "Yes, especially considering how slowly they catch on to running the lawnmower and vacuum cleaner."**

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## **Announcements:**

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#### Outreach

**National Honoring of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of True Father's Seong Hwa:** Saturday, September 20, at the Manhattan Center. Doors open at 9:30 am, program begins at 10:30 am. There will be a banquet lunch at 1:00 pm (tickets for the lunch are \$100).

**ACLIC Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, Sept 20 8:30 am, Mt Pisgah Baptist Church, 212 Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn. Speaker: Rev Dr Johnny Youngblood

**NY God's Hope for America Rally in Brooklyn:** Saturday Sept. 20 at 3:30 pm. Location: (corner of Newkirk Ave and Marlborough Rd)

**DP Study & Discussion at the White House:** Monday evenings 7:30 PM.

#### Community

**Sept. 5 -6, Friday evening at 7pm and Saturday from 9 to 5,** Mr. Gerry Servito will be giving a **Unification Thought workshop** at the white house, especially for young adults but all are welcome. Mr. Servito is excellent at presenting this content and has done so for many years. UT brings a deeper understanding of God and the application of the Principle. \$25 will cover the refreshments and lunch. For more information, possible place to stay if you are from out of town and to register contact Lynn Walsh at 914-909-6527.

**Signatures for the apology campaign** for True Father's wrongful imprisonment are being collected. If you have not signed yet, go to <http://familyfed.org/danburyapology>

**Special Offering** for the 2nd Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa Each individual and family is asked to donate \$120 and \$210 respectively. In addition, members are asked to make a 2<sup>nd</sup> offering (of the same amount) to support the American celebration which will take place on Sept 20 at the Manhattan Center. Donations should be made out to HSA-UWC. Thank you!

#### Other

I am looking for volunteers to help Ken Weinstein do some painting at his home. If you can help (sometime in the first week of September) please contact me (Rev Compton)

### **STUDY OF FATHER'S WORDS IN KOREAN STUDY GROUP**

1. Purpose: To help develop the ability to read, hear, speak and comprehend Father's words in the original language of Korean
2. Material: True Families: Gateway to Heaven (See accompanying sample)
3. Dates: Saturday mornings from September 13 to December 20<sup>th</sup> (in Korea); Friday evenings from Sept 12 to Dec 19 in USA.
4. Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am (Korean time) Saturday mornings
5. Meeting Method: Skype group audio call
6. Group Leader: Robert Schairer (not fluent in Korean, just a student of the language who may or may not be a few steps ahead of the other participants) a) Current Employment: Visiting Professor at KAIST in Seoul, Korea teaching MBA students corporate law and securities law b) Educational Background: --Juris Doctor, cum laude, Brooklyn Law School -- Master of International Affairs specializing in Int. Finance & Banking and East Asia, Columbia University School of Int. & Public Affairs --Bachelor of Arts, majoring in East Asian Studies, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University School of General Studies c) Blessing: 6000 couple d) Relevant experience: -- leading study group for 5 years -- prepared initial translation from Korean to English for portions of the yet to be published Cham Bumo Gyeong and helped to edit and proofread portions of the English translation of the new Cheong Seong Gyeong and the Pyeong Hwa Gyeong
7. Study Group Size Limit: 6 people besides the group leader

8. Cost: Free, however a donation of whatever one can afford is suggested to be made to the church of one's choosing to be designated for use in supporting Korean language education for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation youth.

9. Study Material Format (See accompanying attachment): a) Paragraph from True Families: Gateway to Heaven with Chinese characters inserted in parentheses and grammatical patterns noted and numbered in bold print referring to grammar explanations in the grammar section end notes. b) Audio recording by a native Korean speaker reading the paragraph(s). c) Vocabulary section: definitions of words used in the paragraph in order of appearance and in some cases with links to an audio of native speaker pronunciation d) Chinese Character Section: Provides a definition of the Chinese character, the radicals that make it up and some explanation regarding the character. e) Grammar Section: Explanations of the various grammatical patterns, references to Korean grammar books and links to audio and pdf grammar lessons at Talk To Me In Korean, an on line Korean study website. f): Various Official English translations of the paragraph

10. Study Session Format: a) 1 to 2 paragraphs covered each session (See accompanying sample) b) Open with a representative prayer c) Listen to native speaker audio reading the paragraph d) Participants then take turns reading a sentence and then translating it into English followed by comments from the group leader and other participants e) When the paragraph is finished various official translations of the material are read followed by a discussion among the participants

11. To Sign Up please send an email to the group leader with your email address and skype id. Please don't sign up unless you are serious about participating and keep in mind the group is limited to 6.

Make it a Great Week!