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Quick Connect: Help Us Help Japan



On today's Quick Connect: Join the protest in Washington, DC this Thursday, Rev. Dunkley's message from Los Angeles, and Pastor Paula White brought up True Mother to the South Korean Prime Minister.

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Rev. Dunkley's Message on D.C. Protest



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Rev. Dunkley's Message in Response to Supreme Court's Denial of Certiorari

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For many members, these events arriving so close together may feel unsettling. But moments like this also remind us to return to what is most essential.

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A Continent of Hope Filled with Heaven's Diamonds



by Rev. Ken Doo, World Mission Headquarters Director-General

This week, with the warm feeling of this tour of Heavenly Latin America in my heart, I would like to share a testimony from my recent tour of three nations of Heavenly Africa — The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Benin, and Côte d'Ivoire — which concluded just before the celebrations for True Parents' Birthday.

There is an old saying: "The foolish look at their finger, the wise look at the moon." The finger only points in the right direction; the essence is in the moon itself. On this tour, I clearly beheld the "moon" that True Mother had asked us to see — the future and hope of Heavenly Africa.

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For decades, Japanese members have served the world quietly and sacrificially. They have traveled to distant nations, supported missions, raised families, and invested their lives for the sake of God's dream and the sake of humanity. We have all been strengthened by their devotion and example.



Now they are facing hardship, and the global family stands with them.

Until now we have handled this situation with patience and respect. But there comes a point when silence no longer serves justice. When the rights of people of faith are stripped away and entire communities are shut down overnight, it becomes necessary to stand up and say clearly: this is not right.



On Thursday, March 19, we will gather at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC for a peaceful appeal for religious freedom. At a time when Prime Minister Takaichi will be visiting Washington, we will respectfully raise our voices and ask that the rights and dignity of people of faith be protected.

This gathering is not about anger or confrontation. It is about standing with our family and reminding the world that religious freedom matters.

Our members in Japan cannot gather publicly in the same way we can today. But here in America, we are free to stand, and we will do so with dignity and conviction.

We expect members, friends, clergy, and supporters of religious freedom from across our community to be present. 500 participants will gather at the embassy so that this appeal is seen clearly and respectfully.

Details for the gathering and registration can be found at help.familyfed.org. Once registered, you will receive updates with the final schedule and instructions.

We also encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and clergy who care about the protection of religious freedom. The principles at stake go far beyond one community. They concern the fundamental right of every person to practice their faith freely.

Let us stand together to HELP our brothers and sisters in Japan.

Our buildings may be closed, but the faith that built them remains alive. And when a family stands together with clarity and conviction, the world takes notice.

We look forward to standing together on March 19.

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Japan just set a dangerous precedent by dissolving a religious organization with zero criminal convictions.



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March 19, 2026

Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC

Join us in person outside the Japanese embassy in Washington, DC on March 19, 2026 to take a stand for religious freedom in Japan. If you want to join us, fill out the form below.

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\$650,000

By March 21, 2026

90.6%

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“The decision by the Tokyo High Court to order the dissolution of the Unification Church **should trouble anyone who cares about religious liberty**. I pray that political leaders consider the dangerous precedent this sets for this foundational freedom.”

— Mike Pompeo, Former United States Secretary of State



Religious Freedom is Nailed to the Cross in Japan

We cannot wait until they come for us.

Amb. Randy Evans. Opinion published by The Washington Times

FOR SALE: 260 church buildings, pews, altars, pulpits and various religious literature, including Bibles, commentaries and hymnals. Contact the Japanese government's designated liquidator acting under a court order of dissolution and liquidation. All property has been seized and secured and is available for sale as needed.

Although the government targeting of faiths and churches for dissolution and banning itself is abhorrent to the notion of freedom of religion, other countries following Japan's lead take it much further.

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Massimo Introvigne, sociologist of religions

Religious organizations are not made of angels; they are made of human beings who



angels, they are made of human beings who need places to gather. Without premises and without funds, what 'religious activities' are believers supposed to conduct?"





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Trump Administration's Faith Office Questions South Korea on Religiously Detained Individuals



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In response, Prime Minister Kim stated that both cases involved violations of election law and political bribery, not religious activities, and that the law applies equally to anyone regardless of whether they are religious figures.



However, the question itself hints at something that doesn't make headlines.



White is no stranger to this issue. In December 2021, she took the stage at an FFWPU event in South Korea, calling Han Hak-ja a "treasure from God" and presenting her with a bouquet to express personal respect. The woman who received that bouquet has been detained since September 2025.



White brokered an unscheduled meeting on March 13 between Prime Minister Kim and President Trump. The three-way discussion took place in a room adjacent to the Oval Office.

This is no peripheral concern.



The Trump administration's involvement in South Korea's religious freedom issues has rapidly escalated over the past few weeks through multiple channels.

Vice President Vance raised both cases during his January meeting with Prime Minister Kim.

Secretary of State Rubio and Vice President Vance separately met with Pastor Son Hyun-bo's family at the White House. Right after his sentencing, Pastor Son expressed gratitude, specifically naming Rubio and Vance. And now, that question has reached the woman who stands closest to President Trump on matters of faith.

Prime Minister Kim Min-seok is the man who, in January 2026, branded the Family Federation a "social evil that must be eradicated" and directed a crackdown involving all government ministries. Yet now, he is being pressed by the Trump administration's Faith Office Director to justify the prosecution of that very organization's leader.

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 #信教の自由と基本的人権を守ろう
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 #家庭連合解散命令は国際法違反
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For many members, these events arriving so close together may feel unsettling. But moments like this also remind us to return to what is most essential.

Buildings can be taken away. Organizations can be challenged. Courts can make decisions that we do not agree with. But none of those things can take away our faith, our identity, or the truth that brought us together.

The attached document provides a brief explanation of the Supreme Court's decision and some background on the case. Many members may not be familiar with the details, and we wanted to share a clear summary.

For many years, we chose to remain quiet about this litigation. It was primarily a case between Family Federation International and Hyun Jin Preston Moon and others connected to UCI. Our American church was not a party to the case, and we believed it was best to allow the legal process to run its course without adding to the public dispute.

Now that the Supreme Court has declined to review the case, that legal process has effectively come to an end in the United States. While this may raise questions for some members, it also gives us an opportunity to speak more openly and clearly about who we are and what we believe.

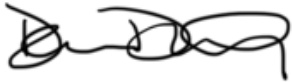
Our movement does not stand or fall based on court decisions or institutional struggles. We are here because we believe in God as our Heavenly Parent. We are here because of the love and life of Jesus, and the victorious life of True Parents, who opened the way for humanity to live as one family under God.

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Our responsibility is to stand together with True Mother, Holy Mother Han, and continue sharing God's dream, True Parents' vision, and the hope of a peaceful world with confidence and sincerity.

I know we will move forward with faith, with gratitude for one another, and with determination to live the values that brought us here in the first place. Remember who we are.

With blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Demian Dunkley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev. Demian Dunkley

Continental Director

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification – North America

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Explanation of Supreme Court's Denial of Certiorari

As you may have heard, on Monday, March 9, 2026, the United States Supreme Court denied certiorari in the case of *Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International, et al. v. Hyun Jin Moon, et al.* This means that the highest court in the U.S. is declining to accept our request to review the D.C. Court of Appeals' finding that the disputes between our organization and Preston Moon involve too many religious issues for U.S. courts to decide them without violating the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment religious freedom protections. In 2011, True Father initiated this case against his son and others working with him to recover assets belonging to the church that Preston Moon and his associates had illicitly seized and converted for their own use. The Supreme Court's denial of our request to be heard marks the end of this case in the U.S. courts.

Denial of certiorari is not a ruling in favor of one side or the other in a dispute. It only means that the Supreme Court has decided that this case will not be among the limited number of cases it has the discretion to accept for full briefing, review, and consideration. Statistically, this decision is not unusual. Each year, the Supreme Court receives 7,000-8,000 petitions for certiorari from parties dissatisfied with the outcome of the final decisions made by other courts, but the Supreme Court typically agrees to hear only 50-80 cases per term, meaning parties petitioning this high court have roughly a 1-3% chance of having their case heard. The Supreme Court does not share its reasons for denying certiorari in any particular case. The role of the Supreme Court is not to "retry" cases or to step in to correct manifest injustices. Under its rules, it accepts only cases in which a majority of Justices believe present a combination of facts and legal issues that allow it to resolve inconsistent decisions about issues of national importance or constitutional rights in various state or federal courts, or to decide important questions of federal law.

In applying for certiorari in this case, we argued vigorously that the District of Columbia Court of Appeals' 2022 and 2025 rulings holding the lower trial court should have abstained from rendering a judgment in favor of the Church and against Preston Moon merely because the fact that Preston Moon claimed there was a leadership dispute shrouded in religious issues was wrong and unconstitutional because these rulings deprived the Church of a legal forum to adjudicate a property dispute against Preston and his small coterie of dissident UCI director accomplices.

We also argued that these religious abstention rulings conflicted with the high courts of other states, which have not refused to hear church property disputes involving leadership disputes, even those touching marginally on religious issues. We took the position that the D.C. Court of Appeals could have, and should have, decided whether Reverend Moon was the leader of the Church at the time Preston and his dissident directors seized control of the UCI board of directors because there were neutral, non-religious facts that showed Reverend Moon was the leader at the relevant time, including Preston Moon's 2008 Report to Parents in which Preston makes repeated admissions that he was subordinate to Reverend Moon at the time. We also shared with the Court Reverend Moon's own statements declaring Preston subordinate to him and that Reverend Moon removed Preston from his positions and ordered him to stay by his side

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for a year. The Court of Appeals felt it could not decide who was in charge at the time Preston and his cohort transferred the Church's assets without "answering core questions about religious doctrine," which, according to the D.C. court, would violate the First Amendment. By denying certiorari in this case, the Supreme Court let this determination stand without passing on whether it was right or wrong.

It may come as a surprise to members of our Church, but it is true, that as this litigation progressed, in his court filings, Preston Moon began to claim he has been the leader of the Unification Church since 1998, and that True Father, one of the most subjective men in the history of the world, was unable to realize his vision of dissolving the Unification Church as an institution in favor of the ecumenical movement which Preston favored and argued was his father's dream since 1994 due to the opposition of unnamed church clerics.

According to Preston's narrative in the litigation, to save True Father from the clerics and himself, Preston, had to step in and a) seize control over UCI contrary to True Father's wishes, b) refuse to accept True Father's directions to step down from his position as chairman of UCI and c) send all but a sliver of its assets to a Swiss entity which was legally barred from having a religious purpose, which entity then transferred the assets to opaque offshore jurisdictions such as the Cayman Islands and Labuan, jurisdictions known as havens for hiding and laundering assets, and d) after jumping through many hoops to get his hands on the money, claimed to the D.C. court, under oath, that he divested himself of control over the Swiss entity including the right to receive reports from it about its use of the funds.

This extraordinary story, of course, is defied by common sense and objective facts. The trial court, which did not think these disputes were too religious to adjudicate, made factual findings that Preston Moon's stories about transferring the assets were not credible, and ordered Preston Moon removed from his fiduciary position and entered an approximate \$500 million judgment against him. Thus, when a ruling on the merits was made, it was decisively against Preston Moon.

Unfortunately, the pretextual claims by Preston were perceived by the Court of Appeals as sounding in a religious dispute, which it found the First Amendment forbids courts from becoming entangled in. Thus, ultimately, the sole reason our judgment against Preston Moon was vacated was on First Amendment grounds, despite extensive fact findings in the trial courts after months of evidentiary hearings that Preston and the UCI dissident directors had breached their fiduciary duties and were liable for the loss of the Church's assets.

We are considering our next steps in our crusade for justice.

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Director General Internal Guidance

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World Mission Headquarters Director-Generals Weekly Message (No. 09), A Continent of Hope Filled with Heaven's Diamonds, which was delivered on March 13, 2026.

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Beloved and respected blessed families of the worldwide Unificationist community, I sincerely pray that the abundant blessings and love of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents will accompany you and your families throughout the coming week.

I am currently touring Heavenly Central and South America. Following the Continental Leaders' Summit in Jardim, I traveled through Paraguay, and I am now in São Paulo, Brazil, for the weekend.

1. Report on My Speaking Tour of Heavenly Africa

This week, with the warm feeling of this tour of Heavenly Latin America in my heart, I would like to share a testimony from my recent tour of three nations of Heavenly Africa — The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Benin, and Côte d'Ivoire — which concluded just before the celebrations for True Parents' Birthday.

There is an old saying: "The foolish look at their finger, the wise look at the moon." The finger only points in the right direction; the essence is in the moon itself. On this tour, I clearly beheld the "moon" that True Mother had asked us to see — the future and hope of Heavenly Africa.

Soon after, True Mother offered the Cheon Won Gung Entrance Ceremony before Heaven, and seven blessed second-generation members were appointed as national leaders in Africa. In a continent where the average age of national leaders had been more than sixty, the emergence of leaders in their twenties and thirties was not merely a change of personnel but the declaration of a new era. Beginning with the youngest, the 26-year-old national leader of DR Congo, and continuing with Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Uganda, and Mali—where a second-generation woman was appointed as national leader—seven nations have welcomed a new generation of leaders.

What moved me most was seeing young members **standing as** firm pillars of faith in each church. Interestingly, these young leaders all have Korean names — Jin-bok, Eun-ho, Jin-sung, Seong-il, Ru-wan, Woo-sung, Joo-sang. True Parents once said, "Give your children Korean names." At first, this may seem like a small thing, something that could easily be heard and forgotten. Yet this offers a clear lesson: by not taking even the smallest things lightly, they raised their second generation well and brought hope and blessings to the continent of Heavenly Africa.

I confirmed that this one word from True Parents was planted in this land as a seed of life, and even amid fierce storms, it has grown into a tree with deep roots. Though this may still be the beginning, I am convinced, as True Mother has said, that these trees will soon become great pillars sustaining Heavenly Africa and play a leading role in saving the continent.

They are the fruits of a providential foundation upon which senior second-generation members, trained through UPA, which True Mother established, returned to their homeland of Africa and created systems such as Hyojeong-Rang and the Cheon Il Guk Citizens' Academy to independently nurture the younger members. In other words, this is a generation that has inherited the faith and passion True Mother personally cultivated. Witnessing how the members in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Benin, and Côte d'Ivoire are united and moving forward, centered on these young leaders, I became convinced that the future of Heavenly Africa is being well prepared for.

The worship services and gatherings during our tour were filled with happiness and hope. Beginning and concluding with songs and dance, the services allowed me to deeply experience the vitality and purity of this continent. Yet behind that joy, there also remain the deep wounds that this land has carried for many generations.

So in Benin, the second nation on the tour, I visited Ouidah, once a center of the slave trade. Standing on that ground—where countless souls were torn from their homeland in tears—I could feel the sorrow of history penetrate deeply into my heart. Confronting this tragedy of people being sent off on slave ships, unable to ever return to their homeland, their **human dignity brutally violated**, I prayed together with our African leaders. With the Death Valley Holy Salt that True Mother bequeathed to us, we sanctified the land; and after reading True Mother's benediction offered at Gorée Island in Senegal, we earnestly prayed that the full liberation and blessing of Heavenly Africa, with the abundant grace of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, would descend upon this continent.

True Mother instructed me, "Through the world tour, convey love to the members." Yet through this tour, I found that I was the one who received even greater love.

Many years ago, while I was studying at UTS in the United States, a fellow student from the Democratic Republic of the Congo once jokingly said to me, "In my country, rough diamonds are so plentiful that you can kick them along the streets; let's go pick some up together!" When I set foot in that land this time, I did not see any jewels on the roads, but I discovered something far more precious.

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Everywhere I went, I met blessed family members and Pure Water members whose eyes were clear and whose faith was pure. They are the true diamonds of this continent. Heavenly Africa is a continent of hope, filled with Heaven's diamonds shining more brilliantly than any worldly gem.

2. Practice: Warm Encouragement for the Next Generation

Beloved brothers and sisters,

The hope I witnessed in Heavenly Africa did not arise from grandiose conditions or special circumstances. Rather, it was taking root in the purity and faith of members who cherished even the smallest word—for example, the call to give their children Korean names—and in the love of True Mother, who, with a broad and providential vision, has raised up leaders for the future.

We often look for miracles in distant places. Yet just as Heaven's diamonds are hidden along the roads of Africa, there are already undiscovered jewels shining within your own families and churches.

During this coming week, how about we become "craftsmen of hope," polishing these precious stones wherever our lives take us?

To the parents of blessed families, please warmly encourage each of your children and each Pure Water member in your church, looking upon them as great trees who will one day save the world. And to our younger generation, I ask that you extend your hand first to friends and younger brothers and sisters. The brief conversations you share will become the seeds of life that break through barren ground.

When we see and treat one another as precious as diamonds, the place where we are standing becomes a "continent of hope." I am confident that your small acts of goodness will combine and grow into the great forest of Cheon Il Guk that will save the world.

I pray that Heavenly Parent's blessings will overflow upon you, your families, and your communities throughout the week ahead. Thank you.



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1. 신아프리카 대륙 순회 보고

이번 주에는 현재 진행 중인 신중남미 대륙 순회의 따끈한 심정을 마음에 담은 채, 제가 성탄 기념행사 직전에 다녀온 신아프리카 대륙의 DR콩고, 베냉, 코트디부아르 3개국 순회, 그 일부를 간중의 마음으로 나누고자 합니다.

여로부터 "어리석은 자는 손가락을 보고, 현명한 자는 달을 본다"는 말이 있습니다. 손가락은 방향을 가리킬 뿐, 본질은 달 그 자체에 있습니다. 이번 순회를 통해 저는 참여머님께서 보라고 하신 그 '달', 곧 신아프리카의 미래와 희망을 분명히 목도하였습니다.

어머님께서 임궁식을 하늘 앞에 봉헌하신 이후, 신아프리카 대륙에서는 7명의 축복 2세가 국가협회장으로 새롭게 세워졌습니다. 당시 협회장 평균 연령이 60세를 넘던 대륙에서 20~30대 지도자들이 전면으로 선 것은 단순한 인사 이동이 아니라 시대의 전환을 알리는 선연과도 같았습니다. 최연소 DR콩고의 26세 협회장을 비롯하여 베냉, 코트디부아르, 세네갈, 부르키나파소, 우간다, 그리고 2세 여성 협회장이 세워진 말리까지, 총 7개국에 새로운 세대가 세워졌습니다.

무엇보다 감동적이었던 것은 각 교회마다 젊은 청년들이 신앙의 견고한 축을 이루고 있다는 사실이었습니다. 특히 눈길을 끌었던 점은 젊은 지도자들 모두가 진복, 은호, 진성, 성일, 루안, 우성, 주상과 같은 한국 이름을 가지고 있다는 것이었습니다. "자녀들에게 한국 이름을 지어주라" 하신 참부모님의 말씀 한마디는 작아 보일 수 있습니다. 어쩌보면 가벼이 듣고 잊을 수 있는 일일 것입니다. 하지만, 작은 것까지 가벼이 여기지 않았던 삶이 보여준 것은 2세를 잘 키워 신 아프리카에 희망과 축복을 안겨주었다는 교훈입니다.

그 말씀 한 마디가 이 땅에 생명의 씨앗으로 심겨 모진 비바람 속에서도 뿌리 깊은 나무로 성장했음을 확인했습니다. 비록 지금은 시작일지라도, 참여머님께서 말씀하신 것처럼 나무들은 머지않아 신아프리카를 지탱할 거목이 되어 대륙을 구원할 주역이 될 것임을 확신합니다.

이들은 어머님께서 세우신 UPA를 통해 훈련받은 2세 선배들이 고국 아프리카로 돌아와 효정량과 천일국시민아카데미 등 체계를 세워 후배들을 자체적으로 양성하고, 그 토대 위에서 성장한 열매들입니다. 즉, 어머님께서 직접 길러내신 신앙과 열정을 상속받은 세대입니다. 실제로 DR콩고, 베냉, 코트디부아르에서 그들을 중심으로 식구들이 하나 되어 움직이는 모습을 보며, 신아프리카의 미래는 준비되고 있다는 확신이 들었습니다.

이번 순회 가운데 드려진 예배와 집회는 행복과 희망이 가득했습니다. 노래와 춤으로 시작해 노래와 춤으로 마무리되는 예배 속에서, 저는 이 대륙이 지닌 생명력과 순수함을 깊이 느꼈습니다. 그러나 그 환희의 이면에는 오랜 세월 이 땅이 품어 온 깊은 상처 또한 존재했습니다.

두 번째 방문한 베냉에는 '우이다'라는 과거 노예무역의 중심지였던 곳이 있습니다. 수많은 영혼이 눈물로 떠나야 했던 그 땅에 서니, 역사의 비통함이 가슴 깊이 전해졌습니다. 고향으로 돌아오지 못한 채 배에 실려가야 했던 이들, 인간의 존엄이 짓밟혔던 참혹한 현실 앞에서 저는 아프리카 지도자들과 함께 기도했습니다. 어머님께서 상속해 주신 데스벨리 성령으로 그 땅을 성별하며, 고래섬에서 봉헌하신 어머님의 축도를 훈독한 후, 신아프리카 해원과 하늘부모님-참부모님의 축복이 이 대륙 위에 충만히 임하기를 간절히 기도드렸습니다.

어머님께서 "세계순회를 통해 식구들에게 사랑을 전하라"고 하셨습니다. 그러나 이번 순회를 통해 저는 오히려 더 큰 사랑을 받았습니다.

예전에 미국 UTS 신학대학원에서 함께 유학하던 DR콩고의 한 식구가 "이 나라에서는 다이아몬드원석이 길거리에서 밟아 차일 정도로 많다"며 함께 주우러 가고 농담처럼 말한 적이 있습니다. 이번에 직접 이 땅을 밟아보니, 길 위에서 보석은 보이지 않았습니다. 그러나 저는 그보다 훨씬 값진 것을 발견했습니다.

가는 곳마다 만년 축복가정과 퓨어워터들, 눈빛이 맑고 믿음의 순수한 식구들. 바로 그들이 이 대륙의 진정한 다이아몬드였습니다. 신아프리카는 세상의 어떤 보석보다 빛나는 하늘의 다이아몬드가 가득한, 희망의 대륙이었습니다.

2. 실천: 미래세대를 향한 따뜻한 격려

사랑하는 식구 여러분,

신아프리카에서 제가 목도한 희망은 결코 거창한 조건이나 특별한 환경에서 비롯된 것이 아니었습니다. 그것은 "이름을 지어주라"는 말씀 한마디를 가벼이 여기지 않은 순수함과 믿음, 그리고 거시적인 안목으로 미래 인재들을 세워 주신 참여머님의 사랑에서 아프리카의 희망은 싹이 터오고 있었습니다.

우리는 종종 기적을 멀리서 찾습니다. 그러나 아프리카의 길가에 하늘의 다이아몬드가 숨겨져 있듯, 여러분의 가정과 교회 안에도 아직 발견되지 않은 보석들이 이미 빛나고 있습니다.

이웃을 향한 사랑과 기쁨이 넘치는 가정과 교회, 그리고 이웃과 함께 나누는 사랑의 실천이...