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# In Jin Nim Brings Blessing of True Love to N. California and Nevada

#### by Rev. Joshua Cotter

n the weekend of October 25-26, In Jin Nim and her family made their first visit to the Bay Area since her appointment as Chairperson of the American movement and brought tremendous blessing and love to the families of Northern California and Nevada. She flew from New York to San Francisco with her husband, Jin Sung Nim (and their two sons Shin Yul Nim and Shin

Pyung Nim), on Saturday morning, and spent a day and a half with us, investing her whole heart, soul, and body into our young people and families, with very little rest. It was an unprecedented and awesome experience for everyone.

In preparation for In Jin Nim's visit, our families came together to do yardwork and housecleaning at True Parents' house (Shimjung Gardens), which is situated atop a hill in the heart of Berkeley and has a magnificent view of San Francisco. This is where In Jin Nim stayed and where meetings took place throughout the weekend. In addition, we had our "Annual Spruce-Up Day" at the Bay Area Family Church on Saturday. The Principled Academy and Bay Area Family Church turned out in the morning to transform the church inside and out for In Jin Nim's Sunday Service. It was wonderful to see our families invest-

ing so much love (and sweat!) into creating a beautiful environment to welcome In Jin Nim.

In Jin Nim arrived at the Gardens at 3:00 PM on Saturday, where she was welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Durst and many of our church members.



Flowers were presented to In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim by Daniel LeRoy and Chaiah Durst. Then we had a wonderful Korean lunch (prepared by our KEA sisters), hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Durst, Nick Buscovich, Kristina Seher, and some of our church elders. In Jin Nim embraced each person, express-

ing her gratitude to them for their many years of serving True Parents, and listened intently to Dr. Durst's heartfelt testimony.

Our Youth Ministry leaders, Dave DuFour, Kwanchai Moriya, Mrs. Annie Steinbronn, and Mrs. Brenna Iredale, organized a sightseeing tour of San Francisco for Shin Yul Nim and Shin Pyung Nim, together with several blessed children of their age. They spent the entire afternoon and evening together.

The plan for that evening was that In Jin Nim could meet with our young adults and high school students

at the Gardens and get to know them personally. This was organized by Ritz Yamamoto (our young adult pastor) and Mrs. Myrna Lapres (our youth minister). At 6:30 PM young people began to flock to the Gardens in anticipation of meeting In Jin Nim. We were pleasantly surprised that over

200 showed up, but we were



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all! At 7:00 PM, when In Jin Nim came to the room, it was totally packed, with people spilling out into the hallway.

Ritz MCed the program. After a beautiful song by Leighton Lim and Shimmy Cotter, he invited Jin Sung Nim to introduce In Jin Nim. Jin Sung Nim was very warm and personable and testified to his wife's course and mission with so much love and respect. Because this see N. CAL on page 4

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#### by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

From a speech given in Kodiak, Alaska, 23rd September 2008. These notes are taken from a simultaneous translation. Simultaneous translation is done in summary form and depends greatly on the translator's ability to communicate the essence of the message. These cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication on Rev. Moon's words. However they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the

message. he couple to be the representative of God must have the proper center, the proper vertical alignment, and proper spherical relations. The center of the world is God and the family. The original plan of God was to create such an ideal family; that family would be God's family and Jesus' family. When things are united properly, there is no fighting. In order to unify, you have to be united. Sons and daughters should be the sons and daughters of the True Parents and should become saints and sages. We should be the seed of God.

When True Parents are here, then Kodiak is the center of the universe. We should be totally

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unified and not separated. We need Queen, Grandmother, Mother, Wife, Sister, Daughter, and Cain and Abel: eight stages.

We have to expand the family through three generations. All then are to be unified. I will unify them, centering on God. If the center is strong and clear, everything goes well. There are the dual characteristics of South and North, East and West. The ideal place is where there is true love.

# Dok Hae wit

Men have the power to plant the seed; women are made to receive it. The seed goes right to the egg. When the seed flows from man to woman, billions are released for one egg. It is amazing. A woman may be proud of herself, but if she is not connected to the family, then there is no purpose.

Centering on love, the family will stick together. What is happiness? It occurs when there is some kind of sparkle between two. When a man and woman love each other, there is a sparkle and joy. Unity and harmony are the key. Circular motion is central to unity; individualism does not promote unity.

The principled formula is exact and absolute.

God is good; therefore, the earth is good. Man and woman are the key to establishing God's ideal. The seed must be planted; it is not meant to be wasted. We have to conquer internal things. You have to conquer your body and master that relationship. The unity of spirit is very special.

I completely sacrificed myself for God's providence. I gave up sleep and denied my body to save humanity. The principle power of creation is that of giving and receiving. The principle of prosperity is to sacrifice yourself for others.

Who owns Alaska? One race? No, all races. There are white brothers and sisters here, but they didn't originate in America but in Europe.

Michael Jenkins, your wife is Japanese, right? I brought the enemy nations of America and Japan togeth-

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er for God's providence. I have received so much. America helped Korea during the Korean War. America invested a huge portion of its budget for the sake of Korea. International marriage is very important for God's dispensation. I have been working to unify all people

through the teaching of Heaven.

I play pool and ping pong and can go on for 10 hours. One person said, "You can't beat me!" Three years later, I beat him! I never gave up, and I got a sense of where the ball was going.

I always walk straight, and my shoes wear evenly. You have to push yourself to walk and exercise so that you will be healthy. It is difficult. Deer have very small feet but are so agile. They are trim because they run. They have strong teeth and a strong neck.

This morning I had the moksa treatment at 2 am. If your wife gives you the moksa treatment, you can be totally united as one. Moksa cannot cure in one treatment. If you are sick for many years, then you can't be healed by just one treatment. You must do it continuously many, many times to be healed.

*Father asked Mr. Lee to share.* (Father said that if Mr. Lee hadn't joined the church, he would have been a shaman.)]

Mr. Lee: Why did Father direct Reverend and Mrs. Kim to move to America? Father wants to give them something very special. Father wants to work through Asia to develop America and then bring it back to the homeland. Father must guide us internally and externally. It is very, very important.

[Mr. Joo reported on the helicopter miracle.]

Father: I came to Kodiak because this is the connection between America and Russia. We must expand North Garden. America must host Koreans and hold seminars here for 300 people. The Pacific Rim organization must be established in 40 locations. America is the Second Israel. We must develop relations with key leaders.

Everything has to be cleared up. Four years is a long time from God's point of view. The United States must connect with the UN and its leaders. I must connect the Cain UN and the Abel UN. We must connect South and North America. Russia, Asia, and the spiritual world must be one. Centering on Hawaii, we must unify the Pacific Rim. Eventually God will be the owner and Satan will disappear. Everything can be cleaned up within one year. Shin Jun Nim always wants to be with True Parents even though he is 7 years old. Five minutes before the end of the speech Shin Jun Nim appears and does Mansei. In Jin Nim's children are now studying at Harvard. My presence is multiplying through my children. Our situation [after the accident] is not easy. Mother cannot stand up suddenly after sitting. My situation is a little more difficult. But receiving God's word is the most important thing of all. What will you do when I'm gone? I have left you the Word in so many books.

However, many of you haven't even bought them yet. The Word will remain forever. The ideal sons and daughters are those who have the proper relationship with the Word and with each other, in balance.

when I went out to sell chewing gum. Through that experience I always felt that God has been protecting and guiding

I went the pioneering life. Rev. Pyung Hwa Kim has good witnessing and public relations abilities. Father told Mr. Kim to go to America. Thailand didn't



Some say, "I'm older and therefore I'm better." This is the wrong attitude. We have to be the best by serving the most. You must take care of your health through the moksa treatment and through the Happy Health machine.

Hoon Dok Hae is necessary. Through it you can overcome all. After 1,000 years, only the Word shall remain. Once you stand upon God's Word, you are in the central position, and you can and must go through all barriers.

Even for me to go over Satan's hills, I had to become one with the Word. I created these books because the Word doesn't belong to me. It is God's Word and will remain forever. The secret for all humanity to get to God is to understand his Word. To go to God's heart, we must liberate the world. To liberate yourself, you must go beyond yourself.

I wanted to go fishing yesterday but Mother said that there would heavy rain, very strong wind and maybe even a typhoon! So I didn't go; however, I found out that the weather wasn't so bad. Why did Mother do that?

Centering on God, two persons can meet and develop more branches when they become true parents. Because we lost true love and true lineage, nothing could be established. Was there any who became a saint in history without God?

have a visa restriction, so we went there. Working in Thailand (1984 - 2008) wasn't easy. Several members died from accidents, and the course was impossible. Members were tortured and went to prison. But after 21 months those members were released. Eventually 360,000 couples were blessed. In Laos CAUSA activities had a huge impact.

After 24 years we received the mission in America from Father. Now In Jin Nim has such an important mission. I am very concerned for the Blessed Couples in America and especially our second generation.

Father: When you testify, you must always testify to God. The key to success now is to educate people with the Cheong Seong Gyeong and the Peace Messages. During my 60s 70s and 80s, I received more persecution than in all the years before. We must understand and know my direction. Now the spiritual world is harmonizing. In Jin Nim is chairman of the U.S. movement and has the mission to unify the 12 children. Five children have been sent to the spirit world. I do not want any one of the True Children to work alone; they must unite and work together. Our concern is to unify all religions and all denominations. The Abel UN is in the Abel position and the Cain UN is in the Cain position. How do we unite the family? It is through the absolute sexual morality. If the family doesn't practice absolute sexual morality. it will never achieve heaven. If we establish the Abel UN, everything will be settled and everything will be accomplished. Blessed Families must develop based on absolute sexual morality.

Israel must overcome all bloodshed. The purpose of the 39 books in the Old Testament was to prepare for Jesus. We can't just say that we want to go to heaven. We must overcome the bloodshed of our brothers and sisters The Old Testament is the story of bloodshed and indemnity. We must overcome all the obstacles to pay indemnity. Jesus' family was to overcome; John

the Baptist's family was to overcome. All their sacrifices led to my family.

This has never happened before in history. All the conditions lost in Jesus' family were restored by my family. The Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age are to restore Adam's family. Now we are in the Era after the Coming of Heaven, and Adam's family is restored. Now is the time in America that we must restore the Roman Empire. Dr. Yang did interfaith activity in America and helped lead the way to the Abel UN.

We must open the gate through restoration. In order to reach the UN, we must restore America. So we don't need the Second Advent. All is possible.

South America and North America must unite. England is one of the key nations of the world. This is the Queen's country. So Japan is really the nation of the younger sister.

We have to understand that now is a most serious time. Now is the time to open the gate. There is a principle about how to bring Abel and Cain, brothers and sisters, together. My brothers and sisters and even mother rejected me. My wife could not follow, but Sung Jin emerged.

There is a profound restoration of 4,000 years of history in the event of the helicopter accident. Jesus is the King of Kings, and yet he lost his family.

Cain's lineage and Abel's lineage must be united. God always sacrificed Abel's lineage and walked the way of restoration. This is very logical. Therefore the triple objective purpose must be understood. Jesus went through the cross to sacrifice everything. The mission at the time of the Second Advent is to take care of America centering on true love. The Pacific Rim Era is also a total emergency.

A new age has begun. America is developing space technology; this is important. It can go to help Korea. America's technology cannot be kept for itself only. God gave it to America to help develop the world. Right now is a most serious time. I am taking each step according to the providence. The Bering Strait project connects Abel and Cain, America and Russia. The Peace Messages are calling for the whole world to unite under God. To develop, we must unite under the Cain and Abel UNs. I must set the condition in the Pacific Rim, in Alaska, Hawaii, and Korea. The Pacific Rim is the mother's womb; a huge education process must occur here. 🛠

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[Father asked Mrs. Julia Kim to give a testimony.]

I was in the air gun sales competition, and I won Second Place. Many people thought a woman can't do very well in hunting contests. But I was a good shot.

People associated with the Mafia people attacked my brother because he refused to give them money. He and I both fought the Mafia. I and I was attacked three times by taxi drivers

Israel was established through the shedding of blood from Cain and Abel through all of history. Israel had to overcome this bloodshed to survive. To go to the Kingdom of Heaven, the new

#### **ADVERTISE IN THE UNIFICATION NEWS**

# In Jin Nim Brings Blessing of True

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was a gathering of highly creative young people, he showed the Manhattan Center promo video that In Jin Nim has created to promote "the best kept secret in New York" (which is the Manhattan Center). The video is a very powerful testimony to True Parents and to Hyo Jin Nim. Everyone was blown away by In Jin Nim's creative ability and by the

awesome vision behind and substantial reality of the Manhattan Center.

In Jin Nim sat in a chair and spoke to the young people seated on the floor before her. It was a very intimate setting, and everyone could feel the heart of True Mother coming through her. Though she must have been exhausted from her travel and her impossible schedule, she spoke so deeply from her heart about the importance of the foundation that each of their parents had laid (the First Generation) in giving up everything to follow True Parents and accomplish miracles. She explained that all of that was so that these young people could now pursue and fulfill their dreams and passions and create beautiful families:

What I want to share with young people of the movement is that many of us saw our parents throwing pebbles into a lake every morning, doing Hoon Dok Hae. Maybe some of us wondered what they were doing, whether they were crazy or not. It's not just your parents. My parents did the same thing, too. I strongly feel that we are quickly approaching the "tipping point". That is,

every pebble your parents threw into that lake didn't show anything for years, but then, one day, one pebble broke through the surface of the lake. It did so because countless other pebbles were thrown there by our parents. This is what is taking place right now. She seemed to be able to understand each person's heart: that there were some who were very involved in our church and others who were searching to find themselves in other ways. She was not trying to force everyone into the same mold, but she respected who everyone was while acknowledging that each one of them was "handpicked and handcrafted by God" for greatness.

were blessed to have them both with us throughout the weekend.

By the time In Jin Nim concluded, it was about 8:45 PM. To everyone's surprise, In Jin Nim said, "Now I would like to meet all of you. Please tell me who you are, what are your dreams and goals, and how you think we should change our church!" It was hard to believe that she was going to take the time to listen to each of the over 200 people in that room, but that is exactly what she did!

everyone there) as members of her own family and never lost interest in their sharing. She had a true motherly heart the whole time, loving each person for who they are, not what she wants them to be. When one single mother expressed her difficulties in her situation, In Jin Nim encouraged her to focus on being a good mother rather than worrying about "external church work." Likely, this night will remain in the memories of many for a long time because of In Jin Nim's sincere investment.

under age 40. After reading Peace Message 13 together, Jin Sung Nim again introduced In Jin Nim to the families. He shared about the incredible recent developments at the Manhattan Center since In Jin Nim has taken charge there, and then he showed the Manhattan Center video.

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In Jin Nim started speaking to the couples. She said, "Father calls America the Elder Son Nation. I hope that if I work with members and do my job at Manhattan Center and at HSA, that we

can make the world realize how great True Parents are. When I see our True Parents, of course I love them deeply. True Parents have always talked about true love, and I have been thinking about what is true love. We define true love as living for the sake of others. But I am a firm believer that living for the sake of others starts with living. You have to live yourself first in order to really take care of somebody else. The first generation died for the sake of others, for the sake of their leader and their spouses. What I would like to do is to let everybody know that it's OK to breathe, to live, to get great jobs. We need to understand the phrase 'living for the sake of others'

Then she gave the couples guidance for their marriage. Actually, she shared with them the advice that Father had given her about maintaining a close relationship between husband and wife.

The first point was about the importance of bowing (kyung bae) to one another in gratitude to God and to each other. Husband and wife should bow to each other, and children should bow to their parents every day. This is a daily reminder not to scream at, fight with or

honor them as a vessel of God. She explained that she counsels her friends



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It went on until 11:00 PM, with In hurt one's spouse or children but to Jin Nim having give and take with each person on a personal level; she seemed

ome to San Francisco

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Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins arrived at around 8:00 PM. fresh from the Global Peace Festival event in Chicago. We Jin Nim and express their heart. It was absolutely unprecedented and incredible to see! There were young people there from all backgrounds and interests, some of whom I had rarely or never seen before, pouring out their hearts and aspirations to someone who was genuinely interested in who they were and what they wanted to become. The amount of creativity and genius in that room was staggering; it felt as if we had been transported to some magical place. One young sister said, "Here on the West Coast we never see True Parents or True Family. This is just so unbelievable that you would take the time to get to know each one of us!"

In Jin Nim, throughout the night, treated all the Blessed Children (and

to be getting more energy and inspiration as the night wore on. Finally, the last person (Wade Hampton, the cameraman) had his turn. We concluded with a prayer and then everyone stayed to greet and meet In Jin Nim. She did not disappear into her room, although no one would have blamed her if she had. Instead, she stayed on, talking with them all and pouring out her love. When things gradually quieted down, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim had a bowl of noodles and then retired to their room, some time after midnight.

Sunday morning at 5:00 AM, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim gathered in the living room for Hoon Dok Hae with Second Generation couples and their children and First t Generation families

(who are not church members) to try this simple practice and that it helps their marriages.

Father's second point is never to go to bed angry with each other. Try to finish everything before going to bed and before God. And never fight in front of your children!

And third, blessed children should get the best education; but the best education begins at home. Discipline your children and teach them the heavenly way. Don't be their friend; be their parent. And find their passion; the mother has to be like a "casting director" to find out which way each of their children should go.

After this great advice, In Jin Nim met with the families over a buffet,

# Love to N. California and Nevada

Mary Larson and Audrey Dishman. Fantastic!

Our whole district (Northern California and Nevada) was invited to attend the Sunday Service at the Bay Area Family Church, where In Jin Nim was scheduled to give the sermon. It was a beautiful, sunny morning and at 9:30 AM people started arriving at the church from Las Vegas, Reno, Sacramento, Fresno, and the Bay Area. An art exhibit was set up in the church lobby, displaying various works of art from our

members. The church parking lot and play area were converted into a picnic area for the after-service lunch.

By 10:00 AM, the main sanctuary was overflowing with 400 people, and the upstairs dining area was jammed with over 200 more, who could view the service by video. The Bay Area Family Church worship band started playing at 10:15 and brought down the Holy Spirit as everyone on both floors was singing and clapping. At 10:30 In Jin Nim and her family and Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins came in, and the congregation erupted in applause. The spirit was so high as we sang, "Love the Lord Your God" and then "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone". Rev. Cotter read the scripture (Ephesians 4:11-16) and then introduced In Jin Nim to give the sermon.

In Jin Nim spoke so beautifully from her heart for more than an hour. We felt as if the heart of True Mother was washing over us in that place. There were many tears throughout her sermon. She began by saying how much True Parents loved the First Generation and the nation of America, which they named the Elder Son Nation. She acknowledged the great foundation of Dr. and Mrs. Durst, who were seated in the front pew, and other great elders in the American movement.

She said,

Just as I made the kind

scrambled-eggsbreakfast, prepared by True Parents, True Family, and God's providence; but she always brought the focus back to our primary responsibility of raising beautiful children and creating ideal families that can be a natural witness to others. She concluded in this way: "I feel like this is an incredible time. It's truly an honor to work with you. As I try my best to work with leaders at Headquarters, I'm going to dream big. The lasting changes are the ones that we make a step at a time. Raising kids may not be exciting, but if you do it well, then your kids will be

Van Loom performed Sons and Daughters, followed by Mark Denni's classical guitar. Our Japanese Women's Choir sang A Thousand Winds, accompanied by Jenny Hughes on piano. Jenny then played a solo piano piece, You Belong to Me, followed by the Herradura children singing Celine Dion's That's the Way it is. Shimmy Cotter played piano and sang her original song, Drivin', accompanied by her father on guitar. Finally, a 2 nd Gen band consisting of Leighton and Chunee Lim, Shimmy Cotter, Josh Frumin and Soki Hagiers and Second Generation kids took Shin Yul Nim and Shin Pyung Nim on a second outing.

After lunch, Dr. Durst, Kristina Seher, Annie Steinbronn, Poppy Richie, Myrna Lapres, Brenna Iredale, and Mrs. Cotter took In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim on a tour of Principled Academy, visiting many classrooms. In Jin Nim was very inspired to see the development of this model school, which is known throughout the Bay Area (and the world!) for its character education and excellent standards.



of branding promo for Manhattan Cen-ter, which was a process of dusting off giving us to each other. Our children Night and Reptilia to wrap it up in a giving us to each other. Our children Night and Reptilia to wrap it up in a giving us to each other.

Finally, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim went back into the sanctuary to greet each family and take pictures with them. By now, it was almost 3:00 PM. The families made a line that stretched out the door into the lobby and beyond. In Jin Nim met each husband and wife and child, asking all their names and taking time to get to know them and take pictures together. The families were so inspired by her loving example and grateful to have the chance to personally meet In Jin Nim. The entire Sacramento Valley Family Church, pastored by Rev. and Mrs. Charles DeWatteville, posed together with In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim. In Jin Nim stayed until the last person went through the line.

We returned to the Gardens for a final dinner, where 25 of our ministry and department leaders gathered to share with In Jin Nim. Reverend Starr from Nevada and Reverend and

the diamond in the rough, I want to rebrand our movement to show the world the best-kept secret. Dr. Durst's hair loss does not matter. His heart of true love is incredible. When I see Dr. Durst, I see what we could have been. We need to take care of one another. We need to lessen the walls between the First and Second Generations. We need to invite people into our community. We are preaching "One Family Under God," but we need to live it. I say to the Blessed Children who might be struggling, "Regardless of whether you go the rebellious route or the obedient route, you will never stop being a Blessed Child.'

Throughout her sermon In Jin Nim expressed many profound points about

are the most precious assets that we have to take care of."

Rev. Cotter, together with his wife, offered a tearful prayer of gratitude and repentance. The congregation sang, "You Raise Me Up" for the offering song, which seemed like the perfect choice. Rev. and Mrs. Michael Jenkins came to the stage for the benediction and Rev. Jenkins offered a determined prayer of resolution.

After a brief intermission, we gathered back together for an hour of great entertainment, hosted by Jared Howard and Hannah Van Loon. The San Francisco Sun Hak Choir performed first, an all-girl choir directed by Lionel Chapital and Kinuyo Denni. Then Wendy Fiala, Jeanina Hardman and Hannah

powerful way.

When In Jin Nim's family came to the stage, Liam Carmody and Emma Iredale presented flowers to them and they were joined on stage by Reverend and Mrs. Jenkins and Dr. and Mrs. Durst for the celebration cake cutting. Ken Owens helped everyone organize in front of the church for a group picture with In Jin Nim's family.

All of the families had a picnic lunch outside in the beautiful California sunshine. A tent was set up where In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim had lunch together with the youth ministry team and voung adult leaders, as well as Reverend and Mrs. Jenkins, the Dursts, and Rev. Bill Starr, state leader of Nevada. After lunch, the youth ministry leadgiving love and guidance and listening to brothers and sisters. Even though she should have been allowed to rest before her overnight flight, we were all so grateful that In Jin Nim chose to share these final few moments with us.

At 8:00 PM, they rushed to their room to pack, gathered up their two sons, and we drove them off to the San Francisco airport. We didn't want to let them go, so we stayed together until they disappeared in the security line, with Jin Sung Nim's words, "We love you!" ringing in our ears.

All of our families in District 11 want to express our deepest love and gratitude for the chance to spend this weekend with In Jin Nim and her family. We look forward to their returning soon!

### **Unification News**

# In Jin Nim's Tour of America

#### by Rev. Michael Jenkins

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he ministry of In Jin Nim is bringing our True Parents' love, to all of the families in our movement, especially the younger generation. As she listens to and embraces and guides every single Second Generation who comes when she visits a district, we

feel God's love pouring out for the children born into His lineage. We feel the wisdom and love of our True Parents, and we also are awakened to the enormous dignity and capability that God has created in our younger generation.

Not only do In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim share meals and time with the Second Generation who have taken responsibility for ministries and other aspects of our work, but they also conduct an open forum in the evening in which all the Second Generation, one by one, introduce themselves and

share their hopes for the movement, their personal passions for their own futures, and whatever comes to their hearts. Sometimes it's a simple introduction, "I'm happy you're here," or a deep sharing of love for God, True Parents, and faith that our movement is really succeeding and is the hope of all humanity. Or it may be reflections of real challenges and honest sharing about the difficulty of walking God's way. When they share, we deeply realize that God has created a new generation to lead the world. We are also moved to tears by their open and honest communication about what they really feel. Yet, all in all, the heart that's being expressed demonstrates that the Second Generation is truly a new generation for the era after the coming of heaven, a new era for all humanity.

In Jin Nim always trys to bring her children with her. They are all to be commended, for as soon as they come, with great enthusiasm they dive into activities, outings, and programs with other Second Generation, which gives everybody the feeling that we are really one family, that the True Family is our family and that we are part of the True Family.

In Jin Nim also points out some of the successes that her children have had in the performing arts, classical music art and academics and it's done with humility and love. This is done clearly to give Second Generation a green light to follow their aspirations to become the best. The First Generation realize as the elder generation that we had to follow True Parents as pioneers, creating the foundation at any cost. As people were fighting historic battles between good and evil, everything was sacrificed, including the family and especially the children, to focus on moving the face of this world together in harmony and to create enough love between Cain and Abel to break down all barriers between races, cultures, and nations.

a spiritual leader who is helping us now see a new era dawning. In this era, understand that the elder generation that followed our True Parents must be honored as heroes and heroines that walked the thorny path together with True Parents, who led the way. Her message is strong and clear - the pioneers have done a great job at laying the foundation. The next generation is not to pioneer again but rather to

ration of young Second Generation members who are not only encouraged

by love and In Jin Nim's words but also by her example of the True Family. It is giving them encouragement and a real hope that they are created by God to make the right choices and determine their hearts to be all that they can be; with God's help and with sacrifice and dedication, there is no reason why each and every one of our Second Generation cannot become the best in the field that they feel called to serve the world in. All begin to shed tears of gratitude for what God is doing to raise His people.

and children of our First Generation has to be acknowledged and healed so that we can all move on together. Our Second Generation went through suffering, growing up in a persecuted movement, being ridiculed and criticized; walking the path of faith with True Parents and True Family. Our movement walked this historic path has meant that every one was encouraged and guided to love humanity while on the path of sacrifice. This has been God's way throughout history, always sacrificing His most beloved. This has been the way of True Parents.

the Second Generation can now stand on the success of our True Parents and True Family, and release the infinite power of creativity and aspiration to find the greatest joy and become the people who truly have the most beautiful love, people of heaven. In Jin Nim is encouraging them to sacrifice themselves now to build on the victorious

foundation of our True Parents to become the best in every field so that they may lead the world to God.

Never before has our Second Generation had the chance to stand before Heaven and earth and all of our families and report to True Family one by one personally. I realize now why True Father often has many different representatives give testimonies and reports. It's not only so our brothers and sisters can share their great successes or challenges, but it's that when we

share our own report before Heaven we are being responsible to offer everything to God and in that position can receive God's guidance and love.

One of the things that caused us to cry in Atlanta was one young Second Generation sharing how much he respected and loved his father, who has been a missionary in South America for many years. He said so sincerely, "I respect



To open up that gate, some of the my dad's dedication and faith in God introduced themselves over lunch to heartfelt pain and suffering from the and True Parents. I'm so moved by my past experienced by these young adults dad's dedication to God's will, but also their children and grandchildren, so it I want to say I feel disappointed that I could never be with my daddy and that often when I want him to be with me, he's not there." The boy was crying. In Jin Nim picked up the mike at this special moment and shared so deeply with this young person, "Just know for sure that your daddy loves you. Never doubt that, and understand that your daddy is making that sacrifice not only for God and humanity but also because he loves you so much that he's totally dedicated to making a better world for you."

always were put on the altar of sacrifice so that humanity could be embraced and loved to make a better world.

At the morning Hoon Dok Hae, Jin-Sung Nim shared his testimony of becoming In Jin Nim's husband and the course they went through together. This also was so vital and encouraging for both First and Second Generation because their sharing was so honest and real: Their blessing was not easy, and it wasn't something either of them really felt comfortable with. They were matched by True Parents, and the challenges were very real. What encouraged them most was that Father told them, "You were brought together by Heaven because the most incredible and beautiful children will come forth from your marriage.'

This kind of testimony, in which there are laughter and tears combined with the depth of faith, gives a great deal of strength to all of us. But, most importantly, it gives our young generation some experience that they can hold onto when they face challenges in their blessings.

In Atlanta, the Women in Ministry of ACLC had just finished their conference and we were all surprised that eight women ministers skipped their own Sunday services to be with In Jin Nim that day. Many of these women have come very close to the heart of True Parents and believe that God has anointed Father and Mother as the True Parents for humanity. But you could see a new level of heart and interest as they wanted to hear from a daughter of True Parents. They had met Hyun Jin Nim and been deeply moved; at the

same time they showed a tremendous interest here in the fact that Father had placed a woman as the head of the American Family Federation.

You could see in the women clergy such a resonance and heartfelt acknowledgement of In Jin Nim as a great spiritual leader and also as a mother, who shares with them the reality of raising children. As the women clergy

In Jin Nim, many of them told her about was not only pastor to pastor but mother to mother as they spoke to her. God always knows what we need. and America is being blessed enormously by the ministry of love for all generations coming from In Jin Nim. We are grateful to God and True Parents for this historic direction for America. 🛠



However, In Jin Nim is sent by our True Parents to lead us at this time as

But now because of the victory of our True Parents, the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, and the resurrection that came through the helicopter trial, we

We could feel as In Jin Nim shared this guidance that this wasn't from theory: It was how she was able to understand True Parents' constant public life, in which she and the True Family

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## Testimony to the Education Session on the Completion of the Liberated Realm of the Portion of Responsibility in God's Providential History

#### by Rev. Angelika Selle

t was upon the invitation of our new North American Family Federation chairwoman, In Jin Nim, that I came to participate in this most historic workshop, Kona, Hawaii, October 10-14, the first of its

kind. I would normally have not been invited, since this workshop was designed for all Boom Bong Wangs, national presidents, District leaders etc., but In Jin Nim wanted to give myself, Sheri Reuter and a few Second Gen leaders to have the possible chance to report directly to them, thus bringing us in closer skin-touch with them. Not really knowing the nature of this workshop, I was just extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend...

Then I found out about the title of the seminar, which was "The First Proclamation Rally for the Completion of

the Realm of Liberating God's Portion of Responsibility in Providential History," which told me that this would NOT be your regular seminar, that something very significant would be transpiring there. So I prepared myself in spirit and heart to absorb whatever God had in store for us and to do my best to attend on behalf of all those who couldn't be here and whom I represented.

On the way to Hawaii, I had two layovers, and thus many hours to prepare myself, and I wrote in my diary the following:

This is the year of Jubilee, in which we can still report, be forgiven for everything personal, and our lineage... I am growing, shedding the old skin and old habits, systems, thoughts and concepts about myself and others, which are no longer valid nor needed. My body is going through aches and pains in that process of rebirth and of shedding and cleansing. I am letting go of fear and replacing it with love, accepting myself and others for who I am and for who they truly are. I am getting ready for positive words (or truth), attendance to God, True Parents and others. There is no need to dwell on the past -- to go there, but only to move forward at this auspicious time of grace and miracles."

With that heart and mindset I arrived at Kona airport on October 9 late in the had chosen this place to hold this first Proclamation workshop because he said that "Hawaii is the place closest in character and environment to the Garden of Eden."

It was also a workshop emphasizing the change of blood lineage and purity from the archangel to Adam's blood



lineage -- to inherit the original ownership from God. (A = me, ju = owner.) The workshop signified the beginning of purity and, based on that, ownership for God's sons and daughters. It is after going through the 12-day workshop that the participants are asked to make a new start, as they would receive a certificate personally signed by the True Parents to mark that new beginning and new commitment and, together with the help of spirit world, would go forward to accomplish the work of God and True Parents in their respective areas of responsibility. It was also a seminar for the five religious founders and 120 saints, as well as the five True Children in the spirit world to attend.

From the moment I set foot on the island, I was thrilled by the environment of lush vegetation, beautiful warm weather, and the laid-back atmosphere,

such as we don't know on the U.S. mainland, especially on the property of King Garden. I was overcome by a feeling of wonder, joy, lightness and peace in my heart, which was so strong and which I had never experienced before. fered with them, making the foundation for all of us to stand on. I was surrounded by the presence of deep heart (shimjung) of parents, which I wanted to just soak up and bathe myself in in order to inherit it.

There was also a small representation of the Elder Son Nation, the Amer-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ican team.

> The workshop officially began on October 10, yet already on October 9, which I missed, our True Parents and In Jin Nim had come to greet the participants and to explain about the purpose of the workshop. In Jin Nim sang a song, "Amazing Grace," and True Parents gifted all participants with some Hawaiian shirts.

> The schedule was quite intense, beginning from 5 am, going all day long until 10 pm, as all participants listened to DP lectures, all conducted in Korean. Yet, thanks to our excellent translator, Tossa Cromwell, a Sec-

ond Gen young leader, we Westerners were able to tune in quite deeply to what was going on.

It was very clear that sitting on the floor for so many hours was an important, yet relatively small price to pay for what God and True Parents were about to do at the Resurrection Ceremony on October 14.

The lectures, which were projected onto a big screen, were presented by Rev.. Eu, a 72 couple, who was assigned and personally prepared by our True Father to share the DP in a traditional way, but laced with insights and personal stories from Father as well as his own.

What struck me on the first day as I was listening to the Principle of Creation, was the emphasis on self-change and becoming the incarnation of God's sons and daughters, perfecting our heart, especially in our relationship



Just hearing words of truth and doing nothing but that all day was like a spiritual vacation from all the daily responsibilities, phone calls and stresses. In that beautiful setting, the words also came to me in a different way, as if I heard them for the first time.

On several occasions, the lecturer explained that the time for Cain and Abel is over. If one is holding a leadership position, he said, one should not think that others have to automatically follow him or serve him. Instead, a leader (Abel) is called and entrusted to love and serve others first until others recognize him as their leader and willingly support from their hearts.

There are a few points Rev. Eu made that especially stuck with me:

"There are no enemies in the original world. The question is, 'How many people like us/me? And how many people have I loved?' When we get insulted three times, we get angry, but our Father often doesn't say anything when he gets hit. He is not allowed to fight. That's a difficult standard to live up to...Need to like yourself first!"

"What kind of people have we become after living 40 years in our church? This is the time to be careful what you say and do in your life."

As we went into the lecture on the Fall, we were reminded that this is the area of human life that Satan has the most under control and where no government, church or institution has power to impact or make a change. It is the area of promiscuity that caused Kings Saul, Solomon and David to fail, and this is the final frontier to be challenged by all of us as we enter this new era before the Fall. (The term "absolute sex" is many times misunderstood or brings about some confusion among those who hear it. I found out later that there is another translation to the word, namely, "absolute fidelity," which makes more sense to Westerners, since our culture is so inundated with sex, concepts, etc. Absolute fidelity has a lot to do with the realm of the heart, which

was lost at the Fall and needs to be recovered.)

During the numerous breaks, we enjoyed good food, and I got to know some of my elder Korean sisters as well as those of my age, and we bonded in heart and spirit in spite of language differences. There was a spirit of family in the sisters' room. a garage transformed into sleeping quarters where, during the breaks, some would rest or share some delicious papaya or give each other massages. On October 12 in the morning, Rev. Ahn gave a PowerPoint presentation about the media in Korea, which have become more amiable toward our church due to the efforts of the Family Federation public relations department as well as the efforts of Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim. That day, shortly after breakfast, Parents arrived together with In Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim. True Mother

afternoon. Co

As several participants arrived at the same time, we drove up to King Garden, our True Parents' residence, noticing that there was a "vog" (volcanic fog) hanging over the island. We were told that one of the volcanoes was active at this time, which caused those darkish clouds to cast a shadow over the island, especially in the afternoon.

I found out that the working title of the workshop was "Absolute Sex," also translated as "Absolute Fidelity" between husband and wife, and it was the kind of workshop that God Himself would have given to Adam and Eve BEFORE the Fall, kissing his son and daughter and teaching them many deep truths, especially that commandment. Father

God was present everywhere.

Present at the workshop were some 200 Boom Bong Wangs (vice-roys, or kings, of the nations,

chosen by our True Parents, 16 of whom are from America representing the 16 nations that helped liberate Korea in 1945), as well as the oldest members of our early church. I knew some of them personally from years ago during my time on the Global Team, etc. I was in awe to have been invited into such a setting. In addition, I felt it was a great honor and privilege just to BE there in the presence of those elders who have walked with our True Parents and sufwith God and True Parents, to come to "feel the electric current as we think of them and act more and more like them," as Rev. Eu said. "Everything we hear and see should be based on heart (shimjung) in our lives." It was clearly reminding us that one of our main tasks at this time in history is to perfect our personal character and live a life "without shadows," suitable and a prerequisite for becoming citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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wanted to make a gift of a pearl necklace to all sisters, as well as to wives of the brothers present. Father commented that "the pearl is the most sexual element of truth" (check translation). As the lecturer said later, the necklaces are not so much to be worn as to remind us all of the significance of this workshop and the feelings and experience we had with True Parents during that time.

In Jin Nim handed the strings of pearls to True Mother, and she in turn gave them to True Father, who gave to each person present. Then Father asked Mrs. Eu to sing a song. While she was singing, her husband got up and started to dance, as a few more brothers,

including Mr. Oyamada, joined in. There was pure joy and the spirit of family in the room. Things became more exciting when Mr... sang a rowing song and some brothers got up and did the rowing motions, which went on and on, as the spirit escalated and as the room filled with laughter. True Parents truly enjoyed it, and Father sang along. He had reminded us at some point that whenever we feel lonely we should sing a song of our homeland, which would invoke in us deep emotions and longing ....

Then Father a man from South America to talk about the Happy Health Machine, which was invented by Father. He said how important it is that we are all healthy. Father felt

heartbroken when he heard that several of our members went to spirit world because of cancer at a rather young age, and wants to help us stay strong. In fact, health was one of the main subjects of this workshop, and a part of the training for leaders would include learning acupuncture and moxibustion from Mr. Nam, a 94-year-old Korean gentleman whom we would hear from the next day and even meet in person...

For the next two to three hours, Mrs. Lan Moon, international leader of WFWP, was asked to read Peace Message #13, interrupted numerous times by Father's comments. Father sometimes also addressed individuals such as Mrs. Confucius and others in a very personal way. He talked a lot about how he has offered five of his children to the spirit world as a part of his life course ("no one can understand what that means unless you have lost one of your children"), and that they will be able to come down from now on to help the and everything to fulfill it to make us happy. And our True Father was sensitive to that as one who is completely in tune with God's heart.

It was then that I realized how deeply I and we all are loved by our True Parents, with the love of God streaming through them.

Being in the presence of our True Parents, who have in actuality accomplished the realm of absolute love between God and each other, allowed me to realize once again that it is in such an atmosphere that everyone feels united - with freedom, joy and no barriers, with the feeling that "this is where it is at, here I want to be, this is the right place, etc." This was especially so being in such an intimate setting where Father talks freely and frankly with his early disciples whom he knows so well.

Father said also that from now on,



especially since the helicopter accident (82nd day today) the owner of everything is God, not True Parents. "Train yourselves to love in God's position. Get rid of the fallen lineage within three years, so we can close the door to hell. True Parents are now opening all doors to go to the deep secrets of Heaven. Even the age of the Second Coming is past. God is now in charge. I want to send you out with the authority of True Parents. If you attend God and keep Him in your center, you will enter the original world... Now the realm of the HEART of the Fourth Adam can begin."

Father also talked about going to Las Vegas, which he visited recently a lot to bring Heaven's atmosphere and clean up the realm of darkness.

On October 13 in the early morning, we all watched an impressive video of Mr. Nam, the 94year-old acupuncturist who is completely healthy. He gets up at 6 am and works throughout the day in his volunteer acupuncture center, treating patients in what he believes is the best way to cure illnesses and keep healthy. On the two videos, both tapes of a one-hour TV show, Mr. Nam explained in detail about the benefits and practices of his work, with countless demonstrations on patients before and after treatment. In one year, he has cured 7,200 people and 500,000 in his lifetime. After breakfast, True Parents joined us again, together with In Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and Yeon Ah Nim. Hyung Jin Nim reported passionately about his new assignment by True Parents to build a temple, the Palace of Heavenly Blessings (Cheon Pok Won), a megachurch of 210,000 members by the end of 2012. Full of enthusiasm,

he explained his vision about accomplishing that by offering different kinds of worship services with a Catholic flavor, a Buddhist flavor, a Muslim flavor, etc. There is no greater glory than to accomplish the unification of all religions, and we Unificationists are called to make that happen, together with the spirit world (returning resurrection)....

Later in the morning, Dr. Nam personally joined our session. Father had someone read Peace Message #13, interjecting comments once again, and also read a report of the progress of our church in Korea, written by Hyung Jin Nim, who then got up again and confirmed all that was said.

Mr. Nam, a rather humble but lively man, commended Father on his work for the unification of Korea, which he had never thought of once, yet believed that it was needed, and that he was

> rather awed when he heard Father's vision. He wanted to learn more about it.

He said that his entire life he focused on helping patients, because everyone and everything wants to be healthy. Mr. Nam gave very helpful insights into the world of mugwort treatment and acupuncture, after which we all witnessed a demonstration thereof right in front of us. He treated two elder Korean brothers, among them Rev. Hwang, who had badly injured his leg in a soccer game. Father and Mother, as well as the members of the True Family, stuck around to watch. It was like family time. Father's desire was that all

present would be trained in the art of acupuncture and moxibustion for the sake of our own health and healing others...

That day we all relocated to a beautiful hotel in Kona, which gave us the opportunity to be directly on the Pacific and to get a taste of life on the island, especially for us who had come for the first time. There is nothing like the soft and healing sound of the Pacific at night!

The day finally had arrived, October 14, 2008, which marked the 55th year after Father's release from Hung Nam prison, his 80th and some days after the helicopter accident, which marked True Parents' substantial resurrection and the ninth year of Resurrection Ceremonies, which have been occurring since October 2000.

All were in attendance in the early morning. A beautiful cake had been prepared. True Parents and members of the True Family entered. Father began to speak immediately in a soft voice, explaining the profound significance of this day and the time we live in. "Become like the First Adam who is born from the womb of True Parents. Now we live in the substantial settlement of noon, where internally we are connected to God, True Parents and spirit world through lineage, and externally this is centered on our own family. Based on that, the heavenly world will come. Have that confidence!"

"Pledge #4 of freedom, peace and equality will come about and you need to become the owners of that. The TC were sent to the spirit world (as angels) and, centering on the BBW and TP, they can come down now."

"Connect everything in this age. God, in the position of TP, can be put in the position of King, and we can be divine sons and daughters who live by the heavenly law. You should become ancestors and representatives of Adam."

"God needs to be the center of attendance. Become the ancestors of absolute sex, that is your destiny you were born with as well as your responsibility, or you will lose yourself in hell, be broken up and your cells will be floating around in the universe."

"Get rid of your fallen nature. Deny everything in the position of freedom."

"Within seven years from this Jubilee year, we need to establish the clear constitution of the Family Pledge and the Cheong Seong Geyong. Do HDH every day together with God and True Parents for seven years. Be owners of yourself!"

"Even if I sit down, everything in the world is reported to me. I resonate with all realms. The realm of resonance needs to be established."

"Love God more than me."

True Father then concluded by saying: "Let us commence the ceremony now! As a representative of Heaven and Earth, I declare that there will be returning resurrection."

Members of the True Family who represented the five True Children in the spirit world, kyungbaed to True Parents, followed by the wives of the religious founders and saints.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang sealed the ceremony with a stirring, deep prayer covering all the significant points of the occasion... "With this Pacific Rim Era here in Hawaii and the settlement of the Providence, we start a new course to restore the lost realm of the HEART, as our True Father has established absolute fidelity (sex) on this earth. Please give us the energy to become original restored temples..." AJU

The beautiful cake was cut and all offered to heaven with a huge "OG MAN-SEI!"

Father declared it to be a historic day and continued to share about its significance: "From now on, we are totally respon-

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Providence.

He emphasized very strongly the need for absolute fidelity between husband and wife and that without that NOTHING WILL WORK. It is the final thing to accomplish.

On that morning, I walked down the driveway of the property, absorbing the tremendous beauty of the vegetation, trees, plants, etc. and took a few photos. I noticed only one or two flowers. In the middle of his talk later that morning, Father suddenly said, "I would like to see more flowers along the driveway!" I couldn't believe what I heard. This was God's heart that is listening to and caring about His children's wishes and desires and tries to do anything "Getting rid completely of the remnants of Satan's realm, no shadow, whatsoever. The standard for that is total united sex, that kind of world has no pangs of conscience (clean up)."

"January 13 needs to be the completion as families, complete the restoration of everything from Heaven and Earth."

"We need to live centering on the vertical and horizontal TP with no shadow, just like the sun, 24 hours a day."

"There will be benefits in the angelic world and for the ancestors who were blessed." sible for our own actions."

Father had someone read the speech he had given on October 14, 2000, which he asked everyone to read and study again, as it marked the beginning of the many levels of Resurrection Ceremonies. It also explains more about the era and the age of women, who, he said, are like the train (engine) to move forward the Providence in this age, where True Mother will be taking the lead. �

### ADVERTISE IN THE UNIFICATION NEWS

# GPF and New Hope For Korean Reunification

an Korea ever be reunited? That was the urgent question posed separately to a crowd of tens of thousands at the Global Peace Festival in Seoul's Yoido Plaza, Monday, 10 November 2008, and to a smaller but highly placed group of more than 600 people at the Korean National Assembly. Congressmen and women and rep-

resentatives of the international diplomatic community in Seoul gathered November 7-9 for a frank and often outspoken debate on the need for new strategies for the reunification of Korea, the last divided nation on earth. The UPF's International Leadership Conference also included 177 delegates from 55 nations gathered in Seoul to celebrate the Global Peace Festival.

The Hon. Youngsun Song, a National Assemblywoman and Co-chair of the International Leadership Conference, outlined the case for a new approach to peacemaking. "The current Six-Party talks are producing only one winner, and that is North Korea," she said. "The more we talk, and the more aid we send to the North - more than US\$6.7 billion already - the more the North develops its nuclear and military capabilities."

Mr. Cheol-hwan Kang, a defector from North Korea who now works for the Chosun Ilbo newspaper in Seoul, agreed that the North Korean leaders were being

manipulative, but explained: "The reality is that the ordinary people of North Korea are in a disastrous situation. More than three million have already died from hunger. Human rights are almost non-existent, and even the deployment of more and more troops on the Chinese border is failing to prevent the flow of North Koreans wanting to defect." The seminar featured panelists from each of the nations participating in the Six-Party talks that are the current framework for the peace process on the peninsula. In turn, each panelist outlined the primary and often conflicting concerns of their nations. With common land borders with North Korea, China and Russia are very cautious about any sudden changes. In contrast, the Japanese focus on the human rights abuses in the North, especially

the much-publicized abductions of Japanese citizens to train as North Korean agents. of the United Nations Forces that defended South Korea after the North Korean invasion in 1950. "Australia is inti-

Dr. Victor Cha, former US National Security Director for Asian Affairs at the White House, sounded a more optimistic note. "The US-ROK alliance remains one of the most underrated," he said. After a low point in 2002 following death of two Korean girls accidentally run down by a US military of the United Nations Forces that defended South Korea after the North Korean invasion in 1950. "Australia is intimately involved with the Republic of Korea," said H.E. Peter Rowe, the Australian Ambassador to Korea in a greeting to the veterans. "We are proud to have spilled both blood and treasure here to help a young nation be free, a decision that has been vindicated by the progress this country has made." work. Without a foundation in the universal principles that come from God, there can be no lasting human rights and no peace."

Despite Korea's profound spiritual traditions going back over a thousand years, Dr. Moon said that the current situation was worrying. "The fact is that North Korea has become an atheistic, secular society, while here in the South we are seeing religious conflict

as an increasing

source of tension

in our nation," he

said. "We are in

danger of losing our

most valuable spir-

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the vision of 'One

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is so important for

Korea at this time."

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Dr. Sun Myung

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to an end. We are

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vehicle, the alliance has gone from strength to strength, with ROK troops a key US ally in Iraq and playing peace-

"The Philippines is also proud to have been a member of the UN Command," said Ambassador Luis T. Cruz. Over 7,000 Filipino soldiers servea here in Korea, and for 116 it became their final resting place. We must not let the young generation forget the price of freedom." Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, the International President of the Universal Peace Federation, spoke to the need for the inclusion of faith leaders in a new peace process that would bring the conflict on the Korean peninsula to a final conclusion. "We only need to look back to the last century to recognize the futility of tackling the world's problems through the same old military, economic, political, and diplomatic solutions," he said. "Dealing with the symptoms of global crisis and conflict and ignoring the root cause just will not

humanity can live as 'One Family under God.'" On Sunday, November 9, the Global Peace Festival took its message of

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keeping roles in other nations.

"The key task facing the United States now is to prepare for change in the North," Cha said. "Kim Jong-il is not well, and there is no clear line of succession. The US and the ROK may very soon need a 'concept plan' to deal with the possibility of a collapse or implosion of the regime."

"The relationship between Korea and the United States is at a new turning point," said Hon. Hyong O Kim, Speaker of the Korean National Assembly, "and we hope that the election of Barack Obama will provide an opportunity for a new beginning for our two nations."

A highlight of the seminar was a moving ceremony to honor 21 Korean War Veterans representing all 16 nations nope and reunification to the streets in a rousing appeal to the citizens of Seoul and Korea to stand up for peace. Tens of thousands came out to voice their support for a peaceful reunification with the North.

"It is no coincidence that today a Korean, Ban Ki-moon, serves as the Secretary-General of the United Nations," said Dr. Hyun Jin Moon in his GPF keynote address. "I believe that it is God's will for Korea to work anew with the international community of nations and lead the peace process. Together, we can dare to dream the greatest dream of all, to create 'One Family under God.""

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# Capacity Crowd at GPF London

he Global Peace Festival 2008 in the United Kingdom was a sell-out event with a capacity audience

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ebration November 22 at the London **ExCel** Center.

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Together with the main event there were six focus sessions of 200 delegates each, an art exhibition, and exhibition stalls.

With over 30 exhibits at the event and a great variety performance line-up, the 3,000-strong crowd had plenty to keep them informed and entertained.

The event was also preceded by sessions at the mer heads of government, 32 diplomats from 21 House of Commons and a high-level conference of nations, five current government ministers, and four delegates from around the world, including 12 for-





# The Need for a New Vision

Keynote Address given by Dr. Hyun Jin Moon at the Global Peace Festival. London, England, November 22, 2008



today in beautiful London, England! It is a privilege to be here at this exciting time when we all have new hope for peace.

Over the past two to three weeks, the eyes of the world have been focused on the results and aftermath of the presidential elections in the United States, hoping to witness the beginning of a new era and new policies that can bring about peace and prosperity for all people.

"Change, yes we can!"

has become the slogan of not only a successful campaign but also a message of hope at a time of national and global crisis.

Of course, change for the sake of change is not enough. The goal and direction of that change is far more important. The Global Peace Festival is providing a new direction and opportunities for a growing international grassroots peace movement.

To articulate a meaningful vision for peace, we have to be bold and break new ground if we are to go beyond the failures of the past. We only need to look back at the last century to recognize the futility of trying to tackle the world's problems through the same old military, economic, political and diplomatic solutions. Of course, in Europe, much progress has indeed been made. War between Western European nations is today unthinkable. The abolition of most national border controls, the establishment of European courts and other institutions, and the creation of a single currency are important developments. However, many are concerned that this movement toward unity is being accomplished at an unacceptable price, and that the cultural and spiritual traditions that have defined Europe for hundreds of years are being ignored or trampled in the name of progress.

Without a spiritual foundation, there cannot be real peace. universal human rights, or lasting union. That is why I believe that the vision of 'One Family under God' is so important for this age. Each member of the family of nations has a unique contribution to make for peace.

This ideal and vision goes all the way back to the very beginning of human history. Just as we have big aspirations and hopes for our children, God also great expectations for the human family. God wanted His children to create a family of true love, life, and lineage. Yet, this dream is unfulfilled and God has waits in sorrow for someone to realize His dream.

My father, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, has devoted his entire life to the fulfillment that ideal. To my father, the dream of building "One Family under God" is not just the dream of one man, one woman or one family but the dream of all humanity and, most of all, the dream of God.

sity. Marriage and family are the fundamental building blocks of any society, but Britain, like the United States and much of Europe, is in danger of losing her most valuable institutions and traditions.

Divorce and family breakdown are at an all time high. The terms "hus-

band" and "wife" have been replaced by the non-committal "partner." Meanwhile, sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise, even among the youngest teenagers.

An increasing number of youth are joining gangs in search of the love and support they cannot find at home.

Gang violence is the inevitable result, with the rise of violent attacks on young people — especially knife crimes — being report-

ed even in the international media.

The social and economic cost of the breakdown of the family is staggering. Young people who cannot find love in the family do badly at school, are most susceptible to drugs, and are the most likely to enter destructive relationships.

The answers to all these problems do not lie in hiring more social workers, training more police, or building more prisons. We must make it our priority to support and invest in each and every family. We will create One Family Under God, one family at a time.

Another challenge facing this country, and indeed many European countries, is to integrate diverse religious and cultural traditions. It is encour-

Just last week at the United Nations, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. US President George Bush, and other international leaders met to discuss the urgency of a new interfaith effort to create peace.

The task of promoting interfaith understanding is an urgent priority for our world and an important goal of the Global Peace Festival.

The Universal Peace Federation is helping Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Middle East to rediscover their common heritage in Abraham.

Peaceful relations between faith traditions are not only about tolerating one another's prayers and rituals. A true interfaith experience is a celebration of the core principles that bind all people together as one family. We must learn from each other's faith, not just about each other's faith.

Before we call ourselves Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, or Jew, or see ourselves as black, white, or Asian, or identify ourselves as British, European or American, we are all the sons and daughters of God and members of his eternal family.

One of the best ways to move towards interfaith harmony is by working together in service for a common good. Building a culture of service is another core goal of the Global Peace Festival and a vital step for peace. There is something deeply spiritual in serving others. It is not something we should do for only a day, a month, or even a year. It has to become a way of life. When living for the sake of others becomes a habit, we come to see the true value God places on all human beings.

We are promoting a spirit of volun-

Why is the family the cornerstone aging that so many religions and faiths of peace? First and fore-

most, the family is universal. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, and religion 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 per-

son is like my father, like my mother, my brother, my sister, my son, or my daughter."

Therefore, the family should be the school of love where we learn to love all humanity in its richness and diver-

have found a home here on this island. Yet frequent tensions remain. The threat

of terrorism is in the back of all our minds, and all faith communities are facing the same difficult challenges with their youth.

teerism and peaceful cooperation around

the world. Communities and nations can be transformed through practicing the vision and the habit of living for the sake of others.

I'd like to see Britain, and indeed all European nations, build on these efforts and expand this grassroots movement to spread a culture of serv-

ice. Taking this one step further, I'd like to see Europe's community and volunteer partners joining with those of the United States and other countries to establish a Global Peace Corps. see VISION on page 11

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Fifty Thousand Attend GPF Tokyo

ifty thousand people crammed into Tokyo's Ajinomoto Stadium Saturday, 15 November 2008 for the latest in a series of spectacular successes for the Global Peace Festival. One of the largest interfaith gatherings ever held in Japan highlighted months of community service and outreach aimed at encouraging Japan, already a strong player in aid and environmental issues, to become a global force for peace.

On a cool afternoon that threatened rain, an excited crowd was kept happy by a wide variety of entertainers, including several Japanese TV personalities, Mongolian singing sensation Nominjin, who had performed at the Global Peace Festival in Ulaanbaatar in September, and the Kawagoe Fuji Children's Drum Groups.

In his welcoming remarks, Professor Hiroo Suzuki, Chair of the GPF Japan Executive Committee, thanked the more than 100 local NGO and community service partners, presenting awards to five of them for exemplary work in support of the UN Millennium Development Goals. Notable among the many community service projects held nationwide in the weeks before the Global Peace Festival was a bottle-cap-recycling drive started by schoolchildren in the Tokyo area. Spurred on by a goal of collecting 400 caps each, children arriving at the stadium turned in more than a million caps, enough to provide vaccinations for thousands of needy children throughout Asia.

Suzuki also welcomed the large delegation from the International Leadership Conference, which included former heads of state, as well as congressional and religious leaders from 55 countries. Religious leaders joined in the popular "merging of the waters" ceremony for the unity and harmony of the world's major faiths.

Among the keynote speakers at the Festival, Jose de Venecia, Jr., long-term Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives, suggested that the "Golden Rule" - basically, do unto others as you would like them to do unto you - is a common ethic in all religious traditions and thus could be the basis for a new peace ethic to be promoted in the Unit-

ed Nations and in governments around the world.

peace than Japan, whose foreign policy is focused on helping reduce poverty in the world," said de Venecia, "but no democracy, or any other governmental system, can succeed without a moral basis, without moral moorings, without a spiritual dimension, without a global ethic, without moral values.

vun Jin Moon, also praised Japan

opment Aid and called for ordinary Japanese citizens to become more involved in voluntary peacemaking and service efforts both in Japan and on the world stage.



The Global Peace Festival Chair, Dr.











"No nation is doing more for global

for its strong record of Official Devel-

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Imagine young people from enemy nations working side by side in service. Any initial misunderstandings and suspicions would fade away as they sweat, cry, and laugh together with a common purpose and cause.

As we celebrate the Global Peace Festival, we must renew the culture and traditions of Europe and expand her dreams of peace onto a global stage through the universal vision of "One Family under God."

This should be the clarion call of our age! As my father said in a recent Peace Message, the time has come: "to tear down the man-made walls of race, culture, religion and country, and establish the peaceful, ideal world of God's cherished desire.'

The power of one human family united can quell the turmoil of conflict throughout the world. It can end the strife and poverty of Africa, the conflict in the Middle East, and the final remnant of the Cold War on the Korean Peninsula.

As citizens of Europe and the world, let us make a solemn pledge to dream

the greatest dream of all, to lead the world to peace at last through the vision of "One Family 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, in Britain, in Europe 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 family, and may God bless this great nation of Great Britain and all of Europe! Thank you very much! 🛠

"I'd like to see Japan's community and volunteer partners joining with those of other countries to establish a Global Peace Corps," he said. "Imagine if young people from enemy nations worked side by side in service. Any initial misunderstandings and hatred would fade away as they sweat, cry, and laugh together with a common purpose and cause."

The Global Peace Festival moves on from Tokyo to London, followed by the Solomon Islands, Brazil, and the Philippines. By the end of the year, organizers estimate that over a million people will have joined the festival worldwide.

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# 4th 'Living for Others' Awards Presentation in Australia

by Gerard Roberts, UPF-Australia

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he 4th Living for Others Awards Presentations was held successfully on Saturday, October 25th, in Sydney's Western Suburbs. With a packed house of 400 guests in attendance in a grand banquet style format, the crowd was treated to a unique program. This

year the sponsoring organization, Universal Peace Federation, welcomed delegates from the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) International Conference being held in Sydney at the time. Amongst the notable dignitaries present was the wife of the deputy prime minister of Vanuatu, Mrs. Lini, and various other religious, political and community leaders.

The Living for Others Awards is a celebration of the true spirit of humanity, recognizing representatives from the community who exemplify the most important virtue of loving our neighbor. The Universal Peace Federation feels that it is vitally important to send out the message into the community that the unselfish heart of love for others is the necessary ingredient for peace in our homes, our cities, nations and our world.

The evening began with the "Inner West All Stars," a youth orchestra, followed by welcoming remarks from the MCs Rick McInerheney and Tracy DeGeer. Father Patrick McInerney from the Catholic Columban Centre for Christian Muslim Relations offered a moving opening prayer to bless the event. An introductory DVD on the vision and activities of the Universal Peace Federation was played entitled "Building a Global Culture of Heart".



Two performances followed as the dinner began to be served. "Lohas notes," a Japanese and Korean duo act, thrilled the audience with their passionate performance of original compositions. They were followed by the lively "Sisca" dance team performing

a dance from the beautiful island of Bali.

After the entertainment, Dr. Dong Woo Kim, **Regional President** of UPF Oceania gave his welcoming remarks, encouraging the audience to embrace the UPF vision of building one family beyond our cultural and religious differences. The New South Wales state Member of Parliament Mr. Ninos Koshaba spoke next. He was impressed at the large turnout and congratulated UPF for its efforts to promote the important virtue of service to others. The Awards were presented by Dr.

Dong Woo Kim and MP Ninos Koshaba who was quite moved by the whole program. "A very inspiring evening," he commented later. A wide variety of awardees were honored and a broad cross section of age groups and cultural backgrounds represented. The one common point they shared was their passion to improve the quality

of life of others. A special "Woman of Peace Award" was struck in honor of the WFWP Conference involvement in the event, presented by International WFWP President Dr. Lan Young Moon to Queensland philanthropist Mrs.



Merekaraka Caesar.

The evening concluded with the appointment of several Ambassadors for Peace. UPF Oceania secretary general Enrique Ledesma began with a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting the role of Ambassadors for Peace, stressing that the appointment is not simply to recognize past accomplishments but an appointment to a new and expanded mission for peace.

As the evening drew to a close, a hopeful spirit pervaded the room, as we reminisced over the many high points of the evening. Our Ambassadors for Peace, many who were instrumental in the organization and success of the event, were very inspired, and many new guests very interested in getting involved in the future. The general sentiment was that if we work together, and take time to look after each other, the future is very bright indeed.

# Malaysia Hopes to Be the World Capital of Peace

unday, 19 October 2008-Space has definitely changed my view on life," Malaysian astronaut Datuk Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Skukor told the packed and attentive audience at Kuala Lumpur's Bukit Jalil stadium at the Global Peace Festival Malaysia "When I was in space, I felt very sad," he said. "I saw how small, how perfect our planet really is, and then I reflected on all the conflict and suffering we cause each other. I started to be more concerned about the suffering of women and children, and I decided I had to do something about it. Sheikh Muszaphar and a host of the nation's most influential citizens were gathered to celebrate the latest in the **Global Peace Festival** series and to promote the GPF vision with the slogan "Let's make Malaysia the world capital of peace." The Festival was jointly sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, the Ministry of Unity, Arts, Culture and Heritage, and the United Nations Association of Malaysia (UNAM). "We're proud of the fact that our multicul-

tural, multiracial, and multiethnic society - Malay, Chinese, and Indian - has managed to live together in peace for 50 years since independence," says Tan Sri Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail, chairperson of GPF Malaysia. An energetic Muslim woman with enthusiasm all over her face, Tan Sri Ismail says the Festival's simple message of "One Family Under God" can help spread the Malaysian success story to other nations in the region, where racial and religious tensions all often erupt into violence and bloodshed. "We need a new generation of leaders to bring peace,



ical leaders need to work together much more closely for peace. Denouncing radical interpretations of Islam that seem to call for violence, he said that Islam must be a force for peace. "We must anchor peace on earth," he said, "and that can only come through faith.

he she said.

Speakers at the International Leadership Conference called for a greater



understanding between Islam and other Abrahamic faiths. "We share the same two commandments," said Imam Faisal

Abdul Rauf of the Cordoba Initiative. "We are to love God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Today, everyone is my neighbor. But we are not actually living the commandments." Rauf, a leader of US/Muslim dialogue, heads a mosque near Ground Zero in New York, and is author of the book What's Right with Islam.

The Honorable Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohammad, Malaysia's Prime Minister for 22 years from 1981 to 2003, agreed that religious and politMeanwhile, thousands of students were engaged in a far-reaching campaign of community service aimed at conquering poverty and despair in the region. "Every young person can make a difference," says Dr. Teh Su Thye, who serves as the Executive Director of GPF Malaysia. "When high school and college students can give just 10 cents a day we can say 'Bye to Poverty' once and for all.

Several of Malaysia's top recording artists, including 'Malaysian Idols' Danell Lee (2005) and Jaclyn Victor (2004), along with Ella, the 'Queen of Rock,' offered free performances at the Festival and helped record public service

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# **Religious Leaders Support Human Rights at UN Celebration**

by Michael Balcomb

ver 300 religious, political, and civil society leaders gathered at the United Nations Headquarters in New York December 2 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and also to consider how best to respond to the new wave of human rights violations around the world. The event was sponsored by the Permanent Missions of four nations: Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nepal and coordinated by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Office of UN Relations.

The theme of the event, "Interfaith Cooperation and the Protection of Human Rights

and Dignity" reflected the growing recognition at the UN that, in addition to the work of the United Nations and its member states, there is an important and



growing role for "Track II diplomacy" that engages non-state actors, including faith leaders, NGOs and other representatives of civil society. At the recent "Culture of Peace" summit, UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon lamented that faith-based discrimination and racism show a "dismaying persistence," and said that for peace to endure, individuals, groups and nations must come to respect and understand each other



- and interfaith dialogue is crucial to

that process. "Interfaith dialogue is absolutely

essential, relevant, and necessary," said the Conference Co-Chair Anwarul Chowd-

hury, a former UN Under-Secretary General and High Representative. "If 2009 is to truly be the Year of Interfaith Cooperation, the UN urgently needs an interfaith representative at a senior level in the Secretariat."

The Hon. Paul Goa Zoumangui of the Mission of Guinea called for religious leaders to the take initiative to teach about human rights issues in their communities and to make sure that the rights of all people –

not just a select few – would be honored. H.E. Madhu Raman Acharya of Nepal agreed. "Peace is the highest call-

ing of the UN," he said, "and defending human rights for all is one of its highest goals. The UN cannot allow a 'clash of civilizations' to become a reality." Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, These are two links to the video report of the UN event:

1) http://www.mediafire.com/?iljugll2hOo (WMV file - 30 mb) 2) http://www.mediafire.com/?kjzlejjyuyz (FLV file -15 mb)

Co-Chair of the UPF, commented on the excitement surrounding the incoming Obama administration in the United States and the hope of many nations that the USA would be adopting a new stance in its international relations. "This is therefore a very good time for the United Nations to reflect upon its own strategies and policies to create peace," he said. "If the recent atrocities in Mumbai, India, prove to have a religious as well as a political motive, this will underline the reality that religion has become one of the most important peace issues facing the United Nations."

The Hon. Scott Garrett, US Representative for the 17th Congressional District in New

Jersey, also urged the United Nations to sharpen its focus in the discussion of human rights. "All rights, including human rights and religious rights, derive from God, and it is the duty of the United Nations, and all governments, to protect those rights," he said.

"Though some may disagree with this position, consider the alternative," he said. "If human rights do not come from God, then they come only from the State. And as I am constantly reminded by my constituents, many of whom came to the United States from countries with very poor records on human rights, states, governed as they are by



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imperfect, fallen human beings, are often the worst offenders. The United Nations should not just say empty words about the importance of human rights but use its authority to call its mem-

ber states to account." The religious leaders from many faiths present included Sikhs, Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Christians, and a number of smaller groups. "We need true tolerance, not just putting up with each other but becoming intimately connected," said Rabbi Michael Weisser from Flushing, New York." "Religious and human rights are for everyone, not just those who look like us."



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announcements in the weeks leading up to the celebration. The Royal Malaysian Air Force Band and the Cultural Dance Troupe of the Malaysian National Department of Culture and Arts, together with a host of rising young stars, kept the crowd of almost 20,000 on their toes.

"One Family Under God should be the clarion call of this age" said GPF Founder, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon. "It is not the dream of just one family, religion or nation. It is the dream of all humanity, and more than that, it is the dream of God. If Malaysia can take ownership of this dream it can bring hope to all of Asia."



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# ACLC Prayer Breakfast in Los Angeles

#### by Paul Moore

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he Los Angeles ACLC monthly prayer breakfast convened on Saturday, September 6, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Westminster. For the first time a second generation couple, Tadakimi and Christa Takashima,

#### were MCs for the event.

Minister Michelene Millsap of the Sadoc Christian Church began the program by reading from Dr. Hyun Jin Moon's Global Peace Festival Address. Our Japanese choral group next added their investment of heart and soul. Area leader Timothy Henning pre-

sented a powerful video presentation of worldwide

Global Peace Festivals. He challenged us to participate as partners for peace in the upcoming festival to he held in Los Angeles on October 9. Т h е

keynote address was given by Rev. Chris Lagerlof of the Mariners Church of Newport. He began by giving a stirring testimony of his near-death experience while mountain biking. The person in charge of outreach for his church after being the youth director for 12 years, he offered his account of the basics of church growth, "A Living Ministry: Reach, Belong, Grow and Serve." He

had all of us put a rubber band around our hand and stretch it as far as we could to graphically demonstrate that to reach out to others we have to stretch ourselves; like a rubber band that binds tightly, it will makes us uncomfortable at first. He challenged us "to build bridges instead of walls" in our outreach to others of different religions.

Norma Foster, President of the West Coast chapter of the United Nations

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cal offering was

given by Gene

Walker, a well-

known saxophon-

ist who came from

Columbus espe-

cially for this

event. Mr. Walk-

er has played with

Aretha Franklin

and has been on

the stage at

Carnegie Hall and

many other dis-

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A special musi-



Association, gave an inspiring testimony of the recent Global Peace Festival in Washington, DC, where she saw a beautiful blending of hearts centered on a common goal.

Dr. Rini Ghosh, president of the Interfaith Council of the South Bay Area and also president of the local Vedanta Society, explained that the ideal of peace is mentioned in the 5,000see LOS ANGELES on page 17



# **Cleveland ACLC Prayer Breakfasts**

#### by Keiko Biddle

recent ur Prayer Breakfasts have been a great success. The

keynote speaker in August was Rev. Joel Lindstrom, who is a very dedicated member of FFWPU and ACLC. The theme was "Who are we?" During the breakfast, we shared testimonies of the Global Peace Festival and also saw a recent video. The spirit was very hopeful and high. Rev. Dorothy Burton, who was

emcee, went through the program step by step with much heart. The song "I need You to Survive" was sung by everyone, and a scripture reading by a city councilman brought much excitement to the room.

After the ACLC Goals and Objectives were read and announcements given,

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Rev. Bruce Biddle shared a brief PowerPoint, Restoration by Indemnity, and introduced the speaker. Reverend Lindstrom shared his deep insight about the importance of the vision of "One Family Under God". It was well received and everyone felt the true love behind God's providential work. This was fol-

Recently when Dr Thelma Johnson attended the funeral of our fellow minister Rev. W. Rickey Barksdale, Mr. Walker was there and he agreed to come Cleveland to share his amazing talents. It was remembered that Rev. Barksdale was very dedicated and supported our movement. As Mr. Walker played

"When the Saints Go Marching In." all were moved to sing and march as if Rev. Barksdale, in the spiritual world, were marching also to support us even more than before. Reverend Burton closed with her prayer at the end of "Amazing Grace." Thank-you, again. Dr. Johnson. for your investment of your heart to make this event successful. And thankyou, everyone, for your support. September's Prayer Breakfast was dedicated to the "International Day of Peace," established by the UN to be celebrated on September 21. The theme of the speaker was "God Cares!".

The Day of Peace ceremony was led by Dr. Thelma Johnson, Reverend North, and Bishop Jemison. The ACLC Goals and Objective were read by Elder Edward Walton. After announcements by Keiko Biddle, Reverend North introduced the speaker, Evangelist Anita Wilkins.

A song was offered by Anita's daughter, and then Evangelist Wilkins spoke. She has also attended many of our events and conferences. She testified from the bottom of her heart and with powerful energy that God really cares for each and every one of us, no matter how tough our situation may be. She urged us all to tell others often about this simple but profound truth! It was a powerful and beautiful speech and inspired everyone that this kind of heart can bring peace to the world. Closing remarks and prayers came from the deep hearts of Bishop Jemison and **Reverend North.** 

It was truly an international peace day for our rainbow of friends and fellowship partners on that beautiful morning. A special thank-you goes to Elder Walton, who worked on making the program and thank-you to everyone who came and prayed for its success, especially those who came from Columbus, driving more than two hours. Thank-you to all. 🛠





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# Idaho Family Celebrates Garden for Refugees

by Pastor Marcus Beresford

he season of mists and mellow fruitfulness arrived in Idaho, and the first frost brought a sudden end to the harvest. This morning our

field looks like a primordial battleground, withering tomato plants and icy corn husks standing among a field of stakes.

The Family Church of Idaho owns a field of about a half acre behind our Boise church. In the spring and early summer it grows bountiful crop of weeds and tall grasses. As summer progresses, it turns brown and is full of "goatheads"—sharp seeds that attach to your clothes and tear into your shoes. I have been wondering how to maintain this wild western prairie.

I originally considered keeping a couple of sheep or goats, but the zoning laws would not allow livestock so I turned my thoughts to growing crops. I realized that for me to grow crops would take up much of my time, so I wondered who else might be interested. I considered offering plots to nearby apartment dwellers and envisioned competitions between them as to who could grow the biggest leeks or rhubarb and developing the friendships into family fellowship.

One of the churches I visit has a plot that the members grow vegetables on that helps provide for their free food program. I offered them the use of our field, but they said that they had enough land of there own. However they informed others about our land, and in February I received a call from the Idaho Office for Refugees (I. O. R.), who was looking for land for refugee families to farm. We met, and arrangements were made for the refuges to come.

Representatives from three families came for the groundbreaking on Saturday, April 26, as part of the I. O. R's Earth Day celebrations. Significantly the refugees came from three continents —Columbia in South America, Uzbekistan in Asia, and the Congo in Africa. They worked hard digging irrigation ditches and clearing the land while some of their children played on our swings. From small acorns great oak trees grow. These are the seeds of Cheon II Guk in Idaho that will bear great fruit in the future.



Fortunately this Global Peace Garden battleground has been a great victory for God and True Parents. The project began in April. Originally there was a Karin family from the border region of Myanmar and a lady from Columbia, some Uzbek/Russian families, and several Africans. For whatever reason the Columbian lady and the Karins left, so the half acre was soon divided between the Russians and a large French-speaking African co-op from Rwanda, Burundi, and Congo. Luckily my schoolboy French was enough for basic communication.

They grew a great variety of crops, some for sale in the market and to local restaurants and some for their consumption. To list a few, they had amaranth, cantaloupe, celery, cucumber, eggplant, maize, marrow, onions, peppers, potato, squash, tomato, and zucchini.

Uzbekistan is on the same latitude as Idaho, with a similar continental climate and even similar altitude, so the Russian families were well organized and knew what they were doing. For some of the Africans, however, this is their first year out of Africa, and they have never seen frost, so adapting was harder. But their irrigation system was

ingenious, with water flowing one way along one side of a path and the reverse direction on the other side.

For Family Federation Idaho, this was a great victory. God showed us a good, productive use for a field of weeds. We helped provide refugees with food

and income, and we built friendship and trust with an important government social action program that includes three church-related refugee organizations.

Furthermore, it was a tremendous public relations victory for our movement. At the end of September I went to a three-day conference of ministers about Christian social action, especially addressing how the church can fulfill Jesus' direction in Matthew 25:31–40. The conference was at a

megachurch and covered a number of topics under the umbrella of Isaiah 61: 8 ("For I, the LORD, love justice") such as human trafficking, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and Christian stewardship of the creation.

In the past I would have found it dif-

ficult explaining our ministry to these white evangelical conservative clergy and Christian lay leaders. The garden project was a great icebreaker and brought immediate respect. From then on, it was easy to talk about the Family Federation and even our True Parents. Only God could open the way like this;

it was not my doing at all.

This project has taught me a most important lesson. To influence people, we need to serve. In Luke 4, Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor." So giving the word is vital; whether one on one or at afterdinner programs, prayer breakfasts, large conferences, or convocations. But

love is an action, and the good words must be substantiated with good deeds. Our love is an offering

The prophet Isaiah explains the offering (fasting) God wants us to make, "to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke; to share our food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter and not to turn away from our own flesh and blood." (Is. 58:6-7) This is the other side of the coin. Social action is the expression of the word and we must be involved.

When people see our actions, it dispels any negativity and builds trust. Trust builds friendship, respect, support, and partnership. That opens the way to influence, guidance, and, finally, leadership. Abel's mission is to win Cain's heart so that Cain voluntary submits to Abel. The only way to do this is to set the example of loving Cain. Through social action we can love Cain.

Social action is both vital to change the world and also the key to unlocking Cain's heart. It is integral to creating Cheon II Guk from within our com-



resources such as Service for Peace and Free Teens as part of our witnessing and minister outreach. We don't all have gardens, but every state and city church, every small group and ACLC chapter can find some way to serve. Not only will it bring us recognition and respect, it will also give our church family the vitality elements we need to witness. And it makes us feel good, too! �



California to give his full-time effort to this project. He emphasized the importance of being ourselves and "keeping it real" in our outreach work.

Claudelina Smith, president of the Southern California chapter of the Women's Federation for World Peace, prompted us to attend the upcoming annual benefit for WFWPsponsoreed schools in Africa.

Elder Don Garrick gave announcements about interfaith programs, and Dr. Cecil Murray offered the closing prayer. We are grateful for his support. A sincere and enthusiastic spirit was present at our monthly prayer breakfast.



### Unification News

# **Reminders of Father's Life**

#### by Sun Jin Nim

This is from a sermon given September 27, 2008, at the HQ Church, Chungpadong, Seoul, Korea.

don't know why I'm standing here. I have to (I should) hear your testimonies, because there's only gratitude in my heart, when I see each and everyone of you.

It's tremendous that because of all your love, all your work, all your faith, all your hope and your dedication to live a life of true love, life and lineage, this movement was created. Everything on that screen is because of each and every one of you! It shows the importance of every single person here and the ability that you all have to move the world like True Parents have taught us.

I can't testify about all these great works, I can just stand here and just say, "I'm truly humbled and, actually, in many ways, I'm truly, truly unworthy and apolo-

getic towards True Parents. Because of our immaturity we haven't been able to really help them in all this foundation you saw right here in the clip. It's been our members, it's been our brothers and sisters, the elders, who have really stood with True Parents and really started building this great foundation that we have now. (Crying)

I just wanna share a little bit of my testimony. Just growing up as children in this movement, having parents with this much greatness and goodness (and wondering) how to become a filial child to them, how to get to that level, is really daunting (scary) in many ways.

And like us, too, in many ways, we

never saw True Parents while growing up. So his question to me was, "What is the secret of True Parents' teaching to raise such good children? How do you do it? How do you get your children to want to be a part of this movement?" And I was like (I said), "I, honestly, Mr. Tokuno, I can't tell you exactly how, because when we we're growing



up we never saw True Parents!"

I think, if we saw our parents, it was just to greet them when they came home, and give them a kiss on the cheek. Then they spent the whole day with the members, the leadership, and then at night, our kyungbae. That was the extent of our relationship with True Parents. Only that much time we spent with them.

So as young kids we grew up actually raised by members, by brothers and sisters. We were growing up together in a house, basically as kind of orphans without parents. I can say that this is a difficult course because you wonder: We talk about families, we talk about living for the sake of others, we talk about true love, true life, true lineage, but when you're young and you cannot share time with your parents and really do not have that connection (with them), there's no way to understand that truth. And there was emptiness and feeling disconnected. What we went through as a young girl, as kids growing up in the movement, as

second generation, is a very imperfect growth period in many ways.

And I can just share a little bit of my testimony. It is amazing when I think about it. Because, in many ways, I feel like I failed True Parents the most, and I have received so much love, so much encouragement and so much faith that I feel many times undeserving. I cry, I feel so guilty in my heart for causing them the most pain because I didn't have that faith and I didn't understand what they were doing because I had a lot of growing up, not connected, and just resentment.

Even to the members I had resentment, like this, "Because you're taking my parents' time, I don't have parents!" So it was a very angry feeling in my heart and that made me kind of rebellious against the movement and the church, while growing up. Even I didn't understand the meaning of getting blessed, "Why am I forced to marry somebody I don't know, and I don't see how this is gonna change the world, if this is love. I don't get it (don' understand it). No.. no.. not for me!"

That was my growing up. And True Parents, in many ways, no matter what, always said, "No. We have hope, it will work out". And I have seen that (happening) with each and every one of my family members. They have gone through very difficult courses while growing up, just as, I'm sure, so many of you, the second generation. It is a tremendous climb to find your faith and to really understand what your parents have been sacrificing for, what brought them to live this kind of life, to live this example, to wanna do this with their lives to change the world.

Actually, when you think about that, about living for the sake of others and wanting to create world peace, can you imagine that's your Mom and Dad!? That's your parents' heart! That's how they live their lives, it's amazing! They could be thinking of "my house, my car, your college tuition" and all these things, but they're thinking, "I wanna save the world. I wanna create peace on earth! There're people dying everywhere!"

This is the passion of your parents. And in many ways, while growing up, we couldn't connect with that, because we didn't understand that. But when I look at my life and at all the little failures that I've made, (I can see that) my parents still forgave me, and still have faith in me and still encouraged me and never gave up hope and never, never said that we cannot do it. They said, "You can do it, you can overcome, it's (only) in your mind. All the things that you did in the past, don't think of that, because you can go forward in the future. Look forward, look positively."

So when we look at these kinds of things, when I see this on the Internet, when I look at Father's life, I say, "It's always a reminder, it's a reminder of how True Parents have lived their life, no matter what, loving God, throwing away their children, serving the first

generation, the members." Saving the world was their No. 1 mission, not thinking about themselves. When we had difficulties they didn't come and fix them for us, but they said, "Grow up, follow Principle. You must learn and you must mature, but we don't lose hope, we're not gonna lose faith and we're not gonna give up."

So I'm always amazed by each and every family member being here. I bow down to you, actually. I bow down to all of you and all your children and all the first generation. The only thing I can share is: Don't lose faith because you will get there, the children will get there and, just like True Parents, don't give up on true love, true life, true lineage, because that is the key and that is the source. So please hold on to that and don't doubt because if you have faith in your goodness, then know that your children will inherit that.

### Dad, I Want to be Just Like You

by Wesley Samuel

See how he walks—hear how he talks—see how... Hear when he speaks—when he says hello— See how he walks—o yes, hear how he talks... As I was walking with my son the other day, I noticed something about him I never noticed before. He looked up at me with those beautiful brown eyes, smiling from ear to ear, and said, Dad, I want to be just like you. He said, Dad, I see how you walk, hear how you talk, and Dad, when you whistle, sing and dance, it seems as if all of nature is happy. He then looked up at the sky and suddenly he stopped, and, gazing at the sky, said, Dad, look at those birds. You see how they fly. Well, they seem to be very happy following that lead bird. Is that lead bird their father or mother? Before I could answer he said, anyway, they seem to be very happy, they look very happy. At that moment I sensed he was thinking very deeply.

I gathered my thoughts together and was about to speak when he jumped in front of me, looking at me with those beautiful brown eyes, and said,

Dad, does God feel happy? Does He want to be loved? I said, Why do you ask, my son? He said, Dad, because when I'm with you I'm very happy. As we walk holding hands, I feel the love of Father and son flowing through me and you know, Dad, that. I feel the thunder of the earth rumbling under my feet. That is why, Dad, I want to grow up and be love just like you. After listening to the joy of my son's beautiful words, I looked into those bright little eyes radiant with love, and at that very moment we were passing by the same place my father and I walked many times when I was his age. We came upon that old family stump. I leaned over, picked him up and sat him there and said, Son, there are many like you, and they all want to be just like you. You see, son, my father sat me here in this very same spot and I spoke those very same words that just came from your beautiful little voice. And son, you know my father repeated to me those same words from his Father. Holding his little hand, I said, You see, my son, what belongs to the Father, belongs to the son, what belongs to the son belongs to the Father, and what the son wants the Father wants, and what the Father wants, the son wants. The two, Father and son, are inseparable. I then attempted to stand him up, but he grabbed hold of my neck as if he was holding on for dear life, so I just walked with him, enjoying the beautiful fragrance of love between Father and son. I said with a very calm and soft voice, Son, always listen to your heart, and you listen carefully. You will hear those same beautiful words from the Creator, God our Father, I want to grow-want to be love-just like you-just like you-just-like-you... 🛠

Once Father was saying to me in the elevator, "Sun Jin, Sun Jin, I'm so sorry. We couldn't be there for you when you were growing up. I'm sorry to all your brothers and sisters. I hope you can forgive us for not being there as your parents." And I was just like, "Appa, how can you apologize to me? I have to apologize to you, how much we failed you as children! You've been loving the world, we've been given everything. We've been given all these brothers and sisters all over the world, and actually, because of our immasee **REMINDERS** on page **20** 

# Let Us Honor and Love True Parents

#### by Dr. Ji Hae Moon

This is from a sermon given at the Seoul Church, transcribed by Prof. Robin Debacker, edited by Rev. Bruno Klotz.

#### Introduction to Speaker by Hyung Jin Nim:

There's an old saying which says, "Behind every great man is a greater woman." We know our brother is a great man, a great CEO and a real genius at whatever he does. We've seen him take the entire Korean foun-

dation, which had a \$100 million loss every year, and in three years turn it around so that it's now making a \$50,000 plus profit every year. He worked a miracle. I've been in the office with him seeing him work day in and day out, going in at 7:00 in the morning and coming back at 9:00, working all day, meetings, meetings, directions, providing that leadership that all those companies need.

But we've also seen in our own home - because we stay together, Kook Jin Hyung's family, our family, Sun Ja's family, and now Yeon Ah Onni's(wife of Hyo Jin Nim) family is moving back to Hannam Dong training center - we've seen that behind the scenes, without Ji Hae Onni's immense love and support for Kook Jin Hyung .... when he's giving it all out, everyday, she becomes the safe haven that he can return back to. She's just an amazing mom, taking care of her three beautiful children. Shin Ah is here. "Hey, Shin Ah! We see you and we love you!"

Shin Cheon, her new baby is on the way. It's a very special thing. When Kook Jin Nim's first son was born, he was still in the womb when Father gave him his name. That was the first time in our family. And now, while they have their second boy on the way, in the womb, Father has given them a name already, Shin Cheon, which means the faith of heaven. It's really a tremendous name. Brothers and sisters, you know, we live in the same training center, so we see her everyday really being that support, that pillar. We've seen her step up in every single aspect of her life. I've seen her personally go out of her comfort zone to get closer with Kook Jin Hyung in every aspect of their life.

Our brother (Kook Jin Nim) was always a genius at strategy games. If you played Monopoly against him you were guaranteed to lose. He has an amazing talent for these kind of games, and he really practises a lot of the principles that he practises in business. When he gets home from work and relaxes, he starts training his mind by studying or playing games like chess. He's always training his mind. What I've noticed is that Ji Hae Onni is always playing with him, improving her skills, and allowing him to calm his mind. I am so amazed. When I think of a supportive wife, I think of course of my beautiful wife, but I also think of Ji Hae Onni. She really has been a pillar in Kook Jin Hyung's life. We've seen it and experienced it. She's been on the world stage at the Miss World Pageant, and at the

top level of the arts, but at the same time she's so grounded. She can come right back to earth. She's an everyday mom, taking care of her kids, supporting her husband. When I see that, we're so impressed. We're so proud of what she does and we know that because of her great love for Kook Jin Hyung he

is able to step up and have the strength to go forward and do those miraculous things that he's able to do.

Brothers and sisters, today I want to welcome to this stage and to this podium our wonderful sister-

in-law, Dr. Ji Hae Moon!

#### Main Sermon:

ctually, when Hyung Jin Nim first said, "It'll be nice if the True Family members take turns giving sermons during the last week of each month," Hoon Sook Nim and I answered, "Oh...We can perform dancing on stage if told to but giving a sermon is something very difficult to do."

Of course I cannot compare myself with Hoon Sook Nim who is such a great world-level ballerina, but personally I, too, feel more comfortable being on stage dancing because that's what I have done from when I was an elementary student at the Little Angels school and also because Korean traditional dance was my major in college. I've never had much experience on stage giving a sermon. Maybe the last time I gave a speech was during my college days, my speech as Miss Korea 2003 and at the world speech tour centering on the 3 generations. I sincerely thank True Parents, True Children and all our brothers and sisters here today for giving me such a wonderful opportunity.

Today I had many thoughts in mind, but because this is my first time to give a sermon in church, rather than a testimony about myself I would like to share what I have felt attending True Parents and what we have to do. Maybe someday when another opportunity comes by, I can give you my personal testimony.

It is already the end of August. It really seems that time passes by so quickly. It was just one or two years ago when I was pregnant with my 3rd and 4th baby. Back then, 10 months seemed to be like a long time, but now, with my 5th baby, it seems as if time quickly passes by. Whenever I feel so, I recall True Father and how he must have felt time go by so quickly on the path of fulfilling the providence and going from one declaration to the next. Through the recent helicopter incident True Parents' greatness inspired not only us but now their greatness is recognized and remembered by all people in society. That is how shocking this incident was. True Father should still be resting. Yet True Father continued conveying the Word even during the period he was hospitalized in the Cheong Shim Hospital. True Father took each and every second, minute, hour and days of his time to enlighten and illuminate the hearts of the people whoever they were. He dearly wants to let us know about God's will and the reasons behind it. Just a little while after the incident, although their health wasn't in the best shape, and despite the doctors advising them to take more rest, True Parents said, "It's time," and started preparing for church events, and not even a day did they forget to do Hoon Dok Hae. Not even for a moment did True Father compromise, taking

the easy way for his body. Seeing True Father and his will to fulfill his heavenly mission, I was able to feel deeply his utmost filial piety as a True Son of God.

But who is the one who makes his filial piety so complete? Yes, it is True Mother. True Mother's existence just being right beside True Father makes True Father so complete. True Mother is truly wise. How can I express it? It's as if all her senses, all five of them, are alive. Seeing Mother and how she lives. her five senses are like antennas, always straight up, inclining towards

True Father. Next to True Father, she fulfills her mission as Eve and as Maria. Furthermore, she boldly stands protecting him as she embraces the entire world. That is how she has given birth to thirteen wonderful children.

As a matter of fact, the place where she stands is lonely, both substantially and spiritually. She is in a position to always show utmost concern and care. This is how she spends her days, but recently she is concerned for True Father's health even more because True Father keeps on pushing himself even stronger, with more passion.

When I refer to strong passion, an episode about Kook Jin Nim comes to my mind. There was once a day True Mother worried about True Father so much and she said, "Kook Jin Nim exactly resembles True Father's character where he can't be stopped." Whenever I look at Kook Jin Nim I feel exactly the same. There are times when Kook Jin Nim is not understood by people, sometimes even attacked in the process of doing his work. However, Kook Jin Nim never ever works for something in return nor does he act in order to be considered a good man. If it is for the sake of the providence he is a man who will sacrifice himself and whatever it takes, and on certain occasions he will make bold decisions. Looking over Kook Jin Nim right by his side, there are times when I feel so much sorrow in my heart. Yet Kook Jin Nim always tells me, "Greater than the success which True Parents have accomplished is the price of indemnity and sacrifice which they have paid. On this basis we were liberated from the original sin, from the root of sin. How can I help the providence if I do not sacrifice as much as my parents did? I would not be able to help the providence if I chased after personal benefits." In this sense, Kook Jin Nim always expressed his gratitude and honored True Parents

feel was deep gratefulness to True Parents and I couldn't help but naturally submit in front of him. I decided to change my thoughts. Just as natural subjugation will come after continuous deeds of goodness, the time when all misunderstanding is relieved will also come.

Although True Mother stands in a very strict public position, on a personal level she is my mother-in-law.

> However, in this world there is no one like True Mother for a mother-inlaw. Our True Mother is the best! I was blessed to Kook Jin Nim under True Parents' great grace and Kook Jin Nim's love. Every time Kook Jin Nim took one step forward in the path of the providence I had to run in order to catch up with him. On the way True Mother always embraced me with such a gentle and warm heart. There

was love in each and every word she spoke to me, and not even once was I hurt by what she said to me. I deeply look up to Mother and the way she is, and I am willing to become like her. I believe that all of the wives in the True Family feel the same. Isn't our True Mother the best?

Whenever True Father gives his Words about living for the sake of others, it was always followed with a good deed. Love, sacrifice, and filial piety, serving and showing care, all of these good deeds cannot be done without a giving heart nor without a good action. True Father speaks, lives and directly shows us the model to live for this world and for Heaven and he loves the Cain side children more than the Abel side children.

We shouldn't keep ourselves hiding in our well like a small frog. Although our well may be full with True Father's love and we are surrounded by it, we shouldn't just stay still and cuddle up in that love. We should learn the substance of love, put it into action and jump out of the well and live for the sake of others. That is why True Parents continuously conduct Hoon Dok Hwae in order to bestow their words upon us, in order to open our eyes.

And in the position of the sons and daughters of True Parents, we should be proud and know how to honor our True Parents who have lived for the sake of others their entire lives. Now is the time for us to love the society. Actually, the time had already come. True Parents made the declaration in the motto for 1996. However, we were not aware of it, and once again True Parents sacrificed themselves through the helicopter accident. They declared the completion of rebirth, resurrection and eternal life during the Holy Banquet Ceremony for Substantial Resurrection of True Parents, bringing forth a new day of eternal life, eternal liberation and opening of the ultimate ideal



After listening to his words all I could

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# **California Proposition 8 a Victory for Marriage and Family**

#### by Nancy Hanna

week before the Nov. 4th elections, my husband heard James Dobson's radio program Focus on the Family. Dr. Dobson himself was speaking about the campaign in California to pass Proposition 8 which defines marriage in the California constitution as only between a man and a woman. He revealed an extraordinary God-inspired strategy of how this

(subsequent) victory was possible, a story that shows how God working in America today and also the way to bring about future victories.

On this program Dr. Dobson publically thanked "the LDS church" ie Mormon Church for contributing to most of the 30 million dollars to support Proposition 8.He said that with out the LDS the success of Proposition 8 passage would not be possible. The Mormon HQ church donated the largest institutional amount and thousands of Mormon

families gave 4 figure donations. From the Evangelical side, Focus on the Family and Concerned Women for America gave about \$500,000.00 each

It was amazing to hear the most powerful evangelical leader in the USA publically thanking and praising the work of the much persecuted Mormon Church and stating that they were the essential group for the success of Proposition 8.

Dr. Dobson gave another piece of astounding information. He said that "thousands of pastors and individuals" had done 40 day fasts for the passage of Proposition 8. On the same program he interviewed a pastor on the 36th day of his fast. (And I thought we were the only contemporary religious group whose members have done 40 day fasts.)

On November 1st in a San Diego stadium 40,000 religious supporters of Proposition 8 gathered for a "Day of Prayer and Fasting" for the propositions passage.

Why did the Evangelicals do the 40 day fasts? They knew from the Bible that this was something men of God did in times of crisis and they felt this vote was a final showdown for America- God's side supporting marriage between a man and a woman simply had to win or America would be lost. The Gay lobby were in the beginning very confident to defeat Proposition 8 in California because California is one of the most liberal states.

After that their plan was then to undertake a nationwide campaign to pass the same pro- Gay marriage resolution in every state. Along with the legal recognition of gay marriage they

> planned a number of accompanying legal mandates like public schools teaching children about homosexuality as a "civil rights" issue.

In addition to the well financed campaign, and the fasting, Evangelicals and Mormons visited every house in California explaining the al consequences

many legal and societal consequences if the Proposition was not passed.

I live abroad and was visiting my sister in a midsize California suburban town in early October. To my surprise at 5pm rush hour on a regular weekday at a stop light in town, there were 10 persons, mostly mothers and teenagers picketing in favor of Proposition 8. My sister told me these people were out their every day. Similar picketing was taking place in nearly all the towns and cities of California everyday.

Perhaps the best candidate for both the Republican presidency and the vice presidency this time in terms of experience and capability was Mitt Romney. However, according to newspaper accounts James Dobson vetoed Mitt Romney as Mc Cain's VP choice because Romney was a Mormon. Evangelicals have persecuted and rejected Mormons as not " true" Christians. It took the crisis of Proposition 8 to bring Evangelicals and Mormons together to save America. The victory in California points the way that America's future will depends on religious groups working together, putting aside old controver-

#### sies.

The Rise of the Religious: The Future of the America and the World Will be Led by Married Religious Persons

Many years ago Richard Panzer invited me to National Abstinence Conference. Most of the hundreds of participants were evangelical Christians and conservative Catholics. The keynote speaker was the only congressman in the US Congress who was actively helping the Abstinence movement with proabstinence legislation. This congressman gave a beautiful talk including humorous and loving antidotes about his wife and 6 children. But in the audience I felt a certain coolnes- this congressman was a Mormon. It's interesting neither Evangelicals nor Catholics had even one Evangelical and Catholic congressmen that would champion abstinence. Only a Mormon.

In Jin Nim mentioned recently in a speech that it is the Mormon religion that is doing the best job in forming quality families today.

Jesus said when asked how to know his true followers "You will know them by their fruits". We know that is how the world will ultimately recognize the value of True Parents. In the United States, the Mormons are ahead of usafter much persecution, their value is being recognized.

UPF through the leadership of Hyun Jin Nin and his Global Peace Festivals is promoting One Family Under Godat the center of this ideal are God-centered traditional marriages and families. This vision of the GPF is in fact at the cutting edge and the hope of the world. Recent academic research shows that those individuals that are the most successful in all societies are religious married persons.

At the same Abstinence conference I heard a presentation by Dr. Patrick Fagan of the Heritage Foundation. He showed his research that shows that the world is quickly dividing into twoon one side are those who marry and stay married and practice a religion. This group of families is doing well in everyway- economically, socially, academically, in emotional and physical health etc. The second group -those who do not marry or do not stay married and do not practice a religion- this group is on a downward spiral in every way- declining economically, socially, in health and in numbers as well. Significantly he showed graphs that this

phenomenon is true in every culturethe same trends can be documented in the US, Europe, in Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East etc.

Mormons prove this. Inspite of a long history of severe persecution in America, they have a strong religious praxis and are on the ascendancy in the USA in nearly every aspect of society. 4 of the top 10 American Idols last season were Mormons- their purity and goodness shown out each time they sang and sans sexy outfits and movements. The author of USA's #1 best selling book for young persons, a best seller like Harry Potter is by Stephanie Meyers a Mormon housewife who chronicles the love between a vampire and a girl, in a subtle manner that promotes purity and true love. Mitt Romney, the father and grandfather of a large exemplary family, based his qualifications and experience probably would have won the presidential nomination or vice presidential nomination if he had not been a Mormon. Steven Covey a top Mormon church leader is also the world's top business and organization consultants and authors and the Mormon owned Marriott Hotel is the best run major hotel chain in the in the world. As Dr. Fagans work shows, this must be because of the Mormons strong traditions of abstinence, faithful marriage and strong religious life praxis.

The Universal Peace Federation is calling for the religious groups not just be be tolerant of each other but to work together to bring about a world of goodness for all. The Proposition 8 victory is a perfect example of how their overcoming religious prejudices, religious organizations were successful in making a significant change.

According to Dr. Fagan's work, in America and through the world, there will continue to be a "rise of the religious".

Another example- True Father has invested a fortune in The Washington Times- first to defeat atheistic communism and now to promote family values. Religious people in America recognize the importance of the invaluable work of The Washington Times. Rising together, Unificationists work with other religious groups can make the changes society needs- but in America and throughout the world.

Nancy Hanna is an 1800 couple 🛠

all these things. I basically took time and left the movement because I wouldn't find that (faith) in my heart. So when Father was apologizing to me and when I said, "I caused you the most pain," I just broke down, because in my heart there was so much .... how could I cause True Parents this much pain, how could I fail them this much and how could Father still apologize to me? I couldn't comprehend it. But in all those difficulties he always forgave us. His heart was always apologizing. He always said he didn't do enough. He always gave more, not asking for anything in return, not counting what he got back. This was always his heart, no matter what, living for the sake of others. 🛠



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realm of the new heaven and earth. Now is the age of liberation, the Ssanghab Chil-Pal Jubilee year! This is the time for everyone to be happy. We should no longer just sit and wait. With the power and energy of True Parents' Declaration we shall stand strong and live for the sake of others to honor True Parents. True Children are already at the front of the line. Isn't society already amazed by their excellent leadership?

I believe that we have built the perfect four-position-foundation for the growth period of our Unification Family, with God, True Parents, True Children and, most of all, with all of you. right and left - centering on True Parents' will, we will see eternity and never ending prosperity. Is that an Aju?!

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in all directions - up, down, front, back,

Please take a look at this church. Following True Parents' words, the True Children, Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim are united in one here in Korea, building Cheon Seong, living and helping each other. Now we have you here today joining us, helping this church develop, reviving the spirit, allowing us all to see the substantial and spiritual prosper. Do you agree?

In preparation for 2013, let us live internally and externally for the sake of others and love and be proud of and honor our True Parents! Thank you.

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turity we caused you so much pain and we weren't able to help you. Appa, please, don't apologize to me. I have to apologize to you!"

And then Father was like, "No, no, you guys, you, all you children! We are always so sorry when we see you!" I said, "Please, Father, don't apologize to me. We are most grateful, we're most grateful that you've saved us all, that you saved each and everyone, not only the members. In my personal experience of my life, in the blessing, it saved me, (too)."

I got blessed when I was seventeen, and I didn't understand what the blessing was. At that time I had no faith in it, could not unite with the blessing and

## Unification News The Kingdom of God is in the Midst of You

#### by Alice Fleisher

y sermon this morning is about the true method for building the Kingdom of God. I would contend that Jesus and True Father both understood that method; in fact True Father utilized the concept in the motto for the year 1977 - "The Realization of the Kingdom of Heaven through Ideal Families

And as I recently read from the 10th Message of Peace "The Family Rooted in Absolute Sexual Ethics, which is the model for God's Absoluteness, Peace and Ideal, and the Global Kingdom" delivered on the occasion of the 47th True Children's Day, 11/21/06:

"We should seek out and establish that nation and righteousness - the ultimate destination for all of us-that attends God and the center. What would that nation be? It would be the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. It would be a nation that resembles the form of a model true family with three generations living

together in harmony, trusting, respecting and supporting one another and becoming one in love. In short, it is the nation that humanity has desired throughout the ages, the Utopia where God is sovereign."

These many references indicate something quite wise - that a goal encompassing the world and all humanity starts from a core that is quite manageable and indeed quite small. I'm sure your familiar with the concept that the family is the smallest unit of society. From our own Lourdes Zanin (Swarts) - August 2001 in her paper The Role of Parents in Today's Society comes the following quote:

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

So all this leads me to the topic of how each of us should be contributing to that huge task of building Chung Il Guk and the extension of that, or the Kingdom of God, especially in the current circumstances we all find ourselves in - i.e. - Denver, CO - Families of Peace, with jobs, families and financial obligations. I would venture to guess that



as a movement or at least as a community we are still trying to figure this out - really, since we all landed in our "hometowns". I remember vividly the themes of many sermons since the Fleisher family arrived here (1995) - expressing how odd it felt to not be on the front line and how we were reeling from the abrupt change that we all had been transported through (Like Dorothy landing in the land of Oz). We were conflicted and disoriented and not quite sure what to do.

Now let me digress a bit to reflect and put in a plug for opportunities afforded us to do frontline, full time missionary work. I did this for approximately 21 years but even a time span of 1 month, 1 year or 2 years can be valuable. I would call it our total immersion experience – the best way to gain our spiritual bearings and learn the language of God's Will and Purpose. It is a time to meet God and inherit His Vision. I perceive it as an opportunity for concentrated spiritual growth and

training. But even for us, we found that eventually such an experience must and will end and we must again settle into reality. But we should do so with a different perspective and focus - we are here to not just exist but to thrive and to be a leaven for our society. So let me ask you - How are you doing? While you may have been a good foot soldier have you progressed to the point where you are personally qualified to be a citizen of and dwell in

the Kingdom of God?

Its not that I am undervaluing the training we all went through. Not at All! To actually accomplish the task of building the Kingdom of God in the Midst of..... (fill in the blank - ask for response from the congregation) we do need to have a strong foundation and root of practice and purity. It is these things that make us uniquely gualified to accomplish the real task of Kingdom Building in the midst of life:

1. We need a vision to understand opportunities and to utilize them:

Lucille Ball - "The more things you do, the more you can do."

Or my experience with school - there is never enough time but if it's important to you there is exactly enough time - it is so defined by prioritization, vision and goals.

2. We need a strong moral fiber and compass so that all we do can be for the Glory of God:

Again from the 47th Children's Day Speech:

"Ladies and gentlemen, it was necessary for Adam and Eve to establish a model, peaceful, ideal family. God, the Absolute Being, created human beings as His children in order to instill in them absolute values on the basis of an absolute standard. Thus human beings must follow the way of that absolute standard in keeping with the demands of the heavenly path. This means we must follow our destined life course in order to attend God, the absolute Being, as our Parent. In other words, for people to perfect themselves in resemblance of God and obtain the

stature of people of character who can be called sons and daughters of the Absolute Being, they must follow the path based on the absolute standard God had determined. The essence of this path is the standard of absolute sexual purity.

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The first stage is maintaining absolute sexual purity prior to getting married. After we are born, we go through a process of growth. We pass through infancy and childhood in a very safe and secure environment embraced in our parents' love and protection. We then enter the time of adolescence, which signals the start of a new and dynamic life as we forge relationships on a totally new level with those around us, as well as with all things of creation. This is the moment when we begin to travel the path to becoming an absolute human being-internally, through the perfection of our character, and externally, by reaching adulthood.

Yet, at this time there is an absolute requirement that people must meet, no matter who they are. This is the requirement of maintaining their purity. This is the model of absolute sexual morality for human beings. God gave it to His children as their destined responsibility and duty, to be carried out in order to fulfill the ideal of creation. This heavenly path is thus the way toward perfecting the model of absoluteness in conjugal love.

What was the single word, the one and only commandment God gave to Adam and Eve, the first ancestors, upon their creation? It was the commandment and blessing to maintain an absolute standard of sexual purity until God's approval of their marriage. We find the basis for this in the Bible passage that indicates that Adam and Eve would surely die on the day they ate of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. If they had refrained from eating and observed Heaven's commandment, they would have perfected their character and, as co-creators, stood with God, the Creator, as His equals. Furthermore, they would have taken dominion over the creation and become the lords of the universe enjoying eternal and ideal happiness.

It was God's blessing that He told them to preserve their purity so that they could marry with His Blessing as His true children, become true husband and wife, become true parents and give birth to true children. This knowledge deepens our understanding of this commandment. It is connected with the principle of absoluteness in conjugal love, which is a principle of God's creation. The profound truth within God's commandment lay hidden throughout history: human beings





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### KINGDOM from page 21

must inherit and live by a model absolute sexual purity that is intrinsic to God's ideal for creation. This is so that they might perfect their individuality as God's children and establish themselves as lords of creation."

But let me get back to the task I am examining this morning. That task we are set to accomplish or the building of the K of G - that social expression/dimension of human life - starting with the smallest unit of society or the family. Now we can and should reach further back to the individual but I would posit that the family is even responsible to comprehend that aspect or their responsibility includes the task of being the environment within which individuals would find their way to fulfill the first Blessing or Individual Perfection - the launching pad for the next social realm of each of their/our lives or own family. And that realm is in reality a spectrum – family, tribe, clan, nation, world..... Another digression – it is wise for us to remember that the current situation we find ourselves in where this model is rare is due to the fall and providence of restoration. Pretty much all of us establish our families out of sync with the original plan of creation - or prior to fulfilling perfection:

Let me share one section of Linna Rapkins's "Stories of True Parents" describing the blessing of the first 3 couples :

"He talked about many things, but after awhile he started talking about perfection. "If you give up everything you own and work as hard as you can and get hardly any sleep and are absolutely, you MIGHT become perfect in about 70 years," he said. "Furthermore, that could only happen if you had been a good person all your life and if your ancestors were good people, as well."...Father continued, "And you know by now that becoming perfect yourself is the first blessing, and getting married is the second blessing. If you are married before you are perfected as an individual, your marriage will have many problems. Ahl-ah-yo? (Do you understand?)...But, we have a problem here," said Father. "If we wait until you are fully perfected, no one will every get married while on earth, at least not until you're too old to have children. Yet Heavenly Father cannot be happy until he has blessed families all around him." This appeared to be an impossible situation. You have to be perfect to be married, but God can't be happy if you aren't blessed in marriage. Father's eves focused on one person and then another as he looked around the room to see if they understood. "So," he continued, "Heavenly Father wants a few of you to be blessed now."

So, here is another "In the midst of ...." that we have to contend with – that of accomplishing our individual perfection in the midst of being married, being parents or, for those single people in our congregation, life and an imperfect environment (family or greater society).

Well, all my message this morning has led us to a better grasp of the challenging situation we find ourselves in and again to consider, how do we accomplish that which we need to accomplish "In the Midst of ....."

Let me offer to you some timely advice that I heard from my oldest son, Gelo. As he was completing his STF experience, he prayed and asked what he must be doing to keep up his spiritual life after SFT (1999-2000). He received the following revelation from God:

Pray Everyday

Study Everyday

Keep the Traditions of Your Parents Do Something Providential Everyday. I have pondered on this guidance over

the years and I would like to take a little time this morning to reflect on it again and offer it up to you as an aid or tool in your "In the midst of...."tasks. You see, I see it as relevant to us as well because it was really a question related to how to do God's Will when we're not in a fulltime providential mission or in the midst of life. Lets briefly reflect on the Principles of Spiritual Growth:

From the Divine Principle – Principle of Creation, Exposition of the Principle – page 47-48

"The physical self consists of the dual characteristics of the physical mind (subject partner) and the physical body (object partner). The physical mind directs the physical body to maintain the functions necessary for its survival, protection and reproduction. Instinct, for example, is an aspect of an animal's physical mind. For the physical self to grow in good health, it must have proper nourishment. It must absorb yang types of nourishment, and must eat and drink food and water, which are tangible, yin types of nourishment...Our spirit self consists of the dual characteristics of spirit mind (subject partner) and spirit body (object partner). The spirit mind is the center of the spirit self, and it is where God dwells. The spirit grows through give and take action between two types of nourishment; life elements of a yang type that come from God and vitality elements of a yin type that come from the physical self. The spirit self not only receives vitality elements from the physical self; it also returns an element to the physical self which we call the living spirit element...The spirit can grow only while it abides in the flesh. Thus, the relationship between the physical self and the spirit self is similar to that between a tree and its fruit. When the physical mind obeys the spirit mind and the physical self acts according to the good purpose of the spirit mind, the physical self receives living spirit elements from the sprit self and becomes wholesome. In return, the physical self provides good vitality elements to the spirit self, which enable the spirit self to grow properly in the direction of goodness.'

air and sunlight, which are intangible,

So now lets take a few minutes to delve into each of these points:

#### Pray:

Why would this be necessary? Connect to the source? Become open to the life elements and the purpose of lives by being connected to the Author? I would suggest that we should progress in our relationship with God aided by our prayers through prayer from servant of servant heart relationship to that of son ship.

#### Study:

This seems to be connected to the first point. What should we study? I would suggest that the content of our study should be related to our goals – kind of along the lines of those who would aspire to be a doctor must study medicine and the human body. So, if we are to become perfect architect and builders of a Godly society, we should be ingesting words that relate to God, spirituality, becoming perfect, building Godly families. Material that will help us accomplish the greater tasks that we are entrusted with in the midst of.....What else? I would also guess that some of the material is for us to develop as pioneers on this road.

### Keep the Traditions of Your Parents

This seems to be in harmony with the action part of spiritual growth. What is the purpose of tradition? Think on this. Gelo took it to mean such traditions and practices that Gary and I did – witnessing, fundraising (which he then did on STF), tithing, attending church, doing pledge, holy salt, holy days, ...

But the meaning could be expanded – especially for those of us whose parents may not have been members or at least not perfect. What about expanding this to the realm of True Parents – after all, one of their missions is to model true human behavior both in the ideal world and the way of restoration.

#### Do Something Providential Everyday.

This seems to also be in harmony with the action part of spiritual growth. As we ponder on this point, let me share some wisdom from Sammi. I had the opportunity to ask her why she thought STF was able to have such transformational impact on those participants and support staff connected to it. She thought about this and said that perhaps it was because it allowed them to make good conditions through which they could gain good spiritual world help and support and, since they were doing whole purpose or public type of activities, to more clearly see the world and themselves from God's point of view. Wise words

I would guess that we can all learn from this insight; remember, we are trying to build Heaven from the within the midst of Hell. Certainly any type of good conditions that we can set to continually have this perspective in our lives is invaluable and I would posit that when we take this component out of our lives, we easily find ourselves in the muddle without a clear sense of anything.

Well, in conclusion – this seems to lead right into the magic trinity of good life practices: Pray, Study and Action & Practice – but with insight and wisdom for the content of each of those three points makes all the difference in the world. Please pray about this and how the application of it can help each of you make progress.

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# I Can Feel The Heart of Noah's Family

#### by Pastor Mike Yakawich

ecently, I have been reflecting on what it was like for the Early Christians when they faced so much persecution. As I work in the community, there have been many levels of persecution from shunning, to verbal abuse, people writing against us in the paper to more dramatic experiences as being kicked out of a meeting "because our morality was too high" to being shot at in front of the church. Last week, one of our members said that while attending another church in the community he was persecuted for his attendance of our church.

His reply was so inspirational. Why are you discouraging me to attend that church? After all I am attending yours as well. The person told him this and that from what he learned on the internet. But this brother asked if he (the persecutor) ever attended our church? And he said No! Then why are you so negative and persecute asked our brother?

I recall one older missionary, in her fifties, crying to me one day when a minister of one church in the community told her she could not walk on his sidewalk because she was a missionary for our church. The reading in Matthew becomes a reality in our lives. In spite of any persecution we have faced or will face, the Spirit of God is with us. As I prepare a binder of all our church activities throughout the year of 2008, one cannot help but be proud of our church, recognize that Jesus is with us and our actions are speaking louder than our words as James would encourage... faith needs work.

So, when I think of the heart of Noah's Family, I realize he and his family must have faced some tough times. The community persecuted them, his wife and children probably persecuted him asking him, "Noah, why are you building this huge boat on the top of a mountain?" I am sure many could not understand and either said something directly to him or what some say had a "whisper campaign" against him. Can we feel this heart? Noah was trying to understand God's will. The family trying to understand Noah's heart. Perhaps, they thought their dad was crazy! There must have been a lot of turmoil. (Did you see the movie Evan about a modern day Noah?)

When we talk on persecution, there are a few questions I need to ask:

Do you persecute yourself?

Do you persecute others?

Do others persecute you?

We may first face situations where we are harsh on yourself? Do we pick on ourself unfairly? We do not see our value and place ourselves in our own Hell? Do

or harsh even to those whom we love?

I think sometimes we may even subconsciously wish to avoid persecution. Do you? Sometimes, I see it as a good thing. However, when I am honest, I feel it is a bad thing. Lately, talking with my wife, I said you know we have been blessed. We have accomplished a great deal, have many friends, our church is doing well. It easy to go on cruse control. I do not have a NEED to "stick my head out" and get persecuted. It is easy to avoid controversy and be accepted. I am sure Noah was content with what he had. I am sure he did not want

to be persecuted. Yet, he did what he felt was right. Can we have that same heart as Noah?

Today, the main area I wish to focus on is persecution you receive when you are doing what is

righteous. It is no fun to be embarrassed, ostracized or feeling out of place and not included. Her are some points or ....

Keys to addressing persecution for righteousness sake:

Pray! God will guide you. Find solitude and time to spend with Him. Pray for those who persecute you. In so many situations I have faced, the one persecuting is the one hurting, the one struggling and the one who needs our prayers the most.

Evaluate the situation. Sometimes you need to stand back and see what is going

It may not be as serious as it appears. Often, even intense persecution will pass. When you are standing on God's side, God will prevail in the end.

Be patient and talk with others. Do not isolate yourself from others. Seek advice and counsel.

Do not give up and keep a good attitude. It is when we give up on yourself or on others is when we can be utterly in despair. We need to strive for a good attitude. As I read once: "Somebody has well said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning.'

We need to know who we are. Junko asked this question two weeks ago. My son Joe wrote his first sermon with this title Who Am I. Both with our own relationship with God and our faith understanding, we must firmly believe we are sons and daughters of God. No one can take this away from us. God loves us and is with us. People will have fallen nature. People will be jealous. People will misunderstand us. People will judge us. As the Bible states: St. Matthew 10:21-23 "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child, and the children shall rise up against their parents and cause them to put to death. And you shall be hated of all men for my names sake but he that endured to the end shall be saved."

had to deal with Saul who later becomes Son of Man "Luke 17:26 and Mathew St. Paul. In Acts 8:1 "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria except the apostles." St. Stephen was killed and Saul was creating havoc of the church, entering into every house and hailing men and women committed them to prison. Later in Acts 12: 1-3 King Herod killed St. James, the brother of John with the sword. "And because he saw it pleased

the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also."

In spite of all of this, we still must check ourself. Thinking of Noah, Do you think he was grumpy sometimes? Are you ever grumpy?

Do you ever need to say, I am sorry that I was grumpy? Do you ever have to apologize for your attitude? I am sure Noah got irritated. I am sure when the villagers were persecuting him he came home with an attitude. He had to caught himself and apologizes to his wife or children for not being patient enough or loving enough. So how about us? Do you think in the time of stress, persecution and difficulty we can maintain a good attitude or will we be grumpy at times? It is good to be humble, to apologize.

In my life of faith, I am amazed how there have been so many who initially persecuted me for my faith. Yet, with love and patience, and many plates of cookies, we could win them. They have come to me in apology for their treatment and unfair attitudes. Winning their hearts is so rewarding and fulfilling. As Saul's heart was won over to God's side and became St. Paul.

Brothers and sisters, it was a tough time to be in the family of Noah. It was a tough time to be a disciple when Jesus was around. It was difficult to be a Christina even after Jesus was crucified. Today, we are not immune from the "fiery darts of the wicked" Ephesians 6:16. As in the days of Noah, we are living in serious times. Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the

24:29 Do not be naïve. Evil is very powerful. With God we can win over evil so trust in Him. As I mentioned already, there is one final point:

7. Be a witness and do not despair. It is in going forward that God Himself is inspired. Though not at all easy, and may seem the opposite thing to do, here we find the Holy Spirit. As Ephesians goes on to state, "For which I am an ambassador in bonds that therein I may speak boldly as I ought to speak".

I believe the words of Father Moon are very refreshing on this topic. He has an extraordinary view of persecution. I recall many times him saying persecution is good. He worries when we are not persecuted if we will become complacent and lackadaisical. "We will be sleepy without persecution." "He who is persecuted for righteousness can become the victor in the end." "Persecution is the medicine of indemnity which cleanses our mind and body. Therefore, we should pray for our persecutor." "Human ties made in difficult times are really precious." "The one who gets insulted yet patiently ignores it will be the master." "The religious life is the tearful life of being persecuted for the public righteousness." "Persecution is God's strategy to separate us from Satan." "Greater persecution is the precondition to receive greater blessings.

Now we can touch a little bit more of the heart of Noah and his family. As in the time of Noah and as in the time we live today, people of faith will be misunderstood and persecuted even from others of "faith". Yet, God is blessing our church and this is what we can have heavenly pride in. As Jesus said in Mt 11:4-6, "Go and show John again those things which you do hear...and blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me." Just this last month I have been blessed by performing a wedding/Blessing and three funerals for friends who had never attended one service here. Yet, they are part of and proud to be part of our extended ministry. We are Blessed. My dream last night was about our church being packed with people. Church prepare yourself for more blessings to come! As Genesis 9:1 will help us conclude, "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth." Now go and be a blessing to your community, your state, our nation and our world.

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we persecute others whether we mean to or not? Do we say things that are unfair



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### THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

## Update on recent 2nd gen activities

#### **I. Recent News**

#### **Camp Directors Gathering [Oct 3-5] UTS, NY**

Summary: All camp directors were invited to gather to share about their experience running their camps during the summer of 2008, and to discuss ideas of improvement for future camps. It was a great opportunity to connect face to face, gain new insights and ideas and feel a renewed sense of hope and determination for the future working together as a team of camp directors.

#### **Attendees:**

**Camp Lonestar:** ShinChun Lee, Stacey Cho, JeongWun Shin **Camp Aurora:** Heather Thalheimer.

Phil Thalheimer Camp One Heart: Mary Gowey,

Annie Steinbronn Camp Tongil: Jane Bowman

Camp T2: Jeff Adshead, Elysa Thalheimer

Camp Sunrise: Brian Sabourin, Jesse Stewart

Camp Shehaqua: Gregg Noll, Mr & Mrs. Bonini, Noah Ross

NJ KEA HS Workshop: DongMo Shin

STF National Training: Jr. Kimikami Miyake

Camps not represented: Camp Heartland, TFHT Camp, Camp GA, Camp Horizon, Eastern Canada Summer Camp,

Jesse Curtin from NE

**Youth Educators Seminar Series** [Oct~Dec]: We have already conducted these seminars in most of the following locations. We still have a few more to go:

Oct 10-11: Camp Sunrise, NY Oct 25-26: Dallas, TX Oct 26-27: Denver, CO Oct 30-31: Miami, FL Nov 1-2: Atlanta, GA Nov 2-3: Mobile, AL Nov 8-9: Los Angeles, CA Nov 16: Boston, MA Nov 21-22: Seattle, WA Nov 23: Bowie, MD Nov 24: Fairfax, VA Dec 14: Chicago, IL Dec 15: Columbus, OH

#### **Summary of Seminars:**

Each seminar is slightly different depending on the community size and the local needs, but in general each seminar includes some or all of the following components World Café discussion with 4 key questions National YED strategy Introducing Lesson Plan Form & FF YED Website **Content for Youth Education Owning My Identity** My Identity as God's Child My Identity as a Blessed Child My Identity as an extended True Family Member How to Spiritually Mature

education, which I had not really understood before...This seminar helped me to feel more connected to the National Youth Ed Dept. and their vision. I hope to be able to contribute more either as a parent or as a teacher in our local church. Helen K. Houston, TX

The part that I liked and gained the most from was the three identity lectures. They really answered many questions or uncertainties that I had...I became more determined on strengthening my parent-child relationship with God. I really need to work on attending to God more and think about how I can bring joy to God.

- Jeongwun S. Dallas, TX

In particular, I liked the three lectures after lunch. It is very valuable to get to the essence of our identity. I know a lot of thought and research went into these presentations. They touched my heart and made me reflect deeply upon my role as husband, father, and pastor. Rev. Hernandez and I both had tears in our eyes during the presentation on "My ID as a Blessed Child"...My main epiphany today was that I have to show more love to my wife. Seems very simple, but that is at the core of God's ideal. - Steve K. Dallas, TX

#### Mtg with Parents in Miami, Potential new camp directors: FLSeminar with Youth Educators in Denver, CO

It provided comfort and inspiration to work hard in my Blessing...I think it should be longer and it would be great to be able to get materials at the end. I wish these seminars would happen more often so more people could have the opportunity to enjoy it.

- Justino A. Denver, CO

I am most impressed by the heartistic aspect/content of the material. I think this approach makes the material more digestible to young BCs (and older for that matter).

- Alice F. Denver, CO

A fresh, new and profound expression of critical issues to the raising and growth of 2nd Gen...This content NEEDS to be put into a form that can be disseminated. (Book, articles, e-newsletters, videos, small WA Every BC needs this. It is life & death for each one.

insight into the process of that I've wondered about for a long time... Everyone should hear this stuff...its life changing. - Naomi I. Atlanta, GA

The principled presentations were refreshing and clarifying...My confidence in the rising BC leadership was strengthened...The talks about True Family got me unusually tearful.

- Jack W. Atlanta, GA

#### Angeles, CA YE Los SeminarBoston, MA YE Seminar

I feel I can deal better as a parent toward my children's struggles. -Daniela V. LA

Through the Principled Education Track. I can better identify where the kids are, what they need, and where their next step is. It's awesome...The lesson plan form really helps in just figuring out how to create a productive lesson.

- Sakiko M. LA

The lecture on the conditions necessary to be born a BC was profound content that we 1st and 2nd Gen need to reflect about. It comes down to our motivation of love, which is a profound internal guidance lesson. - Paula F. LA I liked the emphasis on catering to the needs of each person at the specific level they are at

- Bettina H. Boston, MA

I'm also more confident to invest in Sunday School & address the individual needs of the BC's.

- Eika K. Boston, MA Another thing I gained from this seminar is how to respond to questions pertaining to our church and how we need to be confident in our answers...I am determined to be more confident in telling my school friends about my beliefs & religion. Will M. Boston, MA

#### Youth Education Seminar with the Seattle Family community

This seminar has reaffirmed and strengthened what I value and cherish...The Blessing is a sacred privilege, and if we begin to compromise more and more we are polluting something so beautiful, given to us due to the sacrifices of all human history. - Jake F. Seattle,

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### 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! Be as *subjective* as you please, but keep in mind, that as this is a public paper, be

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Camp Sunrise, NYDallas, TX

I felt the "Principle Driven Youth

- Rev. Michael H. Denver, CO

#### Atlanta, GAMobile, AL

Another point I took to heart very much was the mention of moving away from the culture of blaming ourselves for fallen natures, and instead working towards cultivating original natures. I know my strong conscience has often led me away from the church and the members instead of towards it...Thank you so much, the lectures were truly enlightening and lightened my heart.

- Milya D. Atlanta, GA

over refreshments and wish this could be lengthened. Also the dramatization was an excellent teaching method so I would like to see this done on more concepts. -Jon B. Seattle, WA

God has shown me that this core identity education needs to be made available to all children at frequent intervals. I know that it "catches" the kids' hearts and minds. I've seen great improvement from past seminars and know that will continue. - Rev. Larry K. Seattle, WA Pastor Goto, Aki Goto, Naokimi, Kimikami

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### Peer Education Program: What Have We Learned

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#### **Youth Education Council Meeting** [Nov 12-13] 43rd St, NY

Summary: The leaders of CARP, STF & the YED met together with their advisors for the third time to discuss collaborative efforts for youth education in the US.

Attendees: Rev. Mito. Rev. Schanker, Roland Platt, Akira Watanabe, Rev. Seo, Naokimi Ushiroda, Kenshu Aoki, Kimikami Mivake

#### **Key Agenda Points:**

Brief reports from each dept. Touching base with Dr. Mrs. Kim Touching base with Rev. Jenkins Joint office for CARP, STF & the YED at 43rd st.

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#### II. Perspective on Youth Education

Last month, I explained in more detail the first stage of Values Education. In summary, the goal of values education is to instill an original value system, where we seek lasting happiness based on giving love to others. This month, I would like to describe the second stage of education, which I call Spiritual Education. This stage includes themes like the existence and nature of God, personal spiritual development, the vision of building one family under God, the ideals of the Blessing, and True Parents' work as peace makers. The overall goal of this stage is to mature spiritually and gain clarity to one's purpose in life. This stage of development must come on the foundation of having Values Education in order to be effective. In other words, without having a value system that seeks more eternal lasting joys, it will not

be possible to value and understand spirituality. Ideally, spirituality should already be practiced within the family based on the standard of the parents. However, many people experience this stage on their own after going through a period of disillusionment from the self-centered, materialistic values of the secular world, eventually leading to a search for deeper spiritual truths. In the next issue, I will go into the third stage of Identity Education.

#### **III.** Question of the Month:

How do I explain to my friends why I don't date?

Well, you could try to avoid the issue by providing the following reasons:

It's against my religion. She's not my type, and neither are any of the girls in this school, OR

I'm not interested right now, but I'm not gay.

The challenge is always the follow up questions that come with providing a less than complete answer. So in my case, I decided to always be as straight forward as possible from the beginning and be ready to explain more for those who wanted to know more. There was however one situation in 11th grade in high school which was particularly tough.

It started out as a normal Friday. I was getting out of my AP bio class, when my lab partner said that she wanted to talk with me briefly outside the classroom. I said fine expecting her to ask me something about our lab project. Then, out of nowhere she asks me "Can you go out to the senior prom with me?" I just stood there in shock, not knowing what to say. Reading my reaction, she followed up with "If it's too expensive, don't worry I already asked my parents, and they said that they could cover your ticket as well" A thousand thoughts went through my mind, and the best answer I could come up with was "I have to ask my parents." I briskly walked away down the hall, only to be surrounded by 4 senior girls a few moments later. One of the girls sternly asked, "what did you say?" Fortunately one of the senior girls was my best friend's elder sister, and she said to the others..."let him go, guys." Seeing my chance to escape, I continued to walk briskly down the hall. Back at home I struggled to decide what to do. I considered talking with my parents, but I knew what they would say, and I didn't want my parents deciding such an important decision for me. I imagined how lame it would sound if I went back to her and said "sorry, my parents said no" So,

anyway, I felt that this had to be a to pay for my ticket, and apparently decision that I made for myself. A part of me really wanted to go, just for the excitement and the prestige. Being asked out by a senior was a big deal since only a handful of juniors would be asked to go every year. Plus I felt that I could trust myself not to do anything stupid even if I did go. At the same time, a part of me strongly felt that I shouldn't go. I actually didn't quite know why. It became so difficult that I decided to list the pros and cons to help me decide.

If I decide to go to the prom with Susanna C.:

#### Pros

It would be fun & exciting My friends would respect me Susanna and her friends would be happy

#### Cons

My parents would probably disapprove

It would be a bad example for my siblings

Although I did trust myself, I knew there was always a risk of being in a bad situation at prom

I still couldn't decide, so I decided to pray about it. So, I sat down in my prayer room and I started to ask God what I should do, and immediately the answer came to me. It wasn't a demand, or scolding, but rather а question...how do you think your spouse would feel about it? I pondered over this question, and after reflecting on it for a while, I decided that I wouldn't go to the prom with Susanna because I wanted to experience the excitement of my first dance together with my future spouse. I didn't know who my spouse was going to be, and I knew it would be at least another 4 years before I found out, but nevertheless that was what I decided.

After making up my mind not to go to the prom with Susanna, I started thinking about how to explain it to her. But the yourself to become a person that more I thought about it, the worse can commit to a lasting selfless I felt because she was such a nice person, and I didn't want to hurt her feelings. I first met her through the Christian Youth Fellowship club which I participated in actively during my sophomore year. She was very smart, and was also a devout Christian even though her family wasn't. Her perspective was very conservative and was overall a very nice and good person. I knew that she must have gone through a lot just to decide on asking. Usually the guys ask the girls out, and so she definitely had to leave her comfort zone and take a risk in asking me, especially since I was a junior. She even asked her parents

she consulted her friends before finally fostering enough courage to ask. Also, in a small school like mine, there was no avoiding everyone knowing what happened. I knew that rejecting her request would be humiliating and possibly even heartbreaking. And I would still have to face her in my bio class three times every week for another month.

Monday came. I asked her if I could speak with her at the library after school. I sat her down, and we talked and talked for about 3 hours. I shared everything from my parents matching, to my arranged marriage, to Rev. Moon, to the beliefs of the Unification movement, to the way I was raised. I also shared my concerns for her in making this decision, as well as the reason why I decided not to go. She also shared her reasons, and her beliefs, and we came to a common understanding. I thanked her for listening, and she thanked me for taking the trouble to explain my situation. I actually think that we got to know each other much more than if we had decided to go out. Interestingly enough, someone else called her that evening to ask her out to the prom, so she ended up having a date after all. We continued being good friends even after this experience, so it all worked out.

Now, going back to the question "How do I explain to my friends why I don't date?" I think you need to find a good enough reason for yourself. For me, it was the thought of my future spouse: I wanted to share these precious first experiences together with her, and nobody else. For you, it might be something different. Also, I strongly believe that if you want to experience true love in your life, it's much better to prepare yourself to be the best person, rather than trying to look for the best person for yourself. So, instead of getting caught up in the drama of temporary self centered relationships, it's wiser to invest in relationship. This is what I believe God wants for each of us, and what will allow us to mature to a point where we can experience true love with our spouses, and with our future families.

Thank you for reading. If you have any questions or comments about youth education or the department, please write me at naokimi@gmail.com. Take care, and may God bless you and your family. 🛠



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