

The Thirtieth Anniversary of the Berlin CARP Rally - CARP Members Arise!

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June 18, 1984 was a sad and shocking day for us. That day, the US Supreme Court announced its refusal to hear True Father's appeal, so the earlier sentence remained. The final verdict meant True Father received a prison sentence, which he served at the Danbury Federal Correctional Institution.

That day, True Father called the heads of CARP Korea, CARP Japan, and CARP America and ordered them to hold a World CARP rally. Father expressed his bitter sorrow, "You young people of CARP! You must demonstrate against my having been wronged and show my anger. You all must become second Rev. Moons."

Last August 6, in Berlin, a CARP rally and the thirtieth anniversary of the Berlin rally took place. I was the president of CARP Europe and I had been in charge of organizing, planning and preparing the entire 1987 Berlin CARP Convention. However, I received True Mother's special instruction recently and took on the role of international itinerant missionary, so I was in Japan at the time of the anniversary events. With the heart of missing my old comrades who were waiting for me, I was unable to attend.

I shed tears of gratitude to Heaven when four days before the original Berlin rally, in a struggle we risked our lives on, we were victorious through a quick trial and the International Congress Center dropping its appeal against the court's decision that the ICC must allow us to hold events there. Hyo Jin nim had not arrived in time for the opening ceremony, so I spoke in his stead. As I faced the spotlights from dozens of media organizations, I gave the opening address and as I did so the joy of victory poured out of my heart like a waterfall.

Hyo Jin nim arrived the next day and we went to the main convention event and were victorious. On the final day, we marched to the Berlin Wall. I will never forget Hyo Jin nim's bravery and leadership as he risked his life. This will forever be a symbol and model of our young CARP movement.

My heart is still overwhelmed today when I think of Hyo Jin nim, who bellowed out, with true love, calling on communists to tear down the wall and cried his heart out, while touching the Berlin Wall. That is Hyo Jin nim and that is CARP. Two years later the Berlin Wall fell. Due to a misunderstanding by the East German spokesman Günter Schabowski, his erroneous report to the press and mob mentality, the Berlin Wall fell unexpectedly, indeed miraculously. That was the work of God and a victory for True Parents, Hyo Jin nim and CARP.

While working in CARP for twenty years, I loved CARP as if it were my fate. Even within our movement, CARP received persecution. When I was the president of FFWPU-Europe, unknown to many, CARP was excluded or their activities curbed. CARP members' hearts were hurt through their lonely and difficult struggles but compared to the great love CARP received from Father it was nothing. Father gave such special love to CARP not because of CARP's actual appearance, but because of his expectations and hopes for CARP's future.

We must invest in the future. As I was touring Kagoshima Japan, at a museum, I saw a video, "The sixteen Satsuma students," which greatly moved me. It was a story from the last days of the Edo shogunate, the lord of the city at the southernmost part of Japan, today's Kagoshima city, broke a national law by sending sixteen students to England to learn about new civilizations and technology. Those students played a central role in the Meiji Restoration. Those who do not invest in the future have no future. Mother is investing much into the cultivation of individuals who will lead in the future. This is something remarkable that has not happened in our church's history.

At this point, with not much time left until the fifth anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, I would like to once again ask you to remember True Father's heart and special love for CARP and as an eternal "CARP man," I would like to shout, "CARP members rise and shine your light!"