

Hyun Jin Nim's report on the 12th Chil Pal Cheol

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True Parents' miraculous survival of the harrowing helicopter crash of July 19, 2008 was a remarkable resurrection. On Chil Pal Jeol, 20 days after this incident, True Parents proclaimed their complete resurrection. Based on this victory, August 27, 40 days after the accident, was declared the Day of Eternal Life.

Hyun Jin Nim had just concluded a series of successful Global Peace Festival events in Paraguay when he heard of the accident, and rushed to Korea to be by his parents' side. Hyun Jin Nim wanted to stay by his father's side, but Father urged him to speak to the members at the Chil Pal Jeol celebration on behalf of True Parents and True Family. When Hyun Jin Nim asked what he should speak about, Father replied that Hyun Jin Nim already knew well what he should speak on, and instructed that he share what was in his heart. Earlier that year, Hyun Jin Nim had written a personal letter to True Father expressing his view of God's providence and Father's mission which Father had praised as accurate. An abridged version of the letter is included in Chapter 16.

This poignant speech expresses Hyun Jin Nim's gratitude to God for protecting True Parents and his deep love and concern for his parents. Tearfully he lays bare his absolute dedication to securing his father's legacy and fulfilling his father's promise to God and humanity to restore one family under God. To illustrate the power and universality of True Father's vision, Hyun Jin Nim shares with members about the recent successes in Paraguay, a nation that Father considers as "the womb of Latin America." One account was of the cattle drive that he led with the sons of the leading Paraguayan families to teach them of their interconnectedness even with the most destitute of the Chaco region. These up and coming leaders emerged from this experience inspired by the vision and culture that Hyun Jin Nim had shared during the drive. To this date they are actively engaged in the GPF activities in Paraguay.

Beloved Family members and Ambassadors for Peace, I thank all of you for setting *jungsung* for Parents. I want to truly thank you for all the love and support you have been giving our family during this trying time.

God is alive. The recent accident has made us realize that there is still much to be done to bring about the completion of God's will for humankind through True Parents. Our Parents are healthy and have become even younger. They will bring about the realization of *Cheon Il Guk*.

Father's Path of True Filial Piety



When I first heard the news of this helicopter accident, I felt a wrenching in my stomach as if the core fabric of my being had been ripped out of me. The course my father has walked is paved with such steadfast devotion, commitment, and passion. He has sacrificed his total being and even those most loved and precious to him, for the sake of a promise made many years ago on a hilltop in North Korea. My father has walked the path of true filial piety in front of Heaven, and has unlocked entangled secrets in order to realize the dream that God had since the beginning of creation. That dream was to build one family under God.

My father has walked this path tirelessly. He faced bitter persecution and misunderstanding from those who questioned his authenticity as a divine son, and his commitment to fulfill his sacred promise made to

our eternal Heavenly Father. Instead of listening to them and wavering due to the persecution and misunderstanding, he stayed true to that promise. His commitment has never changed, regardless of where his life course has taken him, whether through sickness or being incarcerated unjustly six times. As a son, I have witnessed that life of faith, devotion, and commitment to a promise made to Heavenly Father.

Upon the great victory that was reaped in Latin America, and as a son carrying on his father's work, I wanted to directly report to Father the fruits of his labors and the investments that he had made, the *jungsung* that he had set to prepare the foundation upon which we stand today. Father has pioneered the path in the cold dark winter of persecution, and today we enter the true springtime in which all seeds are budding. As a son carrying on my father's dream, that dream of God, not having a chance to report to him – and not being able to share with him and offer validation for all that he has lived for, fought for, committed his life to – I felt tremendous emptiness. Without my parents, without God, what is the purpose of the work that we have been engaged in?

Please excuse me. (Tears)

I was immensely relieved to find that, although this was a tragic accident, where statistically 95 percent of the time there are total fatalities, God is alive and protected our parents. I entered the room, and as I rushed to the bedside towards Parents, Father called out my name. He held my hands with tears in his eyes. I was speechless. In my heart I wanted to testify that, for the first time now, the world is starting to align with God's providence, and that the hope and aspiration to build model nations is within reach. As a leader, I wanted to report that to him, to validate all that he had endured.

However, at that moment, as a son, looking at the face of his father, all that mattered to me was that my father regains his strength. That he may see the day with his own eyes, when that promise he made to God those many years ago when he was a young man, and the promise he made to humanity as he lived the life of mission and service, that those promises are fulfilled and that dream is realized. In my heart I became even more deeply committed to become the arms and the legs through which my father's dream could be fulfilled.

Father explained to me that this is a day of new beginnings, a day in which our family and our entire movement has to come together as one with a singular purpose, a singular vision. Having received the opportunity to speak on this important day, I asked Father what I should speak about. Father looked at my face and said, "You know well what you should say; just convey the message in your heart."

Fulfilling My Father's Dream

So I am going to speak to you from my heart and articulate this dream of God that my father has committed his life to – the dream to establish one family under God. This message is resonating around the world, and is moving great men and women everywhere. It is starting to capture the hearts and imaginations of people around the world in a time of tremendous global crisis when true leadership is direly needed.



When Father announced the goal to build national models of *Cheon Il Guk* by the year 2012, there were many leaders who wondered how we were to establish that foundation with the base we currently had. Some of them thought, “We must go to the smallest nation to build such a foundation.” Yet to me, this was not just a matter of faith, it was a matter of conviction and leadership.

I proclaimed the vision of one family under God to the world through the International Leadership Conferences (ILC) and now through the Global Peace Festivals (GPF),^[1] I have seen over and over again that people are hungry for leadership and direction.

The miracle that we were able to achieve in Paraguay was not because of a tremendous foundation that we had there. If anything, it was the opposite. Father had spent years in this region of Latin America during the 1990s and laid tremendous *jungsung*. Our movement had purchased expansive properties in Paraguay, but in the beginning of this year, all that land was about to be expropriated by the government. Our movement’s relations with the nation’s president were not good at that time. At the same time, a major religious organization had been promoting a negative campaign against our movement continuously in that nation. So our already small Family Federation base was in a very difficult situation.

Yet, because of the tremendous *jungsung* that Father had set in that nation, I was absolutely determined to protect that land that my father has cried and prayed over. Therefore, based on the direction that Father had given to hold International Leadership Conferences in Latin America, I specifically told the Universal Peace Federation staff that I wanted an ILC to be organized in Paraguay as soon as possible. Our staff diligently worked with the small base of Family Federation members, and whatever Ambassadors for Peace foundation we had in that nation, and prepared for the ILC in Paraguay in February. This was a life and death struggle for our movement there. If this conference did not make an impact on this nation, then we would have lost the foundation that had been built there. Yet if we were able to turn the situation around, then anything could have become possible. I can say that we witnessed miracle after miracle after miracle.

For those of you who do not know about the ILC, it is a leadership conference series that explains clearly the providential purpose of building one family under God. It also articulates how people of faith and leaders of faith traditions can build common understanding and purpose based on universal spiritual principles.

I know that if I were to ask 10 different people what the Divine Principle is, I will probably get 10 different answers. For Father, the Divine Principle expresses and clarifies the unchanging principles of God. One of the things that I am working to clarify to our movement, and leaders we work with, is that the Divine Principle is not the doctrinal text of the Unification Church, but is an expression of the universal truth which can be the basis for people of all faiths to come together as one family under God. When our work is rooted in such a universal message, people everywhere will welcome the efforts of our movement and especially of my father.

Awakening Latin America



With that confidence I went to Paraguay and we held the ILC. On a personal level, it was like a life and death wrestling match that we had to win. There were “no ifs, ands, or buts” about it. Actually the culmination of that wrestling match was when I met with the president – the same president with whom our movement had had difficulty. Accompanied by several prominent leaders, I met with him for one hour and a half. In that wrestling match, we talked earnestly about principles and values, and a vision for the nation of Paraguay. When everything was said and done, we came to a meeting of the minds, and now he is a good friend of mine.

The outcome of that meeting with the president was indeed remarkable. One of the prominent leaders who joined that meeting with me said, “I have never seen something like that in my entire life. You are a

true transformer.” I explained to him that it had nothing to do with me. This is the purpose and the will of God. If we stay true to that purpose and will, and if we are standing in alignment to God’s purpose and will, then we will be the agents of great transformation that can ultimately bring this world to peace.

It was from that meeting, and from that ILC, that the tables had turned. To give you one example, we had a meeting with a significant group of young leaders, the sons and daughters of the leading families of Paraguay. I outlined for them the vision of one family under God, and how it could transform the nation of Paraguay. One young man, who I later found out was the son of a former president, raised his hand and asked, “Where do I sign up?”

The Global Peace Festival in Paraguay was not created by the hands and feet of just our members and our movement. It was these young men and women and inspired leaders who laid the foundation for the nation to move with the vision of one family under God. The amazing thing about the GPF in Paraguay was the degree of ownership I saw on so many levels – from the president’s office, various ministries and departments of government, businesses, NGOs, and youth. They participated as owners in the Global Peace Festival rooted in the message of “One Family Under God.” How amazing is that? Father has always said that Paraguay is the womb of Latin America; if you can move Paraguay, you can move Latin America. Amazingly, this is coming to pass.

During the six nation tour that I conducted, the last nation that we visited was Brazil. There I gave the message of one family under God at the Brazilian Parliament; also gathered there were many of the evangelical leaders of Brazil. As I entered the green room to prepare to go on and speak, I met a famous Brazilian evangelical megachurch leader. He was a very big and very serious man. When I saw him, I extended my arm to shake his hand. In contrast, he crossed his arms, looked at me straight in the eye and said, “There can be no peace without Jesus Christ.” So I smiled and I said, “You’re right. Jesus came to bring the message of one family under God, for that was his mission. Yet his life was cut short. And that is why my father has taken on the mantle to bring this message of one family under God to all humanity.”

As this was transpiring, there were some newspaper reporters in the green room, and the minute that they sensed that there was an interesting story unfolding – somehow newspaper reporters sense these things – they started taking photos. I thought to myself, “This is not a good start. I will be going to the podium to give this message of one family under God, and this man is going to be there in the audience.” Despite my concerns, I enthusiastically delivered the message of one family under God to a rousing standing ovation. The room lit up.

As I concluded, that minister came on the stage and grabbed my hand. He said, “I need to offer a prayer.” I was so worried inside. What kind of prayer would he offer? As I quickly put on my earphones to hear the translation of his prayer, he asked me to raise my hands along with him. To my amazement, he offered a remarkable prayer: “Dear Heavenly Father, please bless this son and the tremendous work that he is doing on Your behalf. Please bless the family that has brought this great vision to us all.” That was the touching message conveyed in his prayer.

That night I got a phone call from that minister. This leader wanted to come and see me. He is the most powerful evangelical leader in Latin America. He oversees over 22,000 churches not only in Latin America, but around the world. In Brazil alone he touches the lives of over 30 million Brazilians. He also works closely with many members of the Brazilian congress. He asked to meet me, so we arranged a private meeting at which I explained to him the vision of one family under God. I explained the mission that we are undertaking, and that we are planning on having this tremendous Global Peace Festival that will start a movement of peace around the world.

This is a man that our movement has been trying to connect with for many years. Surprisingly, he said to me that he had been watching our movement for the last 12 years, and upon hearing this message of one family under God, he felt God is working through this movement and wanted to offer his foundation to support and aid in this work.

This minister made such a promise to me, but at first I could not completely believe his promise. I extended a special invitation to him to come to Paraguay and see GPF-Paraguay. I knew that he was going to get tremendous flack for supporting us, but I wanted to see how committed he was to the promise that he had made to me. I wanted to see if he would clear his calendar and come to the Global Peace Festival in Paraguay. As I explained earlier, as Father said, if you can move Paraguay, which is the womb of Latin America, you can move the region.



He did come to Paraguay. Not only did he come, but he brought his grandson. He wanted to bring his son as well, who is also a pastor of the largest megachurch in the city of Sao Paulo, but his son was too busy. He said he could only stay for one day, because the next day he had a meeting with many parliamentarians in Brazil. Yet, because he came on the fourth, and the Global Peace Festival main event was on the fifth, I pleaded with him. I said, "Please, stay one more day." I thought that it would take tremendous convincing, diplomacy and skill on my part. Yet just by asking him, he changed his entire calendar.

That night, we had a discussion about plans for a Global Peace Festival in Brazil. He said, "I want to become an owner, and prepare for the Global Peace Festival in Brazil." Now, we will be having a Global Peace Festival there, that will be prepared by the evangelical Christian foundation of that nation. I have been observing tremendous miracles, and my heart wants to tell you everything, but I do not have much time.

Our Way Forward

After today I am going to go to America, where we will have a Global Peace Festival in Washington, D.C. Through this festival we are reaching a level of participation that is unprecedented in our American movement. This is only the start. It is because this will pave the way for this nation to fulfill its providential mission in this era of the Pacific Rim. My hope and aspiration is that the new leaders of America and the United Nations will attend the Global Peace Festival and establish a platform of how America and the United Nations should move in this providential age, the eighth year of *Cheon Il Guk*.

Right now we have a tremendous opportunity. God has prepared a tremendous opportunity. The world has no sense of direction; it is like a ship at sea without a sail, without a compass. Only through the vision of one family under God can a world of peace truly dawn, where religions will no longer be divided, but work together as agents of peace. Aju.

This is an amazing, amazing time. It is built upon the blood, sweat, and tears, and *jungsung* of Parents. If we are to inherit this foundation, we need to examine what the true path of filial piety is. We need to know, as children, what we should inherit.

When I look upon the life of my parents, especially my father, I realize that the path of filial piety has already been paved. That path of filial piety is a son taking ownership over his father's dream and committing himself – body and soul – to the fulfillment of that dream. I believe that is the path of filial piety of all blessed central family members, as extended members of God's True Family.

We must become the owners of this dream, a dream that originated from God, that was inspired and made alive by Parents, and that shall be fulfilled by each and every one of us.

Thank you very much.

Note:

[1] Hyun Jin Nim is chairman of the Global Peace Festival Foundation (GPF).