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by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

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Respected Ambassadors for Peace from around the world, leaders from throughout the United States, distinguished guests from Japan and Korea who have come from afar to honor this occasion with your presence, ladies and gentlemen! Together with my wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and my family, I extend my heartfelt welcome to you all.

Ladies and gentlemen, my heart is intense and filled with emotion as I stand before you today. It is not because of the Misoo celebrations being held around the world to commemorate my eighty-eighth birthday. Neither is it because, owing to the fact that I am as healthy as a young man, I am filled with the hope of living beyond my hundredth birthday!

The reason I am so serious is at the beginning of this year, 2007 (the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk), I declared a jubilee year in God's providence, a jubilee year the likes of which God and humankind have never experienced in all the thousands of years of history. Heaven has greatly blessed this holy year.

God's heart has been in pain throughout history because Satan's dominion trapped humankind within its evil sovereignty in the shackles of the era before



the coming of heaven. That age has finally come to an end. From this year on the gates to the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven are opened wide, ushering in the era of a new sovereignty of goodness when humanity can serve and attend God as the central being.

Without your being aware of it, Heaven's providence has been expanding in extraordinary ways. Now numerous Ambassadors for Peace in 185 nations have received my teachings and are working day and night in response to a special decree from God. Hence, today I would like to convey to you Heaven's message, which is entitled,

"A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World." This is a declaration of God's plan for His dispensation and the direction humanity should take.

If you carefully examine the progress of history, you will undoubtedly discover God's plan and sense His presence as He tirelessly worked behind the scenes.

Consider the history of civilization, which began centering on four of the world's great rivers. We are familiar with the Egyptian civilization centered around the Nile River, the Mesopotamian civilization between the Tigris

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and Euphrates Rivers, the Indus civilization on the Indus River, and early Chinese civilization centered around the Yellow River. Civilization shifted over time to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, where the Mediterranean peninsular civilizations flourished in Greece and Rome.

As history continued to progress, the European continental civilization emerged. This continental civilization in turn became the fertilizer for an island civilization, Great Britain, to flourish in the Atlantic sphere. The British Empire, which dominated the seven seas and wielded its might as "the empire on which the sun never sets," then passed its splendid culture on to North America. We know these facts from history.

Civilization arrived on the North American continent and soon took on the armor of democracy, which was rooted in Christianity. This civilization raised the banner of the freedom of religion and respect for equal human rights in its struggle against communism, which sought to establish an atheistic sovereignty of evil. Through victories in the First and Second World Wars, and the third—the Cold War—it won victory over totalitarianism and communism.

However, that victory does not simply mean that America is great, and the development of human civilization did

not stop there. Victory came because God had chosen and raised the United States of America as the Second Israel, in accordance with His providential plan, and had raised and trained the American people through Christianity. God worked through America to bring His

history has now come to a point in the providence where it should reach fruition through the Pacific Rim region.

No force can stop the providence now. Though there were both victories and defeats during the course of indemnity under the evil sovereignty in the era

the Pacific Rim Era signifies many things. What do you think the world would have been like if Jesus had fulfilled the complete messianic mission during his lifetime on earth? Jesus came as the Savior and Messiah, to save all of humanity. He did not come just to save the people of Israel, a small nation located on a corner of the Mediterranean Sea.

At that time, Rome, based at the center of the Mediterranean, was the center of human civilization. Rome was ready to rule the seas. Heaven's desire was that Jesus first teach and transform Rome and then rule over her, in order to bring salvation to all humanity through the vehicle of Rome's brilliant civilization. Yet, Jesus was cruelly put to death on the cross, as we know through the biblical record.

After thousands of years of preparation, God finally had been able to send Jesus to the earth as His only son. There is no way to fathom God's heart as He anxiously watched Jesus' each and every action.

Jesus' death was a tragedy that broke God's heart. It brought Him anguish even more extreme than the time when Adam and Eve, whom He created as the first ancestors of humankind, were lost from the Garden of Eden due to the Fall. During the two thousand years since the cross, God, in the background of history, has walked a suffering path that is beyond human imagination.

Through this course, He prepared the United States of America to serve



providence to its present stage of fruition.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is in the present time that the issue of the development of civilization becomes important. Civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has now arrived in the Pacific sphere. Human

before heaven, nothing could prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim Era. Herein lies the special reason that Heaven declared this year to be a jubilee year.

Our Mission

Ladies and gentlemen, the arrival of

OCTOBER 2007

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 2st, 29th

- 1 Ocean Church Founded
- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
Interreligious and International Peace Council Inauguration (2003)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC Established (1963)
Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the
Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- 10 New York City Symphony Orchestra Support Began (1975)
Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)
National Professors and Students Federation for North-South
Reunification Established (1986)
Opening of Cheonsung Palace Training Center (1999)
- 14 Ji Hye Nim's Birthday (9/4/79)
6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 18 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 21 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 23 Declaration Ceremony for the Liberation of the Parents of
Heaven and Earth and the Substantial Realm (1999)
- 26 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 28 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
Shin Ah Nim's Birthday (9/18/98)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

NOVEMBER 2007

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- 10 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 13 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 14 International Christian Students Association (1981)
- 15 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 22 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (10/13/63)
- 23 Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 27 Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
Sun Hwa Academy purchased (2002)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

DECEMBER 2007

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of
the Spiritual World (1997)
- 2 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 4 Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association Established
(1966)
- 15 Yeon Ah Nim's Birthday (11/6/78)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 20 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 28 Shin Gil Nim's Ascension (2005)
- 30 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday

CALENDAR

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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1: The USA and the Future Direction of the UN and the World

as the nation of the Second Israel. As a Christian nation that includes Catholicism and Protestantism as well as the Orthodox world, the United States' mission is to bring harmony and unity to Christianity as soon as possible, and, in the twenty-first century, to fulfill the responsibility that had been the Roman Empire's, but which was not realized in Jesus' time.

The responsibility, within God's providence, to bring harmony and oneness among the world's six and a half billion people and to expedite the creation of a peaceful, ideal world, is on America's shoulders. These are not simply my words: this is Heaven's decree.

Then how can we unify Christianity? God has already revealed the solution through me, the True Parent of humankind. God has given me the supreme command to practice a life of true love, to understand completely the reality of the spirit world to which we go after we die, and to establish a model, ideal family, a true family.

Then what kind of love is true love, and what kind of family is a true family?

True Love and True Family

Ladies and gentlemen, God's absolute true love does not instill a desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake. Rather, true love's essence is giving, living for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, such as that of a devoted son who finds his greatest satisfaction in dedicating himself with all of his body and mind to helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually increasing in the joy of each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barriers fallen people have created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so that whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute precondition for entering the kingdom of heaven.

The path is now wide open for humanity to establish true families. The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony. The warm environment of oneness based on love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings is the manifestation of the model, ideal family.

This means that you need to establish a true family in which the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love. In

this way the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children should live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as



tribal messiahs and Ambassadors for Peace to seek after and establish them—families of Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of God.

You should form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. You should raise families to which He can come freely as the Parent visiting His children. This is what it means to live in service to God.

In such a family, God is the subject partner over your conscience, acting vertically. Following God as your vertical subject partner, your mind then stands in the position of a vertical subject partner over your body, bringing your mind and body into unity. That is where parental love, conjugal love, children's love, and siblings' love—in short, the four realms of love or the four realms of heart—are perfected.

Only in such a family can the upper and lower, front and behind, left and right be connected as one and spherical motion ensue. This leads to God's everlasting, model ideal families and nations, and His peace kingdom. If only the entire world were filled with such true families! It would be an orderly world where people govern themselves by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

The Future of Humankind

Among the 6.5 billion people on the earth today, almost five billion are our neighbors, relatives, and brothers and sisters belonging to the Pacific Rim region. Many of us share the same roots

in the sphere of the Mongolian peoples. There is nothing we cannot do if we receive the Marriage Blessing and pull together centering on God's ideal for peace! The future of humanity is in our

hands.

God's providence has now spread from the North American continent and has blossomed as an island civilization, the Japanese archipelago, which is in a position similar to that previously held by the United Kingdom. It is now about to fulfill its destiny by coming to fruition on the Korean peninsula, the homeland of the True Parents who have emerged on the earth as the Savior of humanity and the returning Messiah.

The Korean peninsula, which stands in a similar position to that of Rome in Jesus' time, is regarded as an area of conflict between the sphere of the religions and the sphere of politics, which

were mobilized to protect the peninsula. Yet, they did not recover the homeland and hometown of God's desire as they should have according to God's will, and they left the job half done. As a result, global conflict and strife continued during "the Cold War." People were deprived of their possessions and displaced, leading them to search for God.

In order to restore this through indemnity, I established the Universal Peace Federation. (UPF) I then organized the "peace kingdom corps" and the "peace kingdom police force," comprising women on Heaven's side who have received the Marriage Blessing, who love peace, and who are willing to serve and sacrifice for the work of UPF. I have taken the lead in educating those involved with these organizations. As the peace organizations that stand in the forefront of actualizing a world of peace with God at its center, they will create the peaceful, ideal world that God desires.

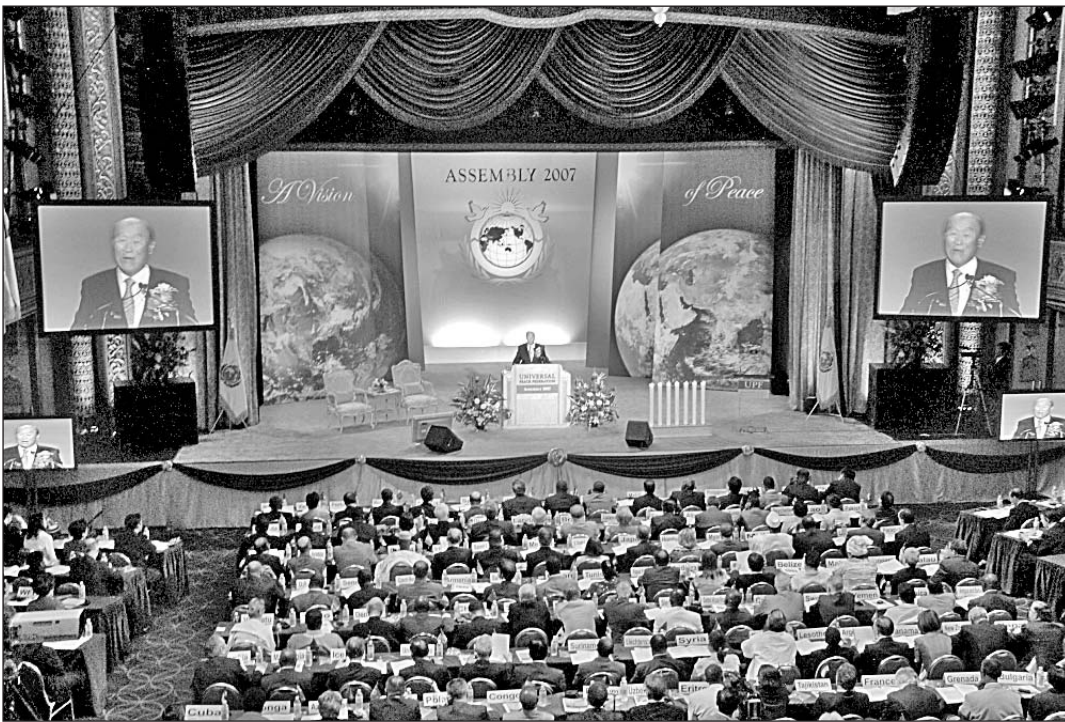
You may not be aware of this, but I have been assisting the Six Party Talks now being held for the sake of resolving the nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsula and finally reconciling the democratic nations and communist nations. I am presenting a solution based on the principles of peace and harmony rooted in the new ideology with the Heavenly Father at its center.

At such intense times, what exactly should be the role of America and the United Nations? Hawaii in the Pacific and Norfolk on the Atlantic bridge East and West, link North and South, and represent the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and all the great oceans of the world.

With the support and protection of the American continent, the Korean Peninsula should protect and defend the Pacific Rim region by bringing together all the island nations of the Pacific. I say this because the future of humankind lies in the preservation of the Pacific Rim region centering on Korea, Japan and the United States.

As I was well aware of Heaven's plans for this area, I invested thirty-three of the prime years of my life in the United States beginning in the early 1970s, for the sake of world peace. I first visited Hawaii and prayed at a critical moment when I was on my way to meet Kim Il Sung of North Korea in 1991 with the purpose of bringing an end to the

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Cold War era.

On that victorious foundation, I have now returned to Korea and I am working to complete the providence of establishing God's homeland and hometown. This year, in particular, a jubilee year in the providence, I visited Hawaii as the first stop on a trip to America.

Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you closely analyze the current state of affairs in the world. Although the days of communism are gone, even now powerful nations such as China and Russia are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to aggressively pursue their own interests with the powerless and small island nations. Regardless of what nation it may be, no small island nation by itself can deal with these powerful surrounding nations and their economic, political or even military ambitions. Those nations are so powerful that, if they wanted to, they could dominate any of the smaller nations in a single day, without shedding blood.

Only when peace and security are settled in the Pacific Rim can peace for all humankind be guaranteed. As I have mentioned, the small island nations by themselves will not be able to stop the incredible tsunami of powerful nations moving into the region.

The time has come, therefore, for all these small island nations in the Pacific Rim sphere to unite as one and build the homeland of the new civilization.

The small island nations dispersed in both the northern and southern regions of the Pacific, on either side of the equator, as well as Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand and other countries, should become as one country and form one union to sustain peace throughout the Pacific Rim civilization. This will secure peace and stability for all people.

What I am saying is that we have the responsibility to protect the oceanic realm, which is a lifeline on which humanity's future depends, and save it from the environmental destruction and conflicts that are worsening by the day, and shield the natural resources for the sake of peace in the future.

True Parents' Work for Peace

Distinguished guests, I have surmounted and triumphed over a course of great suffering and tribulation. I have not lived for personal glory or comfort. Even as I walked that thorny path, often coming very close to death, I received Heaven's seal and was made fully aware of the destination of God's will. I held dearly to Heaven's command to bring salvation to humanity as I returned like a phoenix and continued my turbulent life.

I have come to be recognized by various leaders of religion, academia, politics and others, both here in America and throughout the world, as the champion in eight areas of spiritual knowledge and discipline.

The first has to do with knowledge of God. Until now, God has been known only as the omniscient and omnipotent Being. People think God is sitting on the throne of honor and glory as the absolute master, having nothing to do with the created world of all things.

However, from the time when I first

embarked on a journey to fulfill God's providential calling to me, I came to know that the relationship between God and human beings was that of parent and child. I learned that God became the Parent of pain, sorrow, and lamentation ever since He lost His first children Adam and Eve.

Throughout my life, I have been doing my very best to dissolve God's pain and

ment."

The third area has to do with understanding of the human condition. Where are we human beings from, how should we live, and where should we go? Why are we fighting between the mind and the body, and struggle in conflicts? What is the meaning of life and death? Does the world after death truly exist? If so, how should we live on earth?



sorrow and bring liberation and total freedom to His heart. Finally, on January 13, 2001, through the coronation ceremony of God's kingship, I was able to restore His throne of glory and power and offer it to Him.

The second area has to do with the reality of Satan. Throughout history, human beings did not know the identity of the Devil, Satan who caused the human fall, leading to all kinds of evil.

For fourteen years, I labored desperately to discover all secrets of the spirit world through many bruising spiritual battles. Finally, I came to find out the real identity of Satan, the origin all evil. Taking one step further, I also came to uncover Satan's strategy and tactics to

These questions and others are expounded in detail in the Principle of Creation revealed to me by God.

I have the intuitive ability to look into the hearts of men and women and predict their destiny. That is why many young people throughout the world come to me hoping to be matched with an ideal spouse.

The fourth area has to do with knowledge and understanding of the spirit world. The spirit world, the world after physical death, is a world that really exists, and to which all humans are bound to go as an extension of earthly life. Human life is one continuous stream from conception and life in the womb all the way to an eternal life, after phys-



multiply his power.

After I discovered Satan's strategy of defiling the human blood lineage through the Fall, I became totally committed to restoring God's original blood lineage. The heavenly strategy developed for this purpose, and now widely known throughout the world, is the "Cross-cultural and International Marriage Blessing move-

ical death ends our earthly life.

We should understand clearly that the numerous saints and sages who have lived on earth throughout history are now actually living in the spirit world. They are assisting God's providence for the earth, reborn as absolute good spirits after having received the Marriage Blessing from the True Parents.

Each moment in our earthly life is recorded in the spirit world exactly as it takes place. On the day when we go to the spirit world, our life's record will become the basis for judgment. That is why all human beings should practice a life of true love and sacrifice themselves for a greater cause.

The fifth area has to do with knowledge about Jesus. I came to grasp the terrible tragedy of the crucifixion of Jesus. He came as God's son, the Savior and Messiah, but he was rejected and opposed, even by the people that God had prepared. It was God's will that Jesus, as the second Adam, should fulfill the model of God-centered ideal family, and engraft all humankind to him.

Christianity became the foundation of Western civilization through Rome, and then became the core for the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean civilizations. It has always stood in the position of the Bride to receive the Lord of Second Coming. Therefore Christians in particular must comprehend the sorrowful heart of Jesus, who was driven to the cross, unable to fully unfold God's will for him.

My teachings clearly explain the truth of Jesus' mission, the limitation of salvation through the cross, and the reason and purpose why he should return.

The sixth area is in knowledge of the core contents of the Bible and other religious scriptures. These are books of secret revelation that enable human beings trapped in ignorance after the fall of the first human ancestors to return to God.

Many of the important issues in scripture are described in metaphors and symbols. The meaning of these metaphors and symbols are to be fully revealed only by the Messiah sent by Heaven. Hence, Jesus was able to disclose the core contents and deep meaning of the Old Testament.

In the same way, all the secrets of God regarding His providence of salvation, including the ideal of creation, the Fall, and the path of restoration are now being revealed by my teachings. The Divine Principle lucidly answers all the questions that are raised in all the various scriptures.

The seventh area is in the knowledge and understanding of the goal human history. History is not merely a record of events that take place by coincidence. It is flowing toward a clear direction and purpose. It is a history for the providence for restoration of human beings through indemnity, and a history for restoration for their salvation.

Because of this insight into the origin and direction of history, I was able to successfully predict the sudden end of communism and dialectic materialism, in a speech delivered at the 1985 Professors World Peace Academy Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, a time when the Soviet Union was still at its peak.

Today, I am declaring that it is time for all nations and religion to break down their barriers. Through this, the era of "One World under God" will arrive and last forever.

God is leading history. With the help of heavenly fortune, centering on the Abel UN, we will now make rapid progress toward a world transcending religions and nations, the Cheon Il Guk God's kingdom on earth.

The eighth area concerns true fami-

ly values. God's ideal of creation is to build God-centered true families. It is the goal of His salvation providence to restore the ideal of true family, the ideal that Adam could not fulfill in his own family, and in this way to establish the foundation for the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven.

The Marriage Blessing movement that I have been leading is no ordinary wedding ceremony. It is a sacred ritual through which to eradicate the original sin and engraft human beings to the true lineage of God.

True families are the well-spring and foundation of true love, true life and true lineage. Through true families the true nation, true world, and true kingdom can be built. Families centered on the True Parents can become the base for the perfected relationships of the Four Realms of Heart and the Three Kingdoms, and become the foundation for the kingdom of heaven.

On September 12, 2005, I founded the Universal Peace Federation. Then, in order to build 'One Family under God' through the twin strategies of proclaiming God's Word and conducting the Marriage Blessing, I completed three world speaking tours with my wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our children and our grandchildren. In this way we were able to successfully have three generations fulfilling the Marriage Blessing ideal within one family.

Afterwards, 120 Christian representatives in America as well as 1,200 religious leaders and 12,000 Ambassadors for Peace from across the world traveled consecutively throughout 190 nations, representing their own nation by spreading the Peace Messages of the True Parents and sharing the Marriage Blessing. This tour helped spread true family values as the universal values of humankind as we establish a new God-centered civilization.

As mentioned above, I have become well known as a champion in each of these eight areas. The support of all humanity is urgently needed for everything to be fulfilled. With God's grace, we will soon win the victory!

In Jerusalem, in 2003, on the foundation of the victory attained through such blood, sweat and tears, I had Jesus proclaimed as the king of kings before heaven and earth with the acknowledgement of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Following this, in 2004, I was acknowledged as the king of peace both in a United States Senate office building and at the Korean National Assembly. Subsequently, in June 2006, we held the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth.

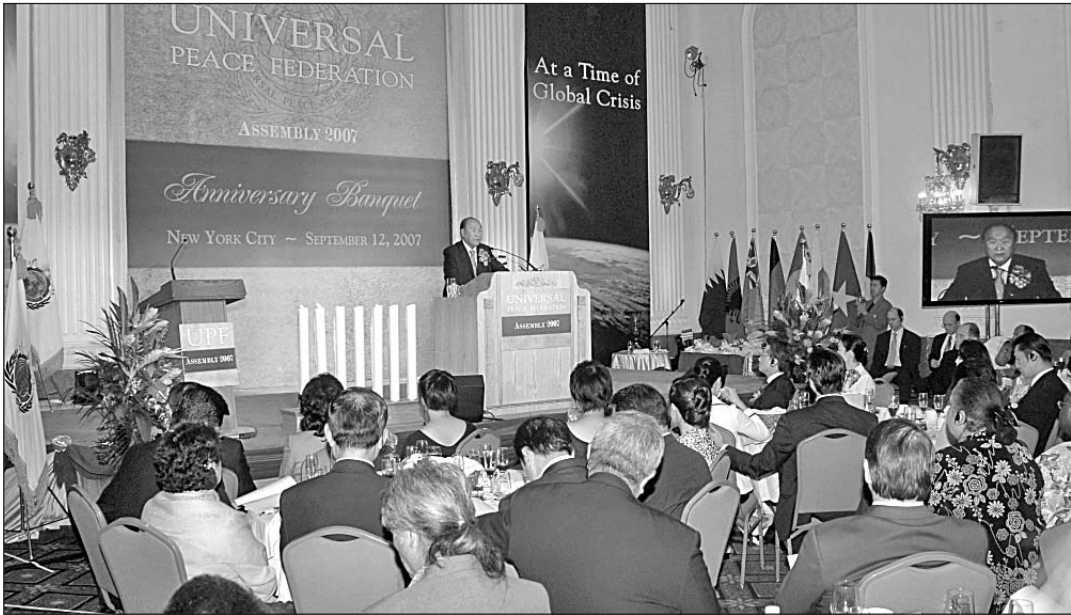
Ladies and gentlemen, on September 12, 2005, I proclaimed throughout all of heaven and earth the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which will enable God's providence to flourish. Now, it is certainly possible for UPF to serve as an "Abel-type" counterpart to the UN in the era after the coming of heaven.



UPF will help renew the "Cain-type" UN and lead the way for millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world who have taken up my teachings, centered on the Heavenly Father's principles of true love and the ideal of true family, and, without fail to fulfill the heavenly will of creating "One Family

level. Some may laugh and say that it is impossible. Yet, if it is God's will, there will be a way.

What do you think will happen if people from the United States and Russia marry across the boundaries of their nationalities through the international and cross-cultural Marriage Bless-



Under God."

The International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing

Ladies and gentlemen, the Universal Peace Federation will be in the vanguard of carrying out the great revolution of restoring the original lineage of humanity back to that of Adam before the Fall through the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing held on the interreligious and international

ing, according to the teachings of Rev. Moon, who is doing God's work? The two nations will belong to one family under God, the eternal, absolute Lord of all creation. How could anyone harbor antagonism toward, much less point weapons at, a nation which many millions of grandchildren from their own lineage make their home?

Distinguished guests, you who have been called by God! The holy task of building the ideal kingdom of heaven—



the sacred reign of peace on earth—is being carried out enthusiastically in all corners of the world, through the recovery of our ideal homeland and hometown. This is God's hope for changing the 6.5 billion people of the world to the lineage of the true tribe. At this very moment, people are competing to fulfill their responsibility to hold hoondok rallies and Marriage Blessings in twelve thousand locations in each of the 185 nations of the world.

The Coming Culture of Women

Ladies and Gentlemen, you have truly come to a meaningful occasion today. Please do not miss your chance to ride on the currents of heavenly fortune that will surge together during this important and sacred jubilee year. Take the lead in protecting and developing the realm of the oceans, which cover seventy-five percent of the earth. Where else will you find a new treasure-store of natural resources that hold the promise to resuscitate the earth, endangered by all kinds of pollution and resource depletion?

The oceanic era that has now begun is a time of great change throughout heaven and earth. A new culture of peace which transcends nations, oceans and continents will start in the Pacific Rim. The women of the world should now work together centering on True Mother to give birth to this new age of a holy civilization of peace.

The families of your good ancestors in heaven are now being blessed. Numbering in the billions, they have come to the earth today, and they are listening to this message with you. This is because they too must perfect themselves through you, their descendants, and advance to the positions of true parents, true teachers, and true lords and owners.

Furthermore, they must become one in heart and body with the True Parent, the king of kings. From the original position before the Fall, they must uphold the True Parents' standard absolutely, take an active role in carrying out their works, and be mobilized for the creation of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven through a life of service and attendance. Please do not forget that in this way, the spirit world and the physical world will unite as one living entity, and move and breathe together.

There is one more special request I would like to ask of you today. Please immerse yourselves in the contents of my peace messages, to the point where you virtually know them by heart, and make them the guidelines for your life. These messages of peace are a summary of my teachings that can be found in more than a thousand volumes of True Parents' speeches. God will stand at the forefront. The spirit world and the physical world will unite to protect and aid you in creating the peaceful, ideal world of God's desire in which you can enjoy eternal liberation and complete freedom.

Again, I sincerely wish that you will engrave on your hearts the words I have conveyed to you, and utilize them in educating your children, other young people, and the citizens of your nation. May God's blessings be with your families, your nations, the Pacific Rim region and the Peace UN! ❖

UPF CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Establishing the Abel United Nations

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was to the UPF convocation in New York on September 21, 2007

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates from 192 nations and the world's great religions, NGO Leaders, Ambassadors for Peace.

On behalf of the Founders of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon; and on behalf of the Presiding Council members, the Global Peace Council members and the Regional Affairs Council: Welcome to the Universal Peace Federation's Assembly 2007.

UPF is providing vision and leadership at a time of global crisis. This is not merely a slogan. It is a reality. Just two years, here in New York at Lincoln Center, we launched UPF.

The past two years have passed by at an amazing speed, and the UPF has developed, expanded and advanced in ways that few of us imagined.

Days after UPF was launched, our Founder took up a tour of 120 nations, which at his age was really at the risk of his life. Three months later, Mother Moon and several of their children and grandchildren took UPF's vision to 180 nations.

Programs and projects expanded, including the Middle East Peace Initiative, the Northeast Asia Peace Initiative, Peace Initiatives in the Balkans, in South Asia, and in Africa. Then there are the UPF's Character Education programs, the Inter-religious Peace Sports Festival, Play Soccer Make Peace, the Global Peace Festivals and the International Leadership Conferences. The list goes on.

Globally, the vision, mission and work of the UPF are being recognized and appreciated more and more. Ambassadors for Peace are actively at work in every corner of the world.

There is a hunger and thirst in the world for new vision and leadership. There is receptivity to innovative thinking and especially to a universal vision that allows us to see our way forward to a world that we all desire.

Search the heart of any child. Be they black or white, red or yellow;



Muslim or Christian, Jew or Buddhist, Hindu or Sikh. You will find a heart that hopes for peace. A heart that hopes for love. A heart that hopes for joy.

This is not foolishness or wishful

aspire for peace, because that is God's greatest aspiration.

However, even God cannot simply declare peace. Peace is a term that

thinking. This is our original nature as given to us by God, our Heavenly Parent. Peace is not a fantasy or vain utopia that only the foolish dream of.

The desire for peace lies within our hearts and minds and conscience of each one of us. Just as the desire and need for food, sunlight, and air are desired and needed by every human being, the same is true of peace.

To use a contemporary expression, we can say that "peace is in our genes." That is, it is not a human creation. Rather it is a reflection of the nature of our creator. We

describes the quality of relationships between at least two beings, such as a man and a woman, a father and a son, a teacher and a student, a government and the people, etc.

Peace is a term that applies to relationships characterized by respect, harmony, cooperation, and ultimately love, or true love.

Due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, God's ideal of peace was destroyed and the ideal of true love and true family was destroyed. In that first family the parents violated God's commandment and grew distant from God. In that state of alienation and guilt, they bore children.

Living in separation from God, Adam and Eve could not provide true love to one another and could not provide true love for their children, Cain and Abel. As a result, they watched in shock and horror as their first son Cain killed the younger son, Abel.

How do you think God felt as He looked on and observed this horrible breakdown of the social and moral order within the first family? God's heart was broken.

God's original ideal was to establish a family of true love, beginning with and multiplying from the family of Adam and Eve. The core of that ideal is found in four essential relationships: the relationship between God and man, between husband and wife, between parents and children, and between brothers and sisters. Adam and Eve were to grow to become True Parents, and to create a True Family, centered on True Love.

The Fall was destructive of all these relationships. The violation of true love through infidelity was destructive of this family ideal. The murder of Abel by Cain became the archetype and pattern for human relationships.

Throughout history, God has had one goal in mind, namely, to restore the Fall and to re-create the original ideal by establishing the True Parents and a True Family.

Today, we stand at a turning point in world history. However, we must understand history is not merely a record of the external, social affairs of physical human beings. History does not unfold simply as a result of the decisions and actions of individuals or as a result of the patterns of social behavior. At a deeper level, there are internal principles that guide history. Like the laws of physics or mathematics, there are also internal principles that guide history.

Ultimately there is a goal and purpose to history. That goal and purpose has not been determined by any man or woman, but by the one, universal God.

What is that purpose? Is it to create religions? Races? Nationalities? God's ultimate purpose is to establish one



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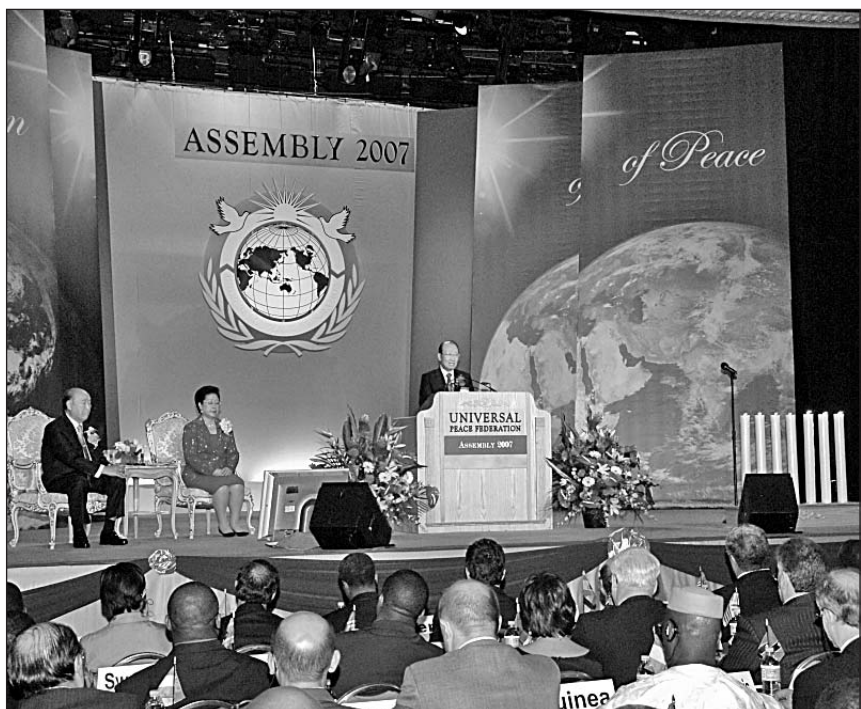
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universal realm of peace, unity, freedom and happiness for all people as true sons and daughters of God.

The end goal of history is to realize the ideal of building one family under God. This is God's original ideal and purpose.

We gather today in honor of the mission and work of the Universal Peace Federation. Our Founder refers to the UPF as a "Peace UN" or an "Abel UN." The term "Abel UN" is a new concept. What do we mean by this term?

Father Moon's life course has been intertwined with the United Nations. It was the 16-nation UN Peace Force that liberated him in 1950 from the Communist prison camp at Heung Nam. Had it not been for the UN, he would have been executed.

As much as the Founder loves and respects the UN, he also sees that it has serious limitations. These limitations have to do primarily with its adoption of an entirely secularist approach to world affairs.

For that reason, Father Moon has strongly proposed that the UN quickly develop an interreligious council within its system, thereby allowing religious and spiritual perspectives to be included in the most serious work of resolving conflict and establishing peace in this world.

According to God's providence, the ideal of establishing the UN was not merely the result of a moral vision that emerged from the insight of some political leaders like Roosevelt and Churchill in the years after World War II. Actu-

ally, the ideal of the UN lies within the original mind of human beings, for it is fundamentally an ideal of peace that has its origin in God.

What was unique about 1945 was not simply the idea of the UN, but the possibility to fulfill God's original ideal to establish one family under God. The UN was to play a role in that divine mission. It was an idea whose time had come in accordance with providential history.

This is always how

Father Moon viewed the United Nations, even at the time of its founding. He always wanted to see the UN function as an agent of God's will. This is the mission that UPF was created to fulfill.

Then, what is an Abel UN? An "Abel UN" aligns itself with God's original ideal of peace, and with the providence of restoration.

An "Abel UN" is not only to be an elder brother to the people of the world, but, first of all, a filial, elder son to our Heavenly Father.

An Abel UN is "God-centered" and respectful of all our world's great faith traditions, as partners in the quest for peace and as resources of vast treasure stores of wisdom, insight, and knowledge of universal values that are absolutely essential to peace.

Most importantly, an Abel UN is rooted in the principle of living for the sake of others, and its trademark is service. Members of an "Abel UN" are not guided by the principle of national, racial, or religious self-interest, but by the principle of service to others.

An Abel UN seeks to establish one fam-

ily under God. An Abel UN builds bridges of dialogue, reconciliation, harmony and peace among all the world's races, religions, nationalities and cultures.

An Abel UN affirms not only a universal human family under God, but also works to strengthen individual families, encouraging intermarriage among all peoples, regardless of race, religion, nationality or cultural background.

An Abel UN recognizes the central significance of the family as the basis of a good society.

An Abel UN recognizes that we can only achieve peace if we establish a culture of heart, a culture of true love that links us together as one family.

It is this culture of heart that serves as the foundation for not only a respect for the rights of others, but also the sacred value and dignity of each person.

Finally, an Abel UN affirms the ancestors and the reality of the spiritual world where the ancestors dwell.

As we prepare to hear from our Founder two days from now, please pay close attention to his peace message, as a roadmap for our lives.

Let us all become Ambassadors for Peace, representing the Abel UN.

Let us be patriots of universal peace.

Assembly 2007 is a landmark moment for UPF and world peace. As we launch the "Abel UN," we are providing a new paradigm for peacebuilding. In the days, weeks and months ahead, we will continue to develop our International Leadership Conference series, our Character Education programs, the Middle East Peace Initiative, and the Global Peace Festivals.

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Realizing the Dream in the Middle East

by Shelby Port

This article appeared in the Israeli newspaper 'Veve Shalom' on Wednesday 29 August 2007.

On August 27th, Martin Luther King III, the son of the legendary American Civil Rights activist, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., joined a panel of intellectuals from the region including Chaim Cohen, Shelley Elkayam, Dr. Eldad J. Pardo and NSWAS member Maram Masarwi to discuss the possible strategies for "Realizing the Dream in the Middle East". MLK III leads Realizing the Dream, a non-profit coalition force, that is dedicated to his father's quest for equality and justice; he is currently motivating audiences around the world with his message of hope and responsibility. Also present, was Hyun Jin Preston Moon, co-chairman of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the son of another renowned figure, Sun Myong Moon, a South Korean who is the founder and current leader of the Unification Movement, including the UPF. The conference took place at the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. [1]

Maram Masarwi, a long-time resident of Neve Shalom Wahat al-Salam, was selected as a panelist following her recent op-ed article in Haaretz newspaper entitled, "Where is the Arab Martin Luther King Jr.", also the title of her presentation. Maram, who was the only Palestinian academic represented on the panel, is a doctoral stu-

dent at Hebrew University and a lecturer at the Achva Academic College and the David Yellin College. She gave a riveting speech focusing on the need for Palestinian Israelis to realize their rights as full and equal citizens. She said they must reclaim those rights through a non-violent civil rights movement of their own. Besides shedding light upon the situation of the Palestinian minority within Israel, she disclosed her concern that women, both Palestinian and Jewish women, have been left out of the decision-making process, particularly with regard to the Israel-Palestine conflict. Women, she said, have a unique position in society and can therefore take a pivotal role in actualizing a fair and just solution to the conflict – not with war and weapons, but with peace and dialogue. She declared the urgent need for a female-version of an Arab Martin Luther King Jr., which was instantaneously followed by a wave of applause and cheering from the audience.

Maram outlined her own dream: "To see both people living together in peace and security; for a better future for Palestinian society

is a better future for Jewish Israeli society. My dream is to see Palestinian Israelis living side-by-side on equal terms with our Jewish brothers and sisters. My dream is to see my children and Jewish children not fighting against one another, but fighting together to build peace and a healthier society". To read the speech in its entirety, please click here.

munications & Development Department and husband to Maram Masarwi, accepted the award on behalf of the village. After the commencement of the UPF Peace Celebration, Ahmad had an opportunity to meet MLK III for a photo op. While posing for the photo, Mr. King congratulated Ahmad on his wife's, Maram's, stellar performance earlier that day. Ahmad thanked



Maram concluded by saying that she has partially realized her dream due to her experience of settling and raising her children in Wahat al-Salam Neve Shalom. In order to complete this dream, she conveyed her hope that NSWAS would be used as a model, or at least a reference point, for Palestinian-Jewish coexistence throughout the entire region.

Later, in the evening, NSWAS was presented with the Ambassador of Peace award by Hyun Jin Preston Moon. Ahmad Hijazi, the director of the Com-

him and extended an invitation for MLK III to come visit us in the village in order to experience "the dream" of multicultural and interracial coexistence based on equality and justice first-hand. Although Mr. King was unable to accept this invitation this time due to his departure the following day, he expressed a strong desire and commitment to include NSWAS in the itinerary of his next visit to the region. It would be a great honor. ❖

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Working with My Father

by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon

Hyun Jin Nim has been raising up members in Alaska with the true heart of an elder brother. Seeing him interact with others is a learning experience in itself. He is always focused, respectful and concerned while at the same time pushing his fathers vision and empowering others to join him. While he is doing all this work he is also hunting and fishing with the same focus. I wish all of you could be here to have this experience and I can only pray that I can inherit something and bring it back to the district. These are unofficial notes from his address in Kodiak on August 29, 2007. Rev. Lamson.

I can tell you that as a young boy I used to follow my father and we would fish early in the morning. We used to go out around 4 or 4:30 am. Back then, we were fishing after blue fin tuna in Gloucester. We used to go out 2 hours and fish. My Father always believes that the early bird gets the worm, so before anyone is even awake we would get in the boat and go out there. I was still in grade school.

In the beginning I would get seasick. We'd get in the car and drive toward the wharf and your stomach starts grumbling. Its pitch dark and you smell the heavy diesel fumes and the rumbling of the boat. You start feeling the breeze as you go out and it takes the rumbling in the stomach away. Once we get past the breakwater, then the excitement begins because we would go out even when there were small craft warnings. I remember going out in those rough seas and the boat going "bang, bang, bang"...if I got to all the details it will take all day. Those memories are so vivid to me. In the beginning it was rough and it was hard, but those experiences, I believe, not only plant the seeds for the love of creation and nature, but of character to be able to challenge ones own fears and limitations. Whenever I have the opportunity to interface with creation I look at it as a spiritual, internal experience. Nature pushes you to examine yourself. I

would like to encourage you. I know all of you are pioneers in spirit like my parents and family. I encourage you to expand your horizons and come out of your box. This is the best place to do it.

I have the great fortune to travel the world and testify to my parents dream of One family Under god. I can't believe how well its accepted. The world has changed from 20 years ago. People need euphemism. When you add faith and fanatical belief to conflict, people will do the most unheard of things. That's why the message of One Family Under God will bring all the faith traditions together; Living for the sake of others, Loving your enemy, viewing humanity as one family. Putting the human family within the familial context. The family is where you will find the most intimate relationships. When we talk of a friend, say a man to a man and you want to say he's more than my best friend you say "that person is like my brother". It means he's as intimate

as my brother. In the same respect, If I was friends with a woman, I would say she is like my sister, or "like my father, like my mother, like my son, like my daughter". I use the

simile of the familial relationship because it is most intimate. So what is revolutionary is my Father's teaching, especially in the Principle of Creation which outlines God's dream for the first human family.

The first book of the good book is the book of Genesis. What is discussed? Creation! It says that God wanted to give men three Blessings. How does one become

this might sound esoteric and transcendental. But, usually it starts from there. But he had a mission and he had absolute faith, love and obedience. He made a promise and has stayed true to it.

There is a saying. "If there is a will, there is a way; especially if it's the "Will of God". Imagine how daunting that challenge must have been for a 15 year old boy. Imagine how throughout his life the course he had to walk. When I think about when my Father was born and the tremendous historical period in which he lived. 1920 Korea was a colony of Japan and Koreans had no freedom. They were

and Jesus many years ago. Yet he stayed true to that promise when anyone else could have easily given up. The fact that we as an international community and come to the understanding of One Family Under God is due to the over 50 years of Blood sweat and tears of my parents and those who followed them to invest in humanity. So, that this could be the dream of all humanity, not just one man or family.

Nothing is more powerful than a message who's time has come. The message of Building one Family under God is a message whose time has come. The world

is embroiled in a potential war of religions that could lead to the most horrible and violent of wars. Wars rooted in religion and ideology cause the most cruelty and destruction of all wars. The 20th century is unparalleled in war deaths. Estimated in 100 million deaths. Yet we started this century with potential religious war.

This is the time when humanity has only one direction. The vision of One Family Under God is our salvation for people of conscious, truly religious people are first devout sons and daughters of God – before denominations or theologies.

I toured 12 days to churches and shared the One Family Under God vision, but also chastised them because Religion hasn't realized the dream of the founders of the faith traditions. Yet, we narrowly focused on our own faith and the salvation of only our people. In Isaiah it says that when the temple is built, all God's can worship there. Jesus said to offer the other cheek if hit one. His ministry went out to all of God's children. The

same with all of the faith leaders, yet humanity lost sight of this original goal as men and women of faith. I looked them in they eye and said we have failed because we failed to see from the perspective of God the entire human family. That he wants to bring to his bosom.

The message of One Family Under God is imbedded in all our faith traditions. Three generations represents the past, present and future. If we do that we can bring the continuum of humanity together. Establishing ideal families to the larger role of one family under God. Then, we can touch humanity where it counts on every level. The 21st century can be a century of peace, not war. This is the noble task and the vision to be embedded to our hearts today. If so, then truly hope can germinate. You all are AFP. An ambassador for his position advocates for the nation.

You are ambassadors for Peace: you represent the vision of One Family Under God for that is the vision. ♦



fruitful, to multiply children – the divine gift to give life – to participate in the divine act of creation, and have dominion. As the family expands to cover the earth, then humanity would be the true masters and have dominion.

God's dream is "One family Under God". But, the dream was dashed as humanity went a direction 180% different from God's expectation. So History is a history to rectify this error and to realize the dream.

My Father received the mission to testify to this dream long, long ago. It wasn't through the study of scriptures, of theologies, but it came to him as a young 15 year old boy. He earnestly went into the hills of North Korea and prayed fervently to know how to liberate the aching heart of God and Humanity from the trappings of suffering, conflict, remorse, battering, hatred, etc. etc.

On those hills, Jesus anointed him and God gave him a revelation: The way to relieve God and humanity was to establish the "One Family Under God". All of

like the blacks of the south. In one sense it was worse, because they were 2nd class citizens in their original homeland. On their own ancestral homelands they were enslaved. I don't think we can understand it from a western terms – they were like dogs or slaves. He grew up in a nation oppressed. Yet, he carried no bitterness.

My Father was involved in the Korean independence movement and imprisoned and tortured. One guard tortured him in the most demeaning and horrendous of ways. When the Japanese lost in WWII, my Father aided this very guard because he knew that if other Koreans knew where he was that he would be killed. Its amazing that this man lives until today and some of our members tracked him down and he testified that he was amazed; he testified that he owes his life to Father although he had been the source of so much torment. He was in tears when he met our family. He was contrite and repentant.

My father was incarcerated 6 times because of the promise he made to God

Middle East Peace Initiative #1

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Having rabbis from the United States as a core part of the contingent of religious leaders adds a new dimension to the MEPI experience. The rabbis from America know so much about Jerusalem, especially its history, culture, and meaning as a city of peace, sharing such beautiful knowledge and wisdom. Rabbi Ben Ami offered a very beautiful prayer at Gethsemane along with Rev. Mark Abernathy; Yousef Muhammad, a state representative from Alabama, offered a Muslim prayer.

At the Western Wall Rabbi Wachman prayed, representing Judaism. Bishop Abu al Asal, former bishop of the Anglican church of Jerusalem, offered the Christian prayer, and Dr. Yousef of the City University of New York, a Muslim scholar, offered the Muslim prayer.

When we went to the Upper Room on our day of visiting holy sites, Rabbi Kranz said, "Dr. Jenkins, maybe we should go a few more steps. I've got something to show you." He took us just past the tomb of King David to the original Holocaust museum for Israel. One of the rabbis from the yeshiva that maintains the museum gave a beautiful presentation on the seven laws in the scriptures that non-Jews are accountable to from the Jewish perspective. Rabbi Kranz also gave the morning devotional this morning; it was really the experience of sitting at the feet of a true holy man who understands how to teach, giving much meaning to the root of the Judeo-Christian faiths found in the Hebrew Scriptures. He explained the meaning of Jeru Salem. Salem is like Salaam - it means peace - Jerusalem is the city of peace.

This trip has been one of going deeper into the spirit of Israel and understanding better the central importance of the three Abrahamic faiths. Not only are there excellent rab-

bis here with us, but a number of prominent Muslim leaders came through the work of Imam Dawud Assad, former president of the Council of Mosques of the United States. We have a contingent of religious leaders who are truly spiritual and motivated by the highest respect for one another. Our prayer walk today was one of much meaning; the faith leaders gathered with sincerity, feeling the importance of praying and walking together in a demonstration of unity in the Old City of Jerusalem. This was not just an exercise but is deeply rooted in the whole philosophy of living for the sake of others. We demon-

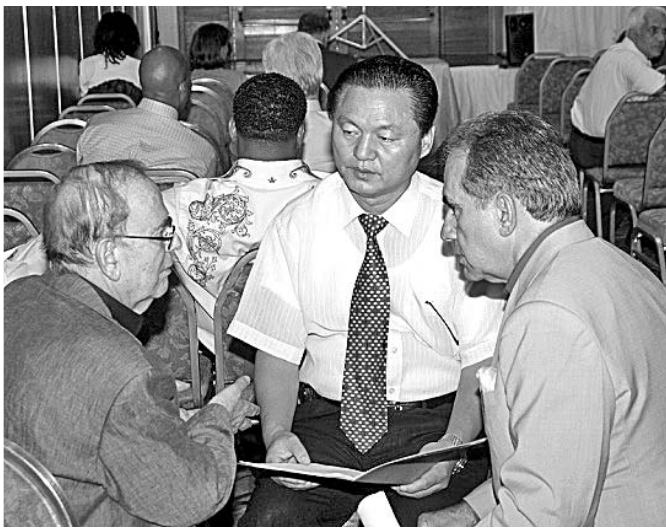
strated our bonds of love for one another as we sang "Peace, Shalom, Salam Aleikum." Through the rabbis and now through the imams and the Christian leaders, we also see through the hearts of believers more deeply

MEPI has expanded to a completely different dimension. Now there are four or five programs going on at the same time each day. A conference was held in Tel Aviv with a number of European members of parliament, former and current prime ministers, and prestigious journalists. The American delegation went to Bethlehem and experienced the Church of

the Nativity and then split up in groups of four, going to the homes of 30 different Palestinian Muslim and Christian families for lunch. Our delegates all brought gifts for the children, which makes a beautiful impact on the families.

One night Rami, a Jewish engineer who's part of the Bereaved Family Association, once again shared his deeply moving testimony of how he overcame the death of his daughter through working with and loving other Palestinians who lost their children in the conflict. He was joined by his spiritual brother Aziz, who had a similar story. The only way to overcome the pain of their loss was to embrace the pain of the so-called enemy and melt together as one family. They both testified that the most important thing they experienced that liberates such families in the conflict zone is to listen to each other's pain. The Bereaved Family Association gave presentations at more than 1,000 schools last year. Many of the Jewish students they addressed had never seen a Palestinian whom they could relate to; many Palestinian students had never seen a Jew whom they could relate to. But they would be touched and moved by a person from the other group who respected them and shared the pain and suffering of both sides.

Our delegation also held dialogues with key Muslim clerics at a time when there is so much need for stability and hope. Key Jewish representatives of various ministries of government gave us the Israeli perspective on the conflict. Most exciting of all is that we are traveling with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, who has taken

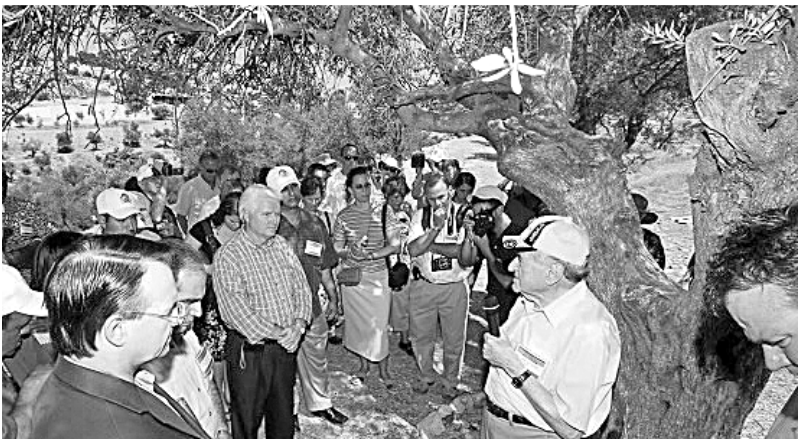


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on the spiritual mantle of his father to promote the understanding of one family under God. Dr. Moon spent three days going with our Ambassadors for Peace from Israel to visit Galilee, Mt. Carmel, the Druze community, Haifa, Beersheba, Qumran, and Masada to understand the different aspects of the communities of faith in Israel and their history.

This journey has opened up so many discoveries about the Holy Land and its people. God is moving in a mysterious way with MEPI. Our focus is truly centered on bringing people of faith and conscience together as the highest priority. We are realizing more clearly than ever that the interreligious dimension of peace is the contribution we can truly make. The areas of politics, economics, and others have their importance, and there are capable leaders in those fields that are already doing so many things. But the interreligious dimension of peace centering on one family under God is an area where we have a unique gift and skill. Deep in the philosophy of MEPI, deep in the understanding of our True Parents, is the idea that there is one God who created Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. Truly when we understand that, we can begin to appreciate that ultimately we are going in the same direction. We must recognize that we are one family under God.

It was beautiful to see pastors going to the Dead Sea together, after the mix of briefings and very serious dialogue, being covered with the heal-



ing mud of the Dead Sea. I was particularly struck to see the interesting picture of Rev. Mark Abernathy from Georgia and Archbishop Stallings standing next to each other, both covered in mud, looking like twins.

There are many dimensions of the interfaith experience here in the Holy Land. We want to encourage everyone to plan their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will revive your soul and give you hope for peace. ❖

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For anyone interested, the Education Department of FFWPU-USA is making available Rev. Phillip Schanker's lecture presentations from the "Special Workshop for the New Beginning of Cheon Il Guk Blessed Families." These presentations will be available in two formats:

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UTS is removing financial obstacles for the interfaith peace program. With help of major financial aid contributions from Japan and the United States, the program also expects students to contribute to the costs of their education appropriately.

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Gold-Medal USA Team in 2007 Inter-religious Peace Sports Fest

True Parents with many members watched the Peace Cup finals on satellite TV at East Garden.

In Washington, DC, the Rev. Dr. Chang Shik Yang was presented an authentic basketball jersey from the 2007 Inter-religious Peace Sports Festival (IPSF) Gold Medal winning men's basketball team. The members of the USA team wanted to personally thank him for his unwavering support and dedication. This team consisted of twelve young men and two coaches from across America. In addition, these fine Americans represented three faith disciplines, Christianity, Islam, and Unificationism and thus called themselves. MROIS (Multi-Religious One-In-Spirit),

MROIS played in a very grueling tournament and faced many tough international teams. In the end, their efforts were rewarded with a final score of 76-59 over an excellent college team from Taiwan for the Gold. Rev. Antonio Lowery (Guilford Baptist Church in Washington, DC) led the team as coach and spiritual advisor. Sgt. Dalacy Davis (East Orange Police Athletic League) served as assistant coach and consultant.

Rev. Lowery gave the honors by awarding the game jerseys to Dr. Yang in America and Rev. Michael Jenkins in Korea. These jerseys were given to these men of God not only as gifts but moreover as celebratory statements or crowns. Rev. Lowery expressed the heartfelt gratitude and love many athletes, pastors, and family members from across the nation have towards each of them for their continuous spiritual guidance, care, and financial support for our American sports delegations to IPSF events since 2003.

Also during the presentation in attendance were Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, Rev. James Flynn, Rev. Levy Daugherty, and Rev. Philip Schanker, who similarly offered congratulations and well wishes. Each sports festival Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins attend as many cultural and sporting competitions that their schedule will allow. For example, at the recent games, Rev and Mrs. Reiko Jenkins were present for soccer, track, and basketball activities. They shared the stage with Rev. John Gehring (International IPSF Director) as the USA men were presented their gold medals.

Over the past four years, Rev. Gregory Leonidas Carter (IPSF USA Director) and I have been directly engaged in the American sports recruitment program. Back in 2003, we started with a team put together by the late Rev. Gregory Thomas (Second St. James Baptist Church, Washington, DC) and Deacon Edwin Crawford (Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Washington, DC). Since 2003, each year of attendance, the USA men's basketball team or teams have consistently returned home from the festival with medals.

We recruit athletes and coaches from across the nation. They come from urban, rural, college, and professional arenas. This is our second gold and our fifth overall medal in the men's basketball competition. Our outreach efforts cause us to target communities with outstanding faith leaders such as Rev-

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Seattle, Washington 2) Mr. Gregorio Pette- Miami, Florida 3) Rev. Gary Childester- Miami, Florida 4) Rev. Carl Rawls- Selma, Alabama 5) Rev. Randall Francis-Washington, DC 6) Mr. David Harvey-Seoul and Pusan, Korea

further stated, "The experience itself was unbelievable. It made me change my view of life but also of basketball. It made me see that basketball doesn't have to be my life, but a tool to be an ambassador of sports and other



ences (ACLC) and IPSF events is not easy and yet very rewarding for all involved. Many diverse neighborhoods from across the nation are approached. Some of the faith communities that we have approached are Native-American, Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Bahai, to name a few. Our recent men's basketball teams consisted of players and coaches from Southeast DC, Over-the-Rhine area of Cincinnati, Los Angeles, rural New York state, and Eastern New Jersey. These areas have produced abundant blessings and experiences that young people will never forget. The IPSF USA sports model can further enhance greater common bases with ACLC ministers, other social project and ministries, Ambassadors for Peace networks, community leaders, and so forth. We seek to work with all interested persons in America to restore the inner cities, rebuild lives, and heal families across the nation.

We are grateful and give thanks for our IPSF USA partners in a few major cities. They are 1) Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger-

7) Ms. Denise Barnett-Cincinnati, Ohio 8) Mr. John and Mrs. Marie Raucii-Red Hook, New York

These people of God and their local congregations recruit, fund, and prepare the athletes that are sent to represent the USA. They are changing lives. Each has mentioned the value of this sports program founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and how grateful they are for his concern and inspiration regarding Americas youth.

At a recent banquet honoring the medal winners and participants, athletes tearfully testified to their life-changing experiences in Korea, their involvement in IPSF USA, friendships made, and the overall impact the trip had on their families.

A week later, Ricky Marzett (point guard of MROIS) summed it up for the Gazette newspaper this way: "I feel this has had a big impact on my life. I don't stress anymore. It has really touched my heart. I don't think I'd be alive had it not been for this."

Cameron Shields (center for MROIS)

walks of life.

It is our aim and goal to reach similar youth such as Ricky and Cameron. In order to, spark the God in them and assist them in becoming successful people. We are seeking partners in our national endeavor. IPSF USA is a great tool to heal the sick at heart, the lost in spirit, and the afflicted in body.

This fall, District 1 will host an Invitational basketball tournament, which will seek to expand the program and work with more houses of worship. ACLC seeks to empower pastors in the local community and aid youth development. Bishop Kim has expressed the power and need for such neighborhood strengthening programs as sports and music ministries. Therefore, he has invited us to present our efforts at the regional ACLC conference to be held in Ocean City, Maryland this October 10-12, 2007.

For further information, please contact: Rev. Joseph Taylor, District 1 Community Sports Program Director, (202) 462-5700. ♦

ACLC New England Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Bismarck Bamfo

September 10, 2007, will be remembered in the history of ACLC activities in New England District as the day of total victory for God, True Parents, our entire leadership and all members. Our host Pastor, Rev. Ellis, and members worked around the clock inviting ministers, Ambassadors for Peace, friends from the government, sent emails and invitation cards out, and prepared the hall and the.

The event marked the beginning of our Prayer Breakfasts instead of the Dinner Banquets of the past Representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths gathered together and prayed for the family, community and the nation. Further more it was the day Democrats and Republicans as well as religious and political leaders came together under one umbrella, ACLC, to discuss and work for peace. Moreover, it marked the day when an important religious leader, well known civil right activist, and renowned political leader Rev. Dr. Walter Fauntroy testified publicly about the works and deeds of ACLC and its founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Being that the event was on a busy Monday morning, we needed a magnetic speaker whose presence would captivate and attract participants despite the hustles and bustles of first day of the week. It was brilliant insight on the part of our District Director, Rev. Buessing, when he proposed to invite Rev. Dr. Fauntroy as our guest speaker. Indeed, people responded to our invitation. We had a minimum of sixty guests and seventeen members in attendance. Representatives of the Jewish community, Muslim (including Nation of Islam) community and Christian community, the president of the Massachusetts Family Institute and the Black Ministerial Alliance, and many others came together. They went beyond the wall of separation, broke bread and learned to work with each other.

Apart from a few changes at the beginning of the program, everything went on smoothly with the first lady and the host



pastor of Boston Church on the Hill, offering prayers and welcoming remarks and a short history of their church respectively. After a devotional song, representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths prayed for the family, community and the nation. The goals and objectives of ACLC were presented and participants were encouraged to join.

Our honorable guest speaker, Dr. Fauntroy, was introduced by Imam Seifullah. Dr. Fauntroy spoke for about one and half hours instead of 30 – 40 minutes. Although his speech was long, participants enjoyed it with constant applause. He testified about his role and mission with ACLC and the activities of the Unification movement.

He emphasized his involvement with our movement as a group of people who have heaven on their view. Rev. Moon and his movement are people who talk the talk and walk the walk. He compared Rev. Moon to Daddy Grace, who was criticized for feeding and providing housing for the needy, and Father Divine, for providing breakfast, lunch, diner and hotel accommodation for five cents. He said, "Martin Luther King said, 'We had better learn to live together as one or we will die together as fools.' What these people have in common is that, they all emphasized the need to live for the sake of one another. We all know that the mission is

big and it is not an easy task to accomplish. Therefore Jesus commanded all of us as religious leaders to do greater works. Rev. Moon and ACLC are doing greater work, in the family, breaking the walls between religions, and resolving the conflict in the Middle East."

He also spoke about the role of spiritual leaders as people appointed and anointed by God to be the head, not the tail, to be headlights to lead the way and thermostats to set the temperature. For all people to live well, they need the means to generate income to support themselves and their families; education to generate income; health care; housing and justice to live in peace and happiness. From his point of view, political as well as religious leaders have failed to provide the circumstances and the environment for people to meet these basic necessities. It is therefore our mission and responsibility to stand up as leaders to right the wrongs, to rebuild the family, restore the community and bring peace to the world.



The program ended with the blessing ceremony and closing prayer. Although we ended late, participants expressed their appreciation and continued to fellowship with one another for 20 to 30 minutes after the event. We are extremely thankful to our District Director Rev. & Mrs. Buessing, our District ACLC Committee leaders, State Leaders Rev. Edgerly (Massachusetts), Rev. Hempwich (Connecticut), Rev. Nimic (Vermont), our outreach members Rev. Ono, Sister Hiroko, Sister Machado, Sister DaSilva; Sister Ferabolli and many others and above all to our hosts, Pastor Rev. Ellis and the Church on the Hill Family. ❖

ACLC Maryland Prayer Breakfast

A modest but enthusiastic crowd of 35 ACLC supporters and clergy gathered in the fellowship hall of the Lively Stone Worship Center of Landover, Maryland, on Saturday, August 25th, for the first prayer breakfast in Prince Georges County in a long time. All around the country similar prayer breakfasts were taking place on this day. After a delightful reading and opening prayer by Rev. Angelika Selle we were welcomed by the host pastor, Rev. Floyd Nelson, Jr., the son of Bishop Floyd Nelson, a vice president of the international ministry of the Bibleway Churches of Christ. Sister Allison of Lively Stone had risen at 4:00 a.m. that morning to prepare a delicious breakfast buffet for us guests in anticipation of a wonderful gathering of persons who are dedicated to building unity in the Body of Christ.

Rev. Dr. Arnold Howard, the ACLC Mid-Atlantic Co-Chair, led the prayer breakfast as the Master of Ceremonies

articulating well the mission objectives of ACLC. Rev. Ed Young from Northern Virginia and the ACLC co-convenor,

was a participant in the 144,000 clergy blessing in 2002. He delivered the key message titled "Stir Up the Spirit of God" as those who must "rebuild the family, restore the community, and renew the nation and world." To bring the spirit of our gathering even higher, Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, ACLC National Chairperson,

blessed us with spiritual encouragement to strive in accomplishing the goal of America for this age by bringing unity to Christianity on a level never before seen in history.

Minister Ezra Karimi and his wife Jane conducted a special Blessing of Families, asking God's anointing of true love couples and families who are committed to the ideal of building the one

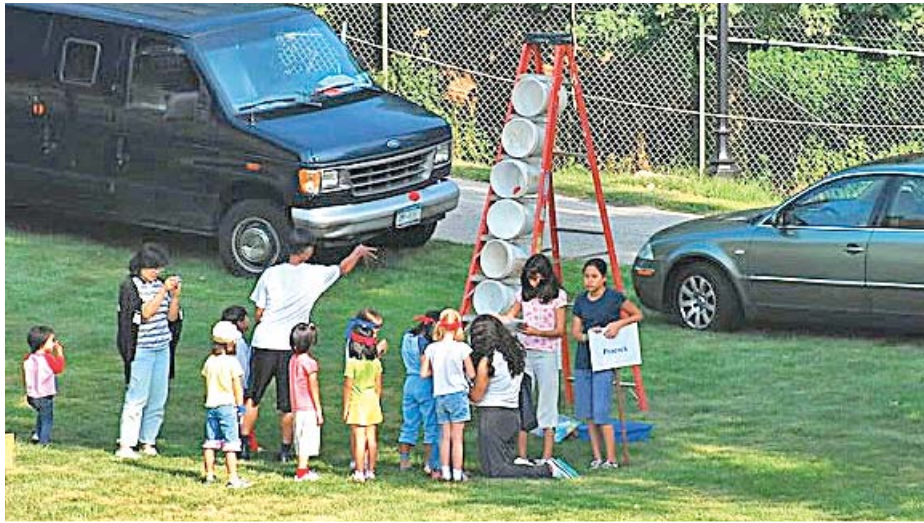
family under God. Rev. Lorman Lykes from the ACLC national headquarters staff gave concluding remarks and shared announcements about the ongoing Middle East Peace Initiative missions, one of which was currently in progress in the Holy Land. One of our new guests, Minister Gasby Brown, shared a testimony elucidating the very

scripture Reverend Young had spoken from, 2nd Timothy 1:6, where she had been called to become an artist for God and subsequently developed a nationwide ministry from her artwork. We sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" before Deacon Ted Aitkins closed us out with a final prayer. ❖



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September 3, 2007



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Prayer Breakfast in Host Church, Charleston

by Reverend Claudette Kambara

I was so excited when Reverend James Ealy of New Covenant Missionary Church accepted to host our monthly prayer breakfast in his church one month ago. It was on the foundation of several years of holding these prayer breakfasts in a restaurant every month and praying that one day I could actually hold one in a Christian church.

We had about fifteen people in attendance, August 25, 2007, including 2 ministers, one deacon from the host church, and several woman leaders of the NCMBC . Also the first lady, Mrs. Ealy, was there and was very supportive. The spirit was very high and the interaction during the prayer breakfast between Reverend Carl Rawls, who was our guest speaker, and Reverend Ealy and his wife was very vibrating. We started on time and finished on

time. Rev Carl Rawls from Selma, Alabama, gave an incredible speech on "Do God's Will." He kept everyone's attention through his personal interaction with members of the audience throughout his speech, and a lot of his content was based on the Bible and the Divine Principle. For instance, he talked about give and take action, and he also explained the Four Great Realms of the Heart; and everyone responded very well.

After the conclusion of Reverend Rawls's speech, he led the holy wine



ceremony and Reverend Ealy and his wife were the representative couple. It was a very beautiful, solemn moment and we could feel God's love all over. I want to thank everyone who helped in

making this possible, especially Reverend Burgi Hutcherson, who came all the way from North Carolina to help and support me in making this a beautiful prayer breakfast . She drove a long way, and she also visited churches on a very hot day, met three secretaries , and helped in so many other ways. I also wish to thank our guest speaker, Reverend Carl Rawls, for coming, and I hope he can come again. Reverend Rawls says he feels he was called by God to help pioneer prayer breakfasts in churches in states where there were none before. I am grateful to God, True Parents, and Reverend Kim . ♦

Cincinnati ACLC Unity Service

On Sunday, August 7th, Cincinnati held its Annual Unity Service. This year three churches came together: Maranatha Ministries, Bible Way Baptist Church, and Cincinnati Family Church.

Dr. Paul Hassan, Pastor of the Maranatha Ministries, welcomed all the guests to this year's event. He explained that the Unity Services had offered a networking opportunity to the various churches. Additional joint services and programs will be planned.

The Bible Way Choir next rose and offered spirited inspirational gospel songs that had the audience rise to their feet and shout hallelujah!


This provided a welcome atmosphere for Bishop Arnold, Pastor of Bible Way Baptist Church, to deliver a moving sermon on Joseph, son of Jacob.

His sermon, titled "What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?" was very solemn and had the audience discussing its content long after the sermon was concluded. He touched the hearts of all in the congregation by his admonition that the real count is at the end of our lives, and the measure of success is the sum total of our accomplishments for God.

Bishop Elaine Johnson, host pastor of the Maranatha Ministry of Cincinnati and founder of the Women in Courage Ministry, gave a warm farewell address. She


emphasized that it is only by working together that great achievements for God can be accomplished. She highlighted several interdenominational programs that Maranatha has established, and invited other churches to participate in these established programs. ♦





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Northeast Ohio Prayer Breakfast

by Bruce & Keiko Biddle

Our ACLC prayer breakfast this month was held September 15 2007 at the Friends House Chapel in Youngstown, Ohio. The host pastor was Rev. Lillie North, who is the pastor of this church. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Lonnie Kwajo-Asim Simon. He is the Pastor Emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church in Youngstown. Breakfast started with the welcoming messages by Reverend North and Reverend Biddle, and Evangelist Anita Wilkins gave a beautiful and strong invocation prayer. The delicious meal prepared by Reverend North was served and about 30 people were there altogether. Reverend North as emcee began the service. The musical offerings by the second generation and Sister Linda Sutton created a beautiful atmosphere. The scripture reading was from John 17: 17-23, and the Peace Message selection was from the UPF Inaugural speech.

Reverend North introduced the keynote speaker, Reverend Simon. He is a well-known minister in Youngstown area who has received many awards in nationally and locally. He is a long-time supporter of our movement since the 1980s, when he first met the Unification Church sisters who were pioneering in this area. One of them, Hiro-mi Kanazawa, attended the prayer breakfast, and he was very, very happy to see her after many years. He repeated many times the Japanese word "Kon-

nichiwa" that he learned from her long ago.

Reverend Simon has special notoriety because he has 12 spiritual daughters whom he ordained in his life of 82 years. (Reverend North is one of them). He showed great respect and paid firm tribute to Father Moon and the members of the Unification Church. His speech was about "building the Kingdom on Earth," emphasizing the motto of ACLC and explaining the importance of working together as one human race. The Holy Blessing was held for Reverend and Mrs. Simon, along with every-

one in attendance. It was an amazing moment because six years ago, in early September 2001, they were ready to go to New York for the Blessing ceremony. However, it was cancelled because of 9/11. So this month, almost exactly six years, later this precious couple, married since 1949, received the Blessing.

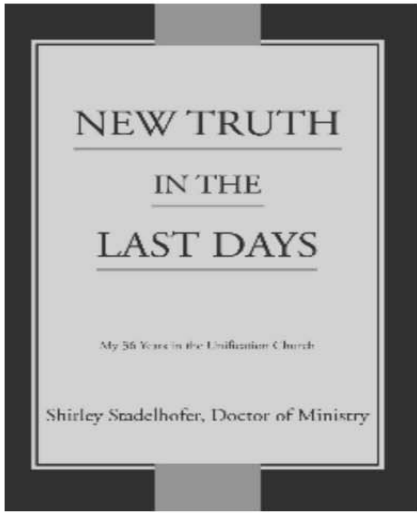
Bold and beautiful closing remarks were given by Rev. Dorothy Burton, ACLC Ohio coconvener. Four Family Church of Peace Flags were presented. Reverend Simon gave the benediction and his words became a wonder-

ful gospel song the song filled this beautiful church.

Thank you very much, everyone who invested the time and heart in this prayer breakfast. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Kanazawa, who drove three hours from Columbus to attend this event. In honor of the upcoming UN International Day of Peace we took a group photo of our rainbow of friends and families with a beautiful banner proclaiming, "One Global Family Under God." Aju!❖



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No harmony if Everyone Sings the Same Note

by Steve Honey

This sermon was given on August 12, 2007, at the Belvedere Training Center, NY.

Since this is Music Month for our congregation I wanted to offer something about harmony. I could give an intellectual lecture about the history of music in religion from early tribal rituals to Gregorian chant in the early church and the use of music in Latin masses. But, ... I'm not very smart. So I'll discuss music from a different perspective.

Historically and today music has had a tremendous influence on society and popular culture. It's an industry which makes and spends billions of dollars each year. And how many people do you see with ear buds or headphones on, sometimes constantly? Artists are popular, rich and influential. (Look at the obsession with Britney Spears.) If a performer endorses a product, it somehow gives that product credibility even though they have no expertise in that area. Or, just think, if you were to put 20 Nobel Prize scientists in one room and put a popular singer from the same generation in the next room where would most people go? The majority, and even some of the Nobel Prize scientists would go see the performer.

Why is music so powerful?

One reason is that it resonates with something inside us, something in our original heart. It communicates emotion. Out of intellect, emotion and will, corresponding to truth beauty and goodness, which is the most powerful? We know that emotion has the most influence on us and the arts appeal directly to our emotion. Some may think of music as a hobby, like collecting stamps. But if someone were moved to tears looking at a stamp, we might question their state of mind. When you hear good music somehow you leave a little different than when you arrived.

I've chosen the title: "You don't get harmony if everyone sings the same note." Now this might sound like I'm encouraging people to be different instead of uniting. But harmony is really an important and special form of unity, it's about unifying different elements into one.

Here are some definitions: UNITY, The state or quality of being one. The combination or arrangement of parts into a whole. HARMONY, A pleasing combination of elements in a whole. Agreement in feeling or opinion. Simultaneous combination of notes in a chord

You must have unity to have harmony. In music and in business, in mission and in family, harmony is the best kind of unity. I'll give you some examples: (At this point we brought up a quartet composed of members of the WestRock Church Choir to illustrate the following examples.)

Everyone sang the same note. Nice, and unified, but not that interesting.

Next a four part chord. Much nicer, but then the tenor sang too loud, not united.

Then a scale, up and down. But the tenor sang too fast. He won the race. But this was not a competition.

We tried a chord again but the tenor was upset at being criticized and refused to participate. The chord didn't sound right with only three voices.

Finally we united and made a harmonious chord again.

These are simple examples. Not everyone is a singer or musician but we can all relate to the same points. There are big egos (of course not in this room) that sometimes make things inharmonious because they want to be seen or heard. We've experienced those who want to get ahead instead of working with the team. We've "Cained out" and backed out of important work or important relationships. Just to name a few.

Different qualities should complement and supplement each other if we are to have good music or harmonious relationships. Has anyone ever had a good idea? Have you ever been sure you were right

but your central figure or boss or parent didn't agree? How do you make harmony? And what if you are the central figure or the boss or the parent, how do you make harmony? (Please be clear that this is not addressed only to the objects, staff, kids, etc. but to the leaders, parents, and central figures as well.) Sometimes a piece of music calls for a solo or for one section to get louder or softer. Usually the melody



is in subject position and the other parts support it. Sometimes the violins or the sopranos take the lead, another time it might be the brass section or the tenors. Sometimes in life it's ok to shine (or let your member shine).

To make harmony in music you have to know the right notes, not sing too loud or too soft, play at the same tempo etc. You can all follow the conductor (or the boss or central figure)

or sometimes you can listen to and support the other players without a conductor. A large chorus or an orchestra will typically have a conductor. But a quartet or small instrumental ensemble will not. The individual performers make a connection with each other without a central figure. In your office, you don't always need direction. You can make a more efficient or effective operation by having good relationships with each other. Solve problems through give and take. Be aware of the needs of others and offer support. Develop better ideas through discussion. This is also harmony. In a musical piece, if one part has the melody, the other parts will quiet down a little because at that moment the part with the melody is subject in the relationship. Their harmony supports the melody.

Just as a good conductor will consider each voice or instrument and have one stand out at the appropriate moment in the music, a good manager will value each employee and support their expertise or special effort. Ultimately they can all be combined for the greater result. Whether it's soprano, alto, tenor and bass or it's marketing, accounting, operations and sales, they all have their special purpose in the whole. Percussion, strings, brass and woodwinds each has a very different sound, but can unify to make wonderful harmonious music. The witnesses and fund-raisers, lecturers and cooks can make a great harmonious center.

I mentioned how powerful artistic expression is. Not just in its influence on society but on the artist as well. Out of intellect, emotion and will, which is the one that usually gets us in trouble? We all know the answer to that. If you don't, please study Divine Principle. Artists sometimes have a problem finding balance because emotion is so powerful. You may have heard the expression "a starving artist". It doesn't mean artists can't make a living, but sometimes if they have to choose between their art and money, they'll choose their art. Sometimes they really are great artists and just aren't "discovered". But sometimes they just aren't very good and just don't know it. For those who are not artists sometimes we might have a great idea and no one will listen. And sometimes our idea really isn't so great.

But if your art, or your idea, isn't very good, how will you know? If you feel so passionately about it you might be a little blind to reality. So here's a clue. Can it really affect others or does it just make you feel good?

At the Julliard School (one of the world's top music schools) at Lincoln Center there was a teacher named Richard Westenberg. He taught, among other things, choral conducting and he also led some excellent choirs. Each year at Christmastime his choir performed Handel's Messiah. One year he was interviewed on the radio during the Holiday season and was asked why he did Handel's Messiah every year

when there were so many other pieces to perform. His response was that it was "good music". He said that many musical organizations pull music out of the dust, "hasn't been performed in eighty years" or "has never been performed in America", etc. The reason they are not performed is that they are not good. Some music directors pull them out of obscurity to be different or to seem more educated or they think they should be performed because they haven't been performed. But we should do music because it's good music, because it resonates in the emotion of the audience.

So many artists are sure they are great. Some really are great. And some really are not. So what do you do? How do you know you are right, that you are communicating through your music or through your particular method of expression?

Maybe we are wrong and should listen instead of speaking. So be sure what you want to communicate is appropriate. Or maybe it is good content but not the right language.

Let's pick a light happy lilting song like "Spring Song of Eden" and sing it like an aria from a grand opera. (Steve demonstrates to a laugh) The music doesn't match the emotion of the words. Or take the regal and glorious Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah and sing it in Hillbilly Bluegrass style stamping your foot and slapping your knee (again demonstrated to more laughter). It might get a laugh, but it doesn't communicate what you intend it to.

Or maybe it's the wrong medium. Some people love opera, anybody here love opera? (It used to be pop music.) Others might go to an opera and think, "Wow, they sure worked really hard-- to bore me. But at least I got a good rest.

These examples make it obvious and maybe a little silly. But if we give an intellectual lecture to a person who runs by their heart, we also might not be communicating. An 800 page intellectual book might completely captivate an intellectual reader. But others will put it down once they see there are no pictures inside. It only communicates to the right audience.

Here's a big one: If we yell at our child or our spouse (or anyone for that matter) more than we show them love, we might communicate but it's something different than we think we are communicating. And then we wonder why they don't understand.

A Warning to artists

Art is a two edged sword, it can also cut you. To really be successful, you need to have a large ego, you need to promote yourself, you need to be concerned about your looks. But do you want to be vain and self centered and egotistical? Can you turn those things on and off as needed? If not, it can build dangerous momentum. It's ok to love yourself; it's good to love yourself. But you have to remember to love others more. That's the principle.

The "Prima Donna" syndrome is real. The original definition of "prima donna" was the leading woman soloist in an opera company, literally "First lady" But the meaning has come to be understood as a temperamental, conceited person. It's so prevalent a personality that it redefined the meaning of the word. "I'm special so I need more.", I'm going to influence so many people with my art so I deserve more support" Well, sometimes there's just not enough support to go around. There are so many artists and so few stages. (Maybe God made it that way because, in the ideal world, those who create beauty will be more significant. There won't be wars and drug addiction and countless other problems to focus on. Beauty and love will be the most prominent. But not yet.)

Once when the Metropolitan Opera was recorded-
see **HARMONY** on page 21

Service from the Heart in St. Lucia & St. Vincent

by Sally Sayre

Natoria, a slender and pretty, somewhat quiet girl of thirteen years, was nearly always waiting at the school almost an hour before it was time for the first session of our day camp to begin. She sat at a picnic table under the colorful mural at Vide Bouteille School. We had come by bus to set up the sound system and a projector, and to prepare our last day of camp. The rest of the camp staff would arrive by car.

Without anyone asking her, Natoria set about doing a thorough cleaning of the desk at the front of the room. Then she began wiping down every chair in the room. Natoria's desire to serve the camp in this way confirmed to us that our week of character education summer day camp had made an impression on at least one student.

On Thursday, we had not just talked about taking responsibility but had given everyone the experience of finding their true value in serving others. One team of students cleaned and painted the chalkboards, while another team cleaned and swept classrooms, and still another two teams were armed with garbage bags in order to pick up litter around the school and the neighborhood. The teams working outside the school experienced ridicule from some folks on the street but happily kept singing and working until their bags were full.

The Vide Bouteille School is in Castries, capital city of the beautiful island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. Remy and Chyoko Taupier, UPF leaders in St. Lucia, organized a five-day summer day camp that ran from July 23-27.

The camp was jointly sponsored by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Ministry of Education and Culture, and the Universal Peace Federation. Besides Gina Standard, Kuna Hamad, Kenny Wolfenberger, the Taupiers, and myself, the team of teachers and counselors included Lisa Degoede from Seattle, Yoshiko Go and Chika Sanzen from Japan, and Dwight Augustin from St. Lucia.

The name of our camp was "Fighting HIV/AIDS through Character Education", and the message was geared for students from twelve to eighteen years of age. There were forty students in this first camp of the summer. The day began at 9:00 a.m. and finished every day at 3:30, usually with a pick-up game of volleyball or soccer.

The lessons and discussions took place all day, whether we were formally teaching from the UPF curriculum, Discovering the Real Me, making greeting cards in a craft class, or enjoying a lunch of salt-fish with rice and lentils. In all our sharing, we tried very hard to convey to each child that he or she is a person of true value who deserves to be treated with respect and true love.

Our clear message was that abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage are the way to stop the spread of HIV. The sad reality is that the Caribbean islands have an extraordinarily high rate of HIV infection as



well as an extremely high number of single-parent homes, mostly headed by women, many of whom first gave birth as unwed teens.

The Taupiers and their staff conducted camps in two other schools. As coordinator of the UPF summer internships abroad for college students, I flew with Gina to St. Vincent, a neighboring island, where we were met by Abner Richards, director for a five-day camp held in Barrouallie from July 30-August 3 at the Barrouallie Multi-Purpose Academy. This is a secondary school for students who want to learn trades.

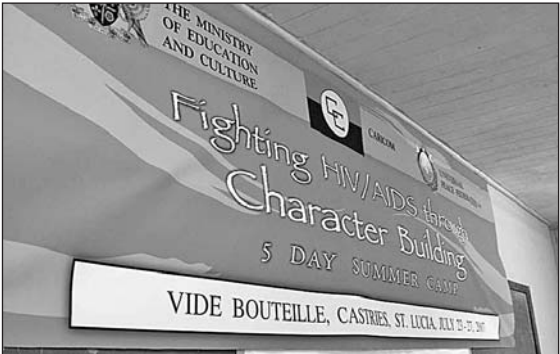
This was the first camp of its kind for St. Vincent. The schedule, activities, and lessons were along the same

model as the camps in St. Lucia. Students ranged in age from twelve to eighteen. Mrs. Kyoto Kuramoto, Chairwoman for Women's Federation for World Peace in the Caribbean, taught crafts; Mrs. Cenac and I taught drama; and Mr. Piere, from the school, ran the sports activities. We were joined by Dwight Augustin, Dannel Chassang, and Arlette Cenac, all from St. Lucia. Mrs. Cenac is a retired school principal and an Ambassador for Peace who is committed to bringing character education to the youth of the Caribbean. Dwight and Dannel are trained Christian counselors who work in public schools throughout the year teaching the abstinence message in "Family Life Education" classes. The five of us became the support staff for the teachers and counselors from St. Vincent who were trained by Mr. Alan Saunders.

It was a busy week that included a national holiday. August 1 is Emancipation Day, commemorating the emancipation of the slaves in 1834. It is a day for family picnics when all workplaces and stores are closed. We had almost full attendance that day, and we organized into teams to clean the school. Mr. Crease, the principal, was especially happy to see his school thoroughly cleaned!

The House of Hope, a local HIV/AIDS charity, sponsored a visit to St. Vincent by the WAIT Team (Washington AIDS International Teens). They brought their music, dance, and drama to our camp. They are recruiting and training a St. Vincent team. One of our campers, "Biggie" (Glenroy John), performed and sang the song that won him an award in the island's 2006 HIV/AIDS songwriting contest.

I feel great wonder at the transforming effect a five-day experience can bring about. The fact that we achieved such a feeling of oneness and joy over the course of such a short time gives great hope for what can be accomplished through on-going programs. ♦



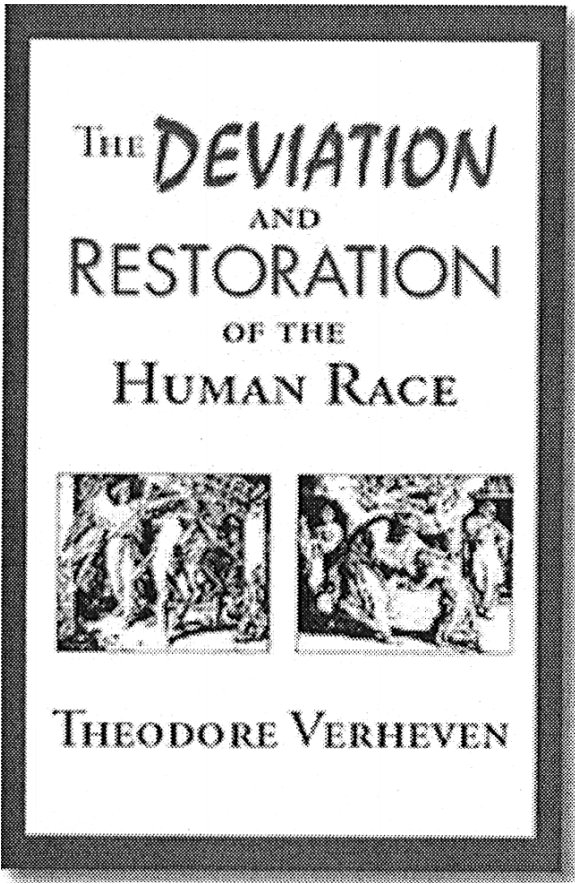
The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race

by Theodore Verheven

Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner personality (moral and intellectual), but also the unfoldment of the innermost spark, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

For more detail, go to: "The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race" on AtlasBooks.com - "Category" Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on "excerpt" for Foreward and 10 pages of Table of Contents.



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BOOK REVIEW

Hippies of the Religious Right

Reviewed by Dr. Tyler Hendricks
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This summer of 2007 we see memorials of the hippies’ 1967 “Summer of Love,” one of which is Preston Shires’ interesting tracing of an historical path “from the counterculture of Jerry Garcia to the subculture of Jerry Falwell.” “If it had not been for the counterculture,” postulates Shires, an Instructor in History at Southeastern Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska, “there may never have been a Christian Right, because the counterculture gave to evangelicalism the rebellious spirit, the youthful activists, and the committed voters it so needed...” (210) In essence, *Hippies of the Religious Right* argues that a significant number of hippies became evangelical Christians and transformed their countercultural energy and impulses into what became the Religious Right.

Shires delineates a worldview expressed in the hippie counterculture. It rejected perceived racial injustice and compartmentalized religion, and affirmed the golden rule and the importance of spiritual reality. It rejected the sublimation of the individual to the demands of society and affirmed expressive individualism. It rejected American “technocracy” but affirmed science and technology if subsumed within a spiritual order. And it rejected the conformist lifestyle represented by the universities, but respected logical argumentation and intellectual sophistication.

The hippie era was short-lived but energetic and infectious, at least to a large segment of peers of their global generation. Just as Christians from throughout the world journeyed to Los Angeles in 1905 to partake of the Pentecostal fervor on Azusa Street, and take it back home, youth from throughout the world journeyed to San Francisco’s Haight-Asbury district in the late 1960s to partake of the hippie experience and likewise take it back home. What happened to that countercultural energy, that world-rejecting, world-transforming impulse? Shires argues that evangelical Christianity captured it.

To explain this, Shires backs up to discuss Christianity in post-World War 2 America. In rejecting their parents’ values, the hippies also were also rejecting mainstream, liberal Christianity and Judaism. They saw these religious expressions as lifeless and irrelevant. Shires focuses on Christian leaders who felt the same way, such as Francis Schaeffer, Tony and Susan Alamo, Bill Bright, Pat Robertson, Hal Lindsey, Carl Henry and numerous missionaries named and unnamed. These individuals had separated from their parents’ worldview. They agreed with much of the hippie social critique, and claimed it in the name of the Gospel: true Christianity is not tied to the military-industrial complex; true Christianity is the mode of the ultimate in self-expression, rightly understood as freedom in Christ. Authentic Christianity is committed to social justice and it allows one to integrate spirituality into a daily life that accepts material blessings as consis-

tent with living for others. Last, but far from least, Christianity offers the “natural high,” eternal life in the embrace of the Holy Spirit. This was the message of evangelical Christians to the hippies.

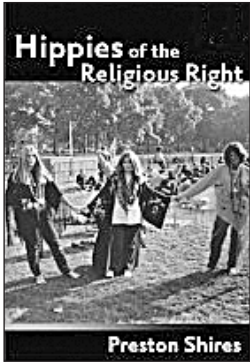
The initial penetration of evangelical Christianity into the hippie world took place on the streets. Hundreds of street preachers, witnesses and pastors like Chuck Smith took wandering hippies into their homes, fed and clothed them, counseled them off drugs and into a living relationship with Jesus. Shires presents in fascinating detail the Christian coffee houses and communes such as Hal Lindsey’s “Jesus Christ Light and Power Company,” “House of Acts,” and “His Place.” These enterprises germinated into churches, church movements such as Chuck Smith’s Calvary Chapel and John Wimber’s Vineyard Fellowship, or para-church ministries. Wealthy evangelicals, such as Richard DeVos of Amway, helped sustain such ventures, in DeVos’s case, Bill Bright’s Campus Crusade for Christ. (157)

Shires pays great attention to Francis Schaeffer, considering him a bridge between the hippie critique and the biblical message. The hippies had a critique but fell short in terms of a counterproposal beyond the illusory gods of sex, drugs and rock’n’roll. Schaeffer accepted the hippie critique and offered a counterproposal in a Jesus-centered worldview. In the process he aligned Christianity with the spirit of the new generation.

For Shires, this explains why the energy of the hippie movement did not deploy in the institutions of the Left. Schaeffer convinced the new converts “that the great misconception of the century was precisely the belief that liberals were tolerant and loving, and that biblically grounded Christians were not... The pluralistic and love-everyone themes [liberals] preached were whitewash; underneath lay a human-based selfishness that threatened true freedom.” Youth who had already rejected the mainstream liberal churches and synagogues, and who had the rebirth experience those churches talked about but never delivered, assented. “The fact of the matter,” Shires continues his reading of Schaeffer, “was the liberals curtailed liberties, especially the religious freedoms of biblically grounded Christians. Their political and social ridicule of fundamentalists and their liberally inspired judicial decisions, which forbade Christians to live out their faith in public classrooms, were not a testimony to freedom but rather a practice of intolerance and oppression...” (159)

Hippies of the Religious Right
By Preston Shires
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Within a few years, if not a few months, of engaging the hippie lifestyle, many youths encountered a combination of guilt, remorse and brokenness, and realized that the bus they were on was going nowhere.



Schaeffer found the Republicans of the time to fit his framework and the Democrats to be party to secular humanistic values, “accommodationists with the technocracy. Schaeffer concluded that by positioning biblically grounded Christians more decidedly alongside Republicans, even secular humanist Republicans when biblically permissible, he could further the gospel cause in America and help to spiritually revolutionize Americans.” (162)

Organizations such as Christian Voice, the Moral Majority, the Eagle Forum, the Heritage Foundation, the Christian Coalition served as vehicles through which ex-hippie “Jesus Freaks” mobilized to give political expression to their spiritual values. “Evangelical churches in California that listened to Christian Voice now included many of the former Jesus Freaks, and the attributes of these Jesus People had been injected into the life of those churches.” (165) Thus, the activist, change-the-world confidence of the hippies was nurtured in the womb of welcoming church communities, and by the 1980s, “the Christian Right became firmly established upon the political landscape.”

In conclusion, Shires argues that it is deeply mistaken to view the Religious Right as a “reactionary movement fomented by enraged fundamentalists who had ... come round to rebelling against the sixties.” (209) To the contrary, it represents a countercultural impulse that stood at the forefront of social change, radically rejected the inherited establishment, questioned everything and sought new answers that would refashion the self and the world. How the hippie vanguard wound up among the leadership of the Religious Right is a fascinating story well worth telling, and Shires has done a great job of it. I do, however, have a few comments.

Shires is fair and value-free in his treatment. At the outset he prepares the reader by informing us that he going to take the language of the Religious Right at face value and not put quotes around terms such as “family values.” This is appreciated and sincere; and Shires does give credit where such is due. Pat Robertson, for one, comes off extremely well as Shires documents him risking his career to stand against racism early in his life. Hal Lindsey and other scions of the Right also shine through the sacrifices and sincere religious service they exhibited early on. These are no Johnny-come-lately’s; they paid their dues on the street, bringing people to Christ and serving the cause of social justice without fanfare and at significant personal sacrifice. The gen-

uine religiosity of these men and women shines through the narrative.

At the same time, Shires’s overall tone is that history took a wrong turn when the hippies moved to the right, and it would have been much more logical and constructive if they had turned left. He concludes the book by pointing out that the Bush administration is failing to fulfill the countercultural values of the Religious Right and now is the time for the Left to recapture the countercultural energy and voters that back in the 60s were on its side. I think he is mistaken here. This is because he pays virtually no attention to the most significant aspect of the hippies turning to Jesus and shaping the Religious Right.

Shires’s explanation of the move to the Right—that the hippies could fulfill their ideals of the golden rule and expressive individualism more fully through evangelical Christianity than the hippie lifestyle—is correct but doesn’t go deep enough. If Shires’s explanation is complete, then the countercultural power of the hippie generation can swing to the Left without much trouble. But Shires does not grasp fully why the hippies went to the Right and why it will take a much greater evolution of the Left in order to win them back. In short, the hippies moved to evangelical Christianity because offered freedom from free sex and drugs and provided a superior alternative.

Shires does not give due regard for the power of sex and drugs in the hippie culture. Free sex and drugs provided the religious dimension, the meat and potatoes that nourished the hippie soul. Within a few years, if not a few months, of engaging the hippie lifestyle, many youths encountered a combination of guilt, remorse and brokenness, and realized that the bus they were on was going nowhere. The street missionary’s message began with a call to renounce sex and drugs, and begin a new life with a greater high and hope for real love through Jesus and the spirit-filled Christian community. This is the meat and potatoes—okay, bread and wine—of the Religious Right. Those who stayed on the Left did not get that message. The Left did not renounce free sex and drugs, and still has not renounced sex and drugs.

Shires tends to underestimate the intelligence and authenticity of the hippies in their shift to conservative Christianity. The move to Christianity was not a happenstance, a grateful response to bed and breakfast in a minister’s house. Its staying power after forty years is evidence of deeper historical dynamics, those endemic to authentic, enduring spirituality and family. Drugs and free sex don’t work. Surrender of one’s life to God in a coherent religious community and fidelity to marriage and family does work. To recapture the generation it had in its hand in the sixties, the Left will have to transform itself even more than did the Right when it opened its doors to the unwashed youth on the streets, seeing in them not future voters, but souls in need of a Savior. The move of a generation to the Right was not politically motivated, and those of the Left who think that it was, and that better politics will bring that generation back, still haven’t tuned in. ♦

Suicide Prevention Work in Montana

by Pastor Mike Yakawich

On the week of September 9th-15th was Suicide Prevention Week. As the Chairman of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley, this issue has been a very important part of my ministry. It has impacted rural areas as dramatically as the urban areas. The toll that suicide has waged upon our nation is appalling and is worthy of being addressed. There are 29,000 plus reported suicide deaths in this nation with 775,000 Americans attempting suicide each year.

At our kick off for that week, we held a press release. We had requested and received a proclamation from the Mayor of Billings. In this public setting, one of our city council woman read the proclamation. "Public awareness of this terrible problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life and the risk for human self destruction can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment."

We also had a spokesperson from the Indian Health Department since suicide crosses over all racial, religious and cultural boundaries. In addition, we had representative from our U.S. Senators and U.S. Congressman who



spoke from their hearts on the need to address this preventable social issue. "Through an increase in awareness and advocacy, we will be able to identify warning signals and prevent the tragedy of suicide."

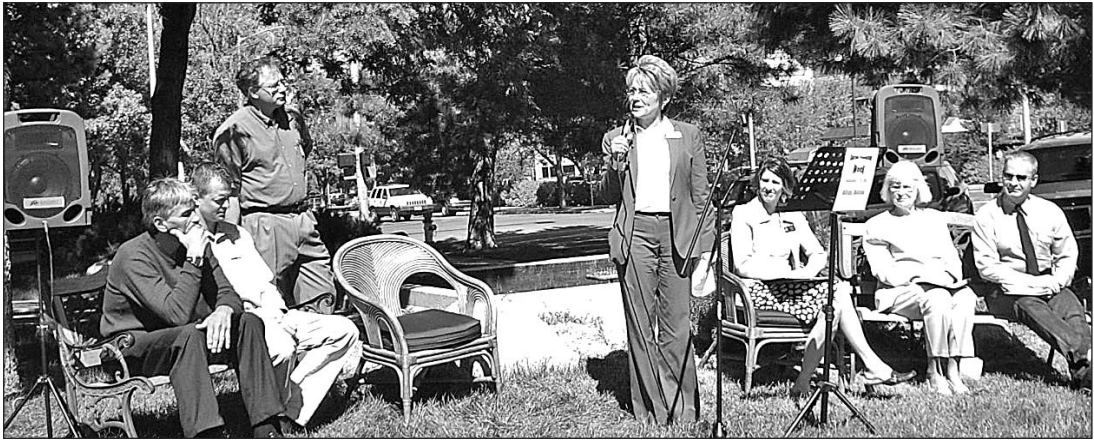
Although the week has passed, as a pastor of our church, I feel we all need to continue to educate ourselves on suicide prevention. There is training for those who wish to pursue this topic

even more such as Question, Persuade and Refer Training (QPR) and ASIST Training. There is a great stigma to this issue. However, we have discovered that to talk and educate people on this issue actually decreases suicide. Remarkably, the more that this topic is addressed and the more information we gain about it, the more it is preventable.

We have been working as a coalition with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), city and county health professionals, state to local mental health plus school counselors and survivors. The survivors, members of a family who lost a loved one to a completed suicide, have really supported and encouraged me to take leadership for this coalition. Their desire to heal their own hearts by contributing to the community in prevention and awareness of suicide has been a

great contribution to our coalition.

We have found through the CDC (Center for Disease Control) that suicide trends among youths and young adults aged 10-24 has increased in the United States from 1990 to 2004. Therefore, "Prevention measures should address the underlying reasons for suicide in populations that are vulnerable," stated the CDC in the September 7th, 2007 Weekly MMWR. As a pastor and member in our community, I am implored to take on such issues to the best of our ability. Certainly, we are "One Family Under God" and when one child (no matter what age) is lost, it is a loss to our family. In the same vain, if we can save others from this spiritual and emotional tragedy, we strengthen, support and ensure our one family under God. I am very grateful for Father Moon who encourages us to be a positive influence in our community to the capacity we can achieve. May God Bless our Nation!❖



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ing at the Manhattan Center the lead soprano would not sing until her chiropractor came and made an adjustment. The entire chorus and orchestra waited, costing the record label tens of thousands of dollars. She felt that she really couldn't sing her best without her back being in line. This was a recording that would go down for posterity and she had to be at her best. Was she just the prima donna of the opera company or was she being a "prima donna"?

You want to be your best and look your best and sound your best. But how much is too much? You need to be honest with yourself, with your original mind, about your motivation. And a special note: A conductor or a manager or a central figure can also be a "prima donna". Be careful.

The creative process is seductive, addictive. It can suck you in and keep you. That can be good or bad. You create and you look and listen and experience your creation. You receive joy from your creation. You're a God. You're tapping into a special power. It can be used for great good, or not. Make sure your right, make sure your motivation is good, because there can be tremendous energy in either direction and once

you're in it, it's hard to have perspective. Again, out of intellect emotion and will, expressed in truth beauty and goodness, which has gotten us into the most trouble?

In real harmony, whether in music or with people, the different elements need to supplement and compliment each other.

Henry Ford who created the Ford Motor Company and was father of the modern assembly line is another example. He was not formally educated but created an extremely successful enterprise. He was known to have people around him to answer questions in their particular area of expertise. If a question came up at a meeting he could just turn around and get the answer. He used harmony.

Harmonious relationships

In music there are a couple of ways to make and maintain harmony. Often both methods are used together. The performers can listen to each other to be sure they blend well. And they can also watch the conductor and unite with the direction given. In our missions, sometimes we just need to follow the direction, make unity and be obedient. This can be for practical issues or to lay a "Foundation of Substance". But sometimes we'll accomplish much more with harmony. If one musician is

too loud the conductor can make a hand signal to bring his volume down a bit. As performers, we can't always hear or see from the larger perspective. This is the value of a conductor or manager. If a staff member has the wrong perspective, the leader can correct it.

If we really believe in making harmony, the member should go to the leader, sincerely and humbly, and try to resolve differences. And the leader should make the effort to listen and explain things to the member to create an opportunity for harmony. Walking away or sending someone away is, in a sense, against what we claim to believe in. It communicates a different message. In the term "Subject - Object relationship" sometimes the emphasis needs to be on the first part, subject - object, and sometimes it should be on the second part, relationship. We need to help develop this culture if we want harmony and not just unity. If the family is the model, as Father points out, these relationships are more than positions. Remember, Cain and Abel were also brothers.

A Culture of Heart

The first generation went off across the wilderness. We dropped everything including passions and aptitudes. Hopefully some fallen nature was left behind as well. We didn't create a culture. We

were on the front line.

But now we need to create a culture to maintain and expand our great ideology. Just speeches won't do it. If the kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom of speeches, I don't really want to go, do you? There is certainly strong culture to proliferate fallen morality. There is also plenty of New Testament culture. We need completed testament culture. Chun Il Guk culture. So let's encourage those who have the ability to make heavenly music and art to proliferate heaven's culture. But a society's culture is more than its art. It includes the way people relate to each other, the way businesses and governments are run. If Family is the model, as Father stresses, even exchange marriages between enemies, and divorce is not an option, then certainly disputes between brothers should be resolved. Bosses should not be too quick to fire employees if there's hope to improve things. Members should not walk out instead of trying to communicate. We have a culture of peace-building, of restoration, of making (remember the topic?) harmony.

Don't create art for yourself. Move people. Inspire people. It's good to be proud and confident but find a balance of humility. And whether an artist or not, let's make the harmony happen in our lives. ❖

THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION



The following was written, at my request, by my 84-year-old next door neighbor. He has asked to remain anonymous, but the few things I can mention of him are that he is worth somewhere between 150 and 200 million dollars (my best estimate based on his former position, the current value of his company, and the years he's been in business) and that he is not only the kindest millionaire I've ever met--albeit, I've not known many--but he is also one of the nicest individuals I've known period. Here is the short introduction he's written, followed by his answer to my question, "What do you love most about being rich?"

Although my early years were spent as one of seven children in a typical lower-middle class home, I was only twelve or so when I first started to become confident that one day I would go on to prosper as a significantly succesful, and concomitantly wealthy, individual. What founded this early assumption of mine was the fact that, for whatever God-given reason, I had never been distracted in my adolescence by the many cheap hooks and hedonistic snags that so often stole the attention of my peers.

Though I lacked in other facets and suffered my own particular hang-ups and self-inflicted misfortunes, the three gifts that somehow always seemed in me both effortless and ample were focus, creativity, and passion. It was these qualities that produced in me a solid work ethic and fervor for life; as well, instilled in me a certain trust that I was somehow "geared" toward great sucess.

I want to make clear that becoming superficially successful or superfluously rich were never aims of mine, but merely what I considered to be the likely byproducts of my actual aspiration, which was simply to prevail in my intentions to live a full and honest life. My emphasis was never on business; my emphasis was always on family and my soul's own personal growth. When I founded my company in the early fifties, my motivation was to do well enough to be able to invest in the things I loved and believed in, both in the larger community and my immediate family. I wanted to be a philanthropist, a father, a

husband, a friend, a brother, a son, and little else.

I am retired now, at least in the professional sense. I live in a nice, but not extravagant, home. I drive an old MG convertible because it's the first car I ever loved. I have three wonderful, financially independent children who have each gone on to make their own small fortunes and live worthwhile, altruistic lives. My

it when their back is turned.

9. Spinning the globe, dropping my finger on a random point, and flying to the location that night to spend a weekend making friends with the locals.

8. Never-ending college courses at all my favorite universities.

7. Coming across a great short

their new start.

3. The letters I frequently receive from the thousands of children from third-world countries whom I've sponsored over the years. (Many of them are now succesful, healthy adults with families!)

2. The irony of having been able to give my children everything that they ever really needed without having actually needed myself a single one of my dollars to do so.

1. The handful of people who I know genuinely love me despite my financial assets. Without my wealth as a test I never would have known the true extent of my friendships with these inviduals.

These items are in no particular order. And by them, I do not mean to boast or judge less generous individuals of the financially elite. I simply trust the intentions of my friend with the simple question he posed to me, and wanted to do the best that I could to provide him with an honest answer. Also, I would like to close with this final plug. Last year, my children all came to the consensus that they did not want to receive any monetary inheritance from me after my death. Honoring this wish of theirs, I will be on the

lookout in my final years for good people who could use a little help. After all, I have no need for what I got for where I hope I'm going.

Confession: The above was actually not written by my 84-year-old next-door neighbor. He does not even exist, though I hope that there are individuals out there like him that do. I myself wrote this entire piece as a work of fiction. I am a 23-year-old something-or-other who earns about \$1500 a month. My questions to you are, "Do you think many individuals like the philanthropist I've created here actually exist in the world?" "Who are the best examples of this type of character amongst the current financial elite?"

Anonymous ❖

What I Love About Being

Rich

beloved wife died twenty years ago, but I am happy to say that I have remained faithful to her (both in body and in heart) to this very day. I will die soon from a progressive illness that originated a few years back, but I am not afraid to go.

My friend and neighbor has asked me to make a list of what I love most about having earned my fortune, which was to have been preceded by the short introduction that I've just concluded here. So here it is now: how I find love through my millions and resultantly for my millions as well. Being the fan of Letterman that I am, I'll arrange my list in a "Top Ten" format.

10. Leaving \$100 bills in the tip jars of baristas, clerks, attendants, etc. who impress me as good people. The best is to do

story written by a rookie fiction writer, and paying that person to author their first novel. And similarly, funding a great film project that no production company would ever dare to make.

6. Paying people to do the things I don't have time for. Like create and run schools, hospitals, orphanages, non-profit organizations, etc.

5. Finding people who from humble positions are attempting to do great things, and donating toward their efforts.

4. Reading about sincere individuals trying to make the best of tragedy and find purpose in their suffering, tracking those people down, and providing them with the financial means to begin



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A Message from the Assistant Editor

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The Stuff Dreams are Made Of

By Chris Breland

What are dreams made of? If you asked me this question 3 years ago, I would probably say dreams the things that we conjure in our minds when we go to bed, but have no real bearing on our lives on a day-to-day basis. I would have said it is good to have dreams, but it is dangerous to expect them to come true, because chances are you'll end with disappointment. But that isn't my viewpoint anymore. It would be wrong to say that my idea about dreams has changed because of a single event. I think that God has been working on all of us in many different ways, to mold us into people that could live beyond our dreams. The past three years have been an exciting and tumultuous time for me.

I got blessed to my beautiful wife, Joletta, who has always been a blessing to me in the greatest extent of the word. I have also been going to school at a great university, which comes with all sorts of challenges and difficulties. I've had a chance to live in three different states, for periods of months at a time, and meet more people than I'd ever known in my entire life. I've also had to cope with the death of my grandmother, who may not be here now but is surely resting in Heaven. It's easy to be distracted by all that's been happening, and forget about the big picture. But now that I take a chance to look around, I see a world I have never known before.

I can see that dreams are coming true every day. Even just three short years ago, would you

have believed all your new technology would have been severely outdated by now? These days, we have iPhones and Blackjacks that seem to have all the working capability of a home computer right in your pocket! In medicine, we are seeing the production of artificial arms, legs, and even eyes, giving disabled people a renewed hope in the future. Digital cameras are as thin as a cookie wafer, and can take pictures with precision and resolution that was previously unreachable.

With the rate that things are becoming minimized and networked, you can't help but acknowledge you're a part of a world community. Networks like Facebook and Friendster have connected people from varying corners of the world into a global family. And in terms of providential history, did you think the possibility of an Abel UN would have been a remote possibility by now? Yet already Father is moving forward with this idea so that it will soon be a reality in our world.

We are living in an amazing time! Whatever your dreams, you are living in a time where they are becoming a reality. Yet many of us choose to run away from the world, afraid of the new developments around us. Instead of embracing the amazing time we live in, many of us are choosing instead to cling to old ideologies and ideas worked well in the past. But we can't do this anymore! As things are moving towards the fulfillment of Providential history, we cannot stand by the sidelines and watch it go by. We have to get involved.

We need to use the amazing tools that are now at our disposal and spread our message to the world. Never before have we seen the possibility for widespread broadcasting of the Word of God. Imagine what Jesus could have done if he were born at this time. He would have broadcasted his message by television. He would have hundreds of

chat rooms and blogs dedicated to spreading his vision. There would not be one spot on the planet where someone would not hear about or be inspired by his message. We have all the technologies that can bring people to God, and we need to use them to the best of our abilities.

If we doubt ourselves now, it cannot come at a worse time. Now is the time we should be the most confident. I have seen amazing changes happening in my own community of Philadelphia. Although the city still in shambles with the spread of crime, drugs, and racism, we are battling back with the hope that things can change. We are working with many ministers to bring back peace to the streets of Philadelphia through the ACLC. We are reconstructing our church which has fallen into disrepair over the years, in the process of transforming it into a youth center that will be available for all 2nd Gen in our area. And we are going to see that the truth we have is a powerful tool that can fight against any force that may try to stop us. I feel we are about to reap in the spiritual whirlwind.

Do you have a dream? Would you like to see it become reality? There has never been a better time. I know that I've had my doubts before. But with the rampant changes I see occurring in the world right now, I know that whatever your dream, aspiration, or desire, you will start to see it coming true, and sooner than you may think.

Chris Breland is a senior at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. He is making the church center available to any 2nd Gen wishing to live in the heart of University City. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact him at cbrzland@hotmail.com.

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There is a tremendous need for effective curricula in each of the target age groups. Currently, some centers are using the national curriculum while others have simply done their best to teach Divine Principle or the Bible or a combination of the two. Then there are other church centers that are not doing any kind of educational program because they don't have any type of curriculum or outline from which to work. Therefore, we wish to encourage those with the desire, experience or means to develop curricula that can be used in: K-6 Sunday Schools , Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries and even Adult Ministries.

In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

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Mikio Yoshida
IRFF Special Project Organizer

It was a great privilege to be able to spend two weeks in Zambia organizing activities with the local International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) directors from July 17 to August 1, 2007. We used a holistic approach that combined successful elements of each project effectively. As the special project organizer, I visited both Lusaka, the capital, and Ndola, the second largest city in Zambia, in order to connect two projects by bringing the Mackenzie Little Angels from Ndola to join in the larger project and celebration.

In Lusaka, our work involved building a new classroom at the Vision of Hope orphanage, microfinance program for women of the John Laing community, and the Hibiki Music Ministry.

In Ndola, IRFF sponsored the Mackenzie Little Angels recording sessions and performance tour in Lusaka, the Supporting Success Scholarship awards ceremony, and visitation to members of the microfinance project.

John Laing Community

Lusaka is the capital City of Zambia with a population of five million. The level of unemployment is very high, and many parents cannot afford to send their children to school.

Vision of Hope, a non governmental organization, has been working in John Laing community, which is one of the poorest compounds in Lusaka, with a population of 600,000. More than four years ago, a learning center for orphaned and vulnerable children was established. Currently there are 250 children who attend lessons at this center. However, since building was covered only with sacks, children and teachers ran for cover each time it rained, bringing the end of lessons. IRFF Lusaka teamed up with Vision of Hope to assist in improving education of the children of John Laing community.

The building project at the John Laing community July 16-28 involved participants from Zimbabwe, Ndola, and the United States together. Nicholas Chisha, IRFF South East Africa Coordinator, managed well with IRFF director of Lusaka, Joas

Muvunda, as a project director and IRFF director of Ndola, Joseph, as a site director.

Collaboration with other non-governmental organizations is essential to make the best impact. But it also entails some difficulties.

The Vision of Hope staff was always struggling with maintaining the orphanage, their financial contribution was much smaller than our expectation, and miscommunication

The first group started their business immediately after the training. They proposed new ideas for their business and reported about their plan enthusiastically. Moreover, women for the first group, to show their sincere appreciation for the microfinance program, decided to return the loan in one month, so the other two groups could be empowered sooner. To further the progress, Joas Muvunda will have weekly meetings with members so they

our dreams. I taught children a new song about sexual purity, and the children happily sang it over and over. At that moment, I finally found their pure heart and smile.

During this time, Nicholas and I sang Zambian songs together at various occasions including the microfinance seminar, Sunday Service, and the Women's Federation for World Peace seminar for widows. Our singing helped people recognizing IRFF activities.

VIP Visiting

As a representative of IRFF HQ, I visited some VIPs in Lusaka. Firstly, I met former vice president Hon. General Masheke, who is the chairman of IIFWP of Zambia. He was exciting to hear about John Laing project and accepted willingly organizing Peace Embassy ceremony on July 29th. He regarded this ceremony as his event and made invitation letter by himself. We really appreciated with his support. And then, I and Nicholas could meet former UN Ambassador Mr. Tens Kapoma, who came to Benefit Concert last December, at Ministry of Foreign Affairs on July 20th. Now he becomes the general secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was very happy to hear about ongoing project in John Laing and promised to come to ceremony at Peace Embassy.

Finally, I visited Japanese Embassy to meet minister counselor Mr. Suzuki on 30th. He listened to IRFF activity in Lusaka and my music ministry. I showed him a video that Mackenzie Little Angels sung Japanese song "FURUSATO." It was not easy to make substantial relationship with Japanese Embassy, yet he encouraged me coming back again and reporting about IRFF.

Mackenzie Community Project in Ndola City

I moved to Ndola City on July 23 in order to make recording with Mackenzie Little Angels and to take care of ongoing project. I met them last year through IRFF Discover Tour and I have been supporting them by sending new uniform and African drums. It was a first time for Mackenzie Little Angels made a recording. They worked so hard to make this recording, even though it was the end of their semester and time

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for their exam. We recorded about 10 songs which will be made into a CD in near future.

We planned the Lusaka performance tour of the Little Angels to provide them next level of opportunity. In order to explain the purpose more clearly, we held a meeting for parents and then they were happy to send their children on the tour. The children sang at the John Laing community, the Peace Embassy, and Barastone School. In addition, they visited the national museum. For most of them, it was their first trip to Lusaka, and they were surprised at number of people, car, and buildings.

Nicholas and I organized Supporting Success Scholarship to sponsor both new and returning students were presented in a public ceremony on July 27. We explained the process of the yearlong fundraising efforts and the responsibilities that came with the awards.

We visited some stores run by microfinance members in Ndola. IRFF has been continuing the program for four years. Some members bought new house with their business income. One woman, who has 5 children, expressed her gratitude because their lives had improved with her small business. Another woman expressed her dream to open her own supermarket. Other women were also happy to maintain their live better that before by small

business. I felt that Mackenzie community had improved of the past last year. The houses were humble, but they showed what was possible.

We also welcomed two participants in IRFF's International Experiential Learning Program to Ndola. Clair and Nathalie arrived at Ndola Airport on July 26 evening and they started service activities.

Celebration of Peace

Almost 60 participants, including several Ambassadors for Peace, attended the "Celebration of Peace" event at the Peace Embassy on July 29. This was a first time IRFF could promote our activities in Lusaka. Celebration this substantial

foundation for furthering the work of creating the culture of peace in Lusaka, Hon. General Malimba Masheke accepted the request to organize the celebration and composed the invitation letter.

I also appreciated with Rev. Farber helping us to realize this event successfully. At the same time, IRFF provided significant opportunity to Zambian members for proceeding UPF work by inviting Ambassador Kapoma. Finally, much credit and gratitude for the success of these IRFF activities goes to the Concert, which provided funds for the continuing success all of these endeavors. ❖

Help End Hunger

Yong Seok Kim

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, a middle school and college aged youth service project was held at Garden Harvest Farm (gardenharvest.org) under the vision "Help End Hunger". Services began with a brief talk focused on starting the new school year with God and the value of sticking together as Blessed Children.

eration and some parents out supporting the work on the farm. I feel that because we gathered for a higher purpose, then it uplifts our fellowship as well. I don't completely know what the goal of the project from youth ministry's perspective was, so it is difficult for me to comment on that, but it did seem that the primary focus was the service project. I suppose any kind of fellowship happens naturally. Also to simply be in a rural area surrounded by God's creation was very

made our way out to the G.H. farm west of Baltimore. About 70 plus parents and children of all ages gathered from all over the metro area to spend the day in service and fellowship together. Gregg Jones introduced us to the founder, Jim Dasher, who gave us a moving testimony of faith in the goodness of God about the beginnings and purpose of G.H. Amazing!

Then we organized into groups, rolled up our sleeves and got to work. Our group consisted

other groups, whom did construction and fence building work for a tasty BBQ and potluck lunch. It was very beautiful to see parents and children out in nature working together, the atmosphere was so joyful and invigorating, and in the end, we all took a photo together feeling like one family under God. Thank you for a wonderful day. ❖



Among other things, volunteers planted and mulched asparagus, painted the education building, moved cinder blocks for the building, cleaned stuff from the pool, and played volley ball and Frisbee.

The following includes two testimonies of the experience by two volunteers.

B Poland

This past Saturday was a truly enjoyable experience for my younger sister and me. I was happy to see so many second gen-

refreshing for me. I always feel God so deeply in nature and for that reason love it.

One thing I did not like about the project was at the end when Jim told everyone to leave by 4pm. For the amount of good that we did on the farm, and the farm being public land by Jim's own admission, that seemed very impolite and heavy handed.

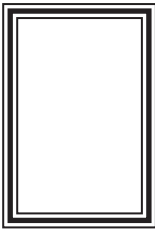
Annemarie Weinmann

Reflecting on the Garden Harvest service project and youth gathering, I feel Heavenly Father blessed us with a crisp, beautiful late summer day as we

of the youngest and oldest participants; we picked Asian pears in an orchard of some 400 trees. Mrs. Jones headed up the organizational side and soon we saw teams of three or more busily filling boxes with delicious fruit, putting in only the best. Of course, we had to try them ourselves and I am sure that for many of us this was the first time to eat a fruit that we picked directly from a tree. All the produce will be delivered to the soup kitchens in the area.

One challenge was the presence of wild bees that flew around us everywhere, we learned to be careful and stay out of their way. After three hours of hard and enjoyable work, we joined with the

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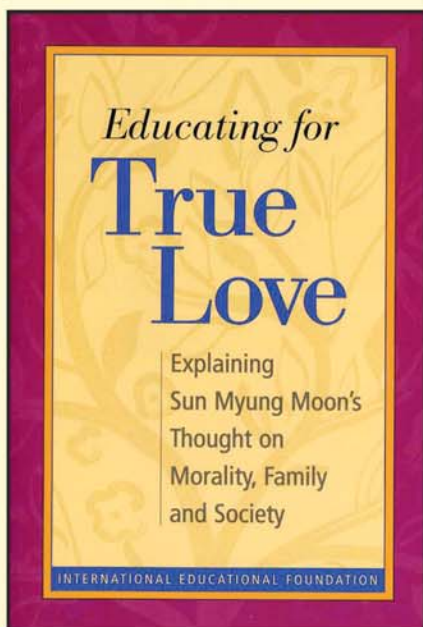
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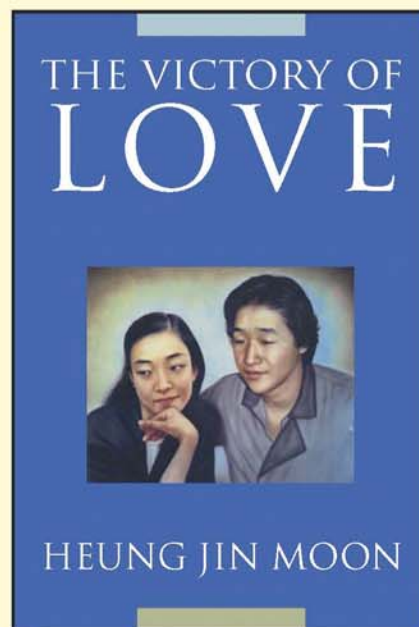
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