

서울구치소 정성

Offering Prayers and Visiting True Mother
at the Seoul Detention Center

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any official position of FFWPU.*

Thursday Nov 6:
Arriving at the HJ
Cheonwon



Which looks
magnificent
in Fall Colours





Cheonshimwon Night Vigil Prayer





천심원 특별 철야정성

Onshim Won Special Night Vigil

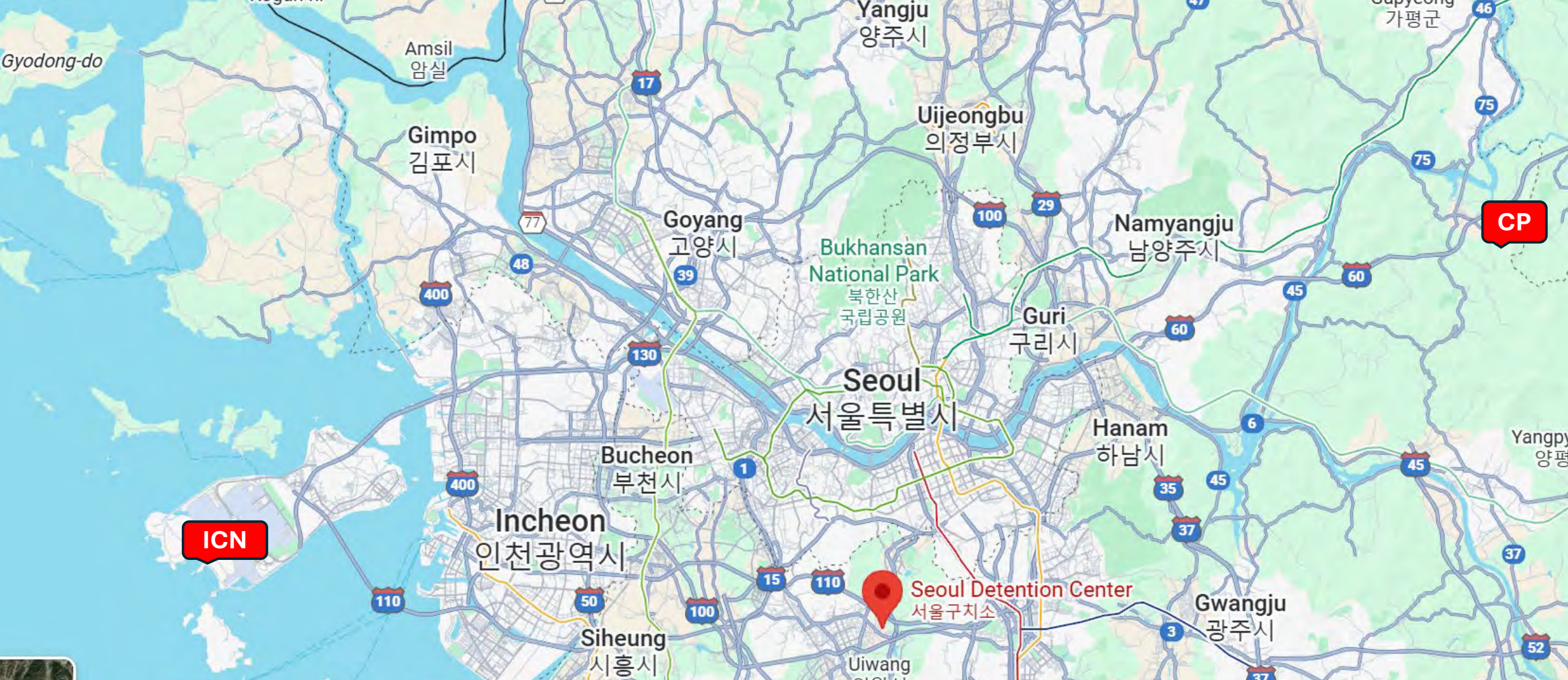
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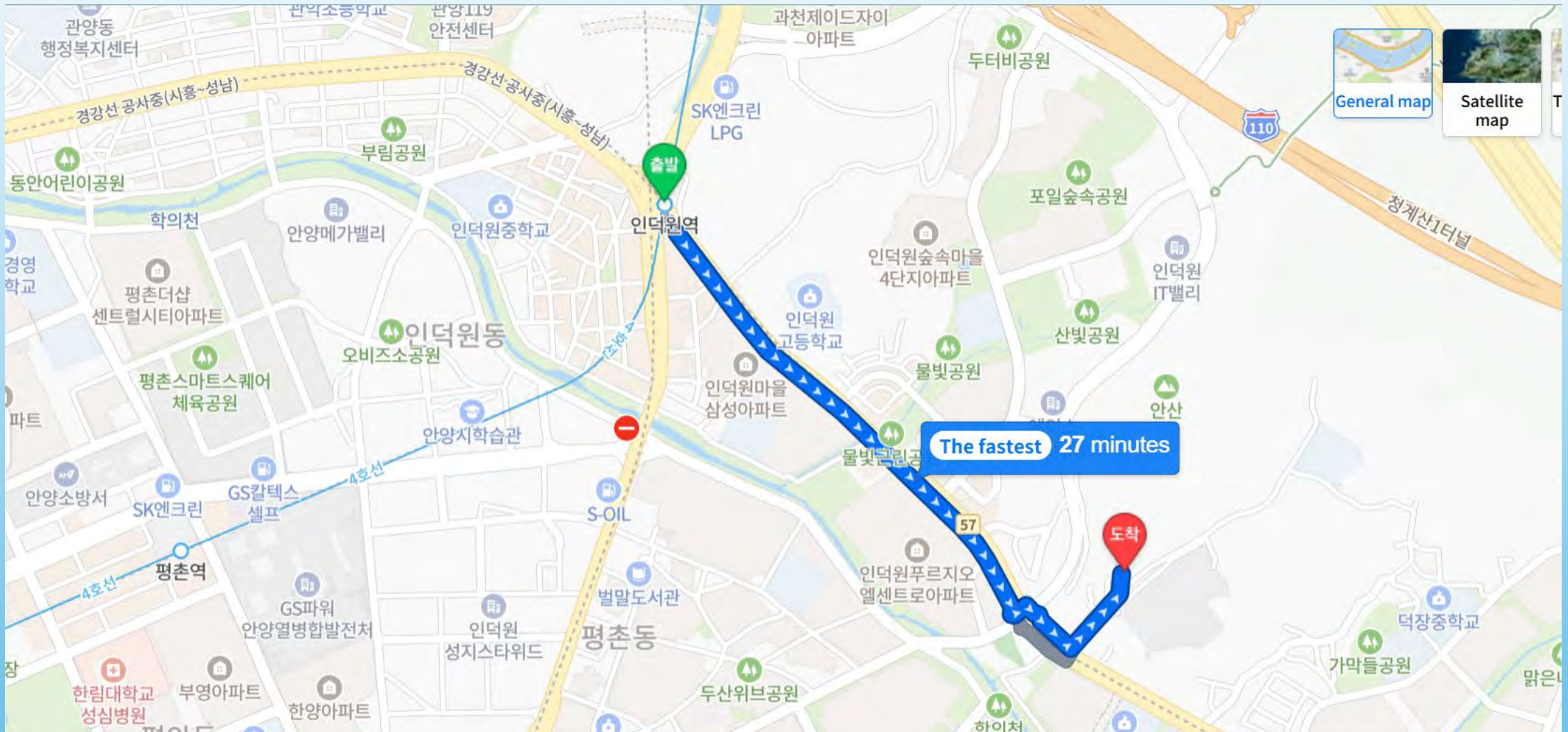
Friday 7th:

Arriving at the
Detention Center for
afternoon devotion
and in time for True
Mother's Return





The Seoul Detention Center is not actually in Seoul.
It is about 2 hours from the airport and CP by public transport



A 25min walk from Indogweon, closest subway station



Our devotion tent has become a new holy ground



And a place to testify about True Parents' life and work



Visitors are invited to browse the literature table



Friday afternoon Chanyang session



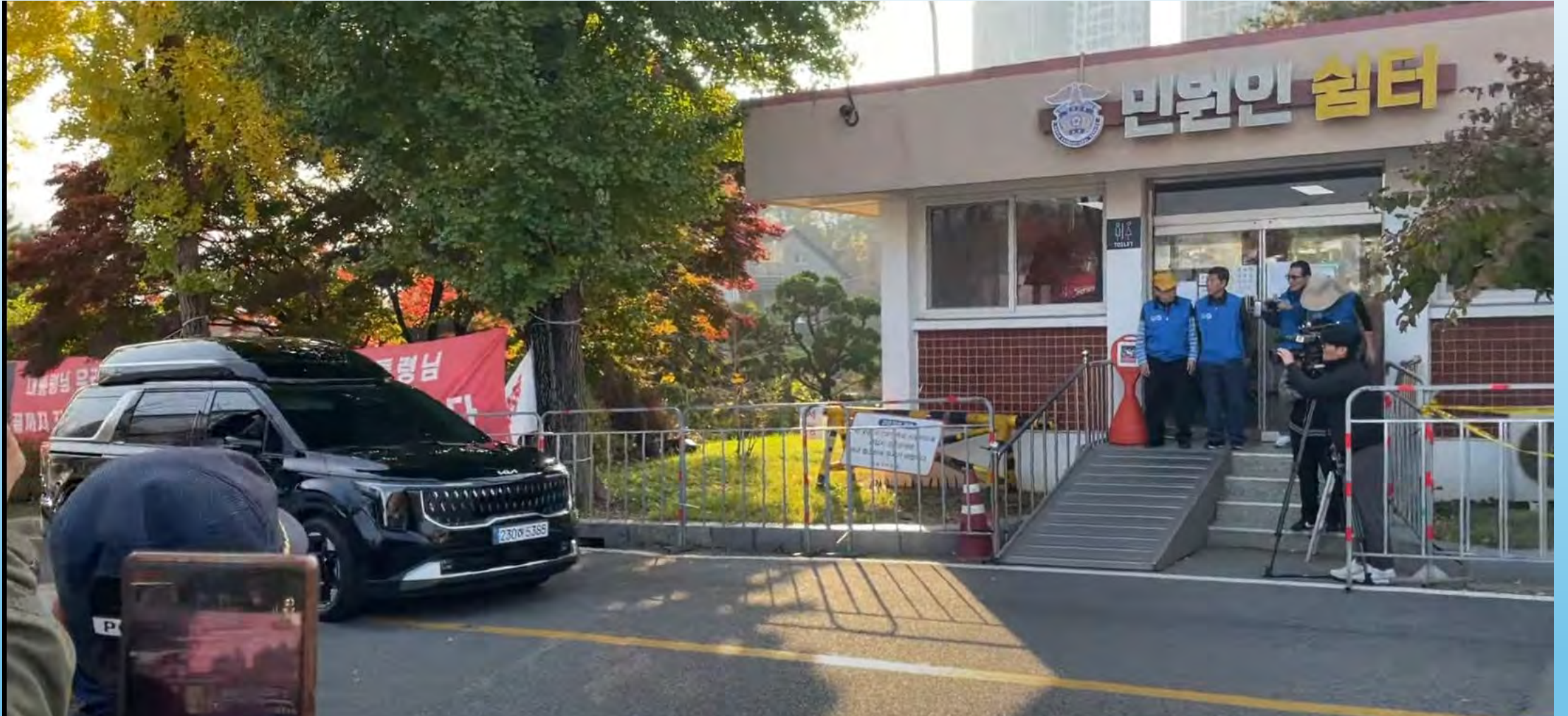
A lecture from the local pastor. Everything in Korean!



We get news True Mother is coming, and rush outside



Our Martial Arts leader, who has been camping outside for 7 weeks, whips up the crowd with his bullhorn.



True Mother returns to the Detention Center after a brief three-day medical leave in hospital



The atmosphere is tense and excited



And then she is gone through the gates and everything is quiet again. So we go back in to finish the devotion.





After a few hours break, it is back to the Detention Center for the evening vigil prayer



On weekdays this is broadcast live from Cheongpyeong (in Korean, of course.)



It was good to see the European Spirituality Workshop featured in the *Cheonshim Weekly Report*



The Devotion Tent holds about 120 people



At 1:30am after the devotion, it's a brisk walk back to a local hotel along now-deserted streets

Saturday 8th:

Arriving at the
Detention Center for
afternoon devotion and
finding the police are
out in bigger numbers

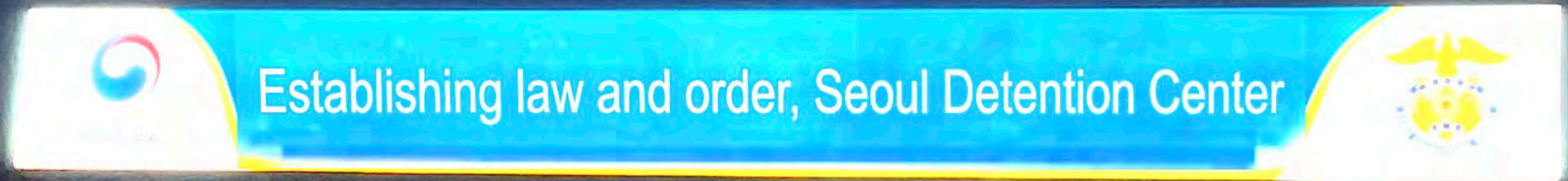




A huge and very noisy rally is taking place to support former Korean President Yoon Seok Yeol



And I am distressed to find the afternoon devotion was moved 2 hrs earlier and is over, but a few do show up



Saturday Night Vigil. Feels very quiet. My camera translated the entrance sign for me



Just after midnight, we set off for a Jericho Walk,
seven times around the entrance area





After that, calling out prayer.
It was a good day for steps!



Sunday 9th:

Arriving at the
Detention Center for
afternoon devotion and
happy to meet some
friendly faces





After Saturday's disappointment, it was good to see a healthy crowd. They'd come all the way from Taegu



Usual round of prayers, Aboji, Omoni
and calling out prayer



Back again a few hours later, ready for the evening vigil. A post box for letters has materialized.

Monday 10th:

Afternoon Devotion
turns out to be an
study of
Chambumoron
delivered by an
international couple





Albanian Anila Mucaj from Albania, who lives in Seoul



with her husband who gave 3 Chambumoron lectures

“참부모와 우리는 하늘핏줄 중심한 부모 자녀이며, 효도해야,”

- 참부모님과 축복가정의 관계는
믿음의 부모자녀 관계가 아닙니다.
- 하늘부모님의 핏줄로 연결된
부모와 자녀의 관계입니다.
- 모든 축복가정은 절대적 기준에서
참부모님을 대하는 효자 효녀가 되어야 합니다.



I certainly had Korean immersion learning



A Group of Senior Pastors (with over 50 years experience) also stopped by to pray

Tuesday 11:

At last, time
to visit
True Mother



I can't say much
about the details
of this visit ...

But I can share
what I said ...



My report to True Mother

사랑하는 참어머님,

오늘 아침 참어머님의 얼굴과 밝은 미소를 뵈게 되어 정말 행복합니다.

지난 주말 내내 구치소 문 밖에서 기도드리며 참어머님께 어떤 말씀을 드릴까 생각했지만, 오히려 참어머님께서 저에게 큰 위로와 용기를 주셨습니다.

유럽과 중동의 모든 자녀들은 참어머님을 깊이 사랑하고 그리워하며, 비록 기도하지 말라 하셨지만 여전히 간절히 기도드리고 있습니다.

저희는 하나된 마음으로 열심히 일하고 있습니다.

지난 3주 동안은 2005년 참부모님께서 유럽을 방문하시어 UPF를 창립하신 20주년을 기념하고 있습니다.

어제는 에스토니아 탈린에서 평화대사관을 새롭게 개관하였고, 이번 주 토요일에는 런던에서 기념 자선 만찬 행사가 열릴 예정입니다.

귀국 후에는 영국 상원에서 종교의 자유 세미나에 참석하고, 브뤼셀에서는 UPF유럽회장 잭 마리옹과 함께 교황청 대사를 만날 예정입니다.

특히 퓨어 워터 청년들이 아주 잘하고 있습니다.

이번 주 프라하에서는 중유럽 청년들이 모여 7일간의 워크숍을 열어 원리를 가르치고 천일국의 문화를 나누고 있습니다.

참어머님, 저희는 언제나 참어머님과 함께하며, 진심으로 사랑하고 끊임없이 참어머님을 위해 기도드리고 있습니다.

감사합니다.

My report to True Mother

Hello True Mother, it's so good to see your face!

Our family in Europe loves you so much, and so even though you told us not to, we are praying deeply every day, and we are working just as hard

The last three weeks we have been celebrating the 20th Anniversary of True Parents visiting Europe in 2005 to launch UPF

A report to True Mother

Yesterday in Tallin Estonia we reopened the Peace Embassy. In London we have a big fundraising dinner and next week we will have an important meeting in Brussels. Our Pure Water Youth are working very hard and our missionary teams are leading the way in witnessing. In Prague we have a 7-day workshop of Divine Principle, Chambumoron and the Korean Epic. True Mother, if we could, we would all want to be with you in here. We will keep praying for you to the end. We love you and miss you!

And True Mother's kind response ...

“Your Korean is improving!

**Please explain well about my situation
to all the members in Europe.**

And tell them that I love them.”



For homework, please listen to Shin Chul's report.



And then it was time to leave. Just yesterday!



I'll be back here in December!