

Meeting Mr. [Duk Moon] Aum in Stockholm

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On the weekend of February 9-11, four of us from the Norwegian Family visited the Swedish Family. This visit was inspiring in many ways. We met people who work for the same purpose. Different people, a different way to express the same message, a little different plan for the daily work, different experiences, but most of all our brothers and sisters!

Meeting Friedhilde (Bachle [Becker]) and the other members of the Swedish Family was pleasant and inspiring, but the climax of our visit was the meeting with two Korean architects. Mr. Aum and Mr. Kim had come to Stockholm on their world tour. Mr. Aum talked a little bit about the plans for the headquarters of the Unification Church in Seoul. They seemed most fantastic to me, the site, all the different kinds of rooms, halls and installations. Everything seems to satisfy all the possible human desires.

Mr. Aum smiled as he began to compare the Unification Church today and the Unification Church in the early days. Mr. Aum was one of the very first to accept the Divine Principle. He knew our Leader from the time when they both were students.

Mr. Aum told us about the difficulties and persecution the Unification Church had been faced with in the early beginning. In spite of the very simple words Mr. Aum was using I felt that these missionaries had taken upon themselves enormous sacrifices.

Mr. Aum also talked about some special aspects of the Divine Principles. In everyday stories and pictures, he gave us a deeper understanding of polarity. He emphasized how important it is that we as teachers are aware of what we teach and how much we teach the people.

Mr. Aum also told us that our work will be especially important during the next two years. It is now that we must reach people, and really work hard.

Meeting Mr. Aum was a great experience. His personality radiates love and everybody must feel like giving him deep respect and great confidence at once. The words and pictures he used in order to illustrate the message could be understood by all of us. They were the expression of a deep understanding of the reality that surrounds us. They bore witness to the power and the love that stream through all creation the power and love of God, our Heavenly Father.