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One Family Under God

by Hyun Jin Moon

Excerpts of the address given at the Global Peace Festival, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on September 9, 2008

Esteemed dignitaries, family, friends, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Global Peace Festival in beautiful Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. It is a great honor and pleasure to be with you today in the heartland of Asia with my ethnic cousins to celebrate a vision of everlasting peace.

Just last month, the world gathered in Beijing, China for the Olympic Games, under the theme of "One World, One Dream." Let me take a moment to again congratulate Tuvshinbayar Naidan (Tushvee) and Badar-Uugan Enkhbat for winning the first ever gold medals for Mongolia in judo and boxing. Well done!

Today I want to share a vision of peace for Mongolia and all nations in this region. To begin with, we must admit that we will have to be bold and break new ground in our search for peace and prosperity, if we are to really go beyond the failures of our past.

We only need to look back to the last century to recognize the futility of tackling the world's prob-

lems through the same old military, economic, political, diplomatic and scientific solutions. Dealing with only the symptoms of global crisis and conflict and ignoring the root cause will not work. That is why even the grand vision behind the League of Nations and, later, the United Nations was unable to prevent the 20th century from being the bloodiest era in human history.

The world needs a new vision of peace for the 21st Century. Unlike the secular thinking of our recent past, it should be a spiritual vision, rooted in time-enduring values. That vision is "One Family under God!"

The one who has taken on the mantle to champion this vision around the world is none other than my father, the Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon. He has devoted his entire life, resources and wealth to the fulfillment of that dream.

The dream to build "One Family under God" is not the dream of just one man, woman or family but belongs to all humanity and, most of all, to God. As my father explained in one of his recent peace messages, "God, the Creator of all things under the sun, is the true parent of all humanity. He is not a parent in the parochial sense, existing only for a

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certain religion, a certain race, or the residents of a certain region."

You may call Him by any name, be it Jehovah, Allah, Heaven, or any other. What is important is that He certainly exists, lives as the true parent of all people, and is carrying on the great work of Creation.

Why is the family is the fundamental building block for peace? First and foremost, the family is universal. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality and religious affiliations, we are all members of families. Secondly, the family represents the most intimate of human relationships. We use familial terms to describe the closeness of any relationship, saying "that person is like my father, like my mother, like my brother, like my sister, like my son and like my daughter." Most importantly, the family is the school of love. I believe that the three-generational model of grandparents, parents and children is the paragon of family virtue.

Those generations represent the past, present and future living in harmony in one family, thus encapsulat-

ing the continuum of time and setting the basis of establishing everlasting peace centered upon true love.

Before we call ourselves Buddhist, Christian, or Muslim, before we see ourselves as black, white, or Asian, before we identify ourselves as Mongolian, Russian, or Chinese, we are first and foremost the eternal sons and daughters of God and members of his



eternal family. Therefore, we should own the dream to realize "One Family under God" one family at a time, by uplifting all families beyond race, nationality or creed.

The dream to build "One Family under God" should resonate with Mongolia's spiritual heritage, a heritage that goes all the way back to its pre-

history, very much like my native home of Korea. It was this heritage which prompted the most famous Mongolian, Chinggis Han, and later his family and descendants to undertake the enormous task of uniting the world under One Heaven. Mongolia's rich historical past is relevant in our age for creating a world of peace, especially here in Eurasia. The recent war in the South

Caucasus proves that the countries of this region still have a way to go to overcome these conflicts of the past.

Undecided territorial, ethnic and national divisions and broken economic and social ties all provoke instability, uncertainty and violence. The nations and peoples of this region need a new peace initiative, based upon a common vision. Recognizing the potential challenges of our

age, my father founded the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace in 2004 to "Do away with all the walls and national boundaries and bring together the six billion people of the world, through rallying together the interrelated people of Mongolian descent."

If Mongolia could own the vision of

"One Family under God" and align with the mission of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation, it could inspire the entire region to look beyond its narrow interests and recognize its common heritage and, thereby, its common future. Will you take on this challenge?

Creating a culture of service is necessary for peace to exist, and the Global Peace Festival has created a new spirit of volunteerism in many countries around the world.

At the Global Peace Festival in Paraguay, more than 10,000 high school and college students spent several weeks cleaning almost every park in the capital city of Asunción.

At the Global Peace Festival in Washington, DC, we worked with President George H. Bush's Points of Light Institute and held a food drive to feed the hungry in the nation's capitol.

In Kenya more than 25,000 volunteers helped clean the polluted banks of the Nairobi River.

Here in Mongolia, volunteers from Service for Peace and a dozen other agencies have been working to make the city of Ulaanbaatar a place of beauty and harmony for all its residents.

To all those who participated in these acts of service and kindness, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you!" I'd like to see Mongolia's volunteers and service partners joining with other nations, such as the United States, Russia, China, Europe and Asia to establish a Global Peace Corps. Imagine if young people from enemy nations worked side

OCTOBER 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 7th, 15th, 23th, 31st

- 1 Ocean Church Founded
- 2 Ji Hye Nim's Birthday (9/4/79)
- 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)
- 6 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 9 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- 10 New York City Symphony Orchestra Support Began (1975)
Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Shin Hyang Nim's Birthday (9/13/04)
Father's father's Ascension (1954)
National Professors and Students Federation for North-South
Reunification Established (1986)
Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Training Center
(1999)
- 14 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 16 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
Shin Ah Nim's Birthday (9/18/98)
- 21 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 22 Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- 23 Declaration Ceremony for the Liberation of the Parents of
Heaven and Earth and the Substantial Realm (1999)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 29 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)(1989)

NOVEMBER 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th,

- 1 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 3 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 10 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (10/13/63)
- 11 Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
- 14 International Christian Students Association Established
(1981)
- 15 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63)
Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 20 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 27 Sun Hwa Academy purchased (2002)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

DECEMBER 2008

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of
the Spiritual World (1997)
- 3 Yeon Ah Nim's Birthday (11/6/78)
- 4 Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association Est. (1966)
- 8 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
- 18 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (11/21/?)
Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 20 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 28 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
Shin Gil Nim's Ascension (2005)
- 29 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
International Cross-cultural Blessing Ceremony for World
Peace (2005)

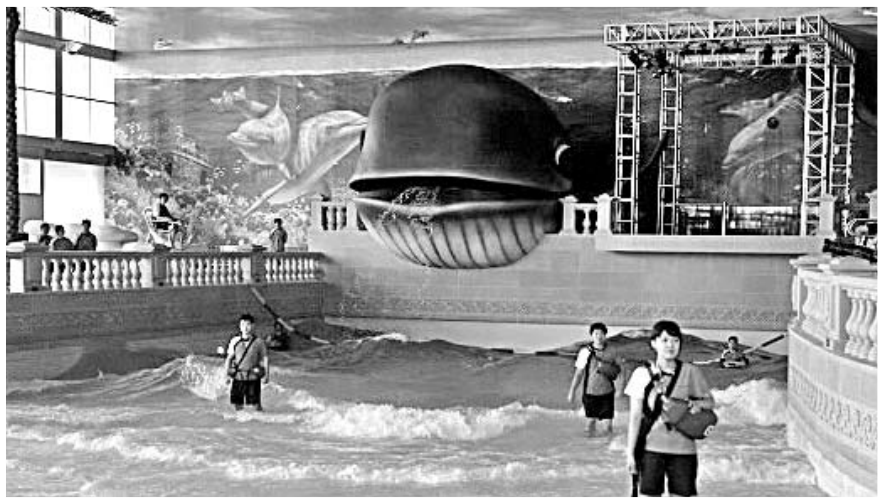
CALENDAR

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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by side in service with the heart of "living for the sake of others." Any misunderstandings and hatred that existed would fade away as they sweat, cry and laugh together with a common vision to build "One Family under God."

Another goal of the Global Peace Festival is to celebrate the common universal values shared by all faiths.

Religious and spiritual leaders must lead the peace process. Instead of advocating their own narrow doctrinal perspective, they must lead all people of faith to recognize the shared values and principles that come from our com-

mon heritage in one God.

I would like to suggest that all nations second the motion that my father made in the United Nations to establish an Interreligious Council of faith leaders, similar to the UN Security Council. This new UN council could be the forum for all faiths to find common ground and lead the peace process.

Let us be bold today and dare to dream big! Let us dream the greatest dream of all! You have already heard of the "Mongolian Dream," a dream to endow every child with a good education and a healthy life.

Today, I invite you to aspire to an even greater dream. That dream is "One Family under God." It should be the clarion call for our age. The power of one human family united can quell the turmoil of conflict throughout the world - from the conflict in the Middle East, to the final remnant of the Cold War on the Korean Peninsula, to the poverty and disease of Africa and to the civil, ethnic and national strife of Eurasia.

As we stand under the steadfast gaze of our ancestors, let us make a solemn pledge to lead the world to peace by realizing the dream to create "One Fam-

ily under God." Then, as surely as light overcomes the darkness, an era of peace and prosperity will emerge from the depths of distrust and hatred both at home and in the far corners of our world.

Together, we can dare to dream the greatest dream of all! Let us own the dream to create "One Family under God." May God bless you and your families, this great nation of Mongolia and all the nations represented here. Thank you very much!❖

GLOBAL PEACE FESTIVAL

Mongolians Choose Peace

by Michael Balcomb
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In a moving and dramatic display of national pride and unity, the citizens of Mongolia made a clear commitment to peace and prosperity at the Global Peace Festival in Ulaanbaatar September 9, 2008. Just a few short weeks after disputed elections threatened to bring this historic Asian nation to the brink of civil war, Sukhbaatar Square was once again filled with a huge crowd. This time, they sang and danced for peace.

The Festival marked the culmination of several days of activities including a city-wide service effort, a youth arts competition, speaking, dancing and song contests and an International Leadership Conference drawing delegates from Asia, Europe, and Oceania.

"Mongolia, Eurasia and the whole world need a new vision of peace for the 21st Century," said Universal Peace Federation co-chair Dr. Hyun Jin Moon in his keynote address. "Unlike the secular thinking of our recent past, it should be a spiritual vision, rooted in universal values. Although territorial, ethnic and national divisions and broken economic and social ties all provoke instability, uncertainty and violence, the nations and peoples of this region need a new peace initiative based upon our common values. That vision, of One Family under God, is the clarion call of our age!"

With over 50 percent of Mongolia's population now jostling for space in Ulaanbaatar, the city is facing a crisis as it struggles to make room. Most at risk are the children of new arrivals. The Women's Federation for World Peace has been providing schooling, cloth-

ing, and meals at the fast-growing Yargui Kindergarten. Volunteers from the Global Peace Festival helped beautify and grade the school grounds, removing dangerous rocks and working with the children to paint cheerful murals pointing to a better future. Now

public safety. "Projects like this can help us all realize that we must take responsibility together."

The Global Peace Festival is creating a new sense of civic pride in cities around the world. Even small acts of service help create a new culture of

this peace education initiative can be an important first step."

The UPF program is gaining a solid reputation as new paradigm of leadership and good governance. "At the Global Peace Festival in Nairobi, Kenya, Prime Minister Raila Odinga credited

our Peace Principles with having helped him to defuse a post-election crisis," says Secretary General Thomas Walsh, "and in Nepal we were also able to play a significant role in bringing warring parties to the table."

In addition to the UPF Peace Principles, the conference also included special sessions of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace, examining the legacy of the golden age of Mongolia under Chinghis Han, and the role that Mongolian family traditions might play on a larger regional stage.

Despite a cold rain and chilly breeze, a large and enthusiastic crowd started to assemble early for the finale celebration in Mongolia's most famous public space. Anxious to help rather than just be spectators, many of those present had participated in the earlier service projects; some had helped financially by adding donations to their ticket purchases. The event was broadcast live and on the internet by Ulaanbaatar Broadcasting System (UBS), which reported "hits" from viewers around the world.

"This is the start of a better day for our country," said UPF-Mongolia Secretary General Enkhtaivan Chinzorig. "We're very grateful to the hundreds of partners and sponsors who helped us to come this far. Now our challenge will be to take this momentum and work for lasting change in the months to come." ❖



in its 8th year, Yargui is the only school for hundreds of families living in near-slum conditions on Ulaanbaatar's dusty outskirts.

The project at Yargui was just one of a city-wide initiative encouraging young Mongolians in particular to take responsibility for their neighborhoods and their cities, including a cleanup day that attracted more than 11,000 volunteers. "It's more than just an aesthetic choice," said Ulaanbaatar planning director Delger Bayar, commenting on a recent spate of manhole cover thefts that pose a real threat to pub-

cooperation and involvement.

In addition to widespread civic action, the Universal Peace Federation is committed to leadership education as an important step in bringing peace. The International Leadership Conference was attended by 250 delegates from 38 nations, including more than 20 former heads of state and senior government ministers from central Asia and Oceania. "We need to find a better way to choose better leaders," said the Hon. Stanislav Shushkevich, former president of Belarus and a member of the UPF Presiding Council, "and

financially by adding donations to their ticket purchases. The event was broadcast live and on the internet by Ulaanbaatar Broadcasting System (UBS), which reported "hits" from viewers around the world.

2008 Kenya GPF Victory

Nairobi's sensation goes beyond Kenya and spreads across the African continent

Kenya, Africa is the third nation to hold '2008 GPF' (Global Peace Festival). Programs including ILC and GPF were held in her capital, Nairobi, from August 29 to 31. Kenya is the center of trade and finance in Eastern Africa, and unlike her neighboring countries, she is a Christian nation with more than 70% of the people being Protestants or Catholics. Centering on the vision 'One Family under God,' GPF displayed the power of love; reassembling the broken puzzle for peace in the nation. An amazing wave is rising in this nation on the equator known for its Maasai Tribe reaching all of Africa.

Kenya is a nation prepared to realize God's ideal of 'One Family under God' in Africa. Centering on Christianity and Catholicism, a majority of the



people naturally love and follow God, and they lead harmonious lives with other religions. In comparison to other African countries, Kenya values family, and a lifestyle of attending God is

publicly fixed. GPF was introduced in a live, nationwide talk show called 'Good Morning Kenya' from a state operated TV station KBC (Kenya Broadcasting Corporation). The host started the show

with a prayer, which shows that a faithful religious culture is rooted in their daily lives.

Based on such culture, the attitudes and interests of the Kenyan leadership participating in the ILC were exceptional. No one was late to the lectures, everybody listened attentively, and they did not forget to ask enthusiastic questions. The participants showed deep interest especially in God's vision, providence, and its direction.

On the other side, the participants' passionate interests and responses is relevant to Kenya's recent political crisis. As an aftermath of the presidential election in December 2006, conflict among tribes deepened in Kenya, which was known as Africa's politically model nation, and hundreds of people lost their lives. In the 2007 presidential election, counting of ballots

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Call for Peace and Unity in Mindanao, Philippines

Amidst the ceaseless struggle between the government and the radical Islamic groups in the Philippine island of Mindanao, a new hope for peace and unity has dawned in this "Promised Land," as the Philippines is often called. On September 19-21, 2008, the Mindanao leg of the Global Peace Festival was held in the city of Cagayan de Oro, culminating a series of conferences, service projects, and other initiatives all organized for the cause of bringing peace in the island and making its people owners of the vision of "One Family Under God." Co-chaired by Dr. Haja Esnaira Estrella Abid-Babano, Regional Director of the Department of Education-Region X, and Hon. Constantino G. Jaraula, Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, this Global Peace Festival was a big step towards the realization of peace in Mindanao and the entire nation of the Philippines.

Peace Village Exposure Opening the Global Peace Festival Celebration was the Peace Village Activity on September 19 in Tubod, Lanao del Norte. The program, which was organized and sponsored by the Department of Education Region X, gathered 4,000 teachers and 4,000 students together with the International Leadership Conference participants, Global Peace Festival staff, and several international guests. Governor Khalid Q. Dimaporo supported the event together with a number of mayors and other officials from the different local government units in the province. The good governor even hosted lunch for everybody.

Also a part of the Mindanao Peace Initiative, this Peace Village project is a living example of how young Muslim and Christian students live together harmoniously respecting each others' religious traditions, customs, and beliefs, thus proving that everyone despite his or her religion is a part of one human family under one divine parent. The Peace Village exposure served as practicum for the ILC participants. There, everyone witnessed how it is truly possible to learn the ways of peace and unlearn the ways of violence.

International Leadership Conference
The International Leadership Conference at the Pryce Plaza Hotel in Cagayan de Oro brought together 287 supervisors and superintendents from the Department of Education, mayors and councilors from different local government units, as well as heads of the diverse tribes in Mindanao. With the theme "The Need for Vision and Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis: Building Partnerships among Governments, Faith-Based Organizations and NGOs," the ILC stressed basic universal principles that could lead the people of Min-

danao in the realization of peace and harmony.

The conference itself was well attended. Senate President Manny Villar, as represented by his brother Mr. Jojo Villar, gave the keynote speech during the opening plenary. Mayor Constantino

Limketkai Mall as they participated in the first day of the conference. Bands, singers, and dancers gave entertainment to all the guests. Inspirational messages from Governor Dimaporo of Lanao Del Norte, Mr. Yequing Victor Lee, Mr. Aya Goto, and Senate President Manny Villar moved the hearts of the young and young at hearts not to mention the very vibrant speech of the energetic UPF Regional Chair, Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Former Miss Teen Philippines 2007, Ms. Maxine Monasterio, hosted the conference.

On September 20, around 3,000 youth from different schools, colleges, and universities shook the grounds of

son Joey de Venecia paid a visit and gave very stirring speeches. Three hundred leaders were appointed Youth Ambassadors for Peace. The conference ended with the launching of the YFWP Cagayan de Oro Chapter.

Over all, the summit was a success not just because of the histories it made or the number of people it gathered but the excitement and the bonds it created among the young leaders of the city. The summit is just a stepping stone to the greatest journey the youth sector will be embarking.

Global Peace Festival Main Event

The Global Peace Festival Main Event was held at the Capitol Grounds in Cagayan de Oro City on September 21 in celebration of the International Day of Peace. All the vibrant colors of Mindanao were unfurled as the 3,000 members of the different ethnic tribes including the Subanens, Higonons, Balangas and others performed their traditional dances during the parade and pre-program. Garbed in bright costumes, they danced along the streets of Cagayan de Oro to the delight of the people until they reached the main venue of the program in front of the Capitol Building. The lively and heart-stopping performances from the delegation of the different tribes in Mindanao with their rich and colorful costumes added more joy and festivity to the event. Their dance numbers showed how unity is achieved even in diversity.

Before the main program officially started, high school students along with the audience recited the Pure Love Pledge, as they committed themselves to keeping their purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage. Right there and then, True Love Power International offered the 1.4 million signatures of high school students who pledged to keep their purity to Senate President Manny Villar, who was again represented by his brother, Mr. Jojo Villar.

International blessed families were also called onstage to share about their unique experiences as they live together despite their differences. They showed how the family is indeed the school where children learn the values of love and peace so they can practice it in the society where they live in.

To officially open the Global Peace Festival Main Event, Hon. Governor Oscar Moreno of the Province of Misamis Oriental gave the 13,000 people in the audience a warm welcome. He emphasized that only through peace that is all encompassing can we achieve peace and prosperity in the nation and the world.

Dr. Estrella Babano, as Co-Chair of Global Peace Festival-Mindanao, challenged everyone to work for peace with the recognition that since we came from one Creator, we are all one family under God. She urged everyone not to wai-

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Jaraula of Cagayan de Oro welcomed all the guests to the "City of Golden Friendship," as it is commonly known. In the evening of September 20, he hosted a welcome banquet for all of the guests and participants. For his part, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Jose de Venecia gave the congratulatory remarks during the closing ceremony of the conference in the morning of September 21.

As a response to the call of the times, the Mindanao Peace Initiative (MinPI) was also officially launched during the ILC. Without a doubt, this initiative will create a strong social impact to revive the peace process in Mindanao.

International Youth Summit
History was written superbly by the youth leaders of Cagayan de Oro. The International Youth Summit 2008 held September 20-21 with the theme of "A Culture of Love: The Fuel Towards Peace and Development" was the first activ-

On, September 21, another momentous event happened in the city. It was the second day of the summit at the Dynasty Court Hotel. Leaders from the youth sector convened to upgrade their leadership skills and convictions as they listened to the sessions given by Dr. Ann Montejo-Arevalo and Dr. Robert Kittel. To the surprise of our young leaders, Hon. Jose de Venecia and his

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stopped broadcasting after 70% of the votes had been counted, where the candidate from the opposition party was leading against President Kibaki by more than one million votes. And after three days, the government declared the president as being reelected. Political confusion in Kenya expanded from that event.

In order to straighten things out and prevent further confusion, many leadership including the former UN secretary general Kofi Annan and other African national leaders became the arbitrators. At this time, the presidential candidate Raila Odinga's brave decision brought an early end to the situation. He is the leader of the number one party not in office, Orange Democratic Movement, and has been investing his whole life to make Kenya a nation of peace and prosperity for God. He had been deeply moved by True Parents' UPF and its vision 'One Family under God.' After he was appointed as a Peace Ambassador in the 2006 ILC held by True Parents in Korea, he participated in many ILCs, and he was inspired by True Parents' ideology. He is also the most popular politician in Kenya. He has once declared that 'One Family under God' is the core vision that could revive his country. The day after he was appointed the Prime Minister, he met with Thomas Walsh who was sent as the UPF special envoy and Hee Sun Ji, Chairman of Kenya, and stated that Rev. Moon's teachings have influenced him to make such decisions to settle the crisis.

Even though GPF Kenya was facing the possibility of not taking place due to insecure political conditions, the righteous leader prepared by True Parents stood in the position of the Abel leadership and prepared the turning point for great victory.

Prime Minister Raila Odinga gave welcoming remarks at the GPF banquet on August 30 and emphasized that "GPF is presenting a startling vision that before we or our nation is a member of the political faction, we are God's children. The vision of building a society of one humankind and one family centering on God is a precious vision that ultimately binds all mankind as brothers and sisters." After this remark, in a separate conversation between President Hyun Jin Moon and Minister Odinga, President Moon captured the attention of this prepared leader who will be representing Kenya and Africa. While talking about the topic of cleaning the Nairobi River, President Moon moved Odinga's heart with the power of persuasion he has inherited from True Parents by saying that if Kenya moved forward with the heavenly fortune centering on the vision of GPF, time will come when she could revive the whole African continent along with the miracle at Nairobi River and awaken Europe as well, just like Korea, which was a nation of poverty, rose to be one of the top ten economically powerful nations through the Saemaoul Movement (new community movement) and the miracle at Han River.

The main festival for GPF Kenya 2008 was held at the Kenyatta Inter-

national Conference Center (Kenyatta is Kenya's first president). A crowd of 20,000 started to gather hours before the event and showed their passion by standing throughout the whole festival. Publicity about GPF by the media helped with such results, but the most effective advertisement and publicity was the vision and hope of GPF spread



from people to people.

Prime Minister Raila Odinga and his wife, who are also the people's idol, had been invited to American presidential candidate Obama's Danbury convention and were planning to attend, but they had cancelled it to attend the GPF event. Through his welcoming remarks, he conveyed to the audience his deep testimonies about True Parents, President Hyun Jin Moon, and the vision of GPF. The most inspiring moment was when he introduced President Hyun Jin Moon so passionately and sincerely in front of all the audience and in front of all the press. Before giving the speech, President Hyun Jin Moon held hands with Prime Minister Odinga and his wife and danced together all the way to the end of the stage, capturing the hearts of the unfamiliar audience at once and showed his leadership.

In the introduction of the speech



that followed, he opened by saying that "Prime Minister Raila Odinga is the first national leader that introduced my father and my family to the GPF participants most respectfully," and that "today is a historical day for not just Kenya but for Africa." In his keynote address, President Hyun Jin Moon testified about True Father's life and introduced Him as the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, his own father, and the audience responded with ardent cheers and applause. The crowd's enthusiastic reactions displayed how much the Kenyans love God and how much they long for peace. Due to such applauses, the speech had to be stopped and waited for the audience to calm down several times.

What is even more inspiring is that

he raised the pride of the Kenyans and got rid of any possible misunderstandings by stating that harmony and peace accomplished by Prime Minister Raila Odinga, our peace ambassador, and President Mwai Kibaki is the victory of great leadership and spirit of Kenya.

There was one incident where God's love for and presence in '2008 GPF Kenya' could be felt. At the beginning of the main festival, strong winds and dark clouds approached the area, and it became dark and the sky was filled with rain clouds as if it were going to rain any moment. However, surprisingly, before President Hyun Jin Moon's speech, the strong winds stopped quietly and the rain clouds passed through the area. One of the participants testified that "We Kenyans are very spiritual and religious, and the participants will attach great meaning to the natural phenomena that took place during President Hyun Jin Moon's speech. GPF is God's blessing and a vision that mankind should definitely accomplish."

Special guests including the track athletes of Kenya who participated in the 2008 Beijing Olympics attended the festival as well. Kenya is well known for sweeping gold medals for marathons and long distance running at the Olympics. Gold medalists for men and women's marathons and 3,000meter tracks at the Beijing Olympics attended GPF.

Countries adjacent to Kenya had their Cabinet members and major national leaders participate in the Kenya ILC and GPF, and the success stories of 2008 GPF Kenya are spread to other countries in Africa through them. Also from this opportunity, many African countries are informing us of their desire to hold ILC and GPF.

One of the reasons why '2008 GPF Kenya' is having such positive response from the Kenyans as well as other African countries is that GPF is not just an event but is a continuous education movement for the general public that is being settled as a culture of living for the sake of others. This time in Kenya, the extensive service project of cleaning up the badly polluted Nairobi River brought about great interest. Tens of thousands of volunteers participated in the project, and it was a significant experience especially for the Kenyan teenagers who realized once again the value and meaning of 'living for the sake of others.'

Chairman of Japan Do Soon Im and his wife Myung Ok Shim were the ones who were filled with the most inspiration and gratitude from GPF Kenya. With True Parents' special blessing, they visited Kenya with 25 Japanese leaders. Chairman Do Soon Im reflected on the past 10 years he worked as the National Messiah of Kenya while surviving malaria and cancer, and testified in front of the Japanese leaders that Hyun Jin Nim has brought completion to the 10 years of effort and that he has shown us how restoration of a nation starts through GPF.

The newly appointed continental director Hee Sun Ji who took over the preparation for GPF, which the former Chairman Dokuno Aigi had been working on, right after his inauguration on May 18 and led to great victory also expressed his sentiments. Between Congo that has many members and Kenya with no foundations, choosing Kenya for the purpose of a bigger challenge was not an easy decision. The background reason for deciding on Kenya was that even though the members' foundation in Kenya was small, they were strongly united internally and the continental headquarters was located in Kenya. To set conditional foundations, Continental director Hee Sun Ji held a 40 day DP workshop with over 60 public leaders and national presidents working in Africa and led external activities during the day. Such victory was possible because every member became one in their conditions and worked with passionate hearts centering on the vision of GPF.

Africa is still one of the continents known for its suffering from poverty, starvation, and dispute. That is why the African people's hope and expectations for peace is deeper and more sincere than those in any other continent. They are still devoting themselves to various efforts to put the broken pieces of the puzzle of peace. However, the efforts of politics, economy, culture, and religion for building a peaceful world should all be connected and focused centering on one vision. In this content, as



GPF continues in each continent, we can confirm that the vision of GPF, 'One Family under God' is the vision that today's mankind has been waiting and hoping for.

President Hyun Jin Moon held the victory celebration with the members on the morning of September 1 to offer victory of GPF Kenya to God and True Parents. Afterwards, he left for Japan, the mother nation, to check the preparation for GPF Japan to be held on November 15 and to give passion and conviction for GPF to the leaders, members, and peace ambassadors in Japan before attending GPF Mongolia on September 9.

We ask all leaders and members of the Unification movement for your prayers and conditions for all 2008 GPF events to be successful to aid in the providence toward the completion of Cheon Il Guk in the year 2013. ❖

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Continental Directors' Meeting

More than 5,000 gathered at the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum in Korea to celebrate the "Commemorative Ceremony to Celebrate the Realm of the Peace King under the Sacred Reign of Peace in the Jubilee Years, the 7th and 8th years of Cheon Il Guk" with the attendance of True Parents and the members of the True Family.

Through this event participants were able to share God and True Parents' miracle that was manifested through the recent helicopter accident. In order to inherit True Parents' victory, a Regional Presidents' Meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. on August 7, 2008.

At the meeting were In Jin Moon, who was newly appointed as the chairperson for the Unification movement in America; her husband; Hyung Jin Moon, FFWPU International President, Kook Jin Moon, chairman of the Foundation to Support the HSA-UWC; Kwon Jin Moon; and all the regional presidents.

The meeting was emceed by Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, the vice-president of the World Mission Headquarters. Participants first paid their respects to True Parents by offering a bow to their photo. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, FFWPU-Korea president, offered the opening prayer. This was followed by some words from Hyung Jin Moon, Kook Jin Moon and In Jin Moon.

During the meeting Rev. Peter Kim delivered True Parents' special instructions to the participants. A presentation was given to introduce Rev. Hyung Jin Moon's recent initiatives to transform the church in Korea and the project to construct a World Headquarters Church.

When the meeting was about to close, True Parents called, inviting all the participants (including the staff) to come to the "Sky Garden" at Cheon Jeong Gung Museum for dinner.

In his address that day Hyung Jin Moon spoke on the activities that were

underway for the purpose of transforming the Korean church.

"These are some of the things the Korean church is doing right now. We are strengthening the churches, making preparations to build the organization and moving forward. We are shifting from an individual-based ministry

mindset in order to relate well with the members and be successful. If we can truly guide the members and help them shine as blessed families then the Unification Church will shine. When members are happy within the church, they will find greater confidence and this will naturally lead to witnessing

tearful prayers for True Parents. Unworthy as I am, True Parents gave me this responsibility. I truly envy all of you who are in Korea. Kook Jin Moon, chairman of the Foundation, is taking responsibility over the Foundation and the economic aspect [of our movement] while Hyung Jin Moon is also doing a

good job as the international president. True Parents have said that all their sons and daughters are living up to their name. Kook Jin, his name, refers to Korea and he represents the True Family. Hyung Jin's name means that everything will go well.

"I witnessed with my own eyes how the members were being loved, being appreciated, and how they were deeply moved and revived."

In his address, Kook Jin Moon spoke about developing the church.

"If we wish to grow our churches worldwide, we should first develop the headquarters. In truth, we are all one family, if we wish to make our church better from now on, the most important thing now is that we be honest when we talk to one another.

"In the past we had many secrets, and that is why we did not succeed. We must change our culture. We have to make a culture where the people who left can return. The culture that the international president is creating at the Headquarters Church is a culture of forgiveness. We must now shift from a culture of judgment to a culture of forgiveness.

"If we set the right organizational goal and culture, we can create results. Our organization has to become stronger and more rational if it is to succeed in fulfilling its goals. If we can make our organization like that, there is nothing we cannot do."❖



to a team ministry. As we shift towards a team ministry, the pastors will become those who love and care for the members and who can nurture their life of faith. They will be those who can help the members shine out more than any CEO.

"Pastors must have a totally differ-

activities."

In her inaugural address, In Jin Moon, chairperson for the Unification movement in America, stated the following:

"Seeing True Parents' recovery, I know this was a miracle. I think God blessed us because you all offered many

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er until they see the beginning of peace in their midst.

Former Speaker de Venecia gave a powerful speech about the need for peace in Mindanao. He praised the Universal Peace Federation for initiating substantial peace initiatives that can truly bring change to the world. He stressed that UPF is the only solution

to the problems of unrest in the world.

Mr. Jojo Villar read the prepared speech of Senate President Manny Villar who could not come because of an important trip to Jordan. In support of the peace initiatives of UPF, he pledged his support to the vision of the Global Peace Festival in its endeavor to bring peace and harmony through realizing the vision of "One Family Under God."

A video of the Global Peace Festival 2007 in the Philippines was shown to all the audience. It was immediately fol-

lowed by the Global Peace Address of Dr. Hyun Jin Moon as read by Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Regional Chair of UPF-Asia. Dr. Moon in his message stressed the centrality of the family in building peace in the society, nation, and the world. The audience resonated with the main message of building one family under God, one family under Allah.

The presentation of Ambassadors for Peace certificates ensued. Governors and mayors as well as members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines includ-

ing artists Ms. Iya Villania, Mr. Kris Lawrence, Billy Crawford, Jay-R and Miguel Escueta, were appointed Ambassadors for Peace.

Before the Peace Concert began, everyone sang the Global Peace Festival Theme Song, "Where Peace Begins." As they lit the candles together, they gave peace signs and called for everybody to give peace a chance.

The Peace Concert with the artists capped the grand celebration of the Global Peace Festival 2008-Mindanao❖



**REV. MICHAEL
JENKINS**

Rev. Jenkins is the
President of the
American Church

Thank you for your prayers and the participation in the resurrection services. Through that service many of us could realize what has really occurred through the helicopter accident and True Parents escape from certain death. True Father, who was anointed by Jesus to fulfill the return of the Lord, went through a life or death trial with True Mother and overcame death. Like at the time of Jesus' resurrection, this is the time in which God has the greatest power to multiply and expand His people and His providence. Now True Parents are returning to Alaska on Saturday to bring the power of the resurrection substantially to America. They come because of their profound love for the American people and because of America's most significant role in the Pacific Rim Era. They are coming to pray in this time of Resurrection and Pentecost. Let us join them in heart and pray for this nation and fulfillment of God's Will for America and the world.

All the conditions have been set and the realm of the blessed family has been established by True Parents and extended through all Blessed Central Families. God's foundation is permanently secured on the earth through the realization of God's dwelling in the family. God's timetable to realize the substantial redirection of the world toward a Culture of Peace based on Blessed Families is confirmed for January 13, 2013. God's providential timetables are never simple, once the appointed hour of fulfillment passes, if the right conditions aren't set then the providence can be prolonged. This was the case with Moses' course in the wilderness. When the chosen people couldn't fulfill according to the time line of God's dispensation then prolongation of the time occurred.

What is different now is that we are in the Era After the Coming of Heaven, and in this time, all can be fulfilled in a very short period. Conditions now exist that there is no need for prolongation. God is determined to fulfill the providence of God. Transformation of the heart can occur in an instant if the right conditions are set. Because of God's grace the years of 2007 and 2008 are Jubilee years in which God can forgive and untangle all the past mistakes made by individuals, families, nations, races and even the mistakes of our forefathers and mothers. This is an incredible time when all problems can be resolved and humanity can become God's family.

Because of God's increasing authority we will be sure to see transformation in every society and many of the things that were "stable" and sure for humanity to hold on to have become unstable and unreliable. This is causing a shift in the heart of the prepared people in each religion and nation to yearn sincerely for God and the things that are unchanging such as God's forgiving True Love and God's unchanging word. There is a profound yearning in the hearts of God's people for families and a brotherhood and sister-

hood that will reflect God's stability, trust and true love.

God also now has the conditions to intervene in this world because of the fulfillment that has occurred centering on True Parents and he will use every condition necessary to advance this world out of the darkness into Cheon Il Guk. At the time of Jesus, God did not hesitate to allow His son to go the way of the cross and through that condition the providence was not lost but was secured and expanded in anticipation for today. Though it was the most painful moment in God's dispensation, God allowed Jesus, the only begotten Son that had fulfilled the role as an individual to sacrifice his life to

timetable that must be fulfilled to rapidly transform the heart of humanity to build blessed families that will end divorce and adultery. His dispensation is to allow for nations to become part of the Culture of Heart in which war and division are replaced with peace and cooperation based on everyone realizing the under God we are brothers and sisters. As the prepared families reach a critical mass of being blessed by God the "atmosphere" will change. As in the time of the fall of communism, something that seemed impossible became a reality because the "atmosphere" had changed and the attraction to and hope in the ideology of materialism and atheism lost its

It was an historical condition of offering in which God allowed True Parents and True Family to substantially walk the way of the Cross paying whatever price required to save humanity and fulfill the dispensation centering on 2013. This was not done as an individual - which it is said that Father had passed through 7 times, but as a family, True Parents and True Family walked the way of the cross together, passing through it with love and resurrected into life. This indemnified the loss of Jesus family through his sacrifice. They went over the cross as a family and now True Parents are in the realm of the living resurrection.

What happened after the resurrection of Jesus? He gathered the disciples and gave them renewed faith. When they united together in one accord the "Pentecost" occurred and Christianity, the new central movement of God's dispensation at that time, rapidly multiplied and strengthened so that it could never be uprooted. That is the moment we are in now. It is the hour of resurrection and the time in which, as we come together in one accord under the grace and love of our True Parents, a miraculous and vast deepening and expansion of believers can and will occur. True Parents had the condition to go through death and give their lives and yet live. Therefore God now has power far greater than the time after Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, death and resurrection, to claim the people of the world that are prepared to bring about his kingdom.

It is in this moment that True Parents are coming to America. They will return to Alaska on Saturday. They are not coming for simple reasons but for God's dispensation. They are coming because they love America. We should understand in heart that they are still in recovery because the accident was severe and the trauma extensive. It is very difficult for True Parents to travel and they have been advised just to rest. However, because of love they are coming to America. They feel they must stand on American soil and pray for this nation.

They come to pray for America and all the American members and families in our movement. They come to pray for the unity of all religions, races and cultures. They come to pray for the unity of Catholics and Protestants and the unity of North and South America. They come to pray for America as the Elder Son Nation that is the central nation to lead this world into peace.

They are coming for one reason. Because they love America.

Let us rejoice and prepare to receive our True Parents. The resurrection has opened the door for the era of substantial blessing, growth and realization to occur. Let us prepare our hearts as we can now receive God's direction and vision of America at this most central moment in God's dispensation. ❖



Leaders' Meeting, New York City



secure all humanity. In offering Jesus the path was opened for individuals to be spiritually redeemed, but the family that God had lost in the Garden of Eden remained lost. Therefore Jesus promised to return. All the world's religions have prepared for that return and the fundamental purpose is to establish the family that God had envisioned in the beginning, extending this on until all can become one family under God.

Jesus anointed Father Moon to realize the family that God lost and it is now secured through True Parents' course and is established in three generations. Though it may seem slow, the blessed family with God's lineage is now multiplying through Christianity and all religions through the blessing of all families who are engrafting into the Tree of Life. Through the blessing they are becoming part of God's lineage. As prophesied in the book of Revelation - "the dwelling of God will be with men". We have entered the time when God can dwell with us in our family. Now the family is to become His temple and His presence on earth multiplies in love and spirit.

However, God has a dispensational

power. So also will the attraction to sin, hate and division lose its power as unity rises among the people of faith. It doesn't take everyone, it takes the people that God has prepared in every faith to come forward in one accord centering on the blessing of the family and His lineage. The timetable requires that by 2013 there is a new direction of the world toward a culture of blessed family and peace is realized. That timetable must be fulfilled and God has all the conditions that are necessary to fulfill it. Those conditions are established in True Parents and are being expanded to substantial fulfillment through True Family in the sphere of life and through the public arena centering on the Abel UN. If all blessed families come together in one accord the Kingdom can come rapidly with a minimum of sacrifice and suffering. However, God will not miss his timetable at this time.

This is the background that is important to understand in relationship to True Parents' near death trial and miraculous recovery from certain doom. The helicopter incident, if we really know the meaning of True Parents in God's dispensation, was not a small accident.

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Young Palestinians & Israelis Forge Paths of Peace in Italy

by Hod Ben Zvi and Giorgio Gasperoni

Twenty-three young Israelis and Palestinians traveled together to northern and central Italy from September 1-10, 2008, seeking to develop new leadership capacities.

At first, people had a tendency to stay within their own groups. Marina, one of the Israeli participants in the International Youth Leadership tour, said, "Living and traveling for ten days together can be difficult sometimes, because of the complicated group dynamics that are naturally created."

The days in Bergamo, San Marino, Pesaro, Rimini, Ancona, Urbino, and Rome offered many opportunities for interaction among the Israelis and the Palestinians. Two senior participants, Dr. Azmi Abu-Soud and Dr. Shuki Ben Ami, served as guides and mentors to the Palestinian and the Israeli youth leaders.

In January 2008, two UPF secretaries general, Giorgio Gasperoni from the Republic of San Marino and Hod Ben Zvi from Israel, organized fact-finding tours and cross-cultural dialogues in Israel and Palestine for 20 Italian youth leaders. This trip to Italy by Israelis and Palestinians was a reciprocal visit. Such experiences are attempts to create a new paradigm of understanding and peace, giving an opportunity for young leaders to take part in shaping a better future for their fam-

ilies, communities, and nations.

The Israelis and Palestinians gradually began to mingle as they engaged in conversations and discussions, sharing meals, shopping trips, and outings. When political issues were raised in more formal gatherings, the discussion heated up, especially since quite a few political science graduates were among the delegates. As a result, everyone soon realized that some of the more fruitful interactions were the informal ones.

The first stop was beautiful Bergamo. Host Carlo Zonato did a great job providing the delegation with accommodations, transportation, and exciting sightseeing opportunities, with help from the municipal office for peace affairs headed by Dr. Maggioni. Several meetings took place at the town hall with local NGOs dedicated to promoting peace in the Middle East. Several of the large labor unions expressed their sincere desire for long-term involvement in the peacemaking process. This created an opportunity for the youth to convey their respective viewpoints.

One of the highlights of the visit was a football game between the Israeli-Palestinian team and a local semi-professional Italian team. The local town people cheered the teams, and although

the guests were beaten 12 to 4, they all celebrated together joyfully in a pizza restaurant after the match. Eyal commented: "As the goalie, I only allowed eight goals to get past me. Amazingly, we lost by eight. We did, however, play as a team of sportsmen and demonstrated to the crowd that Israelis and Palestinians can play together."

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In San Marino, an incident occurred during an evening presentation by two representatives, an Israeli and a Palestinian. Certain disputable political issues were brought up that create an uproar among the delegation and severely damaged the delicate balance that had been maintained throughout their trip until then, making it impossible to continue with the regular schedule. The next day, time was given to all the delegates to recuperate and come back to their senses. Gradually things started to warm up again after a beautiful tour around San Marino hosted by the local scouts.

In Rimini, a key local Ambassador for Peace, Anna Marie, hosted the delegation. She performed beautiful songs accompanied by her brother, a gifted

guitarist. A local Italian blues group brought the spirit of Memphis alive—a truly exceptional experience.

Palestinian participants prepared a delicious Middle Eastern meal for everyone that evening at the Gasperoni family's home. Marina shared that this "revealed a special atmosphere of friendship and cooperation. Something meaningful happened in the kitchen, and there we were all in a melting pot." Giorgio's children took care of the entire delegation: driving, guiding, and translating for them. They were joined by a group of six young volunteers from Service For Peace-Europe, who brought their youthful energy. Before the time to leave, everyone joined hands in the cleanup tasks, restoring the place from a Middle Eastern restaurant back to the Gasperoni home.

Back to Pesaro, bicycles provided a ride around town, where they were greeted by the mayor and their host, Mrs. Pecchia. A glorious day at the beach full of fun and relaxation helped participants face their next challenge: the accommodations for the night at a scout center outside of town, which seemed like an army barracks to some of the young people. This created a commotion among those who felt a bit too challenged. Despite the initial shock and after some encouragement from their fellow-travelers, they felt it was best to stay, work things out together,

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Youth Leadership Development in Sri Lanka

by Dr. Chula Senaratne

Basketball clinics and peace lectures drawing on texts held sacred in Sri Lanka's multi-religious society were highlights of a recent Youth Leadership Development program in Sri Lanka.

About 60 Sri Lankan youth attended the March 28-30, 2008, seminar at the Subodhi Center for Integral Studies in Moratuwa, Colombo. It was organized by the Universal Peace Federation and the Peace Dream Foundation in collaboration with Sri Lanka's Ministry of Sports and its Department of Education in the Western Province.

Dr. Robert Kittel, director of peace education for UPF-Asia, presented UPF's Principles of Peace using many references from the Dhammapada, the essence of the Buddha's teaching. About 70 percent of Sri Lankans are Buddhists, and half of the seminar participants came from a Buddhist background. The Buddha's teaching correlate with the Principles of Peace in two fundamental areas: mind-body alignment and the purity of relationships between men and women. The references from the Dhammapada deeply touched the hearts of the Buddhists in the audience. Dr. Kittel also gave presentations on the Root Cause of Our

Human Dilemma and the Principle of Human Responsibility. He illustrated the concepts with examples from many religious traditions, connecting with the members of the audience which was a microcosm of the diverse communities Sri Lanka.

25 young people from the conflict areas in the northeast had been expected to participate, but they could not make it due to certain last-minute tense situations in that region.

While most of the participants were under 25 years of age, some parents

my children could attend." Another participant commented: "I gained good knowledge from this seminar. It gave me good ideas to be a good Buddhist."

Participants found the presentations about UPF's Principles of Peace relevant to current events in Sri Lanka.

"We can bring religious people together," one person commented afterwards. Other reactions included: "We should expand this program throughout Sri Lanka," and "Through this we can bring peace to Sri Lanka."

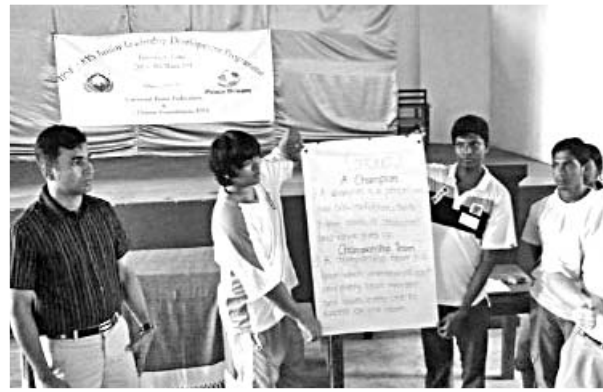
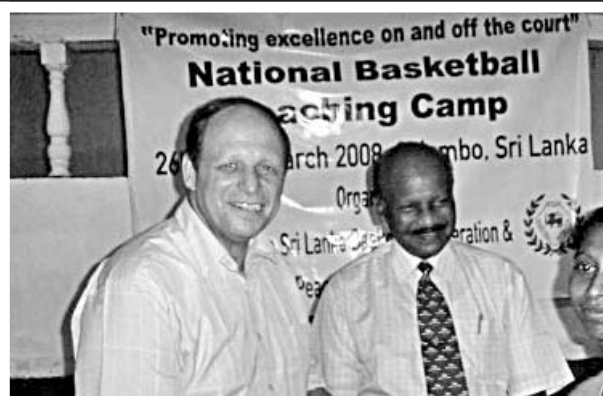
The young people had all had previously participated in Religious Youth Service projects and/or Interreligious Peace Sports Festivals. "UPF Principles of Peace made the seminar more powerful," commented one youth. "This program was a turning point in my life," reported another.

Rev. John Gehring, Chairman of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, conducted the "Sports for Life" component of the seminar. He and Ms. Diesa Seidel, a basketball coach from the USA, added an athletic flavor to the program on behalf of the Peace Dream Founda-

tion.

Before the workshop Ms. Seidel held a two-day basketball coaching clinic for the Sri Lanka National Women's Junior and Senior Teams and a one-

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For the past fifteen years, there has been a religious/ethnic civil war in Sri Lanka in which over 65,000 people have been killed. Minority communities of Hindus, Christians, and Muslims live in various parts of the island. About

attended. One parent (a Buddhist) who had two daughters attending the workshop commented about the presentations: "These lecturers were very good; they taught us how to get peace and how to create true love. I very happy

Students Enliven the UTS Fall Term

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks
and Henry Christopher

Our new term at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown is getting off to a great start. We have an entering class of 16 new students from 12 countries around the world.

Anastasia Dragan, a Lutheran from Moldova, in her first week at UTS went on a local Woodstock TV station interview with two other new students. During that interview, she said, "We talked about peace and the power of prayer. I said I had a cultural shock being in the United States for the first time. People are friendlier, more open and more honest, and have a deeper faith than what we were told about Americans in Europe. It's my feeling that the American people seem to be closer to God, whereas people in Europe are closer to religious tradition. Here at UTS so far, my experience has been perfect. I am enjoying being here. Everyone is so open and ready to help. I feel very safe. There are only a few places in my life that I have felt this way."

"There are three reasons why I came here," Ms. Dragan says. "One, I think being here will bring me closer to God and strengthen my faith. Two, to have more knowledge about the Unification theology and Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Three, to get my masters degree in Divinity." Her father is the top Lutheran leader in her country, and as an Ambassador for Peace she has experience in interfaith and service organizations.

UTS also welcomes Paul Rajan, an

Anglican from India who has for the past ten years planted numerous churches in New Zealand.

At the age of 19 Mr. Rajan completed his BA in Theology, with which he did non-denominational Christian ministry for two decades. "But there was an urge in me to reach the contemporary society with a message of God's love in a way more adequate," he says. "And, having pioneered a couple of organizations, I couldn't find the time to do the masters on a part time basis, so I considered coming to UTS as God's calling, God's opportunity, to stay on the UTS campus and complete my graduate work. I feel very much at home here and I consider everyone as a member of my family, as they have the same vision and mission after the Seminary, which is spreading God's love."

UTS also welcomes Ozgur Aycil, a young Muslim woman from Turkey who is an Ambassador for Peace and very bright and committed to interfaith peace building.

"My educational background and experiences both in Turkey and America," Ozgur says, "taught me a life-long lesson. If you want to be successful in any phase of life, and happy within the community where you live, you have to know more about cultural diversity—not on a level which is only limited

with stereotypes and preconceived notions—but on the deeper level of what people really think, believe, act, perceive, and respond to in the frame-

work of their own culture's values and worldview. That's why I came to UTS, because I have the desire to learn about cultural diversity, and appreciate Allah for making me meet his diverse creations. I want to make a success of this interreligious peace building program. There are many appealing and interesting courses, which apply to today's real living traditions, religions, and social and political situations.

"So far, I have met very nice, friendly people and professors... I love the UTS campus, staff, and learning every day new things and I am trying to establish my vision for the future with this peace building program. I pray I will be among the peacemakers in the world, in my work, in different communities, in my family, and also as a wife and mother in the future. In the meantime, I want to develop my relationship with Almighty God, (Allah) and with the Qur'an and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) along with learning peacemaking subjects on the campus."

UTS also welcomes Miri Kamar, an Israeli who has been very active with the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI). Ms. Kamar says about her coming to study at UTS, "I am grateful to Rev. Moon and his wife, who gave me this lifetime opportunity to be embraced by so much love. We are walking in the realm of love here at UTS, surrounded by beautiful nature and good-hearted people from all over the world."

Direct from Africa we welcome new

students Danwere Sou from Burkina Faso and Michel Kahandja from D.R. Congo. Rounding out the entering class are a Unification Church leader from Bolivia, Neptaly Barreto; Zoltan Zalahegyi, a legal studies scholar from Hungary; and

two young leaders from the Washington, D.C., area, Chisoni Ngoma, who has been the Universal Peace Federation local leader in Washington, and Mabau Ilemabila, who has been serving as the Unification Church pastor in Baltimore. Mr. Ilemabila has served for many years internationally, including missions in Japan, Korea, the D.R. Congo, his native country, and America. UTS welcomes several Unificationist youth. From America, Daniel Elder; from Japan, Masafuku Oyamada; and Koreans Sungwoog Hwang, who graduated this year from Bridgeport University; Junho Lee, the KEA Church leader from New Jersey; and Keum Ju Kim who arrived from Korea's Sun Moon University. Our final student of note, Rev. Kevin Thompson, former Unification Church pastor in the Bay Area Family Church, sums up the beautiful spirit of the new students as he explains that all the UTS alumni he has asked tell him that the greatest gift they took away from UTS was life-long friendships. Kevin says he is here to make friends, and

it appears that there are many excellent ones to be made.

Dr. Tyler Hendricks is the president of the Unification Theological Seminary. Mr. Henry Christopher is the director of public relations at UTS. ❖

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day clinic with boys and girls under age 15 with the Department of Education for the Western Province. This was organized by the Basketball Federation of Sri Lanka together.

Ms. Seidel had played professional basketball in Europe for Tarbes in the National Pro A Euroleague and Viterbo in the Italian League. A physical education teacher in New Jersey, USA, she participated in Religious Youth Service projects in Trinidad and Tobago in 2003 and in Guyana in 2004.

The programs were covered on national television prime time news in all three national languages and were reported in national newspapers.

Mr. Rajiva Wijesinha, General Secretary of the Secretariat for Coordinat-

ing the Peace Process, expressed a keen interest in the concept of integrating sports and character development. One of their projects is an annual football (soccer) tournaments between the Tamil youth in the northeast and Sri Lanka peacekeeping forces. Mr. Wijesinha had attended UPF's Conference on Good Governance in the Parliament of Sri Lanka in August 2007.

Mr. Kaluratna, director of the Department of Sports for the Ministry of Education, was involved in the youth leadership program, as



well as Maj. General Palitha Fernando, President of the Athletic Association of Sri Lanka, and Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Director of the National Institute of Sports Science. Other key supporters included Mr. Ajeth Kuruppu, President of FIBA (Federation International Basketball Association)-Asia, and Mr. Ignatius T. Canagaratnam, former president of the Sri Lankan Basketball Federation and currently a central committee member of FIBA-Asia.

In considering the above, we feel that it was a very successful program, and much potential was generated to hold long-term programs of this nature in Sri Lanka. ❖

RYS in Brokopondo, Suriname

Years after the Military Revolution the children of Het Centrum, Brokopondo can play again; thank you RYS for choosing Brokopondo." These were the words of Brokopondo's Mayor, Verno Pryor.

Twenty-one RYS participants went to the most beautiful district in Suriname, Brokopondo, to do a project we called "Fixabroko" (Repair the broken). After clearing 28 years of bush and debris from the war-torn community of Brokopondo, an abandoned playground was discovered. The group also cleared a path to a multipurpose court which was also abandoned since the time of the Military Revolution in 1980, which separated Maroons and Native Indians from the rest of Suriname.

The participants were divided into two groups to make the work flow evenly. After clearing the bush at the playground with weed whackers and machetes, one group cleaned all the rusting park equipment with sandpaper and then applied a coat of metal primer. Before the swings were done children from the community began flocking in, waiting to help, but most of all they wanted to play on the unfinished playground.

The children brought water to the participants as they worked and sweat. From time to time they would push a wheelbarrow of dirt or move some debris. Members of the community also streamed in to assist with clearing and cleaning, and they brought biscuits to share with the participants. Altogether, about 6 tons of sand and dirt were moved, holes were filled and all the bushes which separated the playground from the community were burned.

The other group aided by one participant's father (who became the weed whacker teacher and the hardest worker), together with the children helped reclaim the multipurpose court. During this project participants removed, straightened and replaced rusted and ill-shapen basketball and volleyball posts. Then the posts were sanded and primed. The girls climbed to the top of the basketball equipment and painted the backboards bright yellow and the posts green. The volleyball posts were also done in green. The basketball /vol-

leyball court was marked out and paint-



ed, the word "Brokopondo" was written in one of the goal circles, and RYS and Suriname logos were also drawn on the court.

When all the holes in the playground

were filled, the park equipment was painted in the bright Suriname colors of red, green, yellow and white. Participants, children and community members completed this massive task in six days. Concerned that the work might

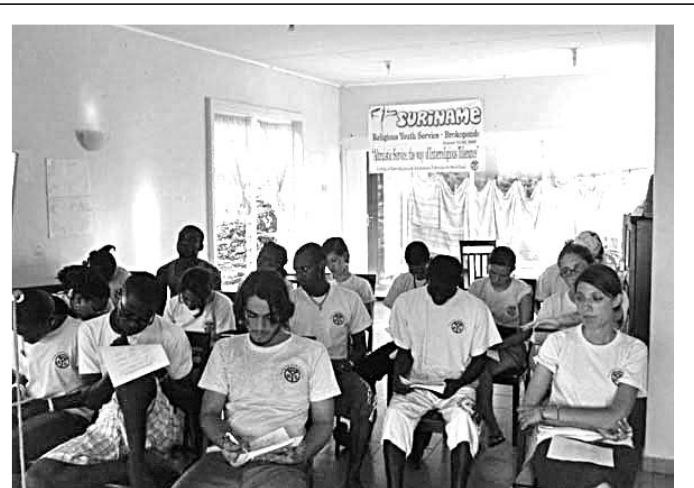
not get completed, a few participants never took a break, but just continued to work in the hot Suriname sun. The Mayor and the community made a pledge to manage and maintain this playground and the multipurpose court.

On the last workday we could feel that community hearts were healed toward one another (despite language, race, religion or culture). The basketball court will be used by the Suriname National Basketball Champions, Yellow Birds, from Paramaribo to train and recruit young men and women from Brokopondo. This is a big step towards the unity of Suriname. The Yellow Birds will travel from Paramaribo to Brokopondo, a clear sign of healing a war-torn community.

The Mayor and citizens were unable to find adequate words to say thank you to RYS as our group departed Brokopondo, so they gave each participant a traditional African "Pangi" dress.

The word "Fixabroko" took on special meaning in as much as RYS did not only repair an abandoned playground, but played a critical role in helping to heal old war wounds and in inspiring the community.

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and make the best of it.

The next day included a visit to a care center for mentally handicapped people, one of the prides of Pesaro due to its unique approach based on full integration into society. Students from a branch of the University of Urbino met with delegates for a roundtable discussion.

On the last day, they traveled from Pesaro to Rome through the country-

side of Italy from region to region, spending the final evening walking around Rome, seeing the major sites.

The next morning, employees of Israel's national airline, El-Al (known for its strict security policies), were inspired by the peace tour and allowed the Israelis and Palestinians to go together through the same standard check in procedures.

Overall, this entire ten-day experience challenged the delegates on all levels. Beyond their differences and strong political views they began to feel like brothers and sisters with similar

dreams and hopes. One of the participants commented: "There are universal connections among people, even if they don't have a common language or culture. Even a historical conflict cannot separate us when there is true sympathy among us as human beings. Obviously, our growing friendships challenged the members of the delegation; however, we felt that such an outcome was exactly the purpose of joining this project."

Note: UPF's Middle East Peace Initiative emphasizes the development of youth leaders in the quest for peace.

International Youth Leadership projects of the Youth Federation for World Peace brought together delegations from Realizing the Dream headed by Martin Luther King III, Faith Link in Europe, and Mashatzim in Israel. Participants travel around Israel and Palestine and participate in discussions and service projects, gaining a first-hand experience of the challenges of life in these areas and effective ways to build understanding, respect, and reconciliation. ❖

In Jin Nim Gets To Know the DC Family

by Douglas Burton

The Washington Family was honored to host Dr. In Jin Moon, the Family Federation's new national chairperson, and husband, Dr. James Park, for two days (September 20-21) including a town hall meeting and a combined Sunday service that left quite a few members inspired and intrigued about things to come.

In Jin Nim listened to and commented upon a score of reports from ministers and department leaders at the Saturday's "Town Hall" meeting at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, but she also took time to unfold her core convictions and priorities. Church members were encouraged to hear that she is thoroughly proud of the "American dream," proud of motherhood, proud of the pursuit of excellence, and determined to take a new approach to witnessing and public relations.

And, as all public relations, like politics, is local, In Jin Nim and James spent considerable time on both days shaking hands and chatting with members on a one-on-one basis. For some, it was like a dream come true to have such face-to-face access to our Family Federation leaders.

In Jin Nim began her Sunday sermon at the New Hope Academy by telling how she almost cancelled her visit to Washington after she heard that her father had gone to Alaska to fish and pray for the members. "Shouldn't I come to Alaska and greet you?" she asked True Father. But True Father's reply, she said, was: "No. Washington is very important. Go to Washington. You must care for, you must comfort the members. Remind them how important Washington is for God's Providence."

And for that matter, not only Washington, but America is key in God's Providence. "America is the land of dreams, where all can come and accomplish anything their heart desires. And by dint of hard work they can become the richest people in America, the movers and shakers on Capitol Hill," she said. "We are so blessed to live our lives here, so blessed to have True Parents living here among us for three decades. They brought my brothers and sisters and me here to learn your language and

become part of your country and culture. I remember hearing stories from the early [American] members, who were almost drunk with the idea of becoming ideal families."

Since those days, some of us have become grayer and a little tired, too, she observed. Nonetheless, she pointed out a moment later, "I still see the same twinkle in your eyes that was there years ago. The message of true love and of building a universal family is something I still get excited about."

In Jin Nim is also a proud American, as husband James pointed out at the Town Hall meeting. "In Jin Nim is an American, and she really, really loves America. Her formative experiences were with leaders who loved America. HSA [Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity] now is being headed by someone who sees herself as an American," he told the Washington Family.

"Did you experience the 'American

women' speeches my Father gave years ago?" she asked the members at the New Hope service. "I remember some of my brothers pointing their fingers at me, saying, 'Yeah, hey, American woman,'" she joked, and added: "I became a naturalized citizen," as the congregation applauded. "So I became an American."

"As a woman and a mother, I take the point of view that I am raising my children to be agents of change," she said. "We can raise the next Mother Teresa, the next Gandhi," she said. Of course, the humdrum of housework and child care often is a thankless job, but it is one that In Jin Nim is glad she accepted. She is proud of the fact that she has home-schooled five children, two of whom gained early admission to Harvard. All of her children have demonstrated merit as musicians and artists. "How can we—as Americans—make a difference with our lives?" She asked. Her answer: "I can be a great

mother to my children. I can raise up a generation of peace."

The term generation of peace was a recurring phrase in her sermon, and she defined it this way: it is a generation that is "breathing God, celebrating life, and fighting against violence whether that be violence against home or country." The aqua-blue "Generation Peace" bracelets she distributed after the service were ciphers of her credo, which she summed up as meaning simply that the wearer "loves God, believes in true love, and stands against violence."

Such a big-tent approach to affiliation is a mark of her leadership style and is evident in her approach to public outreach. Job One will be to overhaul the distorted image of Unificationism on the Worldwide Web. "The web is incredibly powerful, so my first focus is cleaning up our image on

Job Two is promoting the concept



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New Jerusalem Community Welcomes Dr. In Jin Moon

by Rev. Barry Geller, District Director

New Jerusalem Community was privileged to welcome Family Federation's new chairperson, Dr. In Jin Moon and her family on Sunday, September 14, 2008. They spent a full day together with our community. All were inspired and uplifted by her advice on holding weekly family meetings as a way of bringing our families together.

Throughout the course of the day she emphasized the importance of parent-child relationships and the development and success of our sec-



ond generation, as well as the importance of growing our movement through "natural witnessing." This means witnessing by building relationships centered on our families, inviting guests into our homes and sharing a meal, for example. Dr.



In Jin Moon will travel to all the Districts and share her vision and thoughts to all as she begins her administration as national chairperson of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

The order of events went as follows: from Sunday Sermon to Talent Show to pizza lunch and Yute game for the second generation and a Town Hall Meeting for all Blessed Couples and first and second generation church members. This meeting was really a mini-leaders' meeting for the so-called Sphere of Life ministries. New Jerusalem members were able to hear first-hand the reports from department leaders, while Dr. In Jin Moon listened and made comments. This is the beginning of an effort to create a more transparent movement. ❖

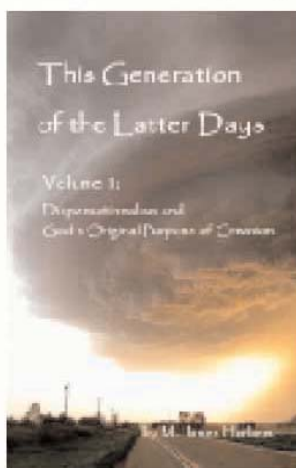
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by M. James Herbers

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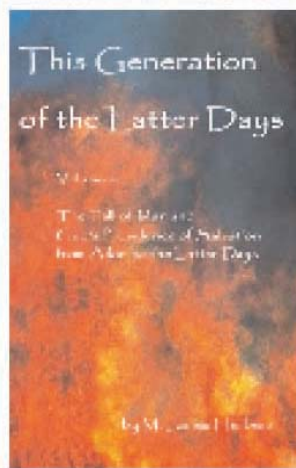
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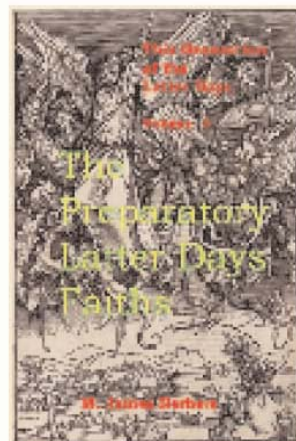
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RYS in Agartala, India

Christian-Hindu amity marked the International Day of Peace in Agartala on September 21, 2008. Even as reports of recent bomb blasts and Hindu-Christian conflicts continue to pour in from different parts of the country, the Northeast Indian capital town of Agartala witnessed a rare gesture of unity and friendship between Christians and Hindus. The program was organized by Sampari Hukumu Bodol Tripura, under the patronage of Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Peace Dream, and Religious Youth Service (RYS).

The Agartala celebrations of the International Day of Peace (IDP) consisted in leaders from both Christian and Hindu communities planting a sapling in a place offered by the other community. Catholic priest Pascal D sdb planted a sapling in the compound of Bholagiri Ashram in Amtali on the outskirts of Agartala town in the presence of Maharaj Sureshsara Nanda Giri Swamiji and other religious leaders. Father Pascal hoped that "just as the Arjun sapling would gradually grow into a big strong tree," their resolve for peace and harmony too would become "firmer and stronger with each passing day."

The second part of the program was held at Don Bosco Peace Centre Nandannagar. Maharaj Sureshsara Nanda Giri Swamiji accompanied the group to Don Bosco and planted a sapling in front of the Peace Centre. The Swamiji exhorted the listeners to appreciate the many cultures and religions of our country, each of which tries to bring about peace in its own unique man-

ner and method. Speaking on this occasion, Mr. J. L. Chakrabarty, the secretary of the International Association for Religious Freedom, Tripura Chapter said that it made no sense to fight in the name of religion since every religion taught peace and communal harmony.

Fr. MC George, the Principal of Don Bosco School, called the International Day of Peace a celebration of "variety." "How boring would it have been if the world had only one type of people, or if a garden only had one kind of flower or if the world had only one type of music?" he asked the

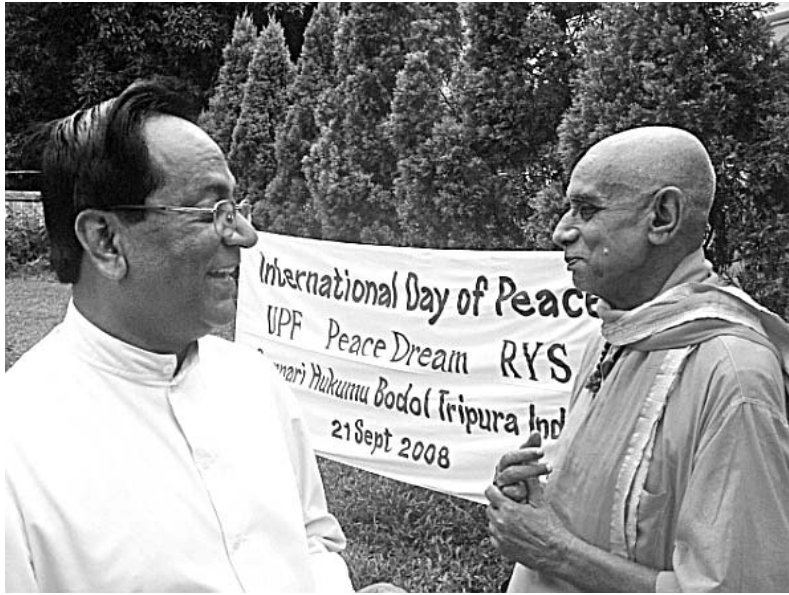
many youth present at the celebrations. Rev. Kamal Chakrabarty, another Christian leader, was also present for the celebrations.

The participants of the IDP celebrations also held a candle-lit prayer for the victims of the recent violence in various parts of the world. Ena Jamaatia, one of the youth who took part in the program, said, "We feel sad when we hear about people dying because of violence or bomb blasts as it happened in Delhi a few days ago. Today

we prayed for them and also prayed that such things don't happen in society."

UPF some months ago conferred the Ambassador for Peace status upon Fathers K.J. Joseph sdb and Joseph Pulinthanath sdb, both of whom are also members of Sampari Hukumu Bodol.

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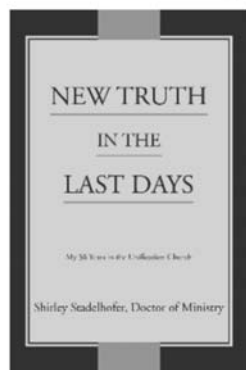
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Dr. In Jin Moon Gives Sermon at UTS

This is from a Sermon given at at Chapel Service on September 17, 2008. Transcribed from videotape by Rev. Kevin Thompson; edited by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

First of all, good morning to everyone. I am delighted that you have invited me to come and spend time with you this morning. Driving up here brought back many memories, memories of True Parents and those early years growing up in America. Here I am now, the mother of five children! As my brothers and sisters move into positions of responsibility on behalf of True Parents, there is a tremendous sense of hope and yet at the same time a great sense of responsibility.

When I think of Unification Theological Seminary, I realize that this is a special place in God's Providence. As you know, my Father received from Jesus Christ the command to fulfill Jesus' responsibility when he was 16 on that beautiful Easter Sunday morning. From that moment until now, and he is 88 years old, Father has never wavered or second-guessed what he needs to do.

As a child watching my father, giving speeches and guidance, and all those beautiful summer months fishing in Gloucester, and all those times when Father was joking and poking fun at leaders over hamburgers at McDonalds or Burger King while doing speaking tours, I always saw something that was uniquely interesting from a child's point of view. That is: here is a man of God; here is a man who has been asked by Jesus Christ to fulfill this mission. And yet, I always noticed this almost childlike sparkle in his eyes. He was so in love with life and so in love with the people with whom he was spending time. It didn't matter where you put him; that spark was always there.

Also, when I came to meet the early followers of my father here in America, I could see that they also had that spark of life, that spark of hope, that spark of excitement. I have watched many brothers and sisters over the years, and

sometimes that spark wanes, sometimes that spark is ignited by something that inspires them. Sometimes it gets lost and sometimes buried, but then with a cleansing experience they have with True Parents it gets revived. I have seen that there is an up and down, almost like a sine curve; such is the nature of human life and human spirituality. I myself have also experienced that.

As life gets complicated and we get older, life has a way of getting complicated, right? I have so many responsibilities as wife, mother, teacher, many things. Whenever I think of my life in relationship to True Parents, the one thing that I realize is that I must never lose that spark that I see always in Father's eyes and in Mother's eyes. Whenever I feel that I am waning in my spirituality or in my life, I catch this image of my father.

I have a small sketch of my father that I sketched as a little girl. I am not a fantastic artist and couldn't do my father justice, but I drew a circle looking like a moon with two crescent eyes with that sparkle coming from the eyes. This is a message to myself, never forget who you are and once you decide to go a certain lifestyle, to live a certain lifestyle, then be true to your self, true to your spark. I think that is what allows our True Father and True Mother to truly be the True Parents for all of us. It is because they are giving us the spark of life and encouraging all of us to see something greater.

Here at UTS all of you have an incredible opportunity, not only to enjoy the beauty of nature, but also to seek a better understanding of each other, learning to appreciate different faiths and different cultures and learning to love one another.

When I drive around in New York

City I often see a bumper sticker that says, "COEXIST," with a symbol of a Jewish star and a Christian cross. When I see that, I say to myself "Is that the best we can do?" Why only coexist? That should be the bare minimum of what religious people should be about. To live a life of faith, a life of sacrifice, doesn't mean that our end goal is to coexist. Our end goal is not just to tolerate one another. Those men among you who are married, think about turning to your wife and saying, "Honey,

I love you very much and I really want to coexist with you for the rest of my life." I don't know about you, but that is not too inspiring for me. If my husband were to turn to me and say, "Honey, you are such a wonderful mother and a wonderful wife and I want to tolerate you for the rest of my life." I'm not sure that I would be so inspired. If he turned to me and said,

"Honey, I respect you very much, I honor you very much, and I love you as the mother of my children; I want to love you for the rest of my life," that does wonders for me and makes me want to be that wonderful mother and that wonderful wife.

In an institution like this, you have the opportunity to come to a better understanding of each other's faith and at the same time to celebrate each other's differences and to celebrate the unique aspects of the differences of our various cultures. Here at UTS we have so many people here, people from the East, people from Africa, people from Europe. This, in a way, is like a tapestry of life you are weaving. So at the beginning of this fall semester, please keep in mind why we are here.

We are here to learn to love each other. How do you profoundly learn to love each other? That comes from understanding. When you feel understood by someone, then you feel loved. When

you feel understood by your parents, you feel loved. That is what all children want in their relationship with their parents. What do you seek from your spouse? It begins with understanding. You say to yourself, "Gosh, I wish my spouse could understand me." If you and your spouse come from different cultures, a

Korean married to an American, or an African married to a European, then you hope that your God-given spouse can understand who you are, can understand your culture and what you are all about. With that understanding, you feel validated, you feel loved. So here at UTS you have an incredible opportuni-

ty to understand different religions and different ways of looking at God. I am hoping that the end result we can all strive for is love, because love is the only thing that makes our lives worthwhile, and it is only love that can give hope for the kind of world that we are living in now.

I have three children in college. One is finishing up in Edinburgh, Scotland, and two are in Harvard. When I visit them in their dorms and spend time with their friends, I realize the kind of value system they are working off. One of the things I realized most profoundly was that the word that most comes out of a college age student is "me" and "this is what I want." I hear "I" and "me" quite a bit. It is no wonder that we had Generation X, Generation Y, Generation Z, and now we have the Millennials, the "show me the money" generation: "I want to be rich, I want to be powerful," and with this comes whole influx of the cult of celebrity that the United States is entrenched in. Everything is about me; everything is about what I can get from society, what I can get from my education, what I can get from my community.

I am sure some of you saw on CNN this lovely young lady who is wanting to get a graduate degree and, having no means to do so, she went on CNN live and talked about how she wants to have bids for her virginity. She says, "My virginity will go to the highest bidder, so that I can pay for my graduate education." When she was interviewed and asked why she was doing this she said, "When I was younger I believed in romantic love, I believed in an ideal relationship. But as I got older I realized that those things don't matter. What matters is what I can get out of society, what I can get out of my education." She has been taught along the way somehow that the most important thing is money or power or whatever that she can sell so that she can achieve her goal. My family and I saw that together. My children said, "You know, Mom, America is a God-chosen country and yet that lady on TV could be anybody that I meet on a college campus." To think that somebody so young has already given up on life, already given up on the possibility of a loving relationship, already given up on the possibility of creating a beautiful family together with a man who values her as a human being and values her life and worth, is an incredibly sad reality. But that is the reality of children now.

Many of us here have known True Parents for many decades and have seen their spark all along the way, but maybe at some point we have asked ourselves, "What are we doing here? Have we really accomplished what we set out to do? When I joined in the 70s, what was it that inspired me? And how is my life now? Maybe I am not in the ideal financial situation and maybe my ideal spouse turned into a pumpkin. Maybe my children didn't turn out as I thought they would." I am sure some of you, just like me, have often questioned and wondered, "Are we really making a difference?" When I look at my own children and the blessed children and see the special quality that each one possesses, then I can say, "Yes we did make a difference." We have

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Two-Day DP Workshop with Rev. McCarthy

by James Stewart

Twenty-one people gathered at the very beautiful Airlie Center Estate in Virginia for a two day Divine Principle workshop sponsored by the Annapolis Family Fellowship and the NoVa Family Church in Fairfax. The workshop was taught by Rev. Kevin McCarthy. Ten of the people who were there were hearing the two-day content for the first time, but many were from small groups in District 1 and have been studying in small groups for the past few months.

Rev. Kevin McCarthy was truly inspired and anointed by the spirit and gave out his whole heart to the workshop. We laughed together, we cried together, we sang old and new songs together, we prayed together, and we cried together. When we understood the depth of God's longing heart for us, what our True



spiritual communities that our True Parents have envisioned. When we love God and live for the sake of others in this way, God will work and many people will come because in the bottom of everyone's heart, all people want to belong and live like this.

Our next workshop sponsored by District 1, the NoVa Family Church, Family Fellowship, USA, and the Annapolis Family Fellowship will be held in Maryland in the third week of September. We want to double the number of people from 21 to 42 and the number of guests to 21. To reserve your



Parents have done for us, and who they are, we all made the commitment to start a new life.

Most of our new members have made a commitment to attend the next class to discover what to do next.

This is how Family Fellowship (HDFC) small groups can change and impact our lives: When we can gather together in a small, safe, nurturing community, when we reach out to each other and to our distant brothers and sisters and create the kind of small, safe, vibrant and

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something different, something that is unique.

Our True Parents talk to us about making true families that last forever. This is not something that should be pushed by the wayside; it is very much a reality. Our movement has been so focused on meeting deadlines and doing events. Reverend Jenkins honestly said to me that we really haven't given enough attention to our families for the past 24 years because we were always working to fulfill a providential time line. Many of us have forgotten our duties as a spouse and as a parent, and, in a way, our children had to grow up on their own. What we are working with, in terms of raw material, is incredible. There is something different about our children, about my children. So when I meet with Blessed members, I am encouraging everyone to look within and see what we have and to nurture what we have.

For those of you who are thinking to go into ministry, your mission will be to nurture your congregation. In a way, that starts within our own families and with our own children. I am hoping that as you move forward with your life of faith and your life of ministry, you won't forget how valuable your children are and realize that they are hand-picked by True Parents to do many, many great things. I like to use the words hand-picked because many of you wouldn't be together if our True Father didn't introduce you to your spouse. Many of you couples are total opposites, like day and night or black and white. I see a certain wisdom in that. Father takes two extremes; when they come together, what is produced is something quite beautiful and quite profound.

I am hoping that as we move forward as a movement and as you move forward in your studies, you can think about all the things that make us unique and all the things that make UTS unique. Remember that we have our True Par-

ents, who are the living embodiment of true love. My father, at 88 years old, always steals a moment to give my mother a kiss or two. It is such a wonderful thing to see. But we do not just have a father figure whom we can enjoy, whom the foundation of 6,000 biblical years can enjoy. Also on the foundation of my mother's total obedience, total unity, and total love, we have an incredible mother figure whom we can enjoy. So here we have a living image of a man and a woman, truly committed to God and truly committed to each other and committed to their children and to all of us. If that is not inspiring, I don't know what is.

In a way I feel that I am standing here before you on the foundation of my parents' greatness and, more importantly, on the foundation of my mother's greatness. We cannot overlook the historical context of such a thing. If you study the history of religion, it has not always been kind to women. Many times women have been vilified, women have been abused, women have been

oppressed, and women have been silenced. But, on the foundation of True Mother's victory, now we have a voice, we have an opportunity to seek an active role in our life of faith. This is something that is absolutely profound, historical, and necessary for humankind. Just as we have seen incredible, powerful leadership in the history of religion, now I look forward to seeing many women who will be the next True Mothers, who will be the next great leaders to emphasize the importance of kindness, to emphasize the importance of nurturing, and to emphasize the importance of inspiring the congregation and in that way guiding the congregation to achieve greatness.

Brothers and sisters, I truly hope that all of you can help me to weave this tapestry of life and this tapestry of love that are so necessary in this day and age. I drove here from New York City, and every time I wake up in that city I am reminded that 9/11 happened in the name of religion. Thousands and thousands of lives were wasted in the name of religion. If we cannot overcome our religious differences and if we cannot learn to love and respect each other in a way that every religion of the world feels understood and on that basis loved, then I feel we are leaving our world to our children in a very bad way. If we can focus on our common denominator of our desire to love, to learn from each other, and to understand each other, then we can move forward and we can raise a generation of peace, not a generation of "show me the money," not a generation of "what can you do for me?" If we can raise up this consciousness in young people, who can brand themselves as "Generation of Peace," then I think the world of peace is not far away.

I encourage all of you to continue in your own journey as you come to understand who you are and what you would like to do with your life. I hope that you can keep True Parents in your mind and with a grateful heart thank them for this opportunity to come and explore your faith and different faiths and come to a better understanding of who we are as humanity, as we go forward into this new century.

Brothers and sisters, thank you very much. I am truly delighted that I can be a part of your day. I wish you a wonderful year, and I wish you peace, love, and understanding. ❖

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of "natural witnessing," which means that Unificationist families will naturally attract admirers, allies, and, eventually, disciples by virtue of the intellectual and moral excellence of their children. People will then start to ask, "Why are your kids so incredible?" "Why are your children so respectful to their grandparents?" ... "Why are you so different from other teenagers?" "What organization do you belong to?" she said.

The fact is, however, that in order to give joy to others, we need to be living well as far as the essentials are concerned. "Actually, living for the sake of others means we have to be 'living' ourselves, that is, living happily and financially independent," she said. "Let's seek excellence not only in our internal life but in our external life as well," she added.

Do I hear an "Amen?"

Douglas Burton is the Director of Public Affairs of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. ❖

MT Gathering Commemorates Terror Attack Anniversary

Billings Fire Chief Paul Dextras recalled what came to his mind on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when he heard about a plane crashing into one of the Twin Towers.

"I thought 'my gosh, what was that pilot thinking?' " Dextras said, speaking on the Yellowstone County Courthouse lawn during a noon ceremony to remember 9/11.

At first Dextras figured it was just an accident. But the morning took on a surreal quality, he said, as he learned about the three other jets that had been hijacked by terrorists.

On that day, Dextras said, evil invaded the United States, but it didn't triumph. Instead, hundreds of emergency responders selflessly rushed to the crash sites to do whatever they could to help others.

"That day they made a bad situation better and, in the process of doing that, they willingly gave up their lives," Dextras said.

The Billings fire official was one of a number of speakers who talked or prayed during the hourlong gathering on the Yellowstone County Courthouse lawn. Dozens of people came to take part in the seventh annual 9-11 Community Celebration of Life.

The Rev. Mike Yakawich, who emceed the event, reminded his audience that Thursday was a day for the community to remember those who perished in the attacks, and their families who were left behind.

"It is a day to celebrate life and be grateful for what we have," he said. "We are one family under God."

A number of area clergy prayed during the event. Diane Kersten, president of Congregation Beth Aaron, said her prayer first in Hebrew and then in English. She prayed that the United States would be a stronghold of peace, and that the bonds of friendship would be strengthened among all inhabitants of the land.

The Rev. Harry Merchant, of St. Vincent de Paul prayed for those who lost their lives in 9/11, and for members of the military who risk their lives to protect the country's ability to stay free.

The Billings Central Catholic High band, under the direction of Glenda Newman, played the "Star Spangled Banner," and three other songs, including "God Bless the USA" and "Voices from the Battlefield."

A touching moment came at the ceremony's end, when the band members released red, white and blue balloons into the air as Burt Gigoux of the Marine Corps League played "Taps."

Dextras, who began his job as Billings fire chief in June, said the 9/11 tragedy is still hard to grasp. As a firefighter, though, he said he was not sur-



prised that hundreds of firefighters, police officers and first responders from the New York area rushed to the scene.

"They willingly were there, not knowing what would happen to them," Dextras said.

When the towers collapsed, he said, "It knocked the country to its knees at that point."

But instead of falling apart, he saw Americans band together to fight the evil of the terrorists' acts. Citizens donated millions of dollars to the families of the victims and emergency workers killed during the rescue.

Americans gained a renewed pride in their country, in democracy, in justice and in freedom, Dextras said. And people were reminded of the sacrifices made daily by emergency responders, firefighters, police officers and members of the military.

"I have a great deal of pride, respect and admiration for everyone in uniform," he said.

Dextras said evil continues to exist, but that each person has the ability to offset it.

"Each of us every day can have an impact on others' lives," he said.

Gabriel Hink, of Billings, came to the event Thursday to remember the nearly 3,000 people who died in the 9/11 attacks.

"It bothers me that so many people have forgotten already," said Hink, a former Marine corporal, who was dressed in a red, white and blue shirt.

Tim Stavnes, a Billings firefighter, sat holding a small American flag with his 4-year-old son, Lars, in his lap. Stavnes said that for his generation, 9/11 was a day of infamy, much as Pearl Harbor was to an earlier generation.

Stavnes said that when he was a boy, his father would take him to Veteran's Day ceremonies. Now, every year, he comes to the 9/11 ceremonies with Lars, to remember fellow firefighters and others who lost their lives.

"I want to pass this on to my little boy," Stavnes said. "I want it to be special to him." ♦

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After we successfully fulfilled our goal in 2002 to establish the National Won Jeon (pronounced WON JOHN) Memorial Park at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Bladensburg, Maryland, the next goal of the Greater Washington Central Committee was to establish the tradition to honor our ancestors and ascended brothers and sisters and to create a place to respect and remember them with prayer, foods, and candies.

Already such a tradition exists in Korea. "Chuseok," a major three-day holiday in Korea, is a time to visit ancestral hometowns and share a feast of traditional food.

Our Chuseok celebration on September 14, 2008, was organized by our Korean Evangelical Association leader, Rev. Young Chul Jang; District Director Rev. Randy Francis; and Seung Hwa (funeral) Committee members Kyoko Betancourt and Bill Selig. A beautiful offering table was prepared by Mrs. Young Jeong Quinn and Mrs. Yunja Kim (sister of the late Soonja McDevitt). Rev. Angelika Selle of Maryland Family Church led the songs. Ms. Sara Berndt took photographs. Relatives and friends of our beloved ascended brothers and sisters attended along with members of our community. Testimonies and prayers were offered, including those from Mrs.



Mrs. Irma Mas, Mr. Antonio Betancourt, Mrs. Quinn, and Rev. Lorman Lykes. Fellowship followed.

Already 18 Unificationist members are buried in our Won Jeon park, and

eight others are buried elsewhere at Fort Lincoln. Our hope is that this tradition will continue regularly to honor our ancestors and beloved ascended brothers and sisters and to serve as a

source of inspiration for our greater Unificationist community.

For further information: www.nationalwonjeon.com or nationalwonjeon@aol.com. ❖

Putting All the Cards Down with Broadcasting

by Erling Lea

At the end of a poker game, each player has to put his cards down to declare a winner. The best hand wins.

Broadcasting Divine Principle on TV is kind of like this. Many look at our church or hear something here and there about us, but don't get the whole picture. By understanding our teachings they can see what we are doing and judge for themselves. And Americans are not stupid. They can think logically and see whether what we're saying makes sense or not. They can put our recommendations



Divine Principle to his friend. These pleasant surprises are the natural fruit of broadcasting.

into practice.

It is inspiring to hear some minister talk about Divine Principle in their sermon, or to overhear a stranger in a shopping line talking about

Americans are always interested in what is new and what is in. They are not obsessed with culture and tradition as are many other countries, and right now America is like a person who has been through the desert. He is dry and thirsty and just drinks up everything he can get his hands on. So Divine Principle and True Father's words flow right down into his heart.

Hollywood doesn't have it all like many think, so the time is right for us to make an impact.

My main point is that I'm looking for a few good people who would like to be catalysts to turn the tide in America, who are interested in this and feel a calling. There are many details

that I don't want to mention here, but something is happening out there, and it is good. You can trust me on this.

There are hundreds of access TV stations all over the US. They exist because of our First Amendment rights. They are ready and waiting for us to use them. For a few hundred dollars and 3-4 hours a week, you can get going. I especially encourage 2nd Gen to get involved. You get lots of hands on experience, and you can learn much faster about broadcasting in this way than going to college and taking courses that leave you with big student loans that are difficult to pay back.

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cholesterol is crucial. See your doctor (not just some self-appointed healer), and then do what they tell you. God needs you, right here on this Earth.

HIERARCHIES

Do some life forms have more rights? Where should people of conscience set their limits? Some mild

Vegans do eat honey, drawing a line at insect life. (I've only known two or three vegetarian Unificationists, and one of them didn't stay around long.)

If animals have such rights that they ought never be exploited (drinking their milk, etc.), or leashed, much less caged, then what about people? Human infants in a crib? Or adult convicts in a prison?

There is a hierarchy of rights. Humans have primacy! Honest and forthright humans have even more,

in a legal and a moral sense. Saying this is contrary to political correctness and mushy liberal sensibilities, but it's a reality nonetheless.

True Father fishes and hunts, and says an animal is glad to offer itself to support a providentially hard-working child of God. In turn, we should have the utmost Heavenly concern for animal welfare and habitats, and for the environment in general. ❖

Building A Model for Suicide Prevention



by Pastor Mike Yakawich

Tackling the serious and very preventable challenges of suicide has been the number one focus for the Billing Area Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley (SPC-YV). Over the past few years, we have made leaps and bounds on suicide prevention and education through the work of this coalition. As the Chair of this coalition, we recently were able to conduct a press release to kick off Suicide Prevention Week on September 4th. Today, Saturday, September 21st, as a coalition, we were able to gather over 250 people at Veterans Park in Billings, Montana for the 5th Annual Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention community walk. It was a very positive and educational event.

One thing we have discovered was the value of pulling together people, groups and organizations who are concerned with suicide prevention. We are encouraging ideas to flow, fanning the flames of passion and committing to the serious reduction of suicide in Montana. Working with a wide range of community leaders from the Veterans Administration, RiverStone Health Department, Key Clubs, hospitals, Boys and Girls Ranch, school counselors, church pastors and especially survivors, this coalition has many accomplishments under their belt.

This is certainly not to say we have overcome but we are rather even more determined to make Montana number one in suicide prevention for our nation. We are committed to work with all races, colors, creeds and organizations to make this happen. Whether it be our church or others, these very socially and spiritually preventable issues of suicide needs to be seriously addressed.

We have produced a brochure to establish our identity along with our mission statement and statement of purpose. This has been widely distributed throughout the area. We have put together over 200 survivor packets as well as another 200 prevention packets that are being distributed to chaplains, counselors, clergy and community workers who are touched in some way with suicide issues. We have found our survivor packets extremely appreciated by mortuary directors, police, clergy and others who faced survivors of suicide. Our prevention packets are well received in schools, youth groups, churches, and other locations where prevention of suicide is stressed. There are many websites on suicide prevention for your interest.

We have diligently supported the work of AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) through their annual Out of the Darkness Walk, the National Survivors Day closed circuit television program and other educational forums. We have helped support and sponsor ASIST Training, QPR Training and other public presentation in schools and other facilities for suicide prevention education. Currently, working with the River Stone Health Department we are educating over 30 social workers and psychologists in ASIST training. Also, we are distributing over 300 gun locks to the Hunters Safety Program in the Yellowstone County at no cost.

Other work we have been doing is supporting the local Key Clubs in the high schools who are working on Suicide Prevention through their own programs called Project Life. We are supporting the local Veterans Affairs as they work hard on suicide prevention for our service men and women especially those returning home from months in action. We also work with the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council on their Planting Seeds of Hope suicide prevention work.

Other ways we are developing our work is through

simple measures as Holiday greeting cards to survivors from the coalition, Yellow ribbon presentations, bar coasters, printed materials, and group's presentation and to more develop programs as the local support groups. These groups are lead by survivors who are dedicated to providing a forum of support and compassion for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Also, we are working on ideas to present to the legislators on policy pertinent to suicide prevention such a bullying, mental health and other areas.

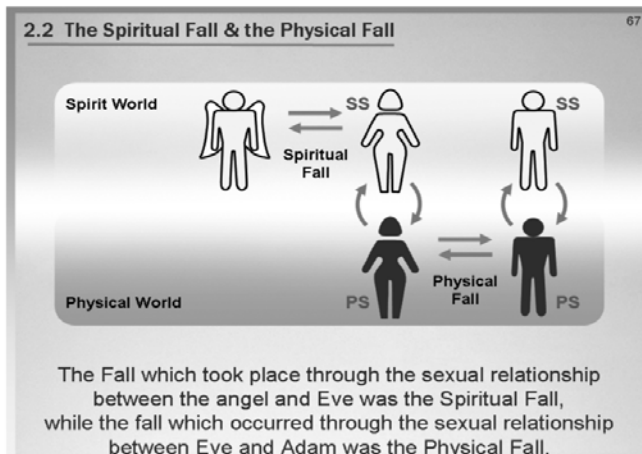
As we work more together and pull resources to a more focus on prevention, we are confident we will even be more successful. We wish to offer our ideas to other parts of the state as well as learn of the good things others are doing on suicide prevention as well. Together with psychologists and psychiatrists, survivors and students, counselors and clergy, directors, healthcare and social workers and others we are committed to make our community and state number one in suicide prevention.

I am confident, a goal that each state shares in common and certainly all part of building CIG in our nation. ♦

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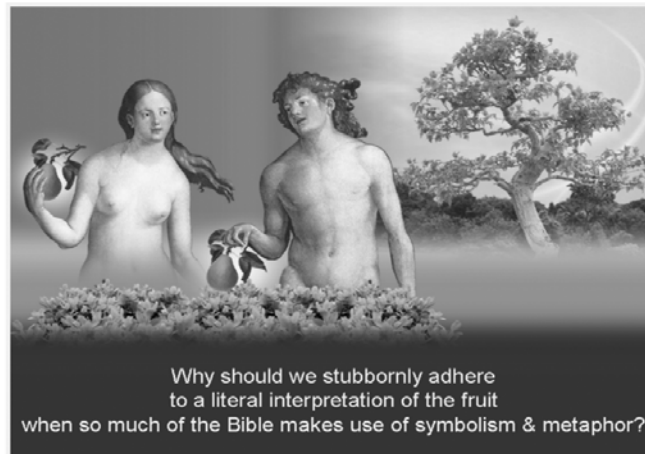
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Sharing His Dream: Junior STF Training

Kimikami Miyake

Over the past summer, the SungHwa USA Department hosted its very first Junior STF National Training over the course of two to three weeks under the theme of "Sharing God's Dream". The very focus of the training was to build the foundation and gather the tools needed to become somebody who can invest in and raise another Blessed Child. Those invited to the leadership training program included Junior STF educators and members from all throughout the United States and even Canada, coming as far west as California and Seattle and as close as Westchester/Rockland County, New York. Over 100 participated in the program with ages ranging from as young as 11 to as old as 18 for the members and mainly college age and graduates for the educators.

Beginning in New York's scenic Camp Sunrise, the participants took part in a series of activities, including giving presentations, Divine Principle lectures, core values activities, and other activities which can be described as both exciting and challenging. On top of that, they had a chance to go out and fundraise, collect food in Yonkers, New York for a food drive, adventure orienteering, and a most memorable marathon challenge. A 12-year old Junior STF member, Hyangsook K., reflected back on her experience, "Running 3 hours made me feel like God. He's been running for 6000

years and suffered. But even though it was hard, I think I learned a lot from this experience. It reminded me, what God did for me."

They've been fortunate enough to attend a talk given by Hyun Jin Nim one weekend. This was a highlight for many participants, especially those who've never been in the company of a True Family member. Rebecca K. shares this of her experience, "The greatest moment of this workshop was being Blessed with the opportunity to see Hyun Jin Nim, our True Family member. I felt his heart was being poured out to us, like he is truly my elder brother! Who cares for me/us greatly! His words really touched my heart, as he asked us to take God's will as our own will, become owners of God's dream. He asked me to love everyone as my own True Family! Because we are One Family Under God! And just walking the grounds of Belvedere, I thought of the True Family, all that they have shared with us, their lives. I felt deep gratitude towards True Family and God!"

The mornings and afternoons were filled with trainings to enhance ourselves to better serve and attend God, True Parents, and True Family, while the evenings were spent in reflection and testimonies. Our last few evenings were spent in song and dance as well as heartfelt testimonies in sharing openly about our recent experiences and insights about our relationships with God and our understanding of ourselves. Along with many others who attended the training, Donny P. came to this realization, "God has really brought new meaning to a lot

of the things I took too lightly. 'One Family Under God', this phrase meant almost nothing to me, but now I will take ownership and let go of mediocrity. I need to live principled life, and teach one as well."

After 10 days in New York, over 80 of the group continued down to Washington, DC, where they contributed to the activities related to the Global Peace Festival including outreaching and service projects. The members' training ended with the festival and the morning victory celebration together with Hyun Jin Nim and his family. Afterward, around 30 participants traveled back up to New York, where they participated in the annual International Youth Assembly held at the United Nations building, joining 200 of our elder brothers and sisters in World CARP.

Following the summer, Junior STF educators and members reported about planning and working together with their local youth communities in helping raise other Blessed Children of their local areas. As an added growing experience in learning what it takes to be spiritually responsible for another person's personal growth, many are motivated to put what they've learned into practice and share God's dream. In conclusion, Alex C. shares this point, "I just feel God is telling me to build One Family Under God with those around me, and to truly embody it. Then I can go out into the world and spread it there too. And one day, we will all be filial children of God and lift the burden we have put on His heart." ❖

Should You Drink Your Milk?

By ChiYunBreland

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There have been a lot of media claims about milk for the last several years. The Dairy Industry says that taking 2-3 servings of milk or dairy products a day is essential for the calcium needed to build strong bones and teeth, and prevent osteoporosis. Low-fat dairy is also touted to help us lose weight, build muscle, and reduce PMS symptoms.

However, almost anyone who has delved into the health-conscious community knows that milk is a controversial issue. Does dairy really deliver on all these claims? And why are Americans continually gaining in weight and health problems, though we are drinking more milk than ever? It is worth taking a look at the other side of the story.

The first thing to consider is, what is milk? What is this white liquid we are consuming? Milk's primary purpose in nature is to grow a 65-lb baby calf into a 500-lb cow in less than one year. Given this astonishing power of cow's milk to help an animal gain so much weight in such a short period of time, it should make us wonder if it does not have similar effects on human beings.

The US Food and Drug Administration has put out a food guide pyramid, detailing the amount of different foods we should eat. Dairy has always staked its claim of 2-3 servings a day. Until recently, the Food Guide Pyramid had the exact same recommended diet and recommended servings for everyone.

Black, White, Hispanic, Asian; 45, 65, or 15 years old, it doesn't matter. Male, female, office worker, construction worker, dancer, professional athlete, couch potato, it doesn't make any difference. With the recent introduction of My Pyramid, a revised version of the Food Guide Pyramid, now some distinctions are made based on gender, age, height, weight, and exercise level. It is an improvement but still gives a very general and vague guideline. It still does not take into account cultural heritage, lifestyle, and one's personal health conditions. These are important to consider. For example, milk has been shown to aggravate many health conditions, and has even been linked to causing serious health problems such as cancer, asthma, digestive problems, diabetes, allergies, and even osteoporosis. Numerous studies have shown that the sugar in milk, lactose, injures the ovaries in women and may lead to ovarian cancer.

This may be shocking to hear, but actually the Food Guide Pyramid is not the result of the efforts of the most knowledgeable health experts of our country outlining a diet sure to give you optimal health. Rather, it is the result of food lobbyists making sure that their business is represented, whether it is the Meat Industry, Dairy Industry, Wheat Industry, etc. These industries have tremendous influence over the policies our government puts out. It is worth noting that the diet outlined by the Food Guide Pyramid has never been tested. There is no evidence that it supports any health goals. If you are interested in learning more about this, please read Food Politics by Marion Nestle.

Back to the topic of milk. Humans are the only mammal to drink the milk of another species. We are also the only animal to drink milk at all after infancy. Other animals drink

milk when they are a baby, then are weaned to other foods, and never go back. This in itself is enough for many in the health-conscious community to state that humans should follow suit and be done with milk after breastfeeding.

However, on the other side of the coin, there are many cultures who have traditionally eaten dairy for generations, such as in Europe and India, with very good health and few of the ailments so prevalent in our society today. But the milk they drank was very different from that found in our supermarkets today. The milk was raw, unpasteurized, and from cows raised in open pastures. It was often consumed in a fermented form. Today's cows are pumped full of antibiotics and hormones, and forced to produce much more milk than is natural. Then the milk is processed by homogenization and pasteurization, which destroys almost all its natural enzymes and vitamins and damages the milk proteins, making it much more difficult to digest.

The best way to know if milk is right for you is to try a milk experiment. Don't eat any dairy products for two weeks, and then slowly incorporate them back into your diet. See how you feel. Many people notice that symptoms such as mucus, indigestion, gas, menstrual pains, and allergies remarkably improve with a short break from dairy products. This is an excellent way to see the effects of dairy on your body. You may also notice that some types of dairy are better tolerated by your body than others. Some people have problems drinking milk, but are fine with a little yogurt or cheese. Others simply cannot tolerate dairy at all. No matter what claims you may hear about any food, the truth of the matter for you will only be found within your own body's experience. If you listen, it will give you clear signals about what works for you and what doesn't.

If you do decide to consume dairy, I



A Message from the Assistant Editor

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for over a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those who have contributed an article to this section. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at newvog@gmail.com for this section. We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: **articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen's!**

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recommend eating the best quality possible. Look for USDA certified organic, meaning the cows were raised without antibiotics and pesticides, and hopefully in open pasture. Also experiment with raw dairy – raw milk and cheeses are becoming increasingly available, especially in health food stores.

If you give the milk experiment a try, or have any comments or questions about my article, I'd love to hear from you. You can reach me at chiyun.breland@gmail.com. ❖

THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

UC Boy Scouts Make Waves with High-Adventure Trips

Great surf and warm water made Assateague National Seashore a hit with Boy Scouts from Maryland's Troop 1212 on Sept. 20, 2008.

On September 20-21, for the eighth year in a row, Unificationist boys and dads paid homage to the legendary surf on Assateague Island off the Maryland coast. The boys were all members or graduates of Boy Scout Troop 1212, the first Boy Scout troop sponsored by members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in North America.

Organized in 1999 with a founding group of 14 boys and eight Unificationist dads, the troop quickly established itself as a dynamic and exciting program. Currently the troop boasts 34 registered scouts, with about 25 boys at the average meeting. Most of the scouts are sons of Unificationist parents, but a growing number hail from other faiths. They meet 52 Wednesdays per year.

The troop prepares the newly donated Pearson 26 sailboat that sleeps 5 for departure onto Chesapeake Bay. Pictured Johnny Abendroth, Matt Holden, Gilbert Rodrigues, Francis Marchitelli and Asst. Scoutmaster Paul Bulow.

Teen boys are drawn to a program that features challenging, high-adventure outdoor trips -- winter mountaineering expeditions in West Virginia, river canoe camping, two-day backpacking trips in nearby Shenandoah National Park, ski and snowboarding trips and ocean-beach campouts. Yearly activities also include fishing, occasional rock-climbing, and bike trips and more recently, sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Parents of the boys will tell you that the troop had a lucky find in Scoutmaster Jim Boothby, chief adult leader for 9 years. Prior to joining the Unification Movement in the mid-70s, Boothby, himself an Eagle Scout, graduated from the Outward Bound Leadership Training school and gained significant high-adventure outdoor experience growing up in northern New England. Mr. Boothby created the very success-

ful Outdoor Program at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire in 1973.

Standing on the cabin roof, Francis Marchitelli braces himself as the sails fill and his fellow scouts pilot the new boat across the bay.

Since the troop's founding, 19 boys have reached the coveted rank of Eagle Scout, making Troop 1212 one of the more productive troops in the state, according to Paul Bulow, Assistant Scoutmaster. In 2004 David Mof-

adult advisers act as coaches and mentors, but the boys are strongly encouraged to be responsible and make every leadership decision possible.

"Boogie boarding, surfing and raft races highlighted last year's troop action at Assateague Island National Seashore on the coast of Maryland."

"It's about the boys developing their leadership abilities," Mr. Boothby says, adding that he sometimes has to gently restrain an adult dad who

Ridge in near blizzard conditions on the western flank of the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area in the West Virginia highlands in last year's annual winter mountaineering expedition."

Another central element of Troop 1212's program is a strong dedication to service. Scout service projects have included food drives, physical improvements to schools and playgrounds, landscaping at churches, building trails in parks and a battle of the bands that

raised money for HIV education. Each of the 19 Eagle Scouts organized, on his own, and led a community service project involving at a minimum 100 hours of investment and usually a team of 5-15 people.

Weekly meetings of the troop tend to be rambunctious and relaxed. "A successful troop culture generally tends to avoid adhering to strict administrative rules, any atmosphere of judgment and scolding, and focuses on a super-positive, encouraging atmosphere where each boy is valued, loved, recognized and respected," Mr. Boothby says.

"Game Faces" Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Bulow, left, George Burton, rear, and Senior Patrol Leader Kester Wilkening, right, trudge ahead on a snowy hike in the Dolly Sods Wilderness in West Virginia."

Recent acquisition of a donated 26-foot sailboat has allowed the troop to diversify its sailing and ocean program, and the troop also has high hopes for a donated 16-foot

power boat. To expand its program offerings and broaden the appeal to older scouts, Troop 1212 is soliciting the donation of used cars and boats in order to raise \$10,000 in the near term. Funds will go toward refurbishing their power boat, acquiring a second power boat and for the purchase of winter gear, tents, snowshoes and the like.

You can donate your car, truck, or boat-on-a trailer to the troop by calling Scoutmaster Jim Boothby at 410-320-5889 or Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Bulow at 202-345-1437. ❖

"Scouts negotiate Hammond



fitt, son of Larry and Taeko Moffitt of Bowie, Md, was the first scout to reach the rank of Eagle, followed quickly by Jeheil Baer, Pablo Rivera, Brennan Boothby and Jessie Haydon. Fourteen others followed. Mr. Boothby says it takes about five to six years and 2,500 hours of activity to reach Eagle Scout for the average boy.

The high-adventure trip schedule is made possible by a handful of committed dads and moms who realize the value of scouting for their sons; these parents form the troop committee, but they are not the troop's leaders. Boy Scout leadership culture stresses a concept called the "boy-led troop," says Mr. Boothby. Scoutmasters and

over reaches in making decisions for the boys. "It's a learning laboratory for the boys. At the same time, they have tons of fun and learn to work together." Boothby says.

Regional Boy Scout officials have lauded the troop for having a particularly dynamic program, with an unusually high percentage of older boys. And why not? Boys of all ages are drawn to the challenging outdoor action trips: forays into the Adirondacks in upstate New York, climbs up Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, canoe trips down a number of mid-Atlantic rivers, and backpacking trips to a dozen peaks in Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.



PAUL CARLSON

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An article about what we eat, and why we eat it, or don't. With humans this is never simple.

OVERVIEW

In general, humans have been obsessed with food from the very beginning. I don't mean Edenic apples, but rather, fallen man's struggle for survival. Scientists have learned that throughout the Late Pleistocene epoch, for about 100,000 years, the human population barely grew, if at all.

Why? Fallen humans were struggling for survival in a very harsh environment--while the hardy survivors kept busy killing each other off, in nasty little Hobbesian tribal wars. Food meant life, and all too often, was worth someone else's life to get it.

Now food is plentiful, at least in most places. In spoiled societies like the USA's, people have the luxury of eating far too much, or of starving themselves as a means of adolescent rebellion, or of obsessing about precisely they should eat--or not.

A fascinating history and social examination can be found in Frederick Kaufman's book "A Short History of the American Stomach." He covers food obsessions from Ben Franklin and the Pilgrims, right up to costly health coaches and Hollywood starlets. Also, skunk steaks on early restaurant menus, to illegal raw milk clubs run by persecuted New York City health food nuts.

MEATLESS

People have been going without meat, or certain types of meat, for a very long time. Pork is forbidden to both Jews and Muslims: one of the many ancient similarities neither side mentions enough. It's commonly said this was due to diseases carried by pigs, however, other meat animals carry similar and worse ones.

What's the real problem? Aside from mysterious Divine preferences, the

ancient Egyptians also abhorred pigs. Why? Because pigs lack sweat glands, which is the actual reason they enjoy wallowing in mud. In a temperate climate, with freshwater ponds and streams, pigs aren't a problem.

The Polynesians flourished, in part, by bringing along pigs to newfound tropical islands. Pigs are self-feeding, self-reproducing, able to defend themselves, and to some extent, self-repairing. Opposite this, in desert climates, a pig will scurry right into an oasis or water hole, and contaminate the whole thing. That was bad news indeed . . .

In India, Hindus have not eaten cows since time immemorial. The reason is spiritual, in that cows are believed to be the reincarnational step just below humanity. (But they will eat other meats.)

Their countrymen the Jains are strict vegetarians, even sweeping the sidewalk to keep insects from underfoot. Do note that India's lush climate allows for a healthy and complete vegetable diet, which was not an option in many regions.

VEGETARIANS

In modern times, people become vegetarians for a variety of reasons. Seventh Day Adventists adopted Jewish dietary laws, and I've been to Adventist towns where the supermarket has no meat section. Thanks to a careful diet, and clean living in general, Adventists are among the healthiest and longest-lived folks around.

Some vegetarians accept that diet for health reasons alone, though in my observation, for such people this becomes just one stage in their life.

Others become vegetarians for moral reasons. They see animals as feeling creatures, and do not wish to cause them any pain, much less, to consume them entirely. Taking this idea to its next logical step, Vegans claim that animals have rights similar or equal

to humans, so we should never drink their milk or wear wool, or even keep them as pets.

Veganism shades into being a pagan religion. They've made claims that humanity's fundamental trouble (its real Fall of Man) is eating meat. The guilt of exploitation and killing, plus the ill effects of such a diet. Of course, in the light of Pleistocene history, running down the occasional mastodon steak was the least of humanity's problems.

Rather, in my opinion, the whole thing is a modern conceit. Not to mention, a few Vegans have starved their babies to death, by denying them needed fats and other non-plant nutrients.



More recently, vegetarianism has claimed the environmental high ground, and there they've made a larger impact. It is true that cattle require a huge amount of water, and often, big messy feedlots. Then, in our modern system, extensive processing--with a constant risk of disease. (Though fresh vegetables can be contaminated, as well.)

Keeping chickens and calves immobile in tiny cages, for all their short lives, is enough to make the hungriest meat-'n-potatoes guy shudder. Quite properly, many cities and states are banning such practices. The animals are happier, and meat eaters can tell the difference in quality.

MORALS

Do vegetarians hold the highest moral ground? Not really. If human meat consumption is so bad, and on so many levels, then ALL human activity is bad. Might plants and microbes have rudimen-

tary feelings? Doesn't vegetable farming alter the ecology? Isn't modern farming chemical and energy intensive?

I'm tempted to tell the people who make such dire claims: so get serious already, and join the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement. Remove your supposedly baneful self from the picture. Just don't bother me about it!

Gardens can be lush places. My own back yard is filled with dancing honey bees and hummingbirds each summer.

Domesticated animals, for the most part, have it pretty good. There was a bizarre PETA lawsuit, against California's clever Happy Cows ads, claiming that dairy cows are tortured! Anyone who's been to an actual farm knows how absurd this is. Dairy cows who are stressed, or in pain, will dry up. PETA, and environmentalist groups, are almost exclusively an urban phenomena. (As opposed to conservation and land rights outfits.)

Would a cow choose to be a meat animal? Could be! It's said that many Olympic athletes would take a fateful pill, if it guaranteed them a gold medal, and then much hastened their death.

Livestock gets fed, watered, given supplements and medicine, and protection from predators, for several years. Then a quick death, and some good use afterward. Compare that to a cold and half-starved existence, with no help; and finally a cruel hunt-down by wolves, with bones left to bleach in the sun.

HEALTH

Meat eaters, and for that matter all people, can take steps to remain healthy. Get some exercise and sunshine. Eat brown instead of white rice. Our LA church overcame that cultural barrier years ago.

Take omega 3 fish oil capsules, plus glucosamine, aspirin, and a good multivitamin. (Studies on their effects contradict each other regularly, but this author is certain that moderate consumption is very healthy.)

Lowering one's blood pressure and

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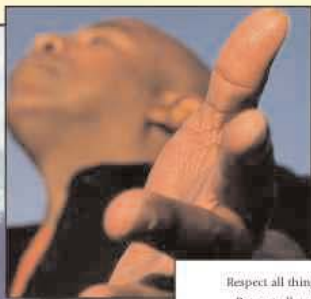
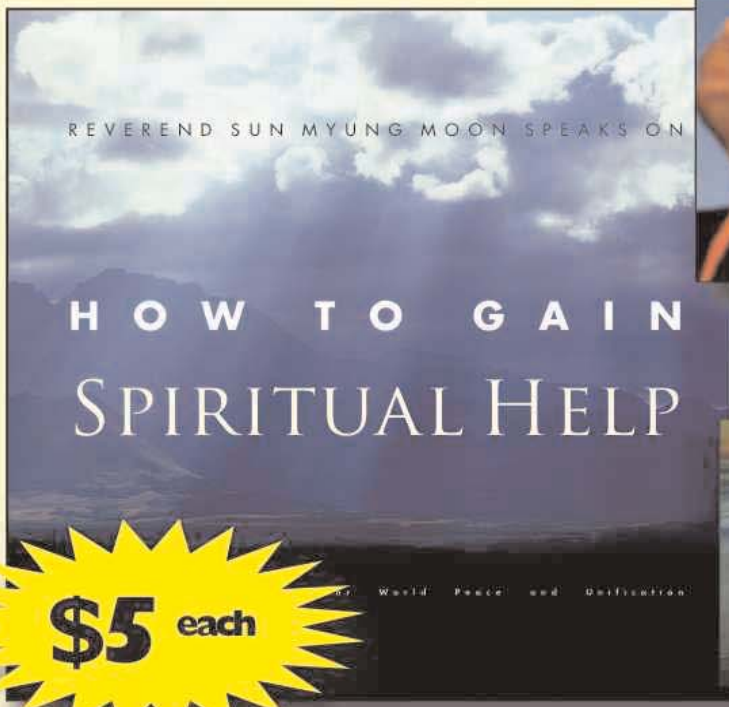
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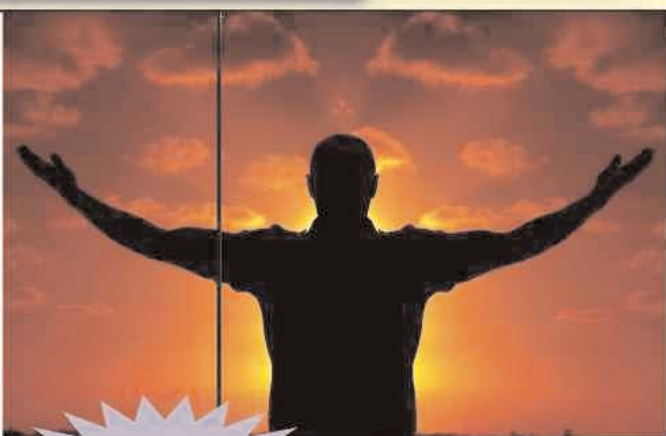
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