

## The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk

by Michael Balcomb

A full four hour before the start of the morning's program, February 6th, 2003, the grand hall at Chungpyung Holy Mountain (Chungpyung Lake Heaven and Earth Training Center) was absolutely jam-packed as the first of more than 10,000 expected guests made sure of their place in the historic "Cheon Il Guk Blessing" of True Parents and of all Blessed Couples.

Billed as the "Marriage of the Lamb" by US Family Federation President Michael Jenkins, this Blessing was held along with the joint celebration of True Parents' birthday. "Of all the events in human history, today's is the most important," said Rev. Hwang Sun Jo in his opening greetings. "One day when you go to spirit world you will realize just how important it was for you to be here today. You will be eter-see **BLESSING** on page 14



GRAEME CARMICHAEL

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

By 3 AM on February 6 the main hall at Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center was filled with Blessed Central Families all in the Holy Robes and beautiful lavender scarves. Most of the participants had their 8 x 10 Photo of their spouse hanging in front. It was holy and beautiful.

The ceremony wasn't to begin until 7 AM but people didn't care, they were so happy to be part of it. About 10,000 attended. 6,000 upstairs in the main hall. 2000 in the cafeteria downstairs, 1000 in the small hall on the 1st floor and 1000 in Lecture hall 8 on the hillside. All were directly linked with powerful sound and the closed circuit TV projected on large screens.

Our brothers and sisters attitudes were so great. It was a fine hour for America, Europe and all the 185 nations of the world. It was quite inspiring to see a sea of blessed see **CHEON** on page 15



**FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM**

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

*This speech was given at the Jamsil Gymnasium, Seoul, Korea, on February 6, 2003.*

I would like to truly thank all of you who have gathered here to congratulate me on my 83rd birthday and my wife, President Han Hak-ja, on her 60th birthday.

But above all else, I would like to return all this glory to God, who has protected and looked after me until this day.

My life is such that you cannot explain it without God, and in this truly meaningful place, I would like to speak to all of you today with thanks in my heart. The title of my talk today is, "God's True Love and the Liberation of the Relation-

ship of Heaven and Earth and Humankind."

Throughout human history, all people have talked a lot about God, or the Absolute Being. They have praised and worshipped Him in many different ways, and in other ways they have felt free to evaluate Him. There have even been some people declaring that there is no God, or that God is dead. However, there has not been one instance in which God Himself appeared directly saying, "This is how I have lived." There have been many people who have prophesied that, with the development of science, the people who believe in God would disappear. However, the number of people who believe in God in modern society is not diminishing. God is the living origin of all things, the Creator, the True Parent of humankind.

# God's True Love and the Relationship of Heaven

The God that I have been teaching about is not just some vague or obscure God. From the time I first experienced God at the age of 16, when I was worrying about the meaning of life and the universe, I have lived my whole life in communication with God. The driving force which has preserved my life of suffering, during which I have touched the boundary between life and death, is the living God's promise and my absolute faith.

I searched every corner of the spiritual world. I met the five great holy men and many other saints and sages, and I received their official recognition of my mission. Ladies and Gentlemen! God is the most decent and modest being, and He is the True Parent of humankind. He

is the origin of all our lives, and He is the being with whom all people must establish a relationship. Also, the one thing that you all must know clearly is that the spiritual world, the world that we must all someday go to, does exist. You must not doubt the existence of the spiritual world or have some vague belief in God.

I have set a record in sponsoring many "God Conferences," something which has no parallel in history. The first three conferences I held in the 1980's, attended by representatives from each religion and each denomination, as well as by outstanding theologians and religious scholars, caused a great sensation.

There were three main points that I wanted to teach through these confer-

## C A L E N D A R

### FEBRUARY 2003

- 1 Hoon Sook Nim's 40th birthday
- 3 Yeon Jin Nim's 22nd birthday
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing
- 6 True Parents' Birthday
- 7 4th Anniversary 360 Million Blessing
- 8 28th Anniversary 1800 Blessing
- 13 3rd Anniversary 400 Million Blessing
- 16 1st Anniversary 400 Million Blessing
- 17 Shin Man Nim's 3rd birthday
- 20 In Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim's Blessings
- 21 Kwon Jin Nim's 28th birthday
- 22 Anniversary of Father Entering Heungnam
- 23 27th Day of Victory of Earth
- 27 Parents of Heaven and Earth Declaration

### MARCH 2003

- 2 Dong-sook nim's 48th Birthday (lunar)
- 12 Shin-won nim's 15th Birthday (lunar)
- 18 Han Seung-oon's Ascension (1979)
- 21 Jin-sung nim's 41st Birthday (lunar)
- 24 6000 Years' liberation (2002)
- 29 Shin-chul nim's 11th Birthday (lunar)
- 31 Hyun-jin nim & Jun-sook nim's Blessing (1987)
- 8th Anniversary of the São Paulo Declaration

### APRIL 2003

- 2 44th True Parents' Day
- Sung-jin nim's 57th Birthday (lunar)
- 3 Shin-nyu nim's 1st Birthday (lunar)
- 6 Moon Yong-su Dae Hyung nim's Ascension Day
- 7 8th Anniversary of Declaration of Blessed Families
- 10 10th Anniversary of Declaration of True Parents and the Completed Testament Age (1993)
- 10 11th Anniversary of World-Level Blessing of Married Couples (1992)
- 11 Jin-hun nim and Un-jin nim's 17th Blessing Anniversary
- 12 Shin-hwa nim's 15th Birthday (lunar)
- 12 17th Anniversary of 2nd Generation 36-Couple Blessing (1986)
- 16 8th Anniversary of Kwon-jin nim & Hwa-yun nim's Blessing
- 8th Anniversary of Sun-jin nim & In-sup nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 43rd Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Blessing (1960) (lunar)
- 17 5th Anniversary of the Declaration of Opening the Door of the Realms of Eldersonship, Parentship and Kingship
- 27 1st Anniversary of the 144,000-Couple Clergy Blessing
- 28 Shin-yea nim's Ascension (2001)



# Liberation of the and Earth and Humankind

ences: Firstly, that although each religion has its own special and unique character, there are actually many more points in common between religions. Secondly, the conflict and disharmony that exist between religions is due to the narrow-mindedness of the believers themselves, and it is absolutely not the will of the absolute being. Thirdly, God desires the realization of true love rather than any emphasis on belief or ceremony.

The papers and discussions that were presented at these conferences are still being used today as a textbook in the top theological seminaries of each denomination. From that time forward, the spirit of sincere dialogue and cooperation between each denomination was begun. Such dialogue and cooperation had hitherto been blocked by the high walls that had been erected between them. Since then I have invested a great amount of money each year to expand the Religious Federation and the Supra-religious Peace Association in each country and throughout the world.

For three days, beginning on December 26 last year in Washington D.C., I held a different level of "God Conference." During that time, under the theme "God and a World of Peace", 312 participants, including not only religious leaders from all corners of the world, but also representatives from politics, academia, the media, business, culture and the arts, and from various NGOs, gathered together.

God is not just the God of believers. He is the God of all people. Especially at this time, we are living in an age in which God stands before the world, not just as some vague and abstract God, but as a God with a definite purpose and will. It is an age of great change in which all people must awaken to this God. It is a time in which all people must awaken to the fact that modern people are buried within the whirlpool of individual, family, national and world-level problems, which will never be solved if God is ignored.

At this conference, the 312 participants adopted a resolution that declared the following:

Firstly, that they would recognize and establish the God who is the True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner, and the substantial True Parents, as the vertical axis of absolute value for the individual, the family, the nation and the world.

Secondly, that they would cooperate with and follow the resolution of the five Saints and all the sages in the spiritual world to join together and help people on Earth to bring about the completion of God's will.

Thirdly, that they would actively support and join together with the movement to realize true love, with the movement for the reform of the United Nations, as well as with the other plans of True Parents in order to realize the ideal of a peaceful world.

The ultimate purpose of reli-



gion is to recover the original father and the original country. The word "religion" does not have humankind as its prime object. Rather, religion is the teaching in which God, the parent, is established as the head. There is a certain course through which we establish a relationship with God and mature in a life of following God. Therefore, holy men and women have to support the will of Heaven and they have to declare what has been preordained by Heaven.

A true religion must teach people about God. A true religion should not have some vague ideas about God; a true religion must be able to give a clear picture of God so that people can understand Him. A religion which makes compro-

mises concerning the relationship between God and man cannot be called a religion of a higher order. That kind of religion will finally decline.

A true religion must teach people how to know God clearly, how to become one with God, and how to return to the original world of creation. The purpose of religion is to make a world without sin, the ideal world where we establish the original relationship with God.

God is not seeking a religious world, but His ideal world of creation. The purpose of religion is not for the religion itself, but to realize the world of God's ideal. So we have to think about the purpose and ideal of creation. God created the world, so it is necessary to explain

this ideal of creation.

What do you think God's will is? It is to complete His ideal of creation. What do you think that God wanted to achieve through creating our human ancestors, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden? God, who is the essence of love, created humankind because He needed a partner of love.

Humans were created as the true sons and daughters of God so that God's ideal of true love could be realized. They were to grow as a true man and a true woman, then become husband and wife, create an ideal family, and then make an ideal country and world. To repeat once again, centering on the true love of God, they should have perfected the ideal family, expanding this to make the ideal world. But because of the Fall of our human ancestors, God's ideal of creation was destroyed at that time.

Accordingly, the purpose of religion is to find a true person, a true family, a true nation, and a true world, where all people can live together in peace. This is the purpose of God's Providence for this world.

Religion is seeking a "good" world. However, a good world cannot be realized before a good country is first established. And for a good country to appear, there must be first a good race, and before there is a good race, there must first be a good tribe, and before there is a good tribe, there must first be a good family. And before there is a good family, there must first be a good man and a good woman.

What was the purpose of the 4,000 years of the history of Israel after the fall of Adam? Externally, it was a time in which the world developed, but internally, the sole purpose of this time period was to find one true child, to find the true Adam. The fact that, due to the Fall, there was not one son or daughter who could inherit the life and blood lineage centering on God's love, was God's deepest grief and resentment. Thus, the person who God made again as the owner of true love, life and the blood lineage and sent him to this world is the Savior.

According to different points of view, this person has been called the Savior, the Messiah, and the Lord of the Second Advent. He comes as the Savior to rescue all people in this world from poverty, from suffering, from war and from evil, and, centering on the Absolute Being, God's will for salvation. He is the mediator who will connect all religious people to the way of life. He has been called the Messiah in the first and second Israel, and has been called the Lord of the Second Advent in God's Providence of Restoration. The names Savior, Messiah, or Lord of the Second Advent have all been used centering on the course of salvation and restoration.

Restoring fallen men and women, who have been born and have lived in conflict and in sin through their connection to false parents and false ancestors, to the position they were in before the Fall, does not mean that everything has been accomplished. The will of God and the original hope of humankind is to become the ideal person of the original world of creation and to complete the ideal world of creation. This

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means that after becoming an individual who has achieved God's ideal of love, he or she should then become a husband and wife of true love and then become true parents.

In order for this to happen, God absolutely needs the True Parents as the source of God's true love, true life and true lineage. So, in order to complete God's Providence of Salvation, it is not one man, the Savior, the Messiah, or the Lord of the Second Advent, who must appear, but it is the True Parents, husband and wife, who resemble God completely and who have completely realized His true love, who must appear.

In the same way that God first created Adam and made Adam's eternal partner by taking a rib from him, God's son, the restored Adam, must first appear, and then restore Eve, and then, by recreating her, realize the ideal of true love, completing the role of True Parents. The source of humankind's true love and true life begins from the True Parents and in them is the true model of the ideal of true husband and wife and true parents.

Humankind's sin and suffering originated in the false love of the fallen ancestors, who were born as the fruit of false parents and false ancestors. Accordingly, the only way to complete the ideal and be liberated from the connection to the Fall is through the coming of True Parents. The original ideal of humankind, which has been sought through religion, and that the world has been waiting so eagerly for, are the True Parents, who will fulfill God's ideal of love.

We can say that religion is the place where humans are remodeled. If there had been no Fall, then religion would have been unnecessary. Religion is the way to remodel humans, whose mind and body are in conflict due to the Fall, into becoming peaceful people who will not fight for eternity, but who will become God's substantial objects. It is where people are changed into original people of true character, resembling God.

When we look at our mind and body, the body is the base of the evil spir-

it Satan and the conscience is the base of God. Generally speaking, the body directs the mind. Religion is the way to attack the body which is controlling our mind, trying to weaken it. Religion teaches that the body is the thing that is to be most disliked. Religion commands us

to fast, to serve, to sacrifice ourselves, to go the way of suffering and even to offer our lives for the sake of righteousness. The logic behind the seemingly paradoxical teaching of the Bible, "Those who seek to die will live, and those who seek to live will die", is that if you live

according to the desires of your body, you will go the way of death into hell, but if you kill your body and enter the realm where your conscience is liberated, you will have eternal life and go to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The person who is unable to unify his or her mind and body and allows this struggle to continue, will not be able to become accustomed to God's unified ideal world of love. Usually, people say that if you believe in a particular religion, you will go to Heaven or Paradise. However, Heaven is the place only for God's children, whose mind and body have become one, centered on God's love.

The love of the fallen world is usually a love centered on oneself, and this is centered not on the mind, but on the body. The body is the devil's dancing hall. The original mind should take the subject position in place of God, but the body becomes another subject and plays with the original mind as with a puppet. This is what we have to change. Religion is the repair shop which God made to fix this. It is the repair shop which remodels humans into perfect people of true character, whose mind and body are one for eternity.

Religion teaches us not to rest, but to pray unceasingly. The devil doesn't rest and uses the body as its horizontal stage all 24 hours. As God is in the vertical position, He can only perform His works through the vertical mind. In order for the body not to be controlled by the horizontal body, the mind itself has to stand in the vertical position through prayer and devotion and by doing this it can receive three or four times a greater power from God.

If you live a life of sincere prayer and devotion for between three to five years, the mind can be liberated from the body's horizontal and habitual influence.

Leading a religious life is not something that you can choose to do or not to do. Because fallen men and women were born with a connection to the fallen love and fallen parents centered on Satan, then without exception all people must absolutely pass through the repair shop of religion, meet the True Parents, and establish a connection of True Love and True Life with them.

There is one important point you have to know. You should not go to the repair shop and stay there forever, you must emerge reborn. The religious life is the required course for all humankind; however, the

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WHAT IS CHEON IL GUK?

by Reverend Moon

This is an excerpt from a speech given on January 31 at CPL.

**T** rue Parents blessing was on April 11, 1960. How much indemnity had to be paid to allow for the establishment of True Parents? Now you are here as families preparing to be owners of Cheon Il Guk. To be owners you must unite your mind and body together as one.

You must become a seed of True Parents. How does a seed go forward. Does it go up first or go down. It goes down into the fertilizer and then sprouts into a beautiful creation. This is the process by going down and sacrificing we actually lay the foundation for prosperity.

As we read the "Way of Unification" we should create our own historical thesis based on Father's fundamental teaching. The books used for the 50 day training are the fundamental books that are the core of Father's teaching. We must write a thesis based on these core teachings by April. Father will choose the best 12 to become historical records of your reflections.

Way of Unification is our Hoon Dok for this morning. You must follow and understand the spirit world. Latter on you must read the original text book. You must read Korean. This must be the only language. You must master Korean. If you stay in Korea for a year or year and one half you can master Korean.

This book has a huge content. These are essential ideas. Now time has come. The fortune of Unification is coming.

This is the turning point. History is the struggle between Hellenism and Hebraism. Why did Hellenism appear. Also, in terms of the religious world theism is the oldest thought.

With the "Way of Unification" in two hours you can understand all of human history until today. You are beyond all this history. If you know this you can bring hope to all mankind. You must know this content.

What will you do to go to the next level. When peo-



ple talk about the savior and second coming they can't understand without this understanding the principle of resurrection. The 1st coming was not received by Israel. 2nd coming must occur.

Now we must bring OT, NT and CT into one. True Parents have established the foundation. True Parents can untangle all of the history of mankind. God had Adam but never achieved the 3rd gen. (Grandchildren). God is the first generation, Adam 2nd, grandchildren 3rd. All were lost. All three generations. The false lineage started at this point.

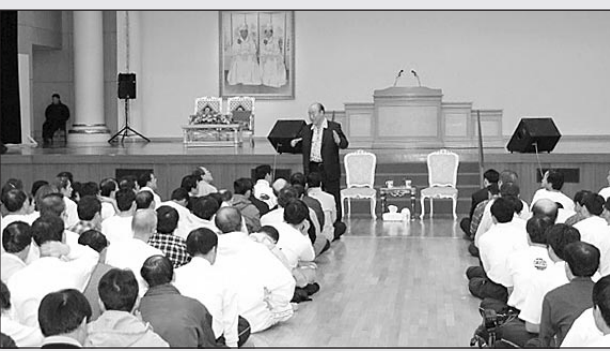
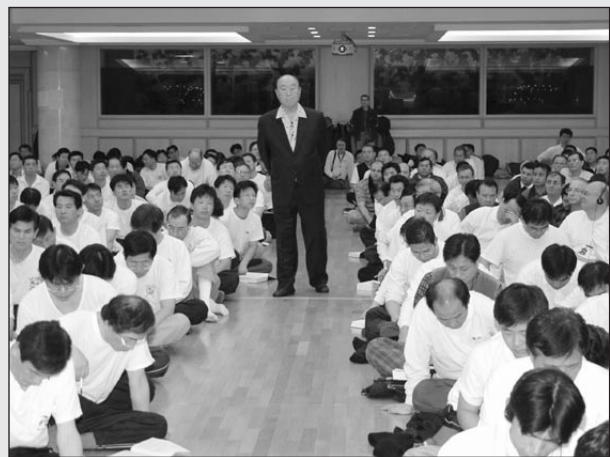
To restore this took several thousand years until today. Righteous people suffer and sacrifice. How much are you united with True Parents. You must know this clearly.

What is Cheon Il Guk? It is the world level. From the individual to the family to nation to world. What does the Family Pledge say at the beginning? As "owners of Cheon Il Guk." By becoming owners we can share equal value. All mankind came to share this benefit equally.

What is the meaning of Cheon Il Guk. Two persons become one. Up and down, left and right, front and back. Every dimension of the pair relationship is united as one. That is the Kingdom of God on earth. Centered on the blessed family we can build the Kingdom of God.

Now there is new terminology introduced—Chun-Joo Pumo (Parents of heaven: God), ChunJi Pumo (Parents of heaven and earth: True Parents.) This way we can usher in the Kingdom of Heaven. Family pledge number 8 teaches us Absolute Faith, Absolute Love, Absolute Obedience. On top of this goes God's absolute mind which is perfectly united as one mind and body through TP. Then the 8 stages can expand from there. God's side is totally harmonious.

The Holy Blessing of True Parents on the third stage and the Coronation of True Father has been the deep desire of God since the time of Adam. ❖



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Opening Ceremony for the Cheon Il Guk Award Nominees

by Reverend Moon

This is from a speech given February 1st at the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. These are notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins from the translation by Mrs. Hee Hun Standard.

Think about how difficult it was that all throughout human history there was no religion that could bring the blessing. But we have been able to bless millions of couples both on earth and in the spirit world.

This is all because True Parents were able to establish the Tree of Life. Now having grafted into the Tree of Life. The Blessed Families can expand.

Look at the Coral reef. It is a most beautiful living organism. The beautiful nature of the Ocean is so captivating that if you really understand it you would want to live there.

Water is so beautiful. As long as it flows it will remain pure and clean. Our blood which carries all of our nutrients is flowing. Over 75% of our body is water.

Look at the trees, some live for century after century. Which do you think is getting more nutrition, the human beings or the trees. Who created those plants or trees that live so long. As a human, how long do you want to live. Some religions say that we can live forever physically.

If humans were to live forever, there would be no place for the spirit world. If this were the place, the universe would revolt. If we don't have the spiritual eternal life there would be no reason to exist. Which is more important the mind or the body? If we act on the bodily desires we will perish. If we act on the mind, we will prosper. Hellenism is based on the body centered thought or materialism. It promotes the theory of conflict. It promotes the idea that everything develops through struggle. That is not correct. This theory is not correct. If this were correct we would not be able to prosper. Father's thought counters this. Progress is not made through conflict but through harmonious give and take action.

How about our relationship with God. God is a plus. Now if we try to be in the plus position with God there will be a struggle. Is your mind and body struggling? If so raise your hands. You only raise one hand? Your mind and body are struggling right? I can't believe you if you don't raise both hands!! In fact you should raise your feet at the same time. (Everyone leaned back—sitting on the floor—with both hands raised and both feet raised!) Now you say that your mind and body is struggling and now you tell me that you are here to receive an award from True Parents? Would you call yourself Sons and Daughters or swindlers? Did you come here out of joy while dancing? Koreans, Japanese and Westerners all answer differently. (Everyone is laughing). Therefore we are not really united.



We should clearly understand who is on the good side and who is on the evil side. At least we should be firmly standing on God's side. We have been zigzagging. God's speed is not zigzagging. It goes completely straight.

When we talk about God's love, we say it is absolute, unique and eternal. The universe will say yes that's right. The solar system is so exact and precise. If it was off for a second it would be destroyed. However, it doesn't because it has perfect order. The world should exist in the order of love. Everything should be established with absolute orderliness. Mansei? Mansei is only 10,000. We should say. We should say OK Man Mansei representing 10 billion !! Truly forever a victory!

What about a person with a Ph.D. A Ph.D. doesn't know that much. It just means that they have a lot of knowledge in a very limited areas. Someone could have a Ph.D. on the life of ants. But is that that important? It really doesn't mean that much. There is a more important

focus of our life. That is in becoming sons and daughters of God and building a True Family.

Did you come to give and award to Father or to receive an award? You might say, Father, I should be recognized because in spite of persecution, I have been following you. Do you think that is good enough. I have been telling you to become a person without any shadow. Can you say that you are a part of God's body? What do you want to be, part of God's finger or his mucous?

Would you want to be part of God's mind? If you are filled with greed, God wouldn't want any part of it. The only thing that can please God is absolute love. Does God have a wife? Plus and minus, when they come together, they can be explosive. God's object partner was meant to be man and woman in oneness. Still there is a hope. Let's say God is representing up and children represent down

coming together. Men in the east, women in the west coming together. Then there is vertical and horizontal movement forming a sphere. A vertical relation-

ship alone is not good enough. It must come together with the horizontal.

Do you want to live with God.? Which has more potential to live with God, the mind or the body. Mind is closer. However, the body has been blocking the mind quite a bit. We have to understand the process of the fall. We have to have unique, unchanging and eternal love. You may not understand why your mind and body is in conflict. The problem is the mind.

We are about to open Cheong Shim hospital here at Cheong Pyeong. If the mind is absolutely clear then disease can be chased away. We should not just look for medicines. We should however combine the East and West and spiritual medical practices.

We should not be only administering medicine. They should be focused on nature, air and sunlight. Then if the mind is liberated they will not be sick. We should be able to cure them all. Is it good for them to come to the hospital.

Those who are willing to sacrifice themselves will go to the Kingdom of heaven straight. Instead of trying to receive an award, we should be willing to sacrifice anything to live up to Father's directions.

We should be willing to become an owner that is willing to keep our post. Even if we don't have a nation, God will give us everything we need. To have such power, we should be willing to give everything to God. Then give everything to everyone.

We should be willing to visit each home in Korea and the world and restore all humanity to God. Then we can become True Parents.

Americans raise your hands. Japanese. Koreans. Who is a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven? You are liars !!! (Father was smiling.) You need to get that kind of recognition from God. You can't only recognize yourselves. We should substantially demonstrate our willingness to do whatever God wants us to do.

Then God can recognize it. Then we can be a prince and princess and King and Queen.

You came here to receive an award. I hope that you can inherit everything from God. Before you receive an award, you should think about whether you are really qualified. True Parents would like to live with you in one house forever. ❖



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religious life itself is not the basic purpose or the whole purpose of life. The ultimate purpose of human life is to complete the religious life, graduating from living a model life to then living a life as a man and woman of the original world of creation.

Religion came about only because of the Fall, so is it reasonable to say that the sole purpose of life is to live buried within that religion? If there had been no Fall, then how would men and women originally have lived? Humans are originally the children of God. And we should live with true love, realize a true family, and one world of freedom, peace, unity, and happiness. We are supposed to live a life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

God did not create men and women to repair them into becoming His reborn children through religion. Where is there a parent who would want to see his children suffer in conflict while repenting of their sins? Do you think that it was the original will of God the Father, who is the Lord of Creation, omniscient and omnipotent, that He would want to let His children live while suffering in sin?

The fallen world was not the world that God originally planned. The human ancestors' disobedience to God caused God to be unable to realize the world that He had originally planned. God is absolute and His will is also absolute. And God will realize His will again. The will is for complete recovery to the original state. This is why God's Providence of Salvation is the Providence of Restoration, the Providence of Re-creation. Religion is the tool of the Providence of Restoration. People are not just supposed to meet True Parents and go through the course of a religious life; they are supposed to become God's children and establish the connection of parent and child in their life, and attend God and build a world of a faith, which is shown through their daily life.

There has been no one in history who has revealed this precious truth, namely, that humans must graduate from living religious lives. I, who knew God's truth from an early age, did not want to create another sect or denomination. Christianity, which was the central religion of God's Providence, did not accept my teaching of Heaven's way and that is why I had to make the organization, "The Holy Spirit Association for the

# Happy New (Lunar) Year

**F**ebruary 1, 2003 was the Lunar Calendar New Year. Rev. Kwak was the MC for the celebration. Father had on his hanbok that has a red upper jacket and bright golden pants. Mother had a beautiful red hanbok with a pink top and dark maroon bow that is tied. When True Parents came on the stage they did Kyung Beh to Heavenly Father. Father took his seat and True Mother bowed. Then the True Children.

Father had Rev. Kwak read the testimony of Heung Jin Nim about the liberation of ancestors and the unity of religions brought by True Parents through the work of Heung Jin Nim from January 1, 2002. It explains in detail the work at Cheong



Pyeong. Father emphasized that we must understand and participate in this providence to be prepared to live with True Parents in the Kingdom of Heaven. If we violate the heavenly law we cannot be the owner of Cheon Il Guk. This is an age of God's direct dominion.

Father said we should do *Sae Bae*—the special bow to your ancestors that all Kore-

an people do on New Years day. They bow down to the ancestors at their tombs.

Eve failed in her responsibility but True Mother has fulfilled everything. We have indemnified the number 6 through True Mother's 60 years we can inherit everything from heaven, on behalf of all religions in the world. All the separations and divisions must now be restored. We must be able to offer all of these to God. We have to be completely restored. We must restore what was lost in the past. All the was lost was due to the fall. We must restore the True Family. We must bring total equalization and bring total victory.

At night we all played Yute. It was great when Father came down to watch some of the finalist teams. Dr. Yang's team won. ❖



Unification of World Christianity."

It was an association, not another sect or denomination. But even though the Christian world continued to deny, to persecute, to label it as heretical, to turn its face away from us, when our movement started to become bigger, the world began to call us the Unification Church, instead of the long official title. That is how we became the Unification Church. However, from many, many years ago, I have lived in hope of seeing the day when we could take down the church sign, and I even prophesied about that day. Finally, in 1996, we took down the signs and started as "The Family Federation for World Peace."

This was a very important event in the history of humankind. This event was the beginning of a new world which changed the old world, where people lived with the burden of sin inherited from false parents, in suffering and conflict, living a life of faith, in which the only way to find God was through a life of prayer and repentance. It became a world where people could be reborn by receiving the Blessing from the True Parents and by living their lives by just reporting their actions to God.

There is no one who can know the course I have had to take in order to follow the command of Heaven and fulfill my mission as the True Parent, break-

a life of true love can enter the eternal homeland of the ideal world, namely, God's country, the Kingdom of Heaven.

What do you take with you when you go to the spiritual world? Is it money? Or power? Do you take knowledge or honor with you? These things belong to this world, and you must leave all these things when you enter the higher realm. These things have absolutely no value in the eternal, original world and you cannot take them with you.

The spiritual world is the world of love, and the true love that you experience on the earth, especially your life of true love, having received permission through the Blessing from the Parents of Heaven and Earth is the most precious thing and is the only thing that counts in the spiritual world. Please study more deeply about the spiritual world, and, through your life as a blessed couple, become children of God who perfect true love.

What I teach is not based on any teachings of man. And I do not educate people by giving them a moral lesson or in any conventional way. I am instructing you by speaking frankly, with words of life, based on God and the Heavenly Way. If God has given the mission of True Parents to me, you should understand that the relationship you have established with me today is most precious and meaningful. Please keep my words today deep within your hearts. ❖

## Honeymoon in Hawaii February 15-16



# True Birthday Celebration

**W**here on earth can you possibly celebrate your birthday with 20,000 people and still have a warm, intimate affair? Why, in one of Seoul's Olympic Gymnasiums, of course, where True Parents 83rd and 60th birthday was celebrated February 6, 2003.

Among the tight-packed crowds were the three Nobel laureates who had earlier attended the World Summit, and thousands of well-wishers from all over Korea. Birthday greetings were delivered in person by Nobel Peace Laureate Lech Walesa who said "I am a Catholic and will always remain one. I did not come here to change my religion, but to join others in building a culture of peace. Telegrams were



sent by President Kim Dae Jung of Korea and by Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House in the USA, and many others, famous and otherwise.

Of course, True Father used the occasion to remind all the guests of his lifelong quest for religious unity and peace on earth, leading up to the establishment of God's Kingdom, the Cheon Il Guk. Joining with him in that task would be by far the best present that anyone could give.

The entertainment featured acts from all around the world, the highlights being a spectacular dance troupe from Belorussia and, surprisingly a Samba group from Brazil. Very conservative by Rio standards (and it is almost time for Mardi Gras) the group still stood out for their gaudy costumes consisting mostly of neoprene and feathers.

Without pausing for breath, a thousand of the guests joined True Parents



for the congratulatory banquet over at the Lotte Hotel. Father gave a great speech on the path to peace. "religious people must take the lead in building world peace," he said "But before they can do that, they must overcome the three common weaknesses of religion: other worldliness, narrow-mindedness and fanaticism." Knowing this, God is sending True Parents with a new message that can overcome the old divisions.

H.E. Abd-Elaziz Hegazy, Prime Minister of Egypt from 1974-75 echoed this call for religious unity with one of his own. "The children of Abraham must unite," he said "George Bush cannot ignore his Muslim brothers, nor can they ignore their Jewish brethren. Thank you Rev. Moon for bringing us to this task." ❖



## Musical Presentation of True Mother's Life



**T**ue Parents' birthday celebrations concluded with a moving presentation at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center of the new musical based on True Mother's life.

The audience was moved to tears and to smiles as the story of True Mother's

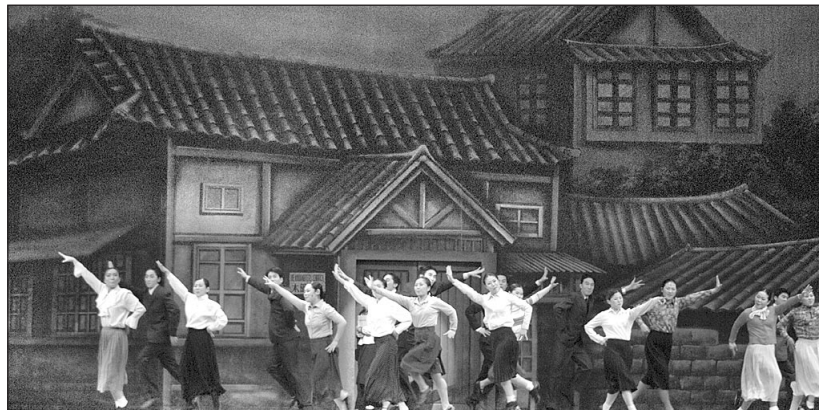
life was told in moving song and dance by the talented troupe.

The story began centuries ago with one of True Mother Hak Ja Han's ancestors offering his entire fortune to build a bridge across an important river for commerce between China and Korea. The legend grew that a princess would

be born to the Jo family, and eventually True Mother was born to Hong Soon Ae, Daemonim, at a dark moment of Korean history during World War II

The action then follows the small family's flight to the South during the Korean War, and how Mother and Father first met, wed, and raised a family under

very trying circumstances. Father's incarceration and victorious release from Danbury was featured and some of the True Family's ordeals in America, but the star of the show was indeed True Mother. ❖



# The Opening of Chungshim Hospital

by Michael Balcomb

**C**hungshim Hospital at Chungpyung Lake is the only one of its kind, combining the best of Western and Oriental Medicine. And there has surely never been another hospital opening like the one held the afternoon of February 6, 2003.

It all began in an ordinarily Korean festive way, with crowds of thousands (literally) close range fireworks and confetti cannons, a top rate marching band from Seoul and a star-studded guest list that included soccer legend Pele and all the local Congressmen. After the presentation of the Korean flag, and a dedication prayer by Rev. Jeong Seok Yoo from Japan, the opening settled into the routine you expect at these events. Your reporter allowed his mind (and his eye) to wander around the hospital atrium in which the ceremony was held.

With the thin wintry sunshine filtering in through the glass roof, the new hospital was literally gleaming with promise and beauty. No mistake about it, this is a top rate facility that would be just at home in Los Angeles or Boston. Everything is new and state-of-the art, including new MRI/MNR and CAT scanners, operating theaters, you name it. Combining seven branches of Western medicine



with three departments of Oriental medicine, the hospital's goal is nothing less than complete health.

True Mother Hak Ja Han Moon, who will chair the board, gave warm greetings to all guests, especially thanking

those who had traveled from abroad to be there. She reminded everyone that God's plan for his children was perfect health in mind, body and spirit. It was only through the Fall that disease and sickness had entered into human history.

"A hospital is like a mother," she said, "and a good hospital must take care of its patients in the same way that a mother takes care of her children." She promised that the Chungshim hospital would set the highest standards for care, compassion and service. However, the hospital stood in the object position to the Chungshim Wanglim Palace, which focuses on the healing and resurrection of the human spirit.

Then True Father Rev. Moon came to the podium for what I think all expected would be a few short words of blessing. Ah, but then has Father ever missed the chance to speak the Word of God? Warming to the theme of mind / body unity as the key to human health and happiness, he began an almost two hour speech that covered all of human history, with special emphasis on the history of Korea since World War II.

"If Korea had accepted God's message that I was bringing 50 years ago this country would be different!" he thundered, "and we would not have two Koreas still divided by the 38th parallel." Time and time again, he said, he had brought God's message to successive generations of Korean leaders, administrations and Christian ministers. Many times they had promised to help, but always pulled back.

"What about you?" he challenged the audience, especially zeroing in on the six Korean Congressmen seated



with increasing discomfort in the front row. It seemed as they examined their consciences, they had to agree that they needed to change.

As the speech progressed, Father became more and more specific about God's providence, about the Second Coming and the need for True Parents. "Humanity has waited 6,000 years for this day!" he said, "so will you not listen to me for one hour?" Then, just as suddenly as it had begun, the providential storm was over, and Father and Mother were offering their benedictions to everyone.

Still reeling from what they had heard, the crowd began touring the hospital. It was all so new, so clean, so impressive. Most of all, the view from the upper floors is truly staggering. Chungpyung lake lies below, and in the distance the mountains march off into the distance right up to the North Korean border just a handful of miles away. If beauty can cure sickness, patients will feel better the moment they step through the doors. ❖

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# The Opening of the Gate to the Cheon-Il-Guk through the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth



**DR. CHANG SHIK YANG**

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This is a brief excerpt from a booklet written under the direction of our True Parents. It is available in full from HSA Publications.

On their birthday, February 6, 2003, the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of humankind, celebrated the "Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Heavenly Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth" and the "Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families" at the Training Center of Heaven and Earth at Cheong Pyeong, South Korea.

The True Parents' holy matrimony held in 1960 was a turning point of human history. Over the next 40 years, in Blessings varying from a few dozen to hundreds of millions of couples, families from 180 nations of the world, notably Korea, Japan and America, participated in holy marriage Blessings. Their motto was, "The Realization of the Kingdom of Heaven through Ideal Families." On this day, all these Blessed couples will be blessed once again, all at the same time.

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon came as the True Parent of humankind with a mission to save nations and the world through the Blessing of marriage. Logically, he should have been blessed originally on a cosmic foundation. However, this did not happen due to misunderstanding and opposition from the key religious bodies that had been prepared for him. Instead, he was blessed on a conditional worldwide foundation. He had to create this foundation himself through laying indemnity conditions, even overcoming situations that left him close to death.

In this, the third year since proclaiming the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity (Cheon Il Guk) and embarking upon the building of the original land of Eden, the curtain has finally fallen on the 6,000-year history for the providence of salvation. Last year we held the Burning Ceremony for Cosmic Peace, Unity and Liberation. In that ceremony all the wrongdoings of Blessed families, whether big or small, committed knowingly or unknowingly, were consumed by fire and cleansed. On that foundation, the age of cosmic peace, unity and equalization could open, giving birth to a new era of oneness between God and humankind.

The foundations for the church-level Blessing on the formation stage and the national level Blessing on the growth stage were laid according to the progress of the providence of restoration, as explained above. Now the world-level Blessing on the completion stage is being held. Its significance is that of the holy marriage Blessing that was to be held in the original Garden of Eden. It is also the global realization of the "marriage supper of the lamb" that Jesus wished to see when he came

to earth 2,000 years ago.

The resolution that was proclaimed on December 25, 2001 by the founders of the five major religions in the spirit world opened the age of unity between the spirit world and physical world. On the foundation of that cosmic-level victory, the True Parents will celebrate this coming event as the True Parents of Heaven and Earth. Further, they will be crowned as the King of the Unification Blessed families in physical world and in spirit world, after which they will convey the Cheon Il Guk Blessing to all Blessed couples worldwide.

In the original ideal world of creation,

ment Age, the realm of the Second Israel, established in the New Testament Age, and the realm of the Third Israel, established in the Completed Testament Age, through this ceremony we are entering the realm of the Fourth Israel in which God can freely work and act. In other words, we are entering a transitional point of history, when the world of peace and freedom can be realized both in the spirit world and physical world.

## Blessing of the True Parents

The returning Messiah comes as the Savior of humanity and the True Parent. What is his mission? His most important

ancestors of humankind. Had Adam and Eve not fallen, but achieved perfection and celebrated the Holy Blessing of Marriage centering on God, they would have become the first True Parents of humankind.

When Jesus came to this earth as the second Adam, he should have celebrated the Holy Blessing of Marriage. The families of Joseph and Zechariah should have united together to help Jesus fulfill this. To this day, nobody has understood Jesus' mind and heart at the wedding in Cana when he reproved his mother Mary for asking him to make wine. He reproved her for being concerned about a neighbor's wedding while she had not prepared a wedding for him, the Son of God, as she should have done.

The returning Christ, who comes as true man, should likewise meet his bride and celebrate the Holy Marriage Blessing. They should become true husband and wife, and at last True Parents. Then, as the substantial true Olive Tree, he should give Holy Marriage Blessings to all humankind, giving rebirth to all people, who are like wild olive trees. People in Old Testament times were redeemed by the ceremony of circumcision, which symbolized separation from Satan. People in New Testament times were redeemed by baptism and the rite of the Eucharist. Finally people in the Completed Testament Age are redeemed fully by the Holy Wine ceremony and Holy Marriage Blessing officiated by the returning Christ.

The present-day international Holy Marriage Blessing ceremonies originated with the Holy Wedding of Reverend and Mrs. Moon held on March 16th, 1960 (lunar calendar). It could be held only after Reverend Moon had completed conditions to indemnify all the providential content of the 4,000 years from Adam to Jesus and the 2,000 years from Jesus to the present. Jesus represented Adam and the returning Messiah represents Jesus.

Before the returning Messiah could become the True Parents, he needed the condition of having three children, that is, disciples who had absolute faith in him. These three disciples represented Peter, James and John, the three main disciples of Jesus 2,000 years ago. These three disciples should have helped Jesus accomplish the ideal of the Bride and Bridegroom. Had they totally supported Jesus, he would have achieved God's original providence on earth without having to go to the cross. Therefore, Reverend Moon arranged the engagement of three spiritual children before his Holy Wedding in 1960. On that foundation, Reverend Moon's engagement ceremony could be held on March 1, 1960 by the lunar calendar.

Soon thereafter, on the 16th of March, Reverend Moon held the Holy Wedding. This was the greatest event in God's providence of salvation. It was an historic event of with significance throughout heaven and earth, yet very few understood it at the time.

The seven years leading up to the Holy Wedding, from 1953 to 1960, was a period of unimaginable persecution against Reverend Moon. During that period, more than 3.6 million people opposed Unifica-

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the cosmos, Chunjoo in Korean, is in the subject position. On the other hand, heaven and earth, Chunji in Korean, refers to the planet earth, which is in the object position. Therefore, the term, Heavenly Parent (Chunjoo Pumonim) refers to the Creator, Jehovah God, and the term Parents of Heaven and Earth (Chunji Pumonim) refers to the original, unfallen Adam and Eve who achieved perfection. Through the upcoming holy marriage Blessing, the Reverend and Mrs. Moon, True Parents of Heaven and Earth, who reached the ideal of oneness with the Heavenly Parent, will connect the actual lineage of God to the earth.

Thus, all humankind is called to participate in this providential event. It is a cosmic event, which the heads of all nations ought to attend as guests to congratulate all the participants. Accordingly, the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace invited political leaders from 120 nations, including current and former heads of state, to attend as Ambassadors for Peace. America is sending representatives from each religious body. Together with leaders from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification from Korea, Japan and America, they are attending in the position of high priests. Further, representatives from each clan in Korea, providentially the central nation of the world, are attending the event as guests.

On the foundation of the realm of the First Israel, established in the Old Testa-

mission is to re-establish the relationship between God the Creator and human beings as that of parent and child. This requires that he sever the link of blood lineage between human beings and Satan, and restore human beings to God. The returning Messiah comes to complete what Jesus couldn't finish: the completion of the God's providence of restoration. Specifically, he appears on the earth as true child, achieves God's ideal of creation, and completes the ideal of the True Parents who are the origin of true love, true life and true lineage.

The returning Lord comes to begin his mission on the foundation of the victorious providence which God had developed to the point of Jesus' death on cross. In other words, he stands on the foundation that Jesus had established—the level of growth stage. Then he finds his Bride, and they become the True Parents and save all the people, as Jesus would have done had he found his bride 2,000 years ago.

As the True Parents of humankind, they celebrate the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony that changes the blood lineage, engrafts humankind into the God's true love, true life and true lineage, establishes true families, and ultimately opens the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

The most important and serious event in the history of God's salvation providence is the Holy Blessing of Marriage, through which God sees the fulfillment of the ideal of True Parents as first good

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tion Church. Persecution came from at least three Christian denominations and the Korean government. Yet amidst this persecution, Reverend Moon single-handedly set up and fulfilled the indemnity conditions necessary to establish God's foothold through the Holy Marriage Blessing.

On that day, Reverend Moon substantially achieved the spiritual and physical triumph by fulfilling horizontally on earth all the vertical conditions of indemnity. Beginning on the individual level, he restored Jacob's victorious standard. On that foundation, he then achieved the victorious standard of the family. The year 1960, when he could start his family, was 14 years after Korea's liberation from the Japanese colonialists. He used that 14-year period as a course to reach the completion level of growth stage, precisely the level Jesus reached when his life on earth was brought to an end at the cross. Thus, it was the first time in history when the separation of the human family from Satan could take place. It was the right time for God to provide him with a Bride. The Bride of the Messiah is not merely an individual bride. She is the center and the representative of all brides in the world. Thus, there appeared the first true family on earth, what God had longed to see through all of human history.

The Holy Marriage Blessing was held in two ceremonies at the Cheongpa-Dong Headquarters Church. The first ceremony signified the installation of the Parents of Restoration through Indemnity and the second the installation of the Parents of Glory.

### Coronation of God's Kingship

The providential work set the stage for one of the most important events in the history of the providence of restoration, the Coronation of God's Kingship, held on January 13, 2001. On that day the

True Parents restored God's original, omniscient and omnipotent kingship on earth and offered it to God.

Through this holy ceremony, which took place on the completion level of the True Parents' promise and proclamation, the True Parents connected the liberated cosmos to God's sphere of love. God cannot sit on His glorious throne until the peaceful Heavenly Kingdom is established in heaven and on earth. Just as the omniscient and omnipotent God could not prevent His children Adam and Eve from falling and changing their blood lineage and sphere of dominion, likewise the returning Christ, as the third Adam, could not hold the Coronation of God's Kingship and serve the Creator God as the



substantial King until he established the foundation of true kingship on earth. He first had to gain victory through the substantial course of indemnity and restore the right of true children and the authority of True Parents. After that, God could truly enjoy happiness, glory and nobility as the Heavenly Parent.

Human history has been the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity, through which God has worked to save humankind. God sends the Messiah as the central figure of history. He comes near the end of the old age in order to bring it to an end and begin a new age, a new history. Thus, Jesus declared that the Old Testament Age was coming to an end and announced the dawning of a new

age, the New Testament Age, and even prophesied the coming of the Second Advent at the close of that age. The Messiah at the Second Coming comes down from Heaven, finds the prepared Bride on earth, and holds the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It should be held amidst loud rejoicing and acclamations of Heaven and earth, on the restored foundation of prepared churches and religious groups in the internal and Abel position, and prepared nations in the external and Cain position.

The providence has accelerated as it approaches the establishment of the Cheon Il Guk, the ideal of God's Kingdom. It will happen in the near future, shortly after the Holy Marriage Blessing of Reverend Moon and Mrs. Moon is held on the conditional foundation of his victorious ministries in Korea, Japan and America.

### The Gate of the Cheon Il Guk

All these providential activities have led up to the event on February 6, 2003, when True Parents celebrate the "Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth opening the Gate of the Cheon Il Guk" in commemoration of True Father's birthday and True Mother's 60th birthday. This ceremony represents the complete opening of the world-level Blessing on the substantial foundation of the Cheon Il Guk.

The Parents of Heaven and Earth are the unfallen Adam and Eve. God is the Parent of Heaven. Through this historic ceremony, God, the invisible Parent of Heaven, and His visible substantial object, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, will be vertically and horizontally united in complete oneness. And on the occasion of that day, the Parents of Heaven and Earth will hold the "Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families for the Cosmic Peace and Unity of Heaven and Earth." Through this unprecedented ceremony, the Parents of Heaven and Earth will substantiate the original Heavenly Kingship restored by the "Coronation of God's Kingship." God as the Parent of humankind will actually settle down and

live in Heaven and on Earth in the figure of the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Accordingly, on that day, the Parents of Heaven and Earth bestowed the Completion Stage Blessing to all Blessed families participating in this historical ceremony. This ceremony fulfilled, on earth, the final stage of the complete world Blessing in the course of the complete restoration of fallen men, following the formation stage church blessing and the growth stage national blessing. Clergymen representing the priesthood, political leaders representing the clans, and Ambassadors of Peace representing the archangels are additional foundations of the Cheon Il Guk. They took part in this special Holy Marriage Blessing, the veritable Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Moreover, through this special ceremony, True Mother, as the complete Substance of Holy Spirit, together with True Father will manifest simultaneously in the spirit world and on earth. From that time forward, God will be embodied through the image of True Parents in a glorious and splendid light.

Through this historic ceremony, the flurry of final proclamations and announcements of the providence of re-creation will draw to an close, and the gate of the original new age of creation will be opened. This is where the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal families of the Cheon Il Guk will settle.

All Blessed families across the globe will participate in this Marriage Supper of the Lamb. They will become the central figures in the Age of Heaven on Earth by uniting with the Parents of Heaven and Earth in the spirit of one mind, one body, one heart and one harmony. All Blessed families participating in this historic Blessing ceremony should live and work as one body by making absolute families with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to the Parents of Heaven and Earth. We, all the Blessed families attending the Holy Marriage of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families, should respond to God's grace with an undivided heart of thankfulness, deep gratitude and determination, and resolve to be the owners of the Cheon Il Guk. ❖

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our foundation out in society. Some would make big foundations, some small, some nothing.

Look at the values expressed in the Chun Il Guk owner award system. It counts 70% for witnessing, 20% for financial giving, 10% for *everything else*, including public missions, participation in mobilizations, attending Sunday service, awards from True Parents, becoming a National Messiah, sending your children on the formula course, etc. From this point of view, the true Chun Il Guk citizen is... you figure it out.

In Luke 13:24-30, we read Jesus' parable about those who try to enter the banquet and can't because the master closed the door. They could have entered, but they were late. They didn't come when invited. In restorational terms, they left the position of Abel. John the Baptist "left the position of Abel." So did Solomon and Charlemagne. This was Ham's failure. They testified that they had been eating and drinking together with the Lord, and hearing his teachings, and the master did not deny it. But he told them they couldn't come in, and even called them evildoers. It seems that the only criteria

in the parable was that they were late. They didn't get in before the owner closed the door. In such parables, Jesus implied that there are time periods; the door is open but it doesn't stay open forever.

I experienced exactly that when I moved into the center, January 20, 1973. I thought I had forever to move in, but the hour that I moved in, I had a tangible spiritual experience of a huge cosmic door slamming shut, and I felt as if I had gotten through that door just one second before it had closed.

In Luke 13:6-9, Jesus gave the fig tree one more year, but during his last week in Jerusalem, he cursed the fig tree and it immediately withered. No more time; the door was closed.

When I knew my tenure as President would soon end, my desire was to go to my hometown. (True Father had another idea.) I hope that UTS graduates can have the heart of pioneers, to be like those New Yorker residents whom Father wanted to cast out into the world to find their own fortune or failure.

When the seminarians arrived in London on July 4, 1978, True Father gave us each 20 pounds and said, go find your home church area. Sleep in the park if you have to. It was so exciting! My youthful days of hitchhiking across America

and back came to my spiritual aid. That night, I fell to sleep in a warm feather bed, having already knocked on 20 doors in my home church area, a veritable dream-like Penny Lane, and wept tears of joy. God is good, all the time.

Father said that if we bring success on the tribal level, God will take care of the rest. God has to take care of the nation, world and cosmos, and He will. "Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?" (Job 38:33) What's amazing about True Father is not how much he does, but how little he does! All he does as a vocation is talk. What's behind and inside his talking, that's the key. When he's done talking, he enjoys recreation, fishing, touring, visiting members. He gives his 1,000% at this, gives the rest to God and to us, and then deals with the results tomorrow.

If we were all one in our mind and body, we could fly out as seeds across the society and build the communities of principled love that registered, representative, blessed, central, purified, anointed, appointed and approved families should.

Sometimes I ask God to please liberate me. Please let me build my foundation to be an owner of the Chun Il Guk.

UTS presidency is a blessing. HSA presidency was a blessing. My life of public mission is a total blessing. I have no complaints at all, only gratitude. But still, by Father's words and Divine Principle, someday I have to go there. I need Father's mercy because I did not make a *real* tribe and *real* Chun Il Guk foundation. Who among us really feels great about submitting our Chun Il Guk award application? I'm sure the first impulse of every member was, no, I can't apply.

With my real foundation, to be a Chun Il Guk award candidate is so sad. I'm sure all of us at first felt that we cannot apply, that we are unworthy. But if no one applies, Satan can mock Father.

Going to Korea or not, candidate or not, I hope we each can make a commitment. Commit that my family *wants* to be citizens of the Chun Il Guk. Commit to sincerely repent because my situation is the result of my actions, no one else's on heaven and earth. Commit to take personal responsibility to unite mind and body, centered on God, unite with my spouse, centered on God, and unite with my parents and my children, centered on God.

The key term here is centered on God. "Centered on God" makes it impossible, and yet, makes all things possible. ❖

# The Chun Il Guk and My Family



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This is from a sermon given to the Red Hook Family Church on January 12, 2003

The Israelites created a nation centered on the Temple, the Law and sacrificial offerings. They awaited the Messiah to come as the living Temple, the true King. Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom was at hand. With John he called people to repent and prepare to enter the kingdom. He was crucified accused as claiming to be the king of the Jews.

But when Jesus knew that he could not become the king, he said to render unto Caesar and to God, as two separate offerings. To God, he offered his spirit; to Caesar, he offering his body. Like Jesus, Paul said to obey earthly authorities, but in matters of faith, he stood against them in peaceful protest, and was jailed and they took his body.

Augustine set the Christian worldview of the two cities, of man and of God, interpenetrating each other, and these to cities reflect the struggle of mind and body. He wrote, "It is therefore no strange phenomenon partly to will to do something and partly to will not to do it. It is a disease of the mind, ... So there are two wills in us, neither by itself is the whole will;... there are two wills at odds with each other when we try to reach a decision, ... When I was trying to reach a decision about serving the Lord my God, as I had long intended to do, it was I who willed to take this course and again it was I who willed not to take it. So I was at odds with myself. I was throwing myself into confusion. All this happened to me although I did not want it,..." (Confessions, VIII-10)

Augustine taught that the city of man should be subservient to and protect the city of God, but it will never be the true kingdom. In fact, the city of man was the result of sin, not part of the original order of creation.

Aquinas was more positive on the worldly realm, and viewed the secular state as part of God's order of creation.

Martin Luther reverted to Augustine's view of two kingdoms that will be separate until the Kingdom comes.

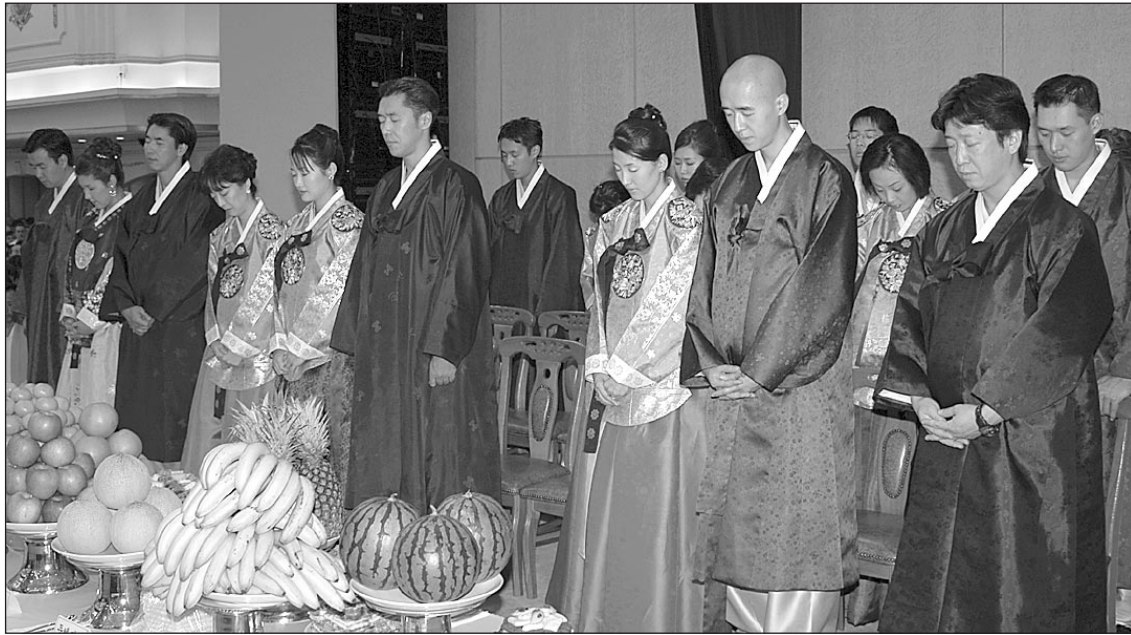
John Calvin accepted the sinful nature of the secular realm, but while called Christians to obey the magistrates, he said they should also do all they could to make it as good as possible. Hence Calvinism tends toward social activism and reform, and even believes that God can strike down evil kings. He wrote, "Sometimes he raises up some of his servants as public avengers, and arms them with his commission to punish unrighteous domination, and to deliver from their distressing calamities a people who have been unjustly oppressed." (Institutes of the Christian Religion, IV.xx.30)

The Puritans were Calvinist and tried to create an ideal Christian commonwealth in New England. Their first problem was that they couldn't get everyone to come to church. Even more difficult

was to get everyone to experience the saving love of God. They couldn't control adultery. And when they couldn't even bring their own children to follow their way, the Puritan vision reached the end of its rope.

The Puritan magistrates tried to force people to attend church and to be faithful, but external force failed. So too, our Father says the Kingdom of God will not come by threat or force. It has to come internally, by internal discipline and internal transformation. The Puritan ideal nation faltered at the border of mind and body, of husband and wife, of parents and children. Force and law cannot unite these partners.

The Chun Il Guk is exactly described as the nation in which all paired partnerships are united. This nation is described in the Divine Principle as analogous to



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the body of a perfected individual, with unity of mind and body. The presupposition is that in the Chun Il Guk, all are incapable of sin. "A new historical era will begin wherein people simply will not commit sins." (Exposition of the Divine Principle p. 9; cf. 340-4)

Are we there today? No one would claim that we are. True Father opened the door for the ideal nation and restoration of the four saints and our ancestors through home church two decades ago, and we did not achieve it then. I take heart from another teaching in the Divine Principle: "Since not everyone feels an immediate need for religion, only a few exceptional people attain spiritual knowledge rapidly. For the vast majority, spiritual growth remains a slow process." (EDP p. 333)

When Theodosius established Christianity as the imperial religion, it did not lead to personal transformation of its citizenry. That took centuries, and that transformation is the story of medieval Europe.

How can we believe or expect that the people suddenly or easily will adopt God's sovereignty today? The text following the passage I just cited goes on to imply that most people will come into the ideal world through the advance of science, the economy and politics, with it being the mission of the Messiah to harmonize those with religion.

And what does the advance of science, the economy and political systems provide? I believe that the key term is "ownership." Indeed, the newest addition to the Family Pledge is exactly that: *chun il guk ju-in*: "owners of the nation."

The sovereignty of God, the procla-

mation and even political success of the Chun Il Guk, is a *line in the sands of time*. It is powerfully significant, as was Moses crossing the Red Sea, or Theodosius establishing the church. But crossing the sea did not make saints of the children of Israel. Most died in the wilderness longing to return to Egypt. It did not make saints of the Romans. In and of itself it does not make us into filial children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters either. What does it accomplish?

I believe we have made the transition from Augustine to Aquinas. We are under a different regime, and hence *our subjective view of the world changes*. We have a new foundation. That means that we no longer view the world as Satan's dominion, but as God's dominion. Government is no longer viewed an unnatural impediment wrought by the advent of sin into

positive articles in the *New York Times* and *Crain's Business Weekly*—why? Because they were doing a great job, and Father was given credit as the owner and founder.

Therefore, our struggle is no longer against principalities and powers, but against flesh and blood—our own limitations and disunity and lack of ability, and the real competition that is challenging us to excel and be worthy of leading the nation. Can we do a better job than George W. Bush and Colin Powell? Can we do a better job than Kofi Annan? Could we run Microsoft better than Bill Gates?

Maybe we can, but it's up to us to prove it. This is how I understand the meaning of "substantial indemnity." We still have to work very hard—even harder, if we really understand. Because *when you are the owner, you work harder*.

Why have people been immigrating to America since 1620? To get ownership. Why did our movement come to America? To get ownership. The beauty of the American system is that, relatively speaking, it bequeaths ownership upon its citizens. Without ownership, there is no freedom. Ownership means that you are responsible and accountable for your own results. According to the *Divine Principle* definition of freedom, one is not truly free unless one is successful. (p. 74)

Ownership of the Chun Il Guk means that you believe that the universe is fair and rewards your labor. That wealth is not achieved by trickery. That the fruits of your labor can never be lost. That if you give everything, then God's Will will be done—whatever the outcome looks like from your

point of view. If you catch the train, that is God's will. If you gave all you have, and miss it—then that was God's will and He had some other plan.

It is like my father working for someone else, which might be called conditional indemnity in which most of the results went to others. When he worked for himself, it was substantial indemnity and all the results went to himself, his family and his descendants. He worked much harder for himself, because he was the owner. So we will have to work much harder, but we will do it voluntarily, and joyfully, and with creativity and no complaint. That's why Americans have always been known as people racing around to get things done.

True Parents gave us their clothes and personal items. Next, they want to give us the institutions, properties, teachings...their entire foundation, so that we become the owners. When we are owners, we have to make the decisions and take the responsibility for the results.

One of the most significant speeches from True Father I ever heard took place at the New Yorker Hotel sometime in 1989. Father drew a long horizontal line on the board, and then triangles rising up like pyramids with their base on the line, some small, some medium, some big. This was at the start of the hometown providence. He was trying to persuade us to move out of the socialist workers paradise (i.e. the hotel) and into the real world. He said we were all on the same level in his eyes, no matter our seniority or position. And he would judge us based upon the fruits of

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# This is our Mecca

by Mary Anglin

I used to think Cheong Pyeong was the place to go when you were told to; this workshop, that workshop. Through my experiences in this 50 days, I'm realizing that Cheong Pyeong should be our Mecca. This is where we should make our annual pilgrimage. Profound things are happening here. Not only are we liberating the evil spirits through ansu, prayers here seem to be answered almost immediately. With a serious heart and mind, we can make incredible strides towards Incarnation of the Word, Accomplishment of the Original Ideal, in leaps and bounds. This is a heavenly treasure that we would only be foolish to ignore.

I went to pray at the Jeong Shim Won



Prayer Hall. In prayer, I realized a traumatic time that I had over twenty years ago had not been resolved, but buried

deep inside. I shared with God this situation, and several peripheral situations, reliving all the emotions involved. Suddenly all the past emotion & struggle, which I thought was gone, but apparently only buried, surfaced. I cried and cried it out. I relived as well the comfort that God provided at that time. I let all these tears flood out, till it was gone. As I finished praying, I heard a voice say, "Blessed are those who wash their robes,

that they may have the right to the Tree of Life." I realized that this workshop could be titled the 'Wash the Robes Workshop', as God toils to cleanse us before we enter Cheon Il Guk.

When I first arrived here, I heard that we should pray for whatever we need to have resolved, and it can be done. At first I thought that this was a little selfish, but then I heard a voice that said, "I want all your situations solved so that you may become a vital living organism for My use."

Brothers and sisters, it's time that we believe we can become the Word Incarnate, and do so. Pray, pray, pray. God loves us desperately and can't wait to embrace us wholly. ❖

by Serge Brosseau

This is my sixth time at Cheong Pyeong in the last five years, yet my feeling is that I am only beginning to comprehend the beauty and significance of this place. A restored Garden of Eden it is, even in this mild winter that we are experiencing.

I came last January for the last time and because it was a bit difficult I didn't think that my effort was successful. But at the end of 2002, I could clearly perceive that some fortunate events which took place during the year came on the basis of my time spent here. Therefore, when I was asked to participate in the 50 day workshop unexpectedly I did not hesitate to respond and take advantage of it. It does not make sense to miss such an opportunity.

This time Father combined the Korean and Western groups. It is giving us westerners a chance to observe the experience with a cross-section of the entire Korean movement with representatives

from 36, 72, 124, 430 couples, all the way down to the second generation. Some of the elders are here attending with their children and relatives. We all participate in the holy songs and study sessions together. It is quite a sight.

To me, it is somewhat of a revelation to discover the depth of the Korean character. Some of these people have been following Father for almost 50 years. As they take good care of each other, and us, their heart of longing for True Patents expressed in prayers and singing is truly profound. Through the process it seems we are being engrafted to the very trunk of the movement.

On the external side, every new visit



to Cheong Pyeong brings new discoveries. The hospital is now nearly completed. It is a magnificent building standing 12 stories high overlooking the Cheong Pyeong campus. As we climb up to top of the hill where the Tree of Blessing is located, at midpoint now we can stop and gaze at the facade of the

Theological College appearing in the background as well as the beginnings of the Original Palace perched on its high point. These ongoing projects give us a glimpse of what will take place in the future. We are witnessing no less than the City of God taking shape before our very eyes!

To me, this place of pilgrimage is where we can inherit heavenly fortune, deepen our appreciation of God and True Parents as well as find an oasis where we can finally purify ourselves. And now additional grace is coming our way in the form of Cheon Il Guk Blessing and activity. In this time of uncertainty and tension around the world, what better statement is there to make for peace but to respond to our Parents' call? History is awaiting us indeed! ❖

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the way Americans from all organizations are taking responsibility. The AFC leadership and the Regional selection committees are working in a powerful way. The Regional directors are here working very hard to set the strongest possible condition for victory.

The true American spirit is coming out now when great sacrifice is required. When the direction of God's will is clear and the battle line is drawn, true Americans step forward without hesitation and will make any sacrifice to support God.

Only people of faith could come to this land at this time in which old enemies are facing off once again. Though the drums of war are sounding this is the final stage of the resolution of World War III in which the Communist world and the Democratic world must be reconciled and the Kingdom of God established. True Parents are not in an enemy position to anyone—Father and Mother are the True Parents of all. Leaders in the north and south love him. Many key American leaders now understand and love Father (Ambassadors for Peace) and Clergy.



Father has been speaking a great deal about Christianity in America recently. Several times, he has stated that "Christianity has now accepted me. The Clergy are hearing and accepting the Divine Principle and becoming deeply inspired." Father has stated that the signing of the resolution of Jesus and the great religious leaders (Clouds of Witnesses), sets the condition to affirm on earth what the spirit world had initiated. Because the Christians stood up and affirmed it on earth the saints in the heavenly realm can pour their spirit out more extensively within and among the prepared Christian leaders.

Although, we know that this must expand to become a mainstream movement within Christianity, as Rev. Kwak said recently, the an spiritual fire is

now burning in the clergy. It started with the 144,000 Blessing. Rev. Kwak said he saw how the clergy had caught on fire and that it is spreading to more and more powerful ministers. (I saw this with Rev. E.V. Hill who preaches once a year for Dr. Jerry Falwell and is featured on Trinity broadcasting—he has caught the fire.) Father said he is like a rock. When God sets him down somewhere no amount of humanity can turn him over.

Something has occurred within Father's heart toward the Christians. I sincerely thank you brothers and sisters for the one family one church outreach and support for the Japanese missionaries. The missionaries have spread the word throughout Japan that America is on a victory path and is fulfilling the providential steps that Father has given concerning Christianity. Through the four blessings in America the Christian foundation was secured and linked successfully and comfortably with the world's religions. The trial of the Clouds of Witnesses led to a Divine Principle movement within the clergy and now over 360 have received a 3 day intensive DP seminar. When

we taught clergy in the past, there was so much tension and rejection and argumentation. This time, due to changes in the heavenly realm with Jesus and the saints, there were some tensions and challenges, but an overwhelming acceptance occurred. From the Fall of Man to the problem of John the Baptist. There would be brief resistance or questions in group discussions but always, the moderators (ACLIC Christian clergy) would take the lead in steering the discussion toward agreement and understanding.

This even led to ministers coming to me late at night—and asking, "Does Rev. So and so know that Father is the one?" These clergy are prepared by God. This was originally to occur in 1945—1950 but due to the failure of key John The Baptists Father was rejected and went to the wilderness course. Thank God, we did not run out of time for the second Israel. Truly however, True Parents grace,

We must sincerely thank Mrs. Erikawa for leading the missionaries to overcome very painful and tearful separations from their children and families to shed their blood for the 2nd Israel. Because of these victories and the substantiation of support for True Parents a foundation of Substance has formed centering on Christianity.

Now this must be transferred to the Fatherland. ❖

# Reflections on the CPL Workshop

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

**O**n January 29 we finished 40 days at Cheong Pyeong and Father arrived here by helicopter. For the last week American brothers and sisters have been coming to Cheong Pyeong to join the Heavenly dispensation to establish the Fatherland. So many came early just to prepare themselves through prayer and purification for the Cheon Il Guk Blessing and Activity.

The sense of destiny and history is upon us. Let us prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually for the journey before us. We are an historical people who have awakened to the Second Coming of Christ. Now the Marriage of the Lamb is unfolding on the final stage of history. This third level of blessing and the Coronation of True Father as King is founded on a faithful body representing all races, religions and nations are now secured who understand and believe in the Lord.

Though the indemnity course was long and seemingly endless, the course has come to a victorious conclusion. The Restoration history has now been changed into the time of Sovereignty and dominion. The turning point of this transition was the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship. Now, although the principle of indemnity is still the key to unlocking God's blessing, indemnity is no longer only paying and restoring that past. Now, after the Coronation Ceremony, indemnity conditions, when properly offered, allow God to directly claim, advance and expand God's territory, people, land and sovereignty. Now the focal point of God's dispensation is to establish a central nation for the Cheon Il Guk.

So often, we do not know what Father is doing or how he is preparing for the next dispensation. Every time I went fishing with Father, especially when it was on a cold day on the Hudson river, Father would sit at the back of the boat on a large flat raised area like area with his legs crossed. He sits on a thick folded blanket and usually has a blanket over his legs. Before him sits approximately 8 fishing poles. Father sits and watches the lines. When he senses the presence of a fish his arm snaps out and grabs the pole with lightning speed. During these times, it has become clear to me that Father is praying, thinking and planning. The natural elements of the wind, water and fish completely dominate the atmosphere so that there is no conversation. Father is in prayer and deeply thinking about the providence. He directly relates with God and discusses how to move to the next dispensation.

The more I am around True Parents the more I realize that I have understood so little about what is really going on centering on Father. The more I understand, the more I realize how we should just follow. He is the center of



all history—of all eternity. When Father traveled the 50 states in 2001 another side of Father came out. Although Father and Mother stand as the central axis of God's dispensation they still also have the amazing ability and heart to stand horizontally and comfortably in the center of brothers and sisters, clergy, Presidents, heads of state, royalty, fishermen or laborers. Father is very comfortable leading us directly from the front line from one challenge to the next. He did this on the 50 states tour of America.

Father was so great to be with—although its not easy. The essence of Father is love. To experience that love we must become a perfect object. Then the love flows. Father appreciates so much the sincerity of our brothers and sisters. An attitude of no resistance and a heart of commitment gives the best support to True Father. (It liberates Father to find no resistance in us. This is one of the most amazing qualities about True Mother. No resistance. This doesn't mean that Mother just easily sacrifices everything and follows. I saw many situations in which everything that was planned (schedule etc.) was changed and suddenly Mother would find herself going to 40 nations. But she would completely unite with no thought of herself. Not only that, in the midst of her suffering she would turn and be more loving and kind to us. She never once, through all the speaking tours and other events, let her tension surface.)

One day, Father asked, "What was the most important thing I did on the 50 state tour." Many answers came, some said, because Father could bring Christian ministers together and inspire the people. Others said different things, but Father said, "I did Hoon Dok with the Coronation Ceremony Speech in every state. I planted God's word concerning this historical turning point into the soil of the spirit world of each state. It will become like a pillar or rallying point for that state to change and

enter the Kingdom. If I missed even one state the spirit world of that state would accuse me with great resentment." Thus the Coronation Ceremony is the key to understanding that our power and authority centering on God and True Parents has completely changed. We have the power to claim God's territory, land, people and sovereignty. — If we have the faith.

On the foundation of the Coronation Ceremony—God could have dominion. The foundation for the Coronation Ceremony and for God to have dominion was in True Parents victory and the registration blessing. This allowed Father to Coronate God. (For the Coronation there had to be an a pure foundation of people loyal to God and True Parents representing every race, religion, nation and culture of mankind. By drinking the Holy Wine, True Parents could claim these families as pure and loyal subjects and then they could be blessed on the second level. The national level registration blessing.)

Let us realize that a very great condition of Indemnity had to be offered directly by our True Parents for us. We should never have had to drink the Holy Wine before the registration blessing. Therefore, because we allowed impurity to come into our families and even our second generation, Father had to give the Holy Wine again. Can



he just freely give Holy Wine after we make mistakes and then forgive? No. Absolutely not. Therefore we really don't know what indemnity condition was set by our True Parents. But we can be sure. A very deep condition had to be established for us to receive grace and freely drink the Holy Wine again.

Then we could receive the registration blessing and the Coronation Ceremony could be established. From that point Blessed Couples were given a new title. "Blessed Central Family" and we were given the authority and inheritance of our True Parents in that we could report to God in our own names.

And so it is with Cheong Pyeong. A condition has been established through the sacrifice of Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim to allow God to give us the grace to be forgiven and receive grace and cleansing for our ancestral sin and our collective sin. Father said that the same power of grace that was manifested by Jesus and the Holy Spirit is now manifested through Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim. Grace abounds. There is also a power that exists here to completely cleanse us from the spirit world which is trying to hurt us due to their resentment to our ancestors. Because our ancestors violated people those people try to get liberated from their resentment by attacking us. Through Cheong Pyeong we repent and they are liberated. They are taken to a workshop in the spirit world with Heung Jin Nim for 100 days. (Father recently had us read this testimony from Heung Jin Nim concerning what is done with the people who are liberated. This testimony is attached for your study.)

Through the 2400 representing every family of America we will wash our robes and receive God and True Parent's blessing on the third and final world level. We represent the journey of the chosen people in following Moses. This time however let us resolve that we will properly "settle" the new Fatherland. Soon the 38th parallel will come down.

**America**

I want to really say from the bottom of my heart how grateful I am to American Blessed Families. Dr. Yang is deeply inspired  
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# The Cheon Il Guk Blessing of True Parents

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nally proud of it.”

The Cheon Il Guk Blessing signifies an important new level in God's providence. It was his ideal of creation that Adam and Eve receive his blessing in the Garden of Eden when both had reached maturity. The wedding day would have been the day that the ideal of love was first realized on earth. For God too, it would be a day of joy and fulfillment when his family and lineage could start on the earth. When all of this was lost, God worked for thousands of years to once again find a pure son and daughter that he could bless. However, Jesus, the Second Adam, could never marry and it was left to the time of the Second Coming.

2576 American members have responded to True Parents' call to come to Korea for the Blessing, Birthday Celebrations and the Cheon Il Guk special national activity. Also in attendance were more than 2500 Japanese and 2500 Korean members, and notably more than 200 VIPs from the World Summit Council being held in Seoul in conjunction with the Blessing. Somehow these hardy souls—including several former heads of state, and three Nobel Peace prize winners—managed to get on a bus in Seoul at 4am to be here in time. Even more impressively, they were all wearing white robes and blessing sashes like everyone else.

### Coming to Chungpyung

The fact is that coming to Chungpyung and staying here even for a few days is extremely challenging for everyone. There is nowhere to sleep, nowhere to sit, and almost nowhere to move. Many found themselves arriving past midnight after a 14-hour flight still needing to register, find out the schedule, and get ready. A simple visit to the bathroom can take half an hour in these circumstances!

Yet, for the past five days, as the special workshop for the 'Cheon Il Guk' owners was held here, everyone rose to the occasion to conquer all the difficulties and the demanding schedule, which began each morning with Hoondok with True Parents for a couple of hours, followed by the typical Chungpyung schedule of lectures and of course ansoo holy song sessions. This continued until midnight, when the hunt for a spot to sleep begins, and then we started again.

But, oh, it's worth it. It's like a giant homecoming and everywhere you look, there are people you haven't seen for years. Why did we come? For



twenty, thirty years or more we've been waiting for the Unification of Korea. Even the Hoondok we've been reading from fifteen and twenty five years ago speaks of the Unification as an imminent possibility, we are still waiting. God is still waiting. This can be the year.

### The Blessing

Finally after all the waiting, True Parents and True Family entered the auditorium just after 7am. Father, as always, looked his best in a splendid cream white tux, and Mother—well, I think it is safe to say we haven't seen Mother like this before in a beautiful wedding dress, complete with tiara and bridesmaids holding the train. With great grace and dignity, but also with big smiles, they moved to the stage.

The ceremony itself was simple, and inspiring. Father and Mother bowed to report to God, and then turned to offer a prayer with the whole audience together. Then Rev. Kwak read the "Ko Chun Moon" or report to heaven, followed

by the Holy Water ceremony and the declaration and benediction prayer by True Father. There was the exchange of gifts, with Mother giving Father a watch and Father giving Mother a ring with a big diamond you could see from the back of the room! It was all very beautiful and warm, one big family together.

In this way God's aching heart was eased, for his son and daughter were being recognized before the whole world. In 1960 when the Holy Blessing first took place, there was bitter opposition on all sides. On the day before the ceremony, Father had to report to the police station to deal with various challenges and the ceremony itself was very small and humble, almost held in secret. Today, however, the world was there to see it, both in person and through live webcasting. We all pray that True Parents will enjoy many more years of happiness together. ❖

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couples and yet, unlike many ceremonies at Cheong Pyeong, this time about one-third were Americans. So many brothers and some sisters are taller than all the others and so the impact was even greater. This definitely added to the excitement of the moment. Over 200 dignitaries, heads of state, former presidents, major religious leaders from Christian, Jewish, Sikh faiths and several Nobel prize winners came from the Summit Council Conference held at the Lotte Hotel in downtown Seoul.

Then at about 6:40 AM Rev. Sun Jo Hwang the International President of FFWPUI came to guide us. We organized our rows and created a very beautiful and holy atmosphere. Rev. Kwak came as the master of ceremonies. As 7 am approached the anticipation grew to total excitement. Then with glorious music of the Halleluia Chorus the Parents of Heaven and Earth prepared to enter the sanctuary. The attendants—all blessed second generation—led the procession. Over their holy robes that had an over garment of dark pink. They entered with grace and order, lining the aisle down the center of the main hall to the stage. The runway was covered with spotless pure white material. It was so pure and bright.

True Parents entered slowly from the right side of the hall and with great ease and yet historic dignity and honor they proceeded to their left at the entrance following the pure white aisle. They then turned right to the center aisle. There was a huge “gasp” and sigh of amazement as the cameras placed True Parents in full view. We never knew what True Mother’s beautiful white wedding gown, with a long white train. She was more beautiful than ever.

Through all the years of suffering and misery True Parents were fulfilling God’s central desire. Proclaiming that their marriage and family would stand as a central pillar and root for all humanity, meant that all the forces of darkness were permitted to do everything and anything to destroy Mother, Father, their marriage and family. She overcame. On this day Mother was serene and beautiful and yet her innocence was so profound that she looked like a beautiful young bride.

Abonim, who bore the cross of restoration, gave his heart and prayer that his life could be used by God to untangle all the conditions of history that were left undone by the central figures of past ages. The journey of their marriage began in the most austere humble setting. Persecution was severe in 1960. The day before the blessing Father was taken to prison. Finally, being innocent, they had to let him go. The 1960 blessing was established in such a dark hour of human history. Christianity was lost and True Father was going through a 40 year wilderness course to recover all the lost conditions. The 1960 Blessing, however has infinite value. It is the internal blessing and root of all the foundation for the change of Blood Lineage from



Satan’s side to God’s side. This blessing allowed the True Parents to begin their path to build a True Family. Every step of their married lives has been a restoration course through indemnity.

In my limited time of having been directly with True Parents, I cannot recall even a moment that I didn’t observe and feel that Father is always speaking each word, making each step as an act of providence in which the whole of human history (including the spirit world) is connected. All this and thousands of other providential realizations, memories and thoughts were going through the hearts and



minds of the 10,000 gathered. Not to speak of the countless families throughout the world that were watching the webcast.

When Father came into full view many (including Dr. Yang, myself and countless others, both husbands and wives alike) began to weep. The tears that flowed at this moment came for many reasons. Much of it was due to the fact that it was clearly a moment of comfort and joy for God, whose suffering heart never got to see his son in glory. This was the first moment, when all was fulfilled. God was

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# Chungbuk Do

by Michael Balcomb

Here is a testimony to our work in the field here in Chungbuk Do, Cheongwon Gun centering on the regional director, Rev. Hwang Chi Hoon, and the local church members.

We have had a great first two days of activities. The day after our arrival day was Sunday and we had local church services in all the towns (myeon) in the county of Cheongwon where we're based.

Michael Balcomb and five sisters are located in Namil Myeon, a small local church led by a woman pastor, Rev. Kim Kyoung Ae. She is one of only four women pastors in our movement and is working really hard after the 50 days to get ready for the rallies. There in Nam Il, about 20 members and 15 children came for the Sunday service, including several international couples blessed by True Parents.

Umberto Angelucci is staying in the ground floor of the same building working with Rev. Hwang Chi Hoon, regional leader and also the Korean National Messiah to Afghanistan. We all gathered together Sunday afternoon for a kickoff meeting in Chungjoo City where we met the other members mobilized in our region.

On Monday we went to our first rally in one of the towns, Miwon Myeon. It was great - they had six bus loads of people and we all went out to a resort hotel in the country. There were about 300 people overall, they all listened very carefully to the messages and at the end they all pledged powerfully to support True Parents work for the Unification of Korea. Umberto Angelucci read the "Chuksa" in English, and the western and Japanese members sang 2 songs, The Battle Hymn of the Republic and Arirang.

After the speeches and the Hoon-dokhae, we all went to lunch and then relaxed in the sauna and mineral baths. Hey, no one said it couldn't be fun as well!

After lunch, Rev. Hwang took Umberto and Michael to visit the county governor, Mr Oh Hyo Jin. This was a very interesting meeting. At first, we spoke about North South Unification in general terms, and the prospects of unity, but it was not easy. Mr. Oh said carefully that Unification would not be easy, but when we pointed out the picture of Paektu-san on the wall, he said that of course Unification was the deep wish of all Koreans.

It was only at this point that Michael and Umberto showed him the mobilization literature. Suddenly, he recognized that we were from the Tongil Kyohoe and Rev. Moon Sun Myung. A dramatic and unexpected change took place. He became very friendly and animated and started to tell us about his experiences with the church over the years. He had attended a 7 day workshop back in the 1980s and had been a guest of True Parents at Hannam-dong as well. Also, he had written a book about the Unification Movement.

He mentioned that he was proud to share the same first name with Moon Hyo Jin as well!

From there on the meeting went very well and we ended up with an invitation to all the mobilized members in the county - more than 30 - to visit a natural mineral spring as guests of the county on the 14th February (if we have time!) Also, we received a beautiful

kneel before the small altar, it's not too hard to travel back in time and imagine how it would have been in those days and wonder if, had you met True Father then, you could have lasted through even a week of the tumultuous battles Father faced every day.

I couldn't have found my way here at all without the kindness of the World CARP media team, who came with me on this small pilgrimage to pray, read Father's words and make a new determination as we concluded the victorious Cheon Il Guk activity and 50 days at the Cheongpyong workshop.

Stepping out again into the courtyard, we were met by the sight of fresh laundry cheerfully flapping in the spring breeze, a reminder that this ancient church is still very much alive and that God's providence is always moving on.

## Chungbuk

February 12, I was invited to give the "chuksa" address at the Myeon Level meeting in Nam-Il Myeon in Cheongwon County, Chungbuk. As a challenge, and with a lot of help from the local family, I managed to give the entire address in Korean! It was a bit of a cheat because I had to transcribe the Hangul into Romanized characters. My excuse is that the Hangul version is in too small a font.

Anyway, the meeting was a great success despite people having to strain to catch the meaning of my part. The

memorial plate, some calendars with artwork from the region and even samples of the legendary Cheonwangun rice, reputed to be the best tasting in Korea.

## Heuksokdong Holy Ground

The wallpaper is peeling off the walls, and the windows covered with a thin film of dust that settles everywhere in Seoul. You reach the tiny room through a sunny courtyard off a quiet side-street, passing through the same low wood and tile gate that True Father used every day for several years in his late teens and early twenties.

This is the holy sanctuary at Seoul's Heukseokdong church, a unique piece of living history that many church members in the West, including myself, knew very little about until True Parents visited it again on their return to Korea late last year. This the very room where True Father wrestled with the forces of destiny when a student in Seoul in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

It was here that he invested himself in the all night prayers that left his clothes and even the floor soaking with sweat. I looked in vain for a trace of a stain on the floor, but the linoleum was changed not so long ago.

Along the walls are large black and white photos from those early years. This was the time when God's plan for an early conclusion to the providence of restoration was still in place, when the prepared churches were still faithful as they endured the final indignities of Japanese occupation. As you

mayor came, stayed for lunch, as well as several state assemblymen and the village leaders (lee jang) as well.

In the afternoon we went out into the thick countryside of Munui, visiting the lee jang on their farms. One of them introduced us to his wonderful mother, 100 years young! Everywhere we go people are very welcoming and apparently even 24 hours notice is enough to come to a meeting!

One of the Korean sisters met a professor from the nearby Airforce Academy in a hairdresser's shop and invit-

ed him back for dinner. He was a Buddhist, quite familiar with True Parents work and very respectful of them. It was an interesting encounter because earlier in the day as we drove past the Academy we were told that because of security it is very difficult for civilians to enter.

Sometimes the mountain does come to Mohammed .....

## A long-lost younger brother

Friday 14 February the World CARP video crew was in town filming our witnessing activities and getting ready for a county-wide rally that will close out our local activities here in Cheongwon-gun, Chungbuk-do. So, although we had basically finished our witnessing we went back to Munui-myeon to follow up on one of the leaders who came to the rally a couple of days ago and interview him about his response on camera.

However, Heavenly Father always has bigger plans than us. We all arrived at the little country office and sat down in a circle on the bare linoleum floor. As we began to speak, another man joined us and said, "Oh, Moon Sun Myung, I don't have anything good to say about him!" Then he repeated this claim, but this time he said "Moon Sun Myung Hyung Nim," calling Father his older brother and referring to himself as "Tongsaeng" or younger brother. It turned out that this gentleman was also a member of the Moon clan, so he had to at least call Father his Hyung or elder brother, even if we would prefer Abonim or Father.

So we patiently spoke to him about what Father is doing for North-South Unity. He wanted to know why Father was not giving more humanitarian aid to North Korea, so we explained how Father really wanted to help North Korea to change, which was why he is establishing businesses there. North Koreans are proud people and don't just want hand-outs. They need jobs and investment. Really, we said, who invests in North Korea to make money?

But our new Moon friend was not so easily deterred. "How come I never read anything about this in the media or see it on TV?" he demanded "and I only hear bad things like Danbury, etc." Well, we had an answer for that one too. Meanwhile, his friend, the leader we had actually come to see, was busy filling out a membership form for Mr. Moon and suddenly asked him for his birthday so the form could be complete!

As the conversation progressed we learned that Mr. Moon had in fact once been a family member or 'Shikku' in a local village. However, when a nearby dam was completed, the whole village was submerged under a new reservoir, taking down with it our little church, and somehow Mr. Moon's faith went underwater as well. But now, through the Cheon Il Guk activity, there is hope for resurrection for the whole of Korea and all of our long lost brothers and sisters! ❖





CHUN IL GUK MOBILIZATION ACTIVITY

Yesan City South Choongnam Province

by Reverend Phillip Schanker

Greetings from Yesan, a small city in Southern Choongnam Province, about 20 kilometers from the Western coast, and about 2 hours drive south from Seoul along the highway to Pusan. All of our Western members are having a rich experience of heart, working with a dedicated team of Japanese sisters, and the local members. I am fortunate to be sharing this experience with two of my children: Mi-ae (18), here from STF in America, and Joshua (13), who is studying in the GOP Program in Korea. Whether witnessing and working together by day, or sharing backrubs, memories and heartfelt testimonies by night, I feel so much love for them, and am so touched and proud to see them embrace this experience.

Yesan is a countryside town, divided into ten "Myun"-size districts, and two larger "Eup"-size districts. Most of these Myuns, or villages, are out in the midst of farmland and orchards. Yesan is well known for growing those large tasty "saghwa" (Korean apples), as well as grapes, strawberries, and more. It is so incredible to be out in the countryside, walking along dirt paths from farmhouse to farmhouse, greeting farmers, "haksengs" (students), "harabojis and halmonis" (grandfathers and grandmothers), and sharing rich experiences of testifying to Korea's value and the work of True Parents worldwide, rooted in the culture of heart and family. Through the heart of our members and the Korean people, I am slowly realizing again what I had nearly forgotten: that Korea is a gateway to the culture of heart.

In recent years I have so quickly been critical of organizational problems, strategic priorities or other leadership decisions in our movement that I couldn't easily digest from my American viewpoint. But here, in the midst of fields and farmlands surrounded by hills on every side, welcomed by leathery-skinned grandmothers or bright, respectful students, sharing our evening meal with Korean members at the Yesan Family Church while children run here and there, I see things differently. God is a God of heart and love, and until we live truly centering on heart and love, we cannot begin to understand God. Because of our own limitation of heart, we may not realize at all what Korean culture has to teach us. I feel my heart cracked open again and again, layer by layer, and still I understand so little.

Our circumstances are so blessed in Yesan. The church is not rich, and carries many debts. But one family owns a hotel downtown, just blocks from the Yesan Train Station, and has offered us the top floor. We have heard that teams in some cities have just the traditional hole in the ground for a bathroom, and can only wash when they can get to a public bath. In Yesan, some 25 of us share 4 rooms, each with a bathroom, western-style toilet (quite common in

Korea by now), and with a huge round bed and refrigerator in each room. Each morning members deliver buns, rolls and bread from the local bakeries. Though a day-old, it tastes fresh with the milk that fills our refrigerator. Worried about our nutrition, the church adds cereal, or hot dogs, or something else each day, and an endless supply of oranges. Lunch is on the run, in a local restaurant or simple carry out. Yesterday they brought

etc., our western and Japanese members sing 1 or 2 songs, such as Arirang, Omay Nunaya, or Urie So Wonun Tongil. Sometimes an individual will sing as well. Then the official program begins with the Korean Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Pak, who has organized these rallies with the city, gives welcoming remarks. A pure and righteous man, he explains that though he remains a faithful Buddhist, he will respect and follow Rev-

functional family situation I came from, and how I learned loyalty, filial piety, fidelity, and God's heart through True Parents' teaching. I explain about my blessing, express my love and respect for the Korean people, and then, because we lack good translation from English to Korean, I read a speech prepared for just such a circumstance, while a Korean elder reads a written translation. Despite the language barriers, the audiences have been touched by the songs and testimonies from international members.

Hoon Dok Hae follows, with readings from the messages of Marx, Lenin and Stalin from the spirit world. Professor Sung Bae Jin, shares the keynote message, explaining Father's efforts with world leaders and demonstrating that Kim Il Sung's "Juche" philosophy ultimately rests upon the establishment of True Parent, True Teacher and True Leader. These can only be fulfilled by God, the True Parent, Teacher and Leader of all. Professor Jin teaches philosophy at Sun Moon University, and serves as the Regional Federation Leader, which seems similar to our AFC Regional Director's position.

All members, both Korean and international, are investing tremendous effort to make these rallies successful. Rev. Shin from our Atlanta region, who is coordinating in Choongnam Province, visited Yesan, yesterday. He expressed that because the Yesan membership is a bit smaller than other cities, some worried that the mobilization here might be difficult. He was pleased to find the opposite: "total mobilization" of local members, because without everyone's help, it won't work.

Each morning we hold Hoon Dok meetings from 5-6 AM in our hotel rooms: one in Japanese, one in English. Following breakfast and preparation, we are out by 8:00 AM, going to the district of the first rally. So begins a daily car-

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Liisa Freystatter in Gwan-Ju



bags of barbecue hamburgers to complement the "kim-bap," rice, meat, and vegetables wrapped in seaweed. Dinner is always simple yet plentiful and delicious, shared on the warm floor of the church center with added gifts of sweet strawberries, pears or some Korean specialty from the local members.

Our mission work so far has been quite successful, and filled with precious experiences. To cover the 10 Myuns and 2 Eups, we have held 3 rallies per day for the first 4 days—12 in all. We will gather all these results at a city level rally and celebration for True Parents' birthday. Although both the Yesan Church leader and the regional director have been in Chung Pyung for 50 days, the members made great effort to prepare for these rallies. There is a good foundation with the city level government through previous community efforts, Tong Ban Kyok Pa Activity and North-South Unification programs. In particular Mr. Pak, a well-known community leader, a former Myun-level leader in several communities, convinced the Yesan government to officially sponsor the town-level meetings.

Letters were sent to all the Myun, Dong and Ri-level leaders, followed by phone calls, visits and even loudspeaker announcements in some communities. Although our town rallies have been small—usually 40-70 people—nearly all of our participants are Ri and Myun leaders, making the meetings quite substantial.

At each rally, after a short video about our efforts in North Korea such as Peace Motors, friendship tours,

erend Moon's direction because this work is beyond religion, class or nation. He strongly testifies that only Father Moon can lead Korea into unification, and shares his impression about Father and our movement. His speech is salty, direct, and filled with humorous ways of confronting his Korean audience about their attitudes, prejudices and limitations in understanding True Father.

After Mr. Pak, I share a message on behalf of the international members, sometimes beginning with a Korean song, often with my son and daughter. I first explain in broken Korean about my long-haired, hippie background, the dys-

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# CHUN IL GUK MOBILIZATION ACTIVITY

## Bucheon

by Demian Dunkley

I have returned from Bucheon, Incheon where I attended the first week activity along with a couple dozen Japanese and American members.

We attended and assisted in the rallies everyday, following the same format as the rest of our nationwide movement. Mostly reaching out to the elderly communities. At first we were a little worried but soon realized that these elderly are the most influential in the Korean family. These were also the people who witnessed first hand the tragedy of their country's division, and so feel a natural calling to take a

heart of ownership over these unification activities. The local town and district level leaders attended as well, and apparently all were moved and inspired to work together.

On the street the younger generation seemed most responsive to our call, which makes you think that we are sandwiching the middle aged with the innocent and fresh power of the youth and the wisdom and leadership of the elderly.

A joke made in Chyung Pyung about us being used as the "token white guy"

stuck in my mind as we were being shuttled around from venue to street corner, asked to stand up and sing, sit down and smile, often with little understanding of the schedule or what was really going on. We actually all really enjoyed it, and we did realize the significance of our presence there.

The most enjoyable moments for me was working alongside the Korean/Japanese members with such a sense of family and unity. Although we were in need of constant multiple translation, we were always cracking

jokes, the Japanese were always organizing and the Koreans were always discussing the schedule and coordinating (in other words: fighting!) however it all seemed to work.

I think it was very meaningful to the Korean members. To clarify what I mean by that, one second generation explained to me "Until now I have been a couch potato, but from now I am going to do church activity!" He was so fired up!

I was so happy that we could finally begin to return the blessing that Father has been sacrificing his country to give to us over the past few decades. It has just begun. ❖

## YESAN from page 17

avan of cars, jeeps and vans, moving members from place to place. If transportation is not available, our team jumps on a bus with the guidance of local members or those who have been mobilized here for many months. One team visits the "Myun Jang," or local area leader. We make sure to give a gift that someone brought from their country: a wind chime, a bag of almonds, a hand-made decoration, or whatever. Then we visit homes, or speak to people on the street, divided into teams with one Korean speaker for each team. Koreans are unaccustomed to strangers visiting their homes in the morning, and people on the street are usually on their way to work, but with love and effort we can break through and bring guests.

The first rally begins at 10:00 or 10:30. The second is at 1:00 or 2:00 PM, with the third at 4:00. At each site, a banner is hung-up, chairs set, video equipment prepared, and we are off and running. By now we are becoming like a well oiled machine. Rev. Jung Soo Shin, the Yesan church leader, works humbly and unassumingly to move members around, set

up the events, and handle all the logistics. Professor Hiroaki Tokunaga, who teaches at Chung Cheung College and assists at the Yesan church, handles emceeing and translation responsibilities. Both of them are totally invested. So many other members show up time after time with a car or van, or invite us to witness where they live or work. Everyone seems so completely anxious to take care of us, and so appreciative of our efforts.

The team is anxious to work. With setting up and dismantling each rally, travel and lunch, there is little time for mobilization outreach. So some members will depart from the rally early, after singing, to go ahead to the next area. We invite people to the rally as well as sign up those who support the Unification Family association and the idea of North-South unification not by politics or power, but by the shared ideals of true love and true families. In a few locations we had just held rallies short-

ly before the mobilization, making it harder to get a response. In one such place the hall was unprepared and no one came. In another the leadership resisted a second rally so soon after the first.

Not wanting to accept defeat or waste an opportunity, in both cases we called the local seniors' recreation center and found 30 or 40 people gathered for fellowship and activities. They welcomed us warmly, and suddenly the banner was up and an instant rally began. The banner was bigger than the room, and we all squeezed in on the floor, but the songs, sharing, and hope for peace and unification brought everyone together, including a number of community leaders who joined us there.

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We have faced other challenges as well. We arrived on Saturday, February 8, and spent Sunday after church service planning, organizing and visiting our areas, which Father has termed our "Eternal

Hometown." That evening, however, church leader Rev. Shin's mother-in-law passed to the spirit world. Without his presence with his wife, they would not have been able to convince her non-Unificationist family to hold a Seung-Hwa Ceremony for her mom, who was Blessed. Suddenly we were without Rev. Shin. Then Tokunaga-sensei, our emcee, had to respond to a family emergency. But no matter what challenge we have faced, someone has appeared to take up the slack. With each difficulty, our hearts have become closer and closer.

On our fifth day of official activity, we will hold a festival and celebration for True Parents' Birthday and Blessing, lifting up the ideals and values that they represent. Following the celebration and lunch, we will visit a shrine to one of Choongnam province's many Korean patriots, followed by reflection, report, and a couple of hours at a hot springs resort before resuming our activities in our local areas tomorrow.

I can feel that God has much to teach me in this place: raw and simple lessons about truly loving and living for others. As Father has extended the mobilization another week (so far!), I do not yet know what is in store for us, but I will surely let you know! ❖

## CHEON from page 15

Coronated on January 13, 2001. Now, therefore He could enjoy this historical time standing in the proper position as the eternal supported, loved, welcomed, believed in and followed Heavenly Parent.

Father's appearance shocked us. We never imagined that Father would appear in a creamy white Tuxedo with tails! It was the consummation of the Marriage of the Lamb in the Cheon Il Guk blessing. However, the marriage brought together the east and the west as True Parents came forward in western attire. East and west are now one in our True Parents. Many wept because it was Father and Mother's day of joy and victory.

So much had been paid for this moment. So much had to be sacrificed but now the day that True Parents prayed and sacrificed for and that God had longed for 6000 years had now come to pass. The Blessing of True Parents on the Cheon Il Guk level completely fulfills all the eternal foundation for the purpose of creation and the ideal of the Family. The foundation is supported by registered blessed families who have

gone the prescribed indemnity course as well as the immense indemnity conditions completely restoring all he lost conditions of history. It is on the foundation of True Parents victory in winning full support from Jesus and all major religious leaders and all of heaven and earth. It comes on the foundation of all the blessings that True Parents have performed covering conditional numbers as well as the four blessings last year that covered representative groups of 144,000 (representing all of Christianity) April 27th, second generation on July 3rd, Moslem-Christian on September 14, and Reconciliation of all enemies on Pearl Harbor day Dec. 7th. Father's internal and external foundation is such that the Cheon Il Guk Blessing is supported from every possible angle.

The 200 dignitaries of the Summit Council also wore white robes and sat at the right side of the sanctuary. Many testified that the ceremony was a revelation of the real meaning of Father Moon's ministry. One major religious leader of the Sikh tradition told me, "For many, many years, I've been attending these special conferences, however, it was only when I came here to Cheong Pyeong that I understood the vast depth

of Rev. Moon's spirituality. I could feel it here, at his special prayer ground. It is so special here."

True Parents entered the stage area and carefully climbed the stairs. To our surprise they did not do a full Kyung Beh but a bow from the waist. This moved everyone deeply. Father and Mother looked so good. Many commented that they looked like young newly weds. I don't know what it was, maybe their innocence and love, but they definitely looked so young and innocent. (Joe Tully shared something that I concurred with: Father shared that his worst experience in life was when, as a young boy he had to wear a borrowed tuxedo that was too small and didn't fit. He said it was the most uncomfortable moment of his life. It was embarrassing. Nothing he could do could hide the fact that it just didn't fit. Joe shared that he was crying when he said to himself, alright Father, the tux fits now!!! You've got it !! Finally your time has come!!).

True Family then came and bowed then, facing each other, Father and Mother joined hands and prayed. (Father's placed his right hand over Mother's left hand with his palm down. On the left hand it is reversed with Father's hand on the bottom with palm up and Moth-

er's hand on top.)

Rev. Kwak did the Report to Heaven (Ko Chun Moon) reporting that this was the third level of blessing for our True Parents and was now on the completed foundation necessary for God's eternal True Family.

Then Father did the Holy Water ceremony. (Rev. Kwak noted that Holy Water would only be used by True Parents at the main ceremony and that it would be symbolically conveyed to all humanity through the representatives present.)

Father and Mother then exchanged gifts. Mother gave Father a watch and Father gave mother a ring. Then in a moment that caught all of our hearts they embraced and then kissed!

True Parents have now sealed the marriage forever on the complete foundation that God had always dreamed of. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, representing all couples, presented a gift to True Parents as the newlyweds on the Cheon Il Guk level.

All of us, standing in our Holy Robes felt such a sense of hope and pride. That we are standing as sons and daughters of True Parents and that through following the course of our True Parents our marriages will also be made eternally secure and holy. ❖

# DC Celebration Honoring Family Clergy & M.L. King Jr.

by Father Bayo

It was a cold day Thursday January 23rd but a great day to celebrate the warmth of Family, Clergy and the life of one of the great prophets and Ambassador for peace of our times Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Members of the DC local ACLC, under the Co Chairmanship of Rev. In Hoi Lee and Bishop C.P. Johnson, put the event together. We were graced with the presence of key clergy from Maryland, DC and Virginia and lay members and friends of the family movement.

Apostle Bishop Floyd Nelson



was the Keynote preach and teacher, whose spirited message was the high point of the event, which was preceded with singing, prayer, testimonies, December 7th video highlights of True Parents and a sumptuous lunch prepared by the Japanese community and missionaries.

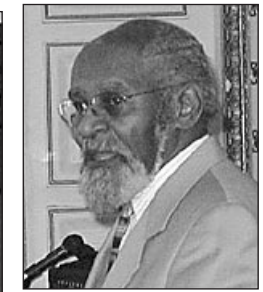
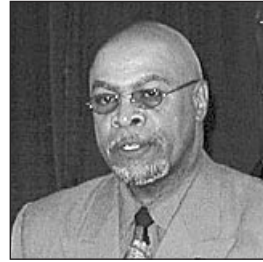
Apostle Nelson's message centered on standing firm, steadfast and unmovable in this mission we have inherited, as Christian leaders we should continue to embrace to blessing movement because it is Christ centered. For it does not yet appear what we shall be, he told us to have faith like a seed planted underground which in due season after the storm and the rain will bring forth its fruit for all to benefit in due season.

Also in attendance were the Minister Abdul Kadir Mohammed and members from the Nation of Islam (peace) community and brother Mohammed of Chair of the All Faith Consortium. Minister Kadir spoke and extended an invitation to hear Minister Louis Farrakhan speak on peace.

An executive summary report of 2002 was distributed to all the ministers, who are showing much excitement to be part of the ACLC.

Also in attendance were Dr. Mary Quinn president women's minister council, Bishop Joseph Showell, Rev. Shepherd Charles Agbaza, Bishop Restine Jackson, Bishop Allen and Overseer Jones, prophetess Patra Kidwell amongst many others.

If you need more information about ACLC DC local activities call (202) 462-5700 ext.21 ❖



## ACLC To Educate 10 000 Ministers in DP

by Rev. Levy M. Daugherty

Our leaders have gone to the homeland to fight an invisible war, a war against principalities, a war that is not seen by the naked eye, but is felt and clear by the evil results of the world. If we Messiahs, the prophets, the saints of the modern day era don't take up the banner and correct a great wrong there will result in a world of stubble and lack of productivity. So I salute all of you who had to stay back and fight this war, in the form of protecting the homefront and continued preparing and working so when our leaders return they don't come back to a country where they have to restart providential work that died out, like ashes in a fire that has lost its heat. They will instead be coming back to a blazing excitement of action, and they can step right into the ongoing work, never having to look back, and continue building the Kingdom. For this I salute you again.

I am reminded of the time in the great wars and battles when men had to leave their homes, farms, factories and their workplaces and the women and children who were left behind had to fill in their shoes, and although knowing the heat of the battle was not upon them, yet if they did not work hard the war abroad would be at their own doorsteps.

We have seen via the Internet, through webcast, the greatest victory in human history where the Marriage Feast of the Lamb took place, where even the angels and all the saints and even God could rejoice for the first time. We all could witness it, and thank God we could be alive to witness it in this physical world.

We all could enjoy and celebrate such a glorious occasion but I remind you that such an occasion could not take place if it had not been for the fundraiser in the rain and snow, or the one who witnessed while doors were being slammed

in their faces, or those who went to prison for simply selling a box of candy in the wrong town, or for those who prayed all night while others fasted beyond what their health may be stable for. While most of us are lacking the very necessities of life, yet we joined in this great celebration with our True Parents and with all the saints and God and the spiritual world. Many members, including True Parents' children, have sacrificed their life, yet they are all praising and dancing around the throne of God in high celebration. Yes we have witnessed a miracle, nothing short of a miracle. I would like to humbly thank each and every one of you for your tenacity and your eternal love for God, True Parents and country.

As I write, our True Parents are in Hawaii. As you know, he never allows grass to grow under his feet. Based on the victory of the Marriage Feast of the Lamb our Father has given new direction concerning the education of Clergy in America. Three Divine Principle workshops were done in the country, titled, "Who is Rev. Sun Myung Moon?" It is paramount that every Minister as much as possible be educated with the Divine Principle, and not just listen to and accept it, but also teach it and spread it to the world.

Therefore, our Father has asked us to educate 10,000 Ministers throughout the nation. Dr. Yang has said our first conference will be

in New York. We will do our best to find beautiful, relaxing places for these conferences. These conferences will be held

4 days and 3 nights to give ample time to not only teach but also have a chance to discuss and digest the Divine Principle. Rev. Schanker, along with guidance and help of Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins, with Father's instruction, have developed the highest quality Power-Point presentation that give dignity and eloquence to our True Parents teaching. Ministers such as Bishop Stallings, Rev. Jesse Edwards, Bishop Nelson, and Bishop Johnson will also teach some of these lectures. All of us will be proud of this lecture series once we see and hear them. We still need your prayers and continued support.

We also plan a series of Prayer Breakfasts nationwide. These Prayer breakfasts will be held as a forerunner to the upcoming conferences. Dr. Yang will give further instructions when and where these conferences will be held. But we cannot wait for the leaders to return. We have to begin immediately. Father has asked us many times to fulfill a certain goal for a certain providential reason. Sometimes we succeeded sometimes we did not. But this time I feel all of heaven is supporting us and everything we go to do will be easier than what we thought. Let us not hesitate for the victory is already ours.

We urge you to contact all of your ACLC Ministers, especially and old contacts that we may have lost touch. Contact any ACLC Minister who has ever gone to a Workshop, Blessing, Seminar or conference.

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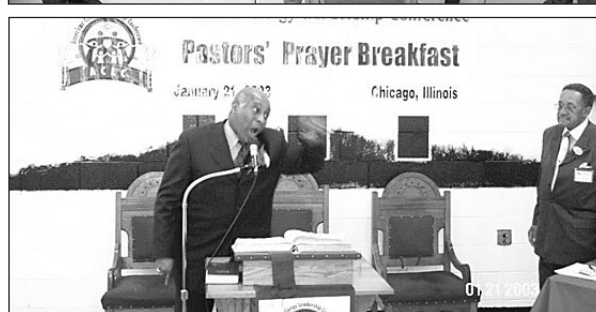
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# January Prayer Breakfast in Chicago

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

The title of Archbishop Stallings sermon was "Let's Put Feet to our Faith" and as anyone who has ever seen the Archbishop preach knows, he was putting every molecule of his spiritual and physical being into the sermon-rocking & rolling, hooping and preaching, moving and shaking and pouring out every ounce of love and truth to the over 200 ACLC Pastors and friends gathered in the banquet hall of Rev. James Porter's New Pleasant Green MB Church.

But I am getting way ahead of myself. This prayer breakfast wasn't really supposed to happen. While 50 prayer breakfast across the country were planned by ACLC National Headquarters to take place in the month of January, because of the activities taking place in Korea, this plan was pushed back to take place later in the year. But Chicago is maintaining an important tradition. The third Tuesday of every month is the time of our monthly prayer breakfast (which is hosted by a different pastor every month). Thus, even though Bishop Kim was in Korea, the Chicago Family Church moved forward under the auspices of Dr. A. Harold White, the Co-convenor of the ACLC in Chicago, Dr. Bennie Owens, a member of the Chicago ACLC Board of Directors, Rev. Kazuo Takami and Rev. Lloyd Hudson who are standing in for Bishop Kim



and Rev. Bruce Sutchar, Bishop's Kim Special Assistant.

Several amazing occurrences happened during the breakfast. First of all, it was a gathering of old and new. Several old friends spanning the last 20 years of Unification Activities through-

out Chicago gathered together for a spiritual and physical reunion. Revs. M. Earle Sardon (90 years old), Rev. Mickey Walker (80), Rev. Isaac Strong (83), Rev. & Mrs. Bennie Smothers (who postponed going into the hospital for diabetes until after the prayer breakfast, Rev. James Bass (80+), Rev. A.I. Dunlap and Dr. Paul Swanson (youngsters in their 70's) joined together with relative newcomers, Dr. James Porter, Rev. Franklin Morris, Rev. Benton and over 200 others to begin 2003 with a rousing holy spirit welcome.

We were entertained by Larry Sutker, playing gospel music on his Hebraic harmonica and of course, the True Family Values Japanese Gospel Choir.

Rev. Sutchar reported about the national Divine Principle Seminars in Ocean City, Maryland, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Rev. Bennie Owens shared about the experience of the God conference in Washington, DC immediately after Christmas (I think Rev. Owens may be the most serious minister in the ACLC).

And then, Rev. Levy

Daugherty preached like few others can. His sermon spanned the historical, theological and principled account of the life and struggle of Noah as he worked to establish the Foundations of Faith and Substance in his own lifetime.

And then Dr. Stallings, put the entire package together as he preached about faith and action.

"We must begin showing reverence for one another the way we say we show reverence to God."

Imagine a what a world this would be if we see others the way we see God and we honored others the way we honor God."

The problem is that we have faith, but no feet. WE have to put feet to our faith

So where does God dwell? God dwells where all of creation and heaven and earth recognize Him as God. This is truly the Kingdom of Heaven."

The program then gave honor and thanks to Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, who returned from Korea to attend the breakfast and to Pastor T.L. Barrett, our National Co-Convenor of ACLC.

The congregation then all joined in several rousing choruses of Happy Birthday as we honored both of these great men of God as we celebrated the anniversaries of their births.

We were closed out by a rousing good bye greeting from the great civil rights leader and advocate, Shepherd Alexander Isaiah Dunlap who had everyone putting their hands together to honor God and then Dr. Paul Swanson offered a heartfelt benediction on behalf of everyone, honoring Bishop Kim with his remarks. As full as it was, the program ended on time, due to the efforts of our Master of Ceremonies, Dr. A. Harold White, who as a radio personality knows, both how to run a program and maybe even more importantly, how to run on time. ❖

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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

by Dr. David Bromley

I have been trying to track down some information on Unificationism. I am working on a paper on what I term "spiritual edgework." It has struck me for some time that social scientists do not have an adequate way of talking about strong religious experiences. However, across a number of religious traditions practitioners take risks for their faiths and report quite similar personal experiences. The idea behind the edgework concept is that in their effort to be in touch with the sacred or to demonstrate the power of the sacred, religious practitioners move to the boundary between the secular and sacred realms.

There are many ways that this is done. It may be prayer or meditation, pilgrimage, ritual activity, etc. There is always some risk associated with approaching the sacred, and practitioners use that risk to demonstrate a connection to the sacred. For example, in the ancient tradition of fire walking, practitioners demonstrate to themselves that ordinary physical laws do not apply by walking on hot coals and thereby enhance their own sense of self-empowerment. In some quasi-religious therapy groups, practitioners go to the edge of sanity and control to gain a greater sense of self-control and power.

When I wrote an early book on Unificationism, "Moonies" in America, in 1979 I remember writing about what was at the time called pioneering, in which an individual or pair of individuals would travel

long distances to establish the faith in a new state or nation. Often they had little or no money and no idea where their next meal or lodging would come from. In many cases individuals reported testimonies of very strong spiritual experiences, their needs were provided for. There were also some similar reports from early fundraisers. I would regard these experiences as edgework. Individuals who engage in edgework typically report similar experiences—a loss of a sense of time and/or space (the usual bonds of time and space do not seem to apply), a feeling of being in a spiritual flow (a unity of experience), a lessened sense of individual isolation and an increased sense of unity with others and with deity (a sense of complete integration), etc.

What I need is personal accounts that document the activities members undertook and the kinds of spiritual experiences that resulted. In order to produce a coherent text, it is usually necessary to obtain several dozen accounts since different reports contain different elements and some statements are more quotable than others.

If you are interested in learning more about the kind of writing I have done, you can check my web site: <http://www.people.vcu.edu/~dbromley/vitae.htm>

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## Moment of Meditation

When you go down, don't be disappointed; and when you go up, do not be arrogant.

# 2nd Gen Norfolk Winter Workshop 2002

by Shori Matusomoto, age 16

Norfolk has a rather small Unification Church community, and perhaps it always will be. Our church can almost seem pitiful to those used to a larger church with a larger congregation. But the fact that our community has so few members has only strengthened us in the last several years. The dozen or so families that make up our community have become like one. We all truly love each other as brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, and sons and daughters. We have learned to do so much with so few people. And since our introduction to Service for Peace last summer, things have only gotten better. We meet with each other three times a week; for Service for Peace, Divine Principle lectures, and Sunday Service. Based on this yearning to spend more time with one another, we decided to have a winter workshop.

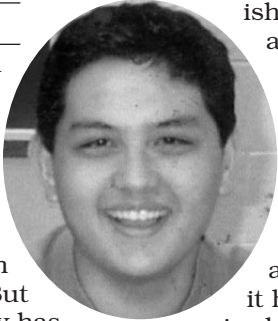
The original idea came from Miwa, who started Service for Peace here in the first place. Once the fact was established that we wanted a winter workshop, planning began.

Every Sunday we take a Sunday School offering as well as a congregational offering. During previous years we usually took a large portion of the yearly Sunday School offering and spent it on a church trip to Busch Gardens, but this year we decided to spend the money for a spiritual purpose.

More than anyone, Aunt Joan Mwamlima, took the most responsibility and sacrificed the most time to make the workshop happen. It took a couple of weeks, but when the planning was finished, it was decided that the workshop was to be at First Landing State Park, beginning Saturday, December 28th ending on the 30th.

The first day of the workshop was quite interesting. No one was really serious about learning anything, but was focused more on having fun, and spending time with their friends. We arrived at the park around 9:00, where we played Matanage (our unofficial adopted sport) for an hour, waiting for everyone to arrive. Afterwards, we were called into the main hall for orientation. After taking all of our luggage to the cabins, we had free time, where again we played Matanage, among other things. We ate lunch, and then received a wonderful lecture from Uncle Gerhard Peemoeller, whose lectures are so deep and incredibly spiritual that you can't help but get absorbed in them. Once we'd finished the lecture, we had our sports and activities, followed by dinner. This is when Uncle Peemoeller gave his second lecture.

His words were unlike any other I had heard before. I feel so fool-



ish for not taking it seriously at the time, but the lecture was incredible. He spoke of Jesus, and his heart. And God's feeling when he had to let his beloved son go. Tears came to his eyes. He invested all of his heart and spirit into that lecture. And after the lecture, it was like it had been forgotten. We just simply moved on from it, not reflecting or thinking at all. I felt much regret for that. After dinner, we headed back to the cabins to sleep.

There was supposed to be a very strict bed time of 10:00. By this time, everyone in the cabin was supposed to be in their sleeping bag and asleep. However, this was far from what happened. The lights were out at ten. Then someone said something. This started a conversation. Freeson realized what was happening, and told us to shut up.

The same thing happened again. The vicious cycle continued for an hour, after which everyone finally went to sleep. Then Freeson, who so strongly urged us to go to bed, kept us up all night long with his unending snoring. What a night it was.

The second day began at around 4:45. We all woke up, got dressed and got ready for pledge. After pledge, we had Hoon Dok Hae for a little more than an hour, and then it was time for breakfast. Following breakfast, we had a free time, which was originally designated for a relaxing walk on the beach. So we went outside, and filmed a movie with a camcorder I had brought. When Aunt Joan pulled up in the car and asked us to walk on the beach, I'm sure she had no clue as to what our idea of a walk on the beach was. She soon found out.

At first, no one wanted to go to the beach. They just wanted to stay behind, relax, skateboard, whatever. Well Bhae-Jin had decided beforehand that he was going to jump into the icy cold ocean water that very morning. So we went. When we arrived at the beach, the girls were serenely pacing the ocean shore, collecting shells, dancing in the wind, etc. When we arrived, things changed abruptly. Bhae-Jin and Koubun mindlessly ran into the water, as if it were some strange alien ritual. They jumped around, screamed about how cold it was, and laughed as we caught their antics on film. Little did we know what idiots

we were. It turned out that Miwa was in the middle of a deep spiritual experience, an experience of closeness to God through nature. We didn't find out until later on.

As we returned to the cabin, I worried (something I spend too much time doing) about the sermon I had to give in a few hours. I hadn't prepared anything. All I knew was my topic: Humbleness. Yes, I guess I was just expecting the Holy Spirit to speak through me that day. What a mistake. When we arrived at the main hall, where Sunday Service was to be held, I learned of the whole incident with Miwa. I felt pretty bad. At first all the boys were in complete denial that we were in any way wrong, but eventually we became humble and realized that the whole purpose of the workshop was not to act like fools, jump around in the water, and have fun. The purpose (as it is with all workshops) was to receive a deeper understanding; of God, of our mission and purpose as the Second Generation, and many things. This was a turning point for me. My objective for the workshop changed

to a more internal and spiritual goal. But first I had to give a sermon. Ugh.

As Sunday Service began, my heart began to race. I realized then and there that I did not take it seriously enough. After Freeson and I embarrassed ourselves with a guitar/vocal duet of "Amazing Grace", I was called to the podium to give my sermon. I'm not going to go into my sermon, but I'll just say it wasn't what I had hoped it to be. I spoke of humbleness, and how it can be applied to everything in life; and how its evil twin, arrogance, can destroy everything. After my sermon I received many compliments - perhaps just comfort from the ones I love. Well we had our usual lunch followed by activities. This is when Rev. Philip Schanker arrived. He gave a wonderful lecture, explaining a broad variety of subjects, but basically outlining the Divine Principle. His lectures were very fun and everyone received a lot from them. After his lecture, we ate dinner and went to bed. This time Freeson slept in a different room.

The last day of the workshop seemed much shorter than the others. I was quite sad that things were coming to a close, but still looked forward to the day ahead of me. We woke up very late that day. We did a brief HDH session, ate a quick breakfast, and drove to the main hall where Rev. Schanker gave another lecture. He used the movie The Matrix to explain some parts of the Divine Principle. The movie is much different when seen from a different perspective. True for many things in life. Following his lecture, we had lunch, and wrote our reflections of the workshop. After which we packed up and eventually left.

The workshop was, in my opinion, way too short, but I really appreciate the chance we had to have one. It was excellent experience overall, and I'm very happy we were able to have what I hope will become our annual Norfolk Winter Workshop. ❖



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# IIFWP Staff: An Appreciation

by Frank LaGrotteria

This is from an address given at the IIFWP First Annual Staff Meeting Tarrytown, NY, January 7, 2003

It is quite obvious that our organization has grown a great deal over the past year. Since its historic inception during the World Culture and Sports Festival's Special Convocation held in Seoul, February 4-6, 1999, the IIFWP has steadily developed its institutional character and unique providential mission.

For the first three years, we operated primarily in a pioneer mode. During that time we conducted many events and programs, most notably the Hoon Dok Seminars which began in the summer of 1999 and eventually kicked off world-wide multiplication and expansion of True Father's educational system to both members and non-members alike around the globe.

In addition, we supported many International Leadership Seminars, coordinated the Annual World Culture and Sports Festivals, conducted Special Convocations, Summits, Symposia, Conferences, Service Projects, and Collaborations.

Over this past year we began the transition from pioneer-mode to a semi-permanent institutional presence and center here in Tarrytown. During this past year the Ambassador for Peace initiative, begun during our pioneer time, has been expanded to cover the entire globe with Ambassadors for Peace being appointed at each level of society. We also worked on many conferences and collaborations with other significant Providential activities such as the International Blessings and the Founder's Speaking tours.

As Director of Conference Services, under the guidance of Dr. Walsh, my mission has been to organize and supervise the invitation process for many of these events and to coordinate the events themselves. In addition, over the past year, our organization has attempted to create an institutional center of operations and organization for its worldwide network. My role in this area has been to support our Secretary General, Dr. Walsh in consolidating our staff and creating a suitable office environment and communications system so that we can efficiently administrate our many varied activities and projects. In so doing I have seen the Principle manifested on the institutional level in a unique way. I would like to share with you some thoughts on this topic.

Many dimensions of our institutional culture match

the Principle on one level or another. For example, when we do a conference we first create the external environment, second invite the guests, and finally engage them in productive give and take action. This is the same as the order of the creation; God created the earth or environment first, second He created Adam and Eve, and finally gave them the Blessing to interact in productive give and take action with one another. In this way we see that there is a certain pattern and order in all things, even seemingly external, organizational systems. Human beings, for example, are a complex integration of mind and body. The mind provides direction and guidance whereas the body produces results in real time through specific action. No mind is ever satisfied by thinking alone, the mind always seeks an object partner with which to interact so that its ideas can become reality. This is the same as the relationship between God and the Universe. God created so that he could have a substantial object partner in reality who could provide stimulating joy and satisfaction. He first created the natural world which reflected His nature in symbol and then created human beings which more fully reflected His nature in substance; as True Father likes to say, "human beings are God's love partner."

Our IIFWP culture too reflects some of these same orderly aspects of the Principle. In our organization we have a mind-side group of staff members known as the "Directors" and we also have a body-side group of staff members known as "Staff" members. Among the mind-side group we have the "mind-of-the-mind" so to speak represented by Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh. We also have the "mind-of-the-body" so to speak represented by the leaders of various functional departments, such as Mr. Yoshida in the Finance Department and myself in the Conference Services Department.

The mind-side provides direction and guidance and the body-side carries out their wishes in myriad functions from the use of money, to planning and executing

conferences, to ordering office supplies and taking out the trash.

The relationship between these two groups of people is highly reflective of the relationship between an individual's mind and body.

Just like our own mind, the mind of the IIFWP Directors is characterized by their Dreams, Wishes, Visions, Hopes, Plans, and Directions reflected from higher powers.

Just like our own body, the body of IIFWP Staff members is characterized by their Age, Experience, Skills, Abilities, Resources, Time, Space, Personal Limitations, Personal Style, Grace, Speed, Accuracy, and the like.

The IIFWP mind appears unlimited in its ability to provide new and greater direction and the IIFWP body often appears unlimited in its ability to provide the realization of those directions in reality; be it a conference on short notice, an office reorganization, the production of books and literature, tax audits, payrolls, or the basic daily

functions of a large staff and office environment.

However, even with all this wonderful give and take action going on between the collective IIFWP Mind and the collective IIFWP Body, there are still some very real problems being experienced between them which are not unlike the relationship between our own mind and body.

For example, the IIFWP mind does not stop—it moves on to the next thing regardless of time and space, limits of resources, needs of the body, etc. Contrary to popular opinion, the body does get tired and needs a rest now and then. The body has real needs of its own, just as in the Principle we recognize the self-purpose and the whole-purpose as being interconnected and both legitimate. We need to recognize both the needs of the mind and the body as legitimate. In a for-profit corporation the needs of the self or the needs of the body are often called human resources or personnel management. What we need is a plan that understands the body, validates its real needs, while simultaneously addressing the need for intense public action.

In the Conference Services Department we have developed some helpful tools in this regard. For example, we have vendors who understand our needs and can provide proposals for service in very short time periods. They know when we call, that we need results from them right away (next week is not an option). We have invested in staff both in Washington DC and here in NY who can transit to various conference services roles with relative ease due to the advance work of our permanent staff. For example when one staff member arrived at the recent God Conference this past December, he said he felt like the horse was saddled and all he had to do was jump on and ride away! I loved that testimony because that story graphically demonstrates exactly the kind of results we are seeking.

In short lets not be re-active, but pro-active, and integrated in how we develop the relationships among our various departments and between the collective IIFWP Mind and the collective IIFWP Body. Communication is essential and in this coming year we should try to develop a greater respect between the two—the mind, after all, would not accomplish a thing without the body, and the body would be consumed with itself without the mind—we are interconnected and thus need to recognize our interdependence and develop harmony and peace as we fulfill our common mission.

So, in conclusion, during this year of 2003, as we dance the IIFWP dance and celebrate the completion level of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, let our dance be with grace and style, from the heart, with steps of precision flowing effortless as we glide across the days and months of the year. ❖



## FOR KIDS

by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of making hot chocolate for friends

Help them find the kitchen

# The Work Begins in Pusan

The calendars said January 27, 1951. The old train rattled to a stop at Pusan station. The two young men who climbed stiffly down from the front of the train were so blackened by soot and dirt, and so frozen by the January wind, that even their own parents could not have recognized them.

For two long months they had been crawling over snowy mountains carrying a man with a broken leg and trudging through rocky valleys and icy waters. For two long months they had been eating roots from the ground and buying small servings of rice whenever someone gave them a little money. For two endless months they had been sleeping on frozen ground without a warm blanket or coat. They had pushed themselves to their limits—and then they had pushed some more.

They peered out into the darkness; then looked at each other and smiled. Their smiles said, "Pusan at last!" But their weary bodies cried out to them, "A little rest, please! Some sleep!"

They looked all around the cold train station and found an old butter can left by the United Nations soldiers. In this, they made a fire and soon received a little warmth. Although they felt as if they were still rocking and bumping with the train, they soon fell into an exhausted sleep.

As soon as the morning sky began to lighten, Father and his beloved disciple, Won Pil Kim, woke up and wasted no time in venturing out onto the chilled gray streets of Pusan. On three sides they could just make out a city that seemed to wrap itself around the steep hills, and on the remaining side was a body of water. Pusan was a port city, and ships were being loaded and unloaded even at this early hour.

Father's first thought was, "How can I quickly find those who worked with me in Seoul and Pyongyang? Heavenly Father, you have been crying for them. I must find them quickly, quickly!"

As they pushed their tired bodies along, Father thought of the separation from his followers while in prison. He thought about his search for them in Pyongyang afterwards and his heartbreaking disappointment when he found so few. He thought about the possibility of finding them in Pusan, and new strength came to him.

Father and Won Pil Kim spent their first day walking the streets and looking hopefully into the thousands of faces. With the little money they had left, they bought a small snack, which was their meal for the day. It didn't give them much energy for climbing up and down the steep hills, but they kept climbing anyway.

Pusan was the only city in all Korea where no Chinese soldiers swarmed through the streets. It was crowded with thousands and thousands of people who had left their homes in the North to escape the threats of the communist soldiers. If they were very lucky, they had moved in with relatives or friends in Pusan. If they were a little lucky, they were living in tents outside the city. Others slept in corners, gateways, or any small space they could find. Since Father and Won Pil Kim were among the last refugees to arrive in Pusan, every spot seemed to be taken.

They soon found someone Father had taught in Seoul about five years earlier,

and they were invited to spend the night in his house. What a treat to sleep in an actual room and eat some steaming rice. It wasn't the white clean rice we eat today. It was hard and gritty and mixed with barley, but it was all that was available to most Koreans during those difficult war years.

Father looked around at the crowded room. He didn't want to cause more hardship for these already suffering people, so the next day he insisted on leaving.

Won Pil Kim thought to himself, "Because there are two of us, it will be very difficult for people to invite us in. I must find a way to take care of myself, so it will be easier for Father to find a place to stay." He told Father what he wanted to do, and soon he found a job in a restaurant with a place to sleep nearby.

Meanwhile, within a day, Father noticed a man looking at him. He was looking at Father's ragged dirty clothes and rubber shoes and thinking, "Who is that man? He looks familiar. But I don't know any beggars." Then his eyes lit up in recognition.

"Moon!" he cried excitedly as he came up to Father. Then Father recognized his schoolmate, Duk Moon Aum. They had gone to the university in Japan together years before. They laughed and embraced with joy.

Mr. Aum immediately invited Father to his home. He had become a professor and architect; yet, he lived with his family in only a small apartment. There was hardly any heat, and the food was simple, but at least it was a place to get out of the cold wind, and Father was grateful.

Instead of relaxing, however, Father immediately began talking to Mr. Aum about the ideal world, and he talked about Jesus. Mr. Aum was a Buddhist, so he didn't know much about Jesus.

That night he had a surprising dream. In this dream Jesus' sister spoke to him. "When Jesus was alive," she said, "his mother—our mother—didn't understand him. She kept fussing at him to stay home and become a good carpenter. Now in spirit world, Jesus feels resentment toward her. It might have been possible for him to succeed, if his mother had prepared him and supported him as the Messiah. The only person who can help Jesus now is your friend, Sun Myung Moon. Please, listen to him and help him!"

The next morning Mr. Aum told Father his dream. Father responded, "I have many things to explain to you." So they sat in Mr. Aum's little home, and Father told him all about the ideal world, the Fall, Jesus' mission, and God's heart. When Mr. Aum heard the wise words of Father, he came to understand that Father was very special. Even though they had been just friends before, he began calling Father "Sungsangnim" (honorable teacher).

After about a week, Father told Mr. Aum he had to go visit some other people. Actually, he had no place to go, but he saw how crowded it was for Mr. Aum's family, and he didn't want to be a burden.

As he walked through the streets, Father prayed earnestly. It was a miracle, that among the thousands of people

he met, he quickly found another friend from his earlier days. It was Mr. Kim who had been in Hungnam prison (the one who had followed Father's advice about working in an easier part of the prison and escaping when something looked suspicious).

They were also overjoyed to see each other. "I've been wishing all this time I could report to you," said Mr. Kim excitedly, "that I followed your advice in prison, and when the communists started killing prisoners, I was able to escape. At last, I have the opportunity to thank you for my life."

Father looked at him with a big smile. "As you can see, I eventually made it to Pusan. I got a job, and now I'm happy to tell you I just got married. Will you please come to my house and meet my bride? We would be most honored to have you stay with us."

Father agreed to go. When they arrived, he saw that Mr. Kim had indeed a nice



wife, but he saw also that they had only one small room. He stayed two weeks so he could talk to his friend about Heavenly Father's plan for Korea and the world. But he understood how difficult it was for the newly married couple to have another man living in the same room with them. Again he moved on.

Father's first desire was to find more of his followers. However, there was no one to attend him, so he had to get a job. He found work at the docks, where he spent his precious time loading and unloading ships. It was backbreaking work, and he was still in a weakened condition from prison life and the long trip to Pusan. Although spring was just around the corner, the icy winds still whistled through this port city.

Father learned that, if he worked during the night when it was coldest, it helped to keep him warm. Then he could sleep during the day when it was warmer. Sometimes, he would sleep under someone's porch, but often he would climb one of the mountains, where he could pray and sleep undisturbed.

He also continued to visit Mr. Aum and Mr. Kim, and often he went to see how Won Pil Kim was doing at the restaurant. One day, he brought Mr. Aum and Mr. Kim along to the restaurant. Won Pil Kim went to his boss and asked, "May I offer this man and his guests some food? He is my honorable teacher."

"Alright," said the understanding owner. "They can use the private room in the back, and you may serve them rice and

a few things."

Won Pil Kim eagerly pressed the rice down tightly

into the bowls, so he could pile more on top. He felt so much joy to be able to serve. Father thanked him cheerfully and asked how he was doing.

"I'm doing well," answered Won Pil Kim. It seemed like only a moment and Father's rice was all eaten. Won Pil Kim refilled the bowl, and again the rice was eaten almost immediately. Then he understood that, even though Father looked happy and well and didn't ask for anything, he was actually starving.

"Why didn't he tell me he was so hungry?" wondered Won Pil Kim. "Why didn't he ask for something special? He just accepts whatever I set before him." Then he promised himself, "I will make sure to prepare plenty of food for him whenever he comes." And he always did.

They had been in Pusan almost four months. In May, Father found a cheap room in a boarding house for homeless workers. He came to Won Pil Kim and suggested, "We could rent a room together

at this boarding house. Then we could be together again, and save money, as well. How does that sound?"

"It sounds wonderful," said Won Pil Kim enthusiastically, for he missed being with his beloved teacher so very much.

When they moved in, they found that the room was more like a closet. They couldn't even stretch out full length to sleep. Later, when Mr. Aum sometimes spent the night with them, he had to sleep leaning against the wall. But they didn't care. It was such a great comfort to be together again.

As time went on, Won Pil Kim came to appreciate much more deeply the greatness of

Father. He saw how he was always thinking of others. He saw that Father never complained about the cold that had chilled his bones day and night. He never mentioned the prison wounds that still caused him pain. He never mentioned the pangs of hunger in his shrunken stomach. He never said, "Oh, I wish I could taste some pulgogi and fresh kimchee and some really good quality white rice." Instead, he would look kindly at Won Pil Kim and ask, "Are you alright? Did you get something to eat today? Are you warm enough?" Won Pil Kim always reassured him he was fine. But actually, he was hungry and tired most of the time, also. Neither one wanted to worry the other—so great was their love.

The pain in Father's heart was greater than the pain in his body when he looked at his young faithful disciple. "I'm sorry you must suffer so much," he said silently. "You gave up everything. Now you are in rags, and your stomach cries out constantly for food." Father's tears flowed for this dear young man who had come so many miles with him.

This is the kind of person Father was. This is the kind of person he is. When we suffer, he suffers. Perhaps we can say to him, "It's alright, Father. Don't worry about me. I want to help you. I want to be your disciple." Then his eyes will fill with tears, and he will feel better. And God's eyes will fill with tears, and He will feel better. ♦

by Dr. Michael Mickler

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Despite the spectacular breakthroughs of the Moscow rally and its aftermath, a more internal course ran almost precisely parallel to these events. This more internal course connected Rev. Moon's victory in America, particularly the unity he had attained with Christianity through the Danbury providence, to the movement's spiritual homeland in Korea. Thus, a march to Korea paralleled the march to Moscow. Proclamations made in the movement's homeland and mobilizations of vast numbers of people likewise paralleled the Moscow rally and its aftermath. In addition, Rev. Moon's meeting with North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung paralleled his meeting with Gorbachev. The difference was these rallies and victories, including Rev. and Mrs. Moon's proclamation of their messianic status, were understood to have an eternal and universal validity. Unlike worldly attainments, they were not subject to reversal or recall.

The movement's march on Korea began even prior to Rev. Moon's release from Danbury Federal Prison. While there he "first asked American members to focus on educating 70,000 ministers, and on that foundation to send 7,000 ministers to...Japan and Korea." This request led to the creation of the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance, the 300,000-videotape project, and other activities previously covered. The focus shifted after April 1985 when the movement sponsored its first Interdenominational Conference for Clergy (ICC) in Korea and Japan. Under the theme, "Rev. Moon and Korea in the Providence of God," sixty-four ministers from twenty-one denominations attended an "advanced seminar on Unificationism" between April 10-19, 1985. Between 1985-88, the movement sponsored thirty-eight separate ICC seminars for 7,069 American clergy and religious leaders who traveled to Korea and usually Japan. According to Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who had overall responsibility for the project, the "meaning of the 7,000" was connected to the time of Elijah when throughout Israel God prepared 7,000 people who had never bowed down to Baal (I Kings 19:18). Rev. Kwak stated that John the Baptist inherited the position of Elijah and "was to find 7,000 righteous believers among the whole of Israel to work with Jesus." Since Korean Christianity rejected Rev. Moon between 1945-48, the mandate was to bring 7,000 American ministers to Korea between 1985-88, after completion of the forty-year wilderness course. This would be one among numerous conditions of unity set by the movement to restore what was lost during the immediate post-World War II era.

The ICC seminars, which were a decisive first step in the movement's march to Korea, paralleled CAUSA and ALC efforts in its concurrent march to Moscow. However, the ICC ran along an internal track and had pronounced differences from the movement's VOC work. The most obvious difference was the theological content. The CAUSA and ALC meetings attempted to universalize the movement's theological content as "Godism" which emphasized points of convergence for all theistic believers. The theological material presented in the ICC seminars was highly particular, basically straight Divine Principle content.

A second major difference of the seminars was the spiritual dimension. CAUSA and ALC had a significant fellowship component, but they basically conformed to accepted norms of professional meetings.

Spontaneous testimonies as to the inner workings of the spirit in one's heart clearly would have been out-of-bounds, especially in public sessions. The ICC meetings were much different. Not only were the participants welcome to bear witness to all manner of revelations, dreams, visions and other similar phenomena but the conferences were structured in such a way as to encourage and even cultivate this. A third difference was that CAUSA and ALC conferences preached to the already-converted. Although some new constituencies were introduced, they were primarily gatherings of the like-minded who were opposed to Marxism and favored traditional values. The situation was quite different in ICC seminars where ministers had met the movement through religious liberty or CAUSA meetings but "had not studied the Principle deeply." As ICC leaders, particularly in the earlier sessions, acknowledged, "Most of the participants do come to Korea with some lingering skepticism or even suspicion about [Rev. Moon]." These factors combined with pre-existing denominational rivalries among participating ministers to generate more heated debates and spiritual battles than in either the CAUSA or ALC meetings.

It's important not to overstate the extent of these disagreements. In fact, it was precisely because of the initial distance that the ICC sessions were so

powerful. Some ministers openly repented for their former misunderstandings or their denomination's persecution of the movement. Others repented for their mistreatment of one another. According to one report, "Many became inwardly hopeful and jubilant that now indeed was the time of the Second Coming. Others, while they may have rejected the possibility...expressed tolerance and acceptance of our position." Beyond that, ICC leaders hoped that clergy could testify that "God is actually behind...[Rev. Moon] and our movement." To facilitate this, the ten-day ICC seminars introduced participants to the full range of the movement's tradition in its countries of origin, "not what they have heard through the American media." After the first several conferences, the ICC seminar began at Tokyo Church Headquarters where "hundreds of young members lined the sidewalks to greet ministers, exuberantly waving flags and shouting "Welcome! Welcome!" Each group also attended a Youth Rally where over 1,000 members who had newly joined through "video centers" greeted the ministers "with wild enthusiasm." The unmistakable message was that while Japan was highly resistant, even allergic to traditional forms of Chris-

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tian witness, the Unification movement was bringing impressive results.

In Korea, although participants toured industrial facilities, the ICC placed more emphasis upon the movement's humble and suffering origins. Church elders shared experiences from the early days, and ministers toured the old Chung Pa Dong Headquarters Church, including the bare upstairs rooms where Rev. Moon and his family had lived. A day trip to Pusan at Korea's southernmost tip was usually a highlight. There, they visited a museum that stood on the site of the first Unification Church building—a hut of mud and cardboard that Rev. Moon constructed when he arrived in the city as a refugee during the Korean War. Many of the guest ministers' most vivid experiences occurred when they climbed the path up the mountain above the site to the "Rock of Tears" overlooking Pusan and its harbor where Rev. Moon "had prayed earnestly for the salvation of the world."

Some started crying and praying deeply. In the course of the conferences, many from spirit-filled backgrounds testified to visions and revelations. A conference convener, convinced that the voice he heard at the Rock of Tears was the same voice he had heard at the Wailing Wall in Israel and "that it was the voice of God and that this place was authentic," burst into tears and embraced an ICC lecturer. However, some ministers never made it up the steep, winding climb to the rock, and not all who made it experienced meaningful breakthroughs.

There was always a full cycle of Principle lectures and question and answer panels which usually focused on Rev. Moon's identity, joint Sunday worship at the Seoul Headquarters Church, a banquet at the Little Angels School, and gifts of ginseng tea. From the fourth conference, Rev. Moon requested that participants issue a proclamation of support for the movement "to encourage understanding among all Christians, especially in Korea." The proclamations, with some variation, affirmed that "the Unification Church is a God-centered movement which practices Christian love," that "The Reverend Sun Myung Moon is a man deeply inspired by God and Jesus Christ," that the Unification Principle has exerted a "transforming power in the lives of its followers," and that "the Unification Church has suffered unjustly in many respects because of misunderstanding." Typically, three-fourths or more of the participants signed these. Rev. Moon also suggested that the American ministers establish sister-church relationships with Korean Christian churches. This also became a regular part of the conference although a lesser percentage of ministers took part.

It is important to grasp the context within which the ICC and other events of this period transpired. As already noted, Rev. Moon used the term "wilderness course" to describe his forty-year ministry from 1945-85. Originally, he hoped that Korean Christianity would accept his Second Advent ministry, that it would serve as the basis for unifying the Fatherland after World War II, and that within seven



ICC participants pray at the Rock of Tears, Pusan



# Conferences for Clergy

University. That same year, the movement-sponsored Il Hwa Cheon-ma (Heavenly Horse) Soccer Team gained a franchise in Korea's top professional soccer league.

Rev. Moon made an offering of these and other

conditions in three separate ceremonies in Kodiak, Alaska between August 20 and September 1, 1989. He declared the *Ae-Won* or "One Heart" providence on August 20th. Then he performed *Pal Chong Shik* or "The Ceremony of the Settlement of Eight Stages" on August 31st. Lastly, he proclaimed the era of *Cheon Pu Ju-eui* or "Heavenly Parentism" on September 1st. Taken together, these ceremonies signified to Rev. Moon that meaningful opposition to his work had passed and that the way was open for a more direct and public expression of his messianic role. The collapse of communism in Eastern Europe during the fall of 1989 and the beginning of the end of the cold war only confirmed this. In February and March 1990, the movement held its first "Welcoming True Parents" rallies. Still, there was a degree of ambiguity. Rev. Moon's speech, "True Unification and One



First ICC at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

years, by 1952, worldwide Christianity and, indeed, the world would have entered a Completed Testament era. This sequence of events, of course, did not transpire, and Rev. Moon endured a lengthy internal and then, by choice, an external exile from Korea. With the victory of Danbury, the forty-year wilderness course ended and a "seven-year course for the settlement in cosmic Canaan began." Canaan, according to one church commentary, was "the land of the ancestors" and signified "the homeland." Hence, between 1985-92, Rev. Moon attempted to connect the foundation he had established worldwide to Korea. He came not as a prodigal son who had squandered his inheritance but as one who had made good in the world and who had something to give. From this perspective, he came as a universal Jacob returning from exile, bringing substantial offerings, and seeking his rightful position.

Rev. Moon's timing in returning and in making Korea the focus was again impeccable as it was during this period that Korea was emerging on the world stage. The 1988 Olympic games held in Seoul were symbolic of this. More importantly, the country was democratizing. There were legitimately competing political parties and a significantly more open atmosphere. The movement took advantage of this in organizing the ICC meetings as well as several World Professor Lecture Tours which likewise testified to Rev. Moon's international significance. In 1987, Rev. Moon inaugurated the Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland. He criticized the North as one of the world's "most primitive and closed societies" and stated that Korea must make itself known in the international community as an advanced democratic nation. In 1988, he staged an "internal Olympics" inviting church missionaries from more than 100 nations to Seoul where they met teams and officials from each of the 160 countries represented and served up "more than 40,000 cans of McCol, a movement-produced soft drink, and bottles of Ginseng Up." More than 2,000 guests attended officially-sanctioned cultural events at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, and after the Games, Rev. Moon

announced plans to sponsor an "Olympics of World Culture" celebrating not only athletics but the full range of human activities.

There was evidence that Rev. Moon was achieving a substantial level of acceptance in the new Korea. On December 11, 1985, a successful homecoming banquet was held in honor of Rev. Moon at the Hilton Hotel in Seoul. Some 2,200 guests including "Korean leaders from every field of human endeavor" and "international dignitaries" gathered "to pay tribute to the conclusion of...[Rev. Moon's] 40-year ministry and to welcome him back to his homeland." The following year, the Nampyung Moon Clan Tribal Association named him "Tribal Chief" and in 1989, the Korean Root-Finding Association, a national organization made up of the leadership of literally all (about 275) of the Korean traditional family, or clan, names, asked Rev. Moon to be Chairman. The installation ceremony had a deep restorative meaning for members. Reflective of the democratization in Korean society as well as of openness toward Rev. Moon, the movement obtained permission to start a new daily newspaper, the *Segye Ilbo*, in 1989. It also received approval to establish Sung Hwa (later Sun Moon)

World," contained no explicit reference to his messianic status and listeners were left with the impression that everyone should strive to become True Parents. In America, the five Welcoming True Parents rallies were delivered in Korean and addressed exclusively to Korean-American communities.

Reportedly, Rev. and Mrs. Moon declared themselves to be True Parents more unambiguously in Korea during a twelve-city speech following the Moscow Rally and breakthrough meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in April 1990. Still, "True Parents" was an unfamiliar term and not necessarily associated with the Second Coming of Christ. The closest Rev. Moon came to such an affirmation in the United States was at the Second Assembly of the World's Religions held in San Francisco on August 15-21, 1990. In his Founder's Address, entitled "The Tradition of True Love and Bequeathing that Tradition,"

Rev. Moon stated, "Before this world can enter into the realm of true love and true family, the True Parents' position has first to be established. To help fulfill this very purpose I have been called upon by God.... I have suffered persecution and confronted death with only one purpose in mind, so that I can

live with the heart of True Parents to love races of all colors in the world more than my own parents who gave birth to me, or my own brothers and sisters."

The *San Francisco Chronicle* seized upon this remark to suggest that Rev. Moon had identified himself as the Messiah. It was true that he defined "the mission of the Messiah as a mission of True Parents" in the speech. However, claiming that he had been called by God to help establish True Parents' position and that he had suffered in this effort was still a long way from an exclusive identification of the position with himself. In fact, Rev. Moon stated that all religions were called to do the same. It seemed as though there was still one more puzzle piece that needed to be properly positioned before Rev. Moon could affirm unequivocally his unique role. ❖



ICC conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, September 1984



## World Peace King Cup to be Held in July

**T**he schedule for the 2003 World Peace King Cup, which will be held between international football club champions, has been released. The Sun Moon Peace Football Foundation announced at their press conference at the Hyatt Hotel, in Seoul, on February 5th, that the venue will be held in S. Korea from July 15th to July 22nd.

The World Peace King Cup, which has been approved by FIFA, will use the money to fight for world peace and eradication of poverty in third world countries. Chairman, Kwak, Chung Hwan announced the eight teams on Wednesday. Starting with the Korean champions Songnam Ihwa Football Club representing Asia, AS Roma (Italy), PSV Eindhoven (Holland), Bayer 04 Leverkusen (Germany), Sao Paulo Football Club (Brazil), LA Galaxy (North America), Kaizer Chiefs the African Club of Year 2001/2002 (South Africa), and Olympique Lyonnais (France) the continents of the world will be represented.

There will be two groups of four teams that will fight it out for the first stop in each group. The leaders of the two groups will battle for the championship. The prize money will be \$2 million USD for first and the runner up will get \$500,000 USD, and the tournaments are planned to be held at the

six stadiums that were used for the 2002 World Cup. The draw for the team placements will be held between March and April in South Korea.

The game will have 40 top-notch players including Francesco Totti of AS Roma, Neuville Schneider of Bayer Leverkusen, and Edmilson (Brazil) of Lyon who played in the 2002 World Cup. PSV Eindhoven with Guus Hiddink as head coach and Park Ji-sung and Lee Yong-pyo as players, and Hong Myung-bo of LA Galaxy are expected to draw a lot of attention from the crowds.

The organizers stressed that the teams were selected on merit. "We had to look at the top 15 clubs around the world and it was not easy as many are currently busy with their own programs," said Pele, the Brazilian legend. "As you know Santos is my team and I would have loved to bring them here, but Sao Paulo are currently the best team in Brazil and we had to select them."

Rev. Kwak said the tournament, which has the approval of FIFA, is the first of its kind and hoped that this tournament will carry on the excitement of the 2002 World Cup, which was co-hosted in Korea and Japan. Future tournaments will be moved from country to country on a bidding system, the organizers explained. ❖

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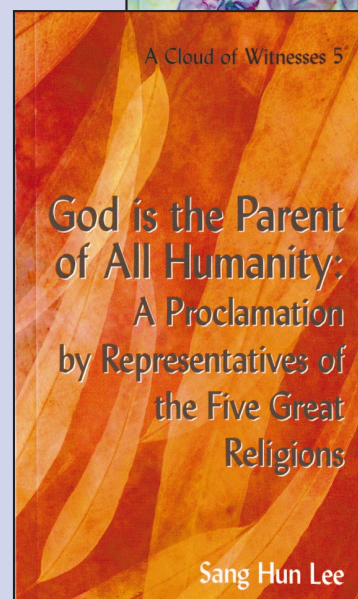
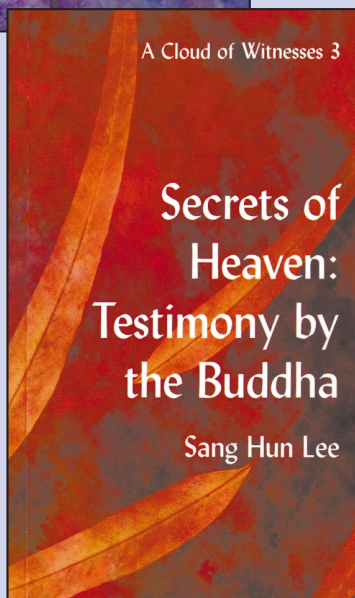
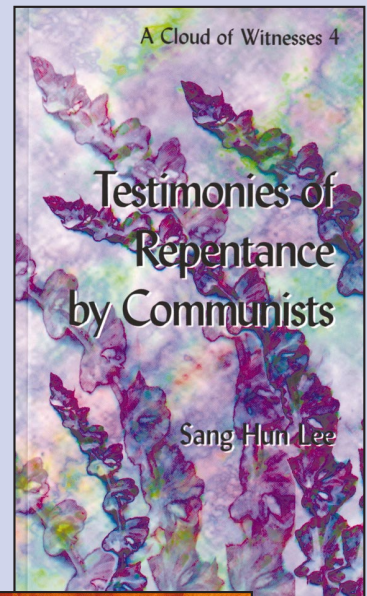
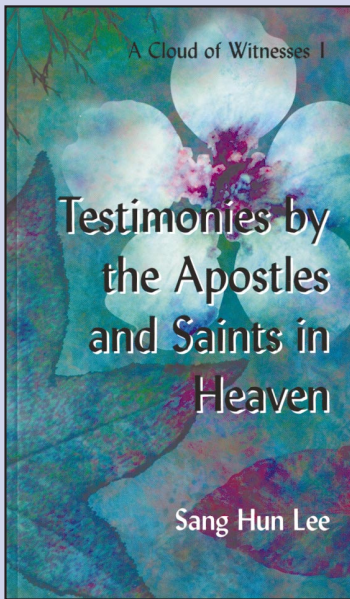
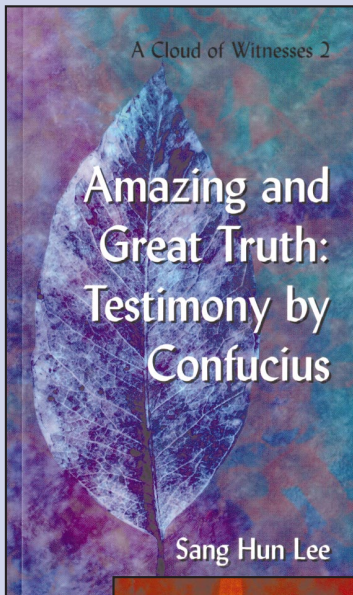
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