

## We Will Stand In Oneness Revival and Blessing



*There will be a 12,000-couple Revival and Blessing on Saturday, September 22 at Madison Square Garden in NYC*

## Hyun Jin Nim in NYC calls for a Counter-Countercultural Revolution

by Michael Balcomb—NYC

I've always been interested in science fiction stories, particularly those involving such ideas as time travel, alternate outcomes, and parallel universes. You know the genre. A man (or less often a woman) is able to go back in time. While in the past, he or she interacts with the environment, either deliberately or unknowingly. Because of that one seemingly insignificant change, the whole future of civilization is changed.

Star Trek explored the theme, as did the popular Twilight Zone series and more recent movies like Back to the Future and Terminator. Writers like Bradbury, Asimov and Clarke and a dozen others explored hundreds of "what ifs." What if ... the Roman Empire had never fallen? What if ... penicillin

had been invented in 1528 instead of 1928? What if ... Columbus had not discovered America, Hitler had won World War II, and so on and so on.

For the same reason, it was the frank consideration of alternatives that was one of the most exciting aspects of the Divine Principle when I first heard it in 1976. Here was a religious view that stimulated a strong sense of intrigue and was unafraid to explore the "what ifs" of God's Providential History. For example, traditional Christianity tends to take the Fall for granted, even developing the doctrine of Felix Culpa, the "happy crime" to explain that God wanted Adam and Eve to fall so that he could later demonstrate the love of Jesus. Divine Principle not only explores what the world would have been like if Adam and Eve had not fallen and lived in obedience to God's will, but



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invites us to think of that outcome as a real possibility.

Again, the traditional view of the church I grew up in was that Jesus came to die on the cross. We sang hymns about the fountains filled with blood and the suffering lamb, and never looked back to consider what might have been. True Parents explain that Jesus should have married, had children and created a new and true lineage that would have changed everything.

This same willingness to explore and reevaluate the past is also one of the most stimulating and challenging aspects that Hyun Jin Nim has been bringing to audiences around the world, last

year on the Inheritance and Development tour and this year with Service for Peace.

By now we all know about God's original timetable for America. In 1945, with the end of World War II, God wanted True Father to be accepted by Korean Christians and their American missionary friends. Within seven years, by 1952, Father would have been recognized as the Lord of the Second Advent, come to America and started building the real Kingdom of God. To that end, God had made endlessly delicate preparations in Korea, the United States and around the world.

Yet it was not to be. The divinely prepared individuals and groups never came through. Korea was divided and fell into civil war and anarchy. Father

**Hyun Jin Nim speaking in the Manhattan Center Grand Ballroom**

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## FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

These points, from unofficial notes taken by Rev. Zin Moon Kim, were given during the Hawaii 12-Day Seminar July 2001.

**1** This is the Age of 'Principled Myself' or 'the individual centered on Divine Principle'. Therefore this is the age of 'My Providence'. Do not be a passer-by, or onlooker, do

something for the Providence.

2. Our mission today is to: Establish kingship and liberate the spiritual and physical worlds. Therefore we must study the Coronation Speech and Father's words on 'Earthly Life and the Spirit World'.

3. The Providence is a providence to bring horizontal equalization centering on the vertical. For example the equalization of technology will take

## Guidance at the

place centering on God's providence not on selfish advantage.

4. The Hawaiian Declaration. The Age of Mother-son cooperation is finished. We have begun the Age of Parent-child cooperation. Think of everything centering on the family not the individual. The family level of the Heavenly Kingdom has opened. We cannot go as parents to heaven and let our children go to hell. If one goes to hell we must all go there. Therefore this is the age to witness to our family.

5. Due to the Fall God lost three generations of kingship—God, parents (Adam and Eve) and children. The kingship of love is not merely political. We must restore these three generations of kingship—God, True Parents and ourselves.

6. We need a helper, but we cannot get help in the Spirit World only in this world. Therefore we should act in this earthly life for others.

7. Let us be the flag bearers for the great revolution of the True Love Culture.

8. In the Last Days one of the most important things is to know about the Spirit World. If you do not know about it you cannot make a perfect individual, family, society, nation or world.

9. The reformation of Hell into Heaven is our task centering on True Parents.

10. The time of indirect dominion is past. Therefore God is now direct teaching and instructing us.

11. The biggest problem in this world is religious egoism. True religion has no border-line.

12. Due to the fulfillment of God's Coronation from now on all established strong organizations and nations can be destroyed.

13. The religion which is based on the merit of the age is the real religion.

14. The age has passed when knowledge, money and power can govern this world.

15. When we meet our persecutor we must actively try to persuade him not to continue, because Lucifer, the base of the problem, has already given up on 21st March 1999.

16. God's purpose to create Adam and Eve was to have grandchildren. They failed. We are the historical grandchildren of God and He wants to forgive us. This is the Age of Forgiveness. If we keep Hoon dok hae and give our tithe we are heading in the direction of the Heavenly Kingdom.

17. There is no border-line in true love. Hate make border-lines. In the original world there are no border-lines, they are a result of the Fall. The Restoration providence is to remove all the borderlines.

18. Ambassadors for World Peace are sent from God's Heavenly kingdom to planet Earth. Those appointed to this role should feel that mission and pride.

**Love is living for others.**

19. God's love is practiced by give and take action between subject and object partners. For this reason God made the 'pair system'. We cannot follow individualism. We should be 'con-

nected beings'. The expression of individualism and privacy in modern democratic society must be reformed.

20. Economizing is one way to love nature. If we cannot first love nature we cannot love others. If we cannot love others we cannot love God. Rich people and countries must learn to economize and keep everything in its proper place and position.

21. The heart and mind which desires to express love better is 'love'.

22. There is no 'I' in me. I came into existence 99% from my mother and 1% from my father, centering on the Principle. Therefore individualism is evil and will surely perish.

23. God likes 'we' more than 'I' and 'public' more than 'private'.

24. Think deeply about true love. True love is life for the sake of others, not life for my own sake.

25. Origin Division Union action is fulfilled by love, not by dialectical materialism.

26. If we practice the life of true love perfectly on earth we can be completely free in the Spirit World. We can call a party for one million people and it will happen.

27. Absolute obedience means 100% investment in a life for the sake of others. Do not think of my fallen self.

28. Look carefully at every part of your body. You will not find any part which is made for yourself. All of our body is made for others—for example a woman's wide hips and big breasts are made for her baby. If she thinks they are for herself it becomes a problem (e.g. some women value external beauty more than life).

29. An individual truth body can only be perfected by engaging in action as a connected body. Individualism is a problem. I cannot make myself perfect without a connection to others.

30. The purpose of our life on earth is to practice living for others.

31. A responsible person (subject partner) is very much restricted by the Divine Principle.

**Guidance for our life of faith.**

32. 'If we did not have rainy days the Earth would be a desert. When you go down do not be disappointed. When you go up do not be arrogant.'

33. In this non-principled world it looks as if a non-principled person can make a revolution. However we should be the 'unusual' people in a world where 'usual' means 'satanic'.

34. When we accomplish our responsibility we become the real 'me'. If we do not practice we become the fake 'me'.

35. To survive we require determination at the risk of our life.

36. People who are spiritually poor are astray in the dark midnight.

37. If we shrink the horizontal by pushing it in from both sides it begins to soar vertically.

38. How we live is more important than how long we live.

39. Make good competition then you can survive.

40. The Heavenly Way is the straight way.

41. Before you sit down (outside of

## CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2001

- 1 Hee Jin Nim's Ascension (1969)  
Day of Returning to the Home Country (1993)
- 3 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 4 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)  
Hye Jin Nim's Ascension (1964)
- 7 Unification Theological Institute (1971)
- 16 Il Sung II: Total Victory Day (1985)
- 17 Declaration Day Jeon-ban & Jeon-neung (1999)
- 20 Declaration of the Providential Age of Salvation by Love (1989)
- 25 30,000 Couples' Blessing (1992)  
360,000 Couples' Blessing (1995)  
Chil Pal Jeol: Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth (7/7/97)
- 28 Federation for World Peace (1991)
- 30 Shin Goon Nim's Birthday (7/12/83)  
Shin Kwon Nim's Birthday (7/12/89)
- 31 Pal Jong Shik: Day of the Settlement of 8 Stages (1989)

## SEPTEMBER 2001

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 5 In Jin Nim's Birthday (7/18/65)
- 6 Hwa Jung Nim's Birthday (7/19/77)  
Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)  
Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
- 9 9.9 Jeol: Heaven & Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)  
New Hope Singers International Established (1973)
- 17 Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
- 18 Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)  
Foundation Day (1976)  
Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)
- 22 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification (1988)

## OCTOBER 2001

- 1 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC Established (1963)  
Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- 10 New York City Symphony Orchestra Support Began (1975)  
Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)  
National Professors and Students Federation for North-South Reunification Established (1986)  
Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Training Center (1999)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 21 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 23 Declaration Ceremony for the Liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Substantial Realm (1999)
- 24 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 27 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)  
Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)



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a sanctified place) you should first sanctify the place you sit by blowing on it. 42. Are you checking that your faith is getting better as time goes by? 43. Practice more than pray. 44. We must have the attitude that all problems happen because of 'me', not because of 'others'. I am an enemy and become a savior. 45. Money is not to be our subject. It has the role to support human life as an object. 46. A tithe does not be just mean one tenth, but one tenth and over of all forms of income.

Truth

47. The law of imperishability—natural science states that matter never ceases to exist it merely changes its form. In this understanding we should include the human spirit, which lives eternally. 48. History never lies. 49. Do not harbor any doubts about the Principle it is divine. 50. Truth is unchanging, but the method to practice truth is variable. The Bible is not truth but an explanation of how to practice. Therefore it can be changed in order to assist better practice. Jesus said he is the truth, life

and way not his words.

Witnessing

51. It is better to be a fore-runner than a pioneer, and better to be a prophet than a fore-runner. As we know the DP we can be prophets for others. 52. 'Witness with a loud voice, with confidence, without doubt.' Father is aware that we hesitate to witness boldly. 53. Once we know truth we must teach it to others or it will become our sin. 54. In order to liberate our relatives we need to engage in the hard work through which we can restore our tribe.

55. As an Abel-type family, my family must restore a Cain-type family through witnessing in order to acquire Royal Familyship.

56. Many members are escaping from persecution and avoid declaring their identity (e.g. Unification flag not displayed).

The Blessed Family.

57. Harmonious relationship between husband and wife—when we establish divine unity all expressions of physical love between husband and wife are permitted.

58. Do not forget that you are a Blessed Central Family. All human beings were created to be the center of all things, but we are the true center because we are Blessed.

59. We should understand and respect True Parents because they have passed through an indescribably difficult indemnity course in order that we might be Blessed.

60. As Blessed husband and wife we are God's unique 'princes' and 'princesses' and have providential importance.

61. To accomplish the mission of husband and wife is not easy.

62. If the wife is living for the sake of her husband then the husband's love will come to her and vice-versa. We must practice life for the sake of others in our family. If not we will experience problems in our conjugal life.

63. In the Spirit World the shape of the four position foundation appears like one body enveloped in God's light under which the father and mother are together and inside them are the children.

64. You should read the Family Pledge many times with a serious attitude together with your conjugal partner.

65. The fact that we are husbands and wives blessed by God is historic and cosmic.

The Sexual Organs and Blood Lineage

66. The reason for the Human Fall was illicit love. The mission of the Messiah is internally to explain love and externally to explain the sexual act centering on the genital organs.

67. Changing the blood lineage. To restore this matter externally was very difficult to do.

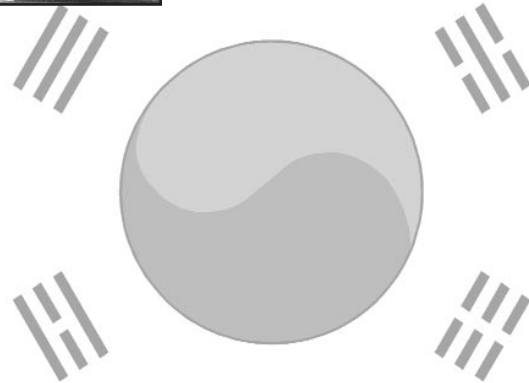
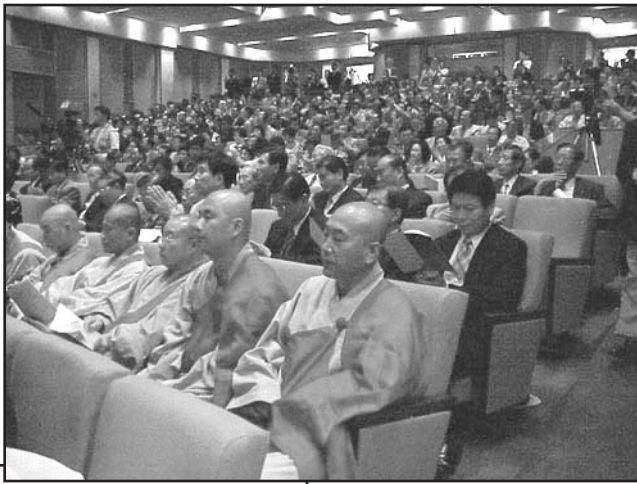
68. What is original sin? We have inherited the enemy's blood lineage. This is transferred externally by visible human cells. Without change of blood lineage human beings cannot be made original.

69. The place that God establishes His root in this world is the sexual organ. Therefore this is the most precious place. In one sense the providence of restoration is to restore the genital organ of true love.

70. The most precious thing (e.g. love) is the most difficult to practice and keep. All today's problems are rooted in illicit love. ❖

True Father Addresses Korean Congress

On July 13, 2001, at the Large Conference Room in the Korean Diet Members' Office Building, True Parents spoke in front of 500 people including Congressmen, political leaders, religious leaders, and other leaders in various areas.





This speech was given at the rally at the Manhattan Center, Saturday, July 14 2001. The event was a great success, with a packed Manhattan Center responding eagerly to Hyun Jin Nim's message, which was tailored toward youth and especially 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation. These are unofficial notes taken by Mike Balcomb during the speech.

# Hyun Jin Nim's Speech at New York Rally

## This is the Time for a Counter

**Y**oung people have enough energy to move the world and stir the cosmos. Do you have enough energy to do that, yes or no? Are you going to be victorious, yes or no?

Before I begin, as you all know this is more of an internal event. As I'm Father's son it is hard for me to be confined by this little podium here, so I want permission from all of you to use the whole stage and even the whole auditorium as my podium. Will you give me permission to do that? And a second question, since I have been speaking constantly for 3 weeks and I am a little hoarse, please allow me to carry this cup of water.

From now on, I will not come and speak at rallies that have only 1500 or 2000 people, but I will make an exception here because I feel the energy. You loud call has just rung in my ears! In Japan and Korea I had ten or twenty thousand people, with 2000 VIPs alone. Will speaking to you be more or less exciting than that?

I sometimes think of VIPs as being really VUPs—Very Unimportant People. Why? A True VIP has only one master, and that is God. There should be a vertical line to God. But most VIPs are political or religious leaders who end up being slaves to many causes. They have to constantly kowtow to public opinion. Well, how about you today? Are you VIPs or VUPs? VIPs! Then how many masters do you follow? There can only be One.

I see many young people in the front row here. In Japan, I tried to keep my message within one hour and thirty minutes because there were many VIPs. My experience with young people is

that after one hour your attention span is wavering! Yet, if you are VIPs and not VUPS, and have only one master, then you should know what that Master wants even if it takes the whole day!

### The Beginning of a New Age

This year's theme is *Service for Peace*. This is not a motto that just came lightly. We have entered the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium from a historical biblical perspective, the third millennium after Jesus and the 21<sup>st</sup> century. You can say that all these important numbers converging like this coincidence and happenstance, but it is not. Providence is working whether we realize it or not.

What is the meaning of the numbers 3, 7 and 21? 3 is a number of perfection, as in the 3 stages of growth. 7 represents completion, as when God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, the Sabbath after creating man. And 21 is 3 times 7. These numbers reappearing indicate that we have entered an inflection point in history, the beginning of a new era when God's providence is moving in human history.

### What is Service for Peace?

This is a message for a new generation, for a new era and a new history. Yet it is rooted deeply in the providential timetable of this age. On God's Day, Father said that a foundation of faith in True Parents alone is no longer enough for Blessed families. This is a time when True Parents bequeathed to us the ability to pray in our own names. With that responsibility comes accountability. What is that we must do? To live in accordance with True Parents' teaching, and the fundamental part of that teaching is to live for the sake of others.

Until this point, Father and Mother took responsibility for the whole movement on their shoulders. As a movement, we have enjoyed the course of providence up to this point but now a new age has come where we must take responsibility by living for the sake of others, by offering service for the sake of others.

Hence the first word of the theme, *Service*. What about the second word, *peace*? This is the time when the original ideal of God must be realized. And what was this ideal? The original ideal that God had was to create an ideal family with the 3 kingships and the 4 realms of heart. It was to be the model family from which

the ideal kingdom would arise. Heaven and earth would not have been two separate worlds but one.

Had Adam not fallen away, God would have been grandparents, Adam and Eve the True parents and their

may be like in 20 years time. America has a disease, a cancer that shows most clearly in the young people. They do not have a high vision. How many do you know yourselves that are involved in drugs or promiscuity, playing Russian roulette with their own lives and those of others? How many do you know who are tied up in gang violence? All American leaders realize that there is more than just an image problem for young people of this nation.

A person who lives for their own sake alone will destroy the family, tribe, society, nation and even the world and God's ideal. We've entered an age in which a greater enemy is threatening us than ever before. Do not think that just because communism fell, we have entered into an age of hope. There is greater and greater ethnic strife. Young people in the developed nations are going to the altar of secular humanism and of materialism with religious fervor. They are not unreligious people. They directed their whole life course towards that mistaken path.

Today we are going to start a new alternative, a counterproposal that surpasses any selfish individual dream, family dream or national dream. And what is that vision? It is a time to create a counter-counter culture revolution, new vision of living for the sake of others.

In the world, people are living for themselves and going destructively. But living for the sake of others is the course of true love. The mind has a quality of public interest and the body wants self-interest. We should not just understand living for others, but live that way and practice, live and practice. That kind of individual will be prosperous, not destructive.

### Learning through Doing

Why should we be a person who lives in a family that is living for the sake of others? Such a person can start a new revolution offering a new way to young people of this world. Do you want to be foot soldiers who embody this message in spirit and truth? Do you want to be an ambassador to the nation, world and cosmos? Yes! This is what I like to hear.

I am starting to "brainwash" you to live for the sake of others, to clean up your thinking. Let me ask you a question, do you want to be brainwashed or not? Think about it! True Parents have been called the king of brainwashers for 30 years. As the son of True Parents then, I must be the prince of brainwashers! Maybe your grandparents accused your parents of being brainwashed. Now here I am to inspire you to walk the course of public mission.

What is the secret of true "brainwashing?" I will tell you, so that you can become an expert yourselves. The



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## Congratulations!



On the birth of the 7th child of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim. His name is Shin Kwang Nim born on July 18, 2001.

children, Cain, Abel and Seth would have been the grandchildren. This would have been the building block of the substantial kingdom. What is that kingdom? Is it just a geographical boundary? No. Is it just in our hearts? No, it is in the family. In Adam's family God wanted to build the foundation for his kingdom in three generations.

But what happened? The fall happened and sowed the seeds for the world of conflict and destruction that we see today? It is a world of struggle, conflict, war, plague and disease and self-destruction. The world of peace is the antithesis of this world we see today.

### Our Legacy and Destiny

Stay with me now, for this content is very important. You have to know your legacy as blessed children. How and where you stand now is not just as an individual alone, but also as a historical person who is carrying on the providence of God.

How can you do that if you do not understand what God did through history, what True Parents did in 40 years? Without that, how can you mold your identity? Without that understanding, the blessed families will be a people without an identity, without a home. That is not what should happen to the fruit of our True Parents. The harvest should encompass the whole world. Then you must understand this content well.

Today I am going to challenge you as blessed children. I did not gather you here just to have a fun time, but to prod you, wake you and enlighten you as to what you should be. I may even kick your butt, is that OK? In America that might be grounds for a lawsuit, but if the purpose is to wake someone up to what they should do, then it is OK.

When you visit any country, you see in the young people what the country



# Counter-cultural Revolution

secret is to live for the sake of others. If there is any spy that wants to write this up, I gave it to you. I dare you to write that in the *New York Times*!

Should we be on the offensive or defensive? Should we shake and rock America, yes or no? If you can build that kind of conviction, things can happen. Just because your parents are blessed couples, you still have to find your own faith and conviction. Do you want to have the opportunity to do so? The secret lies in action and experience.

Let's think about the way we learn. If I gave you all a *Divine Principle* test right now, I would bet that almost all of you would pass. You have had the full dose of Divine Principle lectures, haven't you? But are you living Divine Principle in your daily life and in your home? If not, you may not pass the real test.

I mentioned before that there are two main schools of epistemology. One is learning through reason, through concept and abstraction. The other is learning through experience. This is the real learning. Only when you experience something can you truly learn it. Even in the scientific method, this is true. Theory can only become scientific fact when there is direct evidence to support that theory.

Experience-based knowledge is the most important component of learning, but it has not been stressed in the education of our young people. That is why I told everyone in Japan that I will directly teach them what it means to live for the sake of others. I mean changing your life course, not just doing a 2-3 year stint. Being an owner means making a lifelong commitment, not just for a moment!

This is why our young people have to have their own faith and conviction that will allow them to have confidence enough to pass it on to others. Do you have that kind of conviction? Do you mean to do it, even if you have to sacrifice your own school, and your dreams, the life you wanted to aspire to? If young people can do this, then there is hope. Young people have a lot of energy. If it is focused and directed it can bring about a world of change.

Peace has been a dream that people have longed for from the beginning but they were never able to catch it. Will it come from an Einstein, a genius? No History is full of those kind of people but there is no peace. How about military power, or political power? Again, there has been no shortage of politicians and soldiers, but there has been no substantial peace on earth. If there were, we would be enjoying the fruit of peace.

Peace is something that has to be passed down through the generations. Where do we go to find the starting point of peace? We have to go back to God, and the original ideal of God. That is Chapter 1 of *Divine Principle*. The Principle of Creation outlines the original ideal of God which is where we

can find true peace. This is what God has been preparing for consistently throughout human history, and especially in the time of the Second Advent.

## The Foundation God Prepared

In the Old Testament Age, God prepared the foundation to build a mighty nation of religious faith. Think about that foundation being built for 2000 years! When Jesus came there was supposed to be a new world based on God, yet the people of the day failed to recognize the central importance of God's providence.

When Jesus went on the cross it meant that another 2000 years until Father appeared onto the world stage. As you know, we have entered the settlement age, the era of the 4<sup>th</sup> Adam. It marks a new period in providential history. It should have already started many years ago.

When True Parents lost the foundation of Christianity in 1945, they had to walk a course of reindemnification to restore the lost hope of God. To explain all of this would take many hours, but you should understand how much God prepared Christianity and America for his Will.

World War II had adjusted the international political structure of the Europe. Among the victorious allies, this nation stood in the position of Abel. America was founded by the most Abel type

this is the most prepared nation in Asia for the message of Christianity. When True Father was born in 1920, Christianity had already made deep inroads.

Where was the apex of these revivals? It happened to be in the Northern Capital of Pyongyang, not many miles away from Father's hometown. It is not by chance that the Moon family turned to Christianity. The noble families of Korea were the first to be missionized in Korea.

The environment of the last days started erupting. It was like the time of Jesus, with all the apocalyptic sects arising among Judaism. Among the fervent sectors of Korean Christianity, there were many apocalyptic sects. This was the age and environment in which Father was born and grew up. God was preparing everything for the coming of the Lord of Second Advent. You see how even when it looks like nothing is moving, in fact history is moving ahead in accordance with God's vision?

After World War II, the geopolitical focus of the world shifted away from Europe to America. The world was forming into Cain and Abel camps and Korea was quickly in the center of it. While I was in Columbia I studied the interwar years in Korea (1920 - 1950) which show that the geopolitics of the

tian society. In the last 50 years such concepts as homosexuality and free sex became legitimized. 100 years ago, these were not acceptable. Self-centered individualism was not acceptable. But with the rejection of God's providential Will, we saw the rise of a secular humanism that has ignored God and arrogantly credited all progress to man alone. People moved toward a goal of material satisfaction rather than spiritual happiness, more so each year than ever before.

## The Lost Generation

And where did these anti-God sentiments develop? In the Christian democracies of America and Europe. During my inauguration as the President of YFWP, I spoke of the importance of creating a counter-counterrevolution. Satan poisoned the ideals of the Christian youth who should have responded to Father, based on false seeds of false love.

The young people born after World War II were 20 years old in the 1960s. They were the ones who made the counter cultural revolution. These were the baby boomers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Christians who should have been born as blessed children in the Kingdom of God! They should never have ended up the way they did! If Christians had accepted Father, he could have given them the blessing. They would have been like you are 30 to 40 years ago!

However, the foundation was lost and the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation was not offered to God. Instead it was lost in the abyss that Satan created to destroy God's culture, the abyss of self-centered individualism that is the opposite of true love and living for the sake of others. Instead of creating one united family under God, this lost second generation went to attack the ideal of the family through the lineage. Materialism, drugs and free sex took these children away from the spiritual path and put the body above the mind.

All the things that lead to destruction emerged from this lost second generation. This is why the age in which we stand today is so important, and why the challenges that Father faced in 1945 still have to be overcome today.

Jesus had to go to the cross in similar circumstances of betrayal and rejection. Yet Father knew that if he walked the course of the cross, God's providence would be delayed once again, so instead he created our movement through the suffering and indemnity of prison. It is on that foundation that the Unification Church came into existence and that is the reason why during the last 40 years there have been so many trials.

If True Parents had wavered, we would not have come to this point. Yet don't you think that at every step of the way they were severely tested? To restore and reindemnify the 6000 years lost, they had just 40 years! That is why the course of our movement has been one of sacrifice.

If you do not know this content, you may look at the past and ask, "Why did we do things that way?" During the *Inheritance and Development* tour last year, I talked about this history. I told our older members to shed all their baggage, if they have any, and to

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Christians. This is the only nation that writes on its money, *In God We Trust*. The Declaration of Independence recognized the Christian foundation and the Christian inheritance.

God had already prepared a deep connection between America and Korea. American missionaries opened up Korea. Christianity came first to Korea in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, with the Catholic church, but it did not really blossom until the American missionaries came at the end of the nineteenth century. Soon, Korea became world renowned for the fervor of its Christian revivals. The missionaries at that time said that

world were in fact being greatly defined by what was happening in Korea, even though it was a small obscure nation. This is more than coincidence. Then what was happening?

The foundation of Korean Christianity was connected deeply to America. If Korean Christianity had accepted Father, then that would have spread quickly to America. The 20<sup>th</sup> century would have gone in a very different direction from that time on. But Father was rejected and Christianity did not unite.

Then Satan began to invade Chris-



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rise anew based on the new age of settlement and 4<sup>th</sup> Adam that has just begun. Yet at this time, many parents and first generation became tired. Instead of looking up to the future, they started looking down, down, down instead of realizing that this is an age in which we should be liberated, the start of a new age!

Do you want to talk about the past or the future? I want to rise and see the stars again. True Parents practiced absolute faith, love and obedience, not only to God's Will and providence, but also to humanity itself. True Parents overcame all the impossible barriers and walls to stand victorious, and to launch a new age of settlement through the coronation of God's kingship. This is how we come to stand at the crossroads of history. This is the history and legacy that you all belong to. Amen!

### True Families and True Peace

What does it mean for you as blessed families and blessed children? During the Old Testament Era, the covenant was written through the law. During the New Testament Era, it was based on faith. Now in the Completed Testament Age, it is based on blood lineage. What does this mean?

As blessed families, what special gift did you receive? The change of blood lineage. This means that the ownership has changed. A "covenant written in blood" means a vertical line from God, True Parents and True Family. It is upon this foundation that blessed couples were engrafted, representing the extended true family. We must all



work together!

Which relationships are the most absolute and unchaining? Not friendships, not work relations, but the family. Family relations. Blood relationships. The family is where God lost humanity and where He can claim humanity back again.

On his 50-state tour, Father often asked the ministers, "Which is more important, true love or true lineage?" They answered true love, but that is not enough. From God's perspective it is the lineage. The children are more important than the spouse. True Love is the glue that holds the relationships together. That is why we talk about the 3 Kingships and the 4 great realms of heart. True love is the glue that keeps parents and children, husband and wife brothers and sisters together. This brings all the different parts

together to make up the ideal family.

When we talk about World Peace we will find the solution not in politics or economics but in the true family where the 3 Kingships and the 4 great realms of heart are substantiated. This is the place that represents the continuum of past present and future. The true family is where the relationships between generations and sexes come together.

That is why the person who comes from the true family will become a true peacemaker. If you can make true peace in your family, then you have already learned how to go beyond your family to the society, nation and cosmos, not in an abstract belief but in reality.

The *Service for Peace* themes summarize the cosmic age we have entered, and what we as Blessed Families we need to know. We as blessed families should know this, for it is the way we connect with God, True Parents and True Family. True Love is the glue the bridge that races, generations, sexes. Going back to Father's message, this is not the time to only believe, but to go and live for the sake of others.

### What can you do for the World?

Will you take this message to your families, your community, your school,

**W**as the event a success? Today there is no question about the enthusiasm and excitement. But the true measure of success is determined by whether we in the audience change our lives. That kind of change cannot be measured in the space of the few hours of this event, or even in the days immediately afterwards. I believe the real results will start to be clear a year from now.

I expect and want to see hundreds of these young people taking real ownership of Service for Peace, creating and leading exciting service projects throughout America and the world. If that is the case and the counter cultural revolution of living for others has firmly taken root, then this event can truly be counted a success.

*Howard Self, US CARP President*

the society and the nation of America, then to the world and the cosmos? It was in the 1960s, with the new presidency of John F Kennedy that a new movement of volunteers began, the Peace Corps. It did not, however, contain the term service for peace. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country!" I come to you today to say, "Ask not what the world can do for you, but what you can do for the world!"

This is the time of a new counter cultural revolution, to set things straight. This is the task of the second generation of this age. Those of you who want to take the challenges, who want to be the foot soldiers, raise your hands! Are you going to be future CARP members? Do you want to lead or follow? Who will lead *Service for Peace*? You will! I want you to be not a CARP member just serving time, but a CARP member who has committed his or her whole life to building God's kingdom on earth. ❖

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# Archbishop Milingo's Honeymoon at Cheju Island

by Yook Bang

Written in Korean and translated into English by Yasuko Bang. Yook Bang is a Buddhist monk and Unificationist.

**D**uring my stay in Cheju Island, May 8 through July 29, I heard the eventful news that in the United States, 60 religious couples were blessed, most of them Catholic Fathers. Before the Blessing all the Catholic Fathers were celibate. At this glorious historical religious leader's ceremony on May 27, 2001, Rev. Sun Myung Moon gave the Blessing

After this ceremony, most respectful Catholic Father, Archbishop Milingo's couple visited Cheju Island on July 14. The day before Archbishop and wife arrived, I happened to meet one Unification Church member in downtown Cheju. She told me, "You should come tomorrow morning to Sunday service because an extraordinary VIP Archbishop will come to our Unification Church service." A few days before this, I had received a fax from my wife, Yasuko, that Archbishop Milingo had just received a Blessing from Father. In anticipation of meeting this Archbishop, I decided to go to a Buddhist shopping center in order to purchase some kind of gift. I bought a 108 bead necklace to offer the Archbishop and a bracelet for his beloved wife. Since I was only in Cheju for a temporary visit and far away from the happenings in New York, I was not expecting to see the Archbishop and his wife in person. It was somehow a secret honeymoon trip because no one seemed to know about it. That's why I had an undercurrent of excitement. In most cases,

**At the time of going to press after Archbishop Milingo had met with Pope John Paul he vanished from public view and is now said to be in a period of "reflection." Our prayers are with him.**

couples go on a honeymoon trip to Southeastern countries like Japan, Saipan Island, Guam etc. In spite of these many famous sightseeing places, Archbishop chose Cheju Island. I was wondering why he chose this island.

In the office of Rev. Lim, I met Dr. Chang Shik Yang who introduced me to Archbishop Milingo and his wife.



After we met, Archbishop explained why he chose Cheju Island. He confessed that he did not know why he was there in Cheju island. He felt; however, that some invisible power or spirit had guided him to come to Cheju Island. When I offered the gifts to the Archbishop and his wife, he was so moved with the necklace because it was similar in meaning to the rosary beads. He immediately wanted to offer

something back to me to show his appreciation but there was a slight problem of what to give. He asked permission from his wife to offer the gift she had given to him to give to me. She quickly assented. It was a gold bracelet. I was hesitant to accept such a precious gift and when I told my wife after I got home, she too was astounded that he would offer such a gift to me. It seemed like a miracle that I would have the opportunity to meet the archbishop in this island of Cheju because in one day he had become a "top star" all over the world. What an honor for me and the

rest of us to meet him in Cheju Island!

At the church service at 10:30 a.m., there was a huge banner for Archbishop Milingo just like the banner at East Garden to welcome home True Parents. Dr. Yang explained in detail Archbishop Milingo's history and his over 20 years of service for the Vatican in Rome. He was a strong powerful healer in Africa and Italy. After the service was over, we moved to Rev. Lim's office for lunch. I was invited to sit at the same table with the Archbishop to eat but the conversation was so stimulating and engrossing that I found I couldn't eat.

After lunch, the archbishop and wife returned to Namon Training Center. The next day quite early in the morning, the couple took a sightseeing trip near the Sogipo area. That morning, I received a telephone call from Rev. Lim to join them and was told to quickly

come by taxi. I met them at a restaurant where they were all waiting for me, not eating until I arrived. After finishing lunch, suddenly Archbishop asked a request of me to take him to a Buddhist Temple. Close by, there was a famous main temple, named Yak Chung Sa Temple which I was familiar with because I had taken the relics of Buddha there to be displayed. When we arrived at the temple, I went to the office to inform them that a former Catholic Father from the Vatican named Milingo had come, but they did not recognize his name. I didn't mention that he was a Blessing couple.

When we stepped in the hall, the first thing the archbishop saw was the statue of Buddha which was brilliant and huge. When we started the tour, a Buddhist tour guide appeared offering his services to explain the paintings. I felt he didn't give an in depth explanation of the paintings and relics so I decided to step in. The Archbishop soon became so enamored with the Buddhist art and paintings that when I questioned him, he explained that he felt somehow the art is similar to the Catholic art; therefore, was so happy and felt great pleasure in viewing all of them. In spite of the fact that the Korean leader tried to hasten us, the Archbishop wished to stay longer so the others went to look at other places while we stayed in

the temple for almost an hour. The temple had 3 floors, full of Buddhist art and relics. I noticed that the archbishop was interested in a large painting done by Wanhyo of the Shiloh dynasty. He was a high priest at the time. One day there was a scandal because a princess proposed to him and wanted him to marry her. Finally, he consented and he abandoned all his glorious titles and was disrobed to become a mundane normal man. I explained to Archbishop Milingo that this was the first incident of a Blessing in the history of Buddhism. Archbishop was smiling and then was so intrigued with this romance that he wanted to know more about the personality of this high priest and the events surrounding this marriage. I tried to explain as much as I knew about his personal history and expe-

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## Statement by the American Clergy Leadership Conference

**T**uesday, August 14, 2001—As clergy of many denominations with the highest regard and respect for the Roman Catholic Church, we are deeply concerned about Archbishop Milingo's seeming inability to communicate to the world his will, wishes and state of well being. His silence allows for the perception that he is being detained against his will. Many of us in the 12,000 member, American Clergy Leadership Conference are African Americans and are very concerned that he could possibly be subject to ill treatment because of his ethnic background.

Our sympathies and empathies are for Archbishop Milingo and Maria because they recently toured America and the Archbishop powerfully proclaimed the Gospel and brought healing to many persons of all races. At all times he affirmed his sacred commitment to the Holy See and his beloved Catholic Church. We believe that his witness is a brilliant light to the world.


When he apprised us of his plans to visit his Holy Father we strongly supported him and wished him well in his sacred commitments and intentions. While we are cautious not to interfere in the internal doctrinal and practice

matters of the Catholic Church, or any other religious body, we respectfully honored his intent to go with his wife, Maria Sung, and by his personal example, to show that celibacy is not to be the only way of life for efficacious priesthood, as well as to affirm marriage as one of the highest sacraments as an option. We can only share with you our belief that his decision to marry was guided by the hope that his example would bring solace to the many priests throughout the world who have married and lost the sanction to perform priestly functions.

We wish also to unequivocally affirm the fact that Archbishop Milingo did not join the Unification Church and has never had any intentions of joining it. On the basis of the integrity of his commitment to the Catholic Church and the integrity of his cause we stood with him in several press conference in America and we stand with him now.

Our request and prayer is that he be granted the opportunity to come forth and speak for himself at the earliest possible time.

We enthusiastically await his promised return. ❖



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# The Ministry of Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Rev. Willie Jordan hosted Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo in Chicago on Sunday, July 29th. Approximately 1500 people jammed each of the two services 9 am and again at 11 am. Rev. Dr. Maxine Walker, is the owner and publisher of *Spiritual Perspectives* magazine. She supported Dr. Willie Jordan's church from the time it was 20 members in a small house to it's brand new 7 million dollar facility with 8500 members and 3000 in attendance on any given Sunday.

Dr. Jordan also welcomed Pastor Max Samples, who is a white evangelist from the Southern Baptist Convention and head of the evangelism board for the Southern Baptist Convention in Illinois. Pastor Samples gave a powerful sermon, then Rev. Jenkins was asked to introduce Archbishop Milingo.

The Archbishop presented a most powerful testimony of the "bond" African Americans and Africans share centering on the sacrifice of Christians who through their faith were able to overcome injustice and slavery. He cried out that we must hear the voices of the ancestors who sank in slave ships on their way to America. For their voices must be heard and felt, and they can only be felt through you! It was through the practice of the gospel that the chains in America and eventually through America the chains in Africa could be broken. Now we are called to complete the cycle and return back to the original purpose for which Adam and Eve were called. That is to create and establish blessed families. He testified that Father and Mother Moon had revealed this to him through his study of Divine Principle and that the time has come that all families must return to the original covenant with God. That is the covenant of the blessing.

He then professed his love for the Holy Father and the Roman Catholic Church but that at the same time I must cry out at the injustice that is going on this day. There are 120,000 priests, most of whom are qualified spiritual leaders, that have married and lost their status as spiritual leaders. As a result more than 5000 parishes in America alone remain without a priest. At the same time these priests live with the deep pain of being separated and not able to receive the Eucharist which is the free gift of grace of Jesus Christ.

Then the Archbishop cried out powerfully that we must bring healing in the last days. Not only healing of the body but also, healing of the soul and spirit, healing of the heart and healing of all relationships, between parents and children, husbands and wives, relatives, races and religions. Then Dr. Jordan called for the congregation to come to the altar and fill the aisles. Then Archbishop Milingo offered prayer. It was a powerful moment. There was a lot of weeping and deep communion with God. I could see how God has prepared the movement for such a time as this.

In the second service, Dr. Chang Shik Yang attended. Rev. Jordan welcomed him as True Parents' representative (with great dignity and respect True Parents and their representatives are now being announced.) In the second service Dr. Jordan was moved by the spirit to lay on hands on the congregation. With the powerful 200 member (Voices of St. Mark led by Dr. Lonnie Hunter) creating an overwhelming spiritual atmosphere Dr. Jordan said "Let It Go!!!" as he laid on hands. Again, the movement of the spirit was so strong. (If you review the book of Acts these same phenomena were in abundance at the starting of the church—note: when Bishop Dan Johnson and I showed True Father pictures of Bishop Johnson's healing service Father saw one

woman in Kentucky being healed, and said strongly to Bishop Johnson, "YOU MUST KEEP DOING THIS")

Bishop Milingo then prayed. As we closed our eyes you could feel that we were transcending time and history. This was the same upper room of the Pentecost. The same gifts of the spirit were descending upon us. People were not only bringing forward their physical ailments but also their spiritual ones. The feeling of transformation was everywhere transformed. The Archbishop prayed such a sweet prayer for all. Bishop Kim and the Chicago family has made such a deep foundation for this Pentecost with Christianity. Pastor Jordan's brother brought a powerful word from the Lord.

We then went into a meeting with the Chicago Church family members. Bishop Milingo praised the Chung Pyung Lake revival. We have no idea how high the spiritual discipline is in the Unification Church. You don't realize that it is the most comprehensive spiritual development in Christianity. One of the most profound things in Chung Pyung is that every leader must shed his positions and titles and get in the cafeteria line with 4000 others. No pretense, no position, no pride. From Rev. Kwak to the most humble member in the world Father takes everyone through the same discipline. He mentioned that in the past history, individuals could do this and naturally they would become saints. True Parents program however is creating a collective body of "saints" all at once. It's truly an amazing phenomenon.

## Theological Dialogue

Dr. Hycel Taylor, ACLC Theologian and executive committee member assembled a group of theologians at his home on Monday afternoon. The Bishop of the United Methodist Church and the current professor of history at one of Chicago's mainline denominational seminaries gathered together to refine

and discuss a "strategy" to support Archbishop Milingo. It was a very serious and profound dialogue. They urged that it must not be in opposition to the Catholic church. How can we take the discussion into the public forum? Where does it transcend the Catholic churches in house business and become public domain? Archbishop Milingo answered that his mission given from God is to heal the 120,000 priests that have been lost to the church because they married. He also said that Father Moon's teaching cannot be left out of the discussion because it is the most significant teaching that brings full restoration of the Biblical model of family that God intended at the beginning. It is relevant to all because the blessing can solve divorce which is ripping apart every denomination and society and religion. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Taylor for elevating this battle for the family to the Theological world.

Bishop Kim and Revs. Yukimi and Rich Lemont invited many members of Corpus (Roman Catholic married priests) and other Roman Catholics together for a special dinner meeting with the Archbishop. One Roman Catholic priest, who has 1000 families at two masses on Sunday, gave profound support for the Archbishop. He said that he studied the Archbishop when he was a child growing up in Africa. He is an African hero. He also informed us about an interesting compromise that was made with the Roman Catholic Diocese in Cameroon. One tribe there absolutely refused to allow the church to remain if they did not allow the priests to marry because of strict tribal traditions—the church would be banned. In an unprecedented move—they allowed the priests to marry. Archbishop Milingo was so excited. This priest pledged his support. The temperature is definitely rising! ❖

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periences. It was not easy as a Korean with my somewhat limited English to explain but still I was so happy to do so.

After we left Buddha's main hall, suddenly Milingo proceeded to go into the meditation hall which is barred by outsiders to go visit. I went directly to the person in charge and mentioned that this layman wanted to meditate alone. Archbishop was thinking it is the same style as the sacrament style of the Catholics. I then explained to him that the first Catholic Father who studied Hinayana Buddhism in Sri Lanka introduced Buddhism to Europeans who came to live there.

After that we visited the Li Sungma villa, the first president's villa. We saw the huge waterfall like Niagara Falls in the USA. We sat down for a rest and had some ice cream. Suddenly at that time, Archbishop asked me to give a special prayer. We joined our hands and I prayed thanking Heavenly Father that He had sent Archbishop and his wife to Cheju Island. True Father and True Mother must feel the happiness that God feels to see Archbishop Milin-

go and his wife there. Through this trip, it was a great opportunity for them to understand this special island and its holy value as True Father sees it. At the end, we all shook hands and felt as one united family connected to God.

Dinner was a special dinner at this villa and offered by Namon Training Center. The menu included an octopus soup which is Cheju Island's specialty and very nutritious. We all enjoyed it immensely. After dinner, we sat around on the lawn. For the first time, archbishop's wife confessed a secret, her emotion after the Blessing. She felt like the archbishop and she had an instant feeling of oneness that was very special, akin to being one family. After that they returned to the Namon Training Center and the next day were expected to depart for Seoul and then on to New York. The "give and take" the Archbishop and I had that day was not superficial but very deep because of his common history with mine which gave me a feeling of fulfillment that I had not experienced in a long time. I was so grateful that I could be of service to him.



The last farewell lunch we had was at a Japanese restaurant. All of us were so excited that we didn't eat very much. I told the restaurant owner to make a "bento" (packaged lunch of the leftovers) so they could eat the food on the airplane. Mrs. Milingo seemed very happy about this.

At the airport, I guided them to a spe-

cial room for VIP's. I told them that whenever they are at Belvedere, please call us so they can come to our home, which is only 5 minutes away from Belvedere. 15 Unification Church members came and joined with us to bid farewell to the Archbishop and his wife. ❖



# The Role of Parents in Today's Society

by Lourdes Swarts

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, enacted without dissent by the United Nations in 1948 after years of careful consideration, has this to say about

the family: "The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State."

It is the family—not the individual, not the state, not the church, not the political or economic bodies—that stands as the natural and fundamental group unit of society. It is in the family where we learn to care for others beyond ourselves, to sacrifice ourselves for others, to love others.

Today, the word "love" means many things to many people. You can't be a selfish person living in a selfish world and hope to have the slightest understanding of heaven's concept of love. There is just no way.

In a book by Stephen Covey, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families," he relates an encounter he had with a frustrated husband at one of his seminars—"Love is a Verb," is the section title—and he writes:

"I was speaking on the concept of proactivity and a man came up and said, 'Stephen, I like what you're saying, but my wife and I just don't have the same feelings for each other that we used to have. I guess I just don't love her anymore, and she doesn't love me. We have three children we're really concerned about. What do you suggest?'"

"Love her," I replied. "I told you, the feeling just isn't there anymore. 'Love her,' I said again. 'You don't understand. The feeling of love just isn't there!' 'Then LOVE HER. If the feeling isn't there, that's a good reason to love her.'"

"But how do you love when you don't

## A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PARENTS' DAY 2001

Recognizing that strong families make a strong America, I have committed my Administration to help parents do better by encouraging the formation and maintenance of loving families. We have proposed several major initiatives designed to promote responsible fatherhood, strengthen families, and make adoption easier and more affordable, so that every child has a better chance of living in a stable and loving home.

We also have achieved widespread support for the historic reform of our public education system that will significantly improve our schools. This improvement is founded on the core principles of my education reform agenda, which include: accountability; flexibility; local control; and more choices for parents. Government bears an important responsibility to provide excellent schools and educational programs that leave no child behind; but Government cannot replace the love and nurturing of committed parents that are essential for a child's well-being. Many community organizations, centers of faith, and schools offer services and programs to help parents improve their child-rearing skills. As we observe Parents' Day, I encourage all Americans to join me in honoring the millions of mothers and fathers, biological and adoptive, foster parents, and stepparents, whose selfless love and hard-working efforts are building better lives for their children and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States and consistent with Public Law 103-362, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 22, 2001, as Parents' Day. I urge all Americans to express their love, respect, support, and appreciation to their parents, and I call upon citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

love?" (I really like the answer he gives the husband) "My friend, love is a verb. Love—the feeling—is a fruit of love the verb. So love her. Sacrifice. Listen to her. Empathize. Affirm her. Are you willing to do that?"

"Hollywood has scripted us to believe that love is a feeling. Relationships are disposable. Marriage and family are matters of contract and convenience, rather than commitment and integrity. But these messages give a highly distorted picture of reality."

(He later quotes M. Scott Peck) "The desire to love is not itself love. Love is an act of will—namely, an intention

and an action. Will also implies choice. We do not have to love. We choose to love. If we are in fact not loving, it is because we have chosen not to love and therefore do not love despite our good intentions."

There you have it. Real love is not some selfish feeling. True love empowers you, enables you to transcend selfishness. True love flows into selfless action. It can be something as small as being in a hurry in rush hour traffic, but still allowing that pushy person get in front of you, or, it can be something as big as getting on an operating table so they can cut out one of your kidneys to give to a perfect stranger, so that person might have a longer and more normal life. True love is many things, but is always of the same essence.

Where do we learn this type of behavior? What school teaches lessons like this? That kind of school is known as the family. It was designed by God as the first institution—the school of love.

## Statement Concerning Incorrect Presentation of Unification Teaching on Jesus Christ

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The Associated Press has recently reported incorrectly the beliefs concerning Jesus and the faith of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (formerly the Unification Church founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon).

An August 14th article entitled "Vatican: Archbishop Giving Up Wife" states incorrectly, "For instance, Moon's followers regard Moon as the messiah who is completing the salvation Jesus Christ failed to accomplish."

The church affirms Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and that his mission was successful in bringing salvation through the blood atonement. Because of the rejection of the chosen people to receive Jesus, the promised Kingdom of God did not come at that time but was prolonged until Jesus return. This prolongation was not a failure on Jesus part but of that of the people who God had prepared to receive Him.

The Unification teaching doesn't

associate the lack of the faith of the people to receive Jesus with any failure on Jesus' part. Their rejection caused a prolongation of his mission and calls for His return.

Unification teaching affirms Jesus as Lord and Savior. In a recent publication of Rev. Moon's teaching, *The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ* (HSA Publications, 2001), Rev. Moon has stated, "...Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.... That is why He is the Savior. Therefore it is only through Jesus that we can be connected to the lineage of God."

Concerning the title of "Messiah" the Unification teaching affirms the biblical concept of the Hebrew term for "Messiah," *Messias*, meaning "anointed one." Unification teaching affirms that Rev. Moon has received the anointing of Jesus and stands in a messianic role as "True Parents." Unification teaching also affirms that the "anointing" or messianic role is also conveyed to other pastors and leaders who, if called by God, take up the cross and follow Jesus. ❖



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pregnancies, first in age of earliest sexual experience, first in teenage gun violence, first in this, and first in that. Many of these youth problems correlate with the family situation, and in particular the absence of a stable two-

parent family. Children lacking such a nuclear family are much more likely to experience behavioral and emotional difficulties and become entangled with the law. They are more likely to drop out of high school, become pregnant as teenagers, and abuse drugs. And the trend we are seeing is quite troubling. In 1960, the total number of children living in father-absent

homes was less than 10 million. Today that number stands at nearly 24 million. That means that tonight, 4 out of every 10 children in America will go to bed without both parents in the home.

This is not in any way to take away from the heroic efforts of many single parents who are carrying on the load of trying to be both parents. They are often heroes, trapped by circumstances beyond their control, doing the almost impossible task of being both fathers and mothers. They are to be applauded and encouraged. And many of them would quickly assert that given a choice, they would welcome the opportunity to share the parenting role with another in a stable, loving marriage. If any criticism is to be lodged, it is of the absent fathers who have abandoned responsibility for the lives they helped to create.

It should be axiomatic that healthy, intact families are the best prescription for producing healthy children, and a stable culture. It is vitally important that we reaffirm the importance of the nuclear family, and that we make it clear that the nuclear family begins with parents. Although America has days to honor mothers and fathers individually, we need a holiday to honor the father and mother as

a team. Our nation's parents are an enormous national resource to be appreciated and strengthened. The National Parents Day Council was created to uplift this central institution of parents, whose cornerstone is total, sacrificial love for the sake of children.

In Western thought, the individual is seen as the smallest unit of society, but did you know that in many places in the East, the family is considered to be society's smallest unit? Something can be learned from this model. The most natural environment for a child to grow mentally and spiritually from a state of selfishness and selfish behavior to unselfishness is the family setting.

What crime committed against another did not grow from the root of selfishness? In every society, crime in the streets can be linked to problems in the home. True mothers and fathers aren't a luxury, they're a necessity!

We may aspire to become a president or a governor someday, but that title is fleeting. At the most, it will last only 8 years. That's why in the eyes of God, a president is nothing compared to the title, "PARENT." Parents are forever. Sometimes we may be undeserving of that crown, but it's always there.

Living up to God's hope for us and our children is the challenge. May we all be victorious and hold dearly to the title "parent." Happy Parents' Day, everyone! ❖

## Cameroon: World Peace Public Library Project

by Ralph Oppenheimer

I have been working with my mission country for 5 years now. (Central African Republic) Recently we had a big breakthrough with the president of the country. We are starting a service peace project called The World Peace Public Library Project. Many countries in Africa have no public libraries. A mind is a terrible thing to waste. Together we can make a bright future for the youth of Africa. We are working together with Mr. Mike Lamson of IRFF Cameroon on this project.

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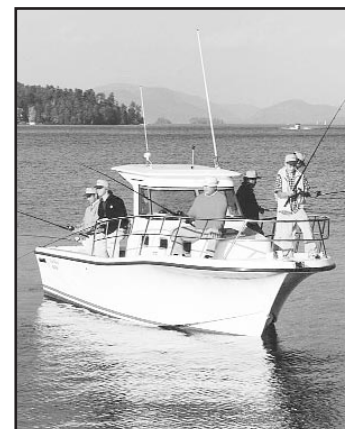


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# IIFWP Friendship America's Project in Guatemala

by Ana M. Cobiella-Olson, M.S.

**R**YS and IRFF have been working with various government and non-governmental organizations in sponsoring the Friendship America's Project. These projects seek to create a greater harmony between all the nations and cultures represented in the America's. While these projects bring into close working relationships members of the Roman Catholic and Protestant communities they often seek to provide a base for healing and understanding among the indigenous population.

As the America's have become increasingly pluralistic these projects draw people of all faiths together to create an atmosphere of trust and peaceful reconciliation. The IIFWP is working during the Summer of 2001 to sponsor Friendship America's Projects in Guatemala, Honduras, Miami and Trinidad. The following is a report from Ana M. Cobiella-Olson, M.S., who was a central staff member of the Guatemala project.

## The Guatemala Adventure

Solala is one of 22 provinces which make up the country of Guatemala. It is in this lush, mountainous region framed by majestic volcanoes that one finds one of the world's most beautiful lakes, 'Lago de Atitlan'. This geographical splendor is inhabited by 12 indigenous (Mayan) communities, amongst them 'Santiago Atitlan. It was in this picturesque setting that the 4th RYS project in Guatemala took place and the 8th Friendship America's Project. After a 2 day orientation in Guatemala City, under the leadership of Rev John Gehring the International Director of RYS, over 40 participants representing 12 countries and various Christian denominations, Islam, Unificationism and Buddhism, embarked on a journey that was not only educational and informative but truly transformational. This group was able to weave into a spirit of trust and cooperation already in existence within this community which for the past 4 years has been the recipient of goodwill and contribution of labor from Friendship America's Project (FAP).

On the first evening in Santiago Atitlan we were hosted over dinner by its mayor who for the past two years has been an advisor and great supporter of RYS. It was clearly understood that our next 8 days in this Mayan community was two-fold. Participants would work 8 days on two schools desperately in need of structural and aesthetic improvements. Secondly, and perhaps most significantly, a foundation was being built upon which the most effective educational atmosphere for disadvantaged and illiterate children, many victims of poverty and parental death, could receive the tools to build productive and self reliant lives.

As a multicultural and interreligious community, RYS believes that God is active in all realms of life, including

the social, economic, political and that he promotes justice in a broken world. We are continually pulled out of our private lives and into the public where we participate in a world in common with those who are different from us. We are aware that we do not come together in a vacuum. Multiculturalism challenges what particular school of thought eg; sociological, psychological, theological we consider to be universal. There can be much fear and anxiety associated with moving toward cross-cultural interaction.

To help participants explore their own unique backgrounds, glean wisdom as to what makes for a healthy multicultural, interreligious community, be receptive to the gift of seeing the world through different eyes, various notable leaders in Guatemala were invited by Mr. Daniel Bessell Project Director, to address the group. We were privileged to be in dialogue with; Lic. Ricardo Cifuentes, Member of Asociacion Guatemalteca Pro-Naciones Unidas, Lic. Ricardo Garcia, Ministry of Communication and Information, Licda. Catalina Soberanis Reyes former President of the Guatemaltecan Congress, Dr. Leonel Guerra Saravia, Ministry of Health, Licda. Blanca Estela, Professor of Mayan Cosmovision at Universidad Francisco Maroquin, (this



lecture was followed in the evening by an authentic Mayan Ritual performed by the elder Sacerdote (High Priest) of Guatemala. Also Lic. Bernardo Solares Revolorio, editor of Tiempos Mundo and Dr. Armando de la Torre, Dean of Social Science, Universidad Francisco Maroquin. It appears that the essence of what each of these highly regarded, generous, committed leaders from such diverse professional persuasions taught us is best expressed in a quote from the Theologian and RYS Advisor, Huston Smith, "Infinite gratitude toward all things past, infinite service toward all things present, infinite responsibility toward all things future."

These opportunities produced numerous reactions and a great deal to reflect on. To assure that there would be no interference with the formation of working alliances or disrupt group harmony, Mr. Mitch Laurie as Educational Director, led the participants in numer-



ous educational sessions. A primary responsibility of any educational process is to disseminate self-knowledge. The 'heal thyself before healing others' concept is a common philosophy understood by people across the world, and yet the quest for this self-awareness is not a simple process. Under Mitch's guidance we found ourselves relaxing our opinions, discarding erroneous assumptions, and this helped to produce in all a greater degree of loving and accepting of others. We had opportunities to enter into new and different understandings we previously did not have access to. For all, a path to greater spiritual awareness and a desire to cultivate a more generous nature.

Other highlights of our time together were the cultural night where the community of Santiago Atitlan, most-

ly children from the 2 schools we had worked with, and RYS participants entertained each other. The laughter and sheer joy kept escalating following each unique performance. One beautiful and memorable day began a 4:30 a.m. when some participants adventured on a 2 1/2 hour 'silent walk' toward the mountains bordering Santiago Atitlan. Seeing the sun rise and being surrounded by such geographical beauty, enhanced the fellow-

ship we were all a part of and helped to diminish the intense and physically demanding climb uphill! And once uphill, such incredible JOY!

Half-way through the work we were rewarded with 'HAPPY DAY' On a secluded beach, all to ourselves where we tapped into our child-like natures. We even witnessed a partial surfing event as Mitch and his constant companion, The Surfboard, enjoyed the cool waters of Lago Atitlan. Once we had concluded our work in Santiago Atitlan, we celebrated with 'Reflection Night'. This magical evening consisted of an incredibly beautiful bonfire where we sang songs, ate marsh-mallows, kept warm with hot chocolate, and gave gratitude for the privilege of serving others and for the gift of having met each other.

Once we arrived back in Guatemala City, Daniel had arranged for the group to visit The National Congress. The

uniqueness and influential aspect of this visit cannot be understated. The gesture climaxed much of the work and long term goals that the group had been expressing with regards to RYS in Guatemala. The Director of Protocol to the President of Guatemala received us. In response, we presented him with a letter signed by all, expressing our hopes and vision for what we feel are the urgencies needing to be addressed. This letter was to be formally given to the President of The National Congress and we felt confident that its sentiments would be acknowledged.

Finally, the climaxing point of this incredible journey was our last evening together. Receiving our diplomas, being serenaded by the loving women who had cooked our meals nourishing both our stomachs and our hearts. The inspiring message from Rev. Gerhard Bessell, whose presence was constant, and whose passion and commitment to world peace and unity was deeply felt. The passionate testimonies by participants where their 'transformation' in a mere two weeks could be seen and appreciated by all. The 'Rock-Out' filled with dancing, laughter, music and FUN, FUN, FUN!!

The one moment, which will linger and sustain us for a long time was the appreciation circle led by Mitch Lawrie. By now we were a strong community, able to give voice and to carry on our commitment to world peace and unity. To effect change in a world of tumultuous times and brokenness. We learned that we attain spiritual maturity when we recognize that our sense of righteousness comes from the extent that we see ourselves in service to the generation that follows.

## Letter to Congress

As a cross-cultural and interreligious service project RYS promotes world peace through dialogue and action by having its youth leaders serve communities in need. We at RYS believe that as children of God, and created in his image, we are diverse and have developed a wide variety of cultures that express our diversity. RYS as a faith community celebrates the mystery of diversity; that we are at once distinct from one another, and yet joined to one another through a common God, who teaches us that we are righteous to the extent that we see ourselves in service to the generation that follows.

Guatemala RYS project 2001, as one of several international projects, focused on the improvement of two educational facilities in Santiago Atitlan. These improvements will dramatically transform the educational environment of the youth within this community.

Our vision for future RYS projects in Guatemala is that they will be broader in impact and scope and this can only be achieved with both local and international support.

RYS believes education is crucial to the prosperity and success of Guatemala in the 21st century, and wishes to encourage that education be given the highest priority. ❖



## New Inter Religious Theological School at Cheong Pyeong

As noted in last month's *Unification News*, on July 8th, True Parents held the Ceremony to start the construction of a new building. The building is located 4 kilometers from the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. It will be a new Seminary dedicated for inter religious and inter denominational theological studies including the research and the study of the spiritual world. ❖



### World CARP

## Hyun Jin Nim's World Tour: Service for Peace

by Ken Bates

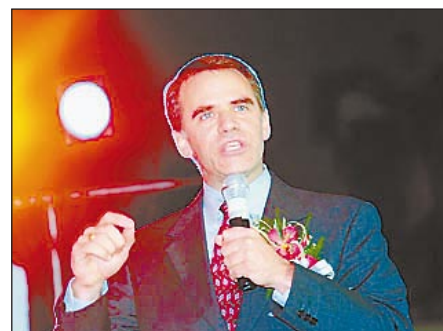
There's a unifying force moving around the world that is bringing together many different departments and organizations both in our movement and in broader society a force that inspires young people and old alike. This force comes with a message, a power and a plan for action that is all encompassing and yet at the same time very simple. The force I'm talking about is Hyun Jin Nim's World Speaking Tour on Service for Peace.

Hyun Jin Nim started his tour in Japan from June 29th to July 9th, speaking to over 50,000 young people in Fukuoka, Kobe, Nagoya and Tokyo. Those who came to these spectacular events were treated to a message that is rooted in the traditions and words of True Parents, and is applied to really making a difference in the world around us. Service for Peace pulls together the fundamental belief of living for the sake of others with the vision of building a lasting world peace, which is based upon the expansion of familial relationships. The result is a call to action for young people everywhere. It's a call that no one of conscience can oppose, and which strikes a chord with the original mind and heart of humanity.

"In the past, the more active we were, the more enemies we made," Hyun Jin Nim said, "but with Service for Peace, the more active we get, the more friends we will make, for no one can oppose the act of truly living for the sake of others!" When people are moved by our True Parents and True Family, they want to help. Service for peace is a project that is stimulating and meaningful, helps to build the character and spirit of young people, and provides a valuable service to their society and nation. Our dedicated, full-time core members are still the nucleus around which meaningful activities revolve, but to make a real change in the world, we need many millions of people who can participate in the activities that put into action the teaching of True Parents. The principle of plac-



ing the larger purpose before oneself, and of living for others are unchanged since the very beginning of Father's ministry, and are still the source of bringing harmony and unity in today's world.



### Victory in Manila

As CARP members in the Philippines prepared for Hyun Jin Nim's arrival, they experienced an amazing Pentecost on college campuses. There were 34 new campuses requesting that a CARP center be established there and professors would regularly turn over their classroom to a CARP member for them to present an introductory lecture, and provide students an opportunity to sign membership and attend Hyun Jin Nim's rally. The professors

themselves encouraged students to go to the event, with some even providing class credit for students who attended Hyun Jin Nim's speech rather than coming to school!

Just before Hyun Jin Nim was to leave for the Philippines, we received new information regarding the security risks, and he was advised not to attend his own event! Instead, Vice President Ken Bates went there as Hyun Jin Nim's representative. Of course, those who anticipated the arrival of Hyun Jin Nim himself were disappointed, but everyone united with the continental directors, Dr. and Mrs. Kim, to focus on the spirit and the message of Hyun Jin Nim. This built a basis for a total victory. The event went on as planned, with 15,000 people at the Araneta Coliseum, and Hyun Jin Nim was presented in absentia with two awards signed by the President of the Philippines.

### A Mountain for CARP

The next morning we had the chance to meet with the Speaker of the House in the Philippines, Joe de Venecia. When he heard that Hyun Jin Nim was initiating service projects around the world, and wanted to start something significant in the Philippines, he got very excited. He has wanted to start a huge tree-planting project but lacked the people-power to get it launched. When our CARP president, Mike Zablan, offered thousands of CARP members who wanted to provide service in the Philippines, the Speaker immediately went to his phone, and called a colleague. He directed that our CARP chapter be given

100,000 hectares of land with a 25 year, full-use lease CARP could take their pick of any one of seven mountains surrounding Manila that had been deforested and needed tree planting. We committed to providing the labor for planting the trees, and he committed this huge land for our use over 25 years. The Speaker offered to help kick-off the project with a media event, and suggested, "Maybe we should rename this mountain, Reverend Moon Mountain!"

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# Hyun Jin Nim calls for a Counter-Countercultural Revolution

## HYUN JIN NIM

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found himself teaching in secret to a handful of prisoners in a North Korean concentration camp instead of educating world leaders at the United Nations, and in the capitals of the civilized world.

Well, we all know what didn't happen. We've lived through it. Now Hyun Jin Nim is inviting us to consider what our lives, and those of today's youth, might have been like if God's expectation had been fulfilled and Father had been recognized and supported fifty year ago. Understanding that will help us realize just how crucial a time we are living in now, and how the actions of a few people can and will change future history.

For one thing, the first Blessed Children in America would have been born in the early 1950s. We would all have been born blessed children! And then what? By the late 1960s, these youth were in their late adolescence. In God's plan, he wanted these young teenagers to restore the failure of Adam and Eve, and all generation since, by living lives of chastity and responsibility and service for others.

We can see a glimpse of what might have been through the trials and tribulations of the civil rights movement focused on Dr. Martin Luther King and his young supporters; and from the promise of the youthful John F Kennedy and the Peace Corps. We can imagine what America would be like if millions of young people really were following King's Dream and Kennedy's call to "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Yet, without the underpinning of God's Word, the youth of the 60s—the original "Second Generation"—began to go astray, repeating and even magnifying the mistakes of not only their elders but also of every generation back

**M**any times out on the front-line we young people who ask, "How can I help? I don't have money to offer, but I can give you my time." Through the message of Service for Peace, I believe we can convince such good-hearted people to take the next step.

*Julia Morozova, Belarus*



to Adam and Eve. The search for spiritual ecstasy and union with God was replaced by the easier but more dangerous high of LSD and other psychedelic drugs. The Beatles, an obviously representative group of young people of that era, went to the East but met the wrong teacher, and came back confused, bitter and divisive. The counter culture, when it came, was a culture of the body rather than the mind. The "Summer of Love" turned into the autumn and then the winter of divorce, sexually transmitted diseases and finally AIDS.

The point of all this speculation is not to wallow in pity or regret, nor is it to romanticize the sixties and that lost generation. Distance lends enchantment to almost any view, and that's certainly true of the view back over our shoulders into recent

history. When we look back now at the Summer of Love, we tend to see only the enchantment: flower children, civil rights, student demonstrations over Vietnam, making love and not war, and running through it all the unforgettable music, of Sgt. Pepper, Hendrix, the Doors, the Monterey Pop Festival, and more. In short, the counter culture doesn't look all that bad.

Take a closer look, though, and the romantic gloss starts to tear away. After 1967, family life was never the same. In American and around the world, divorces rose every year, from 20% then to more than 50% now. Sexually transmitted diseases, then a threat to only a very narrow segment of society, became endemic. The inquisitive spirituality and interest in the teachings of the East eventually disintegrated into material-

**I**want to make an absolute commitment to Service for Peace. I know that wishes alone don't make anything substantial. I have to make extra strong determination, and go out there and do it!

*Nobuki Ishibashi, Japan*

ism and selfishness. But to realize how tragic a loss this really was, we need to have that inner perspective of what might have been, what God wanted to happen.

And what do we do if we gain an insight into the last "what if" of providential history? Then, of course, we have to make sure that we do not make the same mistake again. Now is the time for a new generation of Americans in particular, and youth generally, to take up God's original ideal. That process has to start with a robust spiritual renewal, a call to service and peace.

This, then, was the heart of the message that Hyun Jin Nim delivered with such passion and enthusiasm to the 1200 young members and second generation who crowded into the Manhattan Center last month to hear the World CARP President speak about God's hope for young people of today.

What if we really do live for others, and not for ourselves? What if we make true love and lineage, not false? What if we do seize this moment to create a new world through service for peace? This is no time to stand aside and speculate. Let's roll up our sleeves once again and get in there.

What if? ❖

**I**was touched when Hyun Jin Nim told us, "The Providence is moving, whether we realize it or not!" It brought home to me how much more effort I need to make to be a part of God's Providence

*Jocelyn Virtuozzo, Philippines*





## IN MEMORIAM

# Tom Iversen

## Creating a Life Worth Remembering

In memory of my beloved husband, Tom Iversen who passed to the spirit world March 3, 2001.

On July 1, 1982, I was lucky enough to be blessed to my precious husband and best friend, Tom Iversen in Madison Square Garden. From the moment I was matched by Father in 1980, I felt we had an instant spiritual connection as if we were made for each other. Though we went through many difficulties, suffering and challenges during our 22 year relationship, through prayer and trying to do God's will together, God brought us so close that we became truly one in heart and soul before he died. We were truly a "blessed couple" in every sense of the word.

Anyone who knew or met Tom loved him. He was on MFT for over 8 years where he trained hundreds of brothers and sisters in fundraising and learning how to work together for God's will. He was imprisoned seven times for innocently fundraising for his faith, beat up, spit at and even thrown once through a plate glass window where he was almost killed but he would never give up. When we would travel cross-country he would tell us stories that were so exciting and dangerous, we couldn't believe they actually happened to him.

When he died I received over 250 e-mails and letters from people around the world whose life he had touched with his kind heart and hundreds of cards and donations from people I had never met and known. I never knew how many lives my husband touched before he touched ours. But when he passed, all the love he had given to others was returned to us a thousand fold.

After MFT, God sent Tom to the Minneapolis region to do witnessing and become a city leader and then on to North Dakota where he became a state leader. It was in the small and chilly town of Fargo with only a couple of members where we started our family. We were then transferred to South Dakota as State leaders where Tom and I took care of a small center full of very precious and wonderful members and where our precious only son David was born in 1987.

From the moment of conception Tom fell in love with his son and showed me through the depth of that relationship how God exists in the family. It was though seeing his devotion to his child that I learned how to become a mother. Their incredible love for each other reminded me of Abraham and Isaac in the Bible. I have never seen a Father more devoted in spite of traveling the world, doing his mission and taking care of members. Tom always made both me and my son feel as if his family was the most special and precious gift on earth.

In 1987 God choose Tom for the ACC mission. Though we were just humble members, through that incredible mission God raised Tom up to become a True Leader in our state of South Dakota. He worked to educate thousands of school children about the meaning of the Constitution, Faith and Freedom. He raised funds himself

and established a beautiful monument dedicated to the Constitution in front of the State Capitol in Pierre, where True Parent's pictures are sealed forever inside to watch over the leaders of that state.

During that Cold War period he lec-



tured statewide about the reality of Communism, and brought hundreds of leaders to the American Leadership Conferences to learn Headwing ideology, True Family Values and how to work together to create world peace and ideal families.

He orchestrated over 50 United to Serve America projects in one year alone to recognize the unsung hero's of the state and we worked together to end racism on the impoverished Indian Reservations of South Dakota. Tom single-handedly lobbied every legislator in our state to establish the "Martin Luther King" Holiday in South Dakota until they finally relented and passed the bill recognizing the goodness of this misunderstood hero of our time.

We were so persecuted by the media, Christians, and liberals for our faith for over 10 years in our state, that even the Governor who we went to visit before we left asked us "why we stayed in South Dakota after the way people treated us?" We told him that, "love bears all things, believes all things and hopes all things and never ends and it was because of Rev. Moon's example that we could endure." He embraced us both with tears before we left the state and wrote a beautiful commemorative letter about my husband when he died. The entire legislature of South Dakota signed a proclamation in his honor of Tom's work which moved our hearts to tears.

In reality, my husband was an incredible fighter, with tremendous perseverance and would not give up trying to vindicate our True Parents which was his lifelong desire.

In 1992 he volunteered to go to Lithuania, Latvia, Russia and Hungary where he helped lead workshops for Teachers and students in True Family Values. He loved it so much, he went again for a second 40 days. I heard a beautiful testimony that when he left

his team in Russia; they all lined up at the bus and openly wept for him. Truly he had an unforgettable parental heart.

In 1993 we then moved to our hometown of Palm Coast in Northern Florida where we continued the ACC mission, worked with the Washington Times and he became a sales manager for United Vision and traveled throughout the United States.

In 1995 he was diagnosed with Cancer of the throat and underwent horrible treatments of radiation and surgery, which he endured and eventually recovered from.

In 1997 we traveled back to South Dakota where Tom blessed thousands of Native Americans (his dream) and bikers at the Stugis Bike Rally with the special "pure love blessing".

Tom had a tremendous will to live and went to Chung Pyung for 40 days in the freezing winter and climbed to the top of the mountain every day to try and liberate the evil ancestors causing his cancer. But he was re-diagnosed again this time with cancer of the colon and had an operation to remove it.

Even still weak from his cancer, in 1999 Tom led our family to Jardim for 40 days where he and his son proceeded to build the first baseball field in Jardim called, "the Field of Dreams" directly in front of True Parent's home. We had members from all over the world help and had an incredible "opening day" celebration and game. To Tom, loving and playing baseball was as close as you could get to going to heaven on earth.



In September of 2000 though he was still not well, Tom encouraged me to go to Chung Pyung for the special Registration and he came and participated too and had a special session with Daemonim.

In Jan. of 2001 the Cancer began to spread to his abdomen and he became terminal and bedridden and by March 3rd he passed to the spirit world. He died in my arms the exact moment our True Father entered the stage to speak in Florida on his Nationwide tour. His 14-year-old son David was in the audience in Miami listening to True Father speak as Tom went to the spirit world.

We had a long time to prepare the Sueng Hwa Ceremony and took all the pictures of his Tom's life and made a

video history for everyone to see. We dedicated the video to True Parents and were able to testify about our True Parents to many outside people and family members.

Everyone where I worked loved Tom so much that my boss closed our real estate office for entire day so that all the associates could come and serve our family during the Sueng Hwa. Luckily, we were able to coordinate everything with Tom before he went to the spiritual world. We sat around and discussed the funeral while he made jokes and tried to cheer us up. It was unforgettable.

Members from all over the world came, called and visited before Tom died and each was touched by his love, goodness and uncomplaining heart especially the hospice nurses and volunteers who came into our home. The minister from hospice was so moved by Tom she ordered a copy of the Divine Principal and read the entire book to understand about our faith.

Tom was my precious gift from God who gave True Love to all until the very end of his life. He was truly a man of faith who lived for the sake of others. Even my father wept when his beloved son-in-law died. He thanked Tom for being such a good husband and father to his grandson and a loving son-in-law. Tom's humble and sincere heart will never be forgotten on earth or in heaven or in the hearts of those he loved.

To those who prayed, sent donations and helped us during this difficult time, we will never be able to repay your kindness and to every one who helped with the Sueng Hwa we are eternally grateful. It was our precious brothers and sisters kindness and prayers that gave us the strength to keep going during that time.

I have learned that it is only through our own suffering that we can ever come to understand the suffering heart of God and True Parents. My husband taught me that no matter what, we have to keep going forward and give the love that our True Parent's have unconditionally bestowed upon us in our lives.

I also realized that each of us could die at any moment, so we must love our husband,

wife, children and humanity as if it were the last day of our lives. Tom appeared in a dream to one of his dear friends and said, "it is only what is on the inside that counts." That is truly our eternal treasure and all that we will take with us to Heaven.

These final words dedicated to Tom were written on the program at the Sueng Hwa: "All that is gold does not glitter. Not all those who wander are lost; The old that is strong does not wither, Deep roots are not reached by the frost. From the ashes a fire shall be woken. A light from the shadows shall spring; Renewed shall be the blade that was broken. The crownless again shall be king." *J.R.R. Tolkien*

*Edy Iversen* ❖



# DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

## Human History and Man's Transformation from Death to Life

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The eighteenth century British novelist Henry Fielding, in his famous satire *Tom Jones*, uses the pontifications of a Christian minister to illustrate a classic religious arrogance. The minister declaims:

"When I mention religion, I mean the Christian religion, and not only the Christian religion, but the Protestant religion; and not only the Protestant religion, but the Church of England."

Although Fielding's portrait is a comic exaggeration of religious bias, it is nevertheless reflective of a type of bigotry not uncommon to many believers, whether they be Christian, Jewish, Buddhist or whatever. Such has been the religious fragmentation of the human family.

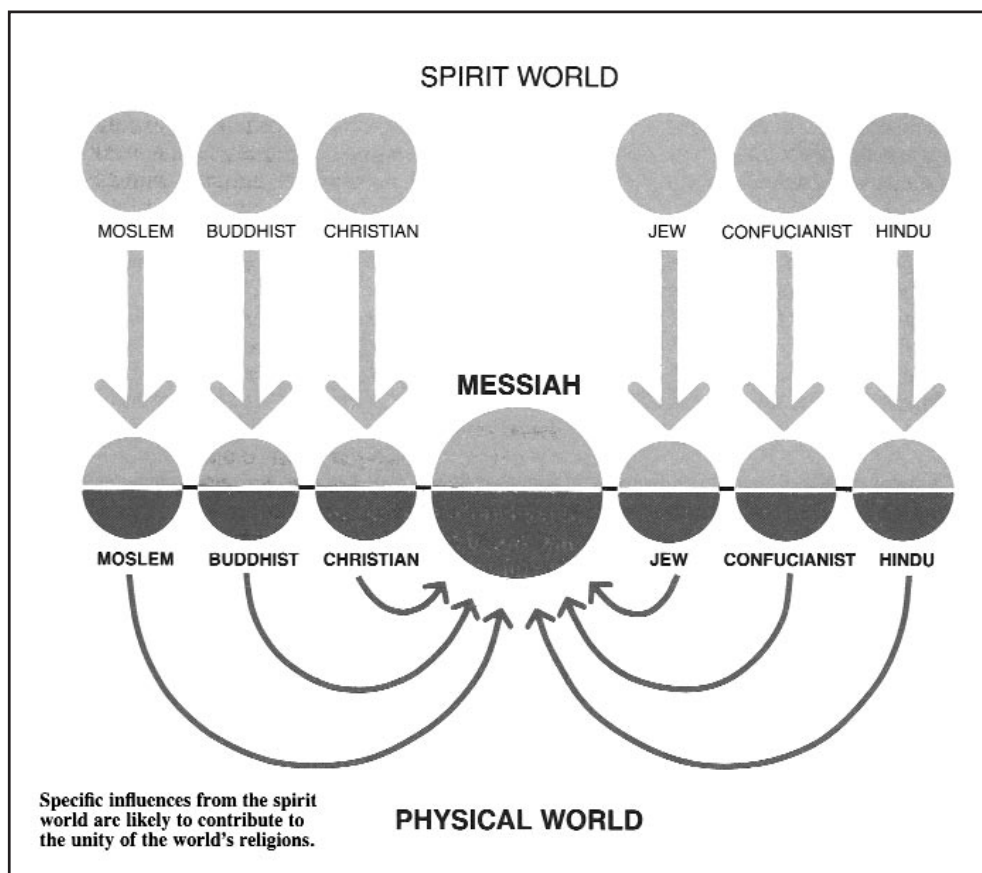
Divine Principle teaches that the time for such a divided state is nearly up. In an age when we are seen, in Archibald MacLeish's words, as "riders on the earth together," the future of the religious faiths is necessarily an interdependent one.

For Divine Principle, an integrated religious vision is the very tool necessary to bring the human family into a healthy wholeness. If religion fails to play this role, some other power, perhaps even a totalitarian force like communism, is likely to attempt to fill the gap.

### Religious Unity

Therefore, our age calls for a religious unity. A practical harmonization of the world's faiths will both release new energies against the problems facing humankind, and realize fully the spiritual values common to the religions themselves.

At the time of the Second Advent, Divine Principle teaches, traditional



religious barriers are to be overcome. This process will no doubt be aided by input from the spirit side, perhaps even by the founders of the different religions themselves.

As was previously explained, spirit persons who have remained in Paradise are inevitably to return to earth and cooperate with the faithful at the time of the Second Advent, thereby to advance their own spiritual growth.

Through this intervention, sincere seekers on earth can be led by spirit persons to the Lord of the Second Coming. The time and type of guidance that a person on earth receives from a spirit person vary depending on a person's

attitude, faith and disposition. In any event, Divine Principle suggests that through such guidance the unification of religions will gradually occur.

For Divine Principle, all religions have arisen through God's providence and have enlightened the consciousness of man. Taoism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Islam, Shinto and Hinduism have all contributed to the spiritual development of man. These religions have laid the foundation for the fulfillment of the last dispensation, the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

### At the center

However, while all great religions

are thus based upon certain degrees of truth from God and have served His purposes in various ways, Divine Principle sees the Judeo-Christian revelation as the central revelation from God for humankind. Christianity is thus not a religion for Christians alone. Rather, it is the central religion whose insights enable it to be the core around which other faiths can make their own contributions most fully.

Accordingly, messages concerning the Second Advent are likely to come not only from Jesus but from founders of all other religions as well. These religious founders will fulfill their own missions and complete their own resurrection through the sincere participation of their followers in the ministry of the Second Advent.

Since the Second Advent of the Lord is universal in scope, its effects are not to be confined to the Christian world. Eventually all mankind will participate in this cosmic event in order to bring about the resurrection of each individual and the restoration of the universe.

For the first time in history, then, divergent religions will be harmonized, thereby leading mankind into one universal brotherhood. Ultimately, Divine Principle anticipates that the unity of the two worlds, the invisible and the visible, will be accomplished. Matured men and women will serve as the mediators between them, resulting in complete harmony and communication between the two worlds.

Consequently, the new world of perfection will be highly spiritual; it will be the Garden of Eden or heaven on earth. The life God has planned for all of His children will have been established and God's ideal of creation fulfilled at last. ❖

## Unificationism: The Television Show

by Erling Lea

The airways are a very good place to stir up things and bring good ideas to light. Mass media is a powerful way to witness because people in the audience can't argue with the lecturer, whether or not they agree with him. Someone might change the channel, but he or she can't affect the many more who continue to watch.

TV is a very powerful medium. People have tendency to blindly follow it, whether or not they consciously agree with what they've seen. Also, because so many people look for entertainment more than any real message, TV tends to be very shallow in content. Some channel surfers are bored of reruns and fluff, looking for something new. Access TV stands out and is known for its novelty. Many viewers check it out. Even the mainstream media watches for something worthwhile and fresh coming from access TV.

Access TV was started around the mid 70's. It was created to offer a source for people to air their opinions with-

out having their words twisted and edited away by the mainstream media like ABC, CBS, NBC and others. The mainstream media don't like access TV and have worked steadily to get rid of it. They have to give a small percent of their revenue to access TV, and they don't like the idea that members of access TV can air programs virtually for free. The only reason it has survived so long is that it is nearly the last place where citizens can use television to exercise their freedom of speech based on the first amendment. Clearly, the mainstream media don't like that. They want to represent the opinions of America, and usually their views are very liberal, with the exception of special cases such as the Washington Times.

The set up of access TV differs from other networks. Most TV stations have an editor-at-large who checks all programs and gives a final OK for them to be aired. Access TV is different in that the producer is responsible for content, and has sole control over what is aired. As a result, access TV reflects

a wide variety of shows and opinions, but no producer has a right to criticize other producers' views. It's one place voicing many ideas. Personally I like the freedom of not dealing with bosses and other people when I air my programs—I have complete control. Financially it's a loss, but the spiritual rewards are a Blessing — especially knowing that I witness to 10% and 25% of my town population every week! Statistics show that many people watch access TV.

Many mainstream media shows like Barney started on access TV. The biggest problem access TV has is that since the producers aren't paid and most programs are not sponsored, the quality of their programs suffers due to lack of funding. It's nearly impossible to create and air big attractive TV shows through access TV. But most access TV stations provide cameras, studios and editing bays free for members. A membership usually runs around \$ 100 a year, plus camera and editing classes that usually are offered for a onetime fee of around \$50. Producers

pay for their own videotapes. Advertisements and calls to action are prohibited, so access TV is a source of information or entertainment only.

Pat Garlinghouse, the executive director of HMS (Houston Media Source, where I presently air Unificationism, based on the teaching of True Parents), often reminds the producers that we should never take our freedom for granted. It's a privilege for us to have this source of freedom of speech. She always fights hard with the city to raise money so that we can operate, and this fundraising is always difficult. Many access stations go off the air because no one funds this important information channel. They rather let the mainstream pollute our airways with what I consider secular and superficial nonsense. For more information please write or call anytime: Erling Lea, E-mail: erlinglp@hotmail.com Ph: 281 693 2487 Fax: 281 693 3703. ❖

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# A Walk in the Woods: Finding Heavenly Father on the Appalachian Trail

by Clark Munsell and William Selig

From June 22 to 30, we hiked 130 miles on the Appalachian Trail that runs along Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah Mountains of western Virginia. For eight nights and nine days we walked through Heavenly Father's beautiful creation. Rain, thunder and lightning storms, hot, muggy days, and cold, chilly nights, we faced all sorts of experiences and even a bear attack (more on that later). But most importantly, we felt a deeper appreciation of the creation and our Heavenly Father.

## Clark's story

Some probably find it easier to experience God in a majestic cathedral. I have always found it easier to experience the Creator by immersing myself in His creation. Being a camper and hiker most of my life, I learned early the truth of Paul's words: "...that his invisible nature, namely his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made."

Given today's hectic schedule; working, raising kids, and community involvement, there's scarcely time available to leave it all behind and head for the woods. But that is exactly what my friend Bill Selig and I have done the past two Springs. Living in the Washington, D.C. area, we're less than two hours away from the Appalachian Trail which runs 2,100 plus miles from Georgia to Maine. Last year's hike was over a three day weekend covering the forty mile stretch of the A.T. through Maryland. Using mostly rented equipment, our first foray whetted our appetite for backpacking. This year we took the plunge, bought our own equipment, and decided to begin tackling the Virginia section of the trail.

Hikers on the A.T. usually fall into three categories: day hikers, section hikers (covering a section of the A.T. at a time), and through hikers (those going non stop from Georgia to Maine or Maine to Georgia) which takes between five and six months. Bill and I plan to take it a section at a time. This year we tackled a hundred and thirty mile section running through Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah National Park.

Though we were never too far apart, hiking is still very much a solitary activity providing many hours for meditation and reflection. I found the freshness of early mornings on the trail the most fruitful time for prayer. Unfortunately, as the day wears on the weight of the backpack and the pounding of the feet tends to intrude on the mind's peacefulness.

Besides providing time for spiritual reflection I have found that camping and backpacking have provided a great opportunity to challenge myself and my limitations. In hindsight the distance we determined to cover was somewhat overreaching but we proved to ourselves that by setting our minds on the miles needed to be covered each

day we were able to accomplish our goal despite sore feet and backs.

The pay-off is watching the sunset in the cool of the evening as it disappears behind the mountains. It's not till we're standing looking up into a



William Selig and Clark Munsell

star-filled sky that we begin to realize how much we miss living in the city.

## Bill's story

September 1998. There were five doctors in my room: A gastroenterologist, an oncologist, an endocrinologist, a nephrologist, and a hepatologist. We all stood in my crowded hospital room about 3 years ago. I had been admitted to begin treatment for hepatitis C which I had contracted more than 25 years ago.

They talked for a while, I know they talked because I could see their lips moving. They acted very serious and concerned, and finally they left. My mind was so reeling that I didn't comprehend. I asked my wife what they said. "The new tests indicate you may have kidney cancer," Donna said, "Before treating your liver, they have to operate on the kidneys."

Fast forward 3 years, the tumor was benign so my kidney was OK. But for the next 2 years I endured a combo chemical treatment for liver disease that entailed self-administered injections three times a week and daily doses of another drug. In this case, the cure was worse than the disease. I lost about 30 pounds, was constantly fatigued, suffered from insomnia, depression, skin irritation, hot and cold spells, the whole nine yards.

During the treatment I was obliged to help at conferences in Seoul, Washington, and New York. It was a very challenging time, both physically and spiritually. Plus, in summer 1999, our family spent 40 days in Jardim where under less than optimum sanitary conditions, I had to maintain my medical regime.

Finally in November 2000, the doctors announced I was virus free. I had beaten the odds! The probability of

success for a person who had carried the virus for a quarter of a century was less than 20%. I felt I'd won the lottery. I owe my thanks and debt of gratitude to my support group, the church members who prayed for me, for our sacrificial brothers and sisters like Tom Iverson (our families shared a room in Jardim), and Tom Wojcik (who received a partial liver from his wife Kitty,) and most especially my wife and daughter who unconditionally endured me.

Once it was finally over, I wanted to exert dominion over my body. I needed to overcome the hyung sung realm once and for all with a decisive action. What better way, I thought, than to tackle the Appalachian trail, my boyhood dream!

It's hard to put into words our experiences. The plain truth is that hiking is hard, grueling physical work. Every part of my body hurt. Our feet were blistered and bleeding. Everyday we walked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. usually over very rocky uphill terrain. We prayed and did hoon dok hae whenever we could. All of the meals were freeze dried, just add water. We dipped our water bottles into the cold, clear streams for the most thirst-quenching refreshing water you could imagine.

We saw creation at its most spectacular like the night we watched the



Bill and the bear

sunset and a deer approached within a few feet of us, or the time we couldn't find a place to sleep and then seemingly from nowhere several deer appeared and led us to a perfect clearing. We saw falcons, hawks, snakes, hummingbirds, deer, chipmunks, squirrels, and bear.

## The bear story

Clark was leading our way along a narrow path. All of a sudden he started walking backwards. I looked around him and sure enough there was a big black bear blocking our way, no more than 15 feet away. In unison we thought,

"Heavenly Father, what should we do?" We backed slowly off the trail into the woods. Suddenly, the bear stood up on its hind legs. If the bear had continued on the path then I might not be writing this tale, but instead, the bear cut into the woods from where it was. That was a mistake because it immediately became tangled in the brush and the fallen trees. I shot a flash photo with Clark's camera which further distracted the animal's attention. When it was over we really counted our blessings, but finally, we had a "bear" story to tell that night around the campfire.

Remember the part in "Dances with Wolves" when the Kevin Costner character tells about the buffalo hunt? It didn't matter how many times the story was told. A great story is a great story.

The folks we met hiking the Appalachian Trail are hearty, strong, individualistic, and very determined. Each night after dinner and bandaging our feet, we would swap stories about the day's events, or the pros and cons of equipment, etc., whatever. The bear story raised our status from middle-aged weekend amateurs to genuine card-carrying AT hikers!

Everyone has a trail name. The group we met up with each evening included, Easy Day and Song Bird, Bloody Stump and Mad Man, Panama Red, Snakecharmer and her dog, Marvin who carried his own food in saddlebags, Silverwings, a 66-year old professor, Dartman, and a guy who called himself, and we didn't ask why, Mary Poppins.

Clark called himself either Rambling Man or Starbucks depending on his mood. I started out as Rocky (as in Rockville, Md., get it?), and ended up as Wild Bill.

We finally reached our car about noon on the ninth day. We were two very ragged, worn out, pained, smelly (I repeat, smelly), bearded brothers, but we had done it. 130 days miles in 9 days, or about 15 miles a day. We found a home-style diner in Paris, Virginia, toasted to our survival with a pitcher of ice cold pink lemonade, and thanked Heavenly Father for a great adventure.

Why did we do it?

My soon to be 14-year old daughter and I were recently riding our bikes in the park. At the top of a particularly difficult hill, I asked Hannah, all

red-faced and puffing, what motivated her to keep going because in the past she would walk the final few yards. She said, "I wanted to do it for Heavenly Father and True Parents!" I didn't tell her to say that but her words really warmed my heart. It's only natural that with maturity, we want to do more for Heavenly Father.

Why did we undertake the hike? I think Hannah has the right idea. "We did it for Heavenly Father and True Parents." To be continued next summer.

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**TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN**

# The Boy and the Bully

by Vicki Henry

When Father was a little boy, even though he was so young, he understood goodness and wickedness very well. Father could not stand to see wickedness. Whenever he saw something bad happening, such as someone stealing or being mean to somebody else, he just had to stop it. Sometimes, this meant he had to fight with his fists, even though he didn't want to. First, Father would always try to talk with the person who was doing something bad. He wanted them to understand that it was wrong to do those things and stop doing them. If the person would not listen to him, then Father felt he had no choice but to fight.

The only time Father would fight was if someone was very evil. You see, only goodness and righteousness belong to God. There should be no room in the world for anything evil, because God wants it to be a nice place for everyone to live. And Father wanted the same thing. Also, Father would only fight someone who was stronger than himself. It would not be fair, he felt, to

fight someone who was weaker than he.

At Father's school, there was a very mean boy, who always hurt the other children or made them cry. He was known to every one as the school bully, and the smaller children were afraid to go to school because of him. Father tried over and over to convince him to stop hurting the children, but the boy would not listen. He just laughed at Father with a very mean laugh. The bully was four years older than Father, and so he was much bigger and stronger.

One day, Father decided he had no choice but to fight with this boy. The bully was very willing to fight, because he thought it would be easy to win, since Father was so young and so much smaller than he. But Father knew he was right and that goodness must win

over such a wicked person.

The fight began. They fought and fought, punching and wrestling. Father was hurt very badly, and the fight had to end.

Still, Father would not give up. Instead, he decided to get some very special training. He would have to become tougher and stronger. So he began going to the mountain above his village. There, Father found a strong and solid tree. He pretended that the tree was the bully and fought with the tree! His fists became sore and tender. But he kept coming back for more until they were tough and strong.

Father got strong, so strong that the tree actually broke! Then he knew he was ready to face the bully once more.

Next morning, Father got up, packed his lunch and set out for school as usual. But when he arrived, instead of going to class, he went to look for the bully. Father was not going to let such an evil person be free to do bad things to the other children any longer.

Father soon found him, marched up to him, and once again told him

he must stop hurting the children. The bully just laughed his very mean laugh and did not listen. So Father had no choice but to fight with him.

Again the fight began. The bully was soon surprised to find that Father's arms had become very strong and his fists as tough as nails. The bully got more serious, and tried to finish Father off quickly. But he had met his match. This time Father won the fight. After that, as long as Father was around, the bully could never hurt the other children or make them cry again. ❖



## Simplified Pledge

by Gertrud Yasutake

Our 17yr.-old son came up with a simplified version of the pledge. The word "uplift" may mean different things to different people. He explained to me that in the science fiction literature of one author uplift means to move up to a higher level of human evolution of spirit and being.

### Simplified Family Pledge

by Timothy Yasutake

1. Our family pledges to restore the original purpose of mankind (uplift through redemption)
2. We pledge to serve our True Parents and fulfill our duty as God's children (uplift through fulfillment of responsibility)
3. We pledge to perfect all types of love (uplift through love)
4. We pledge to create the perfect (Godly) world (uplift through effort/building)
5. We pledge to unify the spiritual and physical worlds (uplift through mind/spirit/body)
6. We pledge to become the true family, and uplift our community (and eventually the world) (uplift through example)
7. We pledge to perfect a heart-centered world (uplift through compassion)
8. We pledge to practice absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience (uplift through dedication) ❖

## BOOK COMMENTARY

# Vulgarians at the Gate

by Zella Steward Forster

I recently saw a TV interview with Jane Meadows and Bill Allen—wife & son of entertainer Steve Allen. They were discussing Steve Allen's last book... "Vulgarians at the Gate: Trash TV and Raunch Radio". I recently found it at the bookstore.

It was fascinating. I always liked Steve Allen but I never realized that he had become so greatly respected—not just as an author but as the conscience of Hollywood. Apparently, at various points in his career, he did some very unpopular things—including speaking out against organized crime... something that caused his family to live under armed guard for awhile because of death threats.

In one part of this book are the words to some songs that are currently popular with today's youth. The words that these kids listen to repeatedly with their headphones.... words that we don't hear. Apparently, the companies that produce

these recordings release watered-down versions for release to the radio stations. That is what \*we\* hear. As bad as those may seem the actual tapes/CD's are often much worse. The producers will not write the words to the songs on the tape/CD jackets for just that reason.

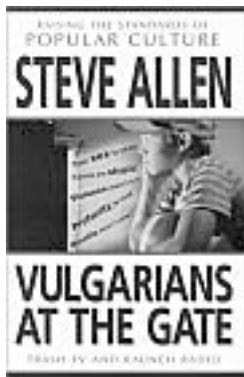
At one point in the interview Jane Meadows talked about her childhood in China. Her parents were employed by the American Consulate. She said that with all of the dialects in China it was very difficult for the Russians to introduce Communism into their culture. She asked if anyone knew how it was finally done. She said they did it through the popular music. It was a striking example of the power of words when tied to music and heard over & over again

In the past Steve Allen has used the example placing a lobster in a pot of cold water. When the water is gradually brought to a boil the lobster doesn't realize what is happening until it is too late. He explains

that our society has slowly shifted its values in terms of what is okay to put on the radio or on TV and that we haven't responded because it has been such a gradual process. It is only recently that this shift in standards has become a drastic enough contrast to the entertainment of our youth for people to start to react.

There were many examples sighted of people writing letters—speaking-up against programming choices or advertisers and changes being made—not government intervention—responsible citizenship/self regulation. He gives long lists of addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, & websites for many cable channels, TV stations, radio stations, even internet sights... 10 years of research. He said that most people don't think that they have any power to effect that kind of change and even if they do think about it they don't know who to contact or where to begin. He gives us that information in this book.

It was a lot to think about. Jane Meadows urged everyone to feel free to pass these lists around to encourage people to speak-up. I thought it was worth sharing. ❖



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## 40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

The beginning of the Unification Church in America dates from the arrival of its first missionaries in 1959 and extended through the decade of the 1960s to the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Moon in late 1971. During this period, the Unification Church in America was fortunate to have four missionaries of outstanding quality: Young Oon Kim (1914-89), David S.C. Kim (1914-), Bo Hi Pak (1930-), and Sang Ik Choi (1936-). Each of them made and continued to make lasting contributions to the Unification tradition. However, their most important collective legacy was the love and commitment they expressed to the people of the United States and, by extension, to the people of the Western world. That they "loved the people" was finally more important than their translations or adaptations of The Principle, their organizational initiatives or even the record of their suffering during the earliest stage of the church's development in the West.

It is said that love covers a variety of faults. In the case of the early Unificationist missionaries, their chief failing was a lack of unity. It cannot be denied that there were disagreements, grievances and squabbles over strategy, as well as the tendency to proceed independently from one another. As a consequence, a unified national movement never emerged during the 1960s. The church's oral tradition holds that their failure to unify led to a lack of result and an inadequate foundation. However, it might be questioned how much really could have been accomplished during the tumultuous 1960s. In fact, given the size of the United States and the equally vast cultural distance which the earliest missionaries needed to bridge, their results were on a par or even ahead of most missionary endeavors in the history of God's providence.

The 1960s, then, were a time of sowing, and in this regard the early UC missionaries must be given high marks. Each of them produced Principle texts, established important patterns of community life, and developed creative ways of relating to the wider culture. Taken together, they set the basic directions that the Unification tradition would follow in America during succeeding years. Miss Kim's "Unified Family" laid the legal and spiritual foundations for the Unification Church, having legally incorporated as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in 1961 and having set up a national headquarters and centers throughout the country. Mr. David S.C. Kim's "United Faith, Inc." lay the initial foundation for the UC's later ecumenical and interreligious activity. Col. Bo Hi Pak's leadership of the Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation (KCFF), Little Angels, and Radio of Free Asia (ROFA) set the pattern for subsequent public advocacy and cultural initiatives. Finally, Mr. Sang Ik Choi, through his San

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At the center on Masonic Avenue in San Francisco. Front: Pauline Verheyen, Young Oon Kim, Doris Orme. Second row: Gordon Ross, ?, Patty Pumphrey, ?. Third row: Barbara Vincenz, Edwin Ang. Back row: Peter Koch, Galen Pumphrey, George Norton, Doug Burns.

Francisco Bay Area International Re-Education Foundation and International Ideal City Project, initiated an important communitarian line of development.

At the same time, it is important to remember that activities in the United States were peripheral to the mainstream of the Unification tradition which was centered in Korea and, to a lesser extent, Japan. It would not be until the 1970s that developments in America assumed a central role as a consequence of Rev. Moon's decision to shift the focus of his work to the West. Before then, members were largely dependent on the missionaries for information. However, Rev. Moon undertook two world tours during the 1960s, one in 1965 and another in 1969. These tours, which included lengthy stopovers in the United States, afforded members the opportunity to participate directly in the church's mainstream tradition. They also were important in shaping and invigorating the American mission.

#### The Unified Family

Of the missionary groupings that were established in America during the 1960s, the Unified Family, led by Young Oon Kim, flowed most naturally into the Unification Church of the 1970s. This was due, in part, to its incorporation as the "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity" on September 18, 1961, approved in 1963, which became and

## The Early Mission

still is the legal basis for the Unification Church in America. Beyond that, Miss Kim's Unified Family was the most explicitly religious and theological of the missionary groupings. Much of this derived from Miss Kim's background as a professor of New Testament and Comparative Religion at Ewha University in Seoul. As a missionary, she sought out "church people," expended a great deal of effort in publishing successive editions of *The Divine Principles*, and achieved legal recognition as a religious organization. Ironically, many of those who joined the Unified Family were in one way or another alienated from organized religion. Thus, rather than churches, the Unified Family set up a network of "centers" across the country. Also, the name "Unified Family" reflected a determination to preserve a personal, face-to-face orientation rather than that of a large, bureaucratic organization. Nevertheless, by the end of the 1960s, the Unified Family had proliferated a number of small businesses, student groups, and the Freedom Leadership Foundation (FLF).

Miss Kim arrived in America as the first Unification missionary on January 4, 1959 in the midst of a raging snowstorm. She came to the University of Oregon in Eugene as a student, but left school to live in a vacant house in Oakhill, a semi-rural settlement several miles east of Eugene to be near her three best contacts—Doris Walder Anteloch (later Orme), Pauline Phillips Sherman (later Verheyen) and Patty Pumphrey. Later joined by Galen Pumphrey and George Norton, the Oakhill group migrated several hundred miles down the coast to San Francisco in late 1960. There, in the cos-



David Kim sharing a meal with the Portland group

mopolitan Bay Area, they had high hopes of reaching a mass audience quickly. However, their efforts were largely ignored or rejected. Recognizing that they lacked an adequate foundation for immediate results, they put energy into improving the Principle text, obtaining legal incorporation, pur-

chasing a three-story building as a training center, and, most importantly, pursuing direct person-to-person witnessing. In July 1962, they opened up mission territory in surrounding Bay Area communities, the most successful centers being in Berkeley and San Jose. To facilitate communication, they re-instituted the *New Age Frontiers* newsletter which they began in Oregon and held their first "training session" for guests in May 1963. By the end of that year, the group had expanded to Los Angeles and Sacramento and grown to more than fifty members.

#### Mid-1950s

The mid-1960s were years of transition for the Unified Family. By January 1966, none of the original Oakhill members remained in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Pumphreys and George Norton were in Denver, Pauline Phillips was in Cleveland, Doris Walder was in Rome, Italy, and Miss Kim was in Washington, D.C. Newer Bay Area members also departed, including Peter Koch and Ursula Schumann who had departed for Germany, Paul and Christel Werner who also went back to Germany, then Austria, and Teddy Verheyen who pioneered Holland. Miss Kim went to Washington, D.C., corporation papers in hand, to establish what she hoped would be the headquarters for the Unification Church in America. However, this never happened, primarily due to the unwillingness of other missionary groups to be consolidated within the HSA corporate structure. Therefore, for the remainder of the 1960s, Washington, D.C. was not the hub of a national movement but a vigorous and successfully operating local center which served as an example for a fluctuating number of Unified Families in the United States and Western Europe.

During the late 1960s, the Unified Family pattern consisted of spiritual activities, business, education, and the beginning of what one leader called "political involvement." Spiritual activities included "hours of witnessing, hours of teaching, [and] a lot of fasting" as well as regular center life. Because most members held full-time jobs, this curtailed spiritual work, and various centers attempted to set up family businesses. The Washington, D.C. center experimented with Kim Home Cleaning and Omega Office Service and the Berkeley center set up Logos Litho-Print. In addition, whereas members previously had been older, often married, and relatively settled, those

who joined in the late 1960s were much younger, unmarried, and a significant number were students. This was consistent with the Unified Family's focus on college campuses where they listed Free University offerings, established organizations such as "Students for New Age Unification," and sponsored



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regular programs on themes of a religious or philosophical nature. Consistent with the Unification Church's "victory over communism" activities in Japan and Korea, the Unified Family set up the Freedom Leadership Foundation (FLF) in 1969. When FLF gained Federal tax-exempt status which prohibited lobbying and demonstrations, members defended U.S. actions in Vietnam and opposed leftists through coalitions such as "Student Coordinating Committee for Peace with Freedom" and "American Youth for a Just Peace" (AYJP).

In January 1971, the Unified Family took two decisive measures, one symbolic and the other practical, to enhance its impact in the United States. First, the group decided to change its name from the "Unified Family" to the "Unification Church" in order to project a more mainstream image. Second, they altered their pattern of growth from a policy of "unregulated expansionism" to one of "reconsolidation" whereby they moved from twenty-one small groups to "five points of power"—Berkeley, Denver, Los Angeles, New York and Washington. The hope was to foster membership growth, enable centers to implement more activities, facilitate communication, and catch up with the movement in Japan and Korea. Unfortunately, these hopes were not realized. A later Berkeley Center evaluation noted that the influx of large numbers of people brought a different orientation of Principle, criticism of the established center pattern, and confusion over leadership roles. In short, it compounded problems. In Berkeley, serious conflicts emerged, and half of the Kansas City contingent with their director returned less than two months after arriving. In this sense, the final upshot of consolidation was a painful realization that no less than the rival

missionary groups, Miss Kim's own group was disunited.

**United Faith, Inc.**

United Faith, Inc., or the "Northwest Family," which was led by Mr. David S.C. Kim, laid the initial foundations



A 1963 revival meeting to teach the Principle in Portland. From left: David Kim, John Schmidli, Vernon Pearson and Gerald Johnson.

for the Unification Church's later ecumenical and interfaith activity. More so than the other missionary groups, the Northwest Family had the consciousness of being a "united faith movement." As early as 1963, it produced "Articles of United Faith" as a basis of dialogue with Christian churches. This stemmed mainly from the orientation of Mr. David Kim, who prior to joining the Unification Church, "was day-dreaming of uniting the established Christian and Buddhist religions." As he noted, "Many religious persons from Confucianism, Buddhism, and Christianity, as well as other small devoted religious groups from the mountains...visited me privately all the time." Though a government official and a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, his idea at that time was "to re-formulate

a new religious structure, incorporating the good points of other religions based on Christianity." United Faith, Inc. was an effort to substantiate that vision.

Mr. David Kim was a founding member of the Unification Church in 1954 and its first overseas missionary, having gone to Swansea University College, Wales as a U.N. scholar during the mid-1950s. He was the second Unification missionary to the United States, arriving in Portland, Oregon on September 18, 1959, some ten months after Miss Kim had arrived in Eugene. Like Miss Kim, he came to the U.S. on a student visa (the only other way out of Korea was via the diplomatic service), and enrolled at Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary. Also like Miss Kim, he began witnessing and gathered several students, including Eileen Welch and John Schmidli whose affiliation pre-dated those of Miss Kim's Oakhill group. The first joint meeting between the Oakhill and Mr. Kim's groups occurred in Lebanon, Oregon in July 1960. A second meeting of twenty persons was held there on September 4th. Whether or not the two groups could have worked together is uncertain. However, there were differing ideas over financial responsibilities, witnessing, and even the name of a unified organization.

Following the relocation of Miss Kim and her Oakhill group to the San Francisco Bay area in late 1960, Mr. Kim continued as the sole missionary to the Pacific Northwest. However, he was expelled for "heresy" from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary just weeks before his graduation in 1961. This precipitated a series of crises as Mr. Kim successively enrolled in Portland University, the University of Oregon, and finally Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California in efforts to retain his student status and stay in the country. During this period, a major thrust of the Northwest group were annual forty-day evangelical campaigns of often solitary missionaries traveling as far east as Chicago. In July 1965, the group's newsletter, United Temple Bulletin, listed active "chapels" in Chicago, Illinois; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Boise, Idaho; Salt Lake City, Utah; Seattle, Washington; and Portland, St. Helens, and Eugene, Oregon.

During the 1960s, the Northwest Family stood firmly for coordination and cooperation among the missionary groups rather than centralization. Hence its members opposed the efforts of Miss Kim's group to "unify" the American movement. A lengthy United Temple Bulletin editorial entitled, "Expressed Opinions on the so-called 'National Headquarters,' Washington, D.C. by the Northwest Families" charged the new headquarters with "definite attempts...to split and

destroy the Northwest Family, rather than to unite." In January 1966, the Northwest group inaugurated a "Monthly Training Conference for the Training of Northwest Leaders." They also forged closer ties with Mr. Sang Ik Choi, who had begun mission work in the San Francisco Bay Area. In May 1966, a "United West Coast Fellowship" in Oakland, California gathered over forty people representing ten centers from Anchorage, Alaska to Los Angeles, California. Their efforts to retain their autonomy were successful, as Rev. Moon recognized an East-West missionary division in late 1966 and prohibited further discussion on the problem of uniting with Washington, D.C.

Between 1966-71, Mr. David Kim directed the activities of the Northwest Family from Clearfield, Utah where he served as a counselor for deprived youth at a Job Corps center. This enabled him to pursue his "heavenly mission" while retaining his visa. Still, East-West jurisdictional problems persisted, and in July 1969, the United Temple Bulletin published a June 15th "Letter to Our Master on the Long Existing Conflicts Between West and East Groups." That same month the Northwest Family formally established "United Faith, Inc.," which signalled an assertion of independence from Mr. Choi's as well as from Miss Kim's group. As Mr. Kim wrote to his membership: "[M]arch on with your new organization—United faith, Inc. You have an independent organization, different from Mr. Choi's or Miss Kim's." Later, he noted, "In [the] S.F. Bay Area two other groups besides ours are working—Mr. Choi, [and] Miss Kim's group—in [the] future we will work together as a team, but the time is not ripe yet." Unfortunately, despite incorporating and setting up a "permanent" structure which included departments of Administrative Affairs, Home and Foreign Missions, International Cultural Exchange, and Enterprise, United Faith, Inc. did not experience substantial growth.

The final stage of the Northwest group activities followed Mr. David Kim's resignation from the Job Corps and his relocation to Oakland, California in February 1971. There, the dramatic growth of Mr. Choi's group in San Francisco as well as their innovations provoked alarm and led to a realignment of the American mission. Essentially, Mr. Kim and Miss Kim joined forces to counterbalance the rising influence of Mr. Choi. Mr. David Kim began to join in activities of the Berkeley "Unified Family," and in June 1971 he traveled to Miss Kim's Washington, D.C., Headquarters where he "was very much impressed with many enthusiastic faces of college students as well as old members in the center, and I noticed constant progress made in training members, new programs and so on." Earlier, Mr. Kim met with several senior Bay Area members, including the director of Miss Kim's Berkeley Center, and "discussed the San Francisco situation in case—Mr. Choi and his wife intend to do their work independently from Hq., Seoul Korea...." This allegation was more serious than all the charges Mr. Kim's group had leveled at Miss Kim. Rather than his methods, Mr. Choi's loyalty was being questioned. ❖



1971—From left: Catherine Erickson, Carl Rapkins, Farley and Betsy Jones, Neil and Rebecca Salonen, George and Hillie Edwards, Jackie Stock, Jon Schuhart and Judith Lejune.



# The Making of A Miracle

by Sarah Witt—  
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How do miracles happen? I don't think anyone really knows exactly how each individual miracle comes to pass. However, I'd like to share with you one miracle that I, myself, participated in on Friday, August 3, 2001.

The cast of individuals were: God, Our Heavenly Father, Heavenly Angels, a Junior UTS student from Cameroon, Africa, his pregnant wife and almost 2-year-old daughter; the wife of a 2001 UTS graduate, and myself, a Health Center file clerk and UTS Seminary mother figure. And, finally, a new baby!

I don't know exactly when the pregnant wife (seven months pregnant, expecting, in the last week in September) received her plane ticket to NY, USA. However, I was told that when she and her little girl were waiting at the airport in Cameroon a plane was about to leave with only one seat vacant. But that seat was in the First Class section of the plane, requiring an additional \$300 which our sister did not have. However, just before the plane took off, someone in authority decided that since no one claimed that first class empty seat, our dear pregnant sister should be allowed to occupy it.

Because of that generous gesture of the airline employee the student's wife arrived at JFK Airport in New York on Thursday, August 2, 2001.

Later that afternoon, I met her upon

her arrival at UTS. That same evening, our own Dr. Jaekil Park examined her during our Clinic hours of 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Health Center at UTS. The next day, I was informed early in the afternoon that the pregnant wife was having pains. Dr. Park came to the Seminary and examined her. He advised the student that if she continued to have pains later on, he should take her to the hospital.

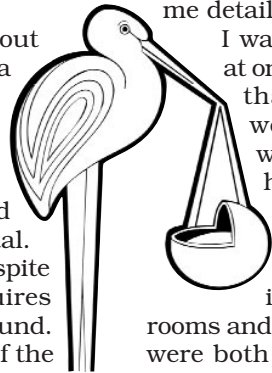
That same evening at about 9 p.m., she began having a sharp pain. The student came down to the 2nd floor, on which both the Health Center and my own room are located, and told me he had to take his wife to the hospital. I offered to go with them, in spite of my infirmity which requires my use of a walker to get around.

However, when the wife of the UTS Graduate, who occupies a room in the Health Center, close to my own room, informed me that she was going to accompany the student and his pregnant wife, I said that I would not come, since I would not be of much help anyway, given my infirmity.

What I could and did do was to pray for God and Heavenly Angels to guide them safely and quickly to the closest hospital, which happens to be the Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck.

I began to pray desperately, from the time they left until I instinctively

felt they should have arrived at their destination, about 15 minutes from UTS. So I interrupted my prayer and called and spoke to someone in the emergency room at Northern Dutchess Hospital, who informed me that they had arrived and that the baby had been born in the back seat of the car. They were taking care of the mother and new baby and didn't have time to give me details.



I was grateful and shocked all at once. The important thing was that both mother and baby were fine! Later that night, when the student's wife who had accompanied the prospective parents to the hospital returned, after 12:30 a.m., she and I sat down in the hall outside of our rooms and talked until much later. We were both so excited and amazed at what had happened. She shared with me about her experience delivering the baby, which turned out to be a breech baby. With absolutely no knowledge or experience as a mid-wife, this wonderful sister told me how she finally was able to deliver this baby.

The first part of the baby showing was the buttock, which she was able to pull out, then the legs, and then the shoulders. However, at this point, she could not get the head to come out. She became desperate, calling out to the father, who was driving, "I don't

know what to do. The head will not come out, and your wife has no more strength to push! What shall I do?" The desperate father cried out, "My baby will die!"

The poor, exhausted mother knew that only one of them could survive and prayed, "Dear God, please take my life and let my baby live!"

And now, for the miracle!

At this point, the would-be mid-wife had a sudden thought: she again took hold of the baby's shoulders and turned them slightly, at which point the head slid out of the mother's body, completing the baby's birth.

She called to the driver, "The baby is born!" He called back, "I don't hear it cry. It must cry!"

She then grabbed a towel, which she wrapped around the baby, shook the baby, and the baby cried!

She modestly told me that the doctors and nurses at the hospital congratulated her on a job well done. By the way it was a little girl. I am writing this to let that little girl know, when she grows up, about her exciting and unusual entry into this world.

Also, following the Unification Church tradition of praying for a new baby before its birth, using special Birth Candles, I was able to find and prepare the Birth Candles used for their previous child, and pray for their new baby after she had already been born. This is an acceptable offering in the Unification Church Tradition. ❖

## CORRECTION

# UTS 25th Commencement

Due to a production error, the end of Dr. Hendricks' report was deleted in last month's issue. Here is the missing segment.

### Striving for Excellence

The real story of the 2001 Commencement is the story of a community that pulled together for the greater glory of God and True Parents. The students, staff and faculty, and entire Red Hook church community coaxed into view the beauty of Barrytown. There was the Controller, Cliff Yasutake, cutting lawns and budgets wherever he could find one. There was a new community member, Marcus Thonett, doing miraculous restoration work on the statuary, with the help of his wife Tessa, our Seminary Admissions Director. Patrick, Michael, Joseph, Mary—you haven't looked this good in years. There were Michael and Kufre Akpan (UTS '98), Daniel, Jacques and Adamson scraping and painting walls and doorways inside and out. At all hours Jae Sook Park, Fumishige Kobayashi, Mr. Yu, Roger Burbury (UTS '86), Insung Moon and virtually everyone was cleaning, mopping, dusting and washing. There was Shawn Byrne and his family cleaning the windows of the breezeways. Chris and Gillian Corcoran mobilized the local high school Sunday School group to plant hundreds of flowers around the front of the building. Gillian and Vera Tsumagari did the traditional "stay-up-all-night-making-flower-arrangements" condition, including last-minute requests for everything we could possibly in anyone's wildest imagination have use for,

and Chris Corcoran's work with the media led to front-page stories in the Poughkeepsie and Kingston papers.

Special mention goes to Howie Callies, who was everywhere at once mowing, moving, carting and clearing. Eternal thanks goes to Dr. Jaekil Park, our school physician and Board of Trustees member, who has been investing for years with love for our hills and dales. Together, Dr. Park and Mr. Callies turned a wilderness into a parkland. The parking for over 200 cars and six buses could have been a tangled up traffic jam, but went extremely smoothly due to the preparation of lots, routes, ropes, flags and signs by underclassman Keith McMurdie. The Tanabe's, Yuichi and Jennifer, served with love setting up the sound system for the two halls and jumped into the "Last Minute Productions" mode to produce the "UTS 2001" video.

There was our indefatigable kitchen staff led by Reiko Mickler, with Etsuo Iwamoto, Kazunori Arase, Mary France Dougherty, Misako Park and many more. When the lunch schedule changed with 24-hours notice, they gracefully digested it and did what they had to do: stay up most of the night. To the guest, everything seems effortless, and it should, because of the effort invested by the host.

Then there were Vera, Johanna Forringer, Kyoko Hussein, Eiko Suzuki, Sayuri Sanchez, Junko Williams and many other sisters who recreated the True Family suite, dining room and bathrooms into their best-ever condition. And we can never forget the brick and mortar and nuts and bolts guys,

Joe O'Connell, who restored walls and painted True Parents' suite and the chapel (40 feet off the ground), Phil Silvernail, who figured out how to hang the chapel banners and actually did it, and Carl Verderber, known also as Charlemagne, who seems able and willing, even driven, to fix anything invented by man or beast.

The centerpiece of our heart's concern was the hospitality and love we show our True Parents and True Family. The meals were crucial and Mrs. Kang, Mrs. Roh, Jung Sook, Mrs. Oh, Mrs. Sung, Mrs. Chung Run Kim, and the generous support of Mr. Sato and Mr. Tashiro from the Tenkai Restaurant that made True Parents' meals special. Besides food there is clothing, and Claire Yasutake in particular made a great effort to procure the right regalia for the Honorary Doctorates in Sacred Theology.

Then there is the year-after-year commitment to academic achievement and public responsibility taken by the core Seminary staff. Ute Delaney and Mary McConville, Registrar and Faculty Secretary, maintained an incredibly steady presence taking care of the academic procedures, production of diplomas, production of transcripts and organization of ceremony that undergirds every commencement. Dr. Andrew Wilson, Academic Dean, put the program through at least 7 drafts before arriving at the final, balanced achievement. A final word of deepest appreciation goes to Dr. Michael Mickler for his work organizing and overseeing all aspects of the event.

### Liberating the Cross

This report cannot end without mention of the lightning strike of the Seminary cross. On the evening of June 11, there was a thunderstorm in the mid-Hudson Valley. A bolt of lightning struck the five-foot high stone cross that has stood at the top of our Seminary for its 70 years of existence. The cross is not grounded, so the energy had no place to go but out horizontally. This snapped the cross at its base, separating it from the building, and blew off both arms. One arm fell with the pillar of the cross backwards onto the roof. The other careened forward, with pieces falling upon building parapets and to the ground as far as 60 feet away. No one was hurt, but one car suffered damage.

As a symbol of Christ's suffering and salvific love for all humankind, the cross is heroic and magnificent. But as a symbol of humankind's malice toward God expressed by crucifying His son, the cross induces pain and sorrowful grief to God. While a symbol of God's victory, it is also a symbol of human sin. In 1974, Father Moon directed that the cross remain atop our Seminary. Upon hearing of its demise this June, he said that it is now time for all crosses to come down.

In its place, the Unification Theological Seminary will help raise up a banner of the oneness of God and humankind, culminating the expectations of all religions, beyond the cross into the resurrection and life eternal on earth and in Heaven. For this cause we gratefully offer our 25<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony. ❖





**PAUL  
CARLSON**

# Gardening Tips

After a few weeks you'll be much tougher, and will no longer have to worry much about either.

But you don't have a green thumb? Hang out with someone who does, and learn as you go. Talk to your local nurserymen. They love to dispense advice, especially if you catch them when their place isn't too busy.

Don't even try for a picture-perfect landscape, such as you'll see in a fancy magazine. Use their articles for ideas, sure, but don't worry about equaling those super-models of gardening.

How to begin? Make a plan, with a list of plants and gardening tools, and a basic site map. Do you want to plant seeds, or spend a little more on seedlings? Or still more on already-grown plants?

Some plants are sturdier than others. In some out-of-the-way corners, I have literally planted cactuses. Do you want annuals or perennials? Tall or short? A large grouping (of the same plant), or a colorful variety?

Will your plants be in the ground, or will you have pots, or window boxes? Indoors or out? Is the area shaded or in full sun? Narrow or wide? If you rent, or do not plan to stay long, you'll want to water your plants with a hose, or a watering can.

But if you (or your congregation) own the land, you can install an irrigation system. This will save a lot of effort later on, and with a timer, it ensures that the watering will never be forgotten. Here in drought-prone California, if you put in a water conserving landscape, our local water agency will pay for half the equipment.

Again, you can hire a landscaper, or do it yourself. It's not that difficult. If you played with Tinkertoys, or model kits, when you were a kid, you'll be able to handle PVC irrigation piping.

## Helpers

Everyone can participate in gardening. Even small children can help, fetching seeds or holding the water hose. They love it! I've received practical assistance from our Second Generation teenagers. They've even done things like swing a pickax, in order to lay a new water pipe under a paved area.

The church dads can show off their power tools, and probably some unsuspected skills. Before you know it, the whole project will be completed. Make it a picnic! Because I'm gardening in an area frequented by children, I decided not to use chemical sprays. This turned out to be a good decision. In my experience, expensive bug sprays killed harmful aphids for a week—and then they swarmed right back. Roundup only killed weeds for about a week, too.

When I released live ladybugs, they devoured every aphid in sight, and continued doing so for more than two months. Dense ground-cover plants will literally crowd out most weeds. (You'll all have to cooperate on this, because you *cannot* use both.)

## Games

You probably have, or know, a kid who hates to be pried away from those video games. In that case, don't just fight it—slip in a little video gardening!

There is a video game from Natsume called "Harvest Moon, Back to Nature." It's a 'roll playing' game available for Playstation, Nintendo, and a couple of other systems.

In it, you get to run a small farm in a forested village. The player becomes responsible for his farm's plants and animals, caring for them each day. He also interacts with the villagers, remembering birth-

days, entering festivals, etc.

The seasons pass while the player makes friends, spends a fruitful day, and accumulates supplies. I've even seen kids using paper and a calculator to map out farm expansion plans.

It's nonviolent, and I found it quite realistic. It comes highly recommended by my Junior Panel of Advisors. (One version also allows the main character to be a girl.)

Just a smidgen of heaviness: most of the horrible people you see in the news started out small. Those school shooters were picked on, and got angry, and went on prescription drugs to bury that anger—for a while. Guys who hurt people usually hurt animals first.

A child who loves gardening can be a healthy child, physically and emotionally. Plants are dependent on our care, and will respond beautifully to our attention.

An adult who gardens can find it deeply fulfilling. On a larger scale, it provides many rewards.

Do you like to eat? *You'll* feel a lot closer to the farmers who make that possible. Also, home-grown vegetables are cheaper, better tasting, and more nutritious.

Would you rather live in a broken-down slum, or a nicely landscaped neighborhood? Somebody does all that landscaping! Is it a noisy, hurried "mow, blow, and go" commercial landscaper, or has someone really put their heart into it? Maybe that person should be you.

Many people crow about their love for nature. Some even make policies that cut off water from firefighters and farmers, and give it to some obscure fish. But only a few of those people could really tell a cactus from a crocus, or manage to grow either. You'll know how, and your love will be real.

Remember, we are each responsible for the Creation. Paintings of the Garden of Eden, and of the Paradise yet to come, always depict a lush, green landscape. Next time to see one, look carefully for the happy gardener. ♦

This month's column has a different focus than usual. We're going to talk about nature, in a local and personal sense. I assure you, this column has not been taken over by Martha Stewart. (You can ask the editor if you don't believe me.)

For most of my life I've been a gardener. My back yard always had a vegetable patch, and when I pioneered in Idaho we had four large gardens. These days I'm a volunteer landscaper at the local Family Church, which has a couple acres of property.

So, is this a serious, heavy issue? Does the fate of the nation, the Providence, and of humanity itself, rest on it? Not exactly. But it is important.

Our members are making tremendous efforts to witness to people. Guests are welcome at our Family Churches, at Principle workshops, and in the homes of our members. We go to great lengths to 'prepare the atmosphere' for these guests, cleaning and decorating.

This preparation is important. Whether or not they actually say anything, people form opinions about us in many ways. A clean and neat building will give them a good impression.

But what about outside the building? In past years, our members lived in utilitarian 'church centers,' which did little more than provide a roof overhead during the all-too-brief hours between fundraising and other activities.

Today, many of our members rent apartments. In most such cases, someone else gets to worry about the yard, if any. We've purchased numerous church buildings, and some members have bought houses of their own. With these come property, and the need for landscaping. At this point, 'caring for nature' goes from a vague theory to a serious responsibility. It also becomes part and parcel of the impression guests will have about our movement and, indirectly, its Founder.

## Landscaping

Here in California, fresh water and electricity are getting scarce. With scarcity, prices have risen. Wages have also increased, so the option of paying a commercial gardener has become quite expensive.

What's left? The very bedrock of American proficiency: Do It Yourself. Sure, it takes time, and a certain measure of skill, but think of the rewards.

You are able to fulfill the Principle's Third Blessing in a substantial way. You get some good exercise, which (admit it) you could probably use. You can even turn it into a family activity, and pry your kids away from those video games for a while.

In my local congregation, people can fulfill a measure of one's expected 'volunteer hours.' Your home and church will become a beautiful dwelling for God.

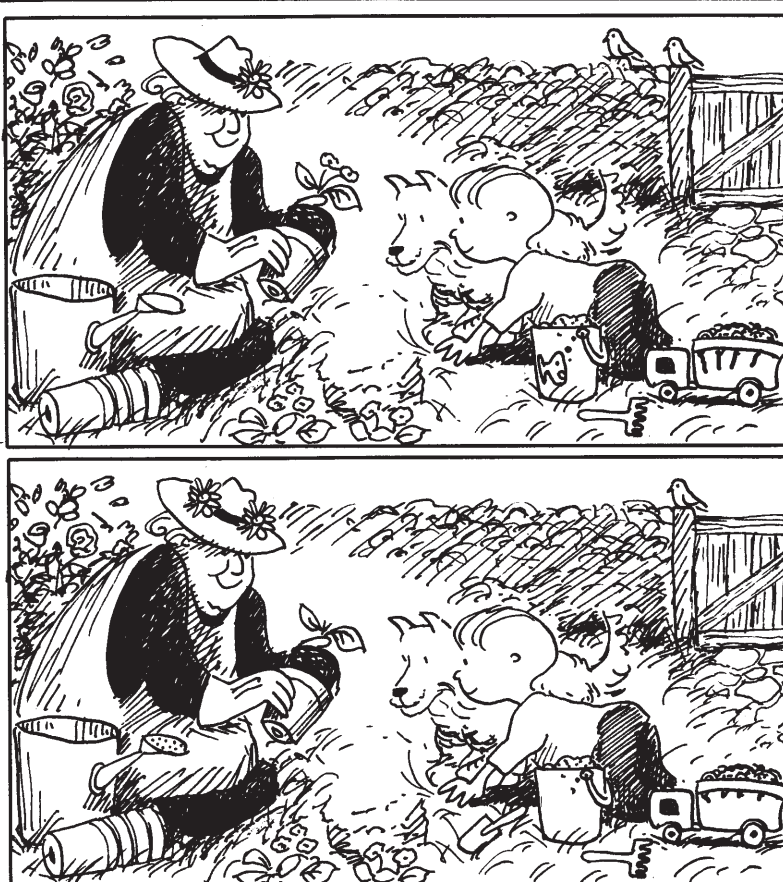
There's no time, you say? I truly doubt that. In the time it takes to watch one Hollywood movie, you can plant a whole bed of actual flowers. These will offer beauty to you, and everyone else around, for a long time to come. Instead of jogging, grab that shovel!

## Tips

When you grab that shovel, make sure to put on some work shoes and sturdy leather gloves. Also, slather on the sunscreen. No need for blisters or sunburn!


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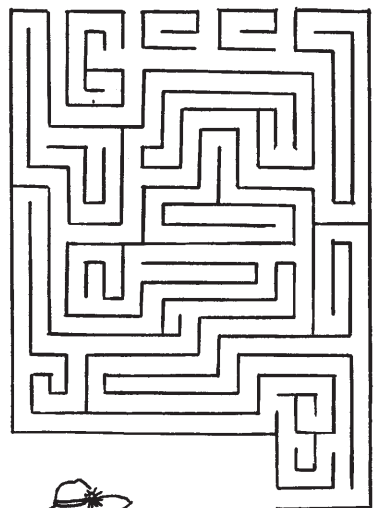

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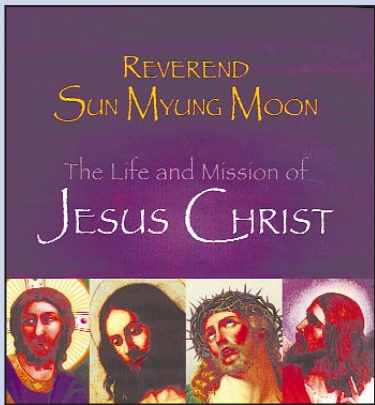
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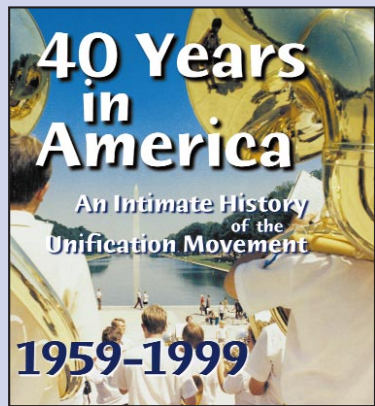
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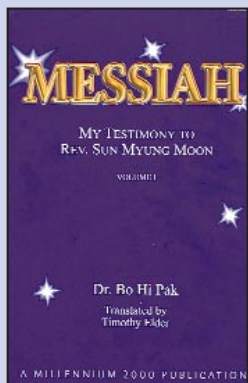


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