

True Mother's Speaking Tour of America

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A new age starts today. As of my 80th birthday, indemnity in restoration is over and the millennium kingdom ... Those who can participate in the first resurrection are those who can enter the millennial kingdom. We should live with a new spirit. Your life habits and standards cannot be used any more. The new words [i.e. Father's words] are something you can use to fight against Satan. These words are a record of victory. You should become an embodiment of these words and along with them you should go together with your country and world, become one with them and follow the straight path centered on God. The right path is one direction, centered on God in the realm of heart.

The realms of heart encompass the entirety of the new age. The second advent has come and the realms of heart have been established in the eight stages. Everything is included in these realms of heart. True Adam and Eve are the fruit of these realms of heart. When they become one, the realms of heart start, and they expand centered on the tribe, nation and world. The tribal realm of heart goes into the national realm of heart. So you should become the representatives of the realms of heart on each level. You should establish the model of heart on each level.

Because of the fall, all these realms separated. We should make them one, from the individual to the family, tribe, country and world. They should be connected centered on the root. The family of Adam and Eve who have overcome Satan's word has emerged on the world stage. The way of the filial son, patriot and saint are connected in order to make a unified realm of heart.

Now is the transitional age. Being a blessed family means that one represents the unfallen Adam and Eve whom God has been trying to restore for thousands of years. You will inherit the victorious foundation by having absolute faith, love and obedience. You cannot practice satanic habits anymore. This is a turning point centered on True Parents liberating heaven and earth and completing the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. You have been elevated to that stage, without any merit of your own. Adam and Eve have no merit of their own, but when they become perfect they are object partners of God's love. So by cutting off everything you inherit everything on all eight stages, starting with the individual. You are connected to that for free.

On the levels of individual, family and tribe you are like central people; you are the seed of each age. Although you are different as individuals you all recognize True Parents' standard of value. I have to speak

rapidly, because there is not enough time. Record my words and see if they are right or wrong. The blessed families are the fruit of the cosmic providence of blessing. Now is the age of the kingdom, in which we can fulfill all our responsibilities. In the past we talked of American professors and scholars; this is not necessary now. All we need are the True Parents, the parents of heaven and earth.

I have a foundation in every field in the heavenly world. I want to bequeath all this to you. Don't even think about your satanic past and connections. Just unite with True Parents, become the embodiment of the world, go over the realm of judgement and reach resurrection. The hoon dok hae gatherings are important, liberating people from the individual to every level. All the people of the world can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven this way. Because we

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have found these values, let us keep absolute faith, love and obedience and go into the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Then we can connect with the absolute life, love and lineage and can freely move.

In order to do this, we declare the Federation of the Cosmic True Parents. In the Old Testament Age and New Testament Age, humankind had two masters. The parents were under persecution and in the satanic ages they could not settle themselves. We established the realm of liberation of heaven and earth, and so our families can settle in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Old Testament Age and New Testament Age were striving to restore one family. Can you say, "I will be responsible to perfect all these realms up to the cosmic level"? That family is one whose value is millions of times that of an ordinary family. We should perfect the original values of the family millions of times in our own family. This is really amazing. Everything will be included in the realm of liberation. In the Bible it says that the last will be the first. The last page will be the first page in the book, Adam and Eve. We should be the masters of our family, have pride, and be filial children to God and lead the age of the great turning point, the age of the great turning point. [Father said it twice.]

Jesus wanted to hold the wedding supper of the lamb. He had no country. He died because Cain and Abel could not become one. If Catholicism and Protestantism become one, it will save Jesus from death. Left and right cannot fight but must become one to save Jesus. Left, right, south and north; all should become one, centered on the realms of heart. The Arab and communist worlds represent the satanic realm. In the Holy Communion we eat and drink the flesh and blood of Jesus, and the blood and flesh become one with us symbolically.

If Jesus had not died, Israel and the Arabs would have become one and created a unified world over which Jesus would have been the king of kings. But his flesh and spirit separated because of the failure. Now the True Parents are alive and are trying to unite Cain and Abel while they are alive.

We should find the mother on the levels of individual and family. This is the Holy Spirit. The [spiritual] Holy Spirit and the substantial Holy Spirit should become one as the mother. This should give rise to the individual, family and tribe and bring a great transformation in the lineage. So you should have absolute faith in me and mother.

Three generations should be blessed and form a four position foundation. Do you understand? You don't have your parents in your hometown. You don't have your tribe or your country there. They are somewhere else, some other place. We lost the nation and the family and became isolated, all alone. We became so sorrowful as to commit suicide, but we cannot kill ourselves. Thus we have to start from the bottom of hell and raise ourselves up. Then we go over finally to the direct dominion of God.

We are now standing on top of the world. We should create absolute value on the foundation of inheriting True Parents' victory, so this is the great turning point. The Federation of Cosmic True Parents means that the True Parents are at the top of the cosmos. They can go directly to God. It took thousands of years to restore to this point, but now we can go up directly on the vertical path. Satan cannot accuse now. From the center we go up on a vertical line. Kwak Chung Hwan, Hwang Sun Jo, Yang Chang Shik, do you understand? Everyone should follow the contents spoken at this 80th birthday. You should understand how the 300 volumes of my speeches flow as a whole.

I should move all the leaders. I have many memories of working hard with you, memories of working in the past age of indemnity. Now we just have to read my words. They contain all the saints' patriotism and hard work and put you in the center of that love. If you serve a good teacher, then you will be a good teacher; if you serve a good master, you will be a good master. All humanity has been elevated to the position to be able to go into God's heart all at once. Let us celebrate singing songs together.

Koreans, raise your hands. Korea includes Japan and America. This is the homeland, the vertical [environment]. You can supervise everything. "New Koreans" that means everyone, raise your hands. Those who speak only English are like captives or hostages. You have to speak English because you learned it, but they should learn Korean. Those who do not know or speak Korean, raise your hands, high. Do you raise your hands low because you are ashamed? Sankuk is a Korean curse. Is it good or bad? It is a curse. It means something like bad children and bad parents. Wake up! I don't have a teacher. Who is my teacher? I am my own teacher. God has not been my teacher. He has not been able to teach me. I taught myself and I made myself True Parents and a master. If God could have done it by Himself, He would have long ago, but it didn't happen.

C A L E N D A R

APRIL 2000

- 1 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- 5 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
- 5 Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 7 138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 7 57 Single Blessing (1989)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
- 10 Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
- 10 Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Established (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 15 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 8 Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
- 17 Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 20 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 22 Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 29 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)

MAY 2000

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
- 1 43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 1 Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 6 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 7 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 13 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
- 16 Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 26 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- 28 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (4/25/82)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West (Global) Victory (1999)

JUNE 2000

- 2 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 13 39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
- 13 1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 16 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 18 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 23 Day of One Heart (1989)

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Leaders Meeting

From today, I change all your names. Will you be a Moon? Do you want your family name to be Moon, or Han, or Cha? What do you want your family name to be? Moon means "sacrificial altar," according to the Chinese characters. It has a level top and legs. It means unification of heaven and earth. At the altar you shed your blood. The Chinese character for father looks like a drunken person, tilted to one side. So if he goes to the altar it will be a problem. Then they become one and start unification. Say, "family Moon." If you say Moon-ssi, you mean "seed of the moon" [a play on words]. Pak-ssi means Pak family and also "seed of Pak." Do you want to be a Moon? Where do you want to attach it? At the front or at the back, as Americans do? Americans have the family name at the end, and Easterners have it at the head. Americans have it at the end, signifying that they are following. It should not be Sun Myung Moon, but Moon Sun Myung.

The East will go to the top and the West to the bottom. [Father explains the different hand motions for going and coming.] They compliment each other. In the West you creep, the western greeting is as if to an animal; the East respects the ancestors' vertical connection. The western way is to know only the spouse and family. This ruins the order of God. Ethical corruption came from America. It is all upside down.

There is something on the top of Buddha's head, and on the top of a pyramid. It is the fruit. Your family name should be on your forehead or on top of your head. Do you want to be a Moon from now on? Is there a difference between the satanic moon and heavenly moon? Reverend Moon is a strong sound, with a harsh breath. You put it on top of your head and everything likes it. You can go over anything, all the indemnity and whatever. Those here are all leaders, right? Did newly blessed people come here? You leaders are not so handsome, but you are still leaders. What kind of leaders are you? Can you lead as my representatives? The tree has a bud, leaves and trunk and leads to a seed. You become a seed representing me.

There are many levels of leaders. Those who think you are Unification Church leaders, raise your hands. Those who think they are NOT Unification Church leaders, stand up. (Just a few.) You are like spies. Only leaders are supposed to be here. Now, those who are determined to become leaders of the Unification Church, raise your hands and say, mansei. Mansei is more precious than hallelujah. Mansei represents liberation. If you do not want to die, teach them Korean. [To the Japanese:] You need to know the language of the parents and elder son. Then you will know all three languages and you can handle everything.

Everyone needs the father's language and that of the mother nation. Then it is no problem to connect the three nations. If you can speak Korean, you should at least be able to understand English and Japanese, so you can work together. Rev. Yang, did you bring it? It took 90 minutes to read these the last time; that is too much time. So read the two speeches. One is The Cosmos is My Hometown and Fatherland and the other is Everybody Wants True Love. [Dr. Yang started preparing to read

the speeches.]

We did not know who the master of love is. Marriage is a woman making a man the master of love and a man making a woman the master of love. This is husband and wife. They didn't know this simple truth. You can unify heaven and earth with this simple truth. So I will be speaking in the stadiums throughout the country, from the last week of this month, and I want to

read almost all of the speech.]

Father: By oneself, one cannot perfect the internal path. Setting on that standard of unification, we accomplish

perfection. Rev. Kwak, please report about the last few days.

Rev. Kwak: For almost ten years we have been holding the WCSF, an event that summarizes and brings together all the accomplishment of True Parents' worldwide providence. And also it is to build the culture of true love and true families. And it serves to bring True Parents to the atten-

But because he had to declare it historically, he gathered leaders of all fields and declared it to them when they were all together, amid their celebration and congratulations. That's why Father chose this occasion to announce these new organizations.

Now we are in a new age. These organizations will play the central role leading us to carry out our responsibilities in the new age. The organizations we had so far belonged to the age of indemnity. They were subject to Satan's accusation. These two new ones, on the other hand, belong to the new age. The new age is that in which we can serve True Parents along with humanity and all things in harmony and with substance. We can take care of and manage everything relating to the progress of history and God's providence, centering on True Parents. I expect Father will clarify the relationship between the two organizations over the coming days. The Federation will have members. It is a basic organization with us as members, and through this organization in the family we try to develop our character to resemble that of True Parents and serve and attend True Parents. So the House of Unification has the function of education, providing education to all the people and to us. It is the education of how to be True Parents as the true master of true love, the true parents of true love, and the true teacher of true love. True Parents, who are such people, spread education according to this ideal. So we established this with famous people from around the world. The declaration was read, then all the people signed it. The center of the declaration or resolution was something to this effect:

First is True Parents' vision for world peace and its importance, centering on True Parents and true love. This presupposes that they realize the importance of Father's teaching about True Parents. Second, True Parents are the only ones in human history who have realized the true ideal of God. We believe that they are the ones who have substantiated and realized God's ideal. Third, we recognize the need and support education centered on the values of holiness and sacredness of the family and marriage and all these ideals. We pledge to become small True Parents and spread this education to the society and world. This was an amazing declaration that they signed. So, let's welcome all of this with a round of applause to return glory to God and True Parents.

Next, through the birthday and WCSF, you all realize that we have broken down the wall and experienced the inspiration. From the opening banquet, we did not have enough seats, because there were so many guests from overseas. Many people from Korea could not participate; I'm sorry about that. You can see the video in the future.

Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo offered the opening prayer. This has great symbolic meaning. So far, the papacy has not had the right attitude toward True Parents, but now their representative offered this prayer. This amazed the reporters and other Catholics from other countries. Archbishop Milingo is from the Vatican City, so they were amazed and realized that this is not a small event. He offered a benediction at the last blessing and his attitude now has developed tremendously. The National Messiah of Italy, Rev. Song, set many conditions to bring him. So he has come close to True Parents. From the depth of his heart he respects True Parents' words, so he is taking this bold step to pray for the dinner despite opposition.

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True Father greeting True Mother at the end of her speaking tour

make a big banquet and bring all the sisters from throughout the country and give them big awards. There are no women who do not like me. I will bring them to the women's kingdom around the country. We want to unify heaven and earth and women are the ones to go in first.

Dr. Yang, just read the two speeches. Cosmos means the house of love. A house contains everything we need. This is the house in which God can rest and dwell and handle everything in the world with the authority of True Parents. It is my house and my wife's house. The wife's true love house is the husband and the husband's true love house is the wife, and the children's true love house is the parents and the parents' true love house is the children.

[Dr. Yang reads almost all of North South Unification and World Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love, the speech Father gave on February 10 at True Parents' Birthday Celebration, Olympic Gymnastic Stadium.]

Father: Please read the entirety of these speeches by yourselves, because they are very important, having been delivered on the victorious foundation. You can use these words to accomplish an explosion of heart. The next speech we will read is The Cosmos is My Hometown and Fatherland

[Dr. Yang explains about the February 2 event at which Father delivered this speech. We gave awards to leaders from all over America. 120 congressmen were there, and there was a lot of media coverage. These words also were read on February 10 at the Lotte Hotel, at the opening banquet of WCSF 2000. Then Dr. Yang

tion of the world. In conjunction with True Father's 80th birthday and True Mother's 57th birthday, we held the 4th WCSF, which was a real blessing. I will talk about two major fruits of this birthday celebration and WCSF.

First, as the fruit of the WCSF and the 80th birthday, by grace, we have established two organizations at the center of the providence. True Father has been talking about making these during hoon dok hae, but to make it concrete he directed that we establish them at the time of the 400 million couple blessing. So, on February 13 at the banquet, True Father announced the two organizations being established. The first is "The Family House of the Federation for Peace and Unification." [Ed. Note: The translation of the title of this organization was never clear to me; it was never formally, carefully announced, at least at that meeting.] It doesn't have cosmos, whereas in Korean there is cosmos. It is the party of the house. It is to educate all humanity who has entered this great age of transformation. Humankind's destiny is to receive this education, and so this is the mission that this House undertakes.

The second organization is "The Cosmic True Parents Federation." This federation literally means that the center of the new age of transformation is the True Parents. All authority, knowledge and habits have lost their meaning before True Parents. Through True Parents, they will receive new meaning. For this history, the federation will be the center of all organizations. Father internally, in the spirit world, made the condition to establish this.

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Insects came uninvited to make trouble for him. The reporters asked strange questions, but he overcame all the challenges and gave the prayer confidently.

On the 11th, True Parents invited 44 guests for lunch, including Archbishop Milingo, former Prime Minister Edward Heath, and former President Kenneth Kaunda. They were all eating and Father was talking to them, slapping them on their backs. Heath said that after thinking hard, Rev. Moon speaks of the invisible world, not just the visible. So, he concluded, Father speaks of worlds we cannot reach. These are good words. Cardinal Milingo asked who should get married, and Father told him that even the Pope should get married.

Father: Even God gets married, so who is the Pope?

Rev. Kwak: At 12, Emmanuel Milingo decided to be a priest and trained himself. It was difficult to overcome temptations, but he did it and lived a life of self-control since 12. Hence it is unimaginable for him to think of living with a woman. There are rivers to cross before he can do that. But he is close to Father, so he was eager to discuss world affairs with True Father and he was happy to be close to Father. Because he appears with confidence publicly, all the other representatives and reporters were convinced that the Unification Church has overcome many hills and obstacles. Now the so-called orthodox people are working closely with Rev. Moon, and this signifies to them great progress for our church.

Also a current head of state participated, not just by showing up and speaking, but by listening to Father's words for 30 minutes. It is very historic, whether you know it or not. Close to 700 VIPs were amazed. Foreign correspondents interviewed me and I told them that a foreign head of state was coming but they did not believe me. But they found out later that he came and were amazed. Prime Minister Heath has attended a few times in the past. His degree of respect for True Father in his speeches has increased a lot. He served for 50 years in the British parliament and became Prime Minister in 1971. During his political career world wars broke out. He confronted Hitler. He is a historical person and senior politician who is now returning glory to True Parents. This is significant. It is heavenly fortune associated with the great age of transformation. So how blessed we are and how confidently we can move, having witnessed these great blessings.

The core of the WCSF is the blessing. How holy it is! We should never forget the hard work and investment Father has made in this event. He blessed the four great saints and 33 patriots and opened the gate of blessing to the spirit world. Woo chun mun means something like heavenly gate. This is the woo chun mun event, which means that the spirit world is mobilized to reach us and live together with us here on earth. Leaders of the religious denominations came forward and greeted the participants. Four of them were allowed to speak. It is rare that the head of denomination goes to the meeting of another religion and gives a speech, so this is a special event in the world of religion.

Despite all these blessings, if we had not been able to fill the stadium, the occasion would not have been so happy. Some of the staff said that just visiting Korea and witnessing the blessing has a totally

different feeling. They wonder if we can bring so many people in any other country. Let us applaud the chairman of the organizing committee, Hwang Sun Jo. Last year we were just thankful for mobilization at all. But comparing this year with that, the quality was higher this year. They did not leave until the end, and this amazed the VIP guests. Also, the weather turned bad just after the event was over. The VIPs wondered how True Father picked the best day, and Father said the day fits my schedule. So I came to realize that True Father controls the weather. [Applause.] A foreign guest said it was amazing. The Continental Directors and Regional Directors brought blessing candidates here, but the absolute majority was mobilized in Korea.

Father: Rev. Kwak worked very hard, so let's give him a big hand.

Rev. Kwak: During the event I felt that this is impossible anywhere other than

when the personnel change will take place. The children will have to go to the world stage. You don't need a theological seminary as long as you can do hoon dok hae well. So you should realize the value of hoon dok hae. Eat, sleep and work through the grace of hoon dok hae. Don't just sit down and pray, but focus with God's blessing. Wait and see. You can experience this place. In the future I will try not to give so many directions, because they are subject to accusations. You serve as a wall.

Try to make a four-position foundation of three generations: grandparents, parents and children, representing the past, present and future, the spirit world and physical world. Then the children receive the love of two worlds, the spirit world and physical world. Love comes down in a vertical line through the four-position foundation. When they grow up they take a horizontal direction. The upper and lower



April 22: True Father addressing the leaders conference during the fishing competition

Korea. Japan is hoping to do this next year.

Father: Why should I go there? My feet do not move to Japan. No matter how hard they pray, if God doesn't approve, it won't happen. This is not by my own decision. Find the center then it will spread. The spirit world also has to approve it. Your seriousness has to be greater than mine is. Then as water flows down or air fills a vacuum, the blessing will come to you.

Rev. Kwak: Because we've done this event before on this scale, we don't realize how amazing it is. But listening to the foreign VIPs, they were amazed that so many people came in the depth of winter. They could not close their mouths. Two government ministers from Uganda said this is something they will never forget. So if anyone speaks against Rev. Moon's movement, they will never let them alone.

Father: How much sorrow do I have? Now is a new age, and the great sunshine will follow us. Those who do not fulfill their responsibility will lose their blessing. So it is a fearful time. The heavenly fortune comes from above, not below. If you cannot attune yourself to this, you will lose your blessing. When Adam and Eve fell, they immediately were executed. Things that stand against the law will be processed away. Now is the age of the second generation. The first generation serves as a back-up wall, as the ancestors. The second generation will go over the hill and serve as the center. So it is time for you to use your direct children. I don't know

lines follow the order and turn around the central pillar through centripetal force and embrace the whole. You become the king of the family and then you expand to higher levels. The three perfect levels, those of the family, nation and heaven, should be accomplished in one generation. It takes root in the family.

What does it mean to pray? It means you connect to the center of the universe.

Rev. Kwak: We were able to celebrate True Parents' birthday at the palace, early on February 10. Then we moved to the Olympic Gymnastic Stadium, then to Sejong Cultural Hall, then to the banquet at the Lotte Hotel in the evening. We prepared a celebration at Sejong instead of the Little Angels School because it is more public and represents the nation. You must have felt something deep in your heart when you were there. So we also felt deeply and determined our responsibilities and our future path.

The birthday speech at the stadium had many shortcomings before the heavenly standard, but by human standards it was elegant, serious and well organized. The international president of the FFWPUI, Pres. Hwang Sun Jo, presented the plaque to True Parents, and there was a great exhibition at the Little Angels School. Everything went forward in a very orderly manner. We, as well as the foreign VIPs, were very moved. At first they were asking why we were celebrating a birthday in the midst of an international conference. I explained as best I could, but there was a little bit

of difficulty for some people. But they could not deny True Parents' life and accomplishments. People wanted to get a transcript of my presentation on Father's life, and so we made 500 copies. Dan Quayle asked for a copy.

Mr. Quayle was inspired by Father's life. He was sitting by me and talking with me. He changed significantly over his four days here. He gave wonderful greetings. If you announce that a former Vice-President of the United States is here, that is pretty impressive. He seemed to have a very good background. He deeply studied True Father's speech about living for the sake of enemies. He is studying Father's life. He was deeply moved at the banquet and with its theme of true love. Everyone, including Dan Quayle, is inspired to hear Father. On the 11th, at the opening convocation, Mr. Quayle gave a very good address. He had to leave on the 11th but he begged me for the opportunity to greet True Parents with a farewell. He said he couldn't just leave without doing that. I told him that Father was not in the hotel. He became very sincere, not just him, but many others.

The president of Korea should have come, but at least he offered a congratulatory message. Also, the Japanese Prime Minister sent a message of congratulations. We should be grateful. This glorifying of True Parents is not just limited to our members, but is being done by VIPs outside our movement. It is good to think about our future direction.

Also the birthday performance, with the traditional theme, was very significant. I had to focus on President Wahid at the banquet on the 9th. Regretfully, our banquet schedule overlapped with an invitation he received to dine with President Kim at the Blue House. He didn't just come directly to Korea, but he came here as part of his tour of several nations. He came from India and the next day he left for Thailand. But thankfully he kept his promise and adjusted his schedule in accordance with our celebration schedule, even having to change his plan. He has the widest scope among all Muslim leaders. In Indonesia, the Chinese control the economy, but 90% of the people are Muslim. Mr. Wahid is the head of a religious coalition. He came to Father's banquet and gave a greeting. The reporters were amazed at his humble greeting. His first words were apologies for being late. He said his heart was there already. He said he totally follows the ideology of true parents, true families and true love. He said that the problem of youth immorality is serious in his country and that he wants to work with Reverend Moon to solve it. This is the age in which such is possible and we are so grateful. In relation to this birthday celebration, True Father returned to Hannam Dong that night, and called me at 3:30 a.m. I went to see him and Father said he was to offer a special prayer at 4 a.m. All blessed families should be organized and resurrected in order to be connected with the spirit world, so True Father has to recognize this and pray for it.

Think of it! You would want to rest on your birthday, but even on that day, True Father was calling me at 3:30 a.m. I don't know when he slept or woke up as he prepared all these things. As of the birthday, the new age will come, so he is the master of this new age. We are not able to harmonize with this because we are not prepared; so Father wants to establish the conditions by which we can go together. To do this, how much hard work Father had to do, even on his birthday. Because we have True Parents, we are in the position to have entered Canaan already. This is despite the dust we need to shake off,

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the obstacles and limitations for which we should repent. We will try to raise ourselves up to be one with True Parents' movement.

The exhibition about True Father's life at Little Angels School was good. The foreign VIPs were amazed. They wondered how can one person do so much? And it focused just on Father's religious activity. We should be so grateful for the banquet celebrating the publication of the 304 volumes of speeches and all the publications worldwide, and the other events. A congressional leader and his wife from Austria gave bouquets to True Parents. He came thinking that he had to keep his distance from True Father, but he realized that Father is a true representative of Christianity when he heard about true family values. He decided that he will cooperate with True Father and that his government should support this activity.

There was an expert on North Korea working with a defense institute. In the stadium he heard Father speak of forgiveness of the enemy and true love. That night he could not sleep, because he realized that he had treated North Korea as an enemy and that Father had such a different attitude. There was a representative from Mali, whose father, the leader of 3 million Muslims, had met True Father. The father died in a traffic accident, so the son came. They are a noble family in the Arab world. He was very moved by the event. As he was leaving, he said that he will set in motion governmental preparation to serve True Parents. A similar decision came from the president of the largest broadcasting company in Nigeria, who said he will publicize everything through the media in his country. Mike Marshall, our media staff, was asking him to send whatever he broadcasts to us to look at. The Nigerian said, of course we have to broadcast it; this is such a great event. He rebuked the Korean and world media for not reporting about the blessing, telling them they are wrong not to report it. For example, a Korean company reported that Dan Quayle was in Korea but not that he came for Father's event. The Nigerian wanted to go protest at the newspaper. There were many other such stories. On this foundation, we are excited to work even harder tomorrow.

Father: Do you want to eat lunch or finish up? Are you bored? I'm bored, myself. I'm the most bored, so I want to take a break. I forgot whether or not I ate lunch. True Mother is waiting, and not even 1% of what happened has been reported so far. There is incredible content. I'm going to Cheju Island tonight, where it is warm. I am going to look at the sea. I've been on boats for 25 years, so I can't live without being on the sea now and then. If you want to report, you can come there. I will pay for your flight, but if it is not a good report, you have to repay the cost ten times over.

We are working not in a small village, but with the highest level, the world level village. Those with heavenly fortune can work with people in the upper village. So you should pray with devotion. When you pray to spirit world, what is the most serious problem? It is to make the president of your country into your disciple. Use members of the upper and lower houses as the stage of your activity. Based on the foundation of God's hard work, become the leader or king in your locale.

The fight between God and Satan cannot be stopped by either of them. God hopes that we go on the top, live there, go to the bathroom there and eat there and

enjoy ourselves. The internal circulation is the most fearful and most important. God also wants to have the circulation of love. We want to live with God; we should make a foundation for that. Where do you fight to take over the top? The secret to take over the top is to have a network of communication that can embrace the people. If the people are determined to serve our purpose and work with us, the country will return to God. To embrace the upper village, we have to be able to handle the lower village. So what are you going to do? You can order the people of the upper village to come here and go there. The opposition and ruling parties will have to listen to the message of true love. That way, God can work in all the countries. This is the world foundation of restoration. So, before the first world war was the age of the head, then after World War II the age of the belly, and now it is the age of the hands and feet, the age of workers.

Do our Unification members know the purpose of God? What kind of unification is this? It begins with the unification of mind and body. You only think of the top but don't understand the ultimate bottom. A tree needs a strong root at the bottom, or it will be blown away by the wind or eaten by worms. Unification begins with mind and body and husband and wife. Then come the children and the family. Without the unification of the family, I have no realm of rest, even if my mind and body are united. The mind and body should be able to rest in the united family. So when the people become one and the family members live for and protect each other's environment and provide a comfortable resting-place, this is the place of rest. The parents and children protect each other. Then they go to the national level on the basis of the unification of mind and body and family.

How many children do I have? I had 13 children in twenty years. At that rate, how many would I have in thousands of years? I have the power to go over many countries. The house should be a place of rest, in which the whole tribe can serve as a wall to protect the family. The tribe will do so because the tribe needs the family. The tribe is indebted to the family and wants the family to stay with them and become the center of their life, so this creates no conflict. Such a tribe leads to the formation of the nation. They have the power to create the place where the country can rest, by giving and forgetting. Then if the country does the same, they will create the realm of rest.

The core of all this is the filial child, patriot and saint. When you have this core, the filial son grows into a patriot, and the patriot grows into a saint for the world, and their path is connected as a straight path. Then a representative family that does this will move the whole world on the same path. Then when this encompasses the world, it becomes the resting-place of God, and this is the cosmos. So our motto this year is the cosmic expansion of true love brings the completion of the heavenly kingdom of God in the new millennium. In this age, all our hard work will bring fruit. By becoming a dutiful son, able to serve the king of heaven and earth, and becoming a patriot in heaven and prince and princess in the heavenly world, you can receive heaven's inheritance. You are a perfect object partner to a perfect sub-

ject partner. If you have this relationship of love, you have the right of equality, participation and inheritance. The starting point is the mind-body unity, and then it moves to the couple, then to the country. Without a country, the family has no place to go.

We are born to complete the ideal of God, so that God can say that He cannot live without us. We bring heaven and earth together and establish the houses where God can dwell in peace. This is the providence of restoration and purpose of the Second Coming. So we should receive the inheritance from God. In order to receive the inheritance we pay indemnity.

Going Fishing

GRAEME CARMICHAEL



True Father at the start of the fishing competition for international leaders held on the Hudson the third week of April.

Whose village is the upper village? It is God's village and by inheritance it becomes our village. The individual invests for the family, the family for the nation, the nation for the world and they all become one with God. Then God invests for the individual. This will wash away all the sorrow from the age of the individual. The sorrows we experienced as dutiful sons will be washed away. God will appear as a pillar of fire and cloud, and we will burn together with God as His perfect object partner and have the right to eternal victory. Mansei means we live for 10,000 ages. We don't need to say amen, because I am the embodiment of mansei. The mind says mansei to the body, and it is fulfilled as it is spoken. Then you dance. Do you want to dance today? [Applause.] I am too hungry to dance.

If I say, "Where are you going?", you answer "I'm going to the big home." God is in the upper home and you are in the lower. They are connected by an axis, a

pillar, and both are spinning on the axis. We live at home in the homeland. Do you want to live with God? Those who want to live together with me, raise your hands. There is a condition you must meet to do so. Do you want to bring your packages with you? Or will you come with nothing but a burning heart? The kernel of true love alone should remain.

I am a lonely man, looking for that house. God has suffered, but I am serving God until He unifies the world. Then God will give everything to me. He wants to give it all, but had to wait until I came up. That is the purpose of restoration. We cannot go up to the higher level unless we first invest into the higher level. Serving the higher level is the only way. So our church should invest for our country, for the unification of north and south.

Do you pray in True Parents name or God's name or your own name? You became a fruit. Is it quite close, or far away? The king of the village of the great house is my father, and in my family are the princes and princesses of the lower house. The king teaches the children in order to give and receive love. It is the love that gives and gives and forgets. It leads to infinite progress. When you breathe, the air of the spirit world will follow you. Heaven and earth come in and out by your breathing. When you are in love, don't you lose your breath? Even though you are ugly, you like it when I talk about love. Those who like love, raise your hands. Everything has taste. Apples, pears, strawberries and people, too, have different tastes. People taste other people. There are all kinds of tastes of love. People with a wrinkled face have a taste as well. Are the children of people with long faces born with faces long or round? Differences are created by taste. Do rabbits and tigers have the same taste of love? No; they are different. God loves human beings because we have different tastes of love. All people do the same thing, loving and having children, but do so with many different tastes.

God created us to have the original taste of love, but that taste changed. Will God come back? What we have now is the taste of death. You cannot mistreat your spouse. Would God come into your family if you did? Will God go into the parents' bedroom? God visits and then does not want to leave, so He sits at the center and everything spins around Him. If He does, there will be no fall anymore. What is that artificial flavor? MSG. I was the champion in talking fast when in school, in both Korean and Japanese. I learned Japanese fifty years ago, but still all Japanese understand me. [Father speaks about the sound of Japanese words compared with Korean.]

You have to liberate everything. You have to change over or go over the turning point, the separation point between heaven and hell. We liberate all of heaven and earth. Japanese families, 300 million families, all made mistakes on the individual and family levels. The Eve nation of Japan had the sun goddess as their originator. True love has been implanted in every part of the cosmos. The restoration of the cosmos has to begin with your family, with every family. Why do you have this one here? [Father is pointing to one person's ring, I think.] Why is it necessary? Because the blood lineage was incorrect. It could not be connected with a perfect couple. The Japanese lineage cannot get into heaven; it was incorrect. Are you a Japanese woman? Where do you

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come from? That's no good; you're a new Korean woman. [Applause.] It's not a lie; I'm telling you the truth. You have to become a Korean. The problem is that because you're Japanese, you're connected with the Japanese lineage. You have to have a new lineage. The key to entering heaven is the true lineage. With the love of God we can accomplish the same end. God will be surprised if you come along and declare that you have the true lineage.

If we are talking of lineage, there are all kinds of them. God's love and God's life need to be connected with God's lineage. It is through God's lineage that you inherit these things and they are passed on to your descendents. You have to cut off the fallen lineage. What is the Japanese word for purity? Joonket, right? It's not an easy thing to change the lineage, to bring it around 180 degrees. It takes a lot of indemnity and investment. You have to be connected with the lineage of true love. Everything in this world is the result of the fallen lineage and is turned around by the True Parents. Only True Parents fulfilled their responsibility and so became the masters of life, love and lineage. It's simple. What's the problem? It is a matter of your lineage, your family's lineage. We have to make a lineage that lasts forever.

We were created to live for each other. That's the original standard of creation. Whose responsibility is it, the man's or the woman's? It's the woman's. The word, ohna, in Japanese, sounds like owner. Okasama. Ohna. [Father is playing with Japanese words.] The form of this word causes others to pay attention to you.

What's the original problem? Why is there difficulty? There is difficulty because of the problem of lineage. What is lineage? Love and life are vertical and they unite together and that generates lineage. This is a serious issue. In every part of the world, east or west, it is the same problem. All of the people in the spirit world have received the blessing. You all received the blessing from me, didn't you? You did so in order to achieve individual perfection and family perfection. Now it's reached a worldwide level, and you have to pass it on to others.

I have already declared the age of the 4th Adam. Your lineage should connect 100% to God, by the establishment of an eternal standard. All you leaders think that what I'm doing is correct, don't you? Rev. Kwak does, don't you? Do you just follow along? 70% is formation and growth. Do you think you've been in the Unification Church a long time so you're pretty good? You've got to go over 73%. To make Satan collapse you have to go over the 73% point; then Satan will run away.

All these people came to the WCSF and they are working on the national level, but I'm working on the world level. It's a serious problem. Do you know what President Park [Sang Kwon] is doing? All these people became Unification Church leaders, received the blessing and made their family but don't pray. You're not praying. You get up on Sunday morning; nobody knows the relationship between the spirit world and physical world. Mrs. Kang Hyun Shil, you know what I'm talking about right?

I've become chubby around the waist. That time will come. I really don't like the sort of thing where people are not fulfill-

ing their responsibility. I'll kick you out of here if you give a funny report. [Father brings up Rev. and Mrs. Chong Young Yoo, National Messiahs to Malaysia, and makes them kiss; Mrs. Yoo quickly kisses Rev. Yoo.] Give them some applause. The blessing is pretty good, isn't it? In front of God, you've got to unite. You've got to make a greeting before heaven. Everything I tell you is correct. You've got to unite three generations, left-right, up-down, back-front. Do you have confidence to do that, Mrs. Kang?

So the problem is lineage. The lineage flows eternally from Adam. The blood of the fallen ancestors is in each of you and still lives in you. For that reason, you have to completely give absolute obedience and love and faith before me. I'm not just doing this because I like it; you have to follow with absolute obedience and inherit the true lineage. Through absolute faith, love and obedience I give you the blessing and connect you with the true lineage. Couples should not fight. You, who are having arguments, raise your hands. C'mon, own up! It's true. Do you understand?



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Through this recent (world culture and sports) festival, we are going into the seventh level. Day or night, eternally, we will be inheriting God's true lineage. I am taking out all the false trees; they will be uprooted and you have to be connected with the true tree. I've invested all my effort and jungsung. So, remain connected and after three years, fruit will come. You've got to go through the number three.

You have to go over the age of the grandfather, father and son, and after being engrafted, three years later, you can bear fruit. Even if the nation opposes, the lineage needs to be established. The holy wine is used to bring resurrection to all things. Through the holy wine ceremony the spirit world comes and wants people to take and drink the holy wine. There has to be just two in the process of restoring the original lineage. Through the great festival we've made two new organizations. One is the Cosmic True Parents Federation. It signifies those who accept and embrace God and True Parents, and connect with the original lineage. The God of restoration is not the true God. God has to be resurrected and restored.

We will connect with all things, all parts of the cosmos, fishes, plants, minerals, all will be connected to the True Parents and become one with them. Therefore it is called the Cosmic True Parents Federation. We made National Messiahs but they haven't

been accomplishing what they needed to do. The True Parents are the vertical parents and we need to digest the political parties and forces in each of our various nations. Women all need to be an extension of True Mother and form the nucleus that can unite the democratic and communist worlds. You have to keep going until the day all of these things are done. The completion of all things, small and great, is in True Parents. The entire cosmos is encompassed in this title.

The next is the cosmic peace. Peace means flatness, smoothness of purpose. Until now there was not even a floor. It was uneven and unbalanced. The great nations were so proud. This is the cosmic house for peace and unification. The realms of the true father, true owner and true king are connected in there, with absolute faith, love and obedience. In front of this there is no distinction between political parties. The unification of the family and tribe is connected with this. The last word is "house" of True Parents and of God. I was the one to accomplish the perfection of all different areas. If you do, it will rise to the nation-

ask you to pledge to pray for me. What kind of result did you get? Did you make it? You work hard to accomplish these things. Where is the head of the Japanese church? You have to lead the westerners. What about you westerners? If I call for the westerners, the Japanese and Koreans just sit there. You probably think that I am going to pick you up. Even if I chew you out, you think to yourself that you are really blessed. Complete the cosmic realm united with True Parents and this must form a complete foundation to move all things. We have to liberate God.

We have to open the realm of the fourth Adam. We have to qualify to pass through all the levels; this is why we need the Cosmic True Parents Federation. We should fill in the levels, then the family can be connected with the returning Lord. The cosmic level of peace and vertical unification will be established in the family. This is a house where we can complete all these things. We grow up as one. By unification we bring an end to the sorrows of Jesus and we must accomplish this through all the difficulties. Spirit world will not leave anything that is going against it alone. Now is the time to pray to bring the enemies to judgment.

When you go back, create a house of unification in your countries to unify heaven and earth. Bring together children and circle around the world, 360 degrees, centered on God's love. Connect the realms of the filial son, patriot and saint to the center. When they all go together they form a sphere. Now is the time for this to happen, when you are 40, 43, 45 and up to 50. It is time that you can bless those around you. You can do whatever it takes to bring them to the blessing. You should offer your children and your spouse. Women should mobilize. Where is Zin Moon Kim? You were appointed as an IW. Lee Sang Jim, Yoo [Father names some appointed as IWs]. Sa Gil Ja, you should use them from the mother position. Put them to work; I give you the special authority to do that. You three receive education from her, like Noah's three sons, to restore elder sonship.

I gave the mission of John the Baptist to the late President Eu Hyo Won. He is her husband, and he thinks he wrote the Divine Principle himself, but it's not true. So you prepare. Sisters should be the leaders in doing hoon dok hae. The three political parties of Korea should become one. [Father is talking to various individuals.] Centering on these two organizations, don't think about other things. Representing the center, work with 1,000% focus on hoon dok hae. The country or city that practices hoon dok hae will live. Wait and see if it is true. The wind is blowing this way in America. Are you confident? Rev. Kwak, pick twelve people. One sister is enough, but pick twelve to go together. Call her elder sister. Sa Gil Ja, how old are you? They are younger than she is. So, listen to your elder sister and absolutely accept what she says. If your elder sister is doing well, the younger brothers will do well. Also Kim Zin Moon is the elder brother. If they don't listen, tell me.

Kwak Chung Hwan, you despised women, especially your wife, right? If your wife dies, will you give her a nice funeral or let your children take care of it? Would you marry again? You can never remarry. Cosmic True Parents Federation. The right is heaven, left is the world. I am on the right; the elder brother is on the left. Right and

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During the time in which I have been the Continental Director for North America, I have been impressed by the strength and organization of the church, and your leadership in developing Blessing outreach and education. Northern California has always been at the very center of our movement's development, from the pioneering work of Dr. Young Oon Kim, the foundation built by Mr. Sang Ik Choi, and the explosive growth and many achievements of Dr. and Mrs. Mose Durst. The new church building and ministry center is a great asset, and I am excited to learn more about the "Principled Academy" that is housed here. I am confident that with Rev. Kim's strong support and wise guidance, and through the consistent and innovative leadership of Rev. Thompson, San Francisco can set an example for the whole of America in developing professional church ministry.

If we look back from January, there are many victories to be proud of. At the Millennial God's Day with True Parents in New York, 5000 brothers and sisters from the United States joined representatives from 185 nations to usher in a new providential era with our True Parents. Following that, our "America Honors Rev. Sun Myung Moon on his 80th Birthday" celebration restored the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus 2000 years ago through 2 important events. Because the Jewish religious leaders rejected him as a heretic and cult leader, the secular Roman authorities condemned and crucified him without hesitation. This time, however, through the January 22nd banquet at the Washington Hilton, religious leaders of all denominations honored Father's lifetime of service to God and humanity. Following this, on February 2nd at the American Century Awards on Capitol Hill, more than 120 senators and congressman including Speaker Dennis Hastert, Congressmen Henry Hyde and Danny Davis, and Senators Orrin Hatch and J.C. Watts joined 200 civic and political leaders to present Father with a Lifetime Achievement Award for "Freedom, Faith and Family." In this way religious and political leaders joined together to lift up and honor True Parents in our nation's capitol, the Rome of today. Through the pilgrimage of 2000 religious leaders and blessing candidates to Korea for Blessing 2000, a new, nationwide ecumenical movement for True Family Values has begun. Paving the way for all of these was the True Family Values Ministry 4th Anniversary Awards Ceremony, here in Chicago, which was attended personally by our True Parents. These special achievements reflect the new era of America's elder sonship, and will most certainly remain as milestones of America's providential history.

From this historical point of view, we are participants in the most amazing and incredible time in history. The Book of Revelations speaks of the first to be resurrected in the Last Days, referring to them as "...those who had been redeemed from the earth as the first

fruits for God and the Lamb." These "first fruits" are none other than the Blessed Families, able to receive the True Parents in our physical lifetime, and be engrafted into the true olive tree. Did you know that you were actually in the Bible... that it speaks of you? Imagine it... we are the generation that has been the bridge between two providential eras. We attended True Parents as the 2000-year New Testament Era reached its completion, and we have opened a new cosmic age together with Father and Mother.

As we enter this new age, Father and Mother stand as the True Parents of Heaven and Earth... Cosmic True Parents. The foundation for the Kingdom has been laid down absolutely. The challenges we face and the sacrifices we must make are not indemnity for the past, but simply the necessary process of growing our character, developing our movement and building the Kingdom. In the past we may have hesitated to stand up for who we are, but at this moment there is no greater support, no mightier power than the absolute foundation of the Cosmic True Parents, who are the very root and fountainhead of the new age.

In them we have authority and power, from them we can inherit everything. Could you ever dream that as a Blessed Couple you would have the authority to share the Blessing, or to pray in your own name?

Think about it... for 2000 years all Christians have prayed in the name of Jesus, who had all authority through his crucifixion and resurrection. And for 40 years Unificationists have offered prayers through the authority of the True Parents, upon the foundation of the Marriage of the Lamb. Meanwhile, Father and Mother have expanded their foundation of victory step-by-step from the individual and family level all the way to the cosmic level. Only by Jesus' name... only by True Parents' name, could Heaven completely receive our prayers in the past. But on September 14, 1999 at East Garden in New York, the Cosmic True Parents bequeathed this authority to all Blessed Couples. The stamp of the Blessing itself is honored by Heaven. We pray: "...as a Blessed Couple who has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the Blessing." Do you realize who you really are, and what position you are standing in? Do you think Father's declaration was just PR, or some external method of encouraging us? How deeply do we understand what it means to be the ones "redeemed from the earth, as the first fruits for God and the Lamb?"

When Father gave this new authority for Blessed Couples in prayer, the first one he asked to pray was me. Of course I hesitated, knowing that by myself, I

am not qualified to offer such a prayer. But Father encouraged and pushed me to offer it. I came to realize that I can only offer such a prayer with a heart of total responsibility. I cannot hide behind True Parents' forgiveness and authority. Father explained that to pray in our own name is to accept total responsibility for the fulfillment of that prayer.

Brothers and sisters, when we consider our daily life and personal standard, or even our awareness of who we

are, what are the fundamentals that we should keep in sharp focus? The first is our own individual growth, maturity and integrity. The most powerful witness is not pamphlets and programs, but character, heart, and true love. In order to establish a condition to receive the Blessing, we each made a Foundation of Faith and a Foundation of Substance, which together make the Foundation to Receive the Messiah. These conditions should bear fruit in our own nature.

Through conditions of Faith we should be the people who have learned to live our life centered completely on the will of God. By overcoming all the difficulties to unite with brothers and sisters we should develop a humble, loving, and round character. The way of faith which we followed in our early spiritual life is not something which we can simply relax and retire from. The essence of both vertical conditions of faith and horizontal conditions of unity is the same Sacrificial True Love. This is the root and core of our tradition: living for the sake of others centering always on the higher purpose.

One phenomenon of these Last Days is that the Spiritual and Physical Worlds become connected through the direct dominion and authority of

True Parents. Through our elder brother Dr. Sang Hun Lee, who ascended to the Spirit World ahead of us, we have been given a window through which we can see the reality of that realm. Dr. Lee's simple message is to testify to all that Father taught us about the Spirit World, and to provide a personal witness to Unificationists that the way we live here directly affects our eternal spiritual life. This is not new. How many times have we studied in Divine Principle about Life Elements, Vitality Elements, and the meaning of our physical life? But how easily we forget, and how much of our precious time on earth has been careless and wasted?

Imagine if we were to show a movie right now, to everyone here. How would you feel if you were the star of that movie, and the story was a record of your everyday life: the private moments when you thought no one was watching; your biggest fights, deepest secrets, and most painful mistakes? Dr. Lee's message from the spiritual realm was truly God's grace to our members. Through it we are reminded that we are indeed making such a movie, which will one day be viewed openly. Every moment of our precious time on earth we are shaping our eternal destiny; we are actually building our eternal house, deciding its colors, its atmosphere, its warmth or coldness, every day of our physical life.

A second fundamental is the quality of our Blessing and family life. True Parents want our marriages and families to shine with happiness and radiate God's

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Our Path in the New Millennium



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are, in light of our providential position, we all can recognize that we fall short in many ways. For this reason, I am not here today to bask in the glory of what has been accomplished in recent months. Instead, I ask you to reflect upon what we must do to substantialize the Kingdom which our True Parents have initiated. Let us together refocus on the fundamentals of our faith. Through the expansion of the Blessing, the providential courses, declarations and holy days, and the founding of key federations and organizations, True Parents built the foundation, framework, and basic structure of the Kingdom of God. But the substance of that Kingdom must develop from the midst of us, as Jesus taught. It must spring forth from our faith and character, our families and our community, and through our relationships with the surrounding society.

There is no doubt that providential activities and directions will continue, especially because Father wants to reclaim and reconstruct all that he can before leaving the earth. But we cannot simply measure our growth by successful events. It is not enough to merely offer God our mission or job activities. Who am I becoming in this process? What kind of marriage and family legacy am I building for my lineage? How serious am I to take advantage of this precious opportunity to be on earth in this providential time? And how much am I helping to spread the Kingdom to my church, community, nation and world?

As we continue working to accomplish True Father's providential direc-

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon was as warm and dignified as ever when she spoke to some 1000 attendees who had purchased tickets, at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Oakland on Friday evening, April 14th, in the course of her 12-city U.S. speaking tour.

The invocation for the evening was given by Reverend Victor Madeiras of Double Rock Baptist Church in San Francisco. This was followed by entertainment from Ms. Alfreda Campbell while the audience feasted on a delicious salmon dinner.

Among the special proclamations and letters of welcome was a beautiful proclamation from former U.S. presidential candidate and Governor of California Jerry Brown who is now mayor of the city of Oakland. Mayor Brown proclaimed Reverend Moon Day in honor of Father's 80th birthday.

The event was an Awards Banquet co-sponsored by the Bay Area Chapter of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), an international organization founded by Dr. Moon several years ago.

Speaking on the theme *"The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days"*, Dr. Moon said, "We are in the time when all people can go beyond racial and religious differences and understand God's providence to bring His ideal of creation into reality. We can understand and ultimately unite with God's heart. That heart of true love will bring about the world of faith, hope, and love for which all of us have been longing."

Referring to the international marriage and marriage rededication ceremonies that she and her husband, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, are famous for officiating, she said, "It is the day of hope, when the multitudes of people in the world, who lost their Parents as a result of the fall, again will be able to meet their original Parents. Thus, the True Parents are the fulfillment of the desires and hopes of all humankind. They are the final fruit of the victories and sacrifices of good people through human history.

"The Unification Church has spread this new message and tradition throughout the world through the

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International Holy Blessing Ceremony. The fact of black, white and yellow people coming together as brothers and sisters—beyond differences of ethnicity, race or skin color—to form loving married couples is among the most significant signs of the accomplishment of God's Will.

"Today, by realizing the blessed family tradition, we can recover the relationship of brother and sister, husband and wife, and parent and child as God originally envisioned them. We must go so far as to liberate God, who has been in the depths of sorrow ever since He lost His children. It is only then that God and us together can open the path to true happiness."

And imploring America, Dr. Moon asked, "Who is the true master or owner of America? It is neither white Americans nor black Americans. The true master of America is the person who loves America as God does. We continue to plead with you because God has chosen America to be the elder son, His leading nation in building the Kingdom of God on Earth. Even now, Jesus is spiritually present mainly in America, and he is offering earnest prayers that



his purpose will be accomplished in America...

"The time has come. It is time for America to awaken once again. It is time for this country to create a new movement to build God-centered true parents, true families, a true country and a true world...It is time for us to unite and open the path for humankind. It is time for America, as the elder son nation attending God, to lead the way. America can complete its mission as the pilot that guides the nations to God. I ask you to stand with us to accomplish this historic task."

Dr. Moon spoke with grace and elegance, and the audience greatly appreciated her sincere remarks. At the end of her speech, Mr. Lowell Holcomb, the Alameda County Director of the Traditional Values Coalition, gave a beautiful plaque of appreciation to Dr. Moon, and was near tears as he mentioned



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left are together victoriously and parents can shout mansei. If I tell you to die a thousand deaths, you will not regret it. Is it possible or not? Whom should I ask? Do you receive something by following me? I eat all the goodies and you get the leftovers. Will you take it? [Yes.] Why don't you look in my eyes when you say yes?

Those who are younger than 40, you cannot pick a fight with those who do not listen to you. Instead, buy them some liquor and become their friend. When you return, mobilize all the women. When they go to North Korea, to America, then if Kore-

an woman can be like this, north-south unification will come quickly. Did you hear I'm going to do rallies? Who spread that rumor? I am going to rent all the stadiums in South Korea, and if they don't rent to us, I'll call for women's demonstrations. Elderly people, orphans and congressmen all will be invited, along with the governors, police, heads of institutions, and so forth. You have to attend as husband and wife. Who will receive the prize, the man or the woman? The reward will go to the woman.

We will also distribute hoon dok hae books. Do you want your wife to participate? Who are the award givers? True Mother and I. The whole country will be united. But I have no money. World lead-

ers should make a special donation for this. Those who want to give a donation for this, raise your hands. If you give, you give, if you don't, you don't, but you promised you would. I don't force you, but I'm trying to give you blessings through this and we need give and take.

I gave you instructions on God's Day and I don't want to give you more burdens. Go to the Pantanal with these four people and give them a tour. I'll pick more to fulfill twelve. Rev. Kwak, pick twelve. Visit embassies. I've been opposed so far, but I can work with them. Presidents will rejoice about this. Is it possible? I can hire people who work for me; if National Messiahs don't do it, I will hire people to do it. How can I trust you, based on the past?

that he was in Taegue, South Korea, in 1954 at the same time Dr. Moon was a young girl having fled communist North Korea with her mother.

Earlier in the evening, during the dinner, 20 individuals were honored by the WFWP with a certificate on the theme of "Sacrificial Service as a Fulfilling Way of Life" for their selfless service to others in their communities. Of these 20 individuals, 5 were chosen to receive a special plaque presented by Dr. Moon herself after her speech. They are: Ms. Kinga Czegeni, who helped to set up the "Step by Step Conductive Education Center of Millbrae"; Ms. Lillian Litzey, a commissioner on the Alameda County Commission on the status of women; Ms. Mirtha Olmos-Caballo, the driving force behind organizing fundraising festivals and activities to help those affected by a devastating earthquake in Bolivia; Ms. Frankie Sanders, station manager of Peralta College Television station and a lifetime pioneer for racial harmony; and Ms. Donna Smith, a dedicated volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Dr. Moon also gave substantial grants to support the work of three non-profit organizations doing fine service work in the Bay Area: The Fisher Foundation, a drug and alcohol treatment and recovery program run by Mr. Greg Fisher; The Filipino Senior Center run by Mrs. Gloria Brinker; and The Potters House founded by Maria Lyons Rheems to help shape the lives of young people.

Another evening highlight was the gift by Rev. & Mrs. Moon of a specially-made gold ring to 1 out every 10 attendees. The winners were chosen by lottery as Dr. Moon picked the number 9 ticket at each table of 10 people.

After the speech, and a cake-cutting honoring Rev. Moon's 80th birthday earlier this year, some 150 people packed into an adjacent room for a victory celebration including Rev. Moon via live satellite video hook-up from their home in New York. There were songs and laughter, and a little dancing too.

In a way, these speaking tours, and the frantic preparations involved with making them a success, create a kind of spiritual whirlwind. It's as if God Himself is stirring us up, awakening us, and sharing His holy word. We pray to deeply receive in our hearts the presence and words of Dr. Moon, in the providential role of True Mother, and make a fresh new determination to be better sons and daughters of God, and accomplish His will in these historical last days, which are the first days for a new heaven and earth.

Already, we're looking forward to an even greater event next year. ❖

I have a long list of instructions, but I won't give it to you.

The Cosmic True Parents Federation. Everything hangs on the True Parents. The world doesn't know this, because of Cain and Abel fighting. We should bring order to this. We should expel satanic influences that have been destroying us so far and create the Kingdom of Heaven with God. It should be fulfilled. Your eyes are quite bright, so I'll continue another three hours. Yes or no? Those who said yes, stand up. Those who say no, sit down. Those who are sitting down, why are you sitting down? Now we will close the meeting with the song of unification. ❖

by Godwin D'Silva—Pasadena, CA

On April 15, 2000, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon spoke at the Westin Hotel to at least 1200 guests. The guests started coming in at 11 AM to register, all quite eager to hear Mrs. Moon message entitled "The path for America and Humankind in the Last Days".

The program began at 11:30 AM with pre-entertainment provided by several groups, which included the Alhambra Calvary Chapel, The Filipino IBIG choral ensemble, the Nation of Islam and saxophonist Alvin McKinney. Mrs. Sheri Rueter was the pre-emcee, she did an excellent job in introducing all the performances.

The Alhambra Calvary Chapel had a group of youngsters ranging from pre-school to 8 grade. They provided a powerful Hip Hop dance to the tune of Kirk Franklin's "Do you want a revolution?".

The Filipino Choral group sang several wonderful Christian songs. They had about 12 members on stage who sang several different parts for harmony.

The Nation of Islam performed two beautiful dances celebrating God's love.

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They had beautiful gold costumes and flowing robes.

Alvin McKinney gave a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace on his saxophone. It was amazing how he could reach the soprano level notes on an alto saxophone.

The Lunch served was very good, the main dish was Salmon, with a great dessert. Everyone said that they enjoyed the meal.

Main Program

Mrs. Sheri Rueter then handed the program over to Rev. Michael Jenkins. Rev. Jenkins introduced several speakers. The main program started with an invocation

prayer by Rev. Lester Mosley; Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Jenkins then introduced True Mother of all humankind.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon then proceeded to deliver the speech entitled "The Path for America and Humankind in the Last Days". The speech was about 50 minutes long. During the speech there were lots of applauding for the many good points Mrs. Moon made in her speech.

At the end of her speech, Kendra Anderson stepped up the stage to give a bouquet of flowers to Dr. Moon.

Dr. Moon then presented several grants to deserving organizations. They

included the Korean American Crime Prevention Association - President Mike S. Yoo. Project J.A.D.E. - Director Marcos Vega, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Joseph Waller and the Top Ladies of Distinction.

After the main speech, over 700 guests gathered at the "concourse" room to celebrate with True Parents. We had such fine entertainment provided from Christian Ministers who gave all their best.

This victory celebration is the largest we have ever had in the history of Los Angeles. Mother sang some beautiful songs, so did Father from the other side of the country. We had such great joy at the celebration.

By 4:00 PM we finished with the victory celebration and we were truly satisfied and happy for this tremendous victory.

Testimonies

"I am totally inspired by this special gathering where I saw a total multitude of different races and creeds. This shows the greatness of Rev. Moon's

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love, like beautiful trees bearing delicious fruit, so that everyone will want to climb over the fence to come into our orchard. For some, such true love may take a lifetime to achieve, or even longer. Do not expect the wounds and scars of 6000 years of our ancestors to just melt away. But are you investing yourself totally to build such a true family, or are you just doing your mission and passing the time? Father said that if you fight with your spouse, it might be a chicken fight, a dog fight, or even a bull fight! Any of these is O.K., as long as the result is deep reflection, stronger love and a closer relationship. Even if you struggle to unite, this is a temporary situation, connected to the restoration of our lineage. But Blessing is eternal. No matter what the challenge in husband-wife relationship, you must never ever commit adultery, and never divorce. As long as you are committed, praying, and investing, your faith will bear fruit in your children. And Father mentioned that in the future, he will know the parents by looking at the children.

The foundation of strong individual faith and harmonious family relationships is our personal religious life. Although the Family Federation is ushering in a post-religious era, we are still the people who need to unite our minds and bodies, our words and actions. Unless our

mind and body are in harmony centered upon God's will, how can we trust the voice of our conscience, which can be limited or incorrect? We are still challenged to transcend the nature of 6000 years of fallen human history... its residue still lies within our own nature. How can we embody the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, as our True Parents have shown toward God throughout their lives? More than anyone else, Father and Mother have kept the tradition of Hoon Dok Hae every morning at 6:00. This should be the absolute center of our Blessed Family life. Through the study of Father's word, we can measure and evaluate the quality of our spiritual life. Sunday Service, remains an irreplaceable pillar of our spiritual life... you should never miss it. Whether in our family, or in community life, or with the church as a whole, we must practice true love by sacrifice and service, for as the bible says, "...he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:20) We must never lose the tradition of public life. Whether you work for the church, a providential company or any other job, we are all eternal missionaries. Whether we are on earth or in the eternal spirit world, we must work to advance God's will until the kingdom is built, until the heart of God and True Parents is totally liberated.

While we focus on these fundamental and eternal responsibilities, the salva-

tion of America remains our major mission. If you stand upon the foundation of True Parents' cosmic victory, the Spirit World will support you absolutely. You should realize that even though we feel unworthy, if you have the authority to offer prayers to Heaven in your own name as a Blessed Couple, then you have the power and authority to defeat and dismantle the remnant of evil dominion on earth. This is the time when we can realize what Jesus promised: "everything you see me do, these things you will do, and more."

But we are not supposed to do it alone. Father gave the best years of his life to save America and Christianity. True Parents invested all their resources and paid indemnity again and again to salvage the 2000-year foundation that Jesus laid. Jesus himself is working with us from the Spirit World, and 2000 clergy, guests and members made a holy commitment at Chung Pyung to work together to build the kingdom in America, spreading it to the world. This Declaration of the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth was signed by all of them, and also by Father and Mother. They realized that True Parents' work to restore true families is beyond doctrine and denomination. Many of them returned home ready to work with us. From now a kingdom-building movement beyond denomination, centered on True Family Values has begun.

Our True Mother's upcoming tour should become a genuine interfaith move-

ment for True Family Values. To accomplish this, every church represented at Chung Pyung should be adopted and served not just by a Japanese missionary, but by our own Blessed Couples. Even if we attend their church just once a month, join just one ministry, make just small donations, we can help supportive ministers move their own churches. The most inspired and committed pastors can form local revival teams, which can be joined by like-minded pastors from other cities, to share True Family Values with other clergy. To receive True Parents this time, we must plan together and work together with them. Many pastors feel indebted and respectful toward Father and Mother. They should also feel responsible to welcome them. No one knows how to move churches better than pastors, and no one knows how to move pastors better than other pastors.

We are living in the most miraculous time in history. We are alive on earth with True Parents, and have been blessed by them. Each and every day on earth with Father and Mother is more precious than thousands of years. Let us live them with all of our heart. Strive every day to become a pure, loving, and absolutely God-centered man or woman. From our faith, from our families, and from our life of devotion and love for True Parents, the kingdom will begin, and will be accomplished. ❖

by Rev. Thomas W. Cutts—Atlanta, GA

When you invited me to this program, I had no idea it was going to be such an incredible event," remarked one student from Morehouse College. True Mother addressed an audience of 1,600 people on Monday, April 17th at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta. "The ballroom, and the stage were magnificent, the program was captivating, and Dr. Moon's speech was so moving. I am glad I came," concluded the student.

A prominent political leader introduced Mother as "the True Mother", and later asked to have a picture taken with Mother. Dr. Al Stewart, Founder and General Overseer of the Institute of the Christian World remarked, "Finally, people are beginning to accept the Unification Movement and appreciate what it stands for. Mrs. Moon gave a message for all people. If we all lived by those principles, this would be a much better world."

"It was good to see individuals of diverse racial, cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds come together in such a beautiful spirit of love and unity." Dr. Clayton E. Taylor, of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of East Point, Georgia was also impressed by True Mother's speech, "I was also encouraged and enlightened by the tremendous and challenging message given by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The Birthday Celebration for Rev. Moon was marvelous."

The audience read along in their booklets, as True Mother delivered the keynote address, "The Path of America and Humanity in the Last Days". Through the speech, listeners could understand the sorrowful path of restoration that God has trod throughout human history. Several times during her speech, True Mother had to stop to wipe her tears, and paused to compose herself before going on. The audi-

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ence was in silent awe.

Rev. Charles A. Carpenter, the Director of Pastoral Care, of the Southern Regional Medical Center in Riverdale, Georgia said, "I continue to be amazed and most appreciative of all that Reverend Moon and Dr. Moon have done for America. Their absolute commitment to saving our rapidly deteriorating society through true family values is just remarkable. Their message is so desperately needed."

We only had a month to prepare for the event, and the Regional Director, Rev. Man Ho Kim, began by asking members to offer their devotion, their dedication, and their donations. He established a daily prayer condition at the Atlanta Holy Ground, and directed each family to bring 20 guests, and to donate \$800. He frequently spoke of the significance of Mother's tour of Korea, Japan and America. The tour was taking place right between True Father's 80th birthday, and True Parents' 40th Blessing Anniversary. The events in each city must be successful.

Rev. Kim said that our event would be a success if we were victorious in three areas; 1) our care and attendance of True Mother; 2) having over 1,200 guests; and 3) having many VIPs attend the program.

Rev. Kim established a leadership team responsible for various functions. They were: Mrs. Mie Kim and Mrs. Claire Cotter - Mother's hospitality; Mr. David Tranberg - Mother's security; Mr. Toshiyuki Miura - Mother's transportation; Rev. Jean Kasongo and Mr. Haruki Kimura - invitation committee; Rev. Tom Cutts - VIPs; Mrs. Marilyn Ijimawayo - registration; Mr. Yasuhiro and Mrs. Yoshiko Toyomura - ushers; Mrs. Christine Proffitt - flowers for ballrooms and suites; Mrs. Asako Matsunaga and Mrs. Hiroko Miura - child care for staff.

Mother's hospitality staff was trained for several years by Mrs. Pak, the wife of Rev. Do Hee Pak. They knew how to attend True Mother, and make her comfortable and help her feel at home in Atlanta. Claire Cotter and the team of sisters from Bayou la Batre, Alabama, came to Atlanta three days before the event.

The team included Charlotte Blount, Sabine Darsey, Mrs. Choi Dierburger, Caren Saman, Shelley Watanabe, Keiko Wilhelmer, and Terry Yamane. They spent endless days, and sleepless nights preparing food, cleaning Mother's suite, changing wall pictures, setting tables, and filling dressers with nice things for Mother. As an indication of the sister's heart of attendance, Mother remarked a number of times during her meals how delicious the food was.

Rev. Jean Kasongo, the Regional Vice-Director, and Mr. Haruki Kimura



were in charge of mobilizing guests for the event. Witnessing teams went out every day, and passed out thousands of flyers. Hundreds of invitations were mailed. Three newspapers ran ads for the program. One witnessing team met with the leadership of University student bodies in Metro-Atlanta. Another team visited churches and invited ministers and their congregations.

The members from other states also brought guests. The State Leader of Alabama, Joshua Cotter, organized two busloads from Mobile. Mrs. Priscilla Agari organized a busload from Tennessee. Mrs. Kyoko Bauman and State Leader Keith McCarthy brought a busload of guests from South Carolina. The State Leader of Mississippi, Hubert Mahoungou, brought a busload from Mississippi.

On the day of the event, the reception with hors d'oeuvres was scheduled to begin at 6:30pm. Amazingly, guests started gathering at 6:00pm, and by the time the food was served there were already several hundred people waiting for the event to begin. Just after the program started at 7:00pm,

we had to start adding chairs, and by the time Mother came on stage, there was standing room only. It was electrifying to see Mother, as she approached the podium, receive a standing ovation from such a huge crowd.

There were over 120 VIPs at the event. These included prominent elected officials, ministers from various denominations, business leaders, professors and educators, and community activists. Elder Boyd Hoglund, a Mission President of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day

Saints, read a statement on the Family from the President of the Mormon Church, and then delivered the invocation. A prominent political leader, who is a Southern Baptist, introduced an initiative to have Bible study in the public schools. Minister Debra Muhammad, of the Nation of Islam, announced the Million Family March later this year.

Another prominent elected official, who is Catholic, warmly welcomed Mother to Atlanta. This leader expressed a desire to participate in the Blessing with her husband and referred to Mother as "the True Mother." During the Victory Celebration this public official asked to have her picture taken with Mother.

There were proclamations, letters, and plaques celebrating the day, from the Governors of Georgia, and Tennessee, from the Mayor of Atlanta, and many other municipalities and jurisdictions.

The program was extraordinary. The Rev. Michael Jenkins was the Master

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teaching." Ms. Janet Wylen, Vice-President, Church of Scientology International.

"Dr. Moon's message was very profound with many meaningful insights for all of us to follow. I think it is very important for all of us in the social action field to pay heed to what this message is all about." Marcos Vega, Director of J.A.D.E. (Juvenile Assistance and Diversion Effort).

"Every thing that Mrs. Moon talked about, I can agree with. I am impressed with all the works they have done together." Ven. Subratpatnaban, Poway Buddhist Organization.

"I am always impressed with Mrs. Moon and her beauty and delivery of the speech. Also the victory celebration showed the True Love between Mrs. Moon and Rev. Moon really is an example for us to follow...." Nancy O'Meara, Director, Foundation for Religious Freedom ❖

of Ceremonies, and demonstrated his gift for "saying just the right thing, at just the right time." He wonderfully helped the mostly Christian audience see the value of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and gain an appreciation for True Parents.

Dr. Tyler Hendricks was eloquent in his introduction of True Mother, and the that True Parents are doing in America and the world. The Rev. T. L. Barrett, Jr., the Superintendent of the Church of God in Christ, was exceptional. He really opened the hearts of the audience and helped them to relate with True Mother.

Mothers' speech was so extraordinary. The audience could understand the suffering course of Heavenly Father. The speech also lifted up America. Every American, whether white, African American, Hispanic or Asian, could feel they have a part in the destiny of God. The speech really helped heal much of the division between the races and ethnic groups.

Mother presented grants to three groups. Then Mother received plaques

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by B. Russel Schwartzkoph—Chicago

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. talked about a day when all races, all children of the living God, could gather together—when people would be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin, the size of their church, the methodology of their baptismal ceremony or other external standards of faith.

I truly believe that Dr. King would have been pleased to see the gathering sponsored by the Family Federation of Illinois which took place at the Civic Opera House on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2000. What was amazing was that over 80 churches, arriving in over 60 busses from every corner of Chicago and the suburbs, were gathering together to celebrate the presence of our lord and savior Jesus Christ in what many fervently believe are now the last days of the world fallen world of evil. In fact, the theme of the keynote speech was entitled "The Path for America and Humankind in the Last Days." The speech was delivered by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the wife and International co-founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification along with her husband (of 40 years) the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

Thus, over 5,000 ministers, clergymen, and congregants from over 80 of Chicago's greatest and most spirit filled churches packed into Chicago's 80 year old beautiful and distinguished Civic Opera House for a night filled with music, spirit and most importantly the word of God. The event was being hosted by the midwestern regional Bishop of the Chicago Family Church, the Rev. Ki Hoon Kim.

We were immediately greeted by the holy music of Chicago's own "Big Man", the Rev. Walter Butts, Pastor of the Mt. Carmel Children of God MB Church. We were then treated to a moving invocation from Father Lawrence Fares of Detroit's St. Ronald's Catholic Church. Father Fares had flown in from Detroit just for the event. A native of Lebanon, he had built the first Catholic Church in Kuwait.

Now the congregation was physically and spiritually warmed up and ready to go. And we were greeted by

the melodic gospel sound of Miss Vanessa Bell Armstrong. Ms. Armstrong who had come down from Detroit just minutes before her performance was followed by the incredible sounds of Mr. Lonnie Hunter III and the golden Voices of St. Mark. This choir brought the audience to its feet and the night was just beginning. Chicago's own 16th Ward Alderwoman, and Pastor of the Spiritual Holistic Church of Love and Faith, the Rev. Dr. Shirley Coleman was kept in awe as she waited in the wings watching Brother Lonnie Hunter lead the choir. Upon their conclusion, she greeted the audience and read a proclamation from the City Council of Chicago, which she had introduced proclaiming this night as Family Federation for World Peace and Unification night in Chicago.

Following Alderman Coleman, the Rev. Michael Jenkins, who was serving as the evening's Master of Ceremonies, introduced another dozen proclamations and letters of greeting. As a 12 handsome youngsters paraded across the stage holding up beautifully framed plaques, Rev. Jenkins read from letters that had come from The Speaker of the House, the Governor, the State of Illinois, the Mayor of Chicago, and several distinguished church organizations, including the Coalition of Religious Leaders in Illinois, the South Shore Ministerial alliance, the Baptist Ministers Conference of Chicago and the Church of God in Christ, Chicago, Illinois.

Next the audience was treated to a 15-minute video outlining the life and

works of Dr. Moon. This video was extra special to many of the clergymen and women in the audience who had most recently returned from a trip to Dr. Moon's native Korea. Here they had participated in an incredible revival and healing service in the mountains of Korea just south of the DMZ. They then returned to Seoul where they participated in a rededication of marriage ceremony in Seoul's 120, 000 seat



Olympic Stadium where the stadium was filled to overflowing.

Here, I believe it is important to reiterate that this was an ecumenical event, sponsored by the Family Federation, but supported by over 80 churches—most of whose ministers were on the event's invitational committee. The invitational committee itself, transcended, race, religion, denomination, ethnic origin and creed. Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, the senior Pastor of Evanston's historic Second Baptist Church was called upon to give the Ministerial Welcome. Dr. Taylor breathed a theological fire into the audience/congregation. He had done a similar feat 3 years earlier when he had been called on along with Lutheran Pastor, Dr. Paul Swanson to represent Protestant Christianity at the marriage re-dedication

ceremony representing 360,000,000 couples worldwide in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Then after a beautiful operatic musical offering and words of greeting from the Family Federation president Dr. Tyler Hendricks, our beloved Pastor, T.L. Barrett of Life Center Church of God in Christ gave an introduction to end all introductions as he introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Dr. Hak Ja Han. Pastor Barrett had hosted Dr. Moon in his own

Life Center Church 3 years earlier, and the depth of their personal relationship was apparent to all present. Pastor Barrett himself, had just returned from the Korean trip to which I referred to earlier (please refer to the April Issue of the Spiritual Perspective) and he was white hot with the spirit of the Lord.

Dr. Moon then graciously strode to the podium where she proceeded to address a spell bound congregation with the word of God for the next 45 minutes. Dr. Moon is a native Korean speaker and she chose to read from a prepared text in English entitled, *The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days.* However, halfway through the speech, in response to the amens and hallelujahs from the congregation, she was praising the Lord like an evangelical spirit filled preacher. By the conclusion of the sermon, not one of the over 5,000 in the congregation had left the auditorium and everyone in the audience was feeling the joy that comes from the True Love of the Lord.

After the sermon, Dr. Moon remained on the stage and received a beautiful plaque presented by Pastor Harrison Bolton from New St. Mary's COGIC and representing COGIC Bishop Ocie Booker from the Coalition of Religious Leaders in Illinois.

After receiving a beautiful bouquet of flowers, Dr. Moon then turned around and presented two awards herself. The first was presented to representatives from the Nation of Islam for the God

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and awards. Two elected officials, a high school student group, a college student group, an alliance from Alabama who participated in Blessing 2000 in Korea, and the Institute for the Christian World paid special recognition to Mother.

There was a cake cutting to celebrate True Father's 80th birthday, and "Happy Birthday, True Parents" was sung by the entire audience. Then for the Pure Love Ring Lottery, Mother drew the number seven. The one hundred and sixty winners, whose tickets ended in #7, were later measured for rings.

About 300 people then went to a smaller ballroom to join in the Victory Celebration. There we shared songs back and forth with True Father and the members in New York.

The next morning at 6:00am about 60 people joined True Mother for Hoon Dok Hwae. Mother asked Rev. Elay Kasongo to read from the very manuscript from which Mother reads during the tour. Rev. Kasongo was so moved by her reading True Parent's words that tears flowed down her cheeks.

Mother then had breakfast with some of the regional leadership. Mother was very happy and signed speech booklets, and asked the Japanese missionaries from Antiqua to sing a song. Then she asked Joshua and Claire Cotter to sing a song. It was a beautiful family spirit. We like to think that True Mother lingered at the breakfast table because she was pleased with her visit to Atlanta, and with the Atlanta program.

Since this is the year we celebrate Father's 80th birthday celebration, I want to add a footnote about Rev. T. L. Barrett. During his introduction of True Mother he mentioned that Rev.

Moon gave him the watch he was wearing. Later, upon returning to the airport, he related how he received that watch from Father. He began by saying, "If I hadn't followed the direction of the Spirit I wouldn't have this watch."

While in Korea for the February 10th Birthday celebration, Rev. Barrett was informed that he was to report to Father's suite. When he got there, leaders from around the world were presenting gifts to True Father. But, Rev. Barret had not prepared anything to give. Then the Spirit said, "Give him your watch." Rev. Barrett looked down at his watch and wondered "How can I give this great man this cheap watch." The Spirit repeated, "Give him your watch."

So, Rev. Barrett took off his watch and presented it to True Father. Father became very animated and talking in a big voice. Rev. Barrett was afraid he had insulted Father with his inexpensive gift. Father then took his own watch off his wrist and presented it to

Rev. Barrett. Rev. Barrett could see that Father was deeply moved by Rev. Barrett's present.

He was later told by Mother that Father had never taken his watch off his wrist and presented it to another person, except once. And that was during the Seung Hwa Ceremony of True Parents' son, Young Jin Nim. Father took the watch off his wrist, and placed it in the casket. Father told Young Jin Nim, that "By this token please know that I will be with you always."

When Father received the watch from Rev. Barrett, it was like a message from Young Jin Nim. "Father I received your watch." What an extraordinary birthday gift for Father.

As we celebrate our True Father's 80th year, my prayer is that I can also present an extraordinary gift to Father, one that will also move the hearts of our True Parents. ❖

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centered humanitarian work being done by the Muhammad University of Islam. After they had received the award they were joined on stage by Sister Claudette Muhammad and Sister Maria Farrakhan, the daughter of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.

The second award was presented to Pastor Constance Bansa from the Church of the Living God for her work with Chicago's renowned annual Jericho Walk. This walk is a God - inspired effort to tear down the walls of religious hatred, racism and bigotry that have traditionally plagued our modern society.

Finale

For the grand finale, over 100 ministers, clerics, and community leaders joined the award recipients and Dr. Moon on the stage. These included Rev. Helen Cooper, Westside Center of Truth, Bishop Melvin Crawford from the Church of the Living God, Rev. A.I. Dunlap, Mt. Olive AME, Rev. James Bass from Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Major General Ted W. Sorensen, USAF, Ret., Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph Amamoo from Ghana, Bishop C.C. Owens from the Emanuel COGIC, Pastor M.E. Sardon from the Holiness Community Temple, Rev. Olivia Jones from the Supreme Temple of Love and Truth, and Dr. and Mrs. Hycel B. Taylor. Together with the Jericho Walk Choir and the Chicago Family Church Children's Choir everyone concluded with "Oh Happy Day."

The official program then concluded, but the spirit was still strong and the ministers and congregants alike remained, on stage, then in the lobby and finally lining Wacker Drive for well over an hour after the program's official conclusion. God's hand of providence must have been on the programs, as the 62 buses picked up their riders without incident.

Rev. A.I. Dunlap, the Shepherd of Mt. Olive AME Church on the great South Side of Chicago has often said that he feels that Rev. and Dr. Moon share the same spirit and commitment to bringing all races and people of faith together to do the work of the Father—to build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Rev. Moon has called Dr. King the greatest figure of the 20th century. For those who were in attendance at the Civic Opera House on Tuesday

evening, April 11, 2000, I believe that all would concur that Dr. King's dream was becoming more and more real.

Some reflections from Chicago:

"I felt Dr. Moon was quite sincere. The more she spoke, the more sincerity I felt. I was moved to be part of the program. During her speech, I could feel her deep love for America. I am both an alderman in the city council of Chicago and a minister of my own church. I feel how critical it is for religious leaders to work hand in hand with political leaders.

"This event brought the best of both worlds together. Again, I was honored to have been included in this program. It was simply beautiful." *Rev. Dr. Shirley Coleman, Minister and member of the Chicago City Council.*

"I was so moved by the words of Mrs. Moon. She spoke so deeply and so personally about her relationship with the living God. I was moved as she spoke about the Pure Love Movement. Purity is so important in our impure immoral society. I applauded the work of the young people in the unification Movement who are teaching purity in our own Chicago Public School system. Mother Moon emphasized how God must be put first in our lives. Finally, one point that really hit me was the point about our responsibility to clean up our own society. When Mother Moon spoke about how the burden will fall upon our children if we do not do this." *Rev. Frankie Williams, Inspirational Outreach*

"I have been attending Unification programs for nearly 20 years. This was the most profound talk that I have ever attended. Dr. Moon's presentation was the best that I have ever heard. Equally, the content of this speech was



the deepest of any speech I have ever heard. Dr. Moon's ability to apply Unification Church theology into real life makes her words crystal clear. It was a joy to be part of an audience that was so responsive to the word of God. Also to have the spiritual power of both Dr. Hycel B. Taylor and Pastor T.L. Barrett on the same program to prepare the audience for the words from Dr. Moon was excellent.

"In a nutshell, I enjoyed the program thoroughly." *Dr. Paul Swanson, Professor Emeritus, Lutheran School of Theology.* (Dr. Swanson gave the prayer representing Protestant Christianity in America at the MSG blessing)

"The program was amazing. I mean you had Lutherans like myself, along side Pentecostals, Evangelicals, Jews, Catholics and Muslims. You had African-Americans, Hispanics, Filipinos, Koreans, Japanese and members of the Nation of Islam all standing side by side and hand in hand. It was my pleasure to be part of such a distinguished program with such a dignified keynote speaker." *Major General Ted W. Sorensen, USAF, retired, Korean War Veteran, President, AFC of Illinois*

"You guys sure know how to put on

a program. It takes a lot of organizing to pull off such a massive program with over 5,000 guests. What affected me most was Mother Moon talking about unity and True Love. The True Love thing really got me. I believe that this is actually what God really wants. I was so moved because I keep hearing Mother Moon mentioning God and Jesus.

"Also, Mother Moon is so humble. I can't believe that she has 13 children and 30 grandchildren. I thought that she was 80 years old like Rev. Moon. But she is beautiful, and so dignified. Mother Moon seemed so appreciative. That really made me think. She really wants people to work together, to interact together, centering on True Love. That seems to be her central goal.

"Finally, I thought, who else can bring so many different races, religious denominations, and divergent peoples together. My sister and I were so grateful to have been part of this program. *Mrs. Irene Johnson, President Emeritus, LeClair Courts Tenant management Association. Recipient of the Presidential award from President Reagan.* ❖



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by Rev. Eric Holt—NYC

TRUE MOTHER'S TOUR NYC

April 19, 2000 marked the climax and finale of True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's speaking tour of the US. True Mother has been criss-crossing the US delivering her vital message, "The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days" to capacity audiences throughout the country. A major theme in Mother's speech has been "living for the sake of others". Approximately 3,000 people from the New York metropolitan area squeezed into New York's Avery Fisher Hall in the Lincoln Center, while hundreds more had to be turned away.

The evening began with a warm welcome from Rev. Levy Daugherty, Vice President of FFWPU. The atmosphere quickly became spirited and lively through an opening number from the Bethany French Baptist Youth Choir of Harlem. Mrs. Alexa Fish Ward, the President of Women's Federation for World Peace, (WFWP), USA and Vice-President of WFWP, International, then gave an introduction to WFWP. This was followed by a WFWP video entitled, "International Conference on the Culture of Peace". Mrs. Ward introduced a notable guest speaker, Dr. Gilda Alarcon Glasinovich, President of the Council on the Status of Latin American Women. Dr. Glasinovich spoke movingly about her work and experiences involving the status of women.

Next, soprano, Fang Tao Jiang, an award-winning operatic singer from the People's Republic of China held the audience spell-bound with her stunning rendition. Ms. Jiang was accompanied on the piano by Rikako Asanuma. She was followed by vocalist, Raoul Joseph who was a big hit with the Korean nationals in the audience as he offered a version of a popular Korean song.



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ly. Her face could be seen on two giant screens on either side of the stage, an effect which really personalized the experience for the audience in the spacious theater. As the speech continued, the audience became more and more involved in the message. Some nodded their acknowledgment, while others could not restrain their "amens". Finally, as Mother came to the climax of her speech, the audience repeatedly erupted into applause, until, finally, they rose to their feet at the conclusion to give Mother a standing ovation!

True Mother received awards and gifts from the Nation of Islam, the True Family Values Clergy Coalition, and from the Family Federation. True Mother then selected from a basket the number which would indicate the lucky recipients of 24-carat "Pure Love" rings. As one might expect, the majority of the audience fell silent while shouts of jubilation rose up sporadically from those with the right number!

In addition to being an opportunity to hear the Word of God, the evening was also a celebration of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 80th birthday. Accordingly, toward the end of the evening, a large five-tiered cake was wheeled on to the stage. Additionally, the evening was the eve of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's 40th wedding anniversary. All-in-all, there were many reasons to be joyous!

At the end of the program, Mother presented the "Living for the Sake of Others" award to the evenings' honorees - those persons and organizations who had demonstrated the spirit of "Living for the Sake of Others". These included: ACP Study Cen-

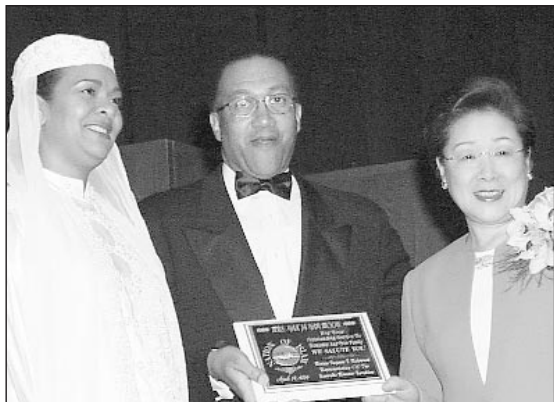
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Master of ceremonies, Rev. Michael Jenkins, Vice President of FFWPU then introduced the main part of the program. The invocation was given by Rev. Dennis Dillon, the dynamic publisher of the New York Christian Times. Special remarks were offered by Bishop David J. Billings, III, Secretary-General of the Church of God in Christ International. Bishop Billings was followed by Margaret Buhmaster, a prominent New Yorker, who testified about her experiences in Russia, as well as her experiences with WFWP and its founder.

Singer Mzuri uplifted everyone with her powerful and moving renditions of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Lift Every Voice". Opening remarks were offered by Dr. Tyler Hendricks, the President of FFWPU in the US. This was

followed by a video presentation entitled "Pioneer of World Peace, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon."

The keynote address, "The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days" was delivered by True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. As Mother came on to the stage, she smiled beautiful-



Inaugural Speech

by Hyun Jin Moon

This is from the address given on March 31, 2000, at the inauguration of the President of World CARP.

Before I begin I want to thank all of you for coming out here today and attending this inauguration. I hope that from this day forward, in the spirit of the new age that has come upon us with the victorious foundation of our True Parents, something great can be accomplished, something that our whole movement can see and be proud of.

I know those are ambitious words coming from somebody who is newly appointed to a student organization, CARP. If you give me the time I think you will start to see that although CARP is just a student organization, it can have a great impact. CARP can go beyond just dealing with second generation issues and concerns, can go beyond reviving our young members, can go beyond bringing new members to the CARP movement. It can touch all the youth of our country.

If you give me the time, I will touch upon this. But being Father's son, I have my own way of getting there. Sometimes the road might be straight and sometimes the road might be winding. It all depends. But as I stand before you and look at the crowd, I think, what is appropriate for me to speak about today? Should I stand here and dryly outline the vision of World CARP, and what the emphasis or focus of World CARP is? Or should I try to touch upon a broader vision that doesn't only involve World CARP, but affects each and every one of us, irregardless of what we do, as members of the Unification Church?

If the foundation that Parents have built throughout the course of 50-plus years of ministry, it has been a tremendous victory, from whichever angle you look upon it. Yet was it originally necessary for Parents to walk that course, struggling to build a movement so that Father could rise to the national and worldwide levels to complete his work? I've heard Father say many times that this was not the true purpose of his course, that the foundation of Christianity was a foundation built for him to substantiate the mission given to him by God.

If you look at 1945, the foundation was there. The world was basically under the power and influence of the United States, which then stood as the sole superpower in the world. In 1945 the Soviet Union was not yet a superpower. The only country relatively unaffected by the tragedy of war was the United States. Her soil was unstained with the blood of its own young people. Its economy was flourishing because it supported the allied cause. Its influence in the world, both economically and spiritually, was greater than ever before. This was the foundation prepared for True Father was to inherit. Had Father's mission begun in 1945 with the support of the worldwide Christian movement, Father has said that within seven years time the foundation for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven would be established.

Now reflect back. Even without that foundation, how much have we accomplished as a handful of members? We are a handful because even though our numbers might be in the thousands, compared to the rest of the world with its population in the billions, we are a small, small percentage. We are small in number because we do not have control over a nation. Father

does not have a nation.

Think again of how much more could have been accomplished if the Christian foundation that was prepared had united with True Parents. Yet unfortunately Christianity, failed to unite with True Parents, starting with the Korean Christians, who still today are the greatest opponents of our movement.

It is hard to overestimate the significance of this sad fact. Christianity came to Korea in a big way. The 19th Century revival movement that had started in the United States was manifested in its purest form in Korea. If you study about the Pyongyang revivals in North Korea, it attests



to this fact. The American missionaries who went to Korea testified to the fact that Koreans were prepared to receive Christianity, more so than the Chinese, more so than the Japanese. Of all the Asian nations that Christianity touched, Korea was the most prepared. If you look at the history of Korea, you can see that Korea was a nation founded upon its religious heritage. Even the Tang gun myth, attests to Korean belief that the nation was a product of divine will. There is an intense connection with a supreme being, Hananim, and this was something present within Korea even before the coming of Christianity.

It was in this vortex of spiritual energy that Christianity came, and it was in this environment that Christianity established its purest form. There was a strong apocalyptic nature about Korean Christianity, a strong belief that the Lord of the Second Advent would come to Korea, especially among the more spiritual or revelatory Christian denominations. It was this foundation that was built for True Father to come. Yet this faith, this foundation, although prepared, although cultivated by the divine hand of God, was lost because of the failure of man's five percent responsibility. Those who were prepared to receive the Messiah were the first ones to reject him. They could not see the vision, could not unite with the vision that True Parents were bringing to Korea at that time.

Don't you think it's ironic that the only nation that has not found a solution to the ideological conflicts of communism and the free world is on that small peninsula? The Cold War is over in the rest of the world, yet it's not over on the Korean peninsula. Why? Because it was there that the vortex of change, the spiritual mission that Father was supposed to manifest in his life began,

and still remains.

Now why do I make this point? It was because of the failure of Christianity to unite with Father that Father had to walk the course of the wilderness. We now stand as Unification Church members with a second generation, and even a third generation, and we've institutionalized ourselves and we look at ourselves as an entity that was meant to be. But the fact of the matter is, it was never meant to be. The reason why our Church is in existence is because of the failure of the prepared foundation to receive True Parents.

God's providence has a distinct purpose and a distinct course. It is our five percent

responsibility to connect with it. It is not a democratic process. It is not simply a process of choice. There is a divine conviction and will the course of providence. It is our human responsibility to connect with it.

The Unification Church over the last 50 years has overcome tremendous obstacles, tremendous difficulty to come to the point that we stand today. We stand on the foundation of Parents' victory, at the ending of the restorative era and the beginning of the settlement era. Now you might sit there and look at me and say, what does that all mean?

Because of the failure of Christianity, Father had to move. Father still had his mission. He had to build a foundation on a worldwide level once again, and it was through our movement in which Father could substantiate that. It means that we've once again reached that point where Father stood in 1945. It means that upon the foundation of the Unification Church, the Family Federation for World Peace, upon the foundation of all those blessed couples that received the blessing, we can start to build God's substantial kingdom, start building the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

In order to do that, we have to be builders, we have to change our mindset. Dr. Yang gave an analogy of Moses and the Israelites as the chosen people reached the banks of Canaan, and looked across those banks into the land of Canaan. Don't you think that they had to change their mindset? That is why there was a condition set that it was only the second generation that entered and the first generation did not, because the first generation carries all the baggage of Egypt. What about our movement, as we think about the settlement

age, looking across the bank, wanting to build the substantial Kingdom of God here on earth. Don't we also have to shed ourselves of our baggage?

We need to recognize that the experiences that many of you had — I'm speaking to the first generation members gathered here — come from the restorative era, the era that had to be because of the failure of Christianity to unite with Father. The restorative era was an era in which we had to pay indemnity. Indemnity for past failures. In other words, you had to pay restitution for past wrongs so you can make settlement of past debts.

The mindset, the structure, the attitudes, the perceptions that were appropriate then are very different than now. The restoration era was an era in which we had to separate from the satanic world to establish God's camp, upon which we could be in the position to subjugate the outside world. But that thrust eventually got us out from the mainstream. We carry some of that baggage when we deal with the outside world, don't we? Many people look at us as an outside organization, a cult, a pariah movement, something out of the mainstream.

But what about the time of settlement? It means something so much different. For example, individual members are often very judgmental amongst each other: "You're not centered, you're not this or that." This type of attitudes, although necessary in the past to maintain a certain standard, lead to a lot of in-fighting, pointing fingers. Now that we've entered the land of settlement, we have to think not about how to keep separate but about how we can bring everybody in—in theological terms, the nature of our conversation has changed.

It's no longer about how can I, the individual, find salvation. The point of discussion has changed to the family. How can your family enter the kingdom of heaven?

These are monumental shifts in the way we should understand ourselves, our families, and our responsibilities within the settlement age, and it reflects the overall movement and the individual institutions represented in that overall movement. This should not be a time where energy is spent bickering, criticizing, or talking about the negative. It should be a pro-active time in which we take ownership, when each of us feels, "I have to do something!"

Visit some of the Internet chat rooms created by our movement you will see lot of things said, a lot of things pointed out that need improvement. Fine, good. Maybe it's good, a venting process. But what are you going to do about it? That's the difference between an owner and somebody who just thinks he's a part of the process and is riding along. An owner thinks, "If there is a problem, I'm going to fix it." For example, those of you who own a house, if you have a leaky faucet, you fix it. There's nobody else to blame except yourself if you don't fix it.

Now that we've entered the time of settlement, we have to be owners. We have to feel that this movement is ours and it's our obligation, our responsibility to take care of it. Instead of wasting our energy in criticism and bickering, let's focus those energies on things that are constructive and that create initiative, things that are pro-active. This new age is dawning for each and every one of us. If we are able to see and ignite the spark of hope within ourselves and to touch the lives of our com-

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Hyun Jin Moon inaugurated as new President of World CARP

by Michael Balcomb—NYC

You could say that the new World CARP President Hyun Jin Moon is a man in a hurry. From the moment True Parents assigned him to his new role as the international leader of CARP and the 2nd Generation, he has been sharing his vision of a bright new future for the Unification youth movement whenever and wherever he can. In the past few months, he has led conferences in Bridgeport (twice), UTS, National Headquarters and Chicago. He has also been a keynote speaker at the ALC meetings in Washington and is even now on a tour of CARP chapters in Korea, Japan and four other Asian countries.

March 31, the day Hyun Jin Nim was officially inaugurated as the World CARP President, was a typical example of his determination to guide CARP to new successes. For five hours before the inauguration, Hyun Jin Nim sat down at the Columbia Road family church in Washington DC with a group of more than 70 CARP alumni, brothers and sisters who had been leaders and members of CARP over the past 20 years. He wanted to hear from them about what had worked and what had not worked well during those years, to find the "nuggets of value" from the blood, sweat and tears of hundreds and hundreds of CARP volunteers in campuses across America.

The reason for this extended give and take was not just to reminisce about old times, of course. The most interesting reports were about specific witnessing campaigns, including New York and San Francisco 1986 - 1994, Los Angeles 1979 and many other programs at schools across the nation. Hyun Jin Nim's vision is for CARP to once again become a powerful evangelical force for the Unification movement as a whole. "We need new young members," he said, "and I am confident that we will find them once we redirect our energy and resources into witnessing. We need to study and learn from the best practices from our own past, and from other countries as well."

The inauguration itself was a moving event. The local DC church community invested their hearts to create a simple but solemn ceremony, which turned out to be a moment of rededi-

cation and redetermination for all of the CARP and the Church members present. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Continental Director FFWPU, introduced Hyun Jin Nim and commented on his many other initiatives, including the True Family Culture Conferences, his successful business enterprises and his outstanding record at Columbia and Harvard. Congratulatory telegrams were read from

this years class. In the same time period, the Pure Love Alliance has emerged as a leading international force for purity and abstinence, with three national and international tours under its belt. PLA volunteers are now teaching the CLUE abstinence curriculum to thousands of students in dozens of public schools across the United States.

Now the challenge is to bring these

of thinking.

"There are more options now than ever before in human history. Yet, what kind of value systems will people have to guide those options? What will be the tradition, the vertical standard that connects the lives of people, to God, to the ideal world, to a better society?"

Prayer vigil

Immediately after the inauguration, Hyun Jin Nim went with the entire congregation to the holy ground at the Ellipse, near the White House. Members have maintained a consistent prayer vigil there for many years, and on this night fervent prayers were offered for the success of his new mission and for the victory of True Parents speaking tours and other providential activities.

After that, Hyun Jin Nim and 20 World CARP leaders went out to a farm in West Virginia for a two-day workshop retreat and planning session. Each of the nations and regions represented - Korea, Japan, USA, Europe, Russia, Hungary, Germany, Thailand, Taiwan and the Philippines - had already prepared reports about membership and activities in their own country. Even though the size and scope of CARP activities in each nation varied widely, the group focus was to create a new mission statement for CARP appropriate to the challenges of the new millennium and the settlement age.

On the second day, Hyun Jin Nim led an extensive case study of J-CARP, which is in many ways a model for other nations to follow, in that it is growing each year through a successful witnessing program, and is student centered but financially independent. Questions flew thick and fast as the CARP leaders asked J-CARP President Eiji Tokuno how J-CARP had managed to develop and grow despite the very difficult social circumstances of the movement in Japan.

Lastly, the discussion turned to the structure of the new World CARP organization which will be created in its finalized form later this year. Even though the legal situation in each country is different, every national CARP chapter will be represented in the governing structure of World CARP. "This will be a different organization in just two years" said Hyun Jin Nim, "and in five years it will be spectacular. If you believe this, let's work together to make it happen!" ❖



international FFWPU President Rev. Sun Jo Hwang and from Rev. Jeong Ok Yoo from Japan. Gifts and flowers were presented from various nations.

History of CARP

Mike Balcomb, the outgoing US CARP President, took the opportunity to review the history of World CARP under its two previous Presidents, Hyo Jin Moon and Jin Hun Park Moon. Under Hyo Jin Him's leadership, World CARP had held International Student Conventions in Seoul, Tokyo, New York, Bangkok, London, Paris and most notably in 1987 in Berlin, where CARP leaders shouted "Die Mauer muss weg" the wall must go!

Jin Hun Park Moon's lasting contributions were the creation of the STF (Special Task Force) and the founding of the Pure Love Alliance. The STF is a one or two year training program for young Unificationists to strengthen their life of faith before going on to college. From just five participants in the first class of 1995, there have been more than 100 graduates, and thirty five in

US CARP Has a New President Too

Howard Self was recently appointed the President of US CARP. He has been working with CARP since the days of Tiger Park in the late seventies, and brings enormous experience to the role. Mike Balcomb has taken on new duties with the international organization of World CARP.

victories to a higher level. "You who are gathered here today are the bright, young, second generation members of our movement." Hyun Jin Nim said, "Don't tell me you don't have the capacity to be able to see that we have entered a new historical era. The changes are coming about, not only within our movement, but also throughout the whole world. The winds of change are circulating, dislodging people's old traditional ways

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community with that spark of hope through our pro-active actions then this movement will be revived. The spirit of this movement will permeate the rest of the community.

A new paradigm has come to the fore because we've entered a new age. The first thing that has to change is our mindset. We have to take ownership. We have to feel that this church that we're sitting in, that we're worshipping in is ours, and therefore if there are any dents, we should fix them. Don't wait for someone else to do it. You do it. If enough of you have that type of attitude, things will start to change before your

eyes, faster than you would even imagine. That new time has come.

That's what Father means when he talks about the settlement age, the time of the fourth Adam, the period of the second generation. It's really a time when we have to take ownership, not just sit back and watch, saying "Oh, I had bad experiences, and I really don't want to commit any more. I want to take my time." No. Put your neck on the line once again because anything that's worthwhile takes sacrifice and investment.

We have entered a new age. There is a new paradigm coming to the front. For this movement to be able to capture that and to make that and to own it, we have to change our mindset, especially the first

generation. The first generation has been conditioned by the restorative era and has carried a lot of baggage from the restorative era. That baggage, is not necessary for this new age. It's not just a matter of surviving any more. It's a matter of building.

Think about raising kids. The role of a parent is the most prestigious role on earth, but all parents know that it takes 100 percent, 200 percent, 300 percent investment to raise your kids. We should have even greater love, devotion and commitment toward our movement, the victorious manifestation of True Parents.

Earlier this afternoon I had a chance to speak to, many, many different CARP members. CARP members of the past, CARP

members of the present. Many of them are parents of second generation CARP members, those who are in the STF program or the PLA program. And those parents sometimes say to me, "I think STF is great, but one year in STF is good enough because my kid really needs to go to school." Yet the kids themselves are saying, "I really believe in this STF program. It's the first time that I was able to experience and understand my faith and make it my own. I want to stay here another year, two years. But you know what? My parents are always telling me to quit because I need to focus on my education." This is something that I hear over and over again. Yet when I speak to parents and ask them, "What's the key issue

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that you feel most strongly about that our movement should address?" To a man all blessed parents say that the key issue is the raising of our second generation so that they inherit Father's tradition. Tell me the irony of that.

Think about you're the real situation of our second generation kids. From K to 12 they get a completely secular education. How many of us are home constantly to raise your kids? They often go to workshop in the summer, but how much do you really learn at workshop, do you really understand and own your faith? I had a long conversation with Father talking about this very topic, epistemology, the theory of knowledge. I asked him, how does one learn? I had strong opinions and so I put forth my opinion. I believe that you really learn and you really own knowledge not through the cognitive or intellectual process. Even if you understand the basic construct of the argument, it's all abstract.

You own knowledge only through experience. Isn't that how you understood parental love when you yourself became a parent? Before becoming a parent, even if someone explains to you about the meaning of parental love, it's all in the mind. You don't know it, don't feel it. Isn't it the same with the way of faith? Why did you join this movement? Was it because of the powerful arguments of Principle alone, or was it the experience that you felt not only in hearing the message but also experiencing it within the community of faith that you joined?

I would say the moment that you made up your mind to give your life to this movement, to True Parents, was the moment that you had ownership over your faith and

your conviction and belief.

Why not then give your kids the opportunity to do the same? When are they going to have a chance to understand that faith if they aren't out in the front lines testing?

You might think that I, as Father's son, was born with a silver spoon in my mouth, living in East Garden, the glass imperial palace that nobody has access to. If someone else was to write my story, that's how it might be presented. But if I tell it, it's a very different story. From the minute I was born, I was given a certain destiny, and from that moment on I have had to prove myself over and over and over again. Nobody likes to live under but the True Family has to live under a microscope. That puts awesome pressure on young people, especially when parents are not there.

Yet when I reflect back, I am not bitter. If I insisted on finding my own little individual sense of justice, I could not stand here today. I cannot complain. I'm going to digest everything. From this moment forth we're going to move forward with a new attitude, with a new spirit that is not destructive but that's creative. What does that mean to be creative? What does that mean to take ownership? It to leave the baggage behind. Look to a new future and the promise that it holds and that awaits you. You know, the biggest challenge of our movement is not the world out there. It's our own selves. It's because we are afraid to take that big leap into the unknown future with conviction and with dedication, with our whole heart, with our necks out on the line. Yet I'm telling you, the foundation is there because we stand again at the zero point of history, at a time in which the substantial kingdom can begin to be established.

These are not just words because I know as long as I touch one, two, or more people here, that from this moment they make

conviction to do something about it, to become pro-active instead of reactive, to become an owner instead of a renter, then something new will begin and you will start to see it.

You know, going back to the second generation once again, think about the mixed messages that these second generation kids are growing up with. One of the things that you learn when you are a teacher, when you're a leader is that consistency is important. Consistency. Reinforcement. You can't say one thing and do another. You can't do things that are contradictory to what you say or what you profess.

If the main concern of blessed couples is, how to instill in my kids the faith that I received and the energy and the spirit that I received from True Parents then you have to feel it's your obligation to give life to my kids by supporting the institutions and organizations that are there to help them find that faith, help them find that determination.

I told you that the message that I want to give today goes beyond just the CARP organization because the way I see it everything is connected. So if I want to start talking about CARP and developing a vision for the CARP organization, first I have to clarify the larger, wider issues that exist within our movement at large. Once again, I want to emphasize that we have entered the settlement age. We have to start changing our mindset, our attitudes, our perspective. We have to be willing to leave the baggage of the restorational era behind and start anew. We have to move forward together as a movement, as an organization. We also have to move as blessed families.

How, then, can CARP fulfill its mission of being the apex or the center of a new youth movement in this providential age? The vision of the CARP organization is very simple. We have to revive and resuscitate

our evangelical focus. If you don't like the term evangelical, it means our witnessing activities. Why? If you look at it practically, how do you build a successful organization? We can learn from the other existing models out there, including other churches.

Of course, we offer more than just a church—we offer a way of life, a substantial way of life. But for the sake of trying to build models that are somewhat similar, although they are not perfectly similar, look at all the religions that are thriving, that are growing. They all have an evangelical, witnessing component that is very strong. On the other hand, if you look at all the other religious organizations that are declining, they lack this fundamental component.

What is happening now, especially over the last couple of years since the creation of Family Federation for World Peace? The model that our movement has adopted is a more congregational model. Our members are settling down with a family in communities and building congregations, and doing outreach activities to other churches, to other faiths, to other denominations. In other words, we're building a very strong congregational model. Yet what have we not been able to build or focus on? An evangelical component.

Those outreach programs where we make friends with the other churches are good, but they do have limitations. Yes, they accept Father as a great prophet, they accept Father as a great spiritual leader, they accept the meaning and the spirit of the blessing? But do they accept Father as True Parents, as Lord of the Second Advent? Are they willing to give up their lives for True Parents, and therefore be engrafted upon the direct root of True Parents, one

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Many national and local dignitaries were present throughout the evening



including: representatives from the United Nations and other international organizations, various state and local political leaders, religious leaders, as well as social, academic, and media leaders. Additionally, a number of proclamations, awards and letters were received from several UN ambassadors, US senators and congressmen, state and local officials, civic and community organizations, etc.

Thanks are due to the many brothers and sisters who worked hard to make the event successful: Rev. and Mrs. Dong Woo Kim, Rev. and Mrs. Andy Compton, Rev. and Mrs. Terry Walton, Rev. and Mrs. Esteban Galvan, Rev. and Mrs. John Kung, Rev. and Mrs. Edner Pierre-Louis, Rev. and Mrs. Yasuhiro Hori, Rev. and Mrs. Kryz Hempowicz, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Corley, Dr. and Mrs. David Carlson, Rev.

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of True Parents' core members? No. This is the component that's lacking in our movement. And this is the issue that CARP will address because to build a thriving, successful organization that nobody can refute, this component is absolutely critical.

That's talking on an organizational level. How about talking on a more providential, spiritual level? Why is it that we need to bring in new, young members? What's the purpose of the restorational providence? To create an ideal family. If you want to put it in a nutshell, the whole purpose of restorational providence is to create an ideal family.

Now when you talk about family, you're talking about the most intimate relationships, absolute, eternal kind of bonds. Within that family you are inculcated with a certain tradition and culture and value, a vertical heritage that's absolutely eternal.

In order for us to establish the substantial kingdom, therefore, we need to have young people in great numbers who have that kind of commitment on an eternal level, so they can be engrafted on the ideal family.

Now that means a little more dedication than just going to the blessing and saying, okay, I think Rev. Moon is a great man, a good spiritual leader. It means, "I think True Parents are my parents, and because I'm a member of this family now I'm going to do whatever it takes for the sake of my family." That, my friends, is what we mean by a core member. It means somebody who's willing to do more than say I like the programs you do and here's my support. You need to have that constituent body.

The reality is that the core membership of our movement is getting older. Don't think that your numbers will be replaced by the second generation. The more our movement looks inward, the more it will fail its mission providentially. We have to constantly look to bring new members into our movement, to bring young blood into our movement. Therefore, from the foundation of CARP I will put my energy in developing a youth movement.

If we are able to bring in enough numbers into our movement, I'm telling you we can move this nation of America. You think about the power of a grassroots, college campus-based youth movement. A tremendous amount of political, economic power that can be substantiated. Father's message goes beyond just religion. If what we believe and what we profess can be a way of life, as Father clearly said, there is no need for religion. Religion is a tool or a product in which fallen man can come once again closer to God, but the ultimate purpose is not just the liberation of the spirit but the liberation of spirit and body. We believe in building a substantial foundation, not just a faith-based foundation.

The conferences I have initiated on building a true family culture is a part of this effort to accomplish that. If you have not heard of it, eventually you will. And I want each and every one of you to participate because your contribution will be not only necessary but also good. This goes directly in line with what CARP will focus on in the future. CARP focusing on the external mission of evangelism will bring to the outside world the witness of the second generation. What better witness is it for second generation kids to go out witnessing

and bring the truth to other second generation kids? What better witness to the value of Principle than the second generation kids that are products of your blessing?

I think you can start seeing the connections. This crucial element, the building of the evangelical component, is a necessary thrust of our movement and you can start to see how your kids, can be connected to that, how the kids in the world at large can be connected to that, and eventually how our movement will prosper from that. Need I say more?

Let me ask one of the younger ones here.



Hyun Jin Moon with the CARP leadership

How old are you? Eleven? Do you want to eventually join CARP? You don't know. By the time you turn 18, you'll probably want to join CARP. I think you will find is that the most exciting things will be happening in the CARP organization. Those who go to CARP, to build the momentum for the resurrection of our US CARP movement will be building up a youth movement here in the United States. They will be part of the core cadre that has a lot to be proud about, and will have a lot to show when they go to college or grad school.

I know that many of you as parents, first generation, gave up your education to give your life for True Parents. I'm sure maybe in the back of your mind you sometimes think "I feel bad I gave up my education. I'm going to make sure my kids go to school. I'll do whatever it takes to make them go to school." Great. Send them to school. But in the process, don't forget to emphasize the religious element of their education. I am all for education. That's one of the reasons why I already created an education foundation. Education is necessary for our movement, but not at the price of the spiritual lives of our kids.

I don't care how important you think education is. If at some point in their life you don't give them an opportunity to find their faith, what's the use? What's the purpose? I see parents as being CARP's greatest ally. I see the first generation as being CARP's greatest ally because there is a direct need to educate your kids, to allow them to have the experience that allows them to have true knowledge to be there.

From what I've seen so far, second generation kids are the ones who are excited about the CARP organization. When some of the second generation kids found out there was going to be a leadership change, they immediately called me up and said

they wanted to meet me at East Garden. I said, okay. I already knew what they were going to say. They were all part of the STF and PLA program and I knew they were going to come and speak to me about how great the program is and how much it needs to be supported. I already knew it, but I said, okay, come on.

They came and they did just that. So I said, how old are you? They said, 18, 19, 20, 21. I asked, are you telling me that you really believe in this, that you're going to be willing to do whatever it takes to make these programs a tremendous success? Do you really mean that? Yes, they said. Then

take a tremendous amount of sacrifice. But eventually what is built will be something that everybody can be proud of. They are willing to do what it takes to get the job done. That is the beginning of ownership mentality. That is the beginning of the creative process.

Do you think when God first created mankind He wanted archangels to create them? No. God went into the trenches, rolled up his shirtsleeves and did the creation himself. When children into the world, is it somebody else that does the act? No, it is only you. Everything in the creative process comes out of ownership mentality. You understand love when you own it, do you not? Isn't that the meaning and the basis behind the four realms of heart? To own the love, to experience it in your family.

I'm saying that you have to own this institution. CARP is not my institution. Especially US CARP should be the institution of US members, second generation, young members. And not only young members, but their parents and the CARP alumni members should be owners of this institution. If I am able to build that type of awareness, to build that type of coalition, the youth movement will begin today.

Don't look at me and say, oh, Hyun Jin Nim is just a good orator who learned how to speak at Harvard Business School. Believe me, I took no classes in public speaking. The point of the matter is this — truth is truth, fact is fact, reality is reality. What needs to be done is very clear. We need to develop a thriving youth movement that is the evangelical witnessing backbone of our movement, that brings new young blood into our movement, dedicated and determined to follow True Parents and substantiate their tradition in their lives. That is what we need to do, above all else.

But CARP cannot do it alone. Instead of looking at an institution to do this for you, I'm going to ask all of you to do what you can for the CARP organization, supporting this new movement in every respect. If we do this, we can build a thriving movement in the United States. We can find a solution and build leadership for the young people of America. And those young people are really lost. You and I know it. Look at every single community in the United States. Look at the number of broken families in the United States. Look at the number of lost kids in the United States. Just ask your kids because they go to school with this lost generation.

If we think that somehow by just ignoring these issues we're going to run away, we're going to hide from it — well, we're not. We're going to deal with it head-on by trying to build solutions through the organizations and the institutions that Father has built. That institution for the youth movement is the CARP organization.

From this moment forth I look at all of you as CARP members. Those of you who like that status, raise your hands. Well, I've got a lot of new CARP members here. ❖

I asked, do you know what it's going to take? No. I told them, you have to get a taste of ownership. I believe that the best learning experiences are those that when you go out you face challenges but you're able to overcome them. That's how you grow.

If you help someone too much along the way you can build a welfare or dependent kind of mentality. Then they're not self-reliant. They always need the help of somebody else.

What if there was not the movement at large, and I really believed in an issue such as abstinence? Am I ready to create my own curriculum based upon this abstinence thing, not only develop the content, but get people motivated to join in this crusade, raise the finances to support it. Are you willing to do that? That's what taking ownership means.

As long as there's some CARP organization or outside organization helping you, you might think you're doing a good job, but in the real world not really be accomplishing much. So I told this to these kids. They kind of looked at me with blank faces, but they made the determination. They said, whatever it takes. I met those same kids in Chicago again recently. Once again they said, whatever it takes. I told them what it could be like. They said they'll make the investment. When I see that I have hope because as long as the second generation kids and our young members with that level of dedication, who are willing to put their necks out on the line, there's always hope.

Does it mean that the course ahead of them is easy? No. I'm not going to stand here before you and lie, say the future is easy. The future is not easy. It's going to



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SOUL OF RUSSIA

Why I'm Still in Russia After 9 Years

by Erin Bouma—Moscow

In April 2000 I will begin my tenth year of living in Moscow as a pioneer missionary to the long-suffering Russian people. I have witnessed enormous changes in both my host country and myself over that period and I am most grateful for the growth and experience.

Many of you may know that I first felt pulled in the direction of Russia in about 1983 while working at the Seminary. I founded the "Soul of Russia" Group for the purpose of praying for the nation and people then under communism and preparing (through study and interaction with other like-minded groups) to work in the USSR after its "liberation". Although I taught V.O.C. and saw CAUSA's educational work, I felt something should be set in motion for a more home church-type of healing and restoration for the nation AFTER the Soviet period.

Through a series of events, including two journalist fact-finding tours to Russia and finally working on the World Media Conference in Moscow April, 1990, I moved East one year later. I took my worldly belongings with me since I planned to make a home and work for some period of time. I was not part of the CARP dispensational recruitment, but rather relocated under the auspices of IRF-PWPA, even though that mission didn't work out.

Shortly after my arrival I found my niche as an English teacher and before long I was able to completely support myself and meet many Able-type people in the process. I contributed to many workshops and programs in the early days while I was not under much financial pressure.

One of the most valuable reasons I am still in Russia is that I had my first experience of LIVING BY FAITH and now feel so free I wouldn't want to lightly give it up. Some people ask me if I live alone; I tell them that God is always with me. And that's what I've experienced. When I need more students, occasionally I need to advertise or pass the word around, but God always sends new people when I need them (and if there is a surplus I pass them on to other missionaries). Now, after nine years my foundation is quite strong and I can exist on referrals.

I set my private lesson fees quite moderately since service, rather than money, is my objective. My savings account has become my investment in people: my health care is in the hands of my young students' parents who are doctors and surgeons and my friend manages a dental clinic. Often my many long-time students become personal friends and I have developed a whole network of families and support for most of my needs I can't meet. From the beginning I have felt so taken care of, that I needn't worry about anything.

Secondly, I'm still in Russia, because *I Feel What I Am Doing Is Valuable*. I visit America and try to imagine if I return "home" what could I do that would have near the same impact on lives. Honestly speaking, Russia is in a terrible mess because the leadership in the period since the fall of communism has made so many un-Godly mistakes and allowed corruption and greed to flourish at everyone's expense. And, although they've seen very few positive results from their so-called Russian democracy and capitalism, the ordinary person is very good, open-hearted and wants to live in a "normal", healthy country with a real future for their children.

I find that serving these sincere people who live in the constant political and economic crisis that is Russia is very fulfilling. I figure even if I am not the world's greatest English teacher, still I have True Love and hope to offer them and a lot of practical and spiritual personal advice as well. And they seem to welcome and receive it gladly.

I've also had a chance to serve the Korean community living in Moscow through their elementary school and several families. I now have three non-church Korean families begging me to come to Korea to teach English. But I

think to myself, there are lots of people who can (and would love to) go and love Korea but very few who can love Russia at this point in time.

Thirdly, I'm still in Russia because I know that *America Needs To Be Saved*. Every time I visit the States, I am appalled at the glut of things and the mad race for money gripping many lives here. I even feel that America is about to gag on its own

wealth and comfort. I know that a rich spiritual life is much easier to come by when one is uncomfortable and making effort to do everyday things. For this, Russia is custom-made. This fact, for every Russian I know, serves as a witness to my faith and character that I

are "easier" and I could be making more money, etc.

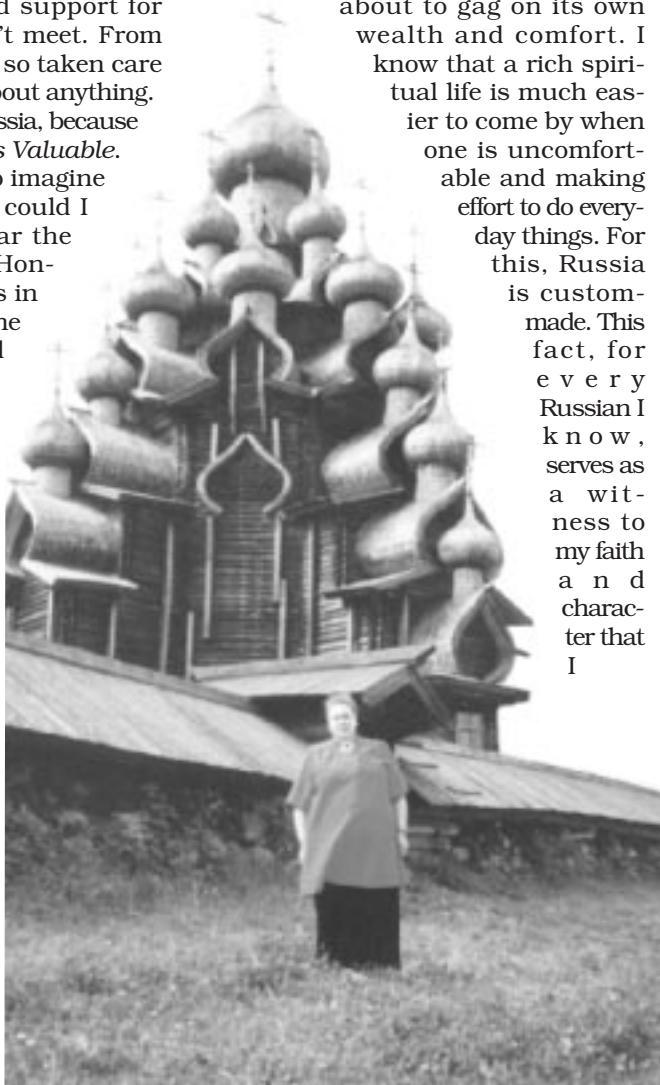
I understand that many missionary families who were once in Russia have returned to the States for good reasons: health problems, big families, schools for their children, etc. The fact that I am single has given me more options here and I haven't either felt "called" to return to America or been forced to leave by circumstances.

So, you are asking, if America needs to be saved, what am I doing in Russia so long? More and more I think that one of the best ways for America to be saved is to send out people to give her Blessings to the world. If only to begin to counteract the exported "junk" from the U.S. that is now world-wide, we need people of character and service to represent our nation and give the best of the American heritage. My physical sister has two granddaughters: one is a budding young fashion model who moved to New York at age 17; her sister, aged 20, by contrast is now serving in the Peace Corps in Mongolia.

Finally, I'm thinking that if I offer at least 10 years of service to Russia this will be a *Tithe Of My Life* to the country. I'm also realizing that as my personal foundation gets stronger, and my understanding of the culture and people deepens, I can accomplish more and more. In this past year I have become a contributing editor to a nationwide weekly newspaper for English teachers and in March will begin to offer workshops for Russian English teachers working with young children. My circle of influence is widening.

In my next report, I will share my reflections of how I have personally changed by living as a missionary in a foreign country and some reflections on life in Russia and America.

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Report on an Anti-Cult Conference

by Dan Fefferman—Washington, DC

In my capacity as director of the International Coalition for Religious Freedom, I decided to attend the annual conference of the Leo J. Ryan Foundation in Stamford Connecticut. Headquartered in Bridgeport, the LJRF makes no bones about its ties to the now-defunct Cult Awareness Network, which was put out of business by a lawsuit that tied it to an illegal deprogramming conspiracy. LJRF even bills itself as the renewed "Cult Awareness Community." Its current president is Priscilla Cole, who formerly ran the Cult Awareness Network, and several other CAN stalwarts can be found on its rolls.

Of course, it's no coincidence that the group—named for the Congressman who was gunned down in the Jonestown massacre in 1978—has its headquarters in the town where the Unification Church is well known for its role in bailing out the financially troubled University of Bridgeport. LJRF's executive director is Julia Bronder, an embittered former UB employee and UC critic.

Human Rights, but for Whom?

The title of the LJRF conference was "Human Rights and the New Millennium." This too may be no coincidence. Our own International Coalition for Religious Freedom (ICRF) sponsored a series of international conferences in 1988 entitled, "Religious Freedom and the New Millennium." Indeed a common thread running through the LJRF presentations was that "freedom of thought" is an even more fundamental human right than freedom of speech or religion. And since cultists can't—by definition—have freedom of thought... Well, more on that later.

I have to admit that the conference was well run and well conceived to support its organizers' purposes. I did feel a little out of place at times, especially with people who assumed I was an anti-cultist like themselves. One former UC member was so happy to see me, until I informed her that I was "still in." Another guy angrily accused me of being a private investigator hired by Scientology to harass participants and spy on them. Talk about bad vibes! But the majority of the organizers and participants I met were courteous, if cool, once they learned who I was. Below are some highlights. While many other groups other than the UC were dealt with, I've concentrated on what relates specifically to our work.

Accolades from the Adversary

Not to brag, but several speakers made reference to ICRF. They mentioned our four conferences and the cities in which they were held—Washington, Tokyo, Berlin, and Sao Paulo. They grudgingly praised our web site (www.religious-freedom.com), and the "impressive array" of speakers whose papers we have posted there. A featured luncheon speaker, Prof. Stephen Kent of the University of Calgary, used the ICRF as a primary example of the way in which American new religious movements (NRM's) are able to influence the American government and academic community. He admitted that ICRF has become an influential participant in the international human rights debate. Another speaker

bemoaned the fact that ICRF had been able to get current and former congressmen, government officials, leading academics, and prestigious human rights leaders to join with us.

A special breakout session was devoted to the Maryland Task Force on Cult Activities which we've reported on previously in *Unification News*. The panelists—anti-cultists Ron Loomis, Denny Gulick, and Franz Wilson—declared the Task Force's Final Report as a victory for their side. These men and other anti-cult activists on the Task Force were later given a special award for their efforts

to create and influence the Task Force. The speakers acknowledged ICRF's opposition to the Task Force, but naturally downplayed our effectiveness in blocking the anti-cultists' aims. For example, they did not mention the fact that the state's official task force on "Cult Activities" decided not even to use the word

"cult" in its final report. Nor did they mention that one of its members, panelist Franz Wilson, interrupted UC member Alex Colvin's testimony during a formal task force meeting and threatened him.

Panelist Ron Loomis of the American Family Foundation avowed that the panel's "agenda" was that "you should go back and attempt a similar effort in your state." But he warned about getting too much press in the beginning. "The best way to do it is locally," said Loomis, because national campaigns attract too much attention from NRMs and civil liberties groups. "Politicians are chicken," he complained. (In Maryland the legislation creating the Task Force was pushed through with almost no opposition voices raised, because our side did not find out about it until it had already passed the lower house and was on a fast track to pass the Maryland Senate. Four previous efforts by anti-cultists to pass similar legislation had failed when both sides were heard.)

Washington Times Targeted

The Washington Times and the WT Foundation were also major targets of LJRF speakers. One session was devoted exclusively to "Following the Money Trail in the Moon Movement." Led by Rev. Fred Miller, the session complained about the continued success of the Washington Times and its influence in conservative political circles. Miller seemed particularly upset by the success of the WTF's American Century Awards. He named several high level political leaders who honored True Father Moon on that occasion. Miller was visibly disappointed by Jerry Falwell's presence.

Another focus was George W. Bush. Several speakers mentioned him, believing that Rev. Moon must be a major financial supporter of Gov. Bush, if not directly then through his father. They are hoping to find evidence that UC money is ending up in Bush's campaign treasury. They also bemoaned the fact that New Yorker seems to be a highly successful financial enterprise and that

it has become a Ramada franchisee. Miller even reported on a meeting between himself and Ramada officials in which he sought unsuccessfully to influence them to end the relationship.

The anti-cult movement had been seriously discredited in the 1980s because of its association with deprogramming. It lost several major court cases, and also lost credibility among its mainstream funding sources. Now, however, it appears to have found a new "Sugar Daddy." Bob Minton is a reputed multimillionaire whose primary hobby in life is fighting against "cults." His main pas-

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sion is attacking Scientology. However, he is also rumored to be a major funding source for the LJRF. Minton was a keynote speaker at this year's conference, although he seems to have few credentials other than the green kind. He publicly announced that he had purchased

2,000 copies of former deprogrammer (now exit counselor) Steve Hassan's new book, "Breaking the Bonds," which retails for 24.95. If you do the math, that's a nice little contribution, and it doesn't count any other donations to Steve's new "Freedom of Mind Foundation" non-profit group.

No Hassle with Hassan

Speaking of Steve Hassan, I had several conversations with Steve during the conference. I've also been corresponding with him through e-mail. Notice the distinction I made in the above paragraph between "deprogramming" and "exit counseling?" Steve is adamant about making this distinction because deprogramming involves force and exit counseling does not. I think he has a point. I asked if he would be willing to put his opposition to forced deprogramming in writing to the Japanese Christian churches who—sometimes using his earlier books on "mind control" as their justification—are reportedly involved in forced kidnapping of hundreds of UC members. He agreed to do so. The letter says, in part:

"[An anti-cultist minister in Japan] told me this morning that sometimes, albeit infrequently, a family might hold their adult child against his/her will, and then a minister might be invited to speak with them. In my opinion, no minister should get involved in something like this as a matter of policy—even if the cult member requests a meeting in writing...

"I want this letter to stand as a public record that I think that any approach to help cult members should be one of love, compassion, and positive communication, not force. Otherwise, kidnapping or involuntary detention will invariably be traumatic... In fact, there was always another way that would have been less traumatic."

In return for his writing the above-mentioned letter, Steve asked me to clarify to the world community of Unificationists that he is not involved in holding people against their will. I think Steve

is sincere in this, although he is certainly wrong in many of the things he says about the UC, Rev. Moon, "mind control," and NRM's in general. Steve is a former deprogrammer, not a current one. What he does now is called "exit counseling," or in his current parlance "strategic interaction" to "break the bonds of mind control."

Now some of you will ask, "But isn't what Steve does still really faith-breaking based on religious intolerance?" And I'd have to say yes. He gets paid by people who disapprove of other people's religion (usually family members) to talk them out of it. And he also writes books and speaks out wherever he can trying to convince people of the need for the service he provides. But technically speaking it shouldn't be called deprogramming unless force is involved. I'm hoping that since Steve wants UC members to avoid speaking in the present tense about things he did in the past (namely deprogramming), he'll do the same and stop speaking about things we did in the past as if they were going on today. Watch this space.

Perhaps the most disturbing presentation of the LJRF conference was made by Jim Seigelman and Flo Conway, authors of the book "Snapping," which was instrumental in forming the anti-cult movement's ideological basis in the late 1970s. Their presentation was entitled "Church vs. State," and it called for a new interpretation of the First Amendment that recognizes "freedom of thought" as the most basic human right, even more basic than freedom of speech or freedom of religion. (Another featured speaker, Stephen Kent of the University of Calgary eerily entitled his presentation "Human Rights vs. Religious Freedom.") Keep in mind that Conway and Seigelman and their cohorts, including exit counselor Steve Hassan, clearly argue that members of the minority religions they call "cults" do NOT have freedom of thought, because the cults have robbed them of it.

Seigelman actually called religion "the Achilles heel of American democracy." And Conway stated that "freedom of thought must be added to the first amendment." The both supported what they call a "judicial initiative" that will establish a "right to freedom of thought" in the same way that a "right to privacy" or a "right to have an abortion" has been established.

But if you unpack the Orwellian *newspeak*, this type of "freedom of thought" simply stands the First Amendment on its head. Instead of "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or abridging the free exercise thereof," Conway and Seigelman appear to say that "The Courts shall interpret the law so that anyone who joins an unpopular religion shall be declared incapable of exercising freedom of thought." The legal and political implications of such a doctrine are staggering.

At its closing banquet, the LJRF gave Conway and Seigelman its highest honor, the Leo J. Ryan Award. The first person they thanked and credited as a pioneer in "this work" was not other than the father of deprogramming himself, Ted Patrick. ♦

Inspired by RYS in Belfast

by Rev. Michael D. Teague

Reverend Teague is a graduate of Princeton Seminary and is a Baptist Minister.

From September 17-27, 1999, the Religious Youth Service (RYS) conducted a service project in Belfast, Ireland. The theme for this service project was Reconciliation and Beyond and involved planting a peace garden at the Columbanus Community of Reconciliation in Belfast. Additionally, this ten-day event involved participating in various leadership development and relationship-building activities among participants and staff as well as attending lectures and other functions. The RYS coordinators designed these events to enrich our understanding of Northern Ireland as well as our understanding of those religious organizations, which were working for peace in this region. This writer was blessed to take part in what was a life-changing experience.

The lead coordinator of the Belfast project, Marshall D' Souza, planned for its first three days to involve staff and participant orientation and training. This took place from September 17-20. Beginning Monday, September 21 and concluding on Friday, September 25, the staff and participants worked to create the peace garden. Within this overall project existed several smaller projects. First, we were to create a winding path that began on the side of the garden and proceeded around to the back of the garden, which was meant to symbolize the life and ministry of Saint Columbanus, a sixth century Irish monk. Additionally, we were to plant trees along this path. Second, we were given the charge to design a prayer and meditation area. Third, we accepted the call to create a pathway across the garden that ended at a gazebo, also to be built by our group. Fourth, we were given the task to build an archway at the entrance of the garden. Finally, we accepted the responsibility to create a stone foundation for a replica of a plow, symbolic of the Shalom, the Hebrew concept of peace, near the driveway of the center.

This constituted the work phase of our experience. Additionally, Mr. D' Souza and his support staff planned an educational aspect of this experience. For instance, we spent an evening at the Corymeela Community, a Christian peace community also located in Northern Ireland. Furthermore, we took part in the painting of a peace mural approximately two blocks from the hostel at which we stayed. Additionally, we had an opportunity to take a tour of the Parliament, which included meeting with one of its elected officials. Perhaps the most significant of

the educational experiences we enjoyed was our tour of Belfast, in which we saw this country's beautiful landscape and witnessed its political divisions. More than work and education, we

Jesus teaches something very significant in Matthew 7:

Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who Travel it. But the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads To it is hard, and there are few people who find it. (Matthew 7: 13,14 - The Good News Bible)

For me, the thirty-minute walk from the bottom of this mountain to its apex enabled me to have many experiences of the kind I just mentioned.

This project, which consisted of work, education and reflection, concluded with a banquet on Sunday, September 26. During this time, we had an opportunity to hear from staff and participants. Each person who spoke provided his or her insights involving the significance of the trip. This was a moving time for all of us. We each received certificates of participation from RYS. We spent the remainder of the evening signing the back of each other's certificates with farewell thoughts and wishes.

The Belfast Project was the most spiritually powerful experience of my life. I returned from this trip empowered in my relationship with the Lord. I came back to New Jersey having found another calling for my life, that of global, interfaith work related to world peace. I arrived having experienced what I believe to be an essential aspect of the kingdom of God on earth: people of all faiths, races and genders living in love, working for peace.

I believe that RYS has produced a powerful model for racial,

ethnic, religious and cultural reconciliation that can and must be replicated throughout the world. The con-



had significant opportunities to reflect spiritually concerning our experience. Each morning at 7:00 a.m., we participated in a meditation period. The purpose of this period was to center us and to experience God. The power of this meditation period lay in our experience of different faith traditions. One morning, we witnessed the calm solemnity of the Hindu faith. On another morning, we learned how to perform the Islamic prayer, the Salat. On another morning, one of the participants led us through a guided meditation. I was privileged to have an opportunity to lead one of the meditations. I decided to engage the participants in a meditation, which engaged mind and body. To this end, I led them through a series of martial arts exercises, the Eight Silk Weaving Exercises, which are meant to enhance a person's health.

In addition to the morning meditations, we hiked to the top of perhaps the highest mountain in Belfast. For me, this was a type of spiritual pilgrimage. During this hike, many of the images and motifs in the Christian scriptures came to life for me. For example, there were two paths about 100 feet in length that led to the top of the mountain. One was a wide path very easy to walk; the other was a narrow path. I decided to walk the narrow path, because



cept, as I understand it, is quite simple. It involves bringing a group of diverse people together for a specific amount of time to live, work and fellowship together around a specific task. The end of this task is to model peace. Moreover, in modeling peace, those who participate in RYS-related projects create peace, if only for a moment. How much different could places like Bosnia, Rwanda, East Timor and the Middle East be if groups in conflict could participate in RYS projects? Even if the RYS did not sponsor such activities, the RYS concept itself could produce lasting change.

For many years I have considered myself a person of faith. Almost eighteen years ago, I embraced the Christian faith. Since then I have endeavored to follow Christ. I believe that have done so, albeit imperfectly. During this time, I have embraced the Christian concept of original sin, with its accompanying pessimistic view of human nature. It seems to me, a profound implication of this doctrine is that human beings are intrinsically evil. At best, if both good and evil co-exist within the human being, this doctrine suggests, he or she is predisposed toward that which is evil. Since my trip to Belfast, I have re-evaluated my position. Still, I believe that both good and evil exist within us. At the same time, I believe that there are ways of motivating people to express and live out the good within us rather than the evil within us. I am convinced that RYS is one of those ways. I wish to thank Marshall D' Souza, the lead organizer of the Belfast Project, his support staff as well as the team leaders for their labor of love. ❖

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RYS in Northern Ireland

by Mr. Marshall D'Souza

Mr. D'Souza is the RYS Europe coordinator.

The recent RYS project Belfast in the north of Ireland (Northern Ireland) on September 17-27 was a significant achievement for the work of peace in a region torn by historic animosity, violence and hatred. More than thirty volunteers from various Christian churches, and from Muslim and Buddhist backgrounds came from Europe, Asia, the Middle-East, North America and Africa to join with volunteers from Ireland, Northern Ireland and England at the Columbanus Reconciliation Center to construct a peace garden during a crucial time in the peace process.

Peace Garden

RYS volunteers designed and constructed a large "Peace Garden" for those that visit the Columbanus center to use for quiet prayer and reflection. The spirit of unity and reconciliation demonstrated by the participants is critical in providing models for the people of Northern Ireland. Participants



and staff worked extremely hard, not pausing when a day of torrential rains ripped through Belfast. The six days of labor provided a time for the RYS to accomplish both the work goals and build a spirit of family.

Visitors, observers and even participants found it hard to believe that so much could be accomplished in such a short time period. Participants took pride in their achievement for they worked with the attitude that, "This work is our way to contribute to the process of building peace".



Healing and Reconciliation: Beyond the physical work was the great challenge of developing trust and friendship, critical elements in building an environment of peace. This challenge was also met successfully. A story illustrates the way people were moved to forget deep animosity: "One old Irish

observers was so excited about the international participants that he approached each member and spoke briefly to them and then prayed for each of the nations that they came from. He blessed the Japanese, the people of Bhutan the Lebanese and those from Ireland and Hungary. When he came upon a British participant (his historic enemy) he paused, smiled and then sent a pray of Blessing to the British.

Rev. Michael Teague,

an African-American Baptist minister, a graduate of Princeton Seminary said that he wept throughout the week as his heart was deeply moved by the suffering of the Irish and the

things that God was teaching him. [see accompanying article] He commented that he never knew that 'white people also had a suffering life' and was grateful to God for showing him the thread of our common humanity. At the conclusion of the program Rev. Teague said that for two weeks I forgot that I was black because I felt we were all family and we were living in the Kingdom of God. Rev. Teague explained that he wanted to work with the RYS for the rest of his life and he is determined to work with our members to bring RYS to his community in New Jersey.

The Columbanus Community for Reconciliation led by Rev. Glenn Barclay a Presbyterian minister from New Zealand is considered to be one of the three most important centers for reconciliation in Northern Ireland today. There is a rich spirituality at the cen-



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ter which houses Catholic and Protestant lay leaders.

Our connecting with the work at the center was one of those situations which come as a direct result of our being persecuted. RYS's initial plan was to work with the well known charity, Habitat for Humanity. Habitat withdrew their agreement because of the relation of RYS to Rev. Moon. As a result of this bigotry, we went at the last moment to the Columbanus Community and its leader, Rev. Barclay agreed to host us.



She was actually praying for a group to come to the center and create the "Peace Garden".

Rev. Barclay, was deeply moved by the sincere efforts of RYS and appropriately dedicated the work to, "The Power of God's love and the hope for peace that it provides." Members of the Columbanus community attended

both the work dedication and the Bridge of Hope ceremony that immediately followed the work dedication.

Conference

This project drew support from the IRFF-Great Britain, WFWP-Ireland and Great Britain, and the IRFWP. Marshal D'Souza led the organizing team which had representatives from these organizations. Dr. Ron Burr and John Gehring led the education program.

The WFWP of Great Britain and Ireland worked together to bring citizens of Belfast and the RYS together through the ceremony of crossing the bridge. Repentance, healing and reconciliation are all part of this ceremony and the atmosphere at the new peace garden was ideal for the occasion.

IRFWP Conference on: "Reconciliation and Creating a New Vision for the Future", was excellent and added to the success of the two weeks of peace efforts. Flowing out of the RYS and the Bridge ceremony the conference rested on a strong spiritual foundation and several of the speakers were rooted in working on solutions to the "troubles". Every speaker spoke from a deeply held spiritual conviction and experience, this made the conference much more than an academic exercise. The audience of seventy walked away gaining insights and a renewed sense that things will get better.

At the conclusion of the IRFWP, John Gehring could speak on how the RYS is one project that provides a vision for future reconciliation and how these activities sprang from the vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and that they were creating a new paradigm for the new Millennium. Many people could begin to understand True Father more deeply which is especially important since True Father is still not allowed to enter Great Britain. Even our own members needed to experience the open testimony of how these works connected to True Parent's for they have been hit with so much negative media coverage they at a loss of how to refuse that image. ❖

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National Parents Day in California

by Sarah Isabelle Davati

On the sunny day of February 2, 2000, Christian rap-music singers called out students to participate in a celebration sponsored by the National Parents' Day (NPD) club. The music was loud, and students were chanting unanimously with the singers.

Chaffey College is a state-funded college and has strict rules concerning Christian groups. There are many sorts of clubs in this college, including the Islamic Club and the Same-Sex Lovers' Club. The NPD is one of the newest clubs here, opened in the Fall 1999 semester.

The Master of Ceremonies welcomed everyone and introduced Rancho Cucamonga City Councilman Bob Dutton as a guest speaker for the club. The



focus was on the topic of love and commitment. City Councilman Dutton is also a successful businessman and a family man; despite his busy schedule, he coaches his daughter's softball team. He read an inspirational poem by one of the students on the

team, a 15-year-old named Nicole Feuerborn, in praise of parenthood:
My soul was planted in the/
Soil of this life by your tender hands./
Year upon year, you have tended the struggling seed./
Watering it with your blood and tears./
My frail roots grasp into the depths of your kindness./
Dew kisses me each morning with new

drink./
You have been my light, my hope, my morning./
The warmth that cradled me when the storms raged./
Each day the fragrance of your love flowers from these winding vines./
As they branch out/
Beyond boundaries to the infinite./
I know that you are with me./
I can feel you, as a new flower feels the



sun./

The program concluded with a few testimonies given by the students, concerning 'abstinence.' Then Isabelle Davati delivered a talk entitled "Abstinence—Pure Love Lifestyle." Pastor Larry Neville (a Christian NPD supporter) recited the "Pure Love Pledge" for everyone to repeat; then 'Holy Wine' and 'Holy Candy' were served.

We are planning a tour of high schools in the area. We believe God can use NPD as an instrument for promoting the Pure Love Lifestyle, which is based on abstinence, in the high schools. ♦



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Heaven's Whispers

I prayed and cried to You, waiting for an Answer...but silence was Your response.
My heart burned like undying fire,
And my tears refused to stop.
I pleaded for direction and guidance,
But I couldn't hear You.
My life became meaningless,
and most of all,
You didn't mean a thing.
Now that You have given me the answer

To my question,
my spirit is higher than the stars.
I am closer to You than ever before.
How could I have doubted Your presence?
Your heart must have been aching,
And You spoke only in whispers.
I repent to You now, God, for betraying
You as so many of Your beloved children
Do every moment.
All I needed to know was if You existed
In my life, but I simply couldn't hear Your
whispers.

I simply didn't understand
Your suffering heart.
Can You ever forgive me?
The blessings You have bestowed upon me
Are more precious than Life itself.
Now, I know You are here with me every
Moment in my heart, and I shall never
Leave You again.
I will always hear Your whispers forever more.

Joletta Vlasic

True Parents' New Soccer Team Wows Brazil

by Nelson Mira—Jardim, Brazil

Brazil is so in love with soccer that True Parents' new professional soccer team at New Hope East Garden is helping to improve True Parents image in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil. It is also turning former enemies into friends.

The City of Jardim has adopted the New Hope East Garden—based team as its own. National and even international media reports have become more positive. And a number of the 33 cities to which True Parents has sent missionaries have become more receptive.

Although there had been talk of forming such a team since the establishment of New Hope East Garden in 1995, True Parents only approved the creation of the team December 2nd last year. The team, named Centro Esportivo Nova EsperanAa (CENE), or the New Hope Sports Center, was inaugurated March 15 this year at the Sports Club of Jardim City. Some 300 dignitaries and others attended the inauguration, including members of the Jardim City government, the mayor of the adjacent city of Guia Lopes, and representatives of the Soccer Federation of Mato Grosso do Sul, as well as members of the CENE administration and the staff and members of the team.

The President of the Soccer Federation welcomed the CENE soccer team during his speech. He also expressed his warm gratitude to True Parents for forming the team.

In his speech during the inauguration, Rev. Jeung Rho Yoon, the President of CENE and Director of Education at New Hope East Garden, predicted that CENE will create a more

harmonious relationship between Brazil and other countries through inviting foreign soccer teams to play with the CENE team.

Rev. Cezar Zaduski, the Vice President of CENE, also mentioned that the purpose of CENE is to educate athletes to become ideal people who can bring joy to their families and to the society as well.

In the near future CENE intends to create basketball, volleyball and other sports teams in addition to the soccer team. These teams will be another important project of New Hope East Garden.

The manager of the soccer team is Paulo Telles, who is a former missionary to one of the 33 cities in Mato Grosso do Sul state. The coach, Nei Cezar, along with 26 players were all hired by CENE. Some of the players were selected from the 33 cities of Mato Grosso do Sul, and the rest were chosen from other states. All the players had already attended a two-day Divine Principle introductory workshop at New Hope East Garden. Among the players there are two Unification Church members.

True Parents directed that the CENE soccer team become the best team in Brazil in the future. In Mato Grosso do Sul there are 17 professional soccer teams. The CENE will need to win at least ten games a year in order to represent the state in national competition. So far, during its official games against other cities, CENE has had one win and one loss. The team's final games, if it qualifies, will be this coming July.

The CENE soccer team is reported to be helping open the way for people to understand the desire of the True Parents in Brazil. For many years Unificationists in Mato Grosso do Sul had faced severe persecution from certain

individuals, from several churches and from local politicians. The Jardim City government had opposed the establishment of New Hope East Garden five years ago.

Also, last year a national TV station falsely reported that in Jardim True Father was involved in a major drug-trafficking business within Brazil and with its neighboring countries. These and other false accusations led people to fear the True Parents and to hesitate to participate in New Hope East Garden programs. When the CENE soccer team was formed, however, many

people became more curious about True Parents' intentions concerning the New Hope East Garden project.

In Brazil, soccer is considered an essential part of life. In fact, the game is so popular that young people dream of becoming professional soccer players just as American young people dream of a career in basketball.

Last December Rev. M. K. Shin, the National Messiah of Bolivia, and a member of the staff of New Hope East Gar-

den, gathered the missionaries from the 33 cities for a meeting. The unique agenda of the meeting was to ask the missionaries to bring professional soccer teams from each of the 33 cities to play a tournament sponsored by

the *Unifolha*, a newspaper newly established by New Hope East Garden

which is now being circulated in the 33 cities. The purpose of the tournament was to select top soccer players from each of the 33 cities in order to form a professional team.

Rev. Shin's direction to the missionaries at first, seemed like a mission impossible because of the persecution. But the love of soccer proved stronger than any negativity towards the Unification Church. Some teams from distant cities even agreed to stay at New Hope East Garden a day before the tournament. While at the farm they had the courage to attend a one-day Divine Principle workshop.

During their tournament at the Municipal Stadium of Jardim, January 9, 2000, the team from a city which is so negative that the missionary there couldn't get a telephone line, became the champion of the tournament. Their players returned home with positive testimonies about the New Hope East Garden project.

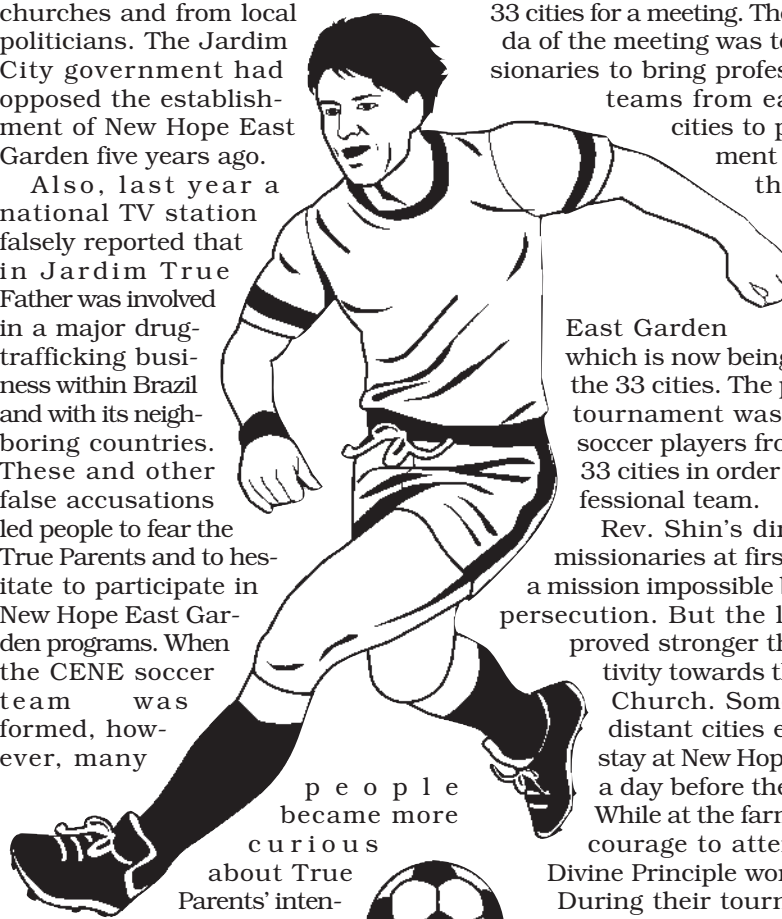
Brazil's national and local newspapers published largely positive articles about the CENE soccer team in which they mentioned the True Parents. Overseas *La Tribune* in France, *Le Temps* in Switzerland and other international newspapers also wrote about the CENE soccer team using the name of the True Parents.

Because of the success of this project, the CENE has become a way of witnessing to people, and people outside the Unification Church consider the CENE soccer team their own team. Because Jardim City has not had a professional soccer team for the past two years, it has adopted the CENE team as its own.

According to Rev. Yoon in a morning speech at New Hope East Garden, although the Unification Movement is investing a substantial amount of money in the soccer team, the team has become an effective tool for opening the hearts of the people. Success with the CENE project can contribute to the success of True Parents' visions, he said.

(The CENE administration requests internal and financial support for its project. Please send contributions to: NEW HOPE EAST GARDEN, CP 74, Jardim - MS, CEP 79240, Brasil. Tel/fax Number: +(5567) 209-1234. E-mail address: nhgjpkr@pantanal.msinternet.com.br).

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FOR KIDS

by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of getting caught in an April shower

Help them find the umbrella

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Stories About True Parents

To continue the stories about the lives of True Parents, we are still in that very busy 7-year course—1960-67. Here are two less familiar stories about the acts of the early apostles and the burgeoning membership.

Marching On, Heavenly Soldiers

"Brrr, brrr, brrr—uppp! Brrr, brrr, brrr—uppp!" sounded the whistle, and 120 pairs of feet marched in time to its trill. Like a demanding drill sergeant, the whistle set the pace for a long and very unusual march.

Ever since 1960, Unification Church members in Korea had been having one 40-day condition after another. They had been sent out to witness and teach all day, and sometimes into the night. Things had really changed since those days when not one member joined for months on end. Now, many new members were joining. There was new hope in the air, and the members felt encouraged. Maybe they would change the world, after all!

Now, it was 1963, and they were into their seventh 40-day condition. But this time there was a different twist. Father had chosen 120 members to make a special indemnity condition. They were to march from Seoul all the way to southern Korea. They were called the "Evangelical Expedition."

Today, they were nearing Taijun, which is about 240 miles from Seoul. That's a long, long way to walk, and it had taken them many days. As they marched to the sound of the whistle, they thought about their Son-sengnim. He had been going a long, painful course. It was a lonely course, for no one could really understand him. Maybe Won Pil Kim. Maybe Mr. Eu. But very few had experienced the actual pain in their legs and feet. So it was that, even though these marchers were tired and sore, they were actually very fortunate. And they pressed forward.

Meanwhile, in Taijun, excitement mounted as Dr. Lee and the others prepared for the arrival of this unusual procession.

"When do you think they will arrive?" asked Dr. Lee.

The leader of the district, Mr. Song, replied, "According to reports, they should arrive here on the 10th, but I don't know what time of day it will be. I'm just worried that they won't get here before the 10 p.m. curfew."

May 10, 1963 arrived. Dr. Song assigned a group of men to make arrangements for meeting them at a home outside of town. They were told to plan sleeping arrangements and food for the 120 people. Women were assigned to prepare food.

Noon came and went. No word. Finally, in the afternoon they were notified that the heavenly soldiers would be arriving sometime that night.

"I guess that means they'll get here after 10," said Dr. Lee. "So now the question is, what shall we do about curfew? We certainly don't want them to come all that way only to be arrested and put in jail."

"Maybe we should explain the situation to the police and see if we can get permission for the marchers to be on the streets after 10," answered Mr. Song. But he shook his head doubtfully, "It's going to sound mighty strange when we ask if 120 people can walk into Taijun after curfew."

Someone was sent to the police sta-

tion, while others prayed. As expected, the police were indeed astonished. They asked a lot of questions and talked to each other in the back room. Then, miraculously, they agreed to let the group be out after ten.

The good news was carried back to Mr. Song. With a big sigh of relief, he directed some of the remaining people to go to the house to be in the welcoming party. God's hand was surely with them this night.

While the house was larger than many, it was really too small for 120 people. Cooking enough rice and barley for that many was a major task, and the women were cooking a little at a time and piling it in whatever containers they could find.

In the late afternoon a telegram arrived from Seoul. It said, "You are my pride. Glorify your Fatherland." It was from Son-sengnim! As always, his heart was with his people.

In a sense, God had been walking a long, lonely path for 6,000 years. True Father had also been giving his sweat, blood and tears for 40 years, and it had been like a forced march for him. Even though the members had worked hard the last three years and suffered greatly, it still wasn't enough. Therefore, these 120 people were following Heavenly Father's footsteps of suffering, and following True Father's footsteps of suffering. Of course, other people in history had walked far, too. Look at the Israelites leaving Egypt. They walked even farther and longer. But they had complained the whole way. Never before had anyone undertaken a march to make God feel better.

"It's 9:30," announced Mr. Song. "Let's pray and prepare our hearts to meet them."

Dr. Lee spoke to them about the meaning of the march and the suffering of the marchers. Before long, everyone was weeping. With feelings of love and great concern, they prayed together.

The moon shone brightly as they kept watch over the empty countryside. Midnight came and went.

"I'm going to send someone out on a scouting trip to see where they are," Dr. Lee decided.

"I have two bicycles," offered the man of the house. "Would you like to use them?"

"Thank you, that would be very helpful." Two men were chosen, and they quickly pedaled off into the night. Meanwhile, the women continued cooking larger and larger piles of food.

After awhile, the bicyclists returned. "We found them, and they should be here in half an hour or so," they announced.

Dr. Lee bustled around excitedly. "Good! Now, let's get together and march out to greet them."

Everyone quickly got in line. Two men at the head held up big banners saying "Welcome" and "Congratulations." At the end of the line, someone pulled a handcart to receive all the baggage of the marchers.

After 15 minutes or so, Dr. Lee ran ahead of the others, eager to catch the first glimpse of them. As he came around a hill, he suddenly heard singing in the distance. "Light your torches," he yelled back to his people. "They're just ahead."

He began singing, and everyone joined

in. As they marched along with their torches blazing and the banners flapping, their voices rose joyously into the night air, "So ri chi go i ro na ja."

Soon, they heard the 120 marchers singing the same song, and as they drew nearer to each other, they echoed each other's voices. The marchers were holding high a banner of their own. The two groups marched right up to each other, and their songs became one. Dr. Lee and



1965: Taegu, South Korea

their leader, Mr. Lee, bowed and shook hands.

"Greetings to you," yelled all the marchers with one great shout.

"May your life be long!" answered the welcoming committee.

They were so happy to see each other they just shouted one greeting after another. Then they got down to the business of helping.

"Here, let us take your bags."

"You can lean on me."

"Does anyone need to be carried?" Everyone was offering to help at once. The bags were thrown into the cart.

Dr. Lee noticed that the man carrying the main banner was stumbling. He could barely remain standing. "Here, let me carry that for you," he offered.

"No, thank you," answered the standard bearer.

"Please, I really would like to carry it for you," he offered again.

"I will carry it," came the answer resolutely.

A third time he offered, and a third time the man refused to part with the banner. Then Dr. Lee understood. To him, the banner symbolized the church and True Father. He was carrying the future of the church and Father. He was upholding the honor of God Himself. Therefore, he was determined to carry it all the way, even if it killed him.

By 4:30 in the morning they all reached the meeting house. It was then that the local members saw how weary and worn these marchers really were. They had bleeding blisters on their feet, their bodies were covered with dust and grime, and they were so tired they could hardly focus their eyes. One group at a time went inside the house to eat, and the others rested, too tired to even talk anymore. As each group finished eating, they were taken to various houses where they could sleep.

"Welcome to our home," the host and hostess would say to each one. "Please come in." The travelers entered and fell gratefully onto the mats prepared for them, and within minutes they were fast asleep. In most of the homes the hosts and hostesses had to go outside while

they slept, for there was not enough room for all of them to be inside at the

same time.

Later that morning, after only a few hours of sleep, everyone was awakened. They rubbed the sleep from their eyes and hobbled back to the meeting house. Dr. Lee explained the plan for the day. "We will go into the city today and meet with the rest of the church members. You will be leaving in the afternoon—although I truly wish you could stay another night."

Everyone got in line. They tried not to notice their stiff, sore muscles and blistered feet. They just put one foot in front of the other and moved. By the time they neared the center of town, they were able to march in time to the whistle once again and wave the banners in the air. Pedestrians and people in vehicles slowed down to stare. Policemen came out to see what these mysterious marchers looked like.

"Where did these ragamuffins come from?" asked the gaping people. "Were they in a battle or something? Are they refugees?"

"I heard they walked all the way from Seoul."

"You must be joking. Why would they do a thing like that?"

Word spread around town that Unification Church members had marched from Seoul, and more came to stare.

At last, the marchers arrived at the regional headquarters and sank down on every available piece of floor. Morning rice and kimchee was served and they ate their "breakfast."

"Now, let us take care of your wounds," said Dr. Lee, when they had finished eating. He had assembled all the bandaging materials he could find and they set to work cleaning and wrapping the bleeding feet. It wasn't easy to find scrap cloth in those days, and Dr. Lee apologized tearfully, "I don't have enough bandages to wrap your feet properly. I'm so sorry."

They just smiled gratefully for what he was able to offer.

All too soon it was time to continue their march to the final city on their agenda.

"Time to get in line," called Mr. Lee. The marchers stood up without complaint and formed a long double line.

"Monsei!" everyone shouted together. "Monsei! Monsei!" Maybe their legs were weak, but their voices were strong, and the rousing cheers must have been heard from one corner of the city to the other.

The whistle began to blow, signaling their start.

Feet began to move. Faces winced in pain. Feet dragged. But the heavenly marchers bit their lips and set their faces in determination. They WOULD go forth. The Taijun members marched with them for over an hour until they were well outside the city.

"Monsei!" they shouted in unison once again. "Monsei! Monsei!"

"Go in peace! Stay in peace!" they called to each other as they parted. The Taijun members watched the 120 marchers disappear into the countryside, around the last bend in the road.

"Brrr, Brrr, Brrr-Uppp!" sounded the whistle. "Brrr, Brrr, Brrr-Uppp!" Just 120 miles more to go. ❖

DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

GOD'S GOAL FOR HUMAN HISTORY

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It was not without reason that after the crucifixion the disciples of Jesus expected the quick return of their lord. Jesus had indicated that they should. Matthew reports him telling his disciples:

Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste my death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom (Mt 16:28).

That the hopes of the early Christians were dashed has never dissuaded the generations of their successors. Churches of every age have believed that their time was the Last Days and therefore the time for Christ's return.

The Millerites, for example, the forerunners of the modern day Seventh-Day Adventists, were born in the expectation that Christ would return between March 1843 and March 1844. Their conviction was so strong that in anticipation of the great day many of the faithful disposed of their material goods. In the 20th-century the Jehovah's Witnesses initially proclaimed Christ return in 1914 to inaugurate his Kingdom. Even though he did not return physically, Witnesses nevertheless still affirm that Christ returned spiritually at that time.

Clearly, if one is to assert a certain time as the Last Days, he must have sound reason to do so. Mere speculation, dreams, intuitions and astrological wonders can hardly be a persuasive basis upon which to proclaim the actual arrival of the end of the age. More sound and rational criteria must

be found.

Unlike the Past

Without particular reference to the concept of the Last Days, a number of people have sensed that something new is happening in our time. Former Cornell Professor Alvin Toffler, for example, in his classic analysis of change in today's world, vividly affirms the fact that we have entered an age totally unlike the past:

"By changing our relationship to the resources that surround us, by violently expanding the scope of change, and, most crucially, by accelerating its pace, we have broken irretrievably with the past. We have cut ourselves off from the old ways of thinking, of feeling, of adapting. We have set the stage for a completely new society and we are now racing toward it." (Future Shock)

In addition to Toffler, others also see that we have entered a new age. Speaking from his own vast experience, the late Indian Prime Minister Nehru argued that humankind was "leaving the age of religion and politics, and...entering the age of science and spirituality".

Canadian media-guru Marshal McLuhan has stated that we have left the age of communication through print and are living in an electronic age in which "a totally new environment has

been created'. This, he says, is changing man's consciousness, social structure and culture and is hurtling him toward a coming "global village".

Potential Holocaust

As an alternative to the global village, of course, we have the potential of nuclear holocaust. Such modern films as Dr. Strangelove and On the Beach have reflected only too well the popular awareness of this prospect facing humankind. Arnold Toynbee, among others, has recognized such cataclysmic prospects, yet affirms that this very threat can be the source of a radically new and higher world order:

"We are now moving into a chapter in human history in which our choice is going to be, not between a whole world and a shredded up world, but between one world and no world. I believe that the human race is going to choose life and good, not death and evil. I therefore believe in the imminence of one world, and I believe that, in the 21st century, human life is going to be a unity again in all its aspects and activities". (New York Times)

New spiritual trends

Beyond there more or less secular

commentators, there are many new spiritual trends now abroad which suggest something special about our age. For one thing, more people are striving for self-realization by seeking inward truth.

The eminent Berkeley sociologists Robert Bellah and Charles Glock document the rise of a new religious consciousness among idealistic youth, beginning in the late 1960s and 1970s.

The entry on the scene of the New Religions and their phenomenal growth a decade later, testifies to a new spirituality afoot in the land. Moreover, evangelical Christianity is prospering. This has even extended the charismatic experience and "gifts of the spirit" to formerly conventional, nominal Christians. Much of this has developed since 1960.

Despite these provocative assertions and hopeful stirrings, can we say our day is indeed the period of the Last Days? Jesus said that we could know by the signs around us:

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates".

What kinds of signs would indicate that he is "at the very gates", that in fact we are in the dawn of the Kingdom? What things would make sense as indicators of the advent of the Kingdom?

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Clearly, if one is to assert a certain time as the Last Days, he must have sound reason to do so. Mere speculation, dreams, intuitions and astrological wonders can hardly be a persuasive basis upon which to proclaim the actual arrival of the end of the age.

The Principled Academy

We Honor Each Child's Future As Our Sacred Trust

by Myrna Lapres—San Leandro, CA

What do reading a favorite book, shaking a ziplock bag full of milk, and measuring the length of a dinosaur have in common? These are all part of cooperative learning, mentoring and relationship building that is going on at The Principled Academy, located in San Leandro, CA. Each of the older grades pair up with a younger grade to do a variety of activities throughout the year. Older students are reading buddies to younger students and get together once a week to read. This gives the older student practice in reading, patience and responsibility while the younger student develops respect and a relationship with the older one. The Kindergarten and 3rd buddies made ice cream in ziplock bags, enjoying science, relationship and a great treat, all at the same time.

Some class buddies go on field trips together. Recently, the 7th/8th grade class did a great job serving as "older brothers" (only boys in this class) for the 1st graders at the exciting Dinosaur Exhibit at the Lawrence Hall of Science. Students visited stations at the exhibit. Older students recorded which

of the dinosaurs the younger students were able to reach, the baby dinosaurs that were larger and smaller than a modern cat, how tall a baby and adult Tyrannosaurus were and how many steps the first graders took to walk the length of various dinosaurs. The older students took great care of the first graders and the first graders grew in their respect and appreciation toward their "older brothers."

The concept of "reading buddies" and older/younger mentoring grew out of the age-old question, "How do we help children become good people?" As part of Principled Character Education, it is the role of the religious school to work as partners with the home and the church. It is our everyday challenge to teach values through the curriculum and the give and take between teachers and students as well as amongst the students. Virtues such as compassion, forgiveness, generosity, honesty, responsibility, respect, patience, humility and perseverance can be heard about through literature, stories, history lessons, personal stories and movies. However, it is through the practical act of caring for a younger student or receiving from an older student, while working through a conflict or sharing experiences and knowledge

with each other that students learn to live these virtues.

William Bennett in his recent book, "The Educated Child," said, "Parents often attach the most importance to higher education, yet elementary school has a far greater impact. Except for family and church, no institution is so influential. We ask elementary schools to help shape our students' first and lasting ideas about themselves, their country, and the world. We expect them to teach basic knowledge and nourish the appetite for learning. In the K-8 years, children gain-or fail to gain-skills they will need throughout their education and careers. They develop habits and values they will carry the rest of their days. Elementary school is our invitation and encouragement to a fulfilled

life. In educational significance, its mission dwarfs all others."

The task of helping to shape the character and moral makeup of each student is one that our teachers and staff take very seriously. Weekly planning meetings find us wrestling with how to create a moral culture in our classrooms and how to create a school culture where everyone can learn and grow, correct mistakes and work through conflicts. Our teachers strive each day to show by

example that they are religious people dedicated to noble ideals. Although the path is sometimes rocky and the task seems enormous, the effort is rewarding and the investment is inspiring. A small plaque that hangs in my office seems to sum it all up: I touch the future-I teach! ❖

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A section devoted to discovering life's treasures! Editors; Cathi Close and

Larry Moffitt

Welcome to our brand new feature! We are excited and hopeful about this effort to extend ideas, resources, testimonies, stories and inspiration to our readers focusing on important topics which affect us all. The theme of this first issue is LOVE and MARRIAGE. We, of course, realize that there is no end to what can be said or learned regarding this topic. However, our aim is to promote and encourage reflection, understanding and growth in our efforts to work toward Love *in* Marriage. It's not an easy task for any couple and we can all benefit from support and encouragement in this worthy and essentially, *divine* endeavor.

Through this issue, we hope that you will find a bit of information which can help you personally or as a couple or maybe just something that will make you smile! As this newsletter develops we hope to hear from many of you on this and other subjects. The best way to learn is from each other! Our stories, our struggles and victories, our realizations, our practical efforts ... all of these are the gifts we have to give each other.... the gifts that can really make a difference in our lives. Please enjoy what we have to offer here and share with us as well!

To My Dear and Loving Husband

By Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672) Published in 1678 in "The Tenth Muse"

If ever two were one, then surely we. If ever man were lov'd by wife, then thee; If ever wife was happy in a man, Compare with me ye women if you can. I prize thy love more than whole Mines of gold, Or all the riches that East doth hold. My love is such that Rivers cannot quench, Nor ought but love from thee, give recompense. Thy love is such I can no way repay, The heavens reward thee manifold I pray. Then while we live, in love let's so persevere, That when we live no more, we may live ever.

Anne Bradstreet was born in England in approximately 1612, married Simon Bradstreet at the age of 16, and two years later, they, with her parents, came to the Massachusetts Bay colony with the John Winthrop party. Her father and her husband were later both Governors. She said that her poetry was composed under many handicaps—she was the mother of eight children, and she wrote in a time when, (in her words), women's hands were better fitted to a needle than a pen.

Working Together toward Marriage Enrichment

by Cheryl Wetzstein

In Washington, D.C., six couples have been meeting almost every month as a marriage enrichment group, Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME). This grass-roots national group was founded around 25 years ago by a Quaker couple in North Carolina, who became weary of seeing so many divorced couples. ACME is designed to greatly reduce the chances of divorce and greatly multiply chances for a happy, loving, successful marriage.

Not every one of our D.C. couple's has made every meeting, but those that can come enjoy the exercises and the time spent together being a couple with other couples. Once, some of us held our meeting at a community pool on Adult Night and played water volleyball after the meeting. Another night, we played Foosball at one couple's home after the meeting. On a more serious note, the things we've learned in the exercises has helped improve virtually everyone's communication skills—which are tested at least once a year, and usually once a day.

Specifically, at the marriage enrichment meeting, which is held at a different couple's home each month and lasts as little as 2 hours, the couples gather and talk to each other in front of other couples in what is known as "public dialogue."

The beauty of this technique is that it allows husband and wife to talk to each other (about what happened that month, or their concerns, or their gratitude for something) in front of other couples. When the first couple is done, another couple talks to each other in front of the group.

When a couple does this, it demonstrates their personality and thinking and communication skills to the other couples. As the couples practice talking to each other in

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front of other couples, everyone "learns" about what works and what doesn't work in communication between husband and wife. There is no cross-counseling between couples, no advice given, and things that are talked about are not to be discussed outside the group (or really even within the group). It's all skill building between couples, learned by modeling.

The "public dialogue" can be long, with each couple talking. But sometimes only one couple wants to do it and this part of the evening is brief. (It's OK not to dialogue in front of the group.)

The couples then are given a marriage enrichment exercise (paper and pencils) and go to rooms by themselves to answer questions and discuss each other's answers. The exercises are simple but can be profound—ranging from answering questions about each other's likes and dislikes, to answering questions like "It makes me happy when you..." The exercises are also designed to get into all the tough marriage issues like intimacy, money, anger, time management, goals in life, etc.

After the couples have finished their exercises, they gather together and there's time again for "public dialogue." This is where couples talk with each other in front of the group about what they learned or realized in the exercise.

After time, the groups, which can meet for years and years, get to know each other and strengthen and bond as couples. I and my husband find the exercises to be stimulating, enlightening and enjoyable. We also find the experiences to be principled and positive—and a breath of fresh air.

The ACME model has husband and wife sitting together, knees touching, hands holding, looking in each other's eyes, focusing and talking and listening to each other "only" (not the kids, not the job, not the mission) for a lengthy period of time. It teaches couples how to respect each other, renew their affection for each other, solve problems, and talk to each other with dignity, love and even admiration.

Our hope is that more couples will gather together, even with friends from their community, to form marriage enrichment groups (usually six couples). The motto says it all: "building better marriages, starting with our own."

Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (A.C.M.E.)

A.C.M.E. is a network of persons working for better marriages. Founded in 1973 by Drs. David and Vera Mace, internationally known marriage and family specialists, A.C.M.E. helps couples develop strong, healthy marriage relationships. A.C.M.E.'s aim is growth in marriage—to offer opportunities for couples to build on their strengths, and to equip them with skills and resources to develop a more satisfying relationship.

"The mission of the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment is to promote enrichment opportunities and resources that strengthen couple relationships and enhance personal growth, mutual fulfillment and family wellness."

Many of A.C.M.E.'s enrichment activities are conducted with small groups of couples. Activities include weekend retreats, on-going enrichment groups, skills-learning classes, workshops, conferences, seminars, and local chapter programs. These take place in living rooms, schools, retreat settings, churches, and conference centers. Also, for members a bi-monthly newsletter is included.

For more information; contact: The Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment 502 N. Broad St. PO Box 10596 Winston-Salem, NC 27108 (800) 634-8325 E-mail: acme@marriageenrichment.com

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ists, AND the PUBLIC. Education through teaching preventative and marriage strengthening skills is emphasized as an alternative to therapy that is often too little, too late.

Check out the Smart Marriages/Happy Families website for helpful and practical informa-

tion on the upcoming conference, *extensive* directory listings of excellent books and tapes covering every conceivable aspect of marriage and parenting, directory of programs, articles and information, programs for youth and school groups and much more. This website is an *excellent* resource for anyone seeking to improve their marriage and family dynamics.

The fourth annual Smart Marriages/Happy Families Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, June 29 - July 2.

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Thoughts, Ideas And Reflections on ... Love and Marriage.

Keeping the Balance and the Peace!
by Martin Kampitch

Linda and I are different in many ways. She takes a long time doing simple tasks and I usually breeze through things quite quickly sometimes doing more than one thing at a time. Of course she argues that she is more proficient than I since she "does everything correctly" as opposed to my "doing things hurriedly."

Sometimes we argue and defend our ways and sometimes we just shrug it off and laugh about it. So depending on our attitudes at the time, we can argue and complain or just see how each of us is different.

We have found that taking time to listen to each other and just spending sometime together is quite valuable. We have a home business and so we see each other a lot but it doesn't mean that we actually talk to each other. So...we make Monday our day. We usually drive out to some nice area along the water and take a walk and have lunch. We'll talk about different things and just the fact that we are in a different environment contributes to our experience together.

I am a very artistic person and Linda always tells me how she was taken off the honor roll because she got a C in Art. So when it comes to decorating the house she is not really into it...so instead of arguing about it I take responsibility for it. She may tag along but I initiate it and it works out. I think it's best to switch roles whenever possible for the sake of peace in the relationship. I don't think a man always has to behave as a man nor a woman behave as a woman...the objective is to make things work out for the best.

Linda and I appreciate each other a lot. We argue and disagree on somethings but in general we know how each of us is contributing to our family and when we "see" this it helps us to keep a perspective. One of the things it does is prevent each of us of taking each other for granted. I guess we've learned to become a team and depend on each other and somewhere along the way became good friends.

The physical structure of man is in a reciprocal relationship of left and right. This is because two halves are completely stuck together. Do you think it's good to have just high or just low? To make harmony is good. Centering on the horizon, fish live below, and mammals and birds live above. When a harmony of love is realized between the two opposite sexes, a circular movement is formed. If the two opposite sexes unite with love and bear fruit, God will come down and man will rise toward God, meeting at the center point. God will become the central point of the circle, allowing the circle to become a sphere. From this central point, God can reach out in all four directions. This point is where the harmony of love is realized, life begins, and mutuality starts. This is because there is a strength of love. Therefore, the power that activates and embraces everything in the universe is love. - Sun Myung Moon

Moon Chun Shim Ae Il Che Kwon—"The Unified Realm Entered on Heavenly Mind and Love" Sunday, January 30, 2000

Showdown With God by an American wife

Without going into the grisly details of how my marriage began to deteriorate and become a relationship of hate rather than one of love like it should have been, I will say that the word "hate" is too polite to describe the way I felt about my husband. I loathed him. I was repelled by the way he looked, the way he smelled, the way he talked, the way he acted....I despised the very essence of him. I begged him to divorce me. I cursed God for the miserable life I was leading. Just before our seventh wedding anniversary we had our worst fight. The next day I went out of town for business. I was gone for three glorious weeks! On the flight home I ended up stranded overnight far from home. The airline put us up in a nice hotel and I had a private room. That night I told God I didn't want to go home. I cried and prayed, prayed and cried. But I felt God was telling me to go home and trust Him. I took a deep breath and prepared for the worst. After I returned back home things were lifeless. We hardly spoke to one another. Being deeply religious, I again took my situation before God. I prayed from my heart and told Him I wanted a divorce. I felt sorry that this marriage did not work out and it was my greatest grief. I was sure God would understand and sympathize with my situation.

I was crying as I went through my list of grievances against my spouse. I told God that I did not love this man and that I never could or would. I told God that "he" hated everything I loved. He hated my faith and even God himself! Immediately after I said these things I heard the voice of God say to me, "You promised you'd love my son."

It was like someone poured cold water on me! I was stunned! I screamed at God, "How can you call him your son! He hates you!" Again I heard the voice of God say, "You promised you'd love my son and he IS my son." There was no mistake about it, God was not taking my side. I was beside myself with confusion and disbelief. I cried and cried. I pleaded with God. I told God that it was impossible for me to ever love this man and to ask me to stay with him meant he was sentencing me to an eternity in hell. I asked God, "What if he never changes? What if he stays like this for ever?" God said to me, "You promised you'd love my son, he is my son. If you leave him I will have no hope of ever reaching him. If you leave him he will accuse ME and use you as an excuse and proof that religious people are evil. Please stay with him." I sat there and cried till my eyes dried out and I cried without tears. The whole time thinking about what I thought God was asking me to give up. I thought, If I stay with him then I have to give up every thing I love. Not only here but in the spirit world. Surely when he dies he will go to hell! I will have to go to hell with him! I asked God if he wanted me to go to hell. I said what if it takes him 1 year to change, 10 years, 100 years or tens of thousands of years. There was no answer... I was spent. Finally, with great anger I raised my fist to God and shouted, "OK, you win. Because you asked. For you, and only for you, I will stay with him. But I will never be happy." With that something slipped away from me....all my "conditions" for loving. I became ZERO. Truly, Zero. I felt dead and I mourned for many months. I stopped talking about anything that had to do with my life of faith. I kept reminding myself that "It was what God wanted." My husband and I stopped fighting. We sort of became friends. I can't say when, but over time we actually started to be happy together. I began to see all his great qualities. By our 14th wedding anniversary love was blooming! It has grown into the most beautiful love I've ever known... Truly, I think, hell would not be so bad if he were there with me and for him, heaven wouldn't be so bad if I were there with him. God has blessed us so much over the years. We have so much and we are truly happy.

When two people who love each other give and take in

a reciprocal relationship, consoling each other when they are sad, sharing joy together when they are happy, helping each other when they have difficulties and going forward together before God, this indeed is married life on the foundation of God's love.

Well? What was the reason for us to get married? In order to go to heaven. Also, for the sake of humankind. Men should know that the women standing before them are God's daughters and the daughters of all humankind. Man is qualified to become a husband if he can love a woman as a woman loved by all humankind and as God loves her as His daughter. If he cannot, then he is not qualified to become a husband. This is true for women, too. You should not think that man is my husband. Before thinking of your husband as "my man," you should think of him as God's son and as a man representing all men.

The purpose of marriage is to unify the world of heart and to perfect the love of man and woman. Therefore, to say that you have married is to proclaim that you will prove this. If you have realized the perfection of love and the perfection of heart through married life, then we can say that you have realized the ideal of a family. If you have realized this, then at the time of death, without a doubt you will be able to go to heaven. - *Sun Myung Moon*

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What's Sex Got to Do With it??

by Pamela A. Moffatt

One thing to keep in mind as we age and the physical body deteriorates is that lovemaking also takes other forms of expression—sharing a meal, a laugh, a backrub, a song, a walk together, a cozy snuggle while reading poetry aloud and my husband's all time favorite—sleep :-).

Maybe it's our age now, but we share a lot of physical, emotional, spiritual, mental intimacy that doesn't necessarily have orgasm as the goal. Which is not to say that that isn't wonderful, too, just that it is not so much a priority.

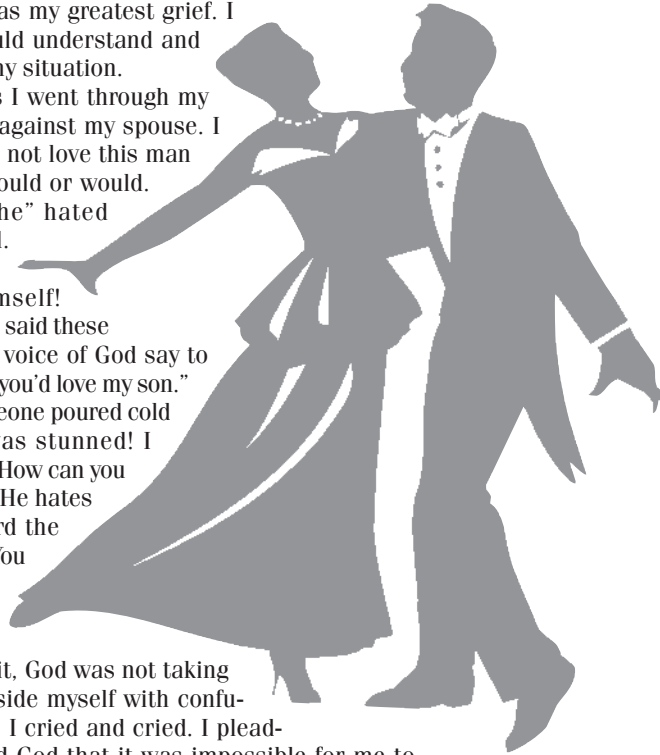
My conviction is that it is not a lack of orgasms that results in marriages falling apart. That is a symptom rather than a cause. Let us not forget the fall was a love problem not a sex problem. All the sexual parts worked fine, it was the relationships that went wrong.

What makes for intimacy is what makes for love - caring for the other person, being able to trust and fully share of yourself.

The restoration of love is what makes for the restoration of intimacy in the bedroom and outside of it. But there are so many things to restore. I believe it is through True Parents that marriage in all its complexity has been restored and blessed by God fully as it has never been before. There perhaps may be a residual Augustinian renunciation of the body that needs restoration, too. I think this is where Father is coming from in terms of being able to rejoice in and with your eternal spouse as a fully holy expression of God's love both physically and spiritually.

Ultimately what it boils down to is a connection through the mind and heart .

"As people get older, their loving mind gets bigger. As the distance increases, the love gets deeper. I don't know. Those who reach their 80s, like me, and are walking with a cane, have a narrower field of vision and will recognize only each other. Eventually they will not recognize their friends, but will feel they only have each other, and they will become closer and closer. Eventually, the next level is only two. How about at night? Should they sleep in their clothes, because they are old, or naked? [Naked.] Is that principled? [Yes.] Once they are naked, what can they do? [Absolute sex.] What is that? Absolute sex organ cannot move. How can we make absolute love without moving that organ? We will try to find the absolute kiss. Imagine what is the wonderful level of that true love? It is the true love kiss. If they kiss continually, they will get very tired and keep kissing until they die. When they combine into one, that is the terminal place of the couple's love." *Sung Myung*



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people likable needn't remain a secret. We feel attracted toward people who emanate positive feelings. We desire to back away from people who emanate negative feelings. And we feel neutral toward people who give forth very little feeling.... A dominating personal style, habitual disagreement, commands, complaints, and irritability are unpleasant and erode the quality of a marriage.... By contrast, positivity draws us in. Communicating in a cheerful, optimistic and uncritical ways invites your partner to mirror back equally positive banter. The more positive appreciation and good humor you show your mate, the more of it you will receive in return. Your styles may differ. One of you may be a teaser, the other a toucher. One of you may bake cookies; the other may buy chocolates. Feeling loved, however, you will find yourself giving off more and more warm affection. This kind of positivity cycle heralds a happy home.

For a more loving relationship, therefore, conduct a personal inventory. When and how often are you critical, judgmental, grumpy or unpleasant? Any negative emanations are reason to reassess your contributions. How often do you emanate caring affection, willingness to do your share and more, compassionate understanding in difficult times, and joy?

...Appreciation can be especially meaningful when you notice the accomplishments that your partner particularly values or that he or she has put extra effort into for you ...How is appreciation expressed? First, it needs to be felt, allowed as a joy within you. Then it needs to be communicated. Words, though sometimes helpful and almost always welcome, are not essential. A playful grin, a warm smile, shared laughter, the meeting of eyes, an affectionate hug - these are the ultimate glue with power to hold the two of you together forever.

God, the best maker of all marriages Combine your hearts in one. -*William Shakespeare*

Marriage is the only known example of the happy meeting of the immovable object and the irresistible force. -*Ogden Nash*

I would give up all my genius, and all my books, if there were only some woman, somewhere, who cared whether or not I came home late for dinner. - *Ivan Turgenev*

Shoeshine in HOT-lanta

by *Larry Moffit*

I went to Atlanta last Monday. I was finished with my business by 10:30 a.m. and then spent the entire rest of the day trying to get out of the airport as US Air canceled one flight after another (equipment problems). Refugees from those flights scurried over to Delta which was already overbooked from its own earlier cancellations. You know what they say, if you die and go to hell you still have to change planes in Atlanta. I ended up getting a 7:30 p.m. flight home and another hour to drive. Got home about 11:00 p.m., dog tired to the bone. I felt like I had been beaten with a stick.

However, I did get an unforgettable shoe shine in Atlanta from a beautiful blonde woman who shines at the Georgia World Congress Center.

I'm sitting in the shoe shine chair and she asks me my name. I tell her. She tells me her name is Dina. She looks up at me and says, "You have beautiful eyes."

I am told that men are astoundingly simple creatures. That's probably true. We talked about all kinds of innocuous things and I could feel the warmth of her hands and fingers even through the layers of my corporate, non-sense, saddle-thickness, high-gloss gun boat wingtips.

It's interesting and quite amaz-

ing how, for both good and bad, a definite spirit transmits from one being to another through a variety of channels. For example, if someone is standing 30 feet away, you can tell whether they are looking directly into your eyes or somewhere else close by, say, at your cheek or shoulder. That's because when two pairs of eyes meet head-on, invisible conversation takes place between them. We all know it happens, and we all experience it many times. Nobody can tell you exactly how or why this is the case,

but some have figured out that the transmission is a spiritual communication.

So yes, she played me like a violin. And yes, she got a nice tip. It was what any of my messiahs would have called a great and terrible shoe shine.

So I get home and I'm sitting at the kitchen table with Take, telling her all about my shoeshine experience. Having spent much of my married life traveling, I long ago adopted the policy of giving my bride a full report at the end of each trip, especially as it concerns any dealings whatsoever with women...

...including everything.

This one little policy has, all by itself, helped simplify life incredibly. Just knowing I'm going to tell her everything has kept me out of serious trouble more than once. Adopting this strategy is the single smartest thing I've ever done.

Take asked, "When she said your eyes are beautiful, did you tell her that her's are beautiful too?"

"Yes."

"What color were they?"

Unexpected question. "Uhhhhh...well...I don't know." Strange, but I didn't remember. In fact I don't even recall if I looked at her eyes in any kind of solid, meaningfully observational way."

"Then how do you know her eyes were beautiful?"

"HMO. Well, the rest of her was. I guess the whole point of that exchange had nothing to do with the actual quality of her eyes. I suppose her eyes were irrelevant and this was more about flirting."

She nodded. We drank some more tea, held hands, talked about the kids and work.

The report continued and I told her about eating extra spicy buffalo wings and drinking Starbuck's coffee and the irony of watching a guy in the waiting area trying to kiss on his lady's ear while she was trying to ignore him as she read a romance novel that was probably at that very moment describing a guy nibbling a woman's ear. It was clear that the woman was tolerating, but not interested in, the actual real-life schlepping that was going on cheekside. She was much more into the fictional account. Truly, the pen is mightier than the tongue.

I was trying to work on my World Media Association talk about media ethics and also a sermon for church (about repentance, as I recall). I watched the couple. The man kept upping the ante, getting ever more aggressive on the ear lobes. I wondered if he was going to dive into her breastworks just as she got to the bodice-ripping part of her novel. Or maybe he would pull her down onto a mound of new-mown hay, still warm from the afternoon sun, infused with the scent of grassy musk born of mid-summer heat...just as she got to the part in her novel where...

Whoa, Larry, this way madness lies. This was life imitating life. I pulled myself back from the abyss and burrowed into my notes. Back to the uncrossing world of media ethics and repentance.

So what can we learn from all this, aside from there's no fool like an old fool? Well, for one thing it's a cautionary tale. It re-confirms the truth of what Jesus said about the dangers of dwelling on lust in one's heart. More important, however, it underscores the enormous value of having a trusted someone with whom you can talk.

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their cleaning, their cooking, their grocery shopping, their laundry.”

My wife and I were reminiscing about our dating days when I mentioned that she used to have a “Coke-bottle figure.” “Honey,” she said, “I still have a Coke bottle figure, only now it’s two-liter!”

Soon after they were married, the young husband stopped wearing his wedding band. “Why don’t you ever wear your ring?” his new bride asked. “It cuts off my circulation,” he replied. “I know,” she said, “It’s supposed to.”

From the mouths of babes:

WHAT’S THE PROPER AGE TO GET MARRIED?

“Eighty-four, Because at that age, you don’t have to work anymore, and you can spend all your time loving each other in your bedroom.” (Judy, 8)

“Once I’m done with kindergarten, I’m going to find me a wife” (Tom, 5)

THE GREAT DEBATE: IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

“It’s better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them.” (Lynette, 9)

“It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I’m just a kid. I don’t need that kind of trouble.” (Kenny, 7)

CONCERNING WHY LOVE HAPPENS BETWEEN TWO PARTICULAR PEOPLE

“No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That’s why perfume and deodorant are so popular.” (Jan, 9)

“I think you get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn’t supposed to be so painful.” (Harlan, 8)

ON WHAT FALLING IN LOVE IS LIKE

“Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life.” (Roger, 9)

“If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don’t want to do it. It takes too long.” (Leo, 7)

ON THE ROLE OF GOOD LOOKS IN LOVE

“Beauty is skin deep. But how rich you are can last a long time.” (Christine, 9)

CONCERNING WHY LOVERS OFTEN HOLD HANDS

“They want to make sure their rings don’t fall off because they paid good money for them.” (Dave, 8)

HOW CAN YOU TELL IF TWO ADULTS EATING DINNER AT A RESTAURANT ARE IN LOVE?

“Lovers will just be staring at each other and their food will get cold. Other people care more about the food.” (Brad, 8)

“It’s love if they order one of those desserts that are on fire. They like to order those because it’s just like how their hearts are on fire.” (Christine, 9)

HOW TO MAKE LOVE ENDURE

“Spend most of your time loving instead of going to work.” (Tom, 7)

“Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take out the trash.” (Randy, 8)

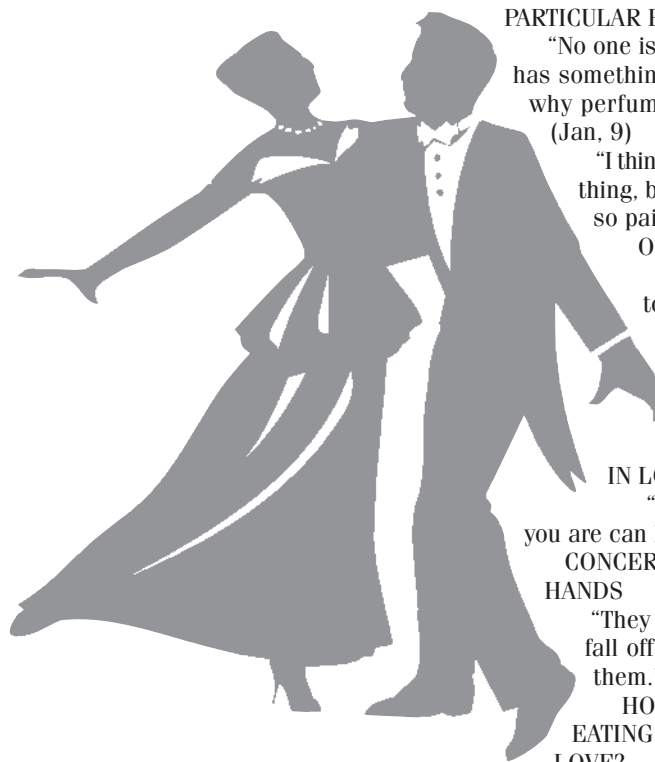
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Humor

Marriage is somewhat like undertaking a Lego project without instructions. - Ammonia Ball Subramanian in *Time*

While watching the prairie dogs in the Arizona-Sonar Desert Museum near Tucson, I overheard a couple talking nearby. “Oh, look,” said the wife. “Those two are going to mate. Well, at least he’s trying, but it looks like she doesn’t want to.”

The man was passing just behind me when I heard him respond, “Sounds pretty normal to me.”

When men do dishes, it’s called helping. When women do the dishes, it’s called life. - Anna Quindlen in *The New York Times*

In the midst of a hot debate about whether men or women make the larger sacrifice of their respective gender characteristics when they get married, to Steve’s surprise, Shelly agreed that men give up far more than women.

“You’re right,” she said, “Men generally give up doing

NATIONAL FREEDOM



**PAUL
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This month we're going to look at the concept of freedom, and the unending conflict between it and social or governmental constraints. Also, the varied cultural expressions of the world's people, and how these relate to their freedom.

This is the third in a series of articles with a 'national' theme. In one sense, the story of freedom is the story of humanity itself. Primitive man had no formal laws, and hence, no restrictions. Then again, he had no restraints, so for him life consisted of what Thomas Hobbes called "a war of every man against every man."

The modern Goddess worshipper's concept of a prehistoric, 'matriarchal' peace is little more than a fantasy. The actual Pagan religions were diverse, and often rather bloodthirsty.

Tribal elders, and then Kings, brought order to their peoples, whether slaves or noblemen. But only with the United States did 'rule by the consent of the governed' become a formal reality.

From Classical Greece until today, subtle ideas have gradually increased in value, and in power. With the French Revolution, intellectual persuasion fully replaced brawn, and dimly-understood edicts, as a seminal force in human affairs.

Now, with the mass media, and spreading worldwide contacts, people are keenly aware of the differences in the culture and freedom of others.

Control

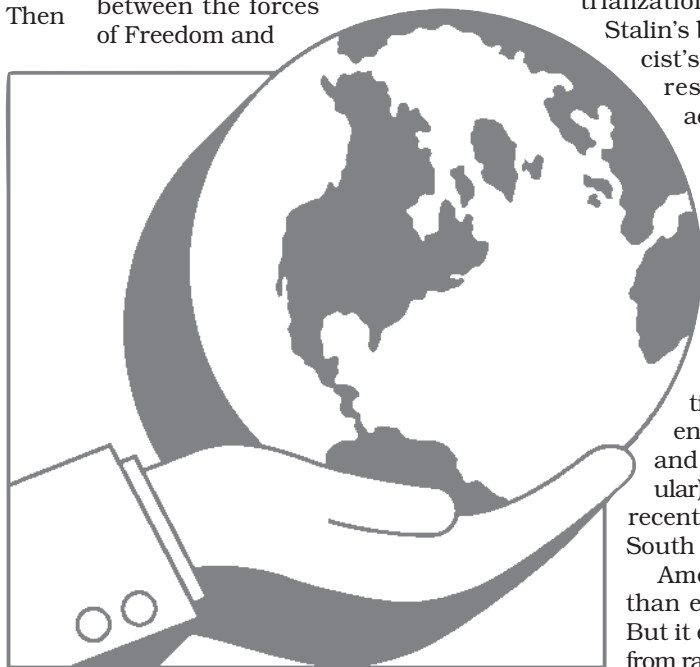
One of the hottest issues surrounding freedom is that of 'control'; the restraints imposed on people by their society or government.

It is well known that the ideology of modern liberalism (and the political parties that embrace it) favor widespread government controls, even over personal conduct. Even the First Amendment goes out the window when so-called 'hate speech' is involved! And, to handle all

that regulation, taxes must always be increased.

When criticized about this, liberals are quick to point out that conservatives (and their political arms) are anxious to regulate 'moral' behaviors, from flag burning to partial-birth abortion. "So," liberals ask, "what's all this talk about getting government out of our lives?"

This author has found only one clear explanation, in Lawrence Chickering's little-known book *Beyond Left and Right*. (ICS Press, 1993). He describes the profound, but often unrecognized, difference between the forces of Freedom and



Order. This additional split gives us *four* major ideological forces.

These are: the Order Left, comprising people from political correctness mavens to hard line Stalinists; the Freedom Left, ranging from relaxed 'back to the landers' to full-blown anarchists; the Freedom Right, encompassing 'live and let live' neighbors and extreme libertarians; and the Order Right, ranging from earnest Sheriffs and Preachers to puritanical ayatollah wannabes.

Understanding these divisions would add a great deal of clarity to America's political discussions.

Prosperity

Everyone agrees that freedom is their preferred ideal, but it often conflicts with their desire for security, and prosperity.

As Benjamin Franklin observed, people who would give up their freedom to gain a little security, deserve -and will get- neither. In today's America, 'security' includes *comfort*, in both a material and an emotional sense.

During the government's recent Census 2000 ad campaign, the liberal mask really came off. These ads made a naked appeal to greed: "Fill out the form and your community will get piles of money." They even asserted that "your future *depends upon*" such government funds.

Worse yet, rather than simply counting people, its 'long forms' asked page after page of deeply intrusive, personal questions, thus angering millions of Americans. Few governments since Nazi Germany have focused so obsessively on race. (Oddly, the forms didn't offer distinct groups such as the Basques and Arabs a

category.) In any case, many folks simply penciled in 'human race.'

Supposedly Census answers are private, but their hordes of quota-hired, temporary workers didn't even have to be US citizens.

Authority

Of course there is another side to the 'freedom vs. security' debate. Scholar Francis Fukuyama observes that political freedom hasn't always been the most efficient situation.

During the large scale, 'steel mill' industrialization of the early 20th Century, Stalin's bloody coercion, and the Fascist's detailed manipulations, did result in some rapid national advancement.

However, in today's fast-paced Information Age, individual talents, and team flexibility, are so crucial that the government's heavy hand can only bring ruin. Freedom pays a dollar bonus!

Even so, authoritarian societies such as Singapore continue to enjoy lower crime rates, endure fewer disruptive strikes, and use fewer outdated (but popular) industrial methods, than their recently 'liberalized' neighbors like South Korea.

America is freer, and wealthier, than either of those 'Asian Tigers.' But it endures all sorts of social ills, from rampant get-rich-quick schemes, to known, violent criminals running

loose.

Each society must decide how to make these trade-offs.

Freedom continues to grow, with a few horrible exceptions like Afghanistan's Taleban rulers. Like Catholic priests during the Dark Ages, their mullahs thrive because their subjects are largely illiterate. For instance, the Koran prescribes 'modesty' for women, *not* veils and chadors. Those are artifacts of a nomadic, Seventh Century desert culture.

Unity

Most people hope that with the spread of freedom, people and nations will join in friendship, finally leading to substantial world unity.

It is true that the modern, democratic nations have never once started a major war, certainly not against each other. (Recent attacks by NATO's arrogant socialists will, hopefully, prove an aberration.)

So is the world moving towards unity?

Economically, cultures and nations are merging rapidly. Japan has repaid America for its ubiquitous McDonalds with a deluge of Pokémon items. Virtually every computer in the world runs America's Windows, Unix, or Macintosh systems, and even Linux's European creator has moved to the Silicon Valley.

Culturally, the answer is "sort of." For many years, *Baywatch* had been the world's most popular television program—a more carefully crafted popularity than most of its viewers suspect. It never quite 'crosses the line' on many sensitive subjects.

However, in many poor nations, only their elite enjoys this emerging world culture. In Nigeria, formerly a British colony, common English is changing into an unintelligible dialect. Also, partially in reaction to American dominance, many nations

are enjoying a resurgence of their traditional cultures.

Religiously, the answer is mixed. Secular commentators usually point to fundamentalist groups, and say "no." Religious observers point to large, and growing, ecumenical and cooperative efforts, and say "yes."

Echoing the Divine Principle's description of 'major spheres,' futurists are redrawing world maps along the lines of 'civilizations.' These include the regions of: India, China, the Muslim world, the poor southern hemisphere, the prosperous West, and others.

Some futurists foresee a growing conflict between godless Global Capitalists, and fanatic Tribal Fundamentalists. The West's elite remains certain they can build their fortunes, and their secular bridges to Utopia. But if the 'powers that be' act without heart or cultural understanding, this conflict may well occur. (Scholar Samuel P. Huntington describes these subjects well.)

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Comparisons

With increasing contact, the world's societies and nations can indulge in some (hopefully) good-natured comparisons. Asia claims to have originated *all* religious wisdom, with its attendant traditions of spirituality. If one includes the Middle East, this is true enough.

In contrast, Europe has offered the world a few horrible pseudo-religions such as Marxism, Satanism, and a revived Paganism.

On the other hand, Asia has *never* produced a free or democratic nation. India and Japan's democracies, now warmly embraced, were imposed by their conquerors.

Neither has Asia enjoyed any widely prosperous society. Asian nations have always lived under caste systems, or other severely restrictive traditions. Imagine: in a caste society, no matter how intelligent, variously talented, or interested in a subject you may be, you *must* follow the one narrow path you were born into....

The diverse African societies, and Native American tribes, made some valuable but relatively minor contributions. They've never matched the grand traditions of Asian wisdom or European freedom. But they do have plenty of future opportunities!

Conclusion

The world is changing faster than ever before. Ethically and legally, the nations are holding themselves, and each other, to ever higher standards. (On paper if not always in practice.)

The Balkans, Northern Ireland, and the Middle East are finally forgiving the past—or at least saying they might.

Economically, the southern hemisphere may surpass the north's development, and in the not too distant future. Concerning new technologies like cellular phones, they've already leaped ahead.

The south will soon have more Christians than the northern nations, and more spirited ones at that.

Ultimately, all of the world's cultures must be freely expressed; without oppression, or making any threat to others (in perception or in reality).

People should, and soon will, be able to exercise a full measure of freedom. With enough unity to ensure security, and heart to see to the comfort and well-being of every person. And, of course, enough Godly understanding and conscience to make the best of all these things. ❖

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UB NEWS



by Chris Corcoran—Bridgeport, CT

Digital Art

The Mather Theater at the University of Bridgeport will be the site of the DIGITAL smart© Art Exhibition, opening Thursday, April 13 and running until Sunday, May 14. There will be a reception on Saturday, April 15th, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM at the Mather Theater — also known as 'The Bubble' due to its unique elliptical shape — located at the Bernhard Arts Center.

"We will be exhibiting about 20 artists from 14 states whose works represent what we believe to be the most diverse and cutting-edge computer art in the country," said Sean Nixon, organizer of the exhibit and Director of the Integrated Arts Department at the University. "We're featuring artists who use the computer in some aspect of their work, whether it's printing, sculpture, animation or interactive. What we have found is that artists are now using the computer in a much more sophisticated way than even five years ago. The computer has become a powerful tool which assists these artists in the creative process, often resulting in works that are surprisingly reminiscent of traditional fine art," he said.

In the beginning of the 1990s, virtually no art galleries would show artwork if it had any digital component. As computer software became more advanced, people came to realize that the computer is just another tool, like a paintbrush, that can be used in subtle and imaginative ways.

Two internationally recognized artists received special invitations to the exhibit. One is MIT graduate and researcher Ronald L. MacNeil, who will display an interactive, ultra-high resolution projection on the floor of the gallery. The other artist, incorporating a completely different medium, is Deena des Rioux whose prints and paintings mix metaphors of human and artificial intelligence with visual references to robotics and computer hardware images.

Jurors for the show will be Ben Ortiz, curator of The Discovery Museum in Bridgeport; Bruce Wands, chairperson of the MFA Computer Art at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and Pattie Belle Hastings, an artist from New Haven. On Thursday, April 27 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM at the University Gallery in the Arnold Bernhard Arts and Humanities Center there will be a panel discussion about the role of computers in art making and art education.

New Provost

President Neil Salonen continues to reshape his new administration with the recent appointment of Dr. Laurence M. Conner as the new

Provost and Senior Vice President of the University. Dr. Conner, who assumes the number two administrative position at the University after the President, succeeds Dr. Michael J. Grant who has served in that position since 1995. Dr. Conner will be on campus April 10-15 and permanently after April 24.

Dr. Conner is currently serving as the President of Marycrest International University in Davenport, Iowa. He has been in that position since 1994, having previously served as Vice President for Continuing and External Education at Emerson College in Boston.

Dr. Conner, 61, has a forty-year record in higher education administration and teaching, serving in a wide range of positions. He recently had a chance to meet the UB community at



Dr. Laurence M. Conner, Provost of UB

a reception at Waldemere Hall. "I want to thank the University of Bridgeport community for their kindness in welcoming me to the UB family. I look forward to working with you, under the direction of President Salonen, in shaping the future of UB while at the same time respecting its heritage," said Dr. Conner.

"He has a lot of experience in exactly those areas the University needs at this time: reviewing programs for academic quality, mission focus and economic viability. We need to sharpen our focus at UB, expanding programs in the areas in which we do well and eliminating programs in areas where we are not successful," said President Neil Salonen.

Dr. Grant also had words of praise for the incoming Provost. "After meet-



The "Bubble" at UB

ing Dr. Conner, I have every confidence in his ability to lead the University through its next phase of development. I am impressed with him as an individual and with his administrative abilities. We are indeed fortunate to bring a person of his caliber to the University."

Dr. Conner was graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Ph.D. in Communication and Theater in 1973.

Dr. Grant will stay on as Provost until a smooth transition takes place, after which he plans to take a well-earned sabbatical for the next academic year. He will then return to the Psychology faculty as well as continue as a private practitioner.

New Appointments

Dr. Thomas J. Ward, Assistant to the Provost at the University since 1997, has been promoted to Vice President for International Relations. Dr. Ward served as

Associate Director of the New England Center for International and Regional Studies in 1996-1997 and as Special Assistant to the President in 1995-1996. He teaches International Studies at the University and recently received a grant from the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium to teach an on-line course. He received an Ed.D.

in 1988 from De La Salle University in the Philippines where his thesis advisor is currently the Minister of Education for the Philippines. He serves on the Human Rights Commission of

Duchess County, New York.

Jocelyne D. Poisson, currently Dean of Enrollment Management, has been promoted to Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services. She has served in her current position since June of 1999. Jocelyne has held several positions at the University since the 1970s, including Executive Director for Student Services and Division Director for the Fones School of Dental Hygiene. She holds an M.A. in Counseling from UB. Active in community affairs, Jocelyne sits on the board of the Bridgeport Salvation Army as well as the Bridgeport Public Education Fund. She is currently President of the Arts Council of Greater Bridgeport and a member of the Mayor's Managing Arts Commission.

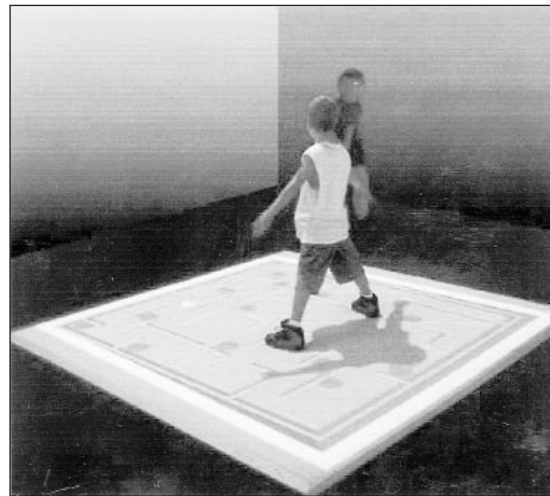
James Garland, formerly an Associate Vice President for Administration at the University, has recently returned to the staff as Associate Vice President for University Relations. His main responsibilities will be in the area of development while maintaining strong ties to government and community at all levels. Jim will oversee the offices of Public Affairs, Publications, Alumni Affairs and Special Events. He was recently employed as the Chief Financial Officer at the New York Studio School in Manhattan. Jim lives in Bridgeport and is on the Board of the South End Community Center and on the Board of the Bridgeport Neighborhood Fund. He was a co-founder of the South End Public Safety Committee and has also served on the advisory boards of various community-based organizations.

Dr. Sang Hwe Lee has been appointed Vice President for International Development. His responsibilities will include developing funding and student recruitment opportunities abroad.

Dr. Lee has most recently served as Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, Yonsei University, Korea, from 1974-1997. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Yonsei University in 1982.

At its February 25

meeting, the Board of Trustees of the University appointed Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, the former President of the University, as President Emeritus and Life Trustee. ♦



Interactive art at UB

New Arrivals

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IN MEMORIAM

Sanae Tully

I will never forget my sister Sanae-san. She passed away on Nov. 30, 1999, at the age of 51. She was in her husband Joe A. Tully's hometown, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, where she had lived the past 11 years. Joe and Sanae are an 1800 Blessed Couple, and have five children.

Sanae was born on Jan. 9, 1948, in Kochi Prefecture, Shikoku Island, Japan. She was a bright, energetic and athletic girl. She joined the Unification Church in 1970, in the town of Nagoya.

Sanae came to the U.S. in July 1973, as a member of the 'Third Group.' She worked as a 'Kitchen Sister' at J-House, witnessed with the IOWC and participated in the CARP movement. She was always a very thoughtful, kind and generous person. She really took care of me and supported my family so much.

She is a very strong woman, determined to accomplish her mission and fulfill God's will. She deeply loves True Parents and her family!

When Sanae gave birth to her fourth baby, she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Later, she was cured of this and cancer-free for 14 years.

On Jan. 22, 1997, she went to Chungpyung Lake for 40 days. In November of that same year, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She had the ovary

removed, started a special diet and took natural medicines...but had no chemotherapy or radiation treatments. In January 1999, she felt a sharp pain in her leg. After a bone scan, it was found that Sanae had bone cancer...which had already spread to her chest, shoulder, back, hips and legs!

She chose to have 'home care'; a hospice nurse visited Sanae very often, comforted her and loved her so deeply. Through all of this, Sanae maintained a strong faith in God and True Parents. She studied the Divine Principle and did Hoon Dok Hwa daily. She always kept a positive mind and fought hard to overcome her illness!

Sanae knew that God was calling her home to be with Him. So she prepared to begin her 'second life' in the spirit world. She studied much about the spirit world and life after death. I remember clearly her saying again and again, "I am so grateful I followed the Messiah while I had a physical body and while the True Parents were on this earth. How lucky I am!"

After Sanae's passing, her husband, Mr. Joe A. Tully, officiated at a beautiful Seung Hwa ceremony and Won Jon ceremony for her.

Keiko H. Foss ❖

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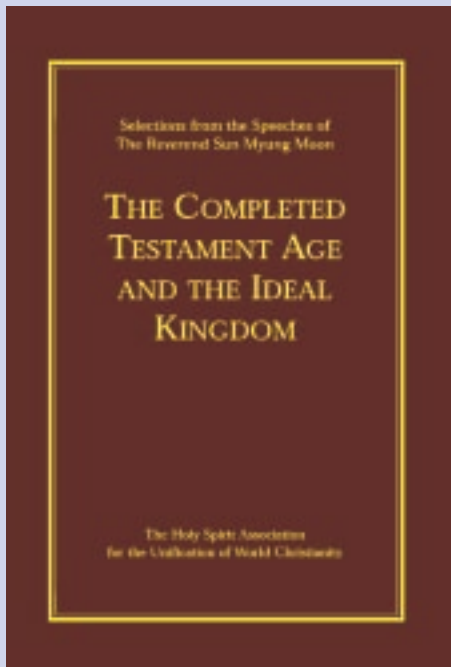
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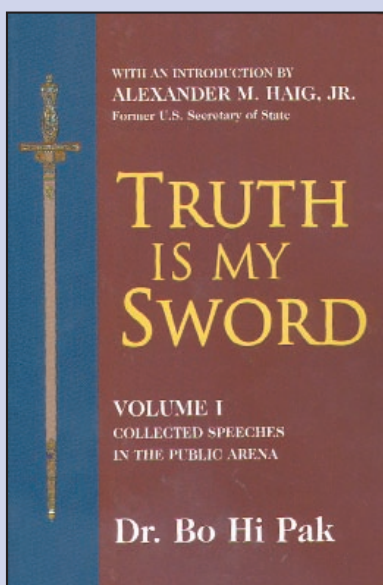
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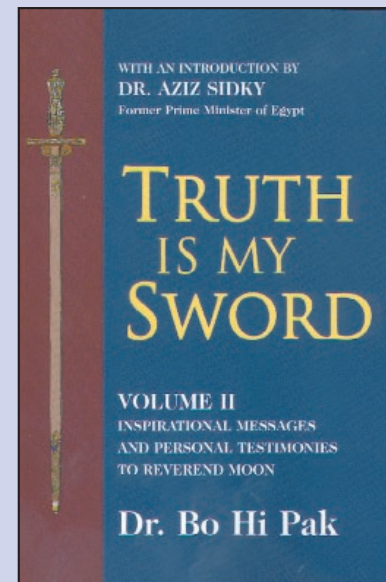
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