

***Cham Bumo Gyeong* completes the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures**

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On this day, I offer my thanks and congratulations to Heaven while feeling God's unending grace and love. Since True Father's ascension, I have been endeavoring to offer and dedicate the three great scriptures to Heaven. As of today, the last of the three books, *Cham Bumo Gyeong* will find its place among these holy scriptures. I don't know if you welcome this day with deep gratitude, but I can tell you that Heaven has waited for this day for six thousand years."

This is an excerpt from True Mother's address at the commemoration of the second anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day on March 3. During the events that day, Rev. Young Hwi Kim, chairman of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scripture Compilation Committee and Rev. Jae Seuk Lee, the vice-chairman, offered a box containing the complete set of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures to True Parents. Along with the dedication and publication of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* the previous year, the dedication of *Cham Bumo Gyeong* marked the publication of the complete set. There is no way to fully express True Mother's joy or the significance of the completion of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures.

Cham Bumo Gyeong is a compilation of vivid records depicting True Parents' lives as the messiah, savior, returning Lord, and True Parents' of humankind. It portrays True Parents' dynamic lives, incomparable to any saint in history, in order to achieve the goal of bringing about human salvation, world peace and ultimately God's liberation. *Cham Bumo Gyeong* was published with the focus of recording their victories through True Parents' "Pilgrim's Progress."

Compilation Process

Rev. Young Hwi Kim and Rev. Jae Seuk Lee initiated the first meeting to discuss the compilation of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures at the office of the History Compilation Committee on August 23, 2012. Later, professors from the Sun Moon University Graduate School of Theology and the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology joined the process of compiling material for *Cham Bumo Gyeong*. True Mother emphasized the importance of this process saying, "After True Father's Seonghwa, the first thing I resolved to do was offer the holy scriptures. It will become the first and last, eternal textbooks and teaching material that can be used to guide people in accord with True Parents' standard. Please be determined to do your best."

True Mother immediately gathered the compilation members in the main building at Sun Moon University and prepared a temporary office where they could hold meetings and do their work. Technicians installed digital reference books, other relevant materials and the search system for True Father's speeches on the compilation committee members' computers. During these initial stages, True Father passed away. Sorrow filled the hearts of the members as if all of heaven and earth had been thrown into darkness. Nevertheless, the compilation process continued under True Mother's instruction that we

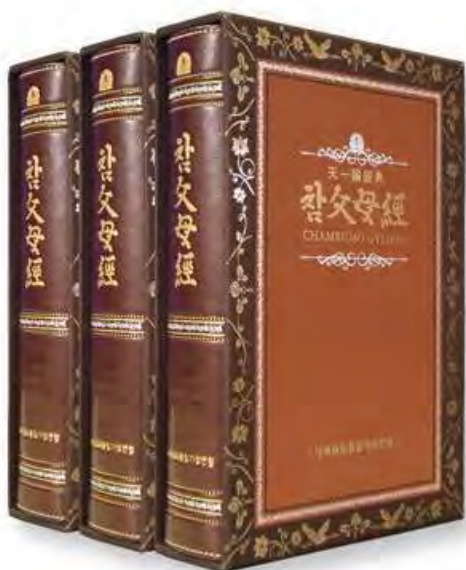
advance without stopping.



However, the *Cham Bumo Gyeong* Compilation Committee's initial task became compiling *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* and the new version of *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, so for the next nine months they concentrated on these two books, published in 2013 on the occasion of the anniversary of the founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. Somewhat prior to the publication ceremony, the Cheon Il Guk Compilation Committee began to turn its full attention to compiling *Cham Bumo Gyeong*.

Thirteen members of the *Cham Bumo Gyeong* Compilation Committee convened on March 26, 2013, at the History Compilation Committee's office. Rev. Lee gave a presentation, "Compilation Guidelines for *Cham Bumo Gyeong*," and the professors Hang Jea Kim, Eung Tae Jo and Kwang Bong Cho gave a joint presentation of their concept of the table of contents.

True Parents' life courses were then categorized into specific periods. Each compilation committee member was assigned a part to compile. Dr. Hang Jea Kim was to focus on the period from True Father's birth to the Holy Wedding in 1960. Dr. Kwang Bong Cho the period from True Parents' Holy Wedding to the beginning of the providence in the United States and the global providence, which began in 1971. Dr. Pyeong Seung Yang gave his full attention to the period from 1972 to 1992; and Dr. Eung Tae Jo compiled material specifically related to the period from the Completed Testament Age in 1993 to the present.



During the second compilation committee meeting, on April 19, 2013, the basic outline for each book was announced. The committee discussed each draft outline. The members agreed to flesh out each chapter, section and the table of contents for each book by the next meeting. They held subsequent meetings and during an August 7 to 9 workshop that year at YongPyong Resort, they decided on three guiding principles for the compilation process. First, the material would come from True Parents' speeches. Second, they should avoid redundant passages that overlap with those in the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*. Third, they would organize the books -- which have the role of chapters in a manner similar to the Bible -- in chronological order following True Parents' life courses while focusing on their accomplishments by theme and based on a chronological and consistent depiction of events.

They held another workshop at Cheongshim Village from November 29 to December 1 the same year. They divided the committee members into seven teams. Each team would scrutinize two of *Cham Bumo Gyeong*'s books. At that event, they removed parts from the draft that they felt were unnecessary and carried out further proofreading. They held another workshop from January 16 to 22, 2014, at Moochangpo Beach Palace for further review and editing of the text.

This version was then offered during the commemoration of the first anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day. Throughout this process, the committee members had spiritual experiences in which they felt that True Father was guiding them personally.

At the same time, True Mother also personally provided guidance as she pored over the details in the book. Through their investment, the first version of *Cham Bumo Gyeong* was offered to heaven at the commemoration of the first anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day.



Supplementing and Reorganizing the Content

During the victory celebration and Hoon Dok Hae welcoming True Mother back to Korea from her visit to Switzerland, Mother instructed that the content of *Cham Bumo Gyeong* be supplemented. She reminded us, "Our Heavenly Parent's wish and the wish of all humankind is True Parents.

True Parents did not one day suddenly appear out of nowhere. You have to know history. You have to be aware of providential history, understand it theologically and be able to explain it. *Cham Bumo Gyeong* is a holy scripture that is perfect and faultless for humankind today."

The *Cham Bumo Gyeong* Compilation Committee pored over more than 4,500 pages of basic material and delving into the 615 volumes of True Father's speeches and examining even never published ones. They worked day and night with little rest and did their best to meet the deadline for offering the text by the first anniversary of Foundation Day. Certainly, however, we may have had some inadequacies in our devotion during this process. During her visit to Switzerland, True Mother read *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, which was expected to be dedicated during the upcoming first anniversary of Foundation Day. She confirmed that some parts were inadequate.

Through prayer and conversation with True Father in heaven, she promised him that she would supplement the content once she returned to Korea and would complete the entire process.

"Please smoothen the material so that even someone with little contact with our movement can understand what kind of people True Parents are and what they have accomplished -- that they gave new life to human beings and that they worked very hard for humankind. You have to organize this volume so that people can understand it in this way." Based on these guidelines from True Mother, the committee began to supplement the content and reorganize the table of contents. They held a workshop from October 9 to 11, 2014, at Cheongshim Village for this purpose. True Mother invited the members to lunch and encouraged them in their work.

From December 17 to 23, the committee held a workshop in Yeosu, where they reviewed the content again. From January 26 to 28 at Cheongshim Village, they held a workshop to confirm and check the material. After a final review and confirmation process, printing began from February 10 this year and finally *Cham Bumo Gyeong* was dedicated to heaven on March 3 during the commemoration of the second anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day.