

## A New Dawn -- True Mother's recent work in São Tomé and Príncipe

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*President Evaristo Carvalho greets True Mother at the Presidential Palace in São Tomé*

The spiritual transformation of São Tomé has brought the nation into heavenly Africa's warm embrace. The day Heavenly Parent and True Parents so long wished for finally arrived. Earlier this year, Evaristo Carvalho, who was born in 1941 and has been president of São Tomé and Príncipe since 2016, came to Korea for the celebration of True Parents' Holy Wedding anniversary. After studying the purpose of the founding of the World Peace Summit, the president was instrumental in creating a conducive environment for cooperation and last May, UPF and the government of São Tomé and Príncipe signed a memorandum of understanding on a New Africa project. São Tomé and Príncipe is now carrying out the providence.

### **Festival of hope, heavenly São Tomé and Príncipe**

True Mother arrived in São Tomé and Príncipe on September 5. In a place where the last became the first, True Mother received a report on this victory upon her arrival in the country. Government officials including ones from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed her as did bright youths (as the pure water of São Tomé and Príncipe) who came to cheer the first day of this renewed history. In the run-up to the São Tomé and Príncipe summit, True Mother visited the Presidential Palace, where President Carvalho warmly welcomed her and where she received military honors in the presence of President Carvalho. She also visited the National Assembly Hall, where the Summit took place. She later presented to the president -- during an interview with national television and several international media outlets -- her solutions to problems, solutions that as they accumulate will lead to global peace and prosperity. In the interview, True Mother explained, "If we serve our Heavenly Parent, all nations will become sibling nations in his eyes. If we do that, we are certain to unite. There will be no more wars or other conflicts."

The summit attracted eight hundred prominent figures, among them, President Carvalho; Prime Minister Jorge Bom Jesus; the deputy prime minister; the President of the National Assembly, Delfim Neves; fifty-five deputies, fifteen ministers, heads of state and ex-heads of state, as well as representatives of heads of state.

President Carvalho gave the Opening Address. "We are pleased and honored to receive you in São Tomé and Príncipe and to participate in this African summit." Following an introduction of her by the ex-president of Nigeria (2010–2015) Goodluck Jonathan, True Mother in her message, granted her blessings to São Tomé and Príncipe and urged everyone to make it a model for Cheon Il Guk:

Today we must know the essence of God's providence. Up until now, what has characterized the six thousand years of history described in the Bible are walls of wars and conflicts, walls of

religions and cultures, walls that prevent us from uniting. Through the marriage blessing that we will hold tomorrow, by receiving True Parents' blessing, you will be in a position of true children that God can embrace and to whom he will manifest all his love.

For six thousand years, Heavenly Parent has been waiting to be able to say, My son, my daughter... and to be able, finally, to kiss his children and fill them with his love, shedding endless tears of joy. This would be on the day when they received the blessing. If São Tomé and Príncipe becomes a heavenly nation that serves Heavenly Parent, and its people become blessed families and children that God can embrace, this nation will become the kingdom of heaven on earth. On this particular day, I would like to thank the president of São Tomé and all the ministers for their cooperation, and I hope that we will make São Tomé and Príncipe the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The participants responded with loud resounding cheers. Heavenly Parent had wrought a historic miracle before all their eyes. True Mother proceeded to award medals to leaders of the International Summit Council for Peace, of which Goodluck Jonathan is the chairman, as well as to the president of the Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and to local and foreign government ministers.

Following the ceremony, a welcoming dinner, Pestana Hotel. A sense of gratitude and congratulations permeated the dining hall. True Mother gave a brief message of love to the sons and daughters of São Tomé and Príncipe who were together as if they were one family. "Heavenly Parent is our parent and as his children we become one family."



*True Mother meets YSP Global Summer Camp participants*

### **Youth and Students for Peace**

The following day, September 6, before the blessing ceremony took place, she spoke to 150 youth leaders. True Mother gathered the leaders of the future and educated them on purity and the blessing. "For the first time in Africa," she said, "São Tomé and Príncipe united with God's only daughter, True Mother, and promised to realize God's providence. As a result, the blessing ceremony can happen today."

### **Hyojeong True Family Festival**

The new miraculous day when our Heavenly Parent's dream came true! In São Tomé, where the blessed family movement is developing, six thousand pre-blessed couples came to participate in the event. On that day, six hundred representative couples, political leaders, religious leaders, and chiefs from seven states packed the hall. President Carvalho, government ministers and ex-ministers joined the event. In the presence of the president, they held a national level blessing ceremony in the National Assembly Building.

### **True Mother's Prayer**

The future of this country lies in becoming one with Heavenly Parent and remaining aware that blessed families need to take the lead in making heavenly São Tomé and Príncipe. Those of you who received the blessing today, please remember that you are sons or daughters of a country that lives with and serves our Heavenly Parent.

## Reaching out to others

More than two hundred YSP youths pledged to remain pure and create true families, and then True Mother bestowed on President Carvalho the Leadership and Good Governance Award and presented plaques of recognition to the prime minister and to parliamentarians. After which the blessing started.

Fourteen media outlets broadcast the São Tomé and Príncipe Summit and the blessing ceremony including the state-run news agency. The live coverage reached beyond the island nation to several nations on Africa's mainland. The festival in São Tomé and Príncipe, was the first model of a nation that gave its full national support.



*Global Summer Camp participants are interested in a Tong-Il Moo-Do*

## YSP Peace Festival

Since last June, in accordance with the agreement made with the government, a hundred and forty thousand youths and students, which account for 75 percent of the population, are studying hyojeong character education. Together, they prepared a giant peace festival in São Tomé in a large open space, National Stadium Square, which attracted forty thousand young students on September 7.

At the festival, the city mayor, youth, people from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture intermingled. The prime minister's wife, five government ministers and an acting prime minister attended. The young people presented possible solutions for some of the world's problems. The national television station broadcasted various contests, a Tong-Il Moo-Do demonstration and hyojeong cultural performances and generally captured the synergy, live for seven hours.

Government officials expressed gratitude to True Mother for running organizations that focus on wholesome development and ultimately for the future of São Tomé and Príncipe. heavenly São Tomé and Príncipe is experiences heightened hopes and dreams that come from interacting and seeking to align with Heavenly Parent.

The first country that became one with Heavenly Parent awakens hope for Heaven's providence. A new era has dawned for São Tomé and Príncipe and for heavenly Africa. A heavenly world through the establishment of Cheon Il Guk is now arriving. A heavenly World through the establishment of Cheon Il Guk is on its way.