

KOOK JIN NIM'S EIGHT-CITY "FREEDOM SOCIETY" TOUR

LOS ANGELES, CA

Location (Venue): International Ballroom, Radisson Hotel of LAX (Los Angeles International Airport)

Program Date and Time: Wednesday, July 25, 2012, 7:30 PM

Number of Participants: 475

Reported By: Rev. Mark Tengan, District Pastor, District 12

PROGRAM REPORT

We were so blessed to have Kook Jin Nim in Los Angeles as the first city in his Eight-City USA Tour. The venue was the Radisson Hotel of LAX, the same hotel used during In Jin Nim's visit to Los Angeles for the Listening Tour. Kook Jin Nim arrived 11:30 AM on July 25th, after which we brought him to the suite where he had a short reporting meeting with Rev. Cotter, Pastor George and me. He emphasized that a clear and consistent "witnessing system" will bring success; not the effort by some great solitary outreach figure.

At 12:30 PM, we had a meeting with four Christian ministers over lunch. One of them was Elder Don Garrick who holds the position of Director for Public Affairs in the Mormon Church and is President of the City of Huntington Beach Interfaith Council. Kook Jin Nim and Elder Garrick had a passionate dialogue regarding "freedom and responsibility" and the proper responsibility of current religious leaders towards society. Elder Garrick had prepared for the meeting and had already read the "Strong Korea" speech. He agreed with many points. Their discussion went for more than ninety minutes and was cut short due to the evening schedule. We encouraged him to resume at the evening program, for which Elder Garrick rearranged his schedule to attend.

We had a dinner meeting with Kook Jin Nim and District 12 leaders at 6:00 PM. The group of 25 people was captivated as they intently listened to him from around the dinner table. Throughout day, he seemed very relaxed, yet sharp, and carefully listened to each person's question and comment. Everyone was so appreciative to be able to share with him about their activities, witnessing, and education and receive advice in return as well.

The program began with the dynamic sounds of the Los Angeles Lovin' Life Ministry Band who brought the Holy Spirit into the ballroom! Pastor George introduced Rev. Cotter prior to the Al Jazeera video. We then welcomed Kook Jin Nim with a loud standing ovation. The first speaker was Mr. Tim Elder who shared for thirty minutes about the victorious accomplishments of Kook Jin Nim in churches throughout Korea and Japan.

The keynote presentation by Kook Jin Nim entitled "Freedom Society" started with addressing the difficulty of keeping freedom without a clear understanding of truth. He shared about a historical pattern of mankind repeatedly losing freedom because of ignorance. Our Los Angeles family was fascinated by his explanation of how God is represented by True Parents, Adam and Eve by contemporary man and woman, and the Archangel by the government. He explained how we need to reclaim freedom by taking responsibility for our lives, not just blindly accepting government handouts and directives, but through insisting on personal ownership and constructive action. After the presentation, we had a great question and answer session for twenty minutes. Our families really enjoyed the program and said that Kook Jin Nim came at the right time. Many asked for a copy of the speech.

The next day after breakfast with our staff, Kook Jin Nim left for San Francisco. We thank God, True Parents and In Jin Nim for the opportunity to receive this remarkable member of the True Family.

Reflection 1 - Ms. Hana Villafana (2G)

"True Parents must be so proud of Kook Jin Nim as a representative of True Family leading the way towards substantiating the Kingdom. We truly do need the True Children to show us and help us understand what True Parents have been talking about and what it looks like in reality. Even though his principled explanation was unconventional, it makes so much sense. Now the next step is for each of us to make our own commitment and fulfill our own responsibility to work towards the freedom society he spoke of."

Reflection 2 - Pastor Demian Dunkley (Las Vegas Lovin' Life Pastor)

"Incredible. I absolutely LOVE Kook Jin Nim's very practical, big picture perspective on how to position our minds and focus our efforts towards creating a TOTALLY new kind of society. Learning from the repeated failures of the past, drawing from models of success, and rooting it all into a principled perspective, Kook Jin Nim is calling us into action. Responsibility gives us our freedom. He shared with us his motto: 'I never let anyone else do my work.' This is not a time to sit on the fence, or stand on the sidelines with our arms folded. Why would God have brought us all this way without also giving us a clear down-to-earth vision on how to bring Heaven down to earth?"

Reflection 3 - Mrs. Susan Munsell

"I found Kook Jin Moon's presentation entitled "Freedom Society" to be truly powerful and inspirational. Based on the principle, he conveyed clear, concise and practical steps towards peace in our world. It was very refreshing but at the same time challenging in that now I feel responsible to let others receive this message. As an American, I have been so troubled by the state of our nation. I believe we are at a dangerous pass and could easily not survive. The content of this message and Kook Jin Nim's leadership has really given me hope and a more clear understanding of how to carry out True Parents vision for the renewal of our country and the world."

Reflection 4 - Mr. David Stein (2G)

"I feel like True Parents represent the cosmic level and Kook Jin Nim has brought the principle down to earth and made it real for our lives! It's amazing how he made abstract concepts so logical. You know it's the truth when it resonates with all things you have seen in your life. Some of these points have been right in front of me but hearing his speech made me understand in my head something that I felt for a long time. For example, when he talks about losing our freedom when we get free stuff from the government.

The whole experience confirms to me how Kook Jin Nim is following True Parents' footsteps and how lucky we are to spend any time at all with the True Children. It was amazing how he was willing to receive all those questions. In Jin Nim first did it on her speaking tour and it blew me away. These two I want to follow!"

Reflection 5 - Bjorn Nyseter

"I felt Kook Jin Nim's passion when he gave this message of how Satan's hold on people and the change we need to see. It makes sense how a good, mature people having guns will make differences in creating an ideal world. I could see from the principle perspective and connect historically why we need a society to be free and how Satan has controlled us through big governments. We can't just be weak as God's people; we need to defend peace. What inspired me most is how professional and clear this message in enabling people to understand the Divine Principle. People could hear this first as an introduction to our Movement.

I'm so grateful to the True Children who can grasp True Parents heart and spirit. Only True Children could do this."









KOOK JIN NIM'S EIGHT-CITY "FREEDOM SOCIETY" TOUR

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Location (Venue): Bay Area Family Church, San Leandro, CA

Program Date and Time: July 26, 2012, 7:00 PM

Number of Participants: 450

Reported By: Rev. Kevin Thompson, District Pastor, District 11

PROGRAM REPORT

From the moment that Kook Jin Nim arrived at the San Francisco airport until he left for Seattle the next day, there was almost a non-stop dialogue on issues to do with The Freedom Society. Over lunch with church leaders, including the National leader of the Philippines, over dinner with some key clergy and over breakfast before departing for the airport, as well as the drives to and from the event, Kook Jin Nim invited questions. He wanted to be challenged and no question was off the table. He was very happy to consider every different angle or approach to the ideas which he is teaching and he took time to answer each question intelligently and with respect.

Kook Jin Nim was clearly a man on a mission and confident in the nature of the mission and the source behind the mission, as he spent 22 hours in San Francisco and accomplished what he stated his mission to be, "to make us all think."

A few of our clergy friends who attended dinner with Kook Jin Nim were clearly challenged by some of the ideas and Kook Jin Nim patiently explained that there is a better way to provide services to the needy and that churches would not be lessened but rather they would be strengthened and empowered.

The event at the Bay Area Family Church was packed to the hilt with over 450 brothers and sisters anxious to hear for themselves what the message was all about. Serenaded by our local band members with Rev. Joshua Cotter joining in on keyboards, the atmosphere was very high.

After watching the Al Jazeera documentary and hearing Tim Elder's report on progress in Korea and Japan, the stage was set. Rev. Cotter did a masterful job of introducing Kook Jin Nim and throughout the presentation on Freedom Society you could hear a pin drop as everyone wanted to fully catch what was being said. There were far more questions than time allowed to answer them, but a number of people said that the question and answer session was actually the highlight of the evening. With every answer to every question, Kook Jin Nim demonstrated that he has a full grasp of the implications of what he is teaching. His answer to a question concerning the recent shootings in Aurora, Colorado was particularly well received.

Reflection 1 of 4

"As a Brazilian, I understand that America being strong will influence my country too. I am so grateful for this message of hope and clarity from Kook Jin Nim."

Reflection 2 of 4

"Finally, I understand what the Divine Principle is talking about when it speaks of freedom and complete liberation. This is a needed message of hope that Kook Jin Nim is bringing and we need to make a plan of how to get it out to America."

Reflection 3 of 4

"I never before understood what our theology of the Kingdom of Heaven really was. After 33 years of membership, I can now see for the first time what Father has been talking about for many years and we have been too dumb to see. It has taken a True Son to stand as a John The Baptist for his Father and to proclaim Father's Messiahship and then back it up with the content to prove why he is the Messiah. I can see great hope in our church from now."

Reflection 4 of 4

"When Kook Jin Nim said that government is the Archangel, I just knew it was true. This was the most profound talk since the first lecture that I heard when I joined the church. Also, to see that everything was based on Father's words from the Peace Messages and elsewhere was quite wonderful. Kook Jin Nim exudes confidence because he knows what he is teaching is truth and therefore the truth will ultimately win out. However, he did make it clear that there will be God's judgement if we choose to ignore the Messiah."







KOOK JIN NIM'S EIGHT-CITY "FREEDOM SOCIETY" TOUR

SEATTLE, WA

Location (Venue): North Seattle Community College Performance Hall

Program Date and Time: Friday, July 27, 7:00 PM

Number of Participants: 250

Reported By: Larry Krishnek, District Pastor, District 10

PROGRAM REPORT

Kook Jin Nim arrived in Seattle at 9:45 AM on Friday, July 27th, 2012. Twelve bright, high-spirited members of the Next Generation Academy greeted him at his suite at the Airport Seattle Marriott Hotel.

Our first planned program was a 1:00 PM luncheon at a restaurant in the hotel. One Ambassador for Peace, Mr. Conrado "Sluggo" Rigor, editor of a local Filipino Newspaper attended. ACLC Pastor "Doc" Richard Rivers, was also present. They were joined by Robert Bleu, President of Shining Ocean, Dr. David Burgess, also of Shining Ocean and several other local members. Kook Jin Nim asked what we knew of the "Strong Korea" and "Freedom Society" message he was sharing. That started the ball rolling and the discussion ranged from Public Unions, the Constitution and the Founders, the problems of public education and on and on. For every question, Kook Jin Nim had a quick, simple and profound response. We were all energized after the luncheon.

Next on the agenda was a 5:30 PM dinner at True Parents' home, the Windermere Mansion. Local organizational leaders and adult second-generation members were invited. Kook Jin Nim was positively impressed with our historic home. He conversed with members on the porch overlooking Lake Washington and continued the conversation over dinner. Once again, Kook Jin Nim invited questions and gave us a unique and fresh perspective grounded in Father's teaching and the Principle.

Our main event began at 7:00 PM at the North Seattle Community College Concert Hall. The room was filled with members of all ages. All the seats were taken and many sat on the steps in the aisles. The Seattle youth pastor, Teddy Sylte, welcomed everyone and then presented our Lovin' Life band. After two songs were performed, the Al Jazeera video was shown, followed by a rousing Seattle rendition of "Everlasting Love", Tim Elder's report and then, the main event, Kook Jin Nim's address; "Free Society".

The atmosphere in the hall was one of rapt attention as many notions were challenged and intriguing insights on the principle were offered. Kook Jin Nim's explanation of real application of the Principle in building the ideal world was awesome. The hour went quickly and we were left wanting more. And, we did get more as Kook Jin took time to answer a few questions.

We closed the program with prayer from WFWP leader, Mrs. Keiko Sylte and four rousing cheers of Og Manse by District Pastor Rev. Krishnek. An appreciative Northwest community offered heartfelt applause as the program closed. Early the next day, Kook Jin Nim continued his sharing with a few early birds who joined him for breakfast before his 8:30 AM flight to Chicago.

Reflection 1 of 6 - Brother

"I am glad that Kook Jin Nim came and told us what he is doing. It was enlightening, necessary and constructive. Most of what he said was new to me and needed to be said. Obviously (in my opinion), our church is turning the corner and going in the right direction. There is nothing that could have been added at this time. It would have been too much to digest in one sitting. It is too early to ask questions. I need to pray and reflect on how this information applies to our futures as individuals.

I would like to have a copy of the Friday presentation available so that it can be watched again and can be shown to others who were not present. I hope that in the near future, there can be visits like this to the different areas of America. Like Lovin' Life Ministries, it helps to unite us. I will certainly follow the world news now from a different viewpoint."

Reflection 2 of 6 - Sister

"The content that Kook Jin Nim brought to us is so essential for everyone to hear at this time. This is the last days' point of view of the Principle of Restoration, that is to say, putting everything back in its proper place and understanding where the world must go from here. I hope there is a way to send this message more publicly in the USA to bring people's attitudes and understanding into providential alignment at this crucial time in American politics. Kook Jin Nim's presentation brings perfect clarity."

Reflection 3 of 6 - Brother

"I am not fully comfortable with Kook Jin Nim's presentation. I feel that it is fine to keep firearms for self defense. But, I am concerned that the Tongil Group is in the business of manufacturing war weapons and selling them to regimes, like the Egyptian military that has had several reports of human rights violations, including torture of its citizens. The distribution of weapons of war to oppressive governments is a serious matter, and if it is true, it is shameful, and sinful. If I am wrong, and I truly hope I am, then I apologize.

Further, I think the manufacturing of war weapons is very harmful to True Parents and our Movement's reputation. Even if the arms that Tongil makes go to Abel-type governments, there are many people who could be our John the Baptists that can't abide by that. We owe Kook Jin Nim a debt of gratitude for his work to clean up the financial problems in Korea, but, we do not need to make war weapons. It's not necessary.

Also, I am not comfortable with Tim Elder commenting that the reason for the negativity by the Korean lady in the video was due to her husband not being promoted. Although she said she had given a considerable amount of donations, she actually hadn't, according to those that know her. I think that comment is below the dignity of our church representatives. The husband and wife may be doing great harm to our Movement, and what they do should be reported and condemned. But, personal attacks on anyone's character are not right. I think the need to pray for and offer true love to our enemies is the right way.

Finally, I feel disheartened. I found the overall presentation to be somewhat unfulfilling. The idea that half the world's population may be decimated before we see the Kingdom of Heaven doesn't give me a lot of reason to feel optimistic about the future. I think what needs to be emphasized is that the presentation is Kook Jin Nim's perspective. I pray for Kook Jin Nim, Tim Elder and the rest of the people at Tongil, and hope their efforts always mirror what our True Parents would do."

Reflection 4 of 6 - Sister

"Kook Jin Nim's visit reminded me of True Father's early visits in the USA when he said, "I came as a doctor and firefighter". There was a spiritual clarity after the speech that will help our nation's future political decisions. Our Founding Fathers are on this speaking tour with Kook Jin Nim."

Reflection 5 of 6 - Ambassador for Peace

"Thank you to UPF for inviting me. It was a profound experience for me to personally meet Kook Jin Moon. He has an excellent grasp of world affairs, a deep thinker in the mode of a true disciple of freedom, peace and harmony. Like his own father, Kook Jin is destined to play a vital role in the promotion of enduring peace in our world. Please thank Rev. Larry Krishnek for me for having had the privilege to be included in that exclusive lunch at the Marriott last Friday. Thank you again and best regards."

Reflection 6 of 6 - WFWP Seattle Co-Chairwoman

"Kook Jin Nim's words conveyed a very timely message. I as well as many brothers and sisters are aware that this message fills some major gaps and holes in our understanding of the principled reality of this world today.

Bringing clarity to the present social, economic and political spheres through the Divine Principle gives us a beginning point from which to work from, reminding me of when I first joined the Unification movement. We do have a lot of teaching to do which reminds me of when we taught VOC. Now, it looks like it is the time to teach The Freedom Society. Taking ownership by taking responsibility; through teaching, one learns. To me, education is a key point.

Today, in The Lovin' Life sermon, the beautiful unity that was apparent between Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim warmed all of our hearts. Thank you for this new beginning."







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CHICAGO, IL

Location (Venue): Chicago Unification Church (7077 N. Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL)

Program Date and Time: Sunday, July 29, 10:00 AM

Number of Participants: 400

Reported By: Rev. Kazuo Takami, District Pastor, District 7

PROGRAM REPORT

On the morning of Sunday, July 29, the Chicago Church (Ashland Church) was filled with 400 members and guests from all over the Midwest area. Because it was a Sunday Service event, people came not only from states in District 7 (Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin) but also from neighboring Districts 6 and 8 (Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana). Also, Dr. Michael Jenkins, chairman of ACLC and Mr. Jim Gavin, chairman of UPF USA flew from New York to participate in the Chicago program. At 10:00 AM seats were already filled. The program began with musical performance by the Chicago Lovin' Life Band and warm greetings from Pastor Jario Vincenz-Gavin and Rev. Joshua Cotter.

Prior to the Kook Jin Nim's main presentation, Mr. Tim Elder made a great report about the significant development of the UC movement in Korea and Japan. People were so excited to know how Kook Jin Nim had lead the revival and improvement of the Korean movement and his significant role in helping the Japanese church with challenges from the Japanese government. Now the churches in both nations are experiencing rapid growth, which gave great hope to the audience.

Kook Jin Nim was then welcomed with standing ovation from an excited audience (he had to say, "Please be seated" a few times). He started presenting a special lecture of the "Freedom Society - A vision for Building God's Ideal World". After briefly summarizing key concepts from the Divine Principle such as the Purpose of Creation and the Human Fall, he explained about the patterns of how democracy has died and people have lost their freedom based on a number of historic examples. He gave a an analogy of how we can understand human society from the context of the Garden of Eden where citizens are in the position of Adam and Eve and the government is in the position of the Archangel. Based on this analysis, he gave a clear idea about the ideal relationship between citizens and government, and emphasized the importance of people's responsibilities.

The audience could easily see that Kook Jin Nim's presentation was based on True Parents' words and teachings. They were happy to see how True Parents' words can be effectively applied in understanding political aspects of the society. After the presentation, Kook Jin Nim took time to directly answer questions from the audience. His clear explanation about the recent tragedy at the movie theatre in Colorado was especially helpful in applying the message of his presentation to a current situation. The program lasted two and one-half hours but many felt that it was much shorter.

The program concluded with a prayer by Pastor Leena Vincenz-Gavin, Ok Mansei led by Rev. Kazuo Takami and a group photo. Everyone left the event inspired and determined to help however they can in building God's Kingdom.

Reflection 1 of 4 - Mother from Wisconsin

"I had previewed the slides before attending. I was anticipating a much more economic and political analysis and I struggled with that in Sunday Service time. But, I was humbled and stunned by the clarity and power of what Kook Jin Nim has been able to put together. I feel there is so much prayer behind his insight. Yes, True Father gave the guidelines for everything he shared, but it is Father's son who framed it in such a way that we are empowered to address the nation by virtue of his presentation. I hope to support Kook Jin Nim by teaching this content 40 times in Wisconsin before January. It is not just to support Kook Jin Nim. It is about speaking up for God and standing up for True Parents. My husband said that it is the most inspired he has been for 35 years, and that is most encouraging for me! Thank you."

Reflection 2 of 4 - Brother from Kentucky (2G)

"It's so easy to walk away saying, 'Wow that was such a powerful sermon' and it was! But within my heart, I don't want to leave it at that. True Parent's heart, True Family's heart, Kook Jin Nim's heart in doing this tour is for us as a movement and supporters of Cheon Il Guk to understand deeply this society that needs to be established for True Freedom and for us to have the freedom that God initially intended for us to have. The power that Kook Jin Nim has gives me that passion to try and understand this speech in my own heart to share to others and apply to my own life in supporting our True Parents. Thank you so much True Parents, True Children and Kook Jin Nim!"

Reflection 3 of 4 - Mother from Illinois

"I was very impressed especially because I had heard "Strong Korea" before. Today's information was not just about Japan and Korea only but America, too. Kook Jin Nim was taking a lot of responsibility and he really cares where we are going in the future. We are so fortunate to have somebody who is supporting True Parents. It helps us understand what is going on politically and economically. It is all connected and he makes it easier for us to understand that. He is very down-to-earth. Overall, I felt more inspired that we can do this together. This is 'real stuff'. Things are happening in the "real world" and to have True Family united means a lot right now."

Reflection 4 of 4 - Father from Indiana

"The greatest part of today was Kook Jin Nim's wisdom and quick response to questions. It made his speech and his passion more clear and apparent for us to be inspired to act."







KOOK JIN NIM'S EIGHT-CITY "FREEDOM SOCIETY" TOUR

DALLAS, TX

Location (Venue): Lovin' Life Dallas Church (D9 Headquarters)

Program Date and Time: Monday, July 30, 2012, 6:45 PM

Number of Participants: 250

Reported By: Rev. Mark Hernandez, District Pastor, District 9

PROGRAM REPORT

Kook Jin Nim arrived in Dallas, Texas at around 7:30 pm on Sunday, July 29. Upon arrival to his hotel suite he was presented with a lovely floral arrangement by Marten and Estelle Hernandez, and enjoyed dinner with local community members.

Monday's schedule included a luncheon at Sura Korean Bistro with several local pastors and Ambassadors for Peace: Mike Ghouse (Americans Together, Foundation for Pluralism, *Huntington Post* and *Dallas Morning News* contributor and frequently on the Hannity Show) and Tricia Harris, Project Coordinator for Thanks-Giving Square's Interfaith Council (member of WFWP and prominent interfaith activist), Laura Hornbeck (former WFWP President), and local leaders Jun Orikasa (Oklahoma state leader) and Ken Morgan (Texas Hill Country Leader). They discussed the realistic structure intrinsic to the ideal world, in contrast to our modern social welfare state and its devastating consequences for the family and social structure. Ms. Harris immediately offered many thoughts supportive of Dr. Moon's vision, however Mr. Ghouse seemed to have reservations. Kook Jin Nim's perspective, though, proved compelling and comprehensive. The dialogue was enlightening, and understanding blossomed through the course of the meal. Kook Jin Nim personally thanked Mike Ghouse for his work to stop the Japanese deprogramming travesty. At standingupforothers.blogspot.com, Mr. Ghouse writes an influential blog, directing a lot of attention to this issue. As soon as he got back from the speech he began to blog about it.

The Dallas Freedom Society presentation began with a musical pre-program at 6:45 PM at the Dallas Family Church. ACLC ministers and Ambassadors for Peace present included: Mike Ghouse, Tricia Harris, Rev. David Thibodeaux and his wife Dr. Karen Hollie-Thibodeaux (Dr. Hollie-Thibodeaux is President and Founder of Grace International Seminary, as well as Senior Pastor of Lifeway Church, and Texas ACLC Co-chair), Dr. Roderick McLean (UTS Professor, a Methodist) and Imam Marzuq Jaami (Prominent Islamic Leader and activist dedicated to interfaith dialogue), and Dr. Donald Peavy, (Disciples of Christ, professor, lawyer, novelist, and journalist for the *Fort Worth Ecumenical Examiner*, Texas ACLC Co-chair). Dr. Peavy's blog has effectively addressed the issue of Japanese faith-breaking. Local Lovin' Life youth performers offered songs and pumped up the atmosphere with upbeat congregational songs. The house was packed to overflowing by 7:00 with members having traveled from three states and for as many as twelve hours one way.

Mr. Hero Hernandez introduced Rev. Joshua Cotter, whose contagious excitement about Kook Jin Nim's message ignited an audience already aware of the privilege that the evening represented. Rev. Cotter reported about the significant advancements in media relations due to the transparency and accessibility of both Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim to the press. He showed the Al Jazeera documentary as an

example of inspiring reporting as the fruit of Kook Jin Nim's activities. Mr. Tim Elder reported about Kook Jin Nim's achievements in Korea.

At 7:30, Kook Jin Nim was greeted with a long, roaring, standing ovation; a gorgeous bouquet was presented to him by Kunihiro and Akiko Shimizu. Throughout his speech, the audience was engaged and responsive, with moments of laughter and sobering reflection. As soon as Kook Jin Nim concluded, there was thundering applause and everyone rose to their feet. Ms. Harris and Imam Jaami squeezed Kook Jin Nim's hand, thanking him for his message. The Question and Answer session was interesting and helpful; the questions indicated that our church family and guests were sincerely trying to digest its implications.

After our group photo, as Rev. Cotter announced that a few Dallas youth had heard that Kook Jin Nim's birthday was around the corner; we sang as they brought in a three-level birthday cake and his Texas-sized card. The atmosphere was very joyful and intimate; a touching flow of heart was felt between us and Kook Jin Nim, as if we were all suspended in the moment. Kook Jin Nim beamed and upon leaving, said to me "You must be doing something right!" and that he had never felt such a spirited group. Later, many attendees stayed to offer their thoughts for the videographers.

On Tuesday morning, Kook Jin Nim had breakfast with several local youth leaders and a group of fifteen saw him off at the airport departing to Atlanta.

Reflection 1 of 7 - Mr. Mike Ghouse (Islamic Ambassador for Peace)

"Today, Kook Jin Moon made it to Dallas, a Harvardian heading his father's business, an inventor himself and a powerful speaker. He is visiting several cities in the United States and other countries on a mission about creating freedom societies, similar to mine building cohesive societies, but his emanates from the theology of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, his father.

Kook Jin Moon shared some powerful views about freedom, less government, less regulations and let the freedom determine the outcomes. Ideologically, it sounds good and almost like the concept of "freedom wins" at last. I shared the concept of freedom expressed in Quran 2:256, that there shall not be no compulsion in the matters of faith.

Kook Jin Moon's talk on freedom was incredible, I do see his point."

Reflection 2 of 7 - Ms. Sawa Suina (2G)

"Out of all the lectures and speeches I have heard through this movement, Kook Jin Nim brought a different and realistic perspective. His speech was very inspirational and wonderful. I am so grateful to him for coming to Dallas to pour out his ideals to us personally. I'm thankful to God and True Parents for this opportunity to listen to Kook Jin Nim in our own community."

Reflection 3 of 7 - Mrs. Kimie Stana

"I deeply understand through the Freedom Society speech that Kook Jin Nim gave, what kind of nation Cheon Il Guk is. I was not clear before what the ideal way was for politics and economy centered on God's Ideal and desire, but now thanks to Kook Jin Nim I can have hope. The way to survive in America is that the individual needs to take responsibility; that they should not depend on the government."

Reflection 4 of 7 - Ms. Jinsook Sakai (2G)

"I'm truly SO grateful for Kook Jin Nim to come visit; it was an amazing experience for me personally because it was the first time I've ever send him in person. His speech about freedom was revolutionary, and blew my mind. His deep love for True Parents and desperate heart shown throughout his speech the entire time, it's so inspiring. I'm so grateful for Kook Jin Nim's heart and efforts to mobilize and inspire everyone to move God's providence forward. Thank you Kook Jin Nim! We love you!"

Reflection 5 of 7 - Ms. Marina Stana (2G)

"I am really grateful that Kook Jin Nim took time to visit Dallas on his tour. from the moment he walked in the door I felt a very genuine and warm heart from him. I feel like he's helping us see more ways that we actually substantially make a difference and support True Parents more. Kook Jin Nim woke our community with hope and even if it's a small step I want to unite with True Parents in college, keeping Kook Jin Nim's words in mind and keeping God as the center of my studies."

Reflection 6 of 7 - Mrs. Laura Lea

"Kook Jin Nim's presentation is just as amazing as everyone claims it to be. His insights are so fresh and uplifting. His mind is crystal clear, but he speaks on such a high level that it's impossible to fully appreciate even this simple introduction in one sitting. It's not that it's complicated. It's just that it's unexpected, like discovering that water can catch on fire. It's hard to grasp because it's truly heavenly, and so far, we haven't experienced a heavenly society. Kook Jin Nim's presentation gives us a glimpse into God's view of people and what He expects from us and hopes for us. It's very empowering, refreshing and truly revolutionary."

Reflection 7 of 7 - Anonymous

"I had the opportunity to greet Kook Jin Nim when he arrived from the airport. As we listened to him exchange conversation, the only thing that I could feel was that he has such a deep, sincere love toward those around him, and especially toward True Parents. He doesn't have to say anything, all he has to do is step into a room and his presence can move you to tears. It is this kind of a person that we were able to hear True Parents' truth from on Monday night. When he gave his message about freedom and the third blessing, I felt like he was speaking straight to my original mind. There was a part of my mind and heart being satisfied and fulfilled."









Mr. Michael Ghose, Ambassador for Peace, giving a positive and excited interview after the event.



Imam Marzuq Jaami, Ambassador for Peace, sending his greetings to True Parents and sharing his inspiring reflections after the event.

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ATLANTA, GA

Location (Venue): Atlanta Family Church, 3060 Bouldercrest Rd., Ellenwood, GA 30294

Program Date and Time: Tuesday, July 31, 2012, 7:00 PM

Number of Participants: 350+

Reported By: Rev. Tom Cutts, District Pastor, District 5

PROGRAM REPORT

Kook Jin Nim and his entourage of six arrived at the Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport at 2:10 PM on Tuesday, July 31. For the sake of exercise, Kook Jin Nim and Rev. Joshua Cotter opted to walk from the "B" Gates to the baggage claim, instead of taking the train.

The Governor's Suite at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel was prepared for Kook Jin Nim's accommodations. His room overlooked the Atlanta airport. Kook Jin Nim was greeted at the entrance of his suite by a dozen brothers and sisters. Inside the room, Atombo Cutts and Morgan Gaines presented Kook Jin Nim a lovely floral arrangement. Atombo is the son of the District Pastor and his wife, and Morgan is the daughter of the Lovin' Life Pastors.

Kook Jin Nim met in his suite with the leaders from Atlanta, the District and the nation. He was briefed on the schedule and about the members in the District. Present at the meeting were Rev. Joshua Cotter, Executive Vice-President of the Unification Church, Mrs. Heather Thalheimer, National Director of Lovin' Life Education Department, Mrs. Juanita Pierre-Louis, National Vice President of the Women's Federation for World Peace, Rev. Gary Chidester, Senior State Pastor of Florida, Pastor Clifton Gaines, the Atlanta Lovin' Life Pastor, and Rev. Tom Cutts, District Pastor of District 5..

When Kook Jin Nim retired to his room, his entourage and the church leadership went to lunch in the Candler Room of the hotel. This beautiful boardroom is used by the CEO of Delta Airlines. One side of the room is a window overlooking the airport runway.

At 5:30 PM, Kook Jin Nim had dinner in the Candler Room with a dozen ACLC ministers and Ambassadors for Peace (several members of entourage, including Rev. Cotter and Pastor Gaines, left early for the venue, missing dinner). Joining the dinner were Pastor Samuel Mosteller, the Georgia President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Rev. Dr. Gloria Wright, Chaplain of the Concerned Black Clergy; Mrs. Juanita Pierre-Louis; Mrs. Heather Thalheimer; Minister Steven Muhammad and Mrs. Margaret Muhammad of the Nation of Islam; Minister Roberto Hayes; Senior Chaplain Jonathan Grigsby, who has a marriage- strengthening ministry; Rev. Gary Chidester, the Senior State Pastor of Florida and Rev. Tom Cutts.

Pastor Mosteller is a retired Major from the U.S. Army and served two terms of duty in Korea. He appreciated Kook Jin Nim's concern about China's threat and the possibility of World War III, should America continue to reduce military spending and lose her resolve to protect other nations. Kook Jin Nim and Rev. Mosteller also had a lively discussion about the role of welfare in the destruction of the family.

The "Freedom Society" program began on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 6:45 PM in the Atlanta Family Church. Over 350 people attended the program, including a dozen ACLC ministers and Ambassadors for Peace from Atlanta and Jacksonville, and brothers and sisters from Miami (12); Tampa (5); Jacksonville (4); Columbia and Charleston, South Carolina (6); Nashville, Tennessee (5); Mobile, Alabama (8); and Raleigh, North Carolina (4). A dozen people drove twelve hours from Miami to participate in the Tuesday evening program.

Rev. Joshua Cotter and Pastor Clifton Gaines started off the festivities by singing, "This is the Day that the Lord has Made". By the end of the song, all in the congregation had risen to their feet and were clapping and singing along. The Atlanta Lovin' Life singers (Naomi Inamori, Cynthia Anderson, Caroline Koko and Miambi Koko) then led the audience in singing "Sailing with Our Father" and "Ho Hey".

Pastor Cliff Gaines introduced Rev. Cotter to the audience. Rev. Cotter was very excited about the tour program and his enthusiasm was infectious. He introduced the Al Jazeera video, "In the Kingdom of Moon", and explained the success of Kook Jin Nim's media campaign in Korea. The Al Jazeera video represents a huge breakthrough in working with the media. This international media outlet tried to be unbiased and let Kook Jin Nim have the last word after every negative interview. In fact, even though some of the people interviewed were negative toward the Unification Church, their interviews were edited in such a way that they sounded generally objective toward the church!

After the video, Kook Jin Nim and Rev. Cutts entered the sanctuary. Rev. Cotter led the audience in a Kyung Nae to True Parents, and a Kyung Nae to the True Family represented by Kook Jin Nim. Then Rev. Cutts offered a prayer of invocation.

Five couples from Atlanta Lovin' Life Ballroom Ministry performed a delightful dance routine. Their number was enjoyed by all, with a lot of whooping and shouting from the audience. Then Rev. Cotter introduced Mr. Timothy Elder, who gave a forty-minute presentation of the accomplishments in Korea and in Japan under Kook Jin Nim's leadership.

Rev. Cotter gave a most enthusiastic introduction to Kook Jin Nim (Kook Jin Nim turned to me and commented on what a good job Rev. Cotter was doing). Airman First Class Sam Lindsay and his wife, Kayo Lindsay presented a bouquet of flowers to Kook Jin Nim, which an usher placed on True Parents' chairs. Kook Jin Nim gave his lecture for about sixty minutes.

After the lecture, there was time for a half dozen questions. Questions were written by the audience and passed to Rev. Cotter. He read selected questions and Kook Jin Nim answered them. After the program, we had a group picture with Kook Jin Nim and then he left immediately for the hotel, accompanied by Rev. Cutts. Rev. Cotter remained behind to greet brothers and sisters in attendance from around the District. Several minister guests were interviewed by the videographers, and candidly shared their thoughts about the program.

On Wednesday morning, Kook Jin Nim had breakfast with fifteen young Unificationists. He sat with some at one table and Rev. Cotter the others at another table. There were lively discussions at both tables.

The flight to Washington, D.C. was at 9:40 AM so Kook Jin Nim and his entourage left around 8:15 AM from the hotel.

Reflection 1 of 13 - Yuri Saito (2G, high school senior, Nashville, TN who traveled five hours to attend program)

“It was truly an inspiring speech, and I am so grateful to have received the opportunity to attend before summer break ended. Throughout his speech, Kook Jin Nim provided numerous examples from history to show us clearly that today's society is not according to God's will for humanity.

“He warned us of China's current military build-up and explained to us the mission of the Peace Police and Peace Military. Despite his busy schedule, Kook Jin Nim also held a question and answer session for us after his speech.

“I definitely think it was worth the five-hour drive to Atlanta and I hope many other people will have the opportunity to hear this speech as well because the information presented provides a fresh perspective of the modern government and society based on the Principle.”

Reflection 2 of 13 - Mrs. Celeste Koshida

“I never heard anything like this before. Finally, I have a glimpse of what Cheon Il Guk will look like. It is so substantial, and explains economics, politics and foreign policy through the perspective of the Divine Principle. This is something that non-Unificationists can relate to, especially more mainline Americans. I am happy to share this vision with others.

Kook Jin Nim gave us insights in how to accomplish the Third Great Blessing from God, and how to apply this to the world and our culture.”

Reflection 3 of 13 - Minyoung Moon (2G, doctoral candidate at Vanderbilt University)

“First of all, I thank Kook Jin Nim for his visit and wonderful speech yesterday. I truly believe that True Children are the hope for our movement, and yesterday he confirmed my belief once again.

Before his speech, I did not have a clear idea about what message he was trying to convey by his Strong Korea agenda. Yesterday's presentation was very helpful for me to understand how his Strong Korea and Freedom Society speeches are connected to Father's teachings and the Divine Principle.

I totally agree with Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim that until now we did not have sociological, political, economical visions about how to solve so many social problems in the world or how to govern the world by God's will. Kook Jin Nim tried to provide those visions and perspectives based on the Divine Principle to our members, and the message he delivered yesterday sounded all true and perfectly correct to my ears.

I am always impressed by Kook Jin Nim's insights of applying the Divine Principle to the real world, especially using social science knowledge. As a student studying social science, I hope I can have such insights to interpret the world based on the Divine Principle.

I think that Kook Jin Nim also showed us how much work one person can do to transform our community. So, I really appreciate him for being such a great example for us, and I hope he can continue to build the concrete vision of Cheon-Il-Guk and share it with us.”

Reflection 4 of 13 - Rev. Dr. Gloria Wright (ACLC pastor and Chaplain of Concerned Black Clergy, Atlanta)

"I appreciated having dinner with Mr. Moon before his lecture, and felt honored to be invited. It gave me a chance to see him up close and personal. I found him very personable, and reachable. People will gravitate to him. He is a fascinating person; someone people like to hang around.

I was pleased that he had his own credentials, and not simply 'son of Rev. Moon'. Justin Moon is wise beyond his years, and has a pleasant sense of humor. I found him to be adorable. He looks like his mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and acts like his father, Father Moon.

I would like to hear more about the 'Freedom Society'. The lecture appealed to both young and old alike. The content had a good mix of facts and wit. I found the ideas refreshing and thought-provoking. I am uncomfortable about guns and weapons, though. I don't mind guns being used for hunting, but not sure about personal handguns. I think that the jury is still out on that issue.

In regards to the program, the forty-minute presentation by Justin's assistant took away from the keynote speaker. Several people sitting around me were getting tired and weary even before the man of the hour got up to speak. The point could have been made in much briefer introduction.

I really enjoyed the evening, and thank all those who made it possible. And I thank Mr. Moon for coming to Atlanta to share his vision."

Reflection 5 of 13 - Atsuhito Saito (2G, first-year student at Memphis University)

"Listening to Kook Jin Nim, you can see he has thought about this very deeply and this idea of a Freedom Society is just so mind blowing that it is hard to imagine that kind of a country existing because of the current conditions of the world. Especially in the US, the government is very controlling of the people and the people are starting to lose faith in the government.

In this country, as Kook Jin Nim said, the ideal nation that the founding fathers desired to see went in a direction that they never imagined. Of course, there is freedom of religion, but this freedom isn't a true freedom. Through court cases and laws being passed, God and the church has been cast out by the government and made as a scapegoat to blame for the bad in the society.

Populism is one of the key concepts of the government in the US and so my question is whether to completely redo the government since it is based on people voting, or to make it smaller and get a more laissez-faire government to create competition and enrich our society with the best possible resources. Each one covers a different aspect of the government and maybe both are needed, but it is kind of hard for me right now to see how our current society will transform over time into a society of true freedom."

Reflection 6 of 13 - David Tranberg

"I am very grateful to Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim for this 8-city tour. I have long held the conviction that we need to develop our church culture; our national level culture. Without a skeleton, we have nothing to flesh out. Kook Jin Nim's paradigm of government as archangel is very helpful. We need the archangel. The proper role of the archangel is as a servant. However, we too often see the reversal of dominion and the enslavement of Adam and Eve. The archangel position is not to be eliminated but restored.

I also appreciated Kook Jin Nim's answer to the question, 'What are we going to do to get rid of racism in America.' He answered, 'Get over it.' This did not sit well with many of our African American members and guests, but I think that is really what needs to happen. President Obama could make great strides in our country if he would do what Nelson Mandela did in South Africa. Mandela said, 'I am president now. Apartheid is done.'

I also appreciate the timing of this tour. With the Presidential elections in November, we need to wake up America to the critical importance of freedom. Otherwise, we are on the fast track for bankruptcy. I like the way Kook Jin Nim addressed the issue from a theological perspective and not from social theory or politics."

Reflection 7 of 13 - Senior Chaplain Jonathan Grigsby

"I was delighted to meet Mr. Moon at dinner before the meeting. What a humble person. He has accomplished so much as an inventor, and entrepreneur. I am amazed at what he did for the Unification Church in Korea and in Japan. And yet, when he came to the podium, he did not have any attitude of 'look at what I did'. And when congratulated, he said, 'I only did what I was asked to do by my father.' What an extraordinary person.

"His lecture was amazing. I could barely contain myself during his speech. What a strong word. He will find many uncomfortable with the idea of reducing government. But, what is the alternative? We are now headed for bankruptcy and people are losing their freedom. I hope that we haven't gone too far to make a correction."

Reflection 8 of 13 - Juanita Pierre Louis (National Vice-President, Women's Federation for World Peace)

"I am grateful for Kook Jin Nim's presentation about an ideal model. He gives us a shell to fill in by living and practicing the Divine Principle. I know he only had one hour for his lecture, but I would like more clarification, and actual action steps. There are many of our own church members who are taking food stamps and receive help from Medicare. They joined the church at an early age, dropping out of college to help God's Providence. Now they have no retirement, and few prospects for other jobs. So, government welfare allows them to support their families and get their own kids through college. In an ideal world, they might receive help from the philanthropic work of others, but not at this point.

Several ACLC ministers thought Kook Jin Nim could benefit from having African American advisors on his staff. The message is really tough, and we need to be a bridge from the current reality to the truth. There has been a tragic history in America. When we bring the "Freedom Society" message to the nation, we need to be sensitive. Black townships were burned down. Land was stolen from blacks, and Black Congressmen were removed from office.

It seems to me that one of the problems with welfare is the way it is administered. Right now, it seems designed to keep people in the welfare trap. Welfare should help people get back on their feet, and become productive citizens."

Reflection 9 of 13 - Young Seung Tariq (2G high school student, Atlanta, GA)

"I enjoyed seeing how the Three Blessing can relate to government, politics and economics. I was also shocked by the President Obama quote about businesses being owned by the government and not by the people that built the business. This kind of attitude really makes me angry with government."

Reflection 10 of 13 - Kenta Kawaguchi (2G, high school graduate, future participant in the National Lovin' Life Leadership Program)

"I really appreciated the opportunity for the Lovin' Life Dance Team to perform for Kook Jin Nim. We really felt it was more than a dance; it was an offering to God and True Parents. It was a blessing for the team.

Kook Jin Nim's lecture opened a way for us to be more concerned about current affairs and active in local politics."

Reflection 11 of 13 - Alex Constantinides (first-time guest, high school senior, Marietta, GA)

"I really enjoyed Mr. Moon's lecture. Everything fit together so well, as he articulated his points. I was also intrigued by how well he responded to the questions during the question and answer period. He has really thought through this issue, and did a great job in just one hour."

Reflection 12 of 13 - Steve Winter (2G, graduate of the National Lovin' Life Leadership Program)

"The lecture was very well put together with facts and slides. It was short, simple and to the point. It was a good introduction and a good first step. I want to know the next step. What's the plan? How do we get government back into its proper role. The presentation was very relevant to the current situation in America. We can help raise the awareness of people. The theological perspective is very good for reaching others. We are not talking about a particular political party, but a certain standard of value."

Reflection 13 of 13 - Justin Wood (2G, high school senior, Nashville, TN)

"I really enjoyed the Freedom Society speech by Kook Jin Nim in Atlanta, Ga. It made me understand more deeply the Divine Principle is more than just a teaching of how we should lead our religious and moral lives, but it is also a textbook that shows how governments, societies and economies have to run. I now know that it is the citizens of the world in the position of Adam and Eve that are responsible for peace and prosperity of our countries and the world not the citizens expecting the government to take care of us.

Before, it was difficult for me to understand how an ideal world would look like and how could I explain to people how the ideal world would be so different from the world today. I am so grateful for this speech given by Kook Jin Nim and I left inspired, motivated and excited! Thank you so much Kook Jin Nim for coming to America to give this speech!"



Poster of Kook Jin Nim welcomes the crowd to the "Freedom Society" 8-city Tour.
Doors opened at 6:30 PM in Atlanta, Tuesday, July 31, 2012



Rev. Joshua Cotter and Pastor Clifton Gaines kickoff the program and thrill the crowd with a spirited duet, singing "This is the Day that the Lord has Made".



Atlanta Lovin' Life Singers: Cynthia Anderson, Naomi Inamori, Miambi Koko and Caroline Koko. They performed "Sailing with Our Father" and "Ho, Hey".



Atlanta Lovin' Life Ballroom Dance team: A. T. and Taisei Noguchi, Angela Koshida and Young Seung Tariq, Morgan Gaines and Kenta Kawaguchi, Caroline Koko and Aaron Inamori, and Soonmi Whedbee and Jacob Whedbee.



Rev. Joshua Cotter giving a passionate introduction to Kook Jin Nim;
"This will change your life and save America!"



Kook Jin Nim enjoys Rev. Cotter's exuberant introduction to the "Freedom Society" message.
(Mrs. Heather Thalheimer, Mrs. Angelika Cutts, Rev. Tom Cutts, Kook Jin Nim)



Airman First Class Sam Lindsay (USAF) and Mrs. Kayo Lindsay prepare to give bouquet to Kook Jin Nim as he comes to the stage.



Kook Jin Nim giving his "Freedom Society" presentation to the participants in Atlanta, GA on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.



Attentive audience listens to Kook Jin Nim's presentation. There were over 350 participants in the main sanctuary and overflow room.



(Front row) Rev. Dr. Gloria Wright, Princess Julia Horton, Minister Carolyn Parker, Dr. Babs Stinson, Mrs. Juanita Pierre Louis and Pastor Samuel Mosteller.



Kook Jin Nim answering questions read by Rev. Cotter.



Benediction prayer offered by Pastor Tiffanie Gaines, Atlanta Lovin' Life Pastor.



Group photo from Atlanta, Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

KOOK JIN NIM'S EIGHT-CITY "FREEDOM SOCIETY" TOUR

WASHINGTON, DC

Location (Venue): The Washington Times Arbor Ballroom

Program Date and Time: Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 7:00 PM

Number of Participants: 450-500

Reported By: Rev. Randall Francis, District Pastor, District 1

PROGRAM REPORT

Wednesday, August 1, 2012 was a glorious day for renewing our passion for substantial world peace, human rights and true freedom in District One. We welcomed two members of True Parents' family to the metropolitan area.

Our Senior Pastor Rev. In Jin Moon, president of the Unification Church USA, was on Capitol Hill, in the US Capitol Visitors Center Briefing Room, conducting a congressional briefing organized by The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) on human rights centered on the issue of violent abductions of Unificationists in Japan. "The things that are taking place in Japan are an egregious violation of human rights that needs to be stopped – one cannot put rape, physical abuse, mental torture, and emotional manipulation as simply a family matter (as claimed by Japanese authorities). Rev. Moon told the seventy persons gathered including members of Congress, their staffs and human rights' leaders, "This is not just a family matter." She stressed to the group, which included many religious-freedom activists. The distinguished panel of human-rights experts called for the U.S. State Department to commence talks with the government of Japan on the issue of religious persecution of minority religions in Japan.

Later in the evening, nearly five-hundred Unificationist young and old, along with many friends in faith from all around the Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia area, along with several east coast states, gathered in Washington, DC for the seventh stop on the eight-city tour of Dr. Kook Jin Moon. The theme was "The Freedom Society" - A Vision for Building God's Ideal World".

Our day with Dr. Moon was filled with small gatherings with very passionate dialogue about the roles of government and ways to increase freedom for true growth of the individual, family and society as a whole. Over dinner, the discussions continued with our local church leadership and ACLC clergy. Dr. Moon welcomed all the deep questions that were asked and listened intently to those striving to understand the concepts of freedom. He stated that he learns from what others are thinking and somehow God teaches him what to answer. Saying, "It's all rooted in theology. It's as simple as that."

Rev. Levy Daugherty commented that, "Dr. Moon really has a passion for this subject and a clear explanation of God's intention and hopes. But, he also listens intently to what others are saying and questioning. He really listens; he may tell you where you are right or wrong, but he really listens with all his focus. That really struck me as a quality of a man of God."

The central gathering was held in the Arbor Ballroom of The Washington Times. As the door opened, we started with a pre-program, which was led by emcee Emerson Lykes, the DC Area Lovin' Life Ministry Unified Worship Emcee and Youth & Young Adult Ministry Assistant. After welcoming and setting the

tone, he introduced the DCBC Metro Music Ministry Band, led by Jin Soon Stephens, who performed two spirited songs.

Promptly at 7:00 PM, Emerson introduced our National Executive Vice President, Rev. Joshua Cotter who gave a rousing welcome to everyone and then introduced a special Al Jazeera TV Video which highlighted the March 2012 Blessing of Marriage ceremony and many developments of our movement in Korea and elsewhere. As the video came to an end, Rev Cotter welcomed our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kook Jin Moon, who entered the packed Arbor Ballroom to a rousing ovation. Kook Jin Nim, as he is known by those associated with the Unification Church, is Chairman of the Tongil Foundation.

Rev. Cotter then led our traditional bowing of respect to the Founders, our True Parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, along with a bow to Kook Jin Nim representing the True Children. Rev. Randall Francis, District Pastor of the Mid-Atlantic area, offered an opening prayer, calling on God's guidance and clear understanding of this new content which is based on True Parents' teachings.

The DCBC Metro Music Ministry Band was reintroduced to perform one more song, "Sweet Disposition" by Temper Trap. The audience enthusiastically clapped and danced along with the band.

The initial presentation of the evening was given by Mr. Tim Elder, Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Tongil Foundation. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on recent Developments in Korea and Japan, which True Parents have been directing Kook Jin Nim to implement along with his brother, our International President, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon.

As this presentation came to an end, Rev. Cotter asked all present to rise and welcome Dr. Kook Jin Moon for his presentation. Kaeleigh and David Moffitt, our Maryland Youth Ministry and Creative Team Leader couple, made a beautiful presentation of flowers to welcome him. As we were seated, there was an air of expectation in the air as Kook Jin Nim said, "It is good to be here in Washington, DC." He then asked the audience, "Do you know about the tragedy that happened in the Garden of Eden? How Many players were involved?" As taken from Rev. Francis' notes, He went on to explain that there was God, Adam, Eve and the Archangel. Four characters or positions were involved. Since then, all of human history has been struggling to regain the proper positioning that God originally intended for Adam and Eve, His children, as true men and women and the Archangel as true servant to God and His children. Adam and Eve fell away from God's original purpose and lost their freedom, and therefore we have lost our freedom and we too are out of position. All of history has been God's work to reestablish the proper positions and, as True Parents explain, to bring total liberation and freedom to humankind and to God.

Kook Jin Nim further explained that the Freedom Society is based on theology; a theology that once you start to understand it, gets deeper and deeper and ever wider and which can solve all of God's headaches. It is a vision for building God's ideal world, a world where God's children can perfect the Three Great Blessings and take full dominion of creation, including the angels. He explained that this will only take place once we, as God's children, inherit the strong Abel traditions by governing ourselves from God's perspective of freedom with responsibility. This will mean arming ourselves for strength and protection, along with reducing the size of government influence and replacing it with faith-based and compassionate community giving to care for those in need and to give them hope to improve their own personal situations. He reiterated that the problem that happened in the Garden of Eden is still plaguing humankind today, explaining again that the positions of God and His children have been usurped by the Archangel.

Just as the Archangel became Satan, when he seduced God's daughter Eve, then they tempted Adam to follow in sin as well. Nowadays, the Archangel position of servant is taken by government. But, instead of encouraging freedom, the government is actively pursuing God's children, especially women, to become dependent on the government support at the cost of freedom and therefore, much like in a narcotic addiction, gets trapped in a depressive and demeaning position. So, Instead of fulfilling the Three Great Blessings, people are enslaved to the government thinking therein lies the answer to their problems. It really shows that the government can be so bold to move from the servant position to a position dominating God's children and stripping them of freedom (for more details, please see www.familyfed.org/members).

Kook Jin Nim concluded with a strong encouragement for all those interested in true freedom to study this theology of the Freedom Society and work to spread the word and save this nation and the world from World War III. The threats are real and coming from both within the USA and from nations like China as they grow in strength.

Pastor Judith Lejeune, of Lovin' Life Ministries of Northern VA reflected, "I can see where there will be many obstacles both in our movement and outside when it comes to some very practical applications, such as the legal system and the economic systems he shared with us. However, when carried to its logical conclusion it all makes sense. I am grateful for Kook Jin Nim's depth of vision and heart to have studied, sought out answers to his questions, connected with True Parents and is now bringing it to us."

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All of the audience rose to a thunderous applause of support and then Kook Jin Nim returned to the stage to take many thoughtful questions that were written and collected from the crowd. He answered them very clearly, covering all related details.

As a conclusion, we surprised Dr. Moon with a birthday cake, singing Happy Birthday as a group, with all the clergy and Ambassadors for Peace on stage as he cut the big cake. It was his 42nd birthday and our entire audience had signed a birthday card for him with personal messages of gratitude.

Rev. Angelika Selle, WFWP-USA President, offered the benediction prayer and Dr. Douglas D.M. Joo offered a greeting from The Washington Times and then lead cheers of Og Mansei proclaiming eternal victory for God, True Parents and America. Afterward, we all gathered for a group photo in a joyful and hopeful atmosphere.

Reflection 1 of 8 - Mrs. Kathleen Goto (former Unification Pastor with her husband in Northern Virginia)

"Thank you Kook Jin Nim. You gave me so much hope with your presentation. I have been a member of the Tea Party ever since it began in response to the Health Care Vote. It has grieved me deeply that our movement has not been involved in this battle to take our country back from having been taken over by a government that I can only describe as Marxist statist. Having been taught by True Father's Victory Over Communism ideology, it has been like watching our country moving toward a cliff with blindfolds on, except for just a few small voices trying to sound an alarm -- a pitiful few. But, an amazing thing has begun to happen. The real America is waking up to it. So many people are talking about the Founding Fathers and the danger of Communism in America and the need to restore our country back to being governed by the Constitution. And now, Kook Jin Nim has brought a real tool to the table for us to use in

helping these people see a way to return America to its position as the "city on the hill", the beacon for the rest of the world. The people are ready to listen to this message, now. It won't be like it was back in the 70's and 80's when you talked about Communism and all you got were blank stares and "you're crazy, we don't have a problem." Now, people know we have a problem and are looking for a solution. I recommend that we work with the Tea Party. These presentations offer real solutions and could be given to these meetings right now to a welcoming audience. Actually, we should be the Tea Party Leaders who give these lectures."

Reflection 2 of 8 - Mr. Henri Schauffler (Unificationist and Business Coach)

"Since the Soviet fall and the end of the Sino-US cold war, I and many have felt that we still need CAUSA/American Leadership Conference/Victory over Communism-type material that addresses the "God/No-God" question based on the Principle and the Bible for the 21st Century. There is a lot of confusion right now in America (and even among American UC members) with 50% wanting more government and free stuff, and 50% against the expansion of government power.

We are at a crossroads for America right now, much as we were in 1980 when True Father mobilized our movement to help elect Reagan. With the next US Presidential election only a few months away, I sincerely believe the timing of this message could not be better. We are facing a similar crucial election, but it is not about the external Communism threat, it's about what's happening inside America. I believe this message should get out to as many American members and citizens as possible, as soon as possible.

We thank Kook Jin Nim so much for his prayerful and humble search to find these new applications of the Original Substance of the Divine Principle to help us fight this battle for the very soul of America. And he consistently gives credit to True Parents. When we thank him, he says, "This is True Parents' message!"

Reflection 3 of 8 - Jin Soon Stephens (2G Unificationist and Metro Music Ministry Leader)

"Kook Jin Nim's Freedom Society presentation was the first ever logical and achievable explanation on how to build the Kingdom of Heaven that I've ever heard. I keep being worried and lately feeling a little hopeless about how we can really build this Kingdom. Our parents have been working at it all their lives and still I could not see it happening anytime soon, especially by 2013, simply because I couldn't see any achievable plan occurring in our movement that will be able to affect the world's 7 billion people, until now. Kook Jin Nim's plan gives me a new-found hope that maybe we can actually do this after all.

Now all I ask is that we really start this 12-step plan towards transitioning this country and other countries from welfare nations to free markets, independent from the government. I think I'm starting to understand why God wanted me to study Business. I will make this my new mission in my studies; to learn more about how we can make this change."

Reflection 4 of 8 - Teresa Ledesma (Unificationist)

"It is, indeed, profound and prophetic that KOOK stands for NATION. His name reflects his character, and this is no coincidence, I am sure. True Parents' guidance and prayers for him, maybe even their intention, was that Kook Jin Nim grow to become a leader with the kind of business acumen that can wield influence on governments and the private sector worldwide. God, finally incarnate in our True Parents, needs such a soul to be His mouthpiece as we move towards the fulfillment of the Third Blessing on the worldwide level. He is asking us to consider the practical steps necessary to achieve this gargantuan but

inevitable Will of God. It was a relief, actually, to hear this kind of message coming from the True Family. I was deeply impressed with his keen awareness of the political and economic issues of the day and the parallels he drew between government and the archangel. Lastly, his humility and deference before his father and the Divine Principle cannot go without mention. Thank you, Kook Jin Nim, thank you.

Reflection 5 of 8 - Judith Lejeune (Unification Co-Pastor of the Northern Virginia Church)

“Kook Jin Nim’s vision for Freedom and Responsibility is indeed Breaking News. I experienced a renewal of faith and pride when Lovin’ Life Ministries brought order, joy and a vision for spiritual rebirth in America. Again, through Kook Jin Nim I experienced more than a renewal; I experienced great hope for the future of our country and the world. Revealing the Garden of Eden as the root, and containing all the fundamental elements, needed to build a world that clearly reflects God purpose of creation by actualizing God’s Principles of Creation in the political, social, economic and educational realms is not only inspiring, but a revelation. I don’t know Kook Jin Nim’s plan for spreading the Freedom Society, but I could envision it as something like ACLC training people from the political, business and educational fields to spread the blueprint for establishing a prosperous and free nation as an example for the world. Thank you Kook Jin Nim for honoring True Parents in such a needed and substantial way.

I was honored to be present at breakfast and dinner with Kook Jin Nim. I was impressed with his clarity and humble response to the many questions he received at both meals. He listened to the questions and when the person didn’t understand he never became upset but simply proceeded to explain his reasoning. I was especially impressed with his honesty when his answer was his own projection and when it was from God’s principled viewpoint. Throughout, I felt the freedom and responsibility he spoke of started right there with us and we had the freedom to cast visions and possibilities of our own in how to propagate and implement this revelation.

I can see where there will be many obstacles both in our movement and outside when it comes to some very practical applications, such as the legal system and the economic systems he shared with us. However, when carried to its logical conclusion it all makes sense. I am grateful for Kook Jin Nim’s depth of vision and heart to have studied, sought out answers to his questions, connected with True Parents and is now bringing it to us.

When I saw the PowerPoint presentation that night, I was excited and stimulated to share this with so many people. I saw the clergy responding so favorably and the questions our members asked were so deep and thought provoking. It is an exciting time to be alive.

Reflection 6 of 8 - Richard Urban (Unificationist in Washington, DC)

“The Freedom Society speech made a lot of sense regarding the reversal of dominion of the welfare state. I felt that the explanation of the Police Military could use more clarification and reconciliation with the translation that has been given in the Peace Messages in True Father’s speeches. Hopefully, efforts aiming for accountability and transparency will become standard in all Unification Churches.”

Reflection 7 of 8 - Bernard Herrera (Unificationist, Hispanic Business Owner)

“Kook Jin Nim was absolutely phenomenal. We need this type of presentation more often. I know that he is a busy bee, but he understands that True Father built this movement by denying even the True Children a regular family life with their parents. Please, Kook Jin Nim, come more often. I’ll be willing to pay to listen to your deep yet humble wisdom. I want to help bring this to all our international communities

as well. Thank you for acknowledging how difficult it is to understand True Parents and for pushing us to keep studying. God Bless You.”

Reflection 8 of 8 - Rev. Zagery Oliver (Pastor, Lovin' Life Ministries, Washington, DC)

“For me, it is extremely enlightening to hear how Kook Jin Nim put the principle into action in a realistic approach to building a society that reflects the original ideal of God starting in the garden. From my original mind perspective it makes complete sense, however looking at the reality of the world situation it become very challenging to make that transition. But to coordinate to what Kook Jin Nim said is that we are addicted to the ways of the world, but it is the same as the AA humanity needs a 12-step process to wean us off the false society that has been built.

Taking the premise from the perspective of the Garden and the original dynamic relationships that we are supposed to be in, it is quite an ingenious view and revelation that I think ultimately makes total sense, but needs some serious brainstorming so we can come up with the method that it can override this political system that is dominated by the Archangel and implement the Head Wing Freedom Society.”









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A Vision for Building God's Ideal World

Kook Jin Moon

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KOOK JIN NIM'S EIGHT-CITY "FREEDOM SOCIETY" TOUR

NEW YORK CITY, NY

Location (Venue): The DoubleTree Hotel, Tarrytown, NY

Program Date and Time: Friday, August 3, 2012, 7:00 PM

Number of Participants: 1,000

Reported By: Rev. Bruce Grodner, Dr. Anne Iparraguirre and Rev. Richard Buessing

PROGRAM REPORT

The eighth event of the American Freedom Society Tour was held in Tarrytown, NY at the DoubleTree Hilton. All were welcomed to the newly-renovated lobby with its warm rustic elegance. The lobby began to fill early with people coming from as far as New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. At 6:30 PM, the doors were opened and people made their way into the Grand Ballroom where 1,000 seats including an overflow area awaited. This large room felt intimate with the energy of expectation. The anticipation was due in part to the broadcast of a wonderful presentation about the Freedom Society and Strong Korea given by Hyung Jin Moon the Sunday prior to Kook Jin Nim's New York leg of the tour.

The program began with a greeting from Jaga Gavin, the National Youth Pastor of the Lovin' Life Ministries and the chatter of people happily greeting friends and family turned into a choir of congregational singing as the unique vocals and tight rhythm of the Junction Band led the gathering in song. This was followed by a documentary by News Aljazeera entitled, "The Kingdom of Rev. Moon" that shared the incredible success of Father and all that he has accomplished, as well as current challenges by the Kwak Group.

Rev. Joshua Cotter, Executive Vice President, HSA-UWC USA served as the emcee of the main program with a robust enthusiasm resulting from his genuine transformation which took place during his tour with Kook Jin Nim. As Rev. Cotter prepared the audience to welcome Kook Jin Nim, In Jin Nim and other members of the True Family all rose to their feet to greet, welcome and support him.

Rev Cotter introduced Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr., National Co-President of ACLC and Senior Pastor of Imani Temple, who gave an opening prayer to help connect to the spiritual dimension of this gathering. His prayer was followed by another congregational song.

Mr. Tim Elder, a long-time church member and assistant to Kook Jin Nim who has spent many years as a translator, gave a talk and PowerPoint presentation on how Kook Jin Nim had taken on very difficult tasks in Korea and Japan and had brought substantial success.

A wonderful introduction by Rev. Joshua Cotter welcomed Kook Jin Nim and Ji Hye Nim (his wife) to the stage as we all genuinely applauded. Flowers were then presented by two 2nd-generation representatives.

The sincere applause continued as Kook Jin Moon stood at the podium to deliver his message. The applause seemed to be saying, 'Thank you for all that you have done for True Parents; we are glad to see you and we welcome this message of the Freedom Society'. Eventually, the congregation allowed Kook

Jin Nim to begin his presentation, which was a very logical analysis of what a healthy society would look like as people take responsibility for the care of its citizens, a job that has been usurped by government. Reflecting the Fall in the Garden of Eden, the government in the position of the servant has become a master rather than supporting God's children in the true position of a servant, very much a continuation of the Fall in which the Archangel Lucifer dominated and controlled God's son and daughter. Kook Jin Nim's message was sincere, profound and straight with a continuum of logic, humor and with deep spiritual undertones.

At the end of his talk, Kook Jin Nim took a few questions of the many that were handed in and naturally answered them with the same simple clarity as his presentation. Then the program concluded with the cutting of a beautiful cake as we all sang, "Happy Victory to You", followed by a wonderful benediction from Bishop Sulanch Lewis-Grant of the Little Rock Zion Deliverance Ministries and three cheers of "Og Mansei" from Reverend Ki Yeal Lee, the National Director of KEA. We then regrouped at Belvedere for celebration cake and coffee.

Reflection 1 of 5 - Bishop Sulanch Lewis-Grant (Little Rock Zion Deliverance Ministries, Brooklyn, NY)

"It was really great and phenomenal to see the presentation and the direction he was going. People really need to hear what he was saying and need to stay on course using the Divine Principle. The vision and flame has been stirred up in him. I was so happy to be asked to give the benediction.

Prior to the event, I was lying in my bed and I had a vision of Father Moon traveling to many cities and I was asked to be part of it. I saw the victory cake and to be asked to give the closing prayer was so special as it was a confirmation that Kook Jin Nim represented True Father and I was there to support him.

It is a revelation that these seeds will fall on good soil and there was much good soil there. I saw this message helping ministers, friends and family to affirm their purpose and fulfill the ideal of true freedom. It's a new era we are no longer in the valley but on the mountaintop. Unleashed from our chains and bondage, we must make our move to make the choice to affirm our destiny."

Reflection 2 of 5 - Archbishop Moses de la Rosa (Christ Family Church, Mt. Vernon, NY)

"The presentation was beautiful and the clearest presentation I have heard thus far. He knew his subject matter, especially understanding the fallen nature. He explained how our sinful nature has continued until today. Governments have created dictatorship from the beginning using fear to dominate and control like Hitler demonically oppressed people.

He is a very good orator, taking his time to explain clearly his points, unlike most preachers rushing through the subject matter. He also patiently took his time to answer questions even though some were already answered in the presentation. His talk will help me in preparing for my future sermons. The evening left me with a broad perspective and understanding of the enemy. I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

Reflection 3 of 5 - Ambassador Denroy Morgan (Ambassador for the Ethiopian Coptic Church, well-known Reggae musician and Rastafarian community member)

"My experience was great. When I listened to his speech it was though I was listening to a world leader. God's ideal kingdom is where freedom and responsibility work hand in hand. Without responsibility freedom is not deserved. God's freedom without responsibility can cause a lot of mistakes."

Reflection 4 of 5 - Niina Jewell (2G, Care Teams Director, Lovin' Life Ministries, NJ)

"I had already seen Kook Jin Nim's speech in Korea the week before at the Cheongpyeong 10-day Original Substance of the Divine Principle (OSDP) Workshop and although it was exciting the first time I heard it, I wasn't expecting the speech to be much different from before. However, I was wrong. It was much better than the first time I heard it!

In the beginning, I can sense that the atmosphere around me was still scattered and not present with the speaker. People were shocked to see the documentary on our movement and were not clear about the purpose of it being shown. Then, there was the report from Korea and some long prayers and more music. Finally, Kook Jin Nim began speaking but I noticed people tune out as soon as it started out with the slide of the Three Blessings. I'm sure they thought, 'Why are they showing this to me, we know this already.' It wasn't until Kook-Jin Nim pulled together the diagram of 'The Fall' and applied it to our society today that people woke up and began to listen. All of a sudden, I was aware that everyone was listening so intently to what KJN had to say and the room fell silent. You could almost feel a slight tension in the atmosphere.

I was so excited! People were listening! The feeling of anxiety and nervousness of how others would handle this information disappeared right away as I heard the 'Freedom Society' speech explained over again. As I was listening the second time, his explanation and points resided in me much deeper and clearer. I am still amazed at how he was able to see the concepts/principles in the Divine Principle in real life, right here in today's society! And when it was explained I felt, 'How simple is this concept, and why couldn't we see this before? Why can't we see the principles from the DP in our daily lives like True Father said we should be able to... if we *really* knew the DP?'

After coming back from Korea and hearing Hyung Jin Nim, learning deeper principles from the OSDP, and hearing Kook Jin Nim's speech twice, I really feel how crucial it is to study the Divine Principle over and over again in order not to get swayed and confused by the Populist culture that dominates American Society. Too many of us are becoming unclear and having a harder time distinguishing what is right and true according to God and True Parents' will. I feel that this is the only way to ensure myself that no matter what turmoil exists around me, I will not get separated from God and True Parents, because everywhere I look, the people I love are being snatched by Satan.

I am truly grateful that we have a clearer understanding of what the Ideal World could look like. For the Second Generation especially, I feel that it is more realistic and feasible than originally thought. I know that we still have a ways to go to really figure out together what our beliefs and standpoints are in politics, sociology, psychology, etc. But I am glad that we are evolving as a movement, and that we have the True Children working together with each other. I know that they will bring about many more enlightenments and guidance into our Unificationist Society."

Reflection 5 of 5 - Francis Marchitelli (2G, 18 years old, Camp Shehaqua participant from Maryland)

"It was interesting hearing this perspective on military and business in the ideal world. Throughout the whole speech, I felt that it was a well-motivated and a 'God and True Parents' centered speech. I don't think I've ever heard Koo Jin Nim speak before so it was really nice hearing from him."









