

## Mrs. Yong Cheon Song's visit to the Netherlands

8. – 9. September 2012

Her precious message of encouragement before True Father's Seonghwa

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In the first week of September, Mrs. Song was in Germany where she met with some of the communities and attended Mrs. Joo Hwa Waldner's Song Hwa ceremony. After that she had barely two days left until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of September, the day when she was due to fly to Korea. She decided to "squeeze in" a visit to the Netherlands. She arrived on Saturday evening at Amsterdam airport. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of September was the day when in Holland we had the privilege of receiving Mrs. Song's guidance and could share our hearts and minds with her.

The moment was most favorable. It was just a couple of days after we had heard the shocking news of True Father's passing to the spiritual world on September 3d. I had received several phone calls from brothers and sisters in my nation who were quite desperate and asked what they should do, how they should feel and what they should pray for. I wasn't able to counsel them well. On Sunday Mrs. Song gave the sermon in which she addressed these very points.

She comforted and encouraged us by making clear that Father had completely fulfilled his mission on earth. Besides, he had not left us, but continues to lead us from spirit world, working through True Mother. In a sense Father will be closer to us than he has ever been before.

True Mother is with us on Earth. We should not forget that besides True Father True Mother has fulfilled her mission as well and is totally one with True Father. In spite of all the things she has gone through and is still going through, she is standing strong and is absolutely determined.

Most importantly, we must grow up and inherit Father's mission. The time that Father has been taking us by the hand is over. We have to take charge by ourselves as mature sons and daughters. It's our turn now. Of course we need time to mourn; also we cannot avoid feeling deep repentance. We all feel we haven't done enough in support of True Father. However, we shouldn't blame ourselves let alone blame each other. The Bible passage that was being read at the beginning of Mrs. Song's sermon was John 1: 1-19, where a woman, who was accused of adultery was about to be stoned. Jesus said, "Let him who is without sin throw the first stone". When we see brothers and sisters making a mistake, let us not point the finger. Even when we see True Children going off track, let us not accuse, but rather look inside ourselves and see what I myself improve. Each one of us has his/her own course to walk.

The best way to show our sincere repentance and gratitude to True Father is by renewing our determination, making a new start and by doing, as True Mother said, 10 times better than before. Father went to spirit world in a sacrificial way for a reason. As we heard from TF's last prayer, he wished for us to be successful as tribal Messiahs.

Our mission is to inherit True Parents' victory by our filial piety. Hyung Jin Nim, TP's youngest son, stands as a shining example for all of us, both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation. After he had developed his pastoral mission in Korea, True Father suddenly removed him from there, and asked him to be in his presence permanently, 24 hours a day. From then on pastor Hyung Jin Nim and Yon Ah Nim attended True Father's long Hoon Dok Hwe sessions almost every day. In the same way as True Parents have demonstrated absolute faith, love and obedience to God, Hyung Jin Nim and Yon Ah Nim displayed absolute faith, love and obedience to True Father and True Mother.

Occasionally, True Father treated Hyung Jin Nim very harshly; Hyung Jin Nim, however, never objected nor kept any bad feelings. Mrs. Song reminded us of an incident during TF's speaking tour in Europe in the spring of 2011. In Berlin it happened that Hyung Jin Nim came to breakfast late because of a stomach problem. True Father scolded him loudly and without stopping, causing everyone to feel heavy. When finally True Father left the room, Hyung Jin Nim, instead of being depressed or even resentful, cheered up all brothers and sisters in the room, taking away all the heaviness from their hearts.

Pastor Hyung Jin Nim is a person blessed with many abilities. This is the great hope of our Church. We will be led by him and our 2<sup>nd</sup> gens who will be highly educated and will have developed all kinds of talents and capabilities. There will be a high standard of professionalism. However, what pastor was tested on, was not his abilities, but his loyalty. True Father took away his mission and by taking it away was asking him to deny all his abilities. The reason pastor accepted was from a deep trust in his Father. He knew that behind Father's act of crushing him, there was the heart to want to elevate him to the highest level. True Father is in the terrible situation where he has to test most those whom he loves the most.

Filial piety is our beautiful tradition. Many of our Japanese members have adopted this heart of filial piety, and are able to live a life of incredible faith and sacrifice. Had the Japanese Church not been always called to resolve financial issues for our world Church, no doubt many of our Japanese members would have already fulfilled their Tribal Messiahship mission.

In the time leading up to Foundation Day, there is a lot of confusion. A New Age is beginning. These are growing pains. Everything comes to the surface and is being cleared up until Foundation Day. This is a worldwide phenomenon. All this must happen. Europe must go through this process just like any other continent does. True Mother is concerned that we all make it through these hard times. No one shall fall behind. She wants us all to unite, settle our differences and conflicts. Mrs. Song has that very same heart for Europe. As the Spiritual Mother of Europe she feels that concern, that pain more deeply than most of us. She wants everyone of us must make it. No one must be left out. We must unite and go forward.

Mrs. Song concluded her sermon by encouraging us to firmly unite with True Mother, Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim. Let us make a new start and make Our True Father's sacrificial life bear fruits through our beautiful life of faith.

Mrs. Song spoke to our 2<sup>nd</sup> gens at the lunch table. They asked questions and freely shared their hearts. There was not enough time to address all the issues and answer all questions. They would have wanted to ask and hear a lot more. All of us, however, could feel Mrs. Song's heart of sincere concern.

In the evening some church- and department leaders met with Mrs. Song at the home of Elfi and Jean Pierre. She shared with us more deeply about her personal experiences with True Parents. During the 1½ day of her stay I had several opportunities to share with her personally. Also some other brothers and sisters could speak with her, sharing their hearts.

As I was reflecting back on Mrs. Song's visit a few things have been crossing my mind. Like many others, I also had felt an emptiness and sadness after True Father's passing. However there are a few things that, as Europeans, we can draw comfort from, things that we should not neglect. In the past 7 years, as a European movement, we could give happiness to True Father in several ways. That is what we live for, to give joy to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

In Europe we broke the Schengen ban, so Father could enter Europe. Through this True Parents could have the hope to be able to enter Japan too one day. Also, the successes of UPF Europe in working with VIPs have given a lot of hope and joy to True Father, on the way to the realization of the Peace UN.

True Father was inspired to the extent that, during his speaking tour in Europe in 2011 he bestowed his special blessing and recognition on Europe, giving to Pres. Song, and through him to all of us, the noble predicate of "Heavenly Dragon". It is my firm conviction, shared by many others in my nation, that this blessing has provided an umbrella under which our Blessed Families and our 2<sup>nd</sup> generation could be protected. On the foundation of such successes God could bless our continent. Pres. Song, who has done most for this, wants all of us to feel part of this success and be co-inheritors of that blessing.

Even though as Tribal Messiahs we haven't been fully successful yet, through our advancement in UPF we can lift our heads up high and we could still make a valid offering to God from Europe. The successes of UPF and the ELCs – our strong side – have created the energy and space for us to grow stronger and develop our weaker side - tribal Messiahship. It is meaningful that the last worldwide report True Father asked to be given in his life was Pres. Song's report from Europe on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This report gave immense hope to True Father just a few weeks before he passed. There is no doubt that, based on the victories of UPF God can extend His special grace to Europe, from which we all, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd generation, have benefited and will continue to benefit.

Again, in this time of cosmic confusion, where all over the world, and also in our movement things happen that we could never have imagined, let us not point the finger at others, but let us look inward and reflect "How can I improve. What can I do to comfort God and True Parents in this time?"

This was Mrs. Song's heart when, after her stay in Germany, just before embarking on her tiring flight to a most strenuous week in Korea, she decided to visit us in the Netherlands. Disregarding her health, she used her last and only free day to bring comfort and encouragement to all of us. For this in the Netherlands we owe to her our deep gratitude.

### **Visit of Mrs. Song** Giessen, Germany, 8. September 2012

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We had the privilege of hosting Mrs. Song in Giessen on Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. She had made a special trip to Germany to attend the National Seong-Hwa Ceremony of Joo-Hwa Waldner Kim and wanted to combine it with speaking to one of our local communities before travelling on to Holland.

It was a unique and significant visit, firstly because she was travelling alone (Rev. Song was already in Korea) and secondly, her visit coincided with True Father's special 8 day period for paying respects (6-13 September). We had set up an altar in our center and with Mrs. Song's presence, we felt extra heavenly grace.

Mrs. Song gave a passionate testimony about her experiences directly with True Parents. She has had many close encounters with the living Messiah and she could share very personally about how the Messiah has touched her life. Her opening bible quotation was from John 8: 1 – 19, emphasizing that this is a time not to judge, but to stay focused on Father's words and our own portion of responsibility. She also expressed great hope for our movement, in the midst of our sadness of True Father's ascension. She feels True Father is now freer to continue his mission without the limitations of his frail physical body. She is confident that True Mother will bring in a new motherly aspect to our movement. She emphasized how True Mother is very down-to-earth and practical, something which we can all greatly welcome! She believes True Mother knows the needs of our world-wide family and wants to support and strengthen blessed families to fulfill their tribal messiahship responsibilities. She also expressed her confidence in both Pastor Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim to support True Mother in her leadership.

After her inspirational speech, she could spend valuable time talking to brothers and sisters, as well as sharing more personal stories during an intimate lunch gathering. Because of her tight schedule she left directly afterwards to the Frankfurt Airport to continue on to Amsterdam.

On behalf of the Giessen community - THANK YOU MRS. SONG!

Christian and Glenys Claus



A testimony after Mrs. Song's speech - Mrs. Song signing the condolences book in Gießen