

Happiness is not something you experience alone

Hak Ja Han

August 5, 2014

Closing Ceremony of 2014 True Parents Aloha Reunion



Did you have a good time yesterday? Did you go downtown? What did you do? There is a banyan tree next to the King Kamehameha Hotel. Did you take a picture there? That is a tropical tree; the branches not only spread upward but also go down to the ground where they take root. That is how the tree grows in size. Did you see that tree? It really is mysterious. Those trees are absolutely needed in tropical regions. When True Father went downtown, he expressed great love to that tree. He would rest in its shade. Even though this is the tropics, if you sit in its shade and the wind blows, it is very cool and refreshing, isn't it? True Parents have many memories involving that tree, which is why I encouraged you to go to see it.

There is another peculiar tree called the Monkey Pod. In Honolulu, I saw one of these trees that was more than a hundred years old. I am sure you all went to Hilo while on the Island tour. If you went to Hilo, I'm sure you saw some big trees at that park. Did you take pictures of trees there? They were monkey pod trees. Did you feel a sense of profound mystery, amazement at the beauty of God's creation? It is very cool in the shade even under the blazing heat of the sun. Yet, the tree's branches are spread out in a way that creates a resting place for animals and people that come under its shade. True Parents loved that tree too. That's why when we went to that place, we often took pictures in front of that tree.

During the workshop this time, I bought two of those trees. I am sure you went to the coffee farm. That is where I am going to plant them. Today we will dig a hole and when the trees arrive, they will be planted at the places I designate. Later, when you grow up, become my age, and return to the Big Island, Hawaii, those trees will have grown to great heights. They will have grown to become large trees. Try imagining this. True Father wanted to speak to and mingle with hundreds and thousands of people in an environment

like one filled with those trees. These are the precious things that you should see, listen to and learn. Well? Aren't you proud of all this?

Most of you are teenagers, aren't you? I'm sure you want to do as you please. I'm sure there are some who think their parents interfere too much. I'm sure you found many things to be grateful for during this two-week workshop. Didn't you? First of all, you are not alone. You are all brothers and sisters, aren't you?

Happiness is not something you experience alone. God was alone and lonely. That is why He created heaven and earth. At your age, you want to do and live as you please but that is because you still have to grow, to mature. That is why you need your parents, teachers and elder brothers and sisters, who are older than you. With two people, there is greater happiness. When this increases to three or four people, happiness increases proportionately. Happiness grows. Do you understand? Each of you may be alone as an individual, but through this workshop you have become brothers and sisters. Wherever you go, I hope you maintain this unity, and grow magnificently while communicating with each other. By doing so, you should become proud devoted children who can fulfill not only your own dreams but also the dream of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents! These are words of blessing. Will you become this type of child?

You are all children that heaven can be proud of! There is nothing to fear! There is nobody that is more knowledgeable than you are. Those who know heaven's providence, those who know history, those who are smart, must all learn from you now. Your strength lies in True Parents. Do you understand? The more you resemble True Parents, the more you can grow to become a devoted son or daughter and a true owner that practices true love. Thus, whether at school or any place else, you must always position yourself to be the best. You are heaven's pride. Isn't that right? You have to become the best. [We have to become the best!] Will you become the best? In all respects, you have to become an example so that the world's children and youth will wait impatiently, hoping to meet you.

Many external difficulties are afflicting the world today. Natural disasters caused by abnormal climate change are occurring throughout the world. Human beings caused this. Fallen man created this. We cannot sit still and watch this. Isn't that right? We have to educate people and work on purifying this. In order to do this, we must become the best in each field of activity! Do you understand? You are the hope of humanity!

A hundred years ago, Tagore, the great poet from India, praised Korea. Korea was still under Japan's colonial rule at that time. Tagore spoke of Korea, saying that Korea would become the light of the East when the lamp of Asia is lit. What is a lamp? The lamp refers to the truth and the word! The world can be saved only through True Parents' teachings. That is why you have to diligently study True Parents' teachings.

When we first began, didn't I tell you that you were pure water, different from youths in the fallen world? You have to preserve your purity. You have to be able to transform this polluted world. To do that, you have to study hard in all fields and keep your body healthy and firm. Right? You should listen to your parents, listen to your teachers at school and do your best to fulfil your great dream. This workshop in Hawaii will enable you to do this, and to rise to the position of a progenitor as long as you healthily grow in this way. Doesn't this sound great? Will you become that?