

Memories of True Father and True Mother in South America

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Father in 1999 speaking at a forty-day Ideal Family Workshop in Jardim

Rev. Song is the Adamic national messiah to Argentina. Over the years, he was involved with important initiatives, such as overseeing the Japanese blessed family activities and inculcating Hoon Dok Hae as a daily practice for Unificationists in Korea.



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On April 24, 1995, while sitting at the table with True Parents in East Garden in New York State, True Father asked me, "Would you like to come with me when meeting presidents of South American nations?" I replied, "It would be an honor to accompany you." He then designated four people including me for this mission, instructing us to get visas quickly; he even gave us the money to pay for the visa procedures. In the evening of May 11, we arrived at the Jardim farm in Brazil.

True Father asked us to give testimonies in front of an audience of members working on the construction there, about eighty people from various countries. The next morning, on May 12, he placed the four of us that had accompanied him in charge of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay respectively.

From May 13, he started meeting the then presidents of Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina. After meeting them, he began fishing on the Parana River, which crosses the village of Paso de la Patria in Corrientes Province, Argentina.



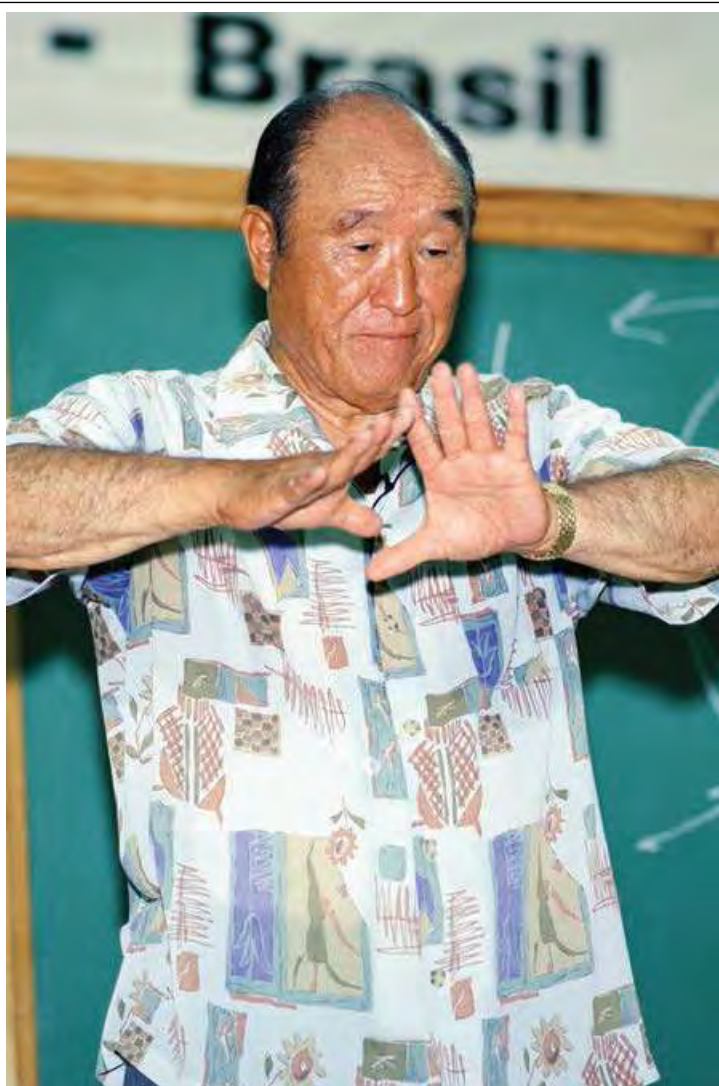
Yeong Seop Song, Luis Macías, True Father and Ki Byung Yoon on the Parana River

Father stayed in an inn called the Cabana don Julian. He used a boat made out of galvanized steel that could carry three to four people. It had been purchased for \$6,000 to use when fishing on the Parana River for dorado, a popular South American freshwater game fish. Once an angler hooks a dorado, from a distance of perhaps forty meters, it will jump out of the water several times, trying to regain its freedom. Being gold in color, one can experience the true beauty of fishing through the golden magnificence emanating from a dorado and feel enraptured by it.

As True Parents caught dorados, they planned the second forty-year world course. [Father visited South America to find a base in late 1994, as the 1954–1994 course ended. He situated himself in South America from 1995.] At night, even past midnight, True Father, looking lonely, would gaze at the Parana River, as though he were intently watching something and would meditate. When I would tell Father, "It is time to rest," there would be no answer. He always stayed up long past midnight before going to bed.

Corrientes Province in Argentina is the lowest region in the world and is full of water. True Father came there more than twelve times a year to plan the providence. He would strategize and make necessary preparations to start a fish farming project as a means to resolve humanity's food crisis, or would buy a boat and research ways to catch fish. When he rode a plane with Senior Capozzolo, a rich Argentinian man, above the Argentinian countryside, Father grieved, saying, "I must live long. I came here too late." True Father would frequently call leaders he had appointed to the four countries, receive their field reports and give the leaders money to carry out education. With this, True Father took his first steps toward the salvation of South America.

Commanding the Providence



Father in 1998 speaking in Jardim, Brazil

He would instruct us, "Open an exhibition! Have friendly matches with Ilhwa Chunma!" He also invited the Little Angels to perform in South America, and displayed the great qualities of the Tongil Group in South American nations. In this manner, Father directly and indirectly proclaimed himself as the Messiah. He then designated Argentina as the Adam-country, Brazil as the Eve-country, Uruguay as the Abel-country and Paraguay as the Cain-country and established the headquarters where he could command the world providence in earnest from South America.

True Father often called our leaders from countries all over the world to Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil and presided over meetings with them. He conducted big blessing events and we purchased the Victoria Plaza Hotel in Uruguay and enlarged it. Our organization also ran a bank and newspaper company. Father founded *Tiempos del Mundo*, the South American version of the *Segye Times*, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As the providence started in earnest, he dispatched national messiahs to 184 countries.

Later, the Jardim providence developed more fully. We bought land; we bought cows. After the Ideal Family Educational Center was erected, blessed families from nations around the world came to go through a forty-day educational workshop. After completing the workshop, participating families each took a photograph with True Parents. Memories of those days remain vivid in my mind today. I will fulfill my mission as a tribal messiah centered on True Mother and invest everything at the risk of my life for the fulfillment of Vision 2020.