

# MINISTERS MOBILIZE

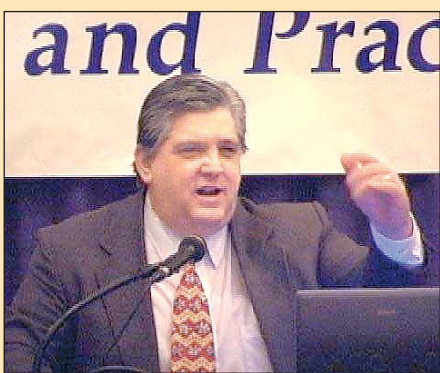
by Rev. McCarthy

## Washington, DC

Saturday, January 15th 2005 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative breakfast in DC, I had a vision. It was a powerful vision that brought me to tears. It was a most meaningful vision because it was not only spiritual, but actual. In fact, it was unfolding right before my eyes! I observed three ACLC ministers come to the stage and give the deep, life-giving, traditional content of the Divine Principle. Rev. Arnold Howard of Enon Baptist Church, Rev. Ronald Brown of Christian Love Baptist and our ACLC regional co-chairman, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson It was awesome! Just as important, these three minister presenters were more excited than anyone.

Our Regional Director, Rev. John Paul Hong has been a constant proponent of helping clergy to understand and teach the Divine Principle. We had been work-

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by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

## Chicago

It takes more than a snowstorm to stop Chicago. Yes its true that on the weekend of January 29, 2005 more than foot of snow caused Chicago's historic very first and only prayer breakfast cancellation in history. But even that was not done until the last minute. Until almost midnight Bishop Kim and the key Chicago leaders negotiated all the possibilities. But because of the storm Rev. Jenkins could not even get out of Washington, D.C. Then the banquet hall told us that they could not guarantee that the cooks and servers would be able to get into the kitchen the next morning. So finally, reluctantly, a deal was cut and both sides agreed to postpone the breakfast for one week.

And so either at midnight or again at 6am the more than 340 guests from 5 states were called and told of the change in plans. And yet, even with

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by Bento Leal

## Bay Area

In the spirit of fulfilling our founder's goal of educating 8000 clergy in America, Archbishop George A. Stallings, Jr., flew out to Northern California and was the keynote speaker at a special Community of Faith Breakfast held at the Bay Area Family Church (BAFC) in San Leandro on Saturday, Jan. 8. At least 175 people attended, including ACLC clergy, local Ambassadors for Peace, and members of the BAFC.



Archbishop Stallings gave a stirring presentation on God's Ideal of Creation (particularly the plan for the God-centered family), His grief at the Fall, God's hopes for restoration, the mission of True Parents, and the importance of interreligious unity to raise up humanity in this era of Cheon Il Guk. He spoke with passion and enthusiasm, as is his trademark.

He also spoke of the phenomenal interreligious breakthroughs that have see **BAY AREA** on page 12

by Rev. Henning

## Los Angeles

Saturday, January 29th, 2005 morning at the McCarty Memorial Christian Church Fellowship Hall the main event in Los Angeles for educating the regional goal of 576 clergy and civic leaders took place. Earlier the Women's Federation for World Peace held a very successful gathering and Hawaii held a major event. San Diego hosted a banquet where Archbishop Stallings brought the keynote address. This ACLC Breakfast event was the largest in Los Angeles history with 300 in attendance. Among those attending for the first time were Los Angeles City Councilman, Martin Ludlow; Rev. Andrew Robinson Gaither of Faith UMC; and Rev. Cecil Murray of First AME of Los Angeles. Rev. Murray, a nationally famous preacher, was very impressed with the setting. "All the diversity, all the denominations and faiths, all colors re-



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by Rev. M. Jenkins

## Boston

Boston had 26 inches of snow over the weekend of January 24, 2005, but this didn't stop 200 religious leaders from gathering at the Radisson Hotel on Monday evening, January 24th for religious leaders education. Just as the New England Patriots demonstrated the way to victory, so did our Boston ACLC movement. The snow was a blessing in disguise. The day of the event, Rev. Kim and some of our leaders go to key ministers' homes and shovel their driveways. With this extra effort, the religious leaders were touched and could not resist coming out.

The Boston movement has grown significantly. Some years ago Bishop Kim decided he would follow the model that was set forth in Chicago for ACLC. He has followed that meticulously, and the foundation with leaders of all faiths is developing significantly. Also noticeable was the broad cross-section of blessed

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by Gary Abrahams

## Memphis

It was a great day to be alive in Memphis Saturday January 22, 2005. The TN ACLC, TN Family Church and the TN AFC sponsored a seminar and luncheon. This was done to bring our current Memphis contacts and new contacts together in the spirit of God's embrace and to enlighten them about the activities and the responsibilities of Heavenly Father's providential work at this time and age.

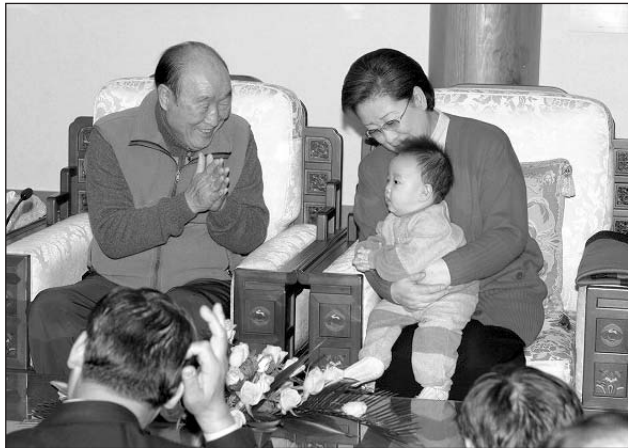
The turnout was nothing short of phenomenal, especially for the time and effort that we were able to offer for this event. There are only two church families in West Tennessee (Memphis area) with neither being able to offer themselves full-time to this event. We had one week to prepare. Similar efforts and programs in the past have

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# FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

January 4, 2005 - Han Nam Dong Note: These are notes through a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future for some kind of publication on Father's words. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message.



**T**his is the first Hoon Dok Hae of the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. As we enter Cheon Il Guk, we have to return to the nature. We must live connected to the ocean and the water. We have to return to our countryside to love nature and return to God's original ideal.

This is the time of substantially entering Cheon Il Guk. Therefore Heavenly law is now becoming a central point.

Everyone must have the Cheon Il Guk ID Card. Who has their card here? (Then everyone pulled out cards.) The spirit world cannot protect those who do not have the Cheon Il Guk ID. Without this ID you cannot participate in Hoon Dok Hae at Han Nam Dong. Korean is also essential. Every UC member should speak Korean. There will be no translators after four more years.

From now everything will be focused on building the Kingdom of God. We have to create a beautiful environment for the Kingdom of God. We must be

## Hoon Dok Hae

aware of the environment. We must purify the water and the environment. We must be very sensitive to the environment from now on as we have entered Cheon Il Guk. To do this we must take care of the immediate environment around our own homes.

Korea must become the highest form of a garden of flowers. There are 4,000 islands around Korea. All the world's cultures and nationalities should be planted there, so that Korea will become a microcosm of the world. Blessed Couples will move to Korea. They will bring all the seeds of vegetables and flowers from every nation and then we can create Korea as the center of all creation. We must keep the concept of Sal Ja (living well).

There are challenges to the Kingdom, howev-

er. The symbol of communism is red, with the hammer and sickle, and symbolizes red blood. We must be aware that communism is still alive and trying to make a comeback.

Love is the key. Disciplining someone with love is not bad. Parents should discipline their children. The picture behind me was painted by Heung Jin Nim. It is a beautiful work, and his ability came from Father. (Mother said with



### F E B R U A R Y 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)  
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 2 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
- 4 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 IIFWP Established (1999)
- 7 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 9 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)  
Lunar New Year
- 11 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)  
16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 13 First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)  
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)  
Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 14 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)  
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
- 15 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)  
Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 17 International Security Council Established (1985)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)  
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)  
Montevideo Declaration World University Federation (1996)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 24 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
- 25 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)  
One World Crusade Established (1972)  
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

### M A R C H 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 3 Shin Sook Nim's Birthday (1/23/84)
- 7 Middle East Time Founded (1983)
- 9 Dong Sook Nim's Birthday (1/30/55)
- 19 Shin Won Nim's Birthday (2/10/88)

- 21 WRIST Established (1984)
- 25 Aewon (Garden of Love) Bank Established (1994)
- 26 Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Established (1997)
- 27 Jin Sung Nim's Birthday (2/18/62)  
New ERA Inauguration (1980)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)  
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)  
The Sao Paulo Declaration (1995)  
Cheon Il Guk Established (2/22/2001)  
Grand Liberation of 6,000 Years of History (2/22/2002)

### A P R I L 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 5 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)  
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)  
57 Single Blessing (1989)  
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 9 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)  
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)  
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)  
FFWPU Established (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 Proclamation of Liberation and Release (2004)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)  
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
- 19 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 24 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
- 27 60 Couples' Blessing (2001)  
Interreligious (144,000) Clergy Blessing (2002)
- 28 Shin Ye Nim's Ascension (2001)
- 30 Shin Joon Nim's Birthday (2004)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim's and Yun Ah Nim's birthdays are celebrated twice in 2005. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar's creation (annually for the past ten years)—including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar—Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

C A L E N D A R

# FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

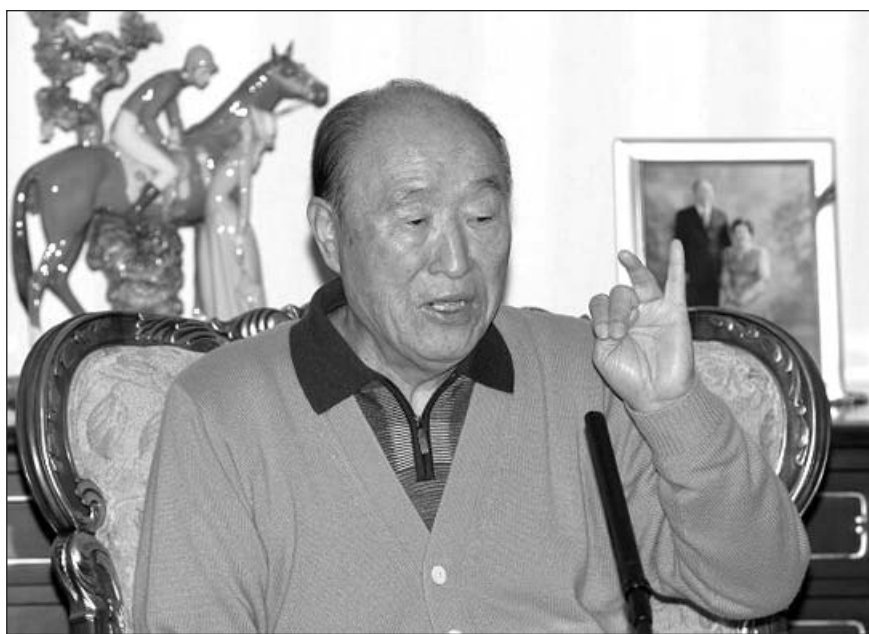
## with True Parents

a smile - he was so handsome and that came from me.) Blood lineage is most important. The grandchildren don't understand my thinking yet.

Motto - Let us complete the internal and external ideal of Cheon Il Guk. Internal means spirit world; external means the physical world. This means we are now creating the Kingdom of God in the spirit world and on earth. The spirit world is going to come down in full force to earth now. Blessed Couples must understand.

The Coronation of December 22, Feb. 4, March 23, August 20th were all connected to the fulfillment of responsibility of the first, second and third Israel. Then the Coronation of December 11 was the religious world and the political world supporting the King and Queen of Peace. The final coronation of IIFWP and Mongolian Peoples Federation will conclude this providence. It will be supported completely on the Cosmic level (which means supported by heaven and earth.)

Father will give another second-generation blessing. The candidates should be 18 - 24. Representing the Garden of Eden the couples should be as young as possible. Dr. Yang, understand. (Yes.) They must have pure love, pure sex, pure harmony. This is very important. Father gave special direction to Cheong Pyeong to check them. Exchange-marriage couples will be at the top of the kingdom because they loved their



worst enemy. A tsunami that could destroy Japan cannot touch Korea because of the mountains of Korea.

Japanese Blessed Couples should prepare to migrate to Korea. When the direction is given, they must come immediately. Japan must make the sacrifices necessary to make the north boundary of Korea at the Yalu river. Then Japan can be blessed. Otherwise Japan may perish.

Japanese blessed families should sacrifice everything for the Kingdom. Without that, Japan will perish. Korea, Japan and America must be one. Through cooperation between mother and son and Father and son, they have to attend Abonim. America should come to Korea through Japan and should connect to Che Ju Island.

Coronation for Cosmic (Spirit world

Korea, as the Fatherland, the garden of all creation, a garden of all flowers.

There will be 16 volumes of the Cheon Seung Gyeong. (The heavenly scriptures). I read the New Testament so many times to search out the original problem.

Michael Jenkins, you have to continue to change and go up. Do you understand? You must go up and up. You must learn Korean. (Al gey sumnida! I understand).

The second generation should gain subjectivity when they go to the satanic world. When

and Earthly world) Unification will be held on Feb. 14. Today is the first Hoon Dok Hae in Cheon Il Guk year five. Father gave us a special teaching concerning Korea as the garden of all creation. We must make Korea the flower garden of all creation. The highest level.

Concerning my name, Sun symbolizes ocean and land, and Moon means truth, so Sun Moon means the truth of the ocean and the truth of the land.

At 3 am this morning I offered a special prayer. It was to make

blessed couples make chapter 2 problems their ancestors and descendents are trapped in hell. This is the most serious of all problems.

When Father was in the hospital the doctors thought he had SARS, so he was held like a prisoner there.

(Father called four leaders from South America, then had them do scissors, paper, and rock to see who would be the major leader of business and other activities. One leader was established - Rev. Cho.)

Every two to two and one half years Father will change the representatives of the church and the economic foundation. Promotion should occur through evaluation promotion.

Father had one Korean sister from China sing. Then he gave her a flower from the vase in front of him. He pulled the ribbon off and gave it to Mrs. Kang (wife of Saint Augustine).

Father then emphasized that we will build the Kingdom of Heaven. We must love creation and create the heavenly environment to do this. (He then gave Rev. Kwak, Rev. Sun Jo Hwang and Dr. Yang one of the flowers from the vase).

Father ended by speaking with the sisters as he was walking out. The atmosphere was one of vast depth, stability and security that the Kingdom has already come and it will now rapidly expand. ❖



## ...at Blue Sea Garden

On January 13, around 150 members (including Japanese wives, STF members and some leaders) attended morning Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. Jeong Won-ju read chapter 2 of Cheon Seung Gyeong, "Sin and Restoration through Indemnity." Shinjunnim, grandson of True Parents--son of Hyung-jin nim-- also attended. He was trying to say something; his features were so cute, giving joy to all members as well.

True Father said that because peace was destroyed by the selfish life of religious people in the past, now through True Parents peace has to be realized anew. Heaven and Earth should become the place without any need of savior, messiah, or lord of Second Advent. For that we need to establish the original ideal family and ideal world...

Mrs. Jeong Won-ju prayed and then gave a brief testimony, saying that she attended Sunday service when she was young and received an international blessing after joining the Hansun ballet team and then served True Parents. She said whenever she sees Japanese members, she feels gratitude. She asked all the Japan-



ese wives among the participants to become international citizens of Cheon Il Guk as she finished her tearful testimony. Most of the Japanese members

choked with tears.

True Father said that international couples must be united and raise their sons and daughters toward higher lev-

els. And he said, "Even if you forget your life of suffering, God will remember it. If you endure 10 years, 20 years and 50 years, heavenly fortune is waiting for you."

Won-ju sang "Millennium Rock." After the first part of the song, True Father said, "Shall I speak a little bit?" He then continued, saying, "This song reminds me of the time when I went to the Danbury prison. It is about where I went throughout my life... People want to realize their desire, but happiness is not realized when our desire is fulfilled. In my case, I'm going the way that my desire doesn't want to go. Thinking about flower gardens along the way of life, I am adding this song to the holy songs... You came here as gypsies looking for a resting place!..."

In his prayer, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, the international president of the FFWPU, said that True Parents cannot rest at all, as they are working hard to liberate heaven and to save humanity with their sincere hearts. Rev. Hwang thanked True Parents and asked everyone to become people who can inherit that kind of life.

After the morning program, True Father went to visit Mu-ahn and Mokpo with some leaders. ❖

# STF Korea in Yeosu with True Parents

**O**n January 10th, STF Korea was invited to Hannam-dong to attend HDH with our True Parents. The HDH content was from the ChunSungKyun (Chun-il gook Bible) and was about the "the life of attendance."

True Father said to please remember this content and that you must obey it. He also emphasized about tithing 1/10, purity, pure blood lineage, and pure love. This HDH finish a little after nine am. He asked the STF members to stand up who had a birthday within the last week and invited them and the STF staff to travel to Yeosu with him.

The representatives headed towards Yeosu riding with True Father in his helicopter. Later, we heard that True Mother had gone by car to Yeosu so that her seat could be given to a STF member. When we heard about this we felt the great love and expectation that True Parents have for the 2nd generation. We felt sorry for her sacrifice but grateful for her love.

True Father followed by STF representatives were greeted by 116 Japanese wives (of Koreans) who were attending a 40day sea providence workshop. After the greeting, we boarded the helicopter again to see the sights from the sky. We flew over nearby islands and the city of Yeosu. The beauty of Yeosu is absolutely breath-taking, undisturbed and unpolluted it felt like we were looking down at the Garden of Eden. How God must have lamented that man fell away and could not properly enjoy or take care of his gift of creation.

After dinner we gathered for evening HDH. At that time leaders of various organizations reported to Father. As we listened to the victorious reports we felt that Father's words "The world will attend us" is soon to be accomplished. We realized that this special gift of being with True Parents is not only for us but for all. The leader of Korean STF, Mr. Yoon, upon Father's request, gave his impression of the helicopters ride, and testified to Hyun Jin Nim's education of 2nd generation through STF testimonies. These 2nd generation testimonies were about 2nd generation who challenged themselves to become like God and True Parent through working on the front line doing fundraising and witnessing activities. Mr. Yoon conveyed a testimony from a STF graduate's parents. When the parents asked their son if he would accept an international blessing he replied "Of course, anyone is ok, as long as it is a girl!" The parents were very impressed with his answer and asked the STF staff what kind of contents they were teaching. True Parents were also very happy with this testimony. True Parents are very concerned about the 2nd generation's life of faith and he was very pleased that the 2nd generation are rising up and taken responsibility and inheriting the course of the first

generation.

The next morning for HDH the content again was from ChungSungkyung (chun-il-gook Bible)-the way of a church member and practicing courtesy. After HDH, True Father and the STF representative went to inspect the industrial complex in Chignon.



True Father inspected the factory complex. He got reports and commented on each. He was concerned about staff's safety and he instructed the factory manager to take the proper precautions so that nobody would get hurt.

One of the appliances being produced is an electronic health machine that applies the principle of creation, called Happy Health. At that time I felt everything that True Father does is motivated by true love. He manages his businesses with the same amount of love and concern as the church communities and organizations.

On the industrial complex, True Father gave continuous love to us. He said to the 2nd generation "From now on it is your turn. Study hard and prepare your agility." Father asked everyone who was not blessed to raise his/her hand, and then instructed everyone who was not blessed yet to apply for the next blessing, in February. Father told Mr. Yoon to "make a special generation which have an absolute love standard" he also said "you have a big responsibility to thoroughly establish an absolute standard between man and woman. Don't even shake hands. Push them to go in the right direction" So we were reminded again with his word, and we a new determination to establish a Heavenly world by creating ideal families..

After inspecting the factory, we returned to Yeosu and had dinner, Father suggested that the guest enjoy



1 / 13 4:40 am, Location: the living room in the Garden of Chonghae already full of family members. True Parent came up with Sin-Joon(son of Hyun Jin Nim) with a big smile

on their faces. Their Appearance was so beautiful and that moment with Sin-Joon. The true Parent as the Messiah of humankind, The Savior of humankind, The True Parent of Humankind, has been to love Cain before his family. They really wanted to give love to their children but they couldn't. Also the True Children want to receive their love but they got few opportunities. From now on we'll become trusted 2nd generation in order to comfort the true family.

This morning the HDH words were about the sin and restoration of indemnification read from the ChunSungKyun. True Father stressed World peace will be realized by True Parent and that we must accomplish the original ideal family and world. In addition that ideal must be an international family. World peace will come about through the international Blessings. Father spoke to the Japanese wives (blessed with Koreans) who have walked the way of absolute obedience and overcome the difference of culture. He told them that "God will remember your hard life even if you forgot." Father added if you persevere for 10, 20, 50 years. God will have no choice but to pour his blessings upon you. After HDH, True Father asked Jung-won Ju to give

a testimony. In her childhood, she prayed that she could attend the True Parents. When she grew up she received an international blessing with the escort section chief of East Garden. In addition she talked about the pain of not being able to take care of her family because of her devotion to true parent.

She finished with a tear of thanks to her great husband and True Parent. Many Japanese wives cried after hearing her testimony. As representative we need to have absolute obedience before talking absolute love and absolute faith.

After HDH, True Father asked us "Do you want to ride a helicopter or a boat? Do you want to stay more?" We declined the helicopter ride because we knew it was a busy time in the providences and there were leaders who could go with Father if we didn't and help him more. so we asked to go fishing.



Before we went out Father told us that we must catch a least one fish as big as our hand and if we wanted to eat we need to catch a minimum of 3. Catching fish is the winter is not easy. The members of the 40day workshop had been out on the boats but have not caught single fish, however we were still determine to fulfill our responsibility. We needed to catch at least 3 fish to fulfill a condition for the number 3.

Speeding through the water a feeling the icy wind blowing in our faces we felt immense strength that our True Parents possess. We were riding in True Parents boat. We felt loved by True Parents to have the privilege to sit in the seats that True Parents have sat in and to cast our fishing rods where True Parents stood to cast their rods.

In the winters, it is terribly cold at Sea. Our clothes soon got wet and the wind was strong. We soon lost all feeling in our feet and hands. We dropped anchor and our fishing lines. We tried again and again but couldn't catch a single fish.

The physical body was getting colder and there were some members with nausea. Instead of heading back because of the harsh weather the captain had everyone eat and begin again. Some of the member which had vomited couldn't eat a meal, but thinking about True Parent the senior member of STF who have been trained by a harsh program, put the food in the mouth right after vomiting. If we didn't eat anything we couldn't fish well. We had a responsibility to catch fish. We have to turn back before the sunset, if the sun set, the possibility of danger doubles so our time was limited, and an accident happened. Somehow the anchor disconnected from the boat. It is very hard to catch fish in a moving boat. The captain said that this was the first time this type of accident happened, and that we'd better to go back for safety; however, the representatives had ardent passion. We cannot go back to see a True Parents without fish. Finally the captain understood our hearts and found a safe place for us to cast out



some time sightseeing. SaDo is composed of four islands which are located in an area within sight of the shore of Yeosu.

The islands are beautiful and untouched by humans. Dinosaur footprints can be found embedded in the

# Commemorative Service for the 10th Anniversary of the Cheongpyeong Providence

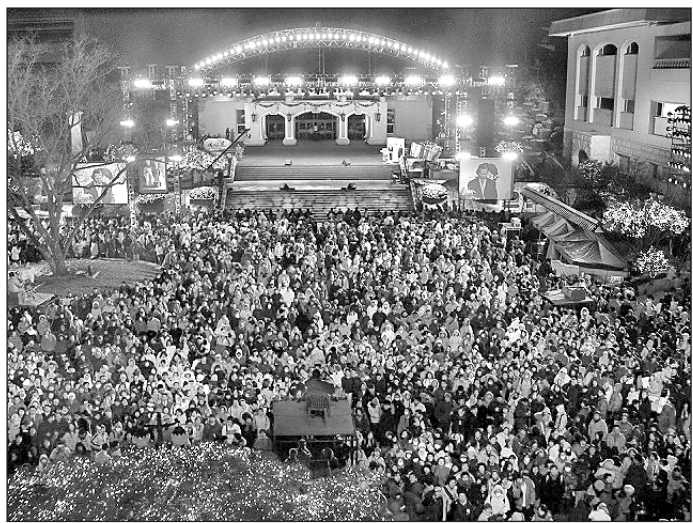
**A**round 15000 people gathered in the main hall and other halls of the Cheongpyeong training center to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of the Heaven and Earth Training Center, its work of liberation of spirit and our ancestors in the spirit world through 700 workshops which were held during the last 10 years. With True Parents entrance in

the main hall of the training center, the commemorative service began at the 10:45 on January 19, 2005.

Rev. Choi Jae-soon as the master of the ceremonies guided everyone with holy songs and the orders of the commemorative service were as follow: opening remarks, prayer by Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, president of the FFWPU International, a report about history of Cheongpyeong training center by Rev. Ha yeong-ho, vice president of the training center, congratulatory message by professor Kim mi-ran, and then True Parents gave the word of life in the main speech of the service.

Ha Yeong-ho mentioned in his report that the very first time when True Parents

came to visit this area was the year 1969, which was followed by purchasing the land here. And this was the beginning of the history of this land... Later on January 19 1995, the new history of this training center began with the work of Heung-jin nim, Dae-mo nim and Kim Hyo-nam (Hoon-mo nim). From that time till today, with out any rest they have hold 2-day workshop which we are having



the 700th of it now.

He said that through 850 workshops (2-day and other types of workshops) around 917,800 people from 190 countries of the world have come to this training center... Cheon Won Project is now includes Cheonshim Hospital, Cheonshim seminary, Cheonshim global village, Cheonshim Youth center, which will be completed till

March 2006 with 2 other centers which are under construction now.

True Father asked every one to repeat the sentence: "Beloved house of God's and True Parents fatherland and home town." As he talked about this house. Some exert from father's word --unofficial translation-- are as follow:

...Many people did not know that they have been born as the offspring of the fall...

... On earth still there places that 6 billion people who live on earth, did not touch yet. In that places animals, plants, and various kinds are living under the sea...

...If we ask that who is the owner of the animals, plants and fishes living in the sea and the mountains? Children of God, True Parents, are the owners...

...Humanity created so many nations during its growth, but to establish the nation of peace, it should become the one united nation centering on God, which is with one united culture, and one united blood lineage, and connect-

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## Dedication Ceremony of Peace TV

**O**n January 21, 50 members and leaders joined True Parents in 14th floor of the Dowon Bldg, Seoul Korea, for the Dedication ceremony of the Peace TV broadcasting.

After the sanctification of the whole offices of the Peace TV by True Parents, offering ceremony was held in the meeting. This ceremony included a video presentation, report by Mr. Kim Seok-byung, president of the Peace TV broadcasting, screen meeting, introduction of internet broad casting, Father's speech, congratulatory song and prayer by Sa Kwang-ki.

True Parents mentioned about the name of the company (in Korean) Pyeng Il TV which was taken from from Pyung



Hwa Tong Il (which means peaceful unification). So this company has to deliver the message of peace to every corner of the world.

Father asked this company to become representative of art and technology activities and report about visible world and the invisible world to the people of the world. Through internet, this company can broadcast, give news and information to everyone. He said we have to be proud of what we are, we have to be proud of ourselves as the unifi-



cationist members...!

Father asked Dr. Peter Kim to sing a song for all the participants, which was followed by the three cheers of Mansei by Mr. Sa Kwang-ki, president of the Segye Times.

True Parents took some photos and look around the rooms with some explanations from Mr. Kim Seok-byung, president of the Peace TV and then they wrote calligraphy.

For more information about this broadcasting, please check the the website at this address :

<http://www.ipeacstv.com/> ❖





**REV. MICHAEL JENKINS**

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

The center of our effort is to work with religious leaders and people of faith. Whether in Gaza, Ramallah or Jerusalem, we always seek out the key religious leaders and ask them to address our delegation. We look for ways to help connect them with other religious leaders throughout the world. After 19 months of work in the Holy Land, we are seeing that the door is beginning to open.

The apprehension in the Muslim world is so great at this time that it is not easy to develop trust. There is so much misunderstanding. This fear is augmented by what appears to be an anti-Muslim spirit and attitude developing in many parts of the world, especially the West, since 9/11. That's why, of all the tasks that we must accomplish to make peace, the most serious is to bring understanding and dialogue among religious leaders of all faiths. That was the situation surrounding our visit to Gaza this time.

We have maintained a consistency and an absolute attitude of respect toward all the Muslim leaders in our numerous dialogues and conferences in Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Gaza. Thus leaders understand that Father Moon's vision is that God created Islam as a central religion for a great purpose in history. One of the most beautiful aspects of Islam is the fact that it honors and respects the prophets who are also central to the Torah and the Bible. The respect for and belief in Moses, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and especially Jesus is absolute. Most Muslim clerics in Gaza and throughout the Middle East are highly educated and have a keen sense of the meaning of their faith. As we come forward as men and women of God who have an absolute commitment to the sacred covenant that's required for true holy life, they can sense right away that the clergy of IFWP and ACLC are genuine.

Relations are ultra-sensitive for anyone working in desperate areas such as Gaza. It is absolutely essential that every step we take is genuinely sincere and done with prayer. Always our heart has to be to love, understand, forgive, and take on the burdens of our brothers and sisters. With that spirit, we could walk in Rafa, even when terrified residents poured out into the streets in anger. We felt no fear because our purpose was clear. All who do religious work understand these conditions. The pastors and volunteers of our family movement frequently journey throughout very dangerous areas in America's inner cities without fear because they're genuine and truly pursue a divine purpose.

The grand mufti (supreme judge) of Islam for the Holy Land was visiting Gaza at the same time as we were because he has been participating in international conferences in America and throughout the world. A key figure at the Alexandria Accords, he is playing a central role at this time. When we heard that he was in Gaza, immediately Imam Bundakji called to let him know

we were there. Imam Bundakji has played an important role in building on our common ground. Using chapter and verse of the Koran, he can explain in Arabic the meaning of this movement and why Allah has sent Father Moon. He also gives a strong and substantive scriptural interpretation of the Koran that emphasizes its teaching on interreligious cooperation and unity. With this foundation of trust, we seek God's guidance as to how the religious leaders can open the path to peace in the Holy Land.

The mufti was so pleased, as he had met us many times before in Ramallah and Jerusalem. To our surprise and delight, he invited us to have an audience with Gaza's entire Islamic council. In one moment we were sitting with the twelve Islamic clerics who set the direction for all of the thousands of sheikhs and imams throughout Gaza; they have absolute authority over the



interpretation of the Koran in their districts and areas - from the Jabalya refugee camp, to Rafah, to Gaza City. The feeling was one of enormous hope, trust, and expectation. Many of them attended our conference on December 20, 2003, when we took President Wahid (former president of Indonesia - the largest Muslim country in the world) into Gaza along with 120 representatives of our international body visiting Jerusalem.

In our earlier conferences, the tension was so great, similar to the tension I experienced when we first began our work in the African-American communities across the United States. Twenty-two years ago, there was concern, apprehension, and skepticism as well as antagonism that our entry in the African American community was simply a repeat of what so often had been done - a nice group with good intentions wants to come in, do a quick program to help people, get out, and then publicize how good they are. That was the very thing that was presented to us when we first began to visit Gaza - are you just here for one trip, or are you committed to stay?

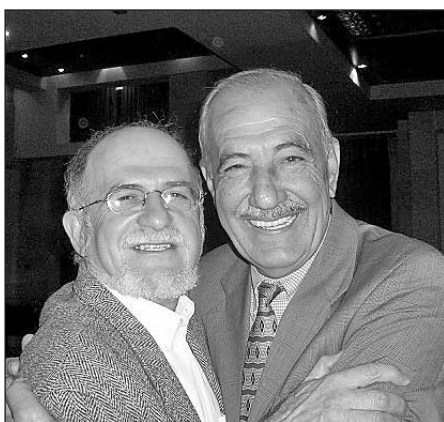
Now after one year of solid work and the establishment of the IIFWP in the Gaza strip, our sincerity is beginning to be understood. We didn't just do con-



ferences. Father Moon donated computers and, with Dr. Yang and the cooperation of our counterparts in Gaza, established the Moon Culture and Youth Center. The 253 young people who have graduated from the Web-based computer training program that we offer will be linked to other young people throughout the world via the Internet. The growing Moon Culture and Youth Center is a basis for understanding and trust.

Then came the soccer tournament with sixteen teams that we organized with WANGO and our IIFWP leaders Stephen Gabb and Kamal. Previously there had been an underlying apprehension that maybe Father Moon and the IIFWP were bringing all these religious leaders to Gaza to "convert" people to Christianity. The fact that this is not our purpose was unequivocally established through this game, which removed the doubts of many, many leaders.

Another factor that created trust between us and our colleagues in Gaza was Rev. Moon's life of suffering, especially his imprisonment in several countries. It's interesting how God works through the course that He has given us. This is truly the case with Father Moon's life. Because Father had suffered in prison on numerous occasions for many years, many of the religious and civic leaders in Gaza understand that Rev. Moon is not just another visitor who wants to do something nice and then leave. The common bond of suffering based on



Father's life in prison was what opened the door to decision makers in Gaza. One example is Abu Ali, who first welcomed us in October 2003 because he had read and understood Father's prison accounts. The fact that Father Moon had been imprisoned in several countries was the very thing that made Abu Ali feel some connection, for he himself had suffered in prison for many years. This also opened the door to religious, academic and political leaders in Ramallah.

That's why our suffering course is actually the most precious part of our life of faith. It really is the fertilizer that allows us to become truly purified and holy. In Father Moon's talks he fre-

quently refers to his two years and eight months at hard labor in a North Korean prison, where most inmates died from torture and starvation. Father Moon overcame that suffering and often refers to it as the place where he had his deepest experiences with God.

I can't help but think about the clarity of Rev. Moon's direction that our primary path to peace will be found in working with religious leaders. Now we are following that path, which gives us a profound stability that goes beyond the civic arena, for religious leaders are not elected officials but are people called by God. Although many times they receive an ordination by a religious body, their true calling comes from their internal attitude toward God, especially the covenant they make with Him. That's why we can find stability as we bond ourselves in trust with religious leaders.

Our work is founded on the bedrock of God's word and ultimately on God Himself, who is unchangeable. Religious leaders are the first fruits of God's word, love, and unchangeable nature. Knowing that Mohammad (peace be upon him), Jesus, and Moses are preparing the way, we can sift our way through the good and not-so-good religious leaders to find those with whom we can build the Peace Kingdom. If we work with religious leaders, we can continue with stability, even though the environment itself is quite unstable. This is the work of God.

In Gaza's religious council meeting, Dr. Yang spoke beautifully to the leaders. Also I was able to share Father's vision. The participation of Mr. Taj Hammad was very significant. As a Muslim Unificationist, he conveys the living reality that Father Moon's teaching brings believers together as one family. His beautiful speeches and commentary in Arabic put the religious leaders at ease; they felt as if they were with their close family.

Then the sheikhs told us that as religious people it is natural that we come together under the one God, with the Koran supporting our work with Christians and people of all faiths who are true to their teaching. "We want you to know that we feel comfortable with you and we open our hearts to work with you," they told us. This was a big step forward. "We are praying that Allah will continue to guide us with each step. We sincerely ask for your prayers and support for this work."

Father's teaching and lifestyle of suffering and sacrifice, with absolute, unchangeable love for Islam, will bring healing and love. It will link Muslims to the other children of Abraham -- Christians and Jews. We need each other. The people of God must come together as one to truly bring love and unity to families, communities, and societies. As we unite, the condition is set to cause the forces of evil to lose their power.

Later, when we went back to Jerusalem, Imam Bundakji contacted the sheikhs at Al Aqsa Mosque. They, too, opened their doors and hearts to us, sharing with us very personally how much encouragement they felt from all the world's religious leaders and mem-

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bers of Parliament who came to the holy site during the World Pilgrimages. They honestly expressed that they were almost hopeless, in terms of the world's seemingly deaf ear to their plight. Suddenly, however, the IIFWP showed up, led by Father Moon, and brought ten thousand visitors -- hundreds and hundreds coming every month. Month after month, month after month. This is the fulfillment of the will of God. Truly God's people can bind together and help one another.

They extended their warmth and opened their hearts. They also recommended that all Ambassadors for Peace have a home at Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Allah welcomes all believers there.

Again, Dr. Yang was able to share Father's vision. Thanks in great part to Imam Bundakji, we discussed the deeper meaning of the Koran, concluding that, when understood properly, it does not condone destruction or bloodshed. Truly the religious leaders of the Holy Land have been profoundly important in history and most especially at this time in the crosscurrents of Jerusalem during the last days. They understand fully that religious leaders must be involved if reconciliation is to occur. Without that, true reconciliation is not possible.

Also during the trip we had a meeting of our interreligious council of Jews, Muslims, and Christians -- the faith leaders whom God has called to truly be a light unto the path to peace. It is profound

to see Muslims, Christians, and Jews from the Holy Land sitting together, harmonizing, and speaking according to the teachings of the Peace Kingdom. They are not just in dialogue; they are bonding in friendship as a family before God.

Baruch Shalev told us, "I cannot believe what we are achieving with each step. The most beautiful aspect of it is that it's based on God, but not limited to only religious expression. It also has an expression through women in leadership, youth and service, touching the hearts of the people without words but with actions, and even teaching people purity and abstinence." (Soon the WAIT team will perform in Jerusalem schools, teaching about the dangers of immorality and the absolute safety that's provided by purity and abstinence.)

Dr. Joshua Ben Ami, a scholar who



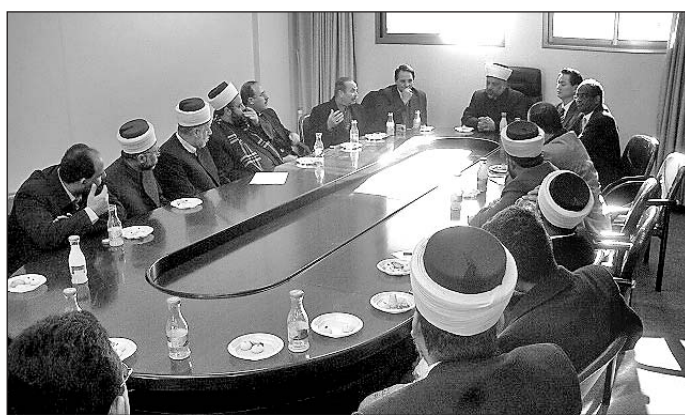
truly understands the historical significance of the three Abrahamic faiths coming together, is studying the Torah to identify those elements that confirm that Father Moon may be the one who is fulfilling its prophecies. He is draw-

ing upon its reference to Cyrus, who was not a Jew but earned the title of messiah because he liberated the Jews to return to their homeland. In that light, Dr. Ben Ami working through the Torah to affirm that once again a man who is not a Jew has been sent by God as the messiah, this time to liberate not only Jews but also Christians and Muslims, bringing the family of God together and ultimately liberating God Himself.

These dialogues are gaining more depth as we go forward. Ambassadors for Peace in the Holy Land are dispensational figures. The three Jewish leaders are especially aware of the role they are playing to restore what happened 2,000 years ago. They have told me that the fact that there are three of them, supported by other rabbis and scholars, is no coincidence. They believe that they must transcend history and religious boundaries to

become one family with their cousins, Ishmael's family. Otherwise the process will get stuck and grind to a halt. This is the work of God. The Interreligious Council and God's providence are gaining great strength in the Holy Land.

Now we are educating 8,000 religious leaders in America to implement these principles so that we can bring healing to the family and reconciliation to our communities. America can shine once again, bringing healing to the Middle East and Asia, ultimately tearing down the 38th parallel. ❖



by Rev. Jenkins

Our recent trip to Gaza was very different from past trips, in which we had dialogue with religious leaders, held conferences, and visited areas of conflict. This time we went for the championship soccer game on January 8, 2005 that was organized by WANGO and Mr. Taj Hamad, together with IIFWP.

With the support of the Palestinian Authority, we were able to formally register the IIFWP office as an NGO in the Gaza strip. No one can operate in Gaza without formal approval from the government. Getting that legal certification was a great step forward for our work and our efforts to bring harmony and unity among the people.

The soccer tournament was inspired by True Parents through the World Peace King Cup tournament of July of 2004, in which Father donated money to inspire or support soccer tournaments throughout the world, especially between religious peoples and also between enemy nations. The first step has been to hold the tournaments within each nation. Over 44 nations have conducted such

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tournaments but it was particularly special that Gaza was chosen representing the Palestinian Authority.

Mr. Stephen Gabb and Mr. Kamal Thabet are our representatives there for IIFWP. Kamal is our secretary general for the Gaza office. We were very inspired to find out that many, many soccer teams exist in Gaza and football is extremely popular. However, there had never been a Gaza-wide tournament like this before. Taj Hamad, secretary general of WANGO, arrived in Gaza on the 7th. Dr. Yang and Imam Bundakji and I arrived the morning of

the 8th. Our frequent trips in and out of Gaza have made it so that we are a very well-known entity and can now pass quickly through the security checks. Always the tensions are high at the Erez crossing; the conflict often comes to the surface right there at the crossroads. Much blood has been shed by each side at this very location.

This kind of effort to bring people together through a soccer tournament was a new step for IIFWP in Gaza. We have become trusted for delivering food and supplies to Rafa during some of the intense conflicts, as well as hold-

ing ecumenical conferences for Jews, Muslims and Christians (the Jews were represented by American professors). Always the conferences helped to advance an understanding of Father Moon's teaching and respect for all faiths.

In December the first meetings were held for the soccer tournament; 16 teams sent representatives to the committee meeting to organize the contest. Thanks to Father's donation, new uniforms could be purchased for each one of the 16 teams, and prize money was available for every team, all the way

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from the eliminated to the final winner. That meant every team would benefit directly. Sixteen managers came to our office, which had just been established, and worked with Stephen and Kamal to develop the plans for the tournament.

Fortunately there is a very nice stadium in Gaza for soccer; this was chosen as the location for the event. The first elimination games began around December 8th. Right from the beginning, the teams demonstrated their great ability in the soccer contest. The tournament began with a beautiful procession of the 16 teams dressed in very colorful uniforms, as well as a marching band of Palestinian representatives. The stands were filled with family, friends and members of soccer organizations. The president of the football association for Gaza, religious leaders, and also some representatives of the political factions also participated.

We are very pleased that all factions in Gaza had representation through their teams. This also meant that we were being trusted more as we walk down the road toward peace.

When we arrived at the stadium on the 8th, there was such a special feeling. We have been in Gaza so many times, many times under armed escort because of the fear of our delegation being so international and going to so many different areas. However, this time there was not so much tension but more of a focus on the activity at hand. We are welcomed to the VIP section.

The title of the tournament, displayed on a big banner in the stadium, was "Play Soccer - Make Peace." How beautiful, and how much the teams were inspired and enthusiastic about this way of relating together. Many indicated that their championship teams are ready to go out to the world when we can open the borders. Certainly the Palestinian teams will play well in the community of nations of soccer competitors.

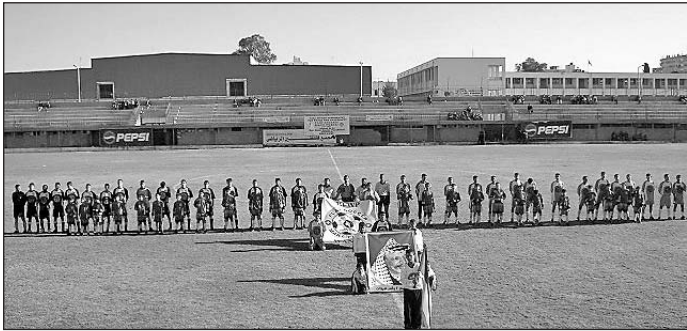
At the beginning of the tournament, representatives carried a large 8x12-foot portrait of President Yasser Arafat, who was truly beloved by the community in Gaza. We mention that the president's approval for our work in Gaza was necessary for us to be established, and he gave his full support continuously. When we were challenged because of some of the rumors that maybe we were there to try to convert people to Christianity, the president continued his support. People began to discover that our teaching is that Muhammad came from God; therefore there is no need for conversion, but rather a need for unity of all God's people. We have to say clearly that the soccer tournament put that rumor to rest once and for all. It became clear the purpose of our activity goes far beyond any sim-

ple religious view, but rather reaches for a more universal view consistent with Islam, Christianity, and Judaism -- that we are all children of Abraham, we all come from one God, and that all these children and their faiths must be respected and uplifted.

The two teams were extremely well matched. One team in black had more power and kept the team in yellow on the defensive quite a bit in the beginning. The yellow team, however, had players with great skill. Eventually the tide turned and the yellow team was on the offensive. At the halftime the score was 1-1. Throughout the

second half, they played to a stalemate and the 1-1 score remained. Finally, the contest had to be decided by a sudden-death decision by representatives from each team going one on one with the goalie.

First the black team scored, but the yellow team kept the tie. The black team scored, then the yellow. Then each missed. One by one as players came forward the teams remained evenly positioned. Finally, however, the yellow team missed and the black team scored. Thus the champion was identified. This was a profound moment for excitement - the stadium went wild. Of



course the yellow team was in great anguish, but it played with great distinction. In the closing ceremony we welcomed each one of the players to the review stand, where they all received silver medals and certificates for victory. The team manager and team captain received a donation for the team and recognition.

At the opening of the ceremony, Taj Hamad gave a very excellent speech on the need for competition among youth to focus their energies on the great spirit that can develop through friendly sports competitions. Sportsmanship also teaches sacrifice and responsibility as well as ethics and morality in terms of treating even your



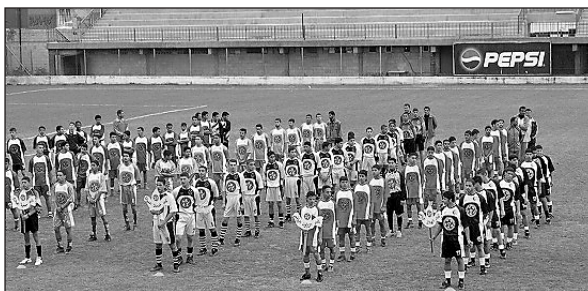
opponent with respect. That was the atmosphere of the whole tournament. Taj mentioned that though we chose 44 countries throughout the world, Gaza



and Palestine could not be missed. This truly touched the hearts of the Palestinian leaders.

When the black team members stepped forward to receive their medals, there were tears in many players' eyes - they had never had such an experience. For the representatives from Korea, America, and the Sudan, as well as Muslims and Christians in the reviewing stand, it was a profound experience. They were overwhelmed with being recognized. There was hope and there was joy.

The celebration banquet was at the Grand Hotel, which was newly built on the street closest to the Mediterranean beach. (Gaza has one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Once Ishmael and Isaac are reconciled, it will become a major resort area.) At the hotel Dr. Yang gave a congratulatory address honoring the players and recognizing the integrity, competitive spirit, and fairness they developed. Dr. Yang mentioned Father's teaching on peace is that we love the enemy and love all people -- Christian, Muslim, Jew. We must love Gaza. That's why Father Moon sent us here.



Then Abu Ali Shaheen rose to speak. Abu Ali is a very prominent elder in the community, who spent 23 years in prison and has come to be known by Israelis and Palestinians alike as a man of integrity, a man of his word. One former Shin Bet leader shared with us that Abu Ali Shaheen is the most respected of all the Palestinian leaders in Gaza because no matter what happened in prison, he seemed to become more and more positive, and more and more true to his purpose. He could not be compromised, and yet he did not harbor hate. He overcame the resentment and hatred that comes from being oppressed and somehow emerged with a feeling of love. That's why we believe that of all the Palestinian leaders that we met, somehow our relationship with him became deeply rooted.

He announced, "Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins, Dr. Hamad and all of our friends from Abwhalid Moon are no longer guests in Gaza, but you are family and you are part of the Gaza community. Your contribution today through the tournament shows you love all the hope of Gaza. We are deeply moved in our hearts, that our young people could have hope for peace and that we really are working to end the conflict."

As we embraced and said goodbye, we were overwhelmed with the feeling of joy at the celebration banquet among the families of the players and the two finalist teams. We celebrated together and also thanked God for giving us this chance to make another step towards love, peace and understanding.



"Play Soccer - Make Peace." The WANGO motto is truly a motto that works. These young people have enormous energy, enormous intelligence and skill. They are the hope of the future. We want to encourage the whole world to reach out and support the IIFWP in Gaza and the WANGO soccer tournaments that will be repeated in the spring. We thank God for this great opportunity to go to Gaza in a different light, not only to heal and to embrace the suffering of the people but to also show a positive path of sports and competition that can lead to honor, dignity and joy.

Peace is coming now in the Middle East, although there are many, many obstacles and dangers along the way. However, the people that God has prepared from among the Jewish and the Palestinian communities are truly emerging now. That's why the new step that has been taken towards a democratic, free society, through the elections on January 10 is one that must be shored up with cultural, spiritual, and sports activities that continue to help bind the hearts of the people together with God and one another. We can overcome the divisions of humanity if we work together with an absolute faith in God and respect for all faiths and the dignity of each person.

Truly Gaza is the vortex of the conflict. The young men came from every community in Gaza. Some came from the Jabaliya refugee camp, from Rafa, some from Gaza City. They came from all over the Gaza strip. We must realize that there is tremendous hope in Gaza. We want to encourage all who are working in the various missions and throughout the world that the key to liberate any nation is to go to the worst place of human suffering and bring God's love and hope there. It was through our work in Gaza that we began to be trusted in Ramallah. It was through the work in Gaza that we gained respect among the Israeli leadership in Jerusalem. They see our work as truly the work to benefit all humanity. ❖



# ACLCLC Prayer Dinner in San Diego

by David Roberts

At 7 pm on January 27, 2004, the little room at the back of Cocos restaurant was filling up for our ACLCLC prayer dinner. Every minute or two, another minister walked through the door, and hugs and shouts of "Good to see you, Reverend" filled the room. Islamic imams were shaking hands and embracing Christian pastors who proudly wore their ACLCLC pin everywhere they went. The publisher for the local paper for the African-American community greeted his friends as a photographer for the paper snapped pictures for the next edition.

The noise and activity centered around Archbishop Stallings, who had arrived in San Diego that day to address the meeting. Earlier I had met him at the



airport, and was surprised how humble and friendly he was. Within minutes of stepping off the plane, he was calling up ministers we hadn't seen in awhile, and I could hear the excitement in their voices as they promised to be there that night.

Our brothers and sisters have made a lot of investment over the years, meeting ministers and other clergy and inviting them to our events. The San Diego Family Church Pastor, Walter Frank, our ACLCLC coordinator Marcus Beresford, and our powerful sister Toshiko Modesitt, along with many other San Diego members had spent endless time and energy meeting ministers, calling them, attending Bible studies, helping at community events, and teaching seminars in Divine Principle. They were

eager to help them catch True Father's incredible vision for saving San Diego and the world but sometimes they strug-



gled to solidify the relationship

But today those ministers and many others were crowding into the room, ready to hear our message. This was truly the power of the faithful John the Baptist that Archbishop Stallings has become. Seventeen religious leaders had joined other community leaders and several of our San Diego Family Church members to fill to overflowing a room that officially could hold only 36 people.

The restaurant staff, not anticipating such a crowd, was late in serving dinner, but even as the room grew hot from the heat generated by the assembled bodies, spirits grew brighter as the warmth of fellowship filled the room. When

Rev. Marcus Beresford, acting as MC, introduced Pastor Walter Frank to start the program, we were already almost an hour behind schedule, and the entrees had only just been placed in front of the guests.

However, the noise of clinking cutlery and shifting plates soon died down as the assembled leaders turned away from their food to hear Pastor Frank give an impassioned presentation using the PowerPoint slides prepared by national headquarters. His call to action to join together to save this world inspired them, and set the stage for the powerful Crown of Peace video, which was shown next.

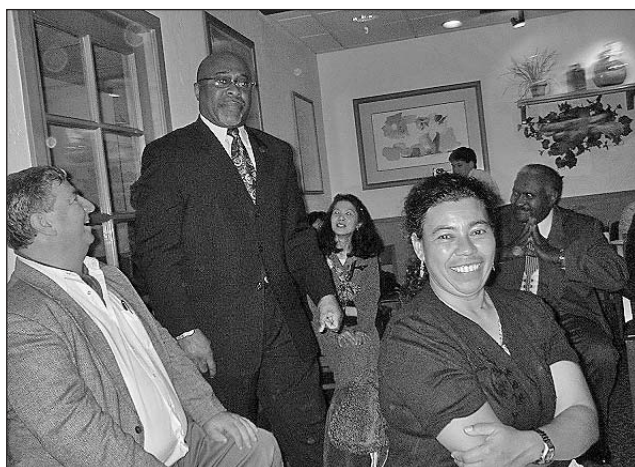
When it became time for

Archbishop Stallings to speak, it was already 9:30 pm. But the guests were excited, and not a tired face was seen in the crowd. The beautiful spirit of unity and faith apparent in the room so inspired Rev. Beresford as he introduced Archbishop Stallings that he broke into tears at the beautiful spirit of unity and faith apparent in the group.

On this foundation, Archbishop Stallings spoke for almost an hour about our vital role in liberating the heart of God, constantly spurred on by cries of "Amen!" and "Preach it, Bishop!" He spoke deeply of our imprisoned God and our necessity as His children to liberate him through our absolute faith, love, and obedience. A minister who had previously said he could never believe that God suffered said he finally understood what we were talking about.

Bishop Stallings described how Jesus did not come to die, any more than did Martin Luther King or Malcolm X; ministers who previously opposed our efforts to put down the cross shouted "Amen."

He spoke of our True Father's mission to bring salvation to the world



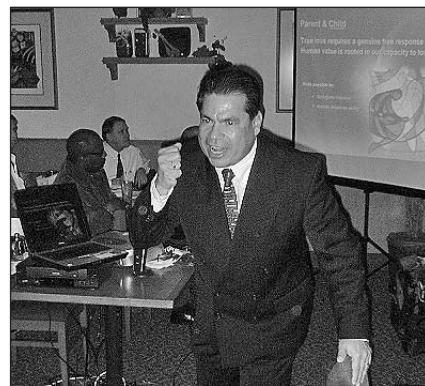
today, and the ministers nodded their heads and understood.

Finally at the end of the speech, everyone in the room came together in a beautiful unity of applause and mutual understanding. A minister we had not seen for a while since the burying of cross gave a moving prayer in closing the evening.

Even though it was past 10:30 pm, the ministers didn't want to leave. Instead they stayed around to shake hands with Bishop Stallings and get his autograph in his book. When we finally left at 11:00 pm,

they stood around in the parking lot, hoping to share just a few more words.

We truly saw the power of True Father's teachings when they fall on ears that have been opened through the testimony of a true John the Baptist; God can use a righteous man in that position to change the hearts that have never completely opened before. We saw the miracle of God's providence working right before our eyes. ❖



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# Toronto holds IIFWP Education Events

by Rev. Mitch Dixon

Each region in North America was asked to hold 10 events between January 3 and February 13, 2005. Canada, which is region 23 in the North American organizational structure, is a very large land territory but has few blessed central families. We divided the 10 events into the following areas: Montreal, 2; Ottawa, 1; Toronto, 2; Stoney Creek, 1; Sudbury,

1; Saskatoon, 1; and Vancouver, 2.

The first event was held on Sunday, January 23. About 20 people attended. Speakers included Dr. Hoossen Auckbaraullee (Brampton Multifaith Council), who spoke about efforts of the Middle East peace initiative; Rev. Earl Smith (Pastor of the Church of Scientology), who spoke about tsunami relief efforts; and Rev. Mitch Dixon (Family Federation for World Peace), who presented a PowerPoint presentation "Faith Leadership for Our Fractured World." Heaven's Call, a gospel group of four Zimbabwe sisters, performed for the occasion. Mr. Brian Winters served as



Master of Ceremonies. A short video, "Crown of Peace," was shown, which summarized life events of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The second event was held on Saturday, January 29. About 25 people attended. Rev. Smith, who was inspired by the first event, returned with eight

of his parishioners, including a singing trio, the Uptones, who performed along with Heaven's Call. In addition 5 Muslim ladies from the Ahmadiyya Muslim community attended. Both Nudrat Rafiq and Saadia Basil spoke of peace among religions while enriching the atmosphere with mothers' hearts. Dr. Auckbaraullee, Rev. Smith, and Rev. Dixon spoke at this event as well. Lunch was prepared and served afterward by volunteers headed by Mrs. Lilly Tadin

A promotion of the Middle East Peace Initiative was given by Dr. Auckbaraullee. Nearly 100% in attendance committed to attend the next Pilgrimage. From reports given, the effectiveness of these Pilgrimages is beginning to be felt. ❖



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ing overtime helping to prepare our three Divine Principle clergy lecturers. We wanted to share the basic Creation, Fall, Restoration paradigm at the MLK commemorative event and at the same time link the content with the idea of "the Dream." of Dr. King.

In Baltimore, Rev. Matsui and Lynn Sofinowski had been holding a regular Tuesday night Divine Principle study session with Rev. Howard, Rev. St. George Cross, Rev. Wilkerson, Bishop Bey and many others. Rev. Howard was tapped to give the Principle of Creation at our MLK event.

In Washington, we had been working hands-on with a growing number of clergy that are getting excited about Father's core teaching. Bishop C. Phillip Johnson has been leading the way and is developing a powerful repertoire of Divine Principle content. We selected Bishop Johnson to give the presentation on Jesus and the Second Coming of Christ at the King event. Rev. Ronald Brown was deeply moved by the Fall of Man content and was chosen to give that presentation. It would be his first public presentation of the Divine Principle.

The process of minister education has been moving forward around the strategy of adapting to the education methodology of sermon, Bible study and revival. Many clergy very rarely find themselves in a lecture-giving mode. As a result, ministers were not sure how to incorporate lecture-style study of the Divine Principle into their own educational methods.

To help facilitate that was the reason I wrote The Master Plan. With a more bible-centric method of study, ministers are more able to quickly incorporate the content of the Divine Principle into a sermon and bible study format. The benefit is that they can start

to share with their congregations the rich content gleaned through their personal Divine Principle studies. When ministers can give the Divine Principle to others, they experience the power and richness of the content. The light-bulb goes off! They begin to understand its value, which, in turn, motivates clergy to study more.

Another benefit of this process is that ministers begin to understand Father on a much deeper level. They can begin to understand what motivates Father to do all that he is doing. They begin to understand Father, not just as a hero, a great man or even just within the traditional concept of messiah. Instead they begin to understand that Father is the liberator of God. By offering to God a lineage of his very own, True Parents attend God's deepest hope and ideal.

It also opens the door for clergy to understand the historical grief of God and the grief of Jesus. They understand how much Jesus, as God's filial son, longed to offer to God his very own lin-

age, yet could not. In that understanding, the grieving Lord of Gethsemane becomes known to them in a new and most profound way.

At the January 15th event, our theme focused on understanding the dream and remembering the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. toward realizing the dream. Over 150 clergy and friends were in attendance. The program began with a stirring rendition of Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech given by representatives from the group "Women in Ministry." Mrs. Sennie Johnson, wife of Bishop C. Phillip Johnson stirred the crowd with not only the words of Dr. King but also by her bringing the very same spirit of God that was present with Dr. King when he spoke those historical words. For a moment, time stood still.

Rev. Arnold Howard was our first presenter. It was a masterful presentation using the content of the Principle of Creation to shed light on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; affirming that Dr. King's dream was God's original dream of creation. Rev. Howard's full text is viewable online at: [www.wpherald.com/storyview.php?StoryID=20050116-074730-8956r](http://www.wpherald.com/storyview.php?StoryID=20050116-074730-8956r)

This was a very special address and set a firm foundation for the next two presentations. Here is a brief excerpt:

"For those who still dream,

these words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoken at the March on Washington August 28, 1963 reverberate with the power of truth and hope. These words help fuel the Faith that still keeps the dream, our dream alive.

These words are a repeat of the word of the Lord to Abraham concerning his search for a new city, a new community. Not one made by hands of brick and mortar but one which is eternal in the heavens. These words reflect the mind of the Lord as to His Original Intention for all of Humanity. These words resonate with the heart of the Lord and His desire to see it all come to pass. These words reverberate with the Spirit of the Lord, of His Life, His Love and His Longing for a Lineage of His making. . . and I know that my Heavenly Father's heart is broken and torn to shreds, because it is not yet realized." Everyone was deeply moved.

Next was Rev. Ronald Brown of Christian Love Baptist and the presentation of the Fall of Man. In keeping with our theme, we were billing it as "The Dream Lost." Just as Rev. Howard asserted that the origin of the dream was God's ideal of creation, Rev. Brown revealed that the dream was lost by the first human ancestors in the Garden of Eden.

This was Rev. Brown's first public Divine Principle presentation. Rev. Brown was also very excited to challenge himself with incorporating the Powerpoint slides into his presentation. Honestly, I was a little worried. We had spent several hours helping Rev. Brown prepare for his presentation and although I was amazed at how rapidly he was gaining ownership over the content of the Fall of Man, I was just a little concerned that maybe we were pushing him too rapidly to the forefront.

One thing I am quickly learning. Never underestimate the ability of ACLC clergy to quickly grasp the essence of the Divine Principle and start flyin! Rev. Brown was off and running. He was completely at ease and nailing all the major points while making his presentation topical, deep and immensely interesting and inspiring. It was a Home Run!

The table was set for our keynote presenter, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson. Bishop Johnson is the most experienced with the Divine Principle. I was expecting a good presentation. I was not ready for what was about to happen.

When the Divine Principle gets inside a minister... it will not leave him alone. It will keep pushing him to higher and higher manifestations. Bishop Johnson had been a marvelous Divine Principle presenter before, but on this Saturday, something unprecedented was unveiled. He took off and flew to unparalleled heights. The rich, life-giving core of Divine Principle flowed out of him like a mighty river. It was a holy wave of God's power.

He confidently walked them through the scripture showing them that to

bring the Kingdom in Jesus' day was God's original will. He showed them that the words of the prophets predicted that day for Jerusalem. He beautifully explained how God fulfills his will and the pivotal role of human responsibility and thus the tragic implications of Israel's failure to recognize their King. He opened the door into the inner world of Jesus suffering heart who sorrowfully had to put away Kingdom dreams to take up the cross of sacrifice.

The audience was caught-up in breathless silence, literally feeding on every new word that ushered forth from Bishop Johnson. They had never heard anything like this before. Bishop Johnson was not done.

He then lead them to the foot of the cross and revealed that the shed blood of Christ, though the rightful root of our Christian faith, was less preferred and not essential in imputing authority to Christ to forgive sin. Jesus already had that authority on earth! He explained that because Jesus came to the earth to bring the Kingdom 2000 years ago, it only stands to reason to expect him to return to the earth in this age to carry out that original vision. And as if that were not enough, Bishop Johnson then dropped the ultimate Weapon of Mass Inspiration: Jesus has appointed a successor on the earth to carry out that plan and the "new name" rendered in the Book of Revelation is none other than Father Sun Myung Moon! Sensational!

Brothers and sisters, let's be confident that the core teaching of our True Parents can be evangelized and embraced by the great masses. Now is the time for our ACLC ministers in every region to step up to the plate and bring the nation and world to the message of complete salvation as promised by the prophets who declared that Christ would come again, "not to bear sin, but to bring salvation."

I Peter 1:5 affirms that believers will "be shielded in faith until the coming of the salvation that is to be revealed in the last days." That is our job and that is the job of Christian leaders. That is not about "trying to convert them," it is about salvation and the manner in which salvation is revealed. Salvation has always been and will always be revealed through evangelism. Now is the time for the evangelism of the Divine Principle.

Helping ministers to become Divine Principle evangelists takes time and a long-term investment. Each minister has a different path to gaining ownership over the material. Some will take to it like a duck to water, some will stick their toe in and move more slowly. Most important is the hands-on training, guiding and encouragement offered by a skilled mentor (that's you!)❖

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ed to that nation, all the nations resulted from the fall can (be restored and) continue to live...

...The place where God can manage as the King of peace, is the fatherland and hometown of humanity. In other words, nation should become one and the home town also should become one...

Knowing that True Father spoke earlier during the morning hoondok gathering, he spoke another one hours, pouring his love, offering new life to all those who have ears to listen. After father's speech, commemorative service concluded with the 4 euk mansei by Rev. Im do-soon.

At 6:30 p.m. on that day, in front of the Jeongshim Prayer Hall, ceremony of the night of blessing, as the special purification offering was held. True Parents joined and watched the ceremony in the third floor of the training center, as many members who could not stay outside, watched the ceremony through TV screen in different halls of the training center. ❖

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over a foot of snow all over the highways, nearly 25 guests still showed up for the cancelled breakfast. And they had a joyful time with our Chicago leaders and enjoyed a wonderful informal breakfast.

Now fast-forward one week. Much of the snow has melted, although Saturday's forecast was still calling for a little more of the white stuff. Over 340 guests were re-confirmed and Rev. Jenkins would come in the day before.

And as soon as word of Rev. Jenkins early arrival came in, many brothers and sisters in Chicago wanted to get together with their elder brother. Bishop Kim quickly arranged for a wonderful Chinese dinner and Rev. Jenkins was welcomed with open arms back to his hometown.

Afterward we all moved over to the home of David and Agnes Rendel. Here nearly 100 Chicago members crowded into the Rendel's comfortable Elk Grove Village home, where for the next 2 hours Rev. Jenkins shared many intimate details of life with our True Parents. He shared about breakfast meetings, Father's exact guidance, meeting with Hyung Jin Nim, life in Israel and his experience with the recent Palestinian election. He shared many historical times of being with True Parents. But most of all what he shared was internal guidance from True Father's words:

not just the historical providential guidance, but also much of Father's day-to-day guidance for living in the bosom of God's love. Finally, we dismissed in order to prepare the final details for the next morning's prayer breakfast. But many members lingered

on, still savoring the enjoyable taste from the evening fellowship.

The predicated snow never materialized and Chicago awoke to a beautiful sunny (almost spring-like) morning. By the time my wife and I had picked up 85-year-old Rev. Isaac Strong (who has been our true brother for over



20 years) and arrived at the banquet hall, nearly every seat was filled.

One important point that I must make is that this was a dual occasion. Yes, it was, Chicago ACLC's first prayer breakfast of 2005. And yes, Rev. Michael Jenkins had come home to deliver the morning message to the assembled crowds, but this was also the birthday celebration for Chicago's Bishop Ki Hoon Kim. And this fact added a special touch to the entire occasion.

Chicago's ACLC convener, Dr. A. Harold White, served as our master of ceremonies. Bishop Kim gave welcoming greetings and the Chicago Family Church band and our Japanese True Family Values Choir entertained the congregation.

Rev Ricardo Maldonado, a Hispanic Catholic priest, Dr. Paul Swanson, a Lutheran professor of theology, and Minister Thomas Muhammad from the Nation of Islam offered prayers of unity. And the spirit in the room reflected the unity of these prayers. One is called to wonder where else in Chicago

go were Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, Jews, Zoroastrians, Buddhists, African-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans all coming together (on a regular basis) to pray for peace and then to work together to create it.

After an introductory video featuring many of our guests (including Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., and Rev. Leroy Elliott), Rev. Jenkins came to the podium to deliver the morning message. Those of us who have known Rev. Jenkins for many years can see how God is molding and growing him. Through a PowerPoint presentation he talked about the reality of America and the world. He shared so much of True Father's heart and ideals. And much like True Father, he challenged the ministers in the audience to live Jesus' words from the Bible, Muhammad's words from the Koran and Moses' words from the Torah. He talked about the issue of church and state, but not from the political point of view. He challenged America's clergy to take responsibility to lead America through the moral malaise that she is being confronted with. He challenged every person in the room to realize that only God can lead us through this moral wilderness in the same way that he led the Israelites across Sinai.

Those of you who have read Charles

Dickens's classic 19th century novel, "The Tale of Two Cities," remember its awesome initial paragraph. "It was Best of Times, it was the worst of times." But as you read through the entire paragraph it concludes that "we were all going to heaven, we were all going the other way" but all in all, the period was so far like the present period."

Upon his conclusion, our dear brother and national ACLC convener, Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. took the podium and paid great respect to Bishop Ki Hoon Kim. Then our AFC brother David Rendel, who with Jon and Marina Acevedo were instrumental in bringing over 50 Hispanic guests to the breakfast, led a wonderful Ambassadors for Peace celebration awarding leaders of the Hispanic community with the mandate to become Ambassadors for Peace.

We concluded by singing Happy Birthday to our Bishop and showering him with gifts. Many ministers joined Bishop Kim on stage in order to cut the cake, and the congregation was then dismissed.

The main body of the congregation lingered, wanting the fellowship to continue. It was a wonderful audience, representing all races, denominations, cultures and generations-- from our young CARP/STF second generation to elders such as Rev. M. E. Sardon (93), Rev. A.I. Dunlap and others who have been marching on the front line with us for over 20 years. And Rev. Princesa Hudson Gilliam and Rev. Helen Cooper, who had journeyed through last week's snowstorm, returned again with their 17 guests to experience the whole nine yards. Many were in attendance, who had been with us in Washington, D.C., last month, and one can see that our True Parents' vision for the Ambassadors for Peace is truly taking root. ❖



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resented, this is amazing!" he remarked.

As the clergy just kept pouring in the doors, everyone realized that this would be a very significant morning in Los Angeles.

Gospel songs and finally "By the Spring of Life" sung by Origin and the Sadoc Christian Singers opened the meeting on a joyous note. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Marvin Parks, of Heavenly Tabernacle Peace Family Missionary Baptist Church. After remarks by the Councilman and Imam Haitham Bundakji, the Chairman of the Orange County Islamic Society, our Co-Convenor in Los Angeles, Dr. William R. Johnson, gave his greetings. He read the "I Have a Dream" speech of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. given at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

Then, Mr. Andrew Weiss,

the American Family Coalition Director from San Diego, read the conclusion of the speech, "Filial Children of God are Patriots Who Strive to Liberate His Heart" given December 13th, 2004 by True Father. Truly the dream of Dr. King, all races and faiths together

realizing true freedom, is being fulfilled through the ACLC ministry of the True Parents. With much food for thought the breakfast buffet began after a table grace delivered by the Rev. Dr. Nicholas Benson of First Summit Evangelical Peace Family Church.

The Hollywood Choir under the direction of Blinky Williams poured out spirit and energy in their performance during the breakfast. Then the thirteen-minute "Crown of Peace" DVD



presentation made a tremendous impression on everyone. Rev. T. L. Henning, Pastor of the LA Family Church and Co-Convenor in Los Angeles, presented the "Faith Leadership in Our Fractured World" slide show.

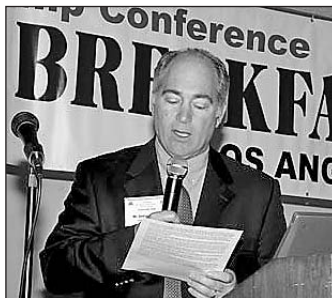
Next, Archbishop George Augustus Stallings delivered his keynote address, "Realizing the Dream of True Peace". Generating the excitement he has become famous for, he astonished and electrified the clergy. Many already knew the Archbishop from earlier days in his career. Some had



their first experience. He articulated the message of True Father to realize God's Ideal of Creation through cooperation and unity in building the Peace Kingdom. All rose to give him a standing ovation. A group of Native Americans, encouraged by Mr. Gayokla Nichi, made a presentation of a fine art statue of a warrior brave and a hand-painted shirt to honor him and express their commitment to realize True Father's vision for the Peace Kingdom.

Rev. George Gatson closed the event with a fervent prayer and a long line to get Archbishop Stallings' new book formed. All agreed; history had been made that morning in Los Angeles.

This event was the major event in January for educating clergy and civic leaders in the greater Los Angeles area. Another large conference event, this for the Ambassadors for Peace and other civic leaders, is planned for February. ❖



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brought meager results to add to the current foundation. But, this time a great and miraculous outpouring of participation occurred.

In all we had 26 guests in attendance, split equally between alumni and new guests. 15 preachers were in attendance with 12 of those being church pastors. We were happy to see both old and some new pastors in attendance. Additionally, there was a seminar staff of 7 if we include Bishop C. Philip Johnson, who attended as the Keynote speaker. The 3 from Nashville were Rev. Nishikawa, a revered older member from Japan, who brought a powerful spirit of God's love and truth; Rev. Saito, TN Family Church pastor, and Rev. Serge Mondesir, TN Family Church assistant pastor. Memphis staff members were Mr. Gary Abrahams --- TN AFC coordinator and program emcee, Mrs. Friederun Abrahams and Mrs. Gerald Shiroshita who were hostesses and prepared food.

The night before this seminar Dr. Dannie D. Holmes, Rev. Nishikawa, Rev. Saito and I welcomed Bishop Johnson and took him to dinner. As I listened to his many experiences and long support of our True Parents I felt very repentful worrying about the probability of a small turnout for this great emissary of God. God and Bishop Johnson have pre-



pared a large load of hay for only a few cows. I repented that I could not do more and bring larger numbers for this wonderful opportunity of blessing which would happen the next day.

On Saturday morning as we prepared to go to Greater Hope Baptist Church for the event my wife and I went over our lists of anyone we could call to attend at the last minute; anyone we may have overlooked. We arrived at the church and began final preparations for the day. As the clock ticked toward the 10 am opening I was amazed to see so many guest arriving; both new and old including a couple of older contacts who had recently been a bit distant. In particular Rev. Van Ford, who had backed out of several commitments to attend earlier MEPI conferences. He was very happy to be with us and apologized deeply for not keeping his commitments in the past.

He was able to stay for the whole program seemed to be very inspired with a new com-



mitment.

The program began on time with us adding tables to accommodate the larger than anticipated crowd. The spirit of God was evident in the room from start to finish. After a short introduction we went right into the video presentation of "Path to Peace". This was followed by host Dr. Holmes' testimony of his attendance at 2 MEPI conferences. Mr. Gary Abrahams read Father Moon's speech from the Dec. 13 Coronation Ceremony in WDC, "Our Mission In The Last Days Of Providential History". After a tasty lunch with lively conversation, Rev. Serge Mondesir then offered the new PowerPoint presentation, "Faith Leadership for a Fractured World". Bishop Johnson suggested that the pastors get a copy and use this "powerful" presentation to help them to build stronger families in their churches.

Bishop Johnson then gave his Keynote presentation. He has created his own PowerPoint presentation, "Mission of the Messiah" in which he prepares a strong biblical foundation to tell all of those in attendance that "Father Moon is my messiah and that Father and Mrs. Moon are my True Parents!" I was in deep heartfelt tears at the conclusion of his presentation. What a great, gifted and powerful brother and voice for God.

Evidence of the heart and power of

this program was that it took over an hour for all the guest to leave. Everybody wanted to linger for fellowship and several new attendees asked me how they could make a stronger connection to this movement and what could they do to help. It was as though they were saying, "If the Messiah is on the earth and he has called me to be God's emissary, what can I do, now?" Praise God.

I have had the strong feeling since True God's Day 2005 that the promised Pentecost which will come on TP's



birthday has begun to seep out bit-by-bit. This seeping out of good spirits has warned me of the need to be as well prepared as possible in order that we are not overwhelmed by the events soon to come. Recently, incredible and miraculous things have happened not only in terms of this event but also in my business activities and in my family.

My entire family feels very blessed by this opportunity. ❖



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occurred in Israel due to the World Peace Pilgrimages there this past year, and the prospects of a powerful World Peace Summit in Korea in mid-February.

The archbishop spoke freely and

candidly about True Parents being in the roles of King and Queen of Peace, and being the messianic couple in our time. "Rev. & Mrs. Moon are the



True Parents, the Messiah, the Champions of Cheon Il Guk. They are leading the way to world peace. They are calling each of us to also be messiahs and to do our messianic work at the local level." Everyone was excited, and all applauded.

After the breakfast program, some 20 selected leaders attended a more intimate luncheon with the archbishop. One of the most prominent guests, Dr. Amos C. Brown, pastor of Third Baptist Church in San Francisco, who had attended the Crown

of Peace ceremonies on March 23 and Dec. 13 in Washington, DC, said, "I have no problem with Rev. Moon being the messiah. He is living it! We're all supposed to be messiahs!"

On the very morning of the breakfast we received copies of a local newspaper which caters to the churches of the Bay Area (25,000 circulation) with True Father's speech from December 13th "The Manifesta-

tion Of True Parents" and a nice picture of our True Parents. Also Tom Walsh's article "Building A World Of Peace for All People" was in the same issue.

We want to extend our warmest, heartfelt appreciation to Archbishop Stallings for flying all the way across the country to educate, inspire and motivate our members, clergy, APs and other friends. Particular thanks to Regional Director Rev. Man Ho Kim and Pastor Kevin Thompson for leading the organization for this high-powered and successful educational event.

Also, special thanks go to Nancy Hewitt and the several brothers and sisters who volunteered to cook the fabulous breakfast, Kimiko Leal, who cooked the chicken teriyaki luncheon, Theo Townsend, Lionel Chapital, and guest Brenda Walls for providing such beautiful music, and to all our wonderful brothers and sisters who brought their close ministers and friends to attend. ❖



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our fishing rods. The time was 3 pm

We had only 1 hour and a half left. Using a fish worm and we made a krill fishing for a porgy, anyway we caught a fish!! "Oh! I got it" a shout of president Yoon. It was mackerel! First catch was turned loose for God's offering. From that time a school of mackerel swam past. We changed the hook in a hurry. We caught many mackerels.

At that time we only had 1 hour. We don't have time! Representatives concentrated on their fishing mission in the cold and ignoring the pain. Finally representative could turn back having caught 100 fish. We missed True Parent warm love while we were fishing in the cold. The hard life of a fisherman that we walked for one day True Parents have lived that kind of hard life everyday. So we finished a three day exposure with True Parent. Actually we heard True Parent eat a raw fish asking "What kind of fish? It's delicious" after that we turn back to Seoul with happy

grateful hearts.

It was a great honor for STF to have representative attend True Parents. Father is advancing the providence; though we can not understand all the workings by following Father we are building the eternal kingdom of God on Earth

Each one of us realized that the blessings we received from True Parent was not just for ourselves, but rather for all of the 2nd generation and more importantly for all the people of the world.

True Parents strongly stressed to keep the blood lineage and pure love. True Parents said to be make an ideal family through receiving an international blessing. In addition, he reminded us that absolute faith and absolute love aren't only conceptual, absolute obedience is the substantiation of absolute faith and absolute love.

From now on we have to separate good and evil within ourselves and rededicate ourselves to following God and True Parent, Do not worry about yourself but instead consider True Parents' mind and be born again. Let's become worthy son and daughter of True Parent. ❖

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families who work in different businesses and organizations connected with our True Parents who are truly engaged in the work of the providence.

Rev. Jim Edgerly has taken responsibility to help guide and develop our family members in their understanding, cooperation, planning and development to develop our community of faith. We could see the results through the program on Monday night. The diversity of religious leaders was most striking, and it was very encouraging for me to see how Father's direction (Education of 8000 Religious Leaders) always has a very deep root in the providential steps that must be taken to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

The religious leaders are bonding heart-to-heart with Father Moon, and this is becoming contagious not only among Christians but now is truly spreading to the Muslim and Jewish family. In particular, a significant number of very prominent Muslim leaders in the Boston community were in attendance for the first time. Through our outreach they have been touched by the spirit we convey that there is one God. Our programs now have the quality and depth that Muslim leaders can see the work of Allah in them, and therefore a new movement of all of God's people is beginning to form. This was true in Boston. Imam Seifullah, who is a Boston-area leader of the Muslim American Society, has become a prominent ACLC leader. It was beautiful to see how he embraced the other Islamic leaders and helped build the bridge so they could understand where ACLC was going. What is also encourag-

Powerpoint presentation, are the two anchors for which a new step in the education of 8000 religious leaders in America is occurring.

The morning speech conveys creation, fall, restoration and the meaning of the Blessing. The evening speech helps the religious leaders understand the revolution of conscience, revolution of atonement and revolution of heart that is essential for building a world of peace and harmony. As Mrs. Watanabe read from Father's words it was beautiful to see all the religious leaders following along with the text. We can never underestimate the value of God's



Land, and it was a confirmation that this is truly the work of the God for all mankind.

The Christian leaders also are now walking beyond the barriers and boundaries of Christianity. Rev. Laroche, who has 1,100 in attendance every Sunday at his Christian church and is a very powerful force in Boston, is coming step by step into the ACLC fellowship, and now he knows the spirit of Jesus is guiding this. At the same time, these prominent Christian leaders are coming to see that God has a plan for Christians with the spirit of Jesus' love to become one in heart with Muslims, that there should be no barriers separating God's people. If we go forth with the true love of Jesus, we will bind together as one and deal with the challenges of youth, family, and world peace. Truth and Love must guide our path.

Historically when God's people come together a condition is set for the weakening of those who would stand against the Will of Heaven. Throughout the Bible that key conditions are established when the central figures of God's providence come together and unite. When Saul united and received the anointing of God through Samuel, Saul and Samuel could stand together strongly to advance the will of God. However, when Saul denied the importance of the prophet and disunity came about, Saul's kingship fell and lost its power.

Therefore, these religious leaders are coming to understand very deeply that Father Moon is setting the condition to bring together God's people beyond boundaries. Our covenant is that there is one God, and God is now engrafting all the people of God into the true olive tree. That engrafting process comes through the holy juice or holy candy and the blessing of the family, which True Parents have now established in such a way that the blessing can be extended through Muslim, Christian, and Jewish clerics, and indeed through leaders of all faith traditions.

Father Moon has established clearly that religious leaders have the authority from God after the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven in which they truly can eliminate the problems of divorce and adultery from their families and communities. God has chosen the religious leaders for this providential role. Therefore, through the education of 8,000 religious leaders we are preparing a new body, the body of the Lord, upon which the conditions of unity will be set and the forces of darkness can be chased out of the family, community, and even the nation.

Rev. Jim Flynn, president of AFC, and Rev. Phillip Schanker, director of education for FFWPU, did an excellent job of putting together the essence of Father's December 13 morning and evening

addresses to convey the heart of God. The new PowerPoint presentation is entitled "Hope for a Fractured World - The Role of Religious Leaders."

It was my first time giving the full presentation in public, and I must say I was inspired to see that Father's direction has always a mysterious and unknown power to it. By linking this education of 8,000 religious leaders to the December 13th speeches, a new dimension of education is coming out in which Muslims, Christians and Jews are inspired in the same way the ACLC clergy were inspired years ago. They can feel the power of the Holy Spirit, and they see the confirmation of the word of God in the Koran, Bible and Torah. With this component of the word and the spirit, a profound conviction is



word and how it changes people. Many new religious leaders came in the door, taking their first step to a unique experience. Many of them have been in interreligious dialogue or conferences with people of different faiths before, but the special quality of ACLC meetings is the inspirational component that draws upon the Koran, Bible and Torah in such a way that the spirit of oneness and common covenant and commitment to God is experienced and embraced. This is very different from dialogue, in which we are just seeking to understand one another -

- although that is a very necessary component of interreligious work. However, this activity is going beyond dialogue in establishing our identity as children before the one God of mankind. That identity is essential to make one family.

Once we understand that God is the parent of all humankind, then we can truly understand that we are brothers and sisters with one parent. This understanding is spreading like wildfire - from Boston to Baltimore, from Washington to Ramallah. There is one God and he is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Muslim leaders were in attendance from the Middle East who have prominent roles in Boston. As we met them after the conference, each and every one of them wanted to join the ACLC, and some expressed a new hope that God had sent Father Moon to bring God's people together. Through the Powerpoint presentation they could see substantially how barriers are being broken down in the Holy



being established in the hearts of true religious leaders.

When we bring the word correctly and with the right heart, it helps to separate out those who really feel the calling at this time to stand up and build a new world for God. That is not everybody's calling, so those who do not feel called at this time must be embraced, understood, loved and respected. We should never forget that as we give the word we are planting seeds in each person's heart. God knows the hour in which those seeds will germinate and bring fruit.

Often we block religious leaders by



expecting them to respond right away; instead, we should continue to give the word. When we look at Father Moon's life course, we can see that its essence is teaching and living God's word unconditionally, giving it to everyone, beyond race, religion, culture, knowing that when seeds are planted correctly, they will eventually bear fruit. The seeds must be watered with blood, sweat, tears and sacrifice for the benefit of those leaders, with the heart of God that conveys understanding.

Through this continual nurturing, eventually the hearts of the religious leader catch on fire. We have seen this countless times. Therefore, we want to encourage everyone in their education of 8,000 leaders to understand that God has a harvest that is prepared. True

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ing is that the Christian leaders feel even greater power and anointing of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as they stand side by side with Muslim leaders.

The program began with prayer and then led right into a beautiful banquet dinner. Rev. Edgerly was the MC who guided the well-developed program. Then Mrs. Shelly Watanabe read from the December 13th morning address, "Filial Children of God Are Patriots Who Strive to Liberate His Heart." This speech as well as the speech from the evening of the 13th, which was given through the



# ACLCL Christmas Dinner in Winston-Salem

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

**O**n December 6th, 2004, at 6 pm NC ACLC had our traditional Christmas Dinner. We gathered at the CRT Christian Farm. We had 21 guests and 16 FFWPU members, which made a total of 37 attendees. Out of the 21 guests 7 were ministers.

The gathering was very joyful. I was the MC of the event. Bishop Willie Davis, Jr., Pastor of the Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic church gave the invocation and the welcoming remarks. Then our Regional Director, Rev. Byung Seok Cho, greeted the gathering. Brother John Winfrey gave a testimony about his work with ACLC and how it strengthened his walk

with Christ. He spoke about his unwavering faith in service to the Lord.

Our sister Sun Niles offered a beautiful song in Korean with words from the Bible. Her voice touched the hearts of the participants.

Rev. John Pace, educator of the NC Family Church, gave the keynote address: He gave Fathers message from the 4-city tour, "God's Providence to Establish the World Transcending Religions



and Nations based upon the Absolute Values of True Love." He never fails to raise up the ministers. It was very educational and impacting to all participants.

Over a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Tracy Hairston from the CRT Christian Church, we were treated to some Japanese songs by the missionaries and to the Christmas song "Silent Night, Holy Night" in its original German version by three Austrian Sisters. Also our brother

Bob Huneycutt poured his heart out with his guitar.

Then Rev. Cho presented to the ACLC committee leaders some gifts of appreciation; Bishop Davis, Rev. John Winfrey and Minister Mikal Muhammad were the recipients. We also honored Brother John Winfrey for his 60th birthday, which he had just celebrated.

We also invited the leaders to the upcoming banquet in Washington DC on December 13th. With "Let there be Peace on Earth" and a closing prayer given by Rev. Jimmie Bonham, we concluded

the yearly Christmas dinner. Bishop Davis was so inspired that he commented that next year our Christmas dinner will have 200 people attending. Halleluja! ♦

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Father has made clear it exists in the Protestant, Catholic, Muslim, Jewish and communities of all faith traditions. If we sow the seed of God's word at this time, we will create a foundation for anointed religious leaders to come together. That is needed by the nation and world.

One of the essential points to be conveyed is God's heart, and the anguish that God experienced because of loss of His children. Father Moon revealed a new concept for all religious leaders, yet it is common to us in our experience as families. That is, our hearts ache when we lose our children, when we are unable to see our children fulfill their purpose and come to manifest true love and godly lives. What has not been known is that God's heart is also aching. Yet the Scrip-

Stallings was truly outstanding. When Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings spoke, immediately the room became hushed. Somehow, we can see that the power of the spirit of the ACLC ministry is bringing a sense of great hope and expectation. The clergy are so excited to come together now and hear the message from True Parents and the message from the ACLC.

As a national leader of ACLC, Archbishop Stallings has stepped out of the box so far that when we hear him speak we forget there ever was a box. We see in him the manifestation of True Father's teachings, that one day when religious leaders truly understand who Father Moon is, they will come to such a profound and energized commitment that even the core members of Father Moon's movement will have a hard time keeping up with them. I can see this phase is coming into Archbishop Stallings' life. He not only preached the word but also taught the word, and taught it from his heart. His speech dealt with the course of religions and the heart of God. It delved into purpose of creation, that God's ideal was to have a family, that God's heart was poured into His children and that He wanted to have a blood lineage in which He could dwell with His children forever. When that was broken, God's heart was broken. The purpose of religion is to bring mankind back to God. For that to happen another Adam has to emerge. That was the purpose of Jesus' coming, to do what Adam could not do. That is the purpose of the coming of Father and Mother Moon, to restore what Adam was to do and extend it to Eve and the family -- to become the true parents of mankind.

Really listening to Archbishop Stallings, I could see how much Father's blood, sweat and tears have poured out over these religious leaders. For many years we were skeptical that religious leaders would ever understand. We would see them work with us for years and still not understand what God was really doing at this time. They would see our work simply as interfaith work and not as the work to bring the Kingdom.



But now not only Archbishop Stallings but also many, many clergy are coming forward with this kind of spirit and understanding. It's absolutely the substantial evidence that we are living in the era after the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. Ministers are really standing up and testifying that Father Moon is the one who was sent by God to fulfill what the Koran, Bible and Torah have all called for -- the coming of the anointed one, the one who could fulfill the prophecies of scripture and bring the world to the throne of God. This testimony is not just from Archbishop Stallings and a few other people, but through his tearful sacrifice and the path we've walked with ACLC, this providence is spreading rapidly.



I can see this in Boston. Many clergy there have come to this commitment. They know that God has sent True Parents at this providential hour. Many understood very clearly and are willing to risk their lives, fortune and sacred honor to stand for building blessed families and bringing the change of lineage to all humanity. Many are willing to risk their lives, like Archbishop Stallings and others, going into Gaza. When I showed the pictures of Archbishop Stallings in Gaza standing next to the barbed wire fence, or meeting key leaders such as Shimon Peres, I could see people's eyes light up as they saw that we are truly going to every camp to bring God's love and truth. There is no limitation or barrier when you walk

this path with God.

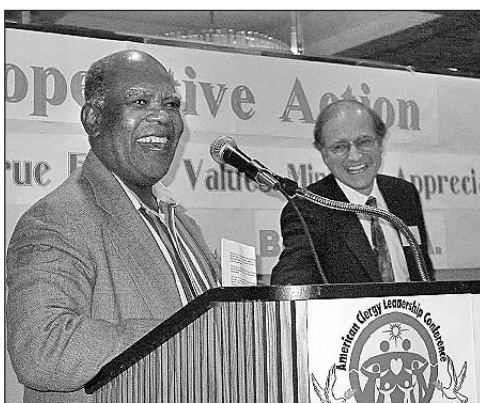
Archbishop Stallings touched people's hearts deeply and brought them to a point of covenant and commitment to heed the call and have the courage to stand up as Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi, and Mother Teresa did, to lead the people according to the will of God at this time. This is not just another time in history. This is a crossroads in which the destiny of peoples and nations are being decided. How? By whether or not the religious leaders can heed the call.

I am very confident, seeing these religious leaders heed the call of God, that America will be turned into the true elder son nation that can embrace the world and bring peace on earth, not because of policies or programs, but because the key people God has chosen, both political and religious, are coming together to set the condition of unity that the Bible has always foretold as being necessary.

A prominent state senator stayed with us through the whole program. We touched on some of the aspects of Father Moon's worldwide work, and as an Ambassador for Peace he has made a tremendous commitment to do the will of God at this time. He also is bringing forth the understanding of the value and the place of the political leaders together at the table with religious leaders, for ultimately policies and programs do matter. Once the internal conditions are set, then the right policies and programs for building better families and community can be established. This is the way of God's will. We are deeply encouraged by the work we see going on with the Boston community.

We concluded with the blessing. Rev. Richard Wright, one of our ACLC key leaders, Bishop Erol Skyers, Rev. Bradshaw, and Imam Seifullah, and other imams carried the holy juice to every couple and person in the audience. Together we shared the new covenant with this holy juice, and all in the room entered into the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven, having been anointed and blessed to be released completely from all past conditions and brought into the spirit that we have the power, the authority and the calling from God.

We sincerely thank Rev. Kim and especially Rev. Bismarck Bamfo and Rev. Catherine Ono for the work to reach out to all the clergy to fulfill the direction of heaven. ♦



tures reveal that God grieved that He made man after He saw what happened through the fall. The heart of God is not simple to understand. It is conveyed powerfully in this presentation that God is a God of suffering and He can be seen as a God in prison because His desire and hope is that His children will be fulfilled and liberated. He is not the God of one group or another. He is the God of all, so He is not complete or happy until all of His children come to know the glory of God and know the freedom and liberation of God's true love. Therefore, the heart of God is conveyed with the understanding that we as religious leaders have the power of God.

Rev. Catherine Ono, who spent two months in the Middle East with our Peace Task Force, has also been bringing that kind of commitment to the outreach to clergy. Her introduction to Archbishop

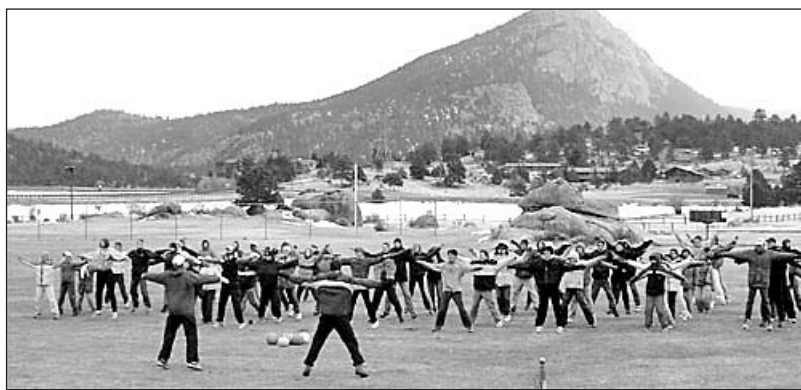
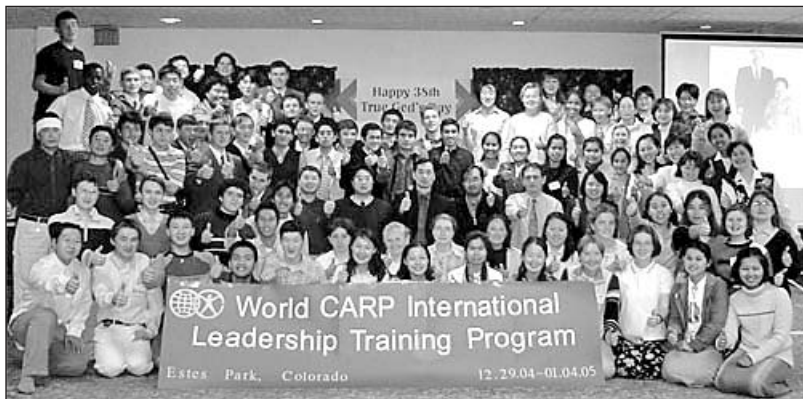
# Mountain-high Happy New Year for ILTP

by Jesper B. Henriksen

The ten mobile teams of the International Leadership Training Program traveling from every corner of the US have arrived in Colorado for their New Year workshop amidst a beautiful Rocky Mountain setting.

They came from their field training with many testimonies of embracing and overcoming challenges, and of deep realizations through real experiences of God's love and of their own identity as God's son's and daughters.

Naturally ILTP's Southeast Asian members were concerned about the fate of their families, relatives and nations in the Tsunami disaster and some still need to connect with their homes. Thankfully so far it appears



that none of their families were directly affected.

Public speech contest: W-CARP Division of Leadership Development and ILTP organized this workshop, which is aimed at letting ILTP members gain greater ownership over the program. The program contents revolve around Alignment to the Culture of Heart, the Family Pledge and a public

speech contest, in which many hearts were moved by the passion and conviction of ILTP members.

"This workshop means a new beginning for me. Here I understand what it means to live my life for the sake of others." - Evgeny Martinov

"This is such an international program. At this workshop I have a new sense of ownership as a representative of my country. I am moved by those members who came to ILTP knowing only a little English; they came by faith.

"I was first attracted to World CARP by its culture. Coming here, I notice the same culture. This workshop enables me to try to adopt the mindset of a true leader.

"I am learning how to respect others. I especially value the discussion groups. I can see the meaning of team work." - Sherefiah Tomlinson ❖



by Gary Abrahams

It was a great day to be alive in Memphis, Saturday January 22, 2005. The TN ACLC, TN Family Church and the TN AFC sponsored a seminar and luncheon. This was done to bring our current Memphis contacts and new contacts together in the spirit of God's embrace and to enlighten them about the activities and the responsibilities of Heavenly Father's providential work at this time and age.

The turnout was nothing short of phenomenal, especially for the time and effort that we were able to offer for this event. There are only 2 BCFs in all of West Tennessee (Memphis area) with neither being able to offer themselves full-time to this event. We had one week to prepare. Similar efforts and programs in the past have brought meager results to add to the current foundation. But, this time a great and miraculous outpouring of participation occurred.

In all we had 26 guests in attendance, split equally between alumni and new guests. 15 preachers were in attendance with 12 of those being church pastors. We were happy to see both old and some new pastors in attendance. Additionally, there was a seminar staff of 7 if we include Bishop C. Philip Johnson, who attended as the Keynote speaker. The 3 from Nashville were Rev. Nishikawa, a revered older member from Japan, who brought a powerful spirit of God's love and truth; Rev. Saito, TN Family Church pastor, and Rev. Serge Mondesir, TN Family Church assistant pastor. Memphis staff members were Mr. Gary Abrahams ---TN AFC coordinator and program emcee, Mrs. Friederun Abrahams and Mrs. GERALDA Shiroshita who were hostesses and prepared food.

The night before this seminar Dr. Dannie D. Holmes, Rev. Nishikawa, Rev. Saito

and I welcomed Bishop Johnson and took him to dinner. As I listened to his many experiences and long support of our True Parents I felt very repentful worrying about the probability of a small turnout for this great emissary of God. God and Bishop Johnson have prepared a large load of hay for only a few cows. I repented that I could not do more and bring larger numbers for this wonderful opportunity of blessing which would happen the next day.

On Saturday morning as we prepared to go to Greater Hope Baptist Church for the event my wife and I went over our lists of anyone we could call to attend at the last minute; anyone we may have overlooked. We arrived at the church and began final preparations for the day. As the clock ticked toward the 10 am opening I was amazed to see so many guests arriving; both new and old including a couple of older contacts who had recently been a bit distant. In particular Rev. Van Ford, who had backed out of several commitments to attend earlier MEPI conferences. He was very happy to be with us and apologized deeply for not keeping his commitments in the past.

He was able to stay for the whole program seemed to be very inspired with a new commitment.

The program began on time with us adding tables to accommodate the larger than anticipated crowd. The spirit of God was evident in the room from start to finish. After a short introduction we went right into the video presentation of "Path to Peace". This was followed by host Dr. Holmes' testimony of his attendance at 2 MEPI conferences. Mr. Gary Abrahams read Father Moon's speech from the Dec. 13 Coronation Ceremony in WDC,

"Our Mission In The Last Days Of Providential History". After a tasty lunch with lively conversation, Rev. Serge Mondesir then offered the new PowerPoint presentation, "Faith Leadership for a Fractured World". Bishop Johnson suggested that the pastors get a copy and use this "powerful" presentation to help them to build stronger families in their churches.

Bishop Johnson then gave his Keynote presentation. He has created his own PowerPoint presentation, "Mission of the Messiah" in which he prepares a strong biblical foundation to tell all of those in attendance that "Father Moon is my messiah and that Father and Mrs. Moon are my True Parents!" I was in deep heartfelt tears at the conclusion of his presentation. What a great, gifted and powerful brother and voice for God.

Evidence of the heart and power of this program was that it took over an hour for all the guest to leave. Everybody wanted to linger for fellowship and several new attendees asked me how they could make a stronger connection to this movement and what could they do to help. It was as though they were saying, "If the Messiah is on the earth and he has called me to be God's emissary, what can I do, now?" Praise God.

I have had the strong

feeling since True God's Day 2005 that the promised Pentecost which will come on TP's birthday has begun to seep out bit-by-bit. This seeping out of good spirits as warned me of the need to be as well prepared as possible in order that we are not overwhelmed by the events soon to come. Recently, incredible and miraculous things have happened not only in terms of this event but also in my business activities and in my family.

My entire family feels very blessed by this opportunity. ❖

## Community of Faith in Memphis

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# SERVICE FOR PEACE MLK Day of

In the second year of Martin Luther King Day of Service programming, Service For Peace emerged as a lead agency promoting the Day. We conducted 57 service projects in 21 cities that mobilized over 5,050 volunteers, up from 1,100 in 2004. Of course, this was but part of a much larger partnership that brought hundreds of thousands of Americans out to volunteer.

An important focus this year was the effort to develop of sustainable programs that would motivate continuous volunteer commitment. In publications and public service announcements, we asked people to make a promise not to just celebrate "I have a dream," and then put it behind them until next year, but to stand up and be counted for service and community building the year round. In Oakland, Deputy Chief of Police Michael Holland echoed this theme, saying "In a way, I almost wish we didn't have a holiday, if it just encourages people to take a day on and the rest of the year off." With so much to do, one day is clearly not enough!

Healthy partnerships of adult and youth leaders proved to be a very important initiative in the weeks before the Day of Service. Each city had a team that met several times to create age-appropriate materials and educational activities, plan volunteer recruitment and marshal local resources. A short video biography of Dr. King, with excerpts of the PBS documentary "Eyes on The Prize" reminded participants of the value of perseverance and long term commitment.

As one measure of a new commitment to ongoing service, all participants were introduced to the President's Volunteer Service Award and encouraged to earn it in 2005. 60% of all volunteers said they wanted to come back for Martin Luther King Day 2006, and many indicated that they would join other service activities throughout the year. Some cities have already started planning their MLK 2006 celebration.

Thanks to the involvement of hundreds of community partners, this year's volunteer pool was incredibly diverse. Our program in Bridgeport, for example, reported

volunteers from China, Nepal, Jordan, Japan, Korea, the Ukraine and several African and Caribbean nations, as well as a representative mix of African American, Hispanic and Caucasian volunteers from the local community. Across the country, volunteers came from over 30 national backgrounds.

Service For Peace projects were chosen for subgrants by all four of the Corporation For National and Community Service's MLK Grant winners, with Hands On Network awarding six, The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice and the Points Of Light Foundation three each, and one award from the California Service Corps. However, grant funding accounted for less than 16% of the overall investment in the day, thanks to aggressive leveraging and increased support from corporate and community partners.

One important lesson is that planning must start earlier! Even as we report these improved results of 2005 we have big plans for a much bigger impact in 2006. We will develop our network of participating schools and colleges and share best practices from this year. We will involve our King Day volunteers in other volunteer opportunities throughout the year, including other National Days Of Service and ongoing volunteer activities.

We also see great possibilities for expansion among the faith community including new sectors such as Muslim youth, and look to further develop city-wide participation along the lines of the successful model in Louisville, which included substantial corporate and civic involvement with both financial and volunteer support from the entire community. Our overall goal is to increase 10-fold the number of volunteers in 2006!

### Louisville, KY

Over 500 youth and adult volunteers participated in 31 service projects for the 2nd Annual Greater Louisville Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Volunteers from Target, Office of Youth Development, Jewish Community Center assisted in cleaning the Wayside Christian Mission men's shelter, painting, move and organize furniture. Elsewhere, GE volunteers and young people from Youth Alive painted the facility and installed carpet. An 8th grade class knitted hats for hospital patients; and volunteers from Ford Motor visited a senior center.

Support from the business community played an important part in our success, and special thanks go to Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Insight Cable, Norton Healthcare, TARC & many others.

In the afternoon, 200 volunteers, partners and sponsors gathered at Union Station to celebrate the Day of Service. Louisville Police Chief Robert White, and other VIP's encouraged everybody to continue to volunteer throughout the year. A youth performing arts team wowed the crowd with their performance. The event was featured in the Courier Journal, covered by 4 TV and two radio stations and director Peter Hayes was interviewed



Bridgeport, CT



Louisville, KY



Worcester, MA

on early morning TV.

### Bridgeport, CT

251 volunteers from the University of Bridgeport and local non-profits including Habitat for Humanity, Astoria Park Health Care Center, Prospect House Homeless Shelter and Re-Entry Ministries kicked off the 3-week program 'Celebrate, Serve, Learn and Honor.'

Student leaders identified mentoring underserved youth as the compelling issue that the 'MLK Service Learning and Diversity Education Initiative' would address. Many students made a commitment to continue mentoring these youth in the Roosevelt Elementary School and Hall Elementary School. Additionally, some volunteers have taken on volunteer roles to support the GED course at the Salvation Army Drug Rehabilitation program in the Spring term.

The program was incredibly diverse, with African Americans, Caucasians and Hispanics joined by volunteers from China, Nepal, Jordan, Japan, Korea, the Caribbean, the Ukraine and Africa. These multi racial and multi ethnic teams vividly demonstrated Dr. King's dream of racial harmony. One participant from Japan, Tokuo Nishiwaki reported, "I was amazed that a simple task such as renovating an old building could bring people together."

### Worcester, MA

110 volunteers braved snow and ice to work at five Worcester Housing Authority sites, home to 5,000 low income seniors, clean-



ing public areas like lounges, kitchens, windows and stairwells. For many of the volunteers it was the first time that they understood the loneliness and difficulty of the elderly. Kudos to the Burroughs YMCA who arrived in full force with a van full of inspired junior leaders, and Abby Kelley Foster Charter School who also widely encouraged the event with more than twenty of their students participating. Demola Ogunjobi said "when I saw kids registering to volunteer, I knew some of them could be faking for the MLK badges, but I decided I would be different, I would sign up to volunteer not for a badge."

"Little kids stood outside the room watching us paint; I was happy to think that I was doing



Portland, ME



# Service 2005



Atlanta, GA

books and clothing valued at over \$4,000 to youth and teens throughout Southern Maine. This year, Service For Peace partnered with the NAACP, Thornton Academy Interact, UNE Rotoract, Preble Street Resources, New Beginnings and high school volunteer clubs from Cape Elizabeth, Freeport and Portland.

At reflection time, we asked, 'What did you learn/realize from Dr. King's legacy as it relates to his values, his commitment to service, community and harmony?' Some of the replies—"Having respect for someone can take you far;" "One person can make a difference;" "The odds against you matter much less than whether it's the right thing to do or not;" "Through service, you can really change a community;" and "More people believe in it than I thought."

### Atlanta, GA

Service For Peace participated in the 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service with the King Center, Hands On Atlanta, and many others. On Justice Sunday we worked at the DeKalb County Sheriffs Office and Jail, where participants cooked, cleaned and labored to bring the meals to those in need. On MLK day we came together with Hands On Atlanta and Hosea Williams Feed

something to make their life brighter," said another volunteer.

Jamie Pear, Site Director at Horizons for Homeless Children, the only non-profit in the state dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of homeless children and their families, discussed ways volunteers could continue to give to their community through the Playspace Programs.

### Portland, ME

Our MLK Day activity started with planning sessions in November and December. We started a clothing drive in several high schools the first week of January, ran a full day of activities on the 17th and will conclude with a Read-In for elementary school children in after-school programs on the 27th. By the end of the month, we will have engaged between 70 and 100 volunteers, performed over 400 service hours and distributed



Seattle, WA

the Hungry to bring the most out of the large communities of Atlanta.

In other projects, we cleaned and beautified the Midville Elementary School, saving the school an estimated 4,000 dollars and cleaned a community church in the heart of Atlanta along with residents and volunteers from Hands On Atlanta.

Over the weekend, high school students held their own conference to consider new non-violence concepts, strategies and initiatives that they will look to start in their own lives. Our ongoing PATHMAKERS program challenges today's youth to have a deep understanding and awareness of Dr. Kings values of non-violence.

### Seattle, WA

Service for Peace joined City Year, Americorps, EarthCorps, & other volunteers in bringing out some 243 volunteers to brave the pouring rain to work on a number of environmentally oriented projects. One group worked with Seattle Parks & Trail Maintenance crews & City Year loading fresh gravel for trail restoration at Ravenna Park, an inner city park that serves primarily low-income and minority families. Our goal was to make it inviting and safe. Meanwhile, a larger group cleared non-native species and poured buckets of mulch for the freshly cleared hillside at Mount Baker Park. Funding for the Martin Luther King Day effort was assisted by a grant from the Hands On Network.

The Seattle program was one of several in the Northwest that were initiated and energized by the MLK Training Seminar held at Portland State University in Oregon in late October, that was presented jointly by Service For Peace and the Points of Light Foundation. As well as the MLK program, seminar graduates joined National Family Volunteer Day in November and are now planning events for National Youth Service Day in April.

### Westchester, NY

Our program at the Yonkers Community Action Center raised an interesting dilemma. We were painting one room, and a group of businessmen from Kraft Foods were painting in another. The work was going well, but wasn't the whole point of King's vision to work together and not separately? Volunteers from both sides realized that this understanding had to start within each one of us if we were to be true peacemakers. One high school volunteer, James, was moved to see the effect the social worker assigned to the center had on the lives of the youth there. "They love her," he said, "Whenever she's not there, the kids almost



Westchester, NY

panic and want to know where she is. That's how much she has impacted their lives."

A second program at Cambridge House Senior Center in Ossining on Hudson brought 40 high-school students face to face with seniors for a hard-hitting discussion about the civil rights era. We asked, how old were you when the Civil Rights Movement went on? What were the changes that you observed? What were your feelings about the segregation at that time? If you were racist, why? The day of service ended with both sides committed to further meetings.

### Chicago, IL

100 volunteers honored Dr. King by beautifying two local elementary schools while finding beauty in one another's diversity. The emphasis was on the cooperation and exchange between groups of volunteers from Bass and Faulkner Elementary Schools, Kenwood Academy, Lincoln Park High School, Mt. Bethlehem M. B. Church, New Calvary M. B. Church, Chicago Family Church and students from the Service for Peace club at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Mr. Granzlee Banks, Principal of Bass Elementary and Dr. John Long of UIC shared briefly on different aspects of the legacy of Dr. King in service and leadership, and then the teams went out to paint murals and cleaning desks and other classroom furniture.

After lunch, time was taken to reflect on the day. Alisha Ratcliff, 15, of the Mt. Bethlehem M. B. Church said that she had realized that "we wouldn't be where we are today if Dr. King Jr. hadn't stood up for what's right without giving up." And Karyn Panek, a 20-year-old student from UIC, commented that she felt she had made a difference in the community by "letting the kids open up to people they would never had met if it had not been for MLK Day."

### Oakland, CA

We held a major community effort at the Eco Village Farm Learning Center, made possible by a grant from California Service Corps. Other partners included the East Bay Conservation Corps, Americorps and Operation Dignity. Among the several distinguished speakers were Congressman George Miller; the Deputy Chief of Police in Oakland Michael Holland, Michael Smith, Bay Area Director for Americorps.

The 150 volunteers then split into teams. The most popular job had us clean out the goat pen and chicken coops, laying down fresh chips for the animals. For our younger volunteers, there was a great chance to feed the animals and get to learn more about them.

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Chicago, IL

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The award-winning Eco Farm Learning Center brings out school groups to learn about watersheds, and the importance of protecting the environment. Brush was cleared away so that a platform could be built, and more of the creek life could be experienced by the children. Elsewhere, volunteers carefully removed the invasive ivy vines along the main trails, so that plant species native to the area could be replanted.



## Harrisburg, PA

Students from the ACTS program and other community volunteers from several local churches, the Hindu Society of Harrisburg and several prominent local lawyer gathered at 8:30am to begin the cleaning up and painting of the William Penn High School. The project was focused on painting and cleaning 8 bathrooms and the back of an auditorium used frequently to host gathering of the students and serve the community as well. A hallway covered with graffiti proved no match to the students who tackled this project with great enthusiasm. All the bathrooms were thoroughly cleaned and two were completely repainted. Happily, a number of volunteers agreed to come back to complete the work on a later date.

The adult volunteers were mightily impressed by the Penn school students who



Oakland, CA



Selma, AL



St. Louis, MO

came in for nine full hours — longer than a school day — making their day off a day on. Though in recent years the Harrisburg schools have had more than their share of difficulties, the young students made a powerful case by their actions for the need for the community to pull together, a theme repeated in the annual Martin Luther King Day essay contest with more than 800 contestants.

## Selma, AL

Our local affiliate CHASM provided safe places for children out of school at Valley Creek, Felix Heights and Rangedale Housing Authority while their parents worked on MLK Day. A Community Non-Violence Forum was held with the Owls Of Faith at an apartment complex located next to the Brown Chapel Church — the site for many civil rights meetings attended by Dr. King — to address the growing challenge of gun-violence, on the increase throughout 2004. Local volunteers also participated in events for Justice Sunday 2005.

## Paterson, NJ

The annual city-wide food drive, in association with United Way and the CUMAC food-bank, was promoted through schools and colleges and faith based



Harrisburg, PA

students of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

We were not able to take pictures of the children at the shelters because of client confidentiality. Something new that we ran into. But our volunteers had a great time putting the gift bags together and the rescue mission kids had a great time receiving them. Everyone was a winner!



Paterson, NJ

One Song Musical Celebration where Service For Peace volunteered giving out programs, and taking care of the entertainers. The next day was the Dream of Community Expo where SFP helped with organizing tables, giving out tickets, cleaning, and helping out. On King Day we

groups in Paterson. More than 200 volunteers including Americorps and the New Jersey Community Development Council involved in this effort, and some distributed leaflets and hand posters encouraging people to sign up for our ongoing tutoring program in the Paterson City schools.

## Detroit, MI

Detroit Service For Peace began the year of service by visiting two Rescue Mission Ministries and taking gift bags for the children there. We were pleased to partner with a local college, the University Of Detroit and fifteen

## Cary, NC

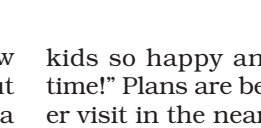
The MLK Cary Dreamfest weekend events started Friday with the



Detroit, MI



Cary, NC



## Los Angeles, CA

Service For Peace volunteered for the third year with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department interfaith prayer breakfast, followed up with a community youth weekend. Ongoing plans include working with Project JADE and the Los Angeles Schools District J to raise young high school and college age leaders who can mentor middle and elementary youth in schools and at the Los Angeles schools farm projects. ❖



Los Angeles, CA

# FFWPU Hoon Dok Hae Audio Editions

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for the tsunami victims of Sri Lanka. Students have been active in making posters and soliciting donations from individuals and businesses to send to that ravaged country at the end of the month. At Jin-A Child Care Center last fall the children participated in a food drive to help needy families in the Clifton area. Such projects help to teach children in a concrete way what it means to live for the sake of others.

Both schools offer ESL instruction from a state-certified teacher as well as special education services for those in need of it. New Hope Pyung Hwa School also opens its doors to groups of Korean students during the winter and summer months for special education in English and American culture. Currently 20 students from Korea are studying at the school and are living with various families in the area.

Both Jin-A and New Hope are accepting



registrations for the next school year. For more information, you may visit our websites at:

[www.njpyunghwaschool.com](http://www.njpyunghwaschool.com) and [www.jinaschool.com](http://www.jinaschool.com)

You may also call Jin-A Child Care Center at 973-279-1203 or New Hope Pyung Hwa School at 973-473-4144. ❖

# Educating the Hearts and Character NJ Children

by Robert Beebe

The New Jerusalem Community of Northern New Jersey is home to the Jin-A Child Care Center and the New Hope Pyung Hwa School. These two educational institutions, located in Clifton, NJ, are dedicated to giving Principled-based education to both second generation children and children in the general community.

Currently in its 18th year, Jin-A Child Care Center has 70 pre-school and kindergarten students and is run by Mrs. Christl Brunkhorst. This is a licensed, state-certified and NAEYC accredited full day child care facility that operates all year-round from Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 6:00pm. In its 18 years of operation, Jin-A has provided needed day care support for blessed families, freeing mothers to work in many of the businesses in the NY/NJ area. This month it is expanding its service by opening an infant care facility on its premises for the first time.

Situated in a breathtaking natural setting, Jin-A is dedicated to providing children with a happy learning experience in a safe and healthy environment. The curriculum includes math, language, science and nature, social studies, computers, arts and crafts, music, and story time, finger play and singing for the younger children. A variety of indoor and outdoor recreational activities, like swimming and free play on an impressively landscaped playground, are also available. Jin-A's qualified staff is made up of carefully chosen professionals who are continually encouraged to develop their teaching skills through in-house seminars.

The New Hope Pyung Hwa School was founded by Mrs. Jeanne Carroll in 1996 in the garage of her home with 6 first grade students. The school now enrolls 53 students from the first through eighth grades and operates out of the facilities of a Reformed Church. In the fall of 2003, the school's staff received a special invitation to come to East Garden where True Father gave his blessing to the school and added "Pyung Hwa" (peace) to its name.

The school is committed to high academic standards for its students. This has been reflected in the students' per-



formance in the Terra Nova standardized tests where they have consistently scored well above the national and state average at all grade levels. Many graduates of New Hope School have testified to the excellent preparation they received for their subsequent education at the high school level and beyond.

Besides academics, the school works to integrate heavenly values into all aspects of the curriculum. Beginning with a 30-minute morning service each day, and passing through lessons in mathematics, science, history/social studies, language, reading and literature, teachers look for opportunities to teach good values to the students. On the playground and at PE, students are encouraged to engage in cooperative team play, to show respect for each other, to take responsibility for their behavior and to help and serve one another.

In their administration, teaching methods and curriculum, the goal of both schools is to assist their charges in developing their full potential as God's children. The cultivation of their heart and conscience and instruction in moral and ethical norms through the promotion of universal values are the foundation for all of their subsequent education and is the key to healthy character development. The teachers of the schools are committed to creating a loving moral atmosphere in their classrooms. They understand their role as secondary parents, role models and mentors to their students. At the same time the

schools welcome the active support of the families of its students through a vibrant Parents' Association.

Character education necessarily raises the question of purpose and meaning. According to the Divine Principle, the purpose of life is to

fulfill the Three Great Blessings: perfection of individual character, creating a God-centered family and establishing loving dominion over the natural world. The Three Blessings provide a comprehensive framework through which educating for character can be effectively understood and implemented. Under the motto "Respect, Responsibility and Service," the New Hope Pyung Hwa School's character education program seeks to support the spir-

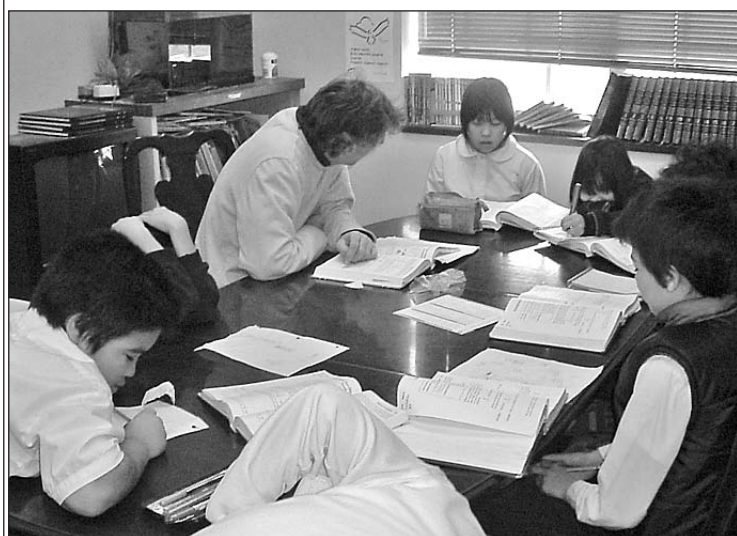
itual and moral development of its students as a foundation for their eventual fulfillment of the Three Blessings. While the program is based primarily on the Divine Principle, it also employs other supplemental materials, such as the My Journey in Life curriculum developed by the International Educational Foundation, Wisekills, Character Education Connections, Kids

With Character and a literature-based program developed by the Heartwood Institute.

Elements of the character education program include moral reflection and discipline, teaching conflict resolution skills and service learning projects as effective tools in building character.

As an example of the latter, in the month of February the school is engaging its students in a relief aid project

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# IIPC OF THE HOLY LAND Druze and Moslem Communities Celebrate Id Al Adha...

The Director of Interreligious Affairs in IIFWP, Israel – Sheik Ali Birani has conducted a special congratulatory tour to the Druze and Moslem communities on the occasion of the high holyday Id Al Adha. Accompanied by the Secretary General of IIFWP - Mr. Hod Ben Zvi they began the tour visiting the Carmel town on Saturday 22nd January 2005, the 3rd day of Id Al Adha. They were hosted by the former mayor of Daliat El Carmel (a Druze village now part of Carmel town) – Sheik Nawaf Halabi. Among the dignitaries present was Benjamin "Fuad" Ben-Eliezer the newly appointed labor minister of infrastructure in Sharon's coalition government. Ben-Eliezer, apparently a good friend of the Druze community for 30 years, gave the following remarks:

"I believe we have a breakthrough. Our purpose for being in the government is for the disengagement to succeed. Solution is found around a table because when we talk people don't die. The PA has a new chairman who thinks like Arafat but stands against terror violence and incitement. He wants to sit around the table and understands that the fight is like a drug to the extremists. He initiated the deployment of the Palestinian policemen to stop the rocket shooting in coordination with Israel and we should commend him on that. And maybe there will be a comprehensive peace and the world will know that this infamous Middle east enables people to live together in Harmony."

Also present in the meeting were the present Mayor of Carmel- Dr. Akram Hasoun, the former mayor of the town

of Usfia – Sheik Shrif Abu Roken, the Bishop Riah Abu El-Asal - Head of the Anglican Church, 10 Imams and several city council members.

The IIFWP's representatives were commended by the host for their work for peace and greeted by many of the dignitaries as well as the new minister present.

The second stop was at Dir El Asad – a Moslem town in the Galilee. Sheik Ali Rafa and his Wife Sara hosted the small delegation and invited them to celebrate together. They exchanged traditional greetings and discussed future possibilities of mutual visit to enhance the work of peace.

The last stop was at the Druze town of Julis visiting the home of the spiritual leader of the Druze – Sheik Mowafaq Tarif. The home is considered a holy ground for the Druze as the great sage – Sheik Amin Tarif the grandfather of Sheik Mowafaq is buried there.

The place was crowded with many



of the Druze leaders from all around the country. Welcoming remarks were given by Sheik Tarif who related to the significance of the holyday as well as the state of the present Druze community. He was especially addressing 3 new Governmental ministers who came join the Holyday celebration. The Community explained Tarif, is in a desperate need for more job creating business as well as allocation of land for young couples to build their homes.

The three ministers have responded one by one. First spoke the Minis-

ter of Interior – Ophir Pines-Pas (Labor-Meimad) who dramatically declared his intention to change direction in his office. So far he said huge funds were allocated to the development of the settlement in the west bank and Gaza however he intends to redirect the support towards the Galilee and the Negev. He turned to the local leaders and said my door will be open for you. Though I can't do magic but I can certainly work hard to advance your situation.

The second speaker was the Minister of Housing Isaac Herzog (Labor-Meimad) who acknowledged his father's (the late President of Israel- Haim Herzog) friendship with the late sage – Sheik Amin Tarif. He also joined to the Pines-Pas call for equalization of the minorities' rights in Israel. Finally spoke the Minister of the Environment - Shalom Simhon (Labor-Meimad) - a long time friend of the community who happens to be also from the next door Jewish village.

The visit ended with a beautiful feast prepared by the host on the backdrop of the pastoral village. ♦

## ...and a Fact finding tour in the Negev Desert

Responding to the generous invitation of MK Talab Elsana several ambassadors of peace couples set on a magnificent journey to the south of Israel.

Assembled in Jerusalem's cool morning we drove for an hour and a half accompanied by the rays of the winter sun. The Negev is blossoming during this time of the year. Red flowers are seen here and there on the light green grass covering the land. It is hard to believe that we are in the desert especially when nearing the



planted forest at Lahav.

Arriving at the Elsana home we were greeted by the whole family. We climbed up to the special guest room on the upper floor overlooking the surrounding beautiful hills seen through the windows. Seated on mattresses, we were treated to tea, coffee, fruits and nuts followed by a lively discussion. We were trying to learn about

the origin and structure of the Bedouin tribes, looking for similarities and differences in comparison to the early Israelite tribes.

Before long we were called down by the lady of the house to enjoy a



most delicious lunch she had toiled to prepare for us. Friends and family gathered around the big table, as Dr. Ben Ami offered a heart touching blessing over the food. Here we had another chance to increase our understanding of the state of the Bedouins in the Israel and the acute side effects created by the modernization.

By the time lunch ended with treats and hot drinks we were all one big family with the friendliest children all over

us.

Next was another trip, this time together with our hosting family to a traditional Bedouin tent camp further south. As dusk was falling our party was struggling to bid farewell. We felt there was so much more we wanted to share. We thanked our kind hosts for the meaningful day we could spend together. ♦



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alism, ideological conflict, and other forms of separatism and intolerance. Hardening these boundaries plays a big role in the horrors of hatred, war, and oppression. As a result it is all but a tautology to make "living without boundaries" a core principle of a peace organization.

In this second case too, how can we understand IIFWP to be saying anything other than the patently obvious? Furthermore, what principles guide decisions in grey areas? Are people's

religious beliefs of no consequence? Are people's cultural and national heritage of no consequence? What if others threaten these treasures and irreplaceable legacies? Is the answer a simplistic "live without boundaries"?

The aspect of IIFWP thought which creates of this a workable, and applicable principle is the recognition of categories in the human experience which are so universal and such a compelling force for harmony that they transcend and harmonize all difference, regardless of how essential, or extreme the difference might be. The category must be so basic and so far-reaching that even religious difference cannot put us

apart. What could possibly stand safely and convincingly as so universal and transcendent that it can make all boundaries dissolve in an atmosphere of peace and reconciliation?

The IIFWP grounded in Dr. Moon's revelation and worldview is family. The universal experience of family reflecting true and eternal love is greater than every difference. Be ye black, white, or yellow, you are still a mother a father, a brother, sister, son or daughter. Be ye Christian, Muslim or Jew, the same is true. Rich poor, high low, urban or rural, rap music, or Brahams, the human experience at its most basic, God given base is absolutely one. With-

out this category, a worldview which explains it, and the fullness of life which derives from it, the call for life without boundaries is nothing more than a vague nicety.

As fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives, do we want boundaries? Do you want boundaries between yourself and your daughter?

Do you want boundaries between you and your husband? In the most basic human identity we want NO boundaries whatsoever, none! ♦

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# IIFWP's Methodology For Peace

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

This is from an address given at the IIFWP 4th World Summit, Washington D.C., December 12, 2004

IIFWP identifies two core principles as requisite for the effective pursuit of peace. These are "living for the sake of others", and "life without boundaries." These concepts carry a great danger of misunderstanding, which could slow down or impede our peace efforts. Why? It is because people use terms like these thinking they have a single, universal meaning. In fact the meanings can vary greatly from person to person. We can end up speaking past each other, while thinking we are on a shared road of understanding.

If we are going to build a serious, substantial, and expansive peace movement, involving top world leaders, it is crucial that collaborators and fellow travelers share clear and common use of terms at the very outset. This will avoid problems and disappointments later down the line.

Living for others, and living without boundaries seem like common sense terms, and obvious requisites for effectively pursuing lasting peace. Yet if they are so obvious, and make such common sense, then why don't we have peace already? Further, if they obviously have not brought peace, then why would IIFWP be so excited about their prospects, simply by stringing these simple notions together? This really needs to be considered! No one here needs to be wasting their time.

Is this phrase just another name for "unselfishness"? Is IIFWP's great contribution to world peace nothing more than an admonition to "not be selfish"? How would this great insight apply? Say you make a million dollars a year and pass someone with nothing. In this moment, what would successfully constitute as "living for the sake of others"? What if you gave this person 10 dollars? I think it must be very rare for a destitute person to receive 10 dollars from a passerby. But if you are worth several million dollars and you meet someone with absolutely nothing, no food, no shelter, I think it should hardly count much as living for the sake of others, by giving the person 10 dollars. Well how about 100 dollars? Is that enough?

How about deciding to give this person a modest room, meals each day, shoes, and a coat for winter? Then you would end up with 994,000 dollars each year, and the other person has a room, food, shoes and a coat. How's that? Is that enough? Should you do that for the next person you meet who has nothing? Or would that start to eat too much into your remaining 994,000 dollars? Another option might be to yourself have just a room, food, shoes and a coat, then with your million dollars a year 750 people could live without want. You could be one of them. If you want to live more

luxuriously, how about splitting your earnings 50 - 50 with the one in need. Surely we can survive on half a million dollars a year?

When we sit down and begin to plan for peace with our fellow IIFWP ambassadors, all extolling living for others, are we talking to a guy who once gave a needy person 10 bucks, or with a person who makes a million dollars a year and has a room, food, shoes and a coat, along with 750 formerly hungry friends?

Do you see the problem of trying to build a unified organization on so vague a term? We could be in a room full of leaders all claiming to "live for the sake of others" and in fact have no real idea if we are working together or not? How should IIFWP solve this problem? Should we issue some chart of percentages? Would this clarify matters for establishing the qualifications of a peace ambassador?

And next we need to examine who to live for. Supposing you give half to your wife, and a quarter to your son. Can you then say "hey, I give away almost everything I make." Does that count? Some people might think that's a little tricky. They might quietly think "hmmm, this fellow isn't really living for others, he just has a demanding wife and a lazy son." How will IIFWP solve that problem? Should we issue a list of people who qualify as people to "live for their sake"?

Obviously we cannot clarify our terms in this way. Such a project would be endless. On your chart of percentages you would have to create additional addenda to apply to whether the person in need is located in France or Paraguay. What if the person already has a coat but no shoes? Or, exactly how old are his shoes? What if his shoes are just plain ugly ... don't go with his coat?

And who counts as the other? How about a half-son, or a cousin? Once

are yours and which are mine? How about the boundary between those who believe Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead, and those who do not? Is that a legitimate boundary?

It is easy to see here once again that presuming common meaning with this term is also unreasonable.

Do we really want to start down so serious a road together assuming we share a common agenda and set of principles, without bothering to check if that is really the case? Aren't we inviting disappointment down the line, perhaps coming at a time when we can least afford to degenerate into discord, perhaps at a time just on the verge of a big breakthrough for peace?

We already recognize that legalistic attempts to nail down common understanding is a labor of Sisyphus. So, what to do?

The solution to this problem lies in creating common use of terms in non-legalistic ways.

The success of the IIFWP, and its power to extend so deeply and effectively into world affairs based on what seem like obvious observations, lies in

ments to serve only my own benefit, at least I have not subtracted good away from others, but the whole good I do adds up to benefiting a total of one person. A small life indeed!

3. If I sacrifice everything for the sake of my family, the good stemming from my efforts now expands to 5 or 7 people or more. Thus by living for the sake of just my own immediate family, I have multiplied my power of goodness by 7 times or more. An incredible leap in how much good I do in the world!

4. But supposing we want to do good for more than just 7 people? This is the tricky part. I cannot decide simply that I will devote my accomplishments for my neighborhood (say for example 400 families... almost 3000 people) without gaining the consent of my family. My family must agree that our shared benefits are now going to be given to others. I have to unify my family around the idea that it is better for our goodness to benefit 3000 people, than just seven people. This is what I mean we cannot skip over a social unit.

See how quickly we can move from the evil of subtracting good out of the world, to a single person benefiting thousands of people. Just two steps! But the most important matter to note is that we cannot simply skip a step. Do you think a wife will follow a husband who is unfaithful, or children will follow a parent who is selfish? It is not possible. The

root, the trunk, the branches, and the leaves of living for the sake of others, must all be connected and working in harmony. If I can get the 3000 people in my neighborhood to sacrifice themselves for our state or our nation in just one more step, then my "living for others" multiplies to millions.

The inner meaning of IIFWP's "living for the sake of others," more accurately follows the dynamic of the smaller living for the sake of the larger. This is only the most rudimentary introduction to the first core IIFWP principle, "life for the sake of others." Hopefully we can see that we are describing a very precise dynamic, and not building an organization based on a vague synonym for unselfishness.

How much should one give? The answer is everything, but that is an essay or another time. To whom? To God, all people, and all of nature. This too should be further clarified over time.

## Life Lived without Boundaries

Finally, let me briefly touch upon a similar, introductory exposition for "life without boundaries," again so as to help account for the vitality, and transforming power of the IIFWP as a peace movement:

As I already said, one cannot in a facile manner proclaim oneself committed to removing all boundaries, when simply navigating life surely requires the recognition of countless boundaries.

Obviously conflict results from hostility toward some one or some group outside our those who we are willing to embrace, care for, and support. We place a boundary between ourselves and others. Versions of this include racism, religious intolerance, nation-

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one goes down the road of legalism to create common meaning there is no return. You'll end up with lawyers instead of peace.

Let us quickly do something similar here to see if we have a common understanding this second, core concept? Just what is meant by living without boundaries? Surely life requires that we recognize boundaries. Is it legitimate for example to have a fence or some sort of demarcation around one's property? Is it legitimate to differentiate between which sons and daughters

the fact that its principles are far more profound, and systematic than first meets the eye. Life for the sake of others, is not a mere synonym for the vague catchphrase "unselfishness," and "life without boundaries" similarly is a vague affirmation of "understanding," or "getting along." The way for IIFWP activists to truly act in accord requires that we grow in our understanding of the system and worldview on which they stand as essential and foundational.

## Life Lived for the Sake of Others

We can gain greater clarity in our understanding of the term "living for the sake of others," when we approach all of reality as grounded in purpose. This can guide our sacrificial activity and remove the guesswork from making this into a legitimate principle on which to build a peace movement. The ground of purpose renders moot questions like "how much to give?", and "to whom we should give?" Our guideline is to give in the way which effects the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Two corollaries for this principle point to greater clarity for IIFWP's notion of living for the sake of others. These are: A. Everything you do should help the greatest number of people possible, and B. It impossible to leap over a smaller social unit, to try to help a larger one.

Note by this small example how these work:

1. If I sacrifice others for my own sake (to become richer, more powerful, or more famous), I actually subtract goodness out of the world.
2. If I convert all my accomplish-

by Robin Graham

The most popular sport in the world, soccer has played an important role in mending fences between nations. Known generally as "football" throughout the world, this sport has brought traditional enemies together, and has even stopped wars.

During World War I, British and German troops on the front lines came out of their trenches on Christmas Day of 1914, put down their guns, and played a soccer game. Brazilian star Pelé's 1969 trip to Nigeria with his soccer club, Santos, spurred a three-day cease-fire in the Biafran War. In 1990, warring factions in the Lebanon War took time out from killing each other to watch World Cup games beamed in from Italy.

In 2002, Japan and South Korea, longtime enemies with lingering animosity, worked together to co-host the World Cup. In 2000, historic rivals Belgium and Holland hosted the European Championship. More recently, when American and coalition troops arrived in Afghanistan and Iraq, soccer games were arranged for the local population, and coalition forces even played against an Iraqi team while the fighting was ongoing. In the 2004 Olympics, Iraq's soccer team overcame significant obstacles, was adopted as their own by spectators from throughout the world, and gave hope to the citizens of a war-torn nation.

Soccer may have image problems with stadium stampedes, hooliganism, and overly zealous fans who resort to violence against opposing fans, referees and even players, but more often than not it has been a unifying force.

It was for the sake of supporting such positive contributions that the Play Soccer Make Peace! project was initiated by the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO). This project came about because WANGO was selected by the Sun Moon Soccer Foundation to be the conduit for the distribution of one million dollars for the specific purpose of developing soccer worldwide and for the promotion of world peace. These funds, in turn, came from proceeds of the 2003 Peace Cup Soccer Tournament.

The biannual Peace Cup Korea will be held in July with eight football clubs from around the world participating, the event's host Seongnam Chunma announced.

The 2003 winner, PSV Eindhoven, and runners-up, Olympique Lyonnaise, are again to play, with Tottenham Hotspur of England and Spain's Real Sociedad being other big names from Europe. Argentina's Boca Juniors will represent South America along with Once Caldas of Colombia, while Sundowns FC of South Africa are also invited to the \$2.5 million event.

From July 17, the eight participants will play three matches each, split into two groups, with the group winners meeting in the July 24 final. The venues have yet to be decided.

The Sun Moon Soccer Foundation, founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, runs three professional teams - national champion Seongnam Ilhwa in South Korea and two in Brazil. The Peace Cup is a

# Play Soccer, Make Peace!

## An Initiative for Developing Countries

biennial event to be held in different countries, and bringing the top clubs from each continent to compete. The 2003 Peace Cup was organized by Pelé, with the purpose of encouraging world peace through soccer games, transcending the barriers of ideologies and religions. In addition to being a soccer star, Pelé has served as Minister of Sports in Brazil and a UN ambassador for peace and goodwill. The 2003 Peace Cup had eight competitors. Five of these were the champions of their nations, including Besiktas JK (Turkey), PSV Eindhoven (Holland), Olympique Lyon (France), Los Angeles Galaxy (United States), and Seongnam Ilhwa (Korea). Also compet-

skills and understanding that can be applied in carrying out the project. The representatives will act as catalysts to energize existing relationships and forge new partnerships to launch the project, as well as gather a wide diversity of people to help facilitate the event. Play Soccer Make Peace! touches the vast gamut of sectors in a society, including the youth, local communities, NGOs as well as the local and national governments.

Soccer can be played by any small group of players, but it takes organization, hard work and discipline to shape the group into a team, and to manage, sponsor and schedule games between competing teams. There are game rules

never giving up, and always looking to improve and move forward. A fourth similarity is youth. Soccer is a game for the young! At least, the young at heart, like Pelé. It takes great energy. Great idealism and youthful energy also needed by NGOs to accomplish their goals and mission. It is work for the young of heart.

Play Soccer Make Peace! is moving quickly toward achieving its goal of reaching 44 nations. In July 2004, Nigeria, Ghana and the Democratic Republic of Congo introduced and successfully launched the first Play Soccer Make Peace! tournaments. Six additional were held in Estonia, Guyana, Liberia, Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Zambia during

September 2004. WANGO's objective is to conduct five tournaments each month, and finish all target countries by April 2005.

Play Soccer Make Peace! is being well received in each of the countries.

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ing were teams from Germany, South Africa and Uruguay. The final matches of the tournament were played at the Seoul Olympic Stadium with PSV Eindhoven being the winner of the 2003 Peace Cup.

According to the Peace Cup's Chairman, "The objective of the tournament is to present and spread the vision of peace and culture in the world through football. Profits from the games will be used to nurture the hopes and dreams of unfortunate youths in the Third World Countries."

The Sun Moon Peace Foundation met this challenge when it announced that it would be promoting world peace by contributing to the growth and training of young soccer players in the world's emerging and developing countries. This initiative recognizes the enormous potential of young people to develop their creativity and productivity when they focus their energy. Soccer is a great activity for them to do so. Because of WANGO's international network and grassroots connections, the Association was selected to design and carry out a soccer project. WANGO firmly believes that Play Soccer Make Peace! can give support and impetus to NGOs dedicated to serving and uplifting their community in peace and goodwill. With the goal to encourage the development and training of youth soccer teams within fortyfour countries worldwide, the central feature of the project is the creation of a tournament to be conducted in each of the countries during which eight selected soccer teams compete. Monetary awards are given to all the competitors to help develop soccer in their area. WANGO representatives in each of the target forty-four nations are asked to assume a key role of responsibility in establishing Play Soccer Make Peace! in their nation. They have a commitment to the well being of the community, and possess valuable

and codes of conduct to follow, and emotions to control. In line with this, Play Soccer Make Peace! emphasizes adherence to ethical principles and codes of behavior in order to help guide the players, build cooperation within the team and encourage respect between the teams. The selected soccer teams must agree to pursue and maintain these principles and codes.

The teams' accomplishments are recognized in the tournament. Even the runners-up are awarded significant prize money. By becoming a member of the Play Soccer Make Peace! community, the soccer players and teams can work with NGOs to help to multiply a peace culture throughout the soccer leagues and associations of their country. A growing worldwide community of youth soccer players and teams will result. The soccer project, Play Soccer Make Peace!, is putting in place the necessary framework and resources to encourage this.

Mr. Taj Hamad, Secretary General of WANGO, noted several similarities that NGOs share with soccer. This first of these is teamwork. In order to win a soccer game, the players need to cooperate together as a team. In order for an NGO to work successfully, the members need teamwork within their organization, and need to work harmoniously with others in their community. A second is fair play. The highest ideal in sports is to play fair. The same element is necessary for an NGO to operate in an ethical manner in order to be trusted and to establish peace and justice within the society. Endurance is a third similarity between soccer and NGOs. In order to play well, soccer players need endurance, perseverance, and the spirit to never give up. It often takes great effort to score even a single goal. Soccer players always need to constantly regroup and reorganize in order to mount the next offensive. NGOs need to make ceaseless effort time and time again,

Each country has its own particular situation and each WANGO representative contributes his or her own unique perspective and talents to the project. Plans are being made to replicate and sustain the project in each of the designated countries. A report on Play Soccer Make Peace! will be given at the Annual Conference in Budapest highlighting the project details and the progress of the tournaments, past, present and future.

The site of the first tournament launching the Play Soccer Make Peace! initiative was Kaduna, Nigeria. Under the key leadership of Mohammed Attah, WANGO National Representative in Nigeria, and in a remarkably short period of time, eight soccer teams were selected and all the details for the tournament were finalized—the stadium, referees, nurses, security, publicity, programs, and so forth. The tournament was held July 6-11, 2004. All of the competitors agreed to fundamental principles of good sportsmanship.

Mr. Taj Hamad, Secretary General of WANGO, was present on the final day of the tournament. He greeted all the teams, the community officials and tournament volunteers and organizers and gave an address to launch the Play Soccer Make Peace! soccer project. He strove to inspire all to the higher ideals for which they were gathering and to the development of individual character as the basis for building healthy families, good societies and peaceful nations and world.

The final matches were exciting, with each of the teams playing their best before enthusiastic spectators. In addition to the eight competitors, two girls teams played a demonstration match. All of the teams gave good effort, were proud of their participation in the Play Soccer Make Peace! tournament, and received monetary awards to help develop soccer in their communities. ❖

# SFP Tsunami Relief Efforts

**W**hen the tsunami struck on December 26, it took several days for the world to recognize the full scope of the devastation and to mobilize the massive relief effort that is now providing help for those who survived. For many of the people in the areas surrounding the disaster

sites, there was no choice but to rush forward to help in any way they could. In Thailand, 30 Service For Peace volunteers arrived in Phuket

the day after the disaster and joined in the grim task of finding bodies and, hopefully, survivors among the wreckage. On December 30,

they were joined by a group of volunteers from the Korean chapter of

Service For Peace, including national director Song Yong Jang. All reported being initially overwhelmed by the chaos and misery that they witnessed.

Song Yong Jang was there to assess the situation and to decide on the best way in which Service For Peace could help. The most urgent needs are for food, water and medicine for the millions who had been left

homeless. As these immediate needs are being addressed, however, there is a growing recognition of the need to care for the emotional needs of those who survived, especially the children. They have lost homes, schools, parents, siblings, friends and teachers and the psychological damage will take longer to repair than the physical destruction of their communities.

This is an area where Service For Peace can help. Both the Japanese and Korean chapters of SFP have extensive experience in conducting educational and recreational programs for children. Working together with students of psychology from Thai universities, the SFP volunteers are now working with the children of Phuket, playing with them, teaching them and providing comfort and reassurance when they are

overwhelmed by what has happened. During January, the numbers of volunteers will grow as additional SFP volunteers from Japan, Korea and

Taiwan arrive in Thailand. Service For Peace is currently developing a long term plan of action for its involvement in the disaster area, with

a particular focus on the children who have suffered so much.

Letter from SFP President

The devastation wrecked by the earthquake and tsunami in Asia last week is beyond our comprehension in terms of the loss of life and human suffering. Our heart goes out to the families of the victims and the survivors in South Asia who are continuing to suffer under adverse conditions.

Service For Peace is joining the international relief effort and we already have a small team on the ground in Thailand, which will be the focus of our efforts. More than 11,000 are dead and tens of thousands are injured or homeless in that country.

Mr. Sung Yong Jang, our International Vice President and two other staff members are now on site in assessing the needs and determining how Service For Peace can be most effective in offering help.

They are currently based with other NGOs at the Phuket City Hall and have recruited local college students in immediate support of the disaster relief. This week their main task is assisting in the search for and identification of bodies.

The most urgent needs are for food, water, medicine and shelter. In the aftermath of the disaster, however, there will be a huge need for rebuilding and healing in the areas that have been affected and this is where our assistance may be most effective.

In the first phase of our efforts, we will do whatever we can to show our support for the hundreds of thousands of people who are currently homeless, hungry and grief-stricken as a result of this disaster. Every chapter, affiliate or associate of Service For Peace is encouraged to collect donations from volunteers and friends send to Service For Peace, Inc., 34 State Street, Ossining, NY 10562 designated for the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund.

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## UTS Intensive Course on Muslim-Christian Relations

**R**ev. Dr. Clinton Bennett, a recognized authority in the field of Muslim-Christian relations, will offer his course in a 1-week intensive from April 4-9, 2005. This course examines Christian attitudes towards Muslims, Muslim attitudes towards Christians, and offers new approaches to mutual understanding and tolerance. Dr. Bennett is former Executive Secretary for Interfaith Relations of the British Council of Churches and a consultant for the World Council of Churches on Jewish-Christian and Muslim-Christian Relations, as well as an ordained Baptist minister and an Ambassador for Peace. Alumni and friends of UTS have the option of taking the course non-credit at a 50% discount. If you are interested, please contact the UTS Registrar at [registrar@uts.edu](mailto:registrar@uts.edu) and pre-register with a small deposit.

# God's Day Celebration ...

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

Our North Carolina Family Church organized a workshop for 2nd generation youth on December 29th through December 31st, 2004. A total of 38 children and about 10 staff members gathered at the CRT Christian Farm to participate in the seminar. Rev. John Pace, a very experienced lecturer, taught children from 10 to 13 years of age. Rev. Welborn Rozier educated our older youth. He was supported by Mie Tsubata, a wonderful sister from Washington DC who just received the matching and blessing from True Parents in East Garden and shared her testimony. After the conclusion of the workshop more families came to prepare for our midnight prayer.

Our regional leader, Rev. Byung Seok Cho, guided us to do the prayer in the outdoors with candlelight. It was a wonderful way to start the New Year.

In the morning of True God's Day we gathered at 7 am for the Pledge Service Ceremony. Many families dressed in their beautiful holy gowns. It was a beautiful sight. We also heard some moving testimonies.

After breakfast more families arrived. Gathered for our True God's day service were 52 adults and 68 children, making a total of 120 people. That was the largest number of participants ever gathered in North Carolina. Families had come from the ocean to the mountains and from as far north as New York and as far south as Florida.



Our regional leader gave some gifts as recognition for the work done by our state and city leaders throughout the year of 2004, as well as to families making efforts in tithing. He emphasized the importance of a good life of faith with action as an important life-style for the New Year.

In return we offered bouquets of flowers to Rev. and Mrs. Cho to show our appreciation for their leadership, love and prayers for our region. Rev. and Mrs. Cho offered the flowers to the True Parents. That was a beautiful way to return our blessings to God.

The best was still to come. Rev. Cho offered a presentation of the course of



families to be so clearly confronted with this reality. Then Rev. Cho gave a power point presentation showing us visually the year 2004 in North Carolina. It was beautiful to remember the many activities, that we were working for in the past year. Then he also summarized the importance of building church and a community of faith centering on the central person (family), whom God has put in charge.

Then the three city leaders -- Rev. Tim Davis from the Raleigh family Church, Elise Tape from the Charlotte Family Church and Sun Niles from the Triad Family



True Parents, entitled "Tears." It shared deep moments of restoration, impressing upon all of us the tearful path of True Parents and True Family. All achievements in the history of Gods providence come on a foundation of tears. Which path are we going? Are we walking a trail of tears? It was deeply challenging to all our

church--gave their report about 2004 and some thoughts and goals for 2005. I concluded the reporting with reflections. Then we distributed a goal sheet for 2005 to all. We had time to write down our internal and external goals, as well as our personal and public goals for the New Year.

The service came to a close with the offering, announcements, closing song and a benediction given by our regional leader.

After lunch, five finalists of the older 2nd generation participated in a Divine Principle lecture competition while the parents were listening. The presentations were really good. The jury decided to give participants a \$50 cash prize.

In the afternoon we closed out the program with cake and entertainment. Mamaru Uyama was the MC. We had beautiful songs, instrumental plays, dances and skits. And we concluded with our new band, with Mamoru Uyama at the drum and Bob Huneycutt on the guitar. Families joined into the band and danced to the tune of the songs. We enjoyed it very much.

Rev. Cho closed us out with a final song. We had a closing prayer by our state leader and four cheers of Ok Mansei!! ❖



## ...and Fishing in North Carolina

by Bruce Hutcherson

On Tuesday, January 4th, 2005, leaders of the North Carolina Family Church and the NC-IRFF leadership went on a one-day fishing trip on the coast to make a good condition to start the New Year. It was also a good opportunity for these two departments to work together. Attending were our regional leader, Rev. Byung Seok Cho, IRFF leaders Rev. Mike Lamson with his son Tremont Lamson, Rev. Mike's brother Mr. Art Lamson, NC state leader Rev. Burgi Hutcherson and myself.

We met at brother Art's house in



Raleigh the evening before and received our "Big Fish" pep talk from Rev. Mike Lamson. He let Rev. Burgi know that as the only woman on the team, her unity with her husband was the key to our victory. He was even planning to bring a special candle for our couple to assist us in creating unity that evening. We made the four-hour drive to our motel in Nags Head while Rev. Mike Lamson frequently checked on



us to see if we were thinking of the "Big Fish" and visually checking on our couple's unity.

After Hoon Dok Hae the next morning, we drove to the marina. We climbed onto our rented charter boat and watched a beautiful sunrise as we motored our way out to the ocean beyond the Outer Banks. The weather had been splendid as we were fortunate this time to have planned a January ocean fishing trip that happened to coincide with a record warm spell for our area.

Rev. Mike Lamson wanted to know



how big a fish everyone planned to catch. Rev. Burgi's goal was 40 inches. During the day we caught four striped bass. Rev. Burgi Hutcherson pulled in the largest fish, which amazingly measured just over 40 inches.

In conclusion, the "Big Fish" must mean good fortune and blessing is coming to our region in 2005. I'm happy that we could create unity as a couple and good harmony in the whole team, aligned with our regional leader. ❖





# Blessing Candidate and Parent Workshop

## Laying the Foundation for True Love and True Families

UTS, Barrytown, NY, December 27-30, 2004

by Nari Stephens

The week before the workshop there were only 45 people signed up to attend. However, when the final count was made there was a whopping 131 participants, mostly because of the matching and Blessing by True Parents at East Garden.

Participants included: 37 Blessed 2nd Generation, 36 of whom were just recently matched and Blessed by Father on Dec 26th; 11 of the 2nd Generation matched by their Parents; 59 Single 2nd Generation (ages 16 - 26 years old); 23 Parents.

The original purposes of this Workshop were for participants to: 1) Experience insight from God regarding their own matching and Blessing centered on the ideal in the D. P. 2) Improve relationships between BC's and their parents regarding the matching, Blessing, and married life. 3) Create a practical plan of procedures to follow after this Blessing Workshop

Our original goal was to bring parents and their children together in the whole process of matching and Blessing. The relationship between parent and child is very significant starting from before the matching and the way through to and including family life after the Blessing. The workshop was not originally designed for only 2nd Generation, but for everyone as families. However, because of True Father's matching and Blessing activity the week before, a huge number of 2nd Gen turned out for the workshop without their parents and we had several very diverse groups seeking guidance and inspiration.

The Workshop lasted 3 days with, in my opinion, a pretty relaxed and non-demanding schedule from 7:00am until 9:30pm. Every morning started with HDH by family or group. Morning Services were short and simple, preparing everyone with inspirations for the day. The rest of the day was filled with the real content. Rev. Phillip Schanker gave

all of the content each morning. His talks were often centered on the bigger picture while based on the Principle.

The titles were: 1. The Family Ideal and the Blessing; 2. The Origin of Family Break Down; 3. True Love, True Life, True Lineage; 4. Preparation: When Am I Ready?

The final lecture was followed by written confessions, an important part of the workshop in helping BC's connect with God's heart and understand their position in His true lineage. Then they could better repent for mistakes they had made and take responsibility to change and better live according to His true ideal.

We also had Mr. Alan Saunders give two presentations. His talks were down

to earth and focused mainly on relationships and communication between men and women, something infinitely valuable. His titles were: What is Love? Differences Between Men and Women

Mrs. Betsy Jones also spoke on interpersonal relationships. Her talk elaborated more on Mr. Saunders content and also added something of her own extensive training in "conflict resolution". Her son and his wife demonstrated conflict/resolution strategies, the Five Love Languages (how we receive love), and other such practical advice.

Each presentation was followed with group discussions and the groups were created based on matching status. In other words those 2nd Gen. who were matched by their parents were together, those who were matched by Father were together and so on. In general, parents and children were kept together in the same group to keep with the theme of support for parent/child relationships.

During the day there was also a "Picture Room" available for parents only. This room contained pictures and profiles of matching candidates for parents to browse. There was also a computer there to check out the matching websites.

The workshop ended with individ-

ual and group talent performance and music. We had a family night of sorts where people could have a good time. We finished with a graduation ceremony, presentation of certificates and group photo!

The final morning included a testimony and inspiration from Josie Hauer followed by breakfast and a massive clean-up of the whole UTS facility by all the participants. Just walking around the building, we know it felt really "loved up".

A CD was produced with pictures, all the powerpoint presentations, and the audio of all the lectures and sold for \$10. Definitely it is worth the price. If you want to get a copy, contact: Takamitsu Sakuwa at <sakuwa@world-carp.org>



by Dan Fefferman

From a sermon given on Feb. 6, 2005, to the Maryland New Hope Family Church.

Is God truly a forgiving God, as most of us like to think? I believe the answer is yes. But I have to admit that the evidence isn't always so clear. I'd like to think about this question with you in three stages: the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age and the Current Age.

We've seen already that the author of 2 Chronicles teaches that God is a forgiving God. However, in his view, God's forgiveness is not unconditional: "IF, my people humble themselves and repent, THEN I will forgive their sin and heal their land."

There are some passages in the Old Testament that paint a bleaker picture. In our bible study group we've been reading Jeremiah lately. He often portrays God as already having made up His mind. No matter what Judah does, it seems that God is determined to make her suffer for her past sins.

"I will ruin the plans of Judah and Jerusalem. I will make them fall by the sword before their enemies, at the hands of those who seek their lives, and I will give their carcasses as food to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth. 8 I will devastate this city and make it an object of scorn; all who pass by will be appalled and will scoff because of all its wounds. 9 I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh during the stress of the siege imposed on them by the enemies who seek their lives." Jer. 19

It's awful to think that God would make His people eat the flesh of their own sons and daughters, but there you have it, right from Jeremiah's mouth. Some of Jeremiah's prophecies were made during the reign of King Josiah, the King whom the bible calls the best King since David.

"He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left....Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses." (2 kings 22-24)

Yet despite his good works, Josiah was killed in battle against the Egyptians. The Babylonians then besieged Jerusalem under the reign of his sons. One would think that if Josiah were really as good as the bible says, God would have rewarded him differently. Even Jeremiah, the prophet of doom, admitted:

Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. 7At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; 8If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them." Jer. 18

So we are left with a mystery. God says he will repent of any evil prophecy made against a nation who turns from the evil. The bible calls Josiah the best of the kings, and yet God allowed him to be killed and his nation to be destroyed.

A generation later, in Babylon, the remnant of Judah and Israel had to wonder if there was any hope for them. After all, God had punished Israel because of the sins of their faiths, and in Exodus it says: "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me." Ex. 20:5

Why even bother to keep the Law then, if God was going to punish the children of those who brought this calamity down to the third and fourth generation? Or to put it in the words of Jeremiah: "The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

It was the Prophet Ezekiel who answered such questions, saying it was now the time for Jeremiah's proverb to be set aside: 1. The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "What do you people mean by quoting

this proverb about the land of Israel: "The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? 3 "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. 4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. ... 20 The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him.... -Ezek. 18.

So, during their Babylonian captivity, the Jews came to learn that each man would be judged based on what he himself had done. God would not judge one's children for the sins of their fathers. God would forgive those who repented of evil, and reward those who lived according to His will. Through prophets such as Isaiah, Ezekiel and others, Jews came to have hope that they could one day return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. On that foundation, one day soon God would send the messiah, who would complete the restoration of Israel and even bring the whole world into the knowledge of God.

Let's turn now to Jesus and the New Testament Age. In previous sermons, I've spoken about the fact that many of the teachings most Christians think were new with Jesus were not really so new: Love your neighbor as yourself, love God with all your heart, do unto others as you would have them do unto you --- all of these are found in the teachings of the Jewish bible and the pharisaic teachers of Jesus' day such as rabbi Hillel and others.

But I think there was one teaching that Jesus emphasized to a degree that no other prophet before him had done. This is the idea of forgiving and loving others as the key to one's own salvation. Of course, the idea of forgiveness itself was there, as we've seen before. Again and again, the prophets portrayed God as forgiving Israel. He forgave them as a master forgives a servant. He forgave them as a Father forgives a wayward child. He even forgave them as a

husband forgives a wayward wife – not an easy thing to do.

But Jesus brought this home in way no other prophet had done before. He said: I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. ... 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matt 5

In Luke's version he says "be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful." So here we have a new teaching: God forgave and loved those who hurt Him most deeply, and to become sons and daughters of God, we should do likewise. It is in being merciful to others, that we come to resemble God.

The theme of being merciful as God is merciful is developed even further in the Lord's prayer. Mt 6: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (A note in the NIV states that the earliest manuscripts skip the traditional "for yours is the kingdom and the power and glory forever, Amen.")

This theme is driven home again in Matthew 18: Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

So Jesus emphasized forgiveness in a way previous prophets and teachers had not done. I think this is because Jesus understood something about God's heart that other prophets had not understood.

Comparing this to a great prophet such as Jeremiah, it's shocking to lis-

## Song of Magdala

by Marilyn Roberts Onoda

After reading the Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown, one of my coworkers came to me and said she really had a desire to read more about Mary Magdalene. I referred her to my recently published book called, *Song of Magdala*. The spirit is high now days with the desire to know more about this special woman—special because she was able to live with and witness the love of Jesus of Nazareth first hand.

In addition to knowing about Mary one may want to know other questions dared never asked. Questions like, what did she learn from Jesus, did she know things—secrets about Jesus that are not in the Bible? As a woman, did Jesus share things with her that he didn't shared with others. How well did she know Jesus? If she could come back to us in the physical world, what could she tell us about Jesus that would deepen our relationship with him?

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# God

ten to the way he prayed to God when people turned against him. "Listen to me, O LORD ; hear what my accusers are saying! 20 Should good be repaid with evil? Yet they have dug a pit for me. ... 21 So give their children over to famine; hand them over to the power of the sword. Let their wives be made childless and widows; let their men be put to death, their young men slain by the sword in battle. 22...Do not forgive their crimes or blot out their sins from your sight. Let them be overthrown before you; deal with them in the time of your anger." (Jer 18)

Compare the spirit of Jeremiah's prayer to the prayer of Jesus on the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:24) Here, I think, is the real difference between Jesus and any prophet or teacher that went before him. More than anyone before, he emphasized that God was a forgiving God. Unlike anyone before, he taught that forgiving and showing mercy to one another is the key to becoming children of God to receiving mercy from Him. And more than anyone before, he himself loved and forgave his enemies at the crucial moment.

That's the good news. But I'm afraid there's some bad news too. Jesus did not teach that God was unconditionally forgiving. In Matthew 18, right after

telling Peter that he must forgive seventy-seven times, he tells a parable which concludes that God will NOT show mercy to those who do not show mercy themselves. He also speaks of God as an angry judge or landowner who is quite merciless to those who do not do right. He speaks of God doing such things as casting them into prison, having them whipped, and even casting them into everlasting fire.

Many of us today believe that we are living in what the bible refers to as the Last Days. And once again we find ourselves faced with a quandary. Divine Principle teaches us that ultimately everyone will be saved – even Hitler... even Satan.

The sinful world brings humankind sorrow and causes God to grieve. (Gen. 6:6) Would God abandon this world in its present misery? God intended to create a world of goodness and experience from it the utmost joy; yet due to the human Fall, the world came to be filled with sin and sorrow.

If this sinful world were to continue forever in its present state, then God would be an impotent and ineffectual God who failed in His creation. Therefore, God will save this sinful world, by all means. To what extent should God save this world? He should save it completely. DP Part 1 Sect 3.2

Yet we also have some sayings from Reverend Moon that lead us to wonder:

"The messiah will judge. Once the center is set and determined,

there is no forgiveness. If you have the law, you have to live by the law. However, before the center is set, forgiveness and "re-salvation" are possible." July 1, 1991

Frankly, that is a rather frightening concept – that once the center is set and determined, there is no forgiveness. It makes me feel like perhaps it would be better not to establish the center!

But another part of me feels that this simply isn't true. Like any prophet, Reverend Moon

emphasizes the importance of obeying God and uses harsh language to emphasize the urgency of the matter. Can we really believe that once the messiah begins to rule, the principle of forgiveness doesn't apply anymore – that God no longer wants us to love our enemies and that he will no longer forgive us as we forgive others?

Here is a more recent quote from Rev. Moon that paints a different picture: "No caring parent would stand by idly while her child suffers. Hence, it must be impossible for the all-loving God to abandon humanity, His beloved children, to perish eternally. God is absolutely committed to recovering us and the world that He originally envi-

sioned." -- Dec 13, 2004

For me it has always been relatively easy to have confidence to believe in a God of love and forgiveness. Part of this has to do with my own experiences with God. I've touched his heart on several occasions, and in every case what I experienced was love mingled with grief. I've never experienced Him as angry or unforgiving.

Another part of this might have something to do with my own parents. My mother wasn't a religious person, but she was one of the most unselfish and loving persons I've ever known. She really practiced the principle of "living for others," right up to her dying day. She almost never had an unkind word to say about anyone, and always thought the best about people.

With a mother like that, I think it's natural to believe that God is a merciful, loving and forgiving God. So perhaps the conclusion is that we may never know the exact nature of God by studying theology, philosophy or biblical history. But if we have good parents, we are likely to be optimistic about God. And if we are good parents to our own children, they are likely to have a good impression of God too.

Let us conclude with Matthew's version of the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. ❖

by Haven Bradford Gow

**A** distraught mother recently sent this message to Rev. Billy Graham: "My son...died of cancer recently.... He was a fine Christian, and many people prayed and believed he'd get well, but he didn't. Why would God take someone like him?"

Rev. Graham responded with these words of consolation: "No matter what happens to us, God still loves us and He still cares for us. He knows your pain and heartache, and he knows the grief you and your son's family are going through.... Take comfort in the fact that your son knew Christ and that he now

is safely in heaven beyond the pain and sorrow of this world. And take comfort also in the fact that someday you will see him again."

The grief-stricken mother's letter and Rev. Graham's response reminded me of my late father, Joseph W. Gow. A few years ago I discerned a glimpse of God's love and what heaven must be like as I watched my father die a noble and courageous death from a cancer that had spread throughout his body and brain. My father purposefully came home from the hospital that day, just so he could prove to me how much he loved me.

Fearing that he would die in a dreary hospital room without having had the opportunity to say good-bye to me, my father ordered the doctor and nurses to permit him to accompany me home, despite the fact he would have to endure excruciating pain.

As I was driving him home, I kept looking at my father in the rearview mirror and thinking about how noble and courageous he was and how precious was each second he remained alive.

## A Father's Lesson of Love for His Son

In his own bed, and with me by his side, my father died with peace of mind and soul; he understood that one not only must live nobly but die nobly as well.

I thanked God for inspiring and giving my father the strength and nobility and generosity of mind, spirit and character to show me his selfless, sacrificial and effusive love. And then I

experienced a flash of insight: My father's love was a reflection of God's love for me. God made my father for eternity. And when it is time for me to go, God will reunite me with my father.

Mr. Gow is a TV and radio commentator and writer who teaches religion to children at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Greenville, MS. ❖

## BFD Prayer Ministry

by Jim Stephens

I'm very happy to announce the launch of the BFD Prayer Ministry. Mrs. Angelika Selle has volunteered to coordinate the ministry. She has been very active in prayer ministries in the Washington, DC, area for many years.

Please visit our BFD website:

[www.familyfed.org/bfd/](http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/)

On the right side about half way down is the button to click on to go to the Prayer Ministry. You can sign up to be on the email list. Soon we will have a number of pages and testimonies up for you. Already we have up some testimonies:

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# Hometown Providence

by Mary Anglin

This is a short testimony that may help other brothers & sisters in their hometown providence. My family and I moved to my home-state 10 years ago. We initially came with the necessary focus to restore damaged or neglected relationships. We focused on this and did fairly well in this area. However, there was no plan or set-up in our state for

teaching Principle to families, so there was no progress in that area.

After a while, we became the state leaders, moved a little farther away, and dived headlong into the clergy providence. Consequently, my tribe was nearly abandoned by us.

Recently, some of my siblings began fighting, via e-mail. Nasty messages

were being sent back & forth, copied to the rest of us.

My initial reaction was to just delete these. I didn't want to give my opinion or advice because somebody would be estranged. At the same time, I realized I was totally responsible, because as their messiah it was up to me to educate them and take them to higher spiritual levels. What could I do?

I got the inspiration to implement a "daily inspiration" e-mail. I sent a nice little intro letter, telling my siblings, cousins, & some nieces & nephews that I would be doing this because most of us are so busy that we don't feed ourselves spiritually. Each day I send out an email with several passages of scripture, or another bit of inspiration. One day I sent out something from the Koran. Eventually I will get to Father's words, but I want to make sure they're softened up sufficiently first.

By the third day, the nasty emails stopped. I've received numerous expressions of gratitude, e-cards, etc. People I

haven't spoken with in ages are emailing me. Several people have told me they can't wait to get to their computers each

morning to see what is waiting for them.

We are so busy that we think we can't reach out. This takes me 10-15 minutes a day and has re-opened a lot of doors. There are 16 people on my list. Imagine reaching 16 people each day in only 15 minutes! I do this right after hdd, while in a focused & spiritual state of mind.

There are several good websites which make scriptural research or wisdom-searching easy. Some of these are: <http://bible.gospelcom.net/>. This site will look up bible passages for you if you only know a few key words of what you want.

[www.guideposts.org/index.asp](http://www.guideposts.org/index.asp) is good for little bits of inspiration. Another is [www.beliefnet.com](http://www.beliefnet.com).

I hope this can help other busy Tribal Messiahs bring success in tribal ministries. ❖

## Kaunda, Mandela conferred with Universal Peace Awards

Zambia's first republican president Kenneth Kaunda and former South African president Nelson Mandela were Tuesday conferred with the Universal Peace Awards. The award presented by the World Association of Non Governmental Organizations (WANGO) is in recognition of the contribution of the two statesmen in the fostering of peace efforts worldwide.

Conferring the award at a ceremony, WANGO Secretary General Taj Hamad said the association unanimously voted to bestow the award to Kaunda. Hamad stressed that peace cannot be achieved by force or violence but through love and compassion, which, he said, Kaunda has exhibited.

"His long record of seeking solutions to the most difficult problems facing people in the region and his boldly and steadfastly working to bring about non-violent social and political change, makes him one of the worlds leading lights of our time," he said.

And accepting the award, Kaunda expressed gratitude to WANGO for conferring him with the highest award given to individuals. Inspired by the late Indian prime minister Mahatma Gandhi, Kaunda said he had a firm belief in power of nonviolence even in the face of intimidation.

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challenging situations using your "humor eyes." When you find humor in trying times, one of the first and foremost changes you experience is that you see your problems in a new light. Sudden-

ly, you have a fresh perspective and may see new ways to deal with them.

Klein tells the story of a woman who was depressed and suicidal. Standing on a bridge, she was tempted to hurl herself off it, when suddenly she looked down at her new \$150 shoes and said, "No way." This made her laugh, turn her back on the bridge and seek coun-

seling.

Humor can play a role in situations from the sublime to the ridiculous. In traffic jams, Klein blows bubbles out the window. While you may not want to carry your sense of humor this far, there are small steps you can take to start lightening up in your own everyday life. For example, keep a funny cartoon or photo on your desk at work. Or

when the going gets tough, call an old friend or family member and make them tell you the childhood story that always makes you laugh.

Klein advises that you have a "humor mantra" on hand to repeat to yourself at stressful moments. Make up your own or use one of his following suggestions...

- I have no time for a crisis, my schedule is full.
- Oh, what an opportunity for growth and learning!
- I refuse to be intimidated by reality.
- Take it back. It's not what I ordered.
- I'd rather be (dancing, skiing, jogging, etc.).
- Beam me up, Scotty.

Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer. Another important part of Klein's philosophy is sharing humor with others. When he sees a person in trouble, he tries to help. For example, recently his plane was delayed for several hours, so he gave the flight attendant one of his red clown noses (which you can usually purchase at a costume or party-supply store) to wear. Next thing he knew, many of the aggravated passengers were smiling once again, and some of the uncomfortable tension drained out of the situation.

Fill Your World With Bright Colors: According to Klein, your attitude is like a box of crayons that color the world. Constantly use gray colors, and your picture will always be dark and depressing. Use humor to add bright colors, and your picture begins to lighten up.

In his experience, humor has played a role in even the most difficult circumstances. Klein has worked with people with cancer, AIDS and Alzheimer's -- among others -- and all have found some humor to give them the courage to go on. ❖

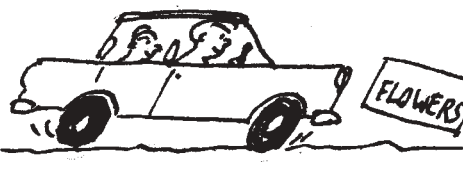
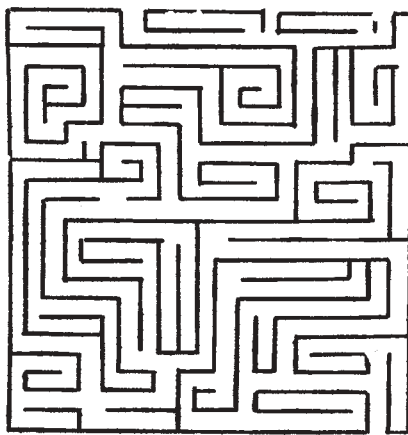
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# New Worlds



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In the previous article we discussed how crowded this planet Earth is becoming. Ideally, children should be raised amidst nature, yet rural areas only remain because almost everyone prefers to live in cities.

Humanity needs more room! Fortunately, new worlds beckon. An earlier version of this article appeared in 1997.

## PLANETS

Astronomers have found more than one hundred planets around other stars. So far they're all big ones, Jupiter-sized and larger. No one knows whether any of those solar systems bear life. We still haven't found any civilized aliens out there.

Humankind may settle on the Moon, and then Mars. Eventually, millions could dwell there. Once settlers get established, those worlds could fill up quickly. To really have enough room, we'll need to expand into the galaxy.

Trouble is, the stars are immensely far away. How far? It takes several days to drive a car across the United States. The Apollo spaceships reached the Moon in several days. But it took years for the Cassini probe to reach Saturn.

Yet Saturn is nearby, compared to the stars. The fastest existing probes, the Pioneers and Voyagers, would take tens of thousands of years to reach the nearest star, several light years distant. (They are aimed in a different direction.) Presumably, we'd like to complete such a journey within our own lifetime.

Past explorations were carried out by hardy pioneers, as were the first jet and space flights. (As depicted in the novel and film *The Right Stuff*.) It wasn't long before air travel became routine. Soon, space will be opened to regular travel. The successors to Burt Rutan's amazing Space Ship One will likely provide the means.

However, those private ships (also NASA's troubled space shuttles) can only reach low Earth orbit, a mere fraction of the way to the Moon. Better ships must be built for routine flights there, much less to the Sun's other planets.

## STARSHIPS

Enthusiastic scientists are already planning genuine starships. Most of the starships in popular fiction depend upon imaginary propulsion systems, such as 'warp drive,' that might as well be sheer magic. The actual plans take many forms. Most would accelerate a craft to a substantial fraction of the speed of light, and still their journeys will take years.

The first starship might be unmanned: a tiny, swift Starwisp. Or crewed: a fusion-driven Daedalus. Even a populous space ark: a lumbering O'Neill Colony. Several web sites have good information. (See, [HYPERLINK "http://www.centauri-dreams.org"](http://www.centauri-dreams.org) [www.centauri-dreams.org](http://www.centauri-dreams.org))

The universe has a built-in speed limit, the speed of light itself. Nothing material can reach, much less exceed, that velocity. The universe does provide one helpful advantage, first taught by Einstein, called time dilation. Crudely put, the faster you go, the slower time passes. Above 90% of lightspeed, time 'slows' dramatically. A voyage of a cen-

tury might seem like only a year, but back home, the full time would pass. Such voyages would require true pioneers.

The first starships will be risky, and the cost enormous. Nothing but wilderness would await their lonely crew. Similar objections were raised when Christopher Columbus headed across the Atlantic Ocean. He took tiny ships on a long and arduous voyage, with no assurance as to their eventual landfall.

Columbus didn't imagine that, five centuries later, jumbo jets would routinely fly thousands of people across the Atlantic, in a matter of hours. Or that bustling cities like New York would receive them.

The best starship plans are entirely realistic. Any computer-company billionaire could, if he wished, invest a portion of his wealth to back such a venture. What a legacy!

There might even be better ways. Many science fiction writers posit a 'jump' technology that allows space-ships to leap across huge distances in an instant. Best of all would be a 'stargate,' a doorway that directly connects distant locations. (Theoretical physicists call it an 'EPR bridge'.)

It is said that the gap between the stars is too great. We shall see.

## SETTLEMENT

Our Earth is covered by the works of humanity. Graded road and rail beds, dams, mines, and canals leave marks that can be seen from orbit. Metal and wooden pole lines crisscross the landscape. Factories and power plants occupy, and often pollute, large areas. Farms require vast acreage.

Need a new world be scarred in this way? No!

Technology will enable its settlers to dispense with all those things. Many Third World nations are already leaping ahead, installing cellular phone systems instead of wires.

Flying cars, perhaps hydrogen powered, will be common. Graceful, elevated trains, speeding along on magnetic cushions, will carry passengers and freight between cities. These could supplant surface roads almost entirely.

Prodigious energy, whether from fusion or some other compact source, will be needed to power a starship. That same source will also power the new worlds, so pole lines will never be strung. Such energy could distill fresh water directly from the seas, and pipe it, deep underground, across great distances. Dams and canals will not be so important.

Robotic fabrication, perhaps nanotechnology, will bring clean, versatile manufacturing into homes and business. Large factories will only be needed for special purposes. Bulk facilities like warehouses could be located underground, as is already done in several



cities.

Genetic engineering will allow robust, customized food to be grown anywhere. Huge, commercial farms and ranches would be nearly obsolete.

Hopefully, there are many verdant planets. If only a few are found, humans could alter themselves to live on harsher worlds. Gills to live underwater, special organs to neutralize alien toxins, blood that endures intense heat or cold; the possibilities are endless.

There are ways to make more room. Asteroids, which are numerous, could be converted into orbiting colonies, each housing thousands. Barren planets could be 'terraformed.' Robots could go on ahead to begin that work.

Ultimately, a star's Jupiter-sized planets could be dismantled, and a Ring-world, or even a Dyson Sphere, built from their substance. Those fantastic constructions would encircle a star, their entire inner surface made habitable. The living area would equal millions of Earths!

## EMIGRATION

Human society will have a fresh chance as well. To usurp an old communist term, Earth societies host countless 'parasitic' individuals and occupations. Investments, advertising, and art can help a free society flourish. Bloated bureaucracies, violent criminals, and financial skimmers contribute less than nothing.

Does that imply a planet-load of workaholics? Hardly! I've had some interesting discussions with science fiction writers, about how humanity might spend its time (and feel its worth), once clever robots are doing all the work.

True Father speaks of an ideal 'hobby culture,' and we'd have many great places to realize it.

Such paradises will be popular destinations. What agency would provide transit to the new worlds? Today, many nations are embroiled in border arguments. Who, if anyone, would reg-

ulate interstellar emigration? No doubt every nation, company, specialized organization, and visionary religion, will feel that they are best qualified.

If there are many new worlds, all those entities will probably have a chance. But if, at least initially, there are only a few available planets, this could be a source of great contention. Wealthy people might want the utilize best places, and penal systems the worst.

The initial landings will be tightly organized exploratory parties. The first colonists will be scientists and pioneers, too busy to quibble. Soon enough their populations will grow, and various factions (in the broadest sense of that term) will arise. Each colony, or settled world, will have unique conditions, and differing inclinations.

They will be starting with a clean slate. Internally, there will be no Provençal history to replay. Externally, rival castes and cliques can be left behind. The opportunities for manifest wisdom will be great. Opposite this, familiar tragedies could unfold. (Read Kim Stanley Robinson's Mars series.)

## CONCLUSION

Will this new chapter of history be a triumph or a tragedy?

Spiritual restoration must take place first. The science mentioned above could be turned into weaponry. An unbraked lightspeed ship, impacting a planet, would shatter continents. Chlorine-metabolizing organisms, let loose in an ocean, would convert the salt into poisonous gas. Nanotech devices could inflict bizarre tortures.

Everyone hopes that humanity will export its best to the stars.

In this regard, we Unificationists have our own special dreams. Perhaps our children will have an opportunity to fulfill them. ❖

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by Jim Stephens

I just wanted to share with you an inspiration that I had in prayer the other day. Several people have expressed concern to me, and I have felt it myself, for the many BC's that are not eligible to be matched by Father at this time.

Some of them must certainly be experiencing the proverbial "lack of love" feelings because Father has set such strong qualifications of purity as the requirements to attend his direct matchings. What will happen to the rest of the BC's? Is he never going to match them? I have also heard some others wondering if Father is setting up "first class" and "second class" Blessed Children.

In my prayer I asked God if He loved the BC's who have made mistakes any less than those that remained the most pure.

The answer was that He loves them the same.

We in the First Generation should know better than anyone about God's love. After all, we First Gen. know how much God has loved us, in spite of the fact that we committed hundreds of times the mistakes that the Second Gen. have committed. How much did God and True Father take care of us and love us after they claimed us from the fallen world?

All of us First Gen. were claimed out of Satan's fallen lineage. None of us were ever pure.

Through the Blessing and God's grace we were forgiven of the Original sin and then separated from the fallen lineage and our children could be born sinless. They are like re-created Adams and Eves.

I began to really think about Heavenly Father's

# True Father's Gift to God

course from the beginning of creation. Didn't He long, like any parent would, to see the Wedding Day of His precious and pure children? ... and even His precious original and pure grandchildren getting married?

True Father, always thinking of God, just wants to offer to Him the most incredible gift possible...the Wedding Day for His grandchildren.

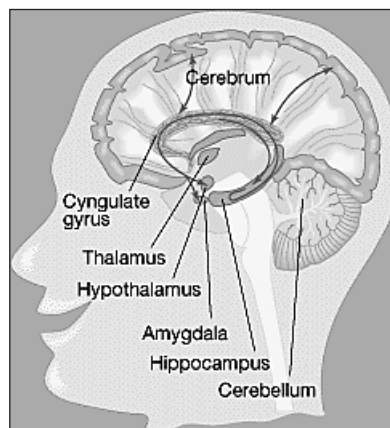
I think this is what Father is talking about when we read in the memo "in the form in which Blessings would have been held in the original-world without the fall."

What a wonderful gift for our Heavenly Father! This is something that Heavenly Father has longed for since the beginning of creation...a big wedding day with no taint from the sinful world.

In that original world, the minds and hearts of the boy and girl would have been only pure and innocent. They would never have gone on a date, never have hugged or touched or kissed or partnered off with someone of the opposite sex. Because we live in this fallen world, we seldom think about what it should have been like according to God's original plan. We do our best, but sometimes forget who we really are and what we are supposed to be like.

If you could, wouldn't you want to give a gift to God like this Blessing day? Try to imagine His joy and happiness on such a day. Most of us haven't married off our children yet, but deep inside we have a longing to see the wedding day of our grandchildren.

Let's not give in to feelings of "lack of love". Everyone's time will come. Let's just feel joy and happiness for God. Also let's pledge to do our best from now on to make God really proud



of us. Let's not disappoint Him. Let's hold on to the ideal. Let's rededicate ourselves to becoming the true people and true families that Heavenly Father sees in us.

## Science tells you to laugh more

When things are looking bleak for your health... at work... or in your personal life, it's difficult to see anything funny about anything. But there's a school of thought that says that's just what

you should do -- use humor to reduce stress and encourage physical and emotional wellness and healing.

To get the inside scoop on humor in healing, I spoke with Allen Klein (aka "Mr. Jollytologist"), MA, incoming president of the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor and author of *The Healing Power of Humor*. Klein gives speeches and conducts workshops around the world to teach people how to use humor to deal with changes, challenges and the not-so-funny stuff, from everyday trials to triumphing over tragedy.

Medical Fact or Fiction? There are many theories to explain how humor promotes physical and emotional well-being. In a study by Lee Berk, DrPH, MPH, at Loma Linda University in California, the immune-suppressing hormone cortisol was found to be less prevalent in people's blood when they laughed. Another theory is that laughter triggers the secretion of pleasure-inducing endorphins, although this has never been proven.

While no one knows the precise connection between humor and healing, Klein points out that we do know that laughter...

1. Raises and then lowers our heart rate and blood pressure, similar to aerobic exercise.
2. Relaxes our muscles.
3. Oxygenates the blood, so we think better after a laugh.

Of course, a lot of the evidence linking humor with healing and health is anecdotal. Klein advises that you ask yourself, how do I feel when I laugh? Chances are, you feel pretty good. Just as anger and hostility are bad for your heart and health, humor and laughter are good for you.

Open up Your "Humor Eyes": "Humor is all around you," says Klein. "All you have to do is open your eyes and ears and look." He advises that you try to reframe

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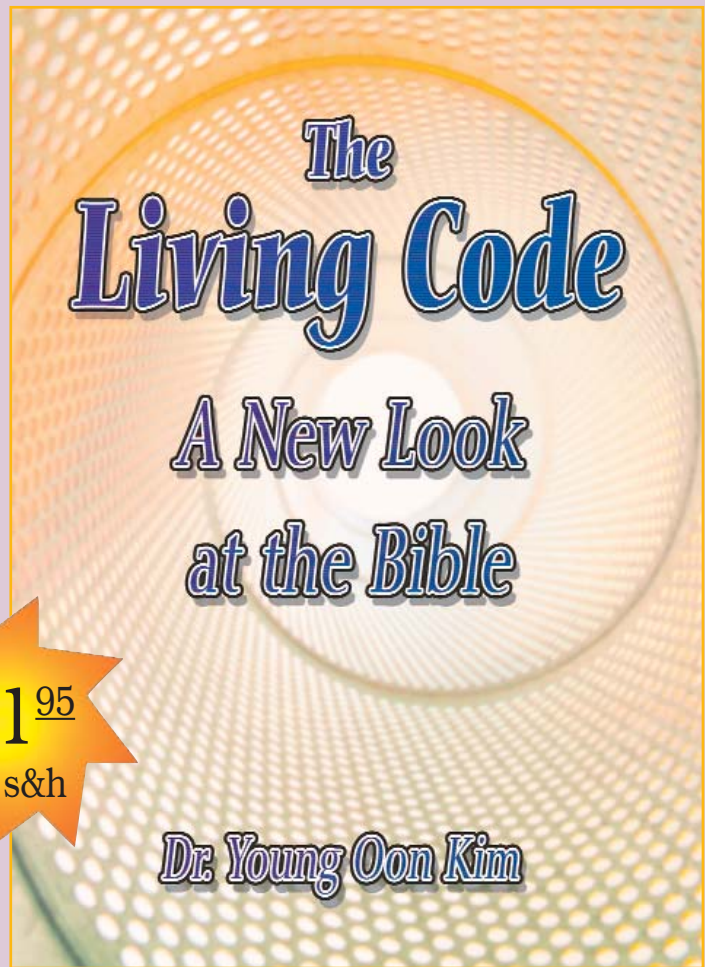
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