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The Messianic Identity

The following is drawn from the core content of Hyung-jin nim's January 21 speech to the national leaders at the National Leaders World Assembly, held in Korea immediately prior to the Cheon Bok Festival and Holy Day celebrations at the beginning of the third year of Cheon-gi. We have edited the original transcript for this printed version.

The wonderful tribute on True Parents' Birthday last year consisted of many different celebrations. We invited leaders from all the major religions to celebrate with and honor True Parents. They did not come only to observe. This was the key.

Last year's festival was the first. This year, the celebration will be bigger. You may have heard about the parade that we're planning. This is the first time for us to hold a parade on True Parents' birthday. This is not just an internal parade in which we are walking through our church grounds. This will be held on the street. We had to fight with the government, because they didn't want to give us permission.

Gwanghwamun is the main street in the center of Seoul. The Carnegie Hall¹ of Seoul (Sejong Performing Arts Center) is there. The big hotels are there. And there is a big statue of King Sejong that they've just erected. He is the king who democratized the Korean language; he gave the people the ability to read by creating the alphabet, hangul, moving the language away from just the Chinese characters that only the aristocrats could read, so that the national language could be written and read by everyone.

If we march in Seoul, we want to go right into the center. We want to do a parade that everybody will recognize every year. We want everyone to know that each year children of God come to the fatherland to celebrate one thing: God's fundamental presence in the world. That's huge. We had to fight a little bit for it, but through the grace of God and True Parents, we were able to get permission. I don't think they would have given permission to any other religion, so it is

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1. A historic New York City concert hall. Performing there is generally regarded as an indication of excellence.



At the World CARP Assembly, on 1.3 (January 25), Hyung-jin nim jogged all around the room as he spoke and asked everyone else to jog in place while listening. No one fell asleep.



On January 15, True Parents concluded an eight-city speaking tour of Korea. The final Citizens' Rally in Support of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind was held at the vast KINTEX convention center in Ilsan, a suburb of Seoul. Warmly welcomed to the podium by Hyung-jin nim, Father read his prepared speech, adding impromptu comments. After some time he called for True Mother, who read a lengthy section of the text while Father first sat and then stood beside Mother before reading the final page himself. During this speech, Father uttered the words that inspired Hyung-jin nim's message (see facing page).

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Cover Photo: Father and Mother in an official photograph taken on True God's Day and True Parents' joint birthday. **Back Cover:** True Parents greet veterans of the Korean War onstage after the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet—on the last leg of their Korean War sixtieth anniversary tour—had performed their grand finale for 3,000 guests at Caesar's Palace Hotel in Las Vegas on February 11.

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*Era of the Victory, Liberation and Completion of
the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind*

True God's Day Midnight Prayer

I offer this prayer to you at midnight on the first day of the first month of the twelfth year, the new year, according to the heavenly calendar.

God of the Garden of Eden, our Creator, accomplishing through three successive attempts according to the saying "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," You stated that eating the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil would bring eternal ruin. If Your will had been fulfilled, everything in the Garden of Eden would have become perfect, complete and finalized from that first hour. This earthly world would have been blessed as the heavenly kingdom of victory, liberation and perfection, centering on the kingdom of true love.

Heaven and earth would have become perfect and complete, becoming one with Your true love and connecting to Your tradition and lineage. Through the blessing of the right of the eldest son and the right of the eldest daughter—a son and daughter who both resemble you—a time of complete victory,

liberation and perfection would have begun and an eternal and immortal autonomous world of your ideal of creation would be conceived. That victorious world, which could have been completed, perfected and finalized between that time and now has not yet been perfected.

Representing the third attempt referred to in the saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," we have reached the age of the soul, the power of the spirit self. On this first day of this twelfth year, on the Heavenly Foundation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, I proclaim, in the name of the True Parents, a new beginning where we can enter the kingdom of victorious supremacy that has inherited the spirit self of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in a new age of liberation, perfection and royal authority, the era of our sovereign Heavenly Father's full authority. The victorious and supreme kingship, based on the authority of the liberation of 210 blessed generations in the physical and spiritual worlds, will continue for eternity.

Aju! Aju! Aju! **STW**



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Father's Message on True God's Day

Throwing the ball with all your might! Making a life or death determination! Throwing the ball with all your strength! You should know that mothers in labor are putting their lives on the line and are throwing the ball with all their might. Such parents love their children and they maintain the hope, even now, that their children will become greater than they are no matter what kind of difficulties their children face.

It is the same in the animal world, for the fish in their realm under the sea, for the birds in the air and for the beasts in the mountains. They make effort to leave behind descendants and put their lives on the line to take great care of their sons and daughters who come after them. In observing this, we must understand that we need to make our most extreme effort in order to become the lords and masters of creation. This means we must already have put our lives on the line.

Our homeland is not in front of us; it follows behind us. Even God, the God of Night and God of Day, cannot lie down. He is waiting urgently for the day of True Parents' victory. Each day for God is like a thousand years. Each day for God is truly more difficult than that of a mother in labor. Young women! If you've had the experience of childbirth, putting your life on the line is nothing by comparison.

Just as a baseball pitcher must throw the ball with all his might, a mother giving birth must make her utmost effort to make it over the hill of labor. The newborn baby cries out that it was born as a new son or daughter of heaven, as the first grandchild of its nation's patron saint. Whenever I hear that sound, I ask for the child's forgiveness thousands and tens of

thousands of times. As I do so, I welcome this day with tears, wishing to not be ashamed in front of you, wishing that we can become your parents, and wishing for your encouragement. I will not forget that I marked this day.

You are celebrating my birthday, and what was it, an all-out what? [Advance.]¹ You should throw the ball with all your might and rally your life-or-death determinations in order to welcome this holy day each year with that kind of determination and resolve to continue advancing and advancing more. Moreover, with the fieriness of your pledge, you should make a more fearsome, victorious advance than if you were to push the buttons to simultaneously detonate both a hydrogen bomb and an atomic bomb. That is the kind of determination I ask you to make now. [Aju!...Applause]

If you will make this determination, raise both hands, remember this day in front of God and become soldiers of heaven that are like dragons who will march forward. I pray that you will not be sons and daughters that are ashamed of yourselves when you remember this hour in the future. Do not lose the memory of this first day of the twelfth year. Determine that the tense situation of the Republic of Korea can be swayed by your resolve. In the hope, in my heart, that you will resolve to make a new beginning, I oversee God's protection and blessings on this new year in the name of the True Parents. [Aju!... Applause] **TW**

¹ Father's speech on the first God's Day, January 1, 1968, was entitled "All Out Advance." That speech was the hoondok reading before Father gave this year's True God's Day speech.

Toward a World without a Trace of Satanic Influence

Excerpts from True Father's hoondokhae message on November 25, 2011

We are passing through a new age. Therefore, the spirit world is also changing. Just wait and see.... The True Parent will speak to all of you standing here. Now you have to adjust your life. You must teach your children. The Heavenly Parent and the True Parents on earth... I am the True Parent who has united mind and body. There is the Creator who is the great master of heaven and earth and there are True Parents. Since Adam and Eve did not become the True Parents, everything was broken apart. The True Parents have now entered the age when everything can be completed—the time of regaining. Please be aware and believe that the foundation for new life and resurrection has arrived in the universe. The families of those of you who maintain that faith will be blessed....

The original creator of the spirit body and spirit mind completed everything in the Garden of Eden and told Adam's family that the one who ate of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil would surely die. We have gotten beyond that age. Now that you are in the realm of such influence, please live with one heart and keep in your heart what I am saying to you now.

We enter the age when you will be able to experience firsthand and know that what I say is being fulfilled. This is the age when your mind and body will be able to frequent places of another, higher dimension, different from that of the past. So, you should become families that are humble and can be entitled to this grace. It is time for you to fulfill this. True Parents are aligning everything that has been divided—heaven and earth, the God of Night and the God of Day—in one direction at this time.

When you wake up for morning prayer and sit up straight, if there is a table three meters in front of you, there should be a point a meter and forty centimeters from the table. You must offer the same full bow there. People in the spirit world are united, because they all keep this practice. If you keep doing it at least for three months, your mind will take its proper position.

If you actually felt that what True Parents have taught is not false, we could see a unified world in less than three years. You would automatically be able to make a leap to a world of another dimension—a wonderful, unimaginable, original world. But before you feel this and move there, you should receive the blessing with the True Parents.

I made royal seals for the Father and the Mother. In your families, you should attend photos [of True Parents] that have those seals on them.¹ Always pray before breakfast and lunch

1 Such photos are not yet available as far as we know.



and offer your sincere devotion. If you hang up a photograph with those seals on it, lay a copy of my speech in front of it, and offer a prayer that brings unity, Satan will leave the earth.

Satan is now helping us. If he doesn't, your ancestors will not just quietly accept that. Up to now, he could do whatever he liked—killing someone or letting him live—but now things are turning around. We have to restore all that Satan was trying to destroy in history. Only then will we move into a future when we thrive and prosper. If you don't keep pace, you will be taken away. Your ancestors may simply decide, We had better quickly remove this family from this earthly world. You must know that such a fearsome time is coming. Please offer your sincere devotion.

I lived up to this standard, so both the earth and the other world alike are under my governance; I am like a secret inspector for the king. We are entering the age when Heaven will surely intervene with people who violate the principles of the spiritual and physical worlds.

What I have said today is that in order for your families to receive benefits granted to you, you shouldn't tell lies as you come in and out of this place. Your ancestors will check on you so don't do anything that would put you on the wrong side....

So, when you are pregnant with a baby son or daughter, you should follow instructions from the spirit world on what to name the child. Adjust already from the time of pregnancy. The Creator said in the Garden of Eden that eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil would surely bring death; now we must get past a similar obstacle. Not just one family, but seven billion families are crossing over into that realm of grace. This is not a lie....

Listen to what I say to you today. The words of hoondokhae! I am aware that I'm instructing you according to the historical time through what I say during hoondokhae. Even I feel awe toward this speech book. Even if mistakes occur, please broaden your tolerance and quickly go over to the world where you can live with no memory of satanic concepts. There is a saying "Utmost sincerity moves Heaven."... The time is upon us. Not much time remains until D-day. How many days remain? [455]... We are on the way there. Today is one day.

We are in the month of November. What's the title [of today's hoondok speech]? "The Way of a Unificationist Believer." This is the way members of the Unification Church are to go, the path believers should follow. This is the way to go for people who live in the realm of God's word. To become Unificationist believers, to have your name included on the list of God's children, you must unite your mind and body. You must resemble [God].

Unificationists are responsible for what the children of families in the Unificationist community believe, whether they are still in their mother's womb or have already been born and have grown up. They could have stood against you. Being centered on the body, an enemy might appear and everything be turned upside down. For that not to happen, I have offered my devotion today and brought us past that point.

Our great universe is the realm of the ideal of love, the physical realm. The force of gravity differs depending on an object's mass.... To move that physical realm, True Parents give hoondok teachings from within that same realm....

You should feel how precious it is to be in an environment

where you can believe in Heaven and be trusted by Heaven. Once you become unclear about this, it's difficult to escape from that situation....

You have to adjust the degree of your devotion. No family other than Adam's² has become one with these teachings and has aligned with them in the center of heaven and earth. There is no such family, other than that of True Parents. If you don't unite with True Parents' family, your ancestors will be reluctant to appear to you. They will make it so they cannot come....

We have to reach Heaven's grace, based on the standard of our heart. If we don't do that, we've got problems. Your children's families and even people living far away can enter this realm after cleaning themselves up.

People who have been practicing free sex, families that have disregarded absolute sexual ethics, people who have opposed the nation and street women will all disappear. If you behave with such a mind, intoxicated by concerns for your personal benefit, your actions will harm others....

I overcame all difficulties. There is the expression for per-



Rev. and Mrs. Su-won Chung (blessed among the 36 couples)—the parents of Jin-hwa Chung, who is currently lecturing internationally on the Providence for Foundation Day—sing at hoondokhae.

severance—*chil jeon pal gi*. Fall down seven times, but get up eight times. I have walked down a hard path of death, a deep path of resurrection that would bring all people of the world to weep. God was dormant, as if he had disappeared, yet He can re-create Himself and revive. That is falling down seven times but getting up eight times.

Our son Hyung-jin has termed it the "seven deaths and resurrections." Who resurrected? Was it Adam and Eve's family? No. It was the father and mother—the king of kings, the father and mother of all parents, the father and mother of tradition, the father and mother of lineage, the father and mother of resemblance [to God]. How great this is! We'll enter the age of justification by attendance when, over the course of thousands of years, people will offer their bows in attendance of God. In the age of attendance, the melodies of the joyous songs of the kingdom of peace will fill the universe. **TW**

2 That is, the third Adam

Maturity through Sacrifice

This, the thirty-eighth installment in our series on Father's life, is based on the book series True Parents' Life Course, which was compiled from Father's speeches and published in Korean in twelve volumes. From this installment, readers might glean a sense of the direction the Korean church movement was going during the final years before Father took his mission to the world stage.

International Federation for Victory Over Communism (VOC) rally in Japan (October 1969)
Our Japanese members held a national VOC rally at Hibiya Park in Tokyo on October 7. The news media covered it. More than three thousand people reportedly participated and they responded with applause.

Until now, Japanese communists have confidently believed that Japan would be communized. However, a small group from the Unification Movement appeared in front of them, hoisting an anti-communist flag. This became an issue among the Communist Party leaders in Japan and in the Japanese government. Why is it necessary for us to carry out such exploits? Through such a campaign, we can quietly instill the belief in the people that they can confront communism even under the present circumstances in which no worldview or organization in the world today can deal with it. We can say that we are already engaged in fighting in Asia today. We cannot sheathe the sword we have already drawn in Japan.

A purpose-built workshop center opens (February 10, 1970)

It is important to plant trees today. You must plant trees with sincere heart. When these trees grow, your descendants will come here and rejoice when they see them. I am thinking of building a university here in the future. It is important for us to have educational institutions. Even if we move to some other place in the future, we will move the trees from here to the new place or plant seeds from these trees.

In that sense, this land of ours is the basis upon which we can give our love, centering on the internal reality, for the purpose of saving and protecting the future. We have purchased the land here and other land, at Cheongpyeong, for the purpose of continued development, after working for a long time based at our church in Cheongpa-dong.

One of three original main buildings of the Central Training Center; two of the three are still in use today.



Photos courtesy of the Korean History Committee

Since we have constructed this training center¹ with the approval of the Gyeong-gi Province² governor and police chief, we can say that this center has been established for the sake of the province and the nation. We have built it to contribute to the Republic of Korea. This does not mean giving something left over after we have finished with it. It means lighting a light and giving something of value. You must know that from the providential point of view, the 1970s are an important period for us to have the character needed to pay indemnity both internally and externally.

The most pressing matter at hand for us is the problem of manpower. If we go the right way about it, we will be able to open unlimited ways of resolving the human resources problem. This is why I have personally gotten involved in this and have worked hard night and day until I dropped from fatigue.

We built the Sutaek-ri Training Center in twenty-eight days. I personally supervised forty-some people in building that center. We leveled a hillock and reclaimed the land. There was a twelve-foot dip, and I supervised the work of filling it in. It would have taken others at least six months, but I said, "Six months? We don't have six months," and we finished the work in twenty-eight days.

From the beginning of the year, we have talked about holding a workshop. The director of information at the Gyeong-gi Province Police Department knows about us very well. He also knows that anti-communist activities can't be carried out without an ideological framework behind them, such as found in the Unification Church's Federation for Victory over Communism. He has worked in this field in various provinces; as a result he has become firmly convinced that only our organization can succeed in this task.

That's how he came to speak to our Incheon Church leader, which motivated the police chief to help us. He said he would have no difficulty bringing in the provincial governor as well. Because things were happening on a larger scale, he needed to talk to someone higher up than a church leader, and that's how he came to contact me. I asked him how many people he wanted to mobilize, and he said it would be about five thousand people. I then asked him over how many months he wished to educate them, and he said six months. That is a very long time. That's why I made him promise three times that he would make this happen. After making him promise that he would bring those people to attend the workshop, we began to quickly build the training center.

I originally intended to hold the dedication ceremony for the training center on April 17³ because that would have been 1 The Central Training Center was the church's main training center for decades. A five-thousand-seat hall was added in 1994. Some of the original buildings are visibly aging, but the center is still in regular use.

2 This province surrounds the city of Seoul on all sides, and stretches to the west coast.

3 Father's reference to Easter is based on his knowledge of the actual date Jesus resurrected. Christians celebrated Easter on March 29, 1970.



As part of the effort to promote understanding of our church among those of other faiths affiliated with the Association of Religions in Korea, Father invited leaders from those seven religions to our church headquarters and spoke to them on July 15, 1970.

Easter. While I was praying over the preparations, however, I understood that we must have the ceremony on April 16. So we hastily prepared for that day. Thanks to God's intervention in this way, it was possible for our church and the nation to meet both in an internal and external sense.

Joining the Association of Religions in Korea

Before I love my children, I should bring the religions to submission through love. Otherwise, I have no right to love my children. I need to stand in the position of having loved my enemies more than my own children.

As you know, our church joined the Association of Religions in Korea on April 15. Of course, we have put a lot of effort into making an association of religions, but the Association of Religions in Korea has seven major faiths among its members. At first, three religious denominations were at odds with our church joining. Yet we continued along our path, telling them to oppose us if they wanted to. In the end, the religious denominations that had opposed us came around. Thus, we came to form a connection with the seven great religions, and our church has now joined the association as the eighth.

Religious leaders attend Divine Principle lectures

We sent out invitations in the name of the Unification Church president to more than two hundred well-known pastors of other churches in Seoul, inviting them to come to attend the Divine Principle Open Lectures scheduled to take place at Academy House,⁴ November 26–28. Those pastors will faint at the mere mention of the Unification Church, and when they hear that they have been invited in the name of President Kim of the Unification Church, they will in all likelihood faint and fall down. When you meet people, however, you find that one person is the same as the next.

4 A hotel and conference center; twenty-six pastors did attend the Divine Principle seminar



Left: President Hyo-won Eu's funeral, in the days before we had the benefit of the Seonghwa Ceremony; the white sackcloth garments were traditionally worn by those close to the deceased, though it is less common today; Center: Delegations from fifty-one nations in Tokyo at the World Anti-Communist League's Convention, which our movement supported, in September 1970.

People like Elder Park⁵ are in the position of our enemies but when he was imprisoned in Seodaemun Prison, I tried hard to free him. Those people do not know about this. This, however, is how we need to act, for otherwise we cannot be in the position of Abel.

A six-month special condition

In 1970, we must especially invest our sincere hearts for six months from May 1 through October. We should know that this is a very important time and offer prayers with special devotion. When you return to your local churches, you should pay more attention to the members of other churches and work for them harder than even their own pastors do. You should mobilize all our members to support the other churches, and when they hold revival services, you should go there and help them witness.

Forty-day summer witnessing

In order for your families to fulfill their responsibilities as Abel families, you must restore Cain families. You must become tribal messiahs. Today is July 19. Tomorrow you must leave in four directions. Those of you who have babies must go, bearing them on your shoulders. This time, in particular, you must go out with a serious mind. In the past, you may have gone out as a matter of habit. This time, however, the situation is different. You are responsible for overcoming the nation's crisis. Therefore, you must fight with all your sincerity during this period, regarding it a great honor for the members of the Unification community to be able to offer everything for the sake of the nation.

The death of Hyo-won Eu,⁶ first president of the church, on June 21, 1970

I knew that President Eu's body, being crippled, had been a painful burden during his life. He died not because of the operation he had undergone, but because of another illness discovered during the operation. He had not known that he had

cancer. Furthermore, he was suffering from serious deterioration of his lungs.

Considering all these facts, I feel that President Eu was overcoming all his physical difficulties by his spirit even though he must have been suffering a lot physically. Although I asked you to pray for him, I myself was already offering a final prayer for him.

In God's providence the second-born were always in trouble. Many times the second person, the second family or the second nation who took responsibility was put into difficulty.... President Eu's family is the second family from the standpoint of God's will. Since he was in that position, I made him responsible for everything.

I am more clearly aware than anyone else of President Eu's internal and external pain and suffering and his struggle to devote all his sincere efforts in spite of his crippled body.

I keenly feel to my bones how much he helped me at many difficult times such as during my Seodaemun imprisonment. I cannot say how many incidents of this type we had....

When he was dying, I said to him, "Ever since you met me, you have been living your life like this. How are you going to conclude it?" President Eu said that he would never change his mind, and then he passed away. You also must be like that.

World Anti-Communist League Convention at the Nippon Budokan Hall, Tokyo on September 14, 1970

In Japan, the communists are having students from Chosun University, which is affiliated with Jochongryeon, go to the classrooms to incite people to bring down the Federation for Victory Over Communism. When you hear about such things, you can understand that these are truly serious issues.

I have been raising the issue of a triple alliance with regard to the situation in Asia. Japan as the central axis should unite with Korea. Centering on Japan, we should restore Taiwan. That is why when Rev. Kuboki⁷ of Japan went to the United States he came back through Taiwan; he got into contact with the Taiwanese government. On the day that Korea, Japan and Taiwan unite, the Adam, Eve and Archangel nations shall be restored. As a result Asia will fall under this sphere of opera-

7 Osami Kuboki was the first president of our church in Japan

5 Park Tae-sun, whose Christian following numbered 2 million by 1963

6 He was the president from the founding of the Korean church on May 1, 1954 until his death.

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Right: Father speaking at the second workshop for matching candidates preparing for the 777-Couple Blessing Ceremony; on the blackboard: 1. Membership number 2. Local church 3. Name 4. Date of Birth 5. Date of joining the church 6. Length of time in a public mission 7. Number of spiritual children 8. Educational level 9. Current occupation

tional authority. Next is the world. We should advance to the world after laying a successful foundation based on the Asian cultural sphere.

Wasn't Japan an enemy of our nation? However, we are now working to save Japan. In saving her, we are saying that both nations should live together.

An international anti-communist convention is being held right now in Japan. The convention will open at 1:30 PM today. A senator from the United States will to come and give some congratulatory remarks at this convention.⁸ Members of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan and people who once served as prime minister got involved in my operation and are dancing with joy. They are the first to be excited. There is no way that Korea could survive if Japan became pro-communist. That is why I have been planning this for ten years and have carried out this bloody and tearful struggle.

VOC seminar for parliamentarians (December 1970)

When I last visited Japan, I instructed the Japanese leaders to hold a seminar, inviting parliamentarians from Korea, Free China⁹ and Japan. Recently,¹⁰ they held it, and it was a great success. President Kuboki from Japan is here. Stand up, President Kuboki! [Applause] We are doing what even governments cannot do. The Japanese government cannot stand without our International Federation for VOC (IFVOC); neither can the Korean government or the government of Free China.

Blessed wives and their families become sacrificial offerings

From early December, notifications were sent out for the mobilization of the 777 blessed couples. Moreover, the time has come to mobilize all the families centering on the 777 couples.

What is the reason for the mobilization of blessed women in 1970? Jesus, in his three-year course, failed to fulfill his mission because of a woman, and as a result the people and the nation were lost. Consequently, you women need to relieve Jesus'

bitter sorrow over his three-year public course by following a three-year course yourselves. By preparing the foundation on which the people and nation that have been lost, and the world, can be restored.

This period is similar to that of my three-year imprisonment in North Korea. Christianity and the Christian women, who should have been blessed by Heaven, failed to follow me; thus, I was forced to take a suffering path. This time is important because, during this period, that suffering needs to be resolved.

If you told a mother who is delivering a baby, "If it's too difficult, just hold it in," what would happen? Both the mother and the baby would die. Even though she is in pain, you need to glare and shout at her, "Push harder! You need to push harder!" In childbirth, the person who glares fiercely at the mother and shouts at her mercilessly to push harder is actually the person who loves her the most. We are at a moment in time now when I need to be as merciless as I can toward you.

The married women of the Unification Church are leaving their families¹¹ to go out to witness because living for your nation is more for the public good than living for just your family. This great, historic incident ought to be recorded in Korean history.

Women in teams of ten and will be sent out to 120 mission places to witness. They need to be dispatched to our district headquarters, regional headquarters and even county headquarters. By 1972, we need to secure at least 120,000 internal elite church members. It is fortunate that they are not going to their mission places alone. Originally, you were meant to go by your selves, but the world is just too dangerous and so you will go out with your fellow members.

If you try to do things in a self-centered way and end up fighting one another, or if a problem arises it will become a very big problem. [To elder members:] Moreover, if you team leaders from the thirty-six couples, seventy-two couples or 124 couples get into a fight, it will be an even bigger problem. The team leader will have to take full responsibility for that. In addition, the 777 couples that were blessed a while ago have

8 U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond spoke on the Future of Anti-Communist Countries and Free Asia

9 The name Free China, used for what today we refer to as Taiwan, reflects the cold war temperament of the 1970s.

10 December 25-30, 1970, in Tokyo

11 Some 1,200 women took part as True Father mobilized all the blessed wives, from the first 3 couples on, to make conditions for Korea. Many from early blessings naturally had children.

recently attended a twenty-one-day workshop, so they are spiritually uplifted. Thus, if you continue to practice a lifestyle of doing whatever you please in front them, they will reject you.

The first person who needs to work hard is the team leader, and her first task will be to find a way to unite the ten members of her team. Thus, you should indemnify the disunity of Jesus' twelve disciples. The women need to do what the men failed to do, working in their place. Therefore, you need to unite completely centering on the providence.

I have spoken strongly said to the Unification Church blessed families across the nation: "Our country has reached a point when its destiny is bleak. A state of emergency is imminent. If the Korean people are to survive, we cannot just go on as usual. You must follow the path of defending the nation even if your families are sacrificed."

Upon my emphasizing this, they went out for three years, leaving their children behind in orphanages, or in the house of their foul-mouthed relatives with a note saying something like, "This child is my son. Please take care of him for three years until I come back." They left for their mission, leaving behind various tragic situations. ... The mothers in blessed families knew that if they did not take this path, their descendants would suffer much more, so they let go of the children clinging to their skirts, closed their eyes and ran for miles and miles. Who knows the situation of those mothers? Who can know the situation of those parents, who ran over a hill, so that when they were out of sight they would not see their cry-



Mobilized blessed wives are among those witnessing in Go-ryeong, Gyeongbok Province

ing children anymore?

The children had to be placed in a situation of being abandoned because the Korean nation had opposed the Unification Church and obstructed the path I had to forge. Those who took care of the abandoned blessed babies made possible the indemnification of the Korean nation's failure. When they saw the babies and young children without mothers to care for and feed them, they felt sympathy for them. I know that out of that heart they fed them. Their acts became the conditions for having the sins of the Korean nation forgiven and for indemnifying the nation's failure, because they cared for the children representing the whole nation.

It was a critical moment because North Korea's Kim Il-sung was preparing to invade the South. We needed to lay a foundation based on that environment. In other words, to become the citizens of heaven, the Korean people need to love their country as much as the members of the Unification Church do.

Entering the era of global activities

Now we have entered the 1970s, we must lay a foundation for global mission work.... Within a few years I will no longer be living in Korea. I am now preparing to go and live overseas. I did not tell you before but in Japan they are preparing funds and even if I go to live in the United States they have said they will build a house.

The Unification Church is sending out missionaries to approximately twenty nations. Within this year we will send missionaries to forty nations. I will do this however much the Republic of Korea opposes us. Are the things that I am doing wrong? It is evident that I have not been wrong until now. So holding on to that history I will go forward. **TW**



The 777-Couple Blessing Ceremony took place in the Changchung Stadium in Seoul on October 21, 1970. According to an article in the American magazine Time, in which was recorded: "Master Moon intoned: 'Will you swear to love your spouse forever?'"

amazing that we have been given permission to march from Gwanghwamun through the city to celebrate True Parents' birthday and to celebrate who they are.

If you study Christian theology, you know that the most important theological question is, Who is Christ? This is fundamental and critical to theology. What is the nature of Christ? Who is Christ? Of course, this is the whole discipline of Christology, which is trying to determine the nature of Christ—how much of Christ is divine and how much of Christ is man. Is it 50/50? 70/30? 80/20? You may think this discussion is silly, but it's very important, because it will fundamentally change our relationship to Christ, and also our world.

You may have heard recently that True Father has been giving some remarkable teachings, which I see as progressive revelations. They seem like very mysterious teachings at first. When people first hear them, they are perplexed. They say that they can't understand them. For example, the teaching that Father has recently given, and still gives in his speeches, about the God of Night and the God of Day. Just a couple of days ago, one of the top leaders here in Korea asked Father, "Father, I don't understand this. The God of Night and the God of Day... Are there two Gods? I thought there was only one God. What are the God of Night and the God of Day?" Father simply said, "It's in here." [Indicating his most recent speech]

For me, when I first heard about the God of Night and the God of Day, it also struck me as a very mysterious teaching. The God of Night and the God of Day! Something about it is extremely subtle and profound and mysterious. I thought, Okay, we're not saying that there are two gods, are we? Maybe he's talking about the dual characteristics of God. Maybe that was it. At one point, I thought I had it: the God of Night is the God we can't see, and the God of Day is the God we can see, who is True Father. Okay, I got it! But then as I was listening to Father, I somehow felt that that was not exactly right. [Laughter] Very mysterious teaching!

Last week, Father concluded his speaking tour, which started and ended in the Seoul area. For the final three days,

True Mother helped with the reading of the speech. But the reason the last day was the grand finale was not because of more confetti flying through the air; it was because of one statement Father made at the end of his speech that illuminated this whole God of Day—God of Night conundrum. Father said, "I am fundamentally different from all of you." And all of us were there. The True Family was there. He said, "I am fundamentally different. I am managed by the God of Night." He used the Korean word *gwanli* (관리), meaning "manage." And he said, "You are all managed by the God of Day."²

This was a huge theological statement, because in theology, this is the whole issue of messianic identity. Does Christ know who he is? Does he know that he is (from the viewpoint of Christian theology) God? When does he come into an awareness of that? Does it come to him when he's born, or does it come to him when he's older, at sixteen, eighteen, or thirty? When does his messianic identity become clear? When is it revealed to the world? This is a huge issue.

One of the main controversies of the early church is centered on the issue, What is the nature of Christ? At the Council of Chalcedon [451 AD], this was one of the main issues. At every council—the Council of Nicaea, and Constantinople in 381 AD—this was being discussed. What is the nature of Christ? Who was Jesus? Some say he's not fully man, or that he's divine, or he's half man, half God.

As you may know, Judaism and Islam are very strong on this issue. They very clearly say that the creation cannot be the Creator. They have a very strong polemic against the common Christian view that God is man and that Jesus Christ was God. In Islam and in Judaism there is a total rejection of that. *Sent by God—yes; is God—no.* The way you see this will impact not only the way you see Christ, but how you will relate to him; that is, how you will mold your life around him, or not. This issue, which is so theologically rich and important, is, I believe, one of the main issues of the God of Night and the God of Day teaching.

Father also gave us another mysterious teaching. He said the God of Night is man; male. The God of Day is female! I

2 The meaning of *gwanli* includes taking charge of or supervising.



The Day of Victory of Love (1.2; January 24): True Father reads along while Hyo-jin nim's widow Yeon-ah nim gives the reading; Yeon-ah nim and Hoon-sook nim (who gave a speech honoring True Parents and the ascended True Children) light the candles.

Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department



1.2 (January 24): After arriving at Cheong Bok Gung, True Parents wrote a message on lanterns to be hung with the hundreds of others in the forecourt.

was thinking that this was maybe *sung-sang* and *hyung sang* (internal nature and external form), or masculine-feminine, dual characteristics again. But then he said, "I am managed by the God of Night. You all (the world) are managed by the God of Day."

Fundamentally, for me (and I told Father this yesterday), when I heard Father say that he was of the God of Night and we are of the God of Day, I found much more clarity in my mind.

The God of Night (I said this clearly in front of Father yesterday) is what the theologians have referred to as the Godhead.³ That's what Thomas Aquinas⁴ is talking about, what

3 The essential and divine nature of God, regarded abstractly.

4 Circa 1224–1274, an Italian Dominican monk, now one of the most highly regarded Catholic theologians

Alfred Whitehead⁵ is talking about. Theologians all talk about the Godhead. When we talk about the Godhead, we are looking at the essential being of God, the essential nature of God. Christology is different from that, and rather is concerned with the nature of Christ, so we are looking at Christ as a living person and determining how much of Christ is man and how much of Christ is God. Christology and looking at the Godhead are two different disciplines. One is peering into the Godhead, which is transcendent of time and space, eternal and present before the creation of the universe (and before time and space) and the other is historically located in the person of Christ. You're looking at that and asking, "Within that being—Christ, or Jesus—how much is God and how much is man?"

When I heard Father say those words, I realized that Father was talking about the Godhead. The God of Night is what theologians usually call the Godhead, God as He existed before the Creation and is eternal.

I hate to anthropomorphize God, but we do say that He is a personal God in the sense that He has personal characteristics. If you say, for example, a being comes from the Godhead, or a being is created by the Godhead, or by God, these are two hugely different things. That would be like the difference between bearing a child and making pottery with your hands. Hugely different things... If you told your child, "Your being born was not really different from my making a pot," there might be rebellion in your house!

You can use a metaphor and say that the God of Night is the unseen face of God. We cannot see it clearly, because it is hidden in the God of Night before the Creation, the darkness before the Creation. And the God of Day is God's hands in the world, creating time and space. The hands are creating the

5 1861–1947, a British mathematician and philosopher



Opening the Cheon Bok Festival: The Lantern-Lighting Ceremony in the Cheon Bok Gung forecourt was attended by many national church leaders, among others. The lanterns remained lit for three weeks, heralding the Messiah's presence among us.



Left: Kook-jin nim speaks at the World CARP Assembly at Cheon Bok Gung on 1.3 (January 25); Right: The assembly featured a debate between students, some supporting the notion that God exists, others arguing against the notion.

mountains, the rivers, and so forth. But it is very different to say that we come from the hands (with their creative power that gave birth to creation) and to say that we come from the essence of God.

When Father was saying that, he was talking about the God of Night as the Godhead from which Christ comes. It is so important that Christ comes from the Godhead, and not from God's hands in creation. Why? Because all of your lives are connected to that; deeply connected to it. If Father is coming from the hands of creation, he would then be post-Fall, in the fallen lineage. If Father comes from the fallen lineage, he cannot purify that lineage and bring it to become the true lineage. And what's the whole lineage thing connected to our movement? The blessing! All of our lives are connected to it. The blessing allows our transference from the fallen lineage to the true lineage. But if Father is a descendant of the Fall, how would that be possible? If Christ were a descendant of the Fall, he would also have a fallen lineage. How would you purify it? That's the huge difference. And that's why Father says that he comes from the God of Night, the Godhead. It shows that he brings the pure lineage. It shows why [Jesus] Christ brought the true lineage. This is critical.

Christ comes from the Godhead; he comes from the essence of God. We talk about Logos. We related that to John, chapter 1, which says that the word was with God, the word was one with God, the word was God and the word became flesh. So from the Logos comes the seed from which came first Adam, and secondly [Jesus] Christ, and finally True Father. Huge; beyond-the-universe huge!

One of the issues is this: Let's say, if we have an unnuanced view of the Trinity, that within the Godhead (from the Christian perspective of Father, Son and Holy Spirit) the second person of the Trinity is Christ, though he is also the Father and also the Holy Spirit. Yet, the second person [Jesus] is the one who actually enters into history⁶—but is also the Father and the Holy Spirit. If the second person comes into history as Jesus Christ, does the second person also come into history as True Father? As Adam?

We know that in the spirit world Jesus Christ, Adam and True Father each have their own spiritual body. From the Logos come different actual spiritual beings. Jesus is a different spiritual being from Father. We see, through the spiritual mes-

6 Meaning that he dwelt on earth and lived as a historical person.

sages, that he exists in the spirit world. We know he's working in the spirit world.

It means that from the Logos comes the seed. Adam was a seed that did not mature greatly. We would say that he couldn't fulfill his mission. Jesus Christ went farther than Adam but could not fulfill the mission of bringing God's seed to the world.

True Father comes from the Logos. And through the perfection of True Mother, her unity with True Father—that is, with True Parents' victory—they are able to fulfill the mission and, metaphorically speaking, the seed can come into its fullest maturation.

There are three different spiritual beings [Adam, Jesus, and True Father] but all are from the Godhead. They are different from God who created—the God of Day, as we say, who creates in time and space. This teaching illuminates Christology, although at first it appears di-theistic. It is so very rich, theologically. What Father is now teaching is one of the central teachings. This is Christ revealing himself. Not only is Christ aware of his Christology, not only does he understand his identity, but he is revealing it clearly.

One point of confusion is that in the Principle, it clearly says that the Messiah is not God.⁷ So if you look at the Principle text we stand—at least on the surface—more with the Muslims and with the Jews [than with Christians] on that question. The Messiah, Christ, is not God, as Christians believe. Christ is a man; we've taught this maybe since the outset. How can Father be the substantial God? How can he be God when in the Principle it says the Messiah is not God? Well, it depends on your Christology. In certain forms of Christology it is said to be 50/50, he's half man, half God. He's a man-god, or he's a god-man. Or 80/20. No 82/18! We don't need to have a debate about that.

I think one of the clearest forms of Christology is this perspective: Christ is 100 percent man, and he's 100 percent God. It's not 50/50; it's not 80/20. It's 100/100. From one perspective he's only man; from another perspective he's not only man, he's also God. With this Christological perspective of the 100/100 concept, you can grasp this seeming paradox. It is actually very profound.

This is a huge development in our movement because I think most lay members do not have an understanding of True

7 See *Exposition of the Divine Principle*, section 2.3 in the chapter on Christology, "Is Jesus God Himself?"



Brazilian CARP offer a special song and dance in front of True Parents at the luncheon on 1.1 (January 23) at Cheon Jeong Gung. Forty-eight CARP members came to Korea from Brazil for the events. *Below:* Members of CARP USA at the CARP Assembly, 1.3 (January 25)

Father in the way he is describing now. This is such a new teaching, and it's such a revolutionary teaching that seemingly contradicts the Principle. So, if you are not really thinking hard, you may say, Oh, this is a contradiction, this is wrong.

But no, it is not. At first people may think this teaching is very strange, but actually this is huge. In terms of progressive revelation and Messianic awareness, it is huge. It is historic. It is changing history. All the cosmic conditions that would have led to one way and one future are being reformulated, and all the cosmic conditions are now leading in a different direction, which actually brings us much closer to Christianity and closes the huge chasm that has existed between our Christian brethren and us.

If you have a nuanced Christological vision and viewpoint when you are in the presence of True Father, you will experi-

ence a different reality because you are using all the senses of emotion, intellect, and will—centered on the Principle and centered on Father's word—to engage with his being. It is a totally different experience.

Similarly, if you see your children as constant problems, you will have one kind of experience with your children, but if you have experiences with your children where you feel that the challenges you face will make you stronger and bring you closer together—and that this is the process of growing—it is totally different. Or, let's say between spouses; just by that simple shift in viewpoint you will experience a different reality. Yes, or no? It's not that your spouse is suddenly a different person, that now suddenly she looks ten times more amazing and beautiful; it's because you shifted your constantly nagging perspective about your spouse ("I don't like this, I don't like



that!") and now see her from a different perspective ("Amazing, amazing, amazing"). You will actually have a totally different experience, and your life will be different. That's the same thing. I would say it's an even bigger thing [with the Messiah] because your whole eternal life is in question. Huge!

So, if we understand who Christ is, who True Father is, we understand that True Mother—although she comes from the God of Day, as Father said—has been perfected and is victorious in all of the trials and tribulations that the True Mother must go through. We understand that she is perfected into God as God's wife through True Father, the Christ. Then we have immense victory. Immense victory! Cosmic victory! Incredible. No person on earth could have done it, except for True Mother. Then we can understand the value of True Mother. Nobody else could have walked that course.

I have been following Father around for nine or ten months now. I'd never been sick for a month in my entire life before, but during this period I was ill for one month straight, with multiple ailments. This is exactly the point. Following Father around is so extremely challenging. Not only is he physically transcendent of human limitations... I've been with a lot of religious leaders in my life, but I've never been with one who has spoken for twenty-three and a half hours—never. There's also a lot of mental, psychological, spiritual temptations when we see Father with just our physical eyes and not with our trained spiritual eyes.

With Father he's not expressing one emotion all the time. He's extremely unpredictable. If you have an appointment, cancel it, because you are not going to be able to keep it if you're trailing the Lord. You just have to release all your desire to follow your own agenda. You have to throw it completely away. What is of paramount importance is being with the Lord.

What value is it to be in the presence of the Lord? How many excuses do we want to make *not* to be there, when we say we want to be there? I have this problem on a daily basis. How vigorous are we at our own self-reflection, reflecting on how we see ourselves with as much objectivity as possible?

When you examine your emotions and your mind-states, you realize that being with Father is not easy. It is not a calm, placid lake in your mind. No, it is a constant struggle. It's like the ocean, always churning and boiling, never doing what you expect it to do.

I honestly do not like fishing at all. I was a vegetarian for

six years. I don't like catching fish, and Father knows it. My kids love fishing, but I don't. But I have to go fishing all the time because I'm always chasing Father around now. I realized on the boat, that you have to choose one of two possibilities. Number one, try to stay vertically centered as the boat is rocking to keep from getting sick. Or number two, you surrender, lie down and die! Well, that's just like our life of faith. There's always the rocking of the boat on the ocean. It's not like sitting next to a beautiful stream on a mountain where nothing is moving under you. You can sit and listen to the stream, and listen to the birds, and you can see the warm moss with the sunlight on it, and the little mushrooms under the pine tree. But when you're on the ocean, it doesn't stay still. It never ceases to move. Even on a very calm day, it's still moving. And you have the aftereffects of being on the ocean, where you are still rocking even when you come back to solid land. If you've ever done serious ocean fishing you've felt that. If I yell at the ocean, Stay still! it doesn't listen to me. I am not the Lord. Then I thought, yes, this is just like our faith life.

I've often asked why Father likes fishing so much. Why doesn't he like meditating near a stream in a nice mountain (with no bears) or whatever? But Father likes the ocean, where things are constantly moving. We have a choice; we can try to stay upright and centered. In our life of faith, we are not 100 percent centered all the time but we are always trying to keep our balance, and not get seasick. Or we can surrender and let God take control and take us wherever the boat goes. Actually, we have to do both. I have done both while on a boat.

National leaders, I feel it is very important that we have a deep understanding of True Father. Of who he is, who Christ is. This is the most fundamental theological question because it's related to who God is.

For the new congregants in your countries, who are coming to grips with these new teachings and may be confused, this is a great opportunity to help clarify things, to uplift members, and to glorify God and the son whom He has sent.

It's my hope that you have come with that kind of heart to participate in the birthday celebrations, and when you're walking in the parade. It's going to be wonderful. We are going to be declaring what we believe. We are not going to be shy about it anymore. We're not hiding it anymore. We are declaring who True Parents are. There's no shame in that, because it's true. **TW**



International Leadership Conference (ILC) 2012 was held from January 21 to 25 at the Lotte World Hotel in Seoul. Cheon Bok Gung hosted the opening plenary, which included religious leaders' prayers and participants' remarks on the cause of peace.



Cheon Bok Festival II: Greater Fervor, a Louder Voice

This is drawn from what our Korean church's Cultural Department director Mr. In-seok Nam reported to the congregation at a recent Sunday service in Seoul. It is a personal, behind-the-scenes look at the preparations for this year's Cheon Bok Festival, of which he was in charge.

This page: Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim lead a section of the parade through central Seoul on 1.2 (January 24). Six thousand members reportedly participated.

Facing page: The parade featured several floats—this one depicts Father's prison experience; another showed True Parents giving the blessing.

This is the second time we've held this Cheon Bok Festival, and there were many new initiatives. Moreover, True Parents came here to Cheon Bok Gung¹ and directly created the Cheon Bok Holy Salt as they did last year.

Events we held for the first time included the parade, the World CARP Assembly,² the Cheon Bok stay,³ a multicultural festival, a musical and a poetry reading evening. It was also our first time to promote the Cheon Bok Festival through the Korean media. During the CARP Convention, Hyung-jin nim jogged throughout his speech at the World CARP Assembly and had the entire audience jog with him; I think that was another first! Many of the events and programs that were added had a common theme, testifying to True Parents. The Cheon Bok Festival is about *shi* and *hyo*—attendance and filial piety.

As we were organizing many events, one great challenge was, of course, the budget. We have to be financially self-sufficient and independent. The biggest headache for me was to figure out a way to do this by ourselves. Kook-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim, especially, have been emphasizing that as the father nation Korea has to be able to take the responsibility; we should not rely on the mother nation or on any other nation outside of Korea. With that new thinking, even though we held new events this time and much money was needed, we funded all of these events independently.

1 True Parents attended the Cheonbok Ceremony in the afternoon of the Day of Victory of Love (1.2, January 24). Father guided a religious rite which included making holy salt. (Photos pages 19 and 22-23)

2 The World CARP Assembly was held in the Grand Sanctuary at Cheon Bok Gung (1.3, January 25)

3 Patterned on the practice of Buddhist temples, the overnight stay allowed guests to experience the lifestyle of those who live at Cheon Bok Gung, which is a practicing temple with residents living strict religious lives.





The Cheon Bok Ceremony (1.2; January 24): Father called the religious leaders, Kook-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim onstage. After speaking sternly to them, Father talked them through the performance of an exacting religious rite. Although they struggled to understand what was being asked, the two sons helped them. Finally, they succeeded and the candles were lit. The clerics then mixed the Holy Salt with earth from holy grounds including Father's birthplace. (Continued on p. 22 photo top left)

Presenting True Parents through the festival

To publicize the events we had electronic billboards promoting the Cheon Bok Festival in fourteen locations⁴ throughout Seoul. At one hundred screenings⁵ a day at each location, that calculates to forty-two thousand screenings in all, over the course of a month. The opening words in the sequence was "The teachings of True Parents, the Savior and Messiah...." We have, of course, advertised events many times before, but this was the first time we had advertised specifically with a statement proclaiming that True Parents are the Messiah.

Similarly, eight times throughout the week we ran advertisements in newspapers. We testified directly to True Parents' messiahship and let the people of Korea know that we were

⁴ Typically on the sides of buildings at major intersections

⁵ A slide show with text

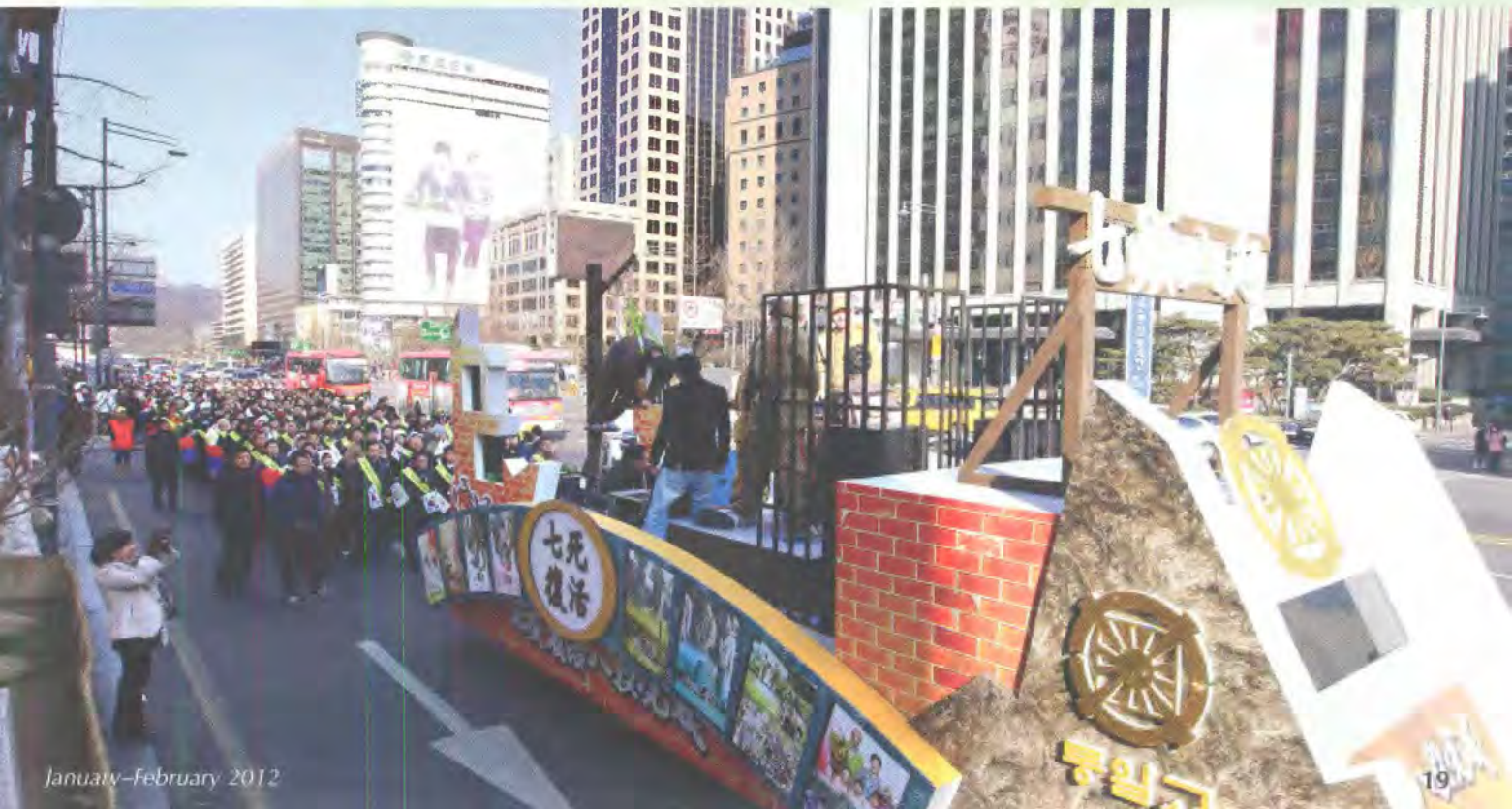
holding the festival in celebration of True Parents' birthday, and what the event consisted of.

Did you hear our announcement over the radio?:

The Republic of Korea must become stronger. Korea has to stand out as the center of the world. The True Peace and Unity Cheon Bok Festival, a prayer for peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the world, officiated by President Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han, runs from their birthday, January 23, to January 29, in Seoul.

I think it was the first time that we included True Parents' full names on the airwaves. It was our first radio advertise-

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THE TRUE FAMILY ON TRUE GOD'S DAY, CHEON-GI YEAR 3

Center: Father and Mother; **Standing, left to right:** Yeon-ah nim (Hyo-jin nim's wife), Hwa-yun nim (Kwon-jin nim's wife), Kwon-jin nim, Ji-yea nim (Kook-jin nim's wife) holding second son Shin-cheon nim, Kook-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim (Hyung-jin nim's wife), Hyung-jin nim, Sun-jin nim, In-sup nim (Sun-jin nim's husband), Hoon-sook nim (Heung-jin nim's wife), Jin-sung nim (In-jin nim's husband), Un-jin nim, Ye-jin nim, Jeong-jin nim; **Kneeling, middle, left to right:** Lee Hyung-jin nim (Shin-mi nim's husband) with Soon-nam nim and Shin-mi nim holding Soon-ok nim (Their children are True Parents' great-grandchildren), Hirotaka nim (Shin-sook nim's husband) and Shin-sook nim (Sung-jin nim's second daughter) holding her daughter Soon-mi nim, Shin-ji nim (Un-jin nim's second daughter), Shin-yeon nim (Un-jin



nim's first daughter), Shin-yuh nim (Hyo-jin nim's first daughter), Shin-man nim (Hyung-jin nim's second son), Shin-pal nim (Hyung-jin nim's first son), Ariana Shin-sun nim (In-jin nim's daughter), Preston Shin-pyung nim (In-jin nim's first son), Krista Un-jeung nim (Shin-pyung nim's wife); **Sitting, front, left to right:** Shin-soo nim (Kook-jin nim's third daughter), Shin-nae nim (Kook-jin nim's second daughter), Shin-soon nim (Hyo-jin nim's second daughter), Shin-whul nim (Heung-jin nim's daughter), Shin-goong nim (Hyung-jin nim's daughter), Shin-joon nim (Hyung-jin nim's third son), Shin-jin nim (Hyo-jin nim's third son), Shin-deuk nim (Hyung-jin nim's fourth son), Shin-ah nim (Kook-jin nim's first daughter) holding Shin-pyun nim (Kook-jin nim's third son), Shin-kook nim (Kook-jin nim's first son), Shin-heung nim (Hyo-jin nim's second son), Shin-chul nim (Hyo-jin nim's first son) (Hyo-jin nim's children here are all with Choi Yeon-ah nim.)



(Continued from caption, p. 19) Father called for holy salt to be brought to him. Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim brought the salt and maintained this reverential posture as Father holy salted the table in front of them while whistling. He said a few phrases and threw holy salt across the stage. He asked Hyung-jin nim to cast holy salt and then two Korean leaders to do so as well.

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ment. To apply for this advertisement, we had to go through screening by a radio station. Each time we submitted a draft, the screening committee rejected it. We needed to get unanimous approval from the screening committee before we could broadcast it over the radio.

It took nine attempts before it passed; it took almost a month. Even at the last screening, our ad was not approved. We were so distraught at that point that we thought about just giving up on this. True Father was holding the Citizens' Rally to Support the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Rallies were being held around the entire nation. They

were making extraordinary conditions in very challenging circumstances.

And a miracle occurred: For the first time the radio station held an extraordinary screening session, one at which they decided to go on a majority vote rather than permit a veto by any one person. We learned later that a Christian on the committee had been vetoing our application. The screening committee met and decided that it had gone a bit too far. Ordinarily the vote had to be unanimous, but they took the extraordinary step of requiring only a majority. Because the majority approved, we were finally able to broadcast our commercial over the radio.

After seeing all this happen, I felt that God has prepared all



True Parents applaud the musical *True Parents*, depicting True Parents' lives; Scenes (left to right): Father surrounded by fellow prisoners at



Events culminated in Father, Mother and their sons holding hands high as Father said, "[We] offer this unity of Cain and Abel, who represent the family on behalf of True Parents' sons and daughters, the sons and daughters of Eden..." The Holy Candles for the Establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom, created through this ceremony, will be distributed around the world.

this for us. All we had to do was take that single step forward and He would guide us. If I had just given up, what would have happened at that time? I felt we were receiving such care as we went through this whole thing.

From about three days after the radio advertisement began being broadcasted, we began getting online responses. People started saying, "Oh, the Unification Church has begun promoting itself in its own name. It seems they now have that confidence." And "The Unification Church seems to be using a different strategy." One person commented, "I think this is the first time I've heard someone's birthday being promoted on the radio!"

We were looking at the online comments, too. One said,

"What about Yong-gi Cho, pastor of the Full Gospel Church on Yeouido, with the world's largest congregation?" But others responded that the Unification Church is a religion that is being supported by its businesses, which is at least better than Yong-gi Cho, who just receives donations from his followers.

Members march through central Seoul

When we first began preparing for the parade, last August, I went to report to True Parents. In the beginning, all of us were wondering if we were just going to be ridiculed for doing it. We wondered what we would do if it snowed that day. What if the weather is cold? Most of our staff members were also opposed to the idea of a parade. The mission fell to me to



from labor camp; True Mother, as a girl, with her mother Soon-ae Hong; A grandma wonders if she might be chosen as the Lord's bride.



Multicultural Festival: Featuring dance and song as expressions of joy over True Parents' births, it took place on 1.6 (January 28); Left: Russian children perform a folk dance; Right: International Women in Korea members lead the audience in modern dance.

go to True Parents and ask their permission to make it into a small pilgrimage around Korea. I brought this petition to True Mother, but True Mother said, "You must make a strong statement!"

After that, we had been thinking to soften our message in the radio broadcasts, but True Mother said, "You have to give it to them straight!" Many people were suggesting we should package True Parents so that they could easily be understood and accepted by people in society, and until now that had been part of our church culture. Throughout the parade and Cheon Bok Festival we basically went ahead with Mother's standard of promoting True Parents forthrightly.

Some of the reflections we got from the members who participated said, "It was so exciting!" "It seemed as if we owned the whole world!" and "We could rid ourselves of the bitter pain we had been feeling."

The day before the parade, the forecast was for a very cold day, minus six degrees Celsius, but on the actual day it went up to zero. Thanks be to God! The evening before it had snowed, as you know, and it had been very windy. The day after the parade, was also very cold. God and True Parents had prepared that day for us. I felt how much they had been waiting urgently for us to proclaim them, and how everything had worked out miraculously.

True Parents' lives: a musical

In August, when I first reported to True Parents, they advised us of the need to create a second-generation culture and that there needed to be many second generation members who could testify to the True Parents; moreover, that our second-generation members must counter the fallen youth culture. It was suggested to have a children's choir, and that we stage a musical during their birthday celebration.

We used to have similar performances in the past, but we had discontinued them some years back. We held an audition but we had concerns over whether we could stage a musical because our actors were amateurs; moreover, we would have to hold it at the Cheongpyeong training center, which is limited in the size of its stage, props, and so forth. Still, we felt that we should overcome those limits by proactive thought.

Although we are all amateurs, we have passion based on

our faith. Let's express that to True Parents through the performance. That was how the cast began.

Every day, along with a hundred and twenty full bows, they did hoondokhae with True Father's autobiography, in order to relate to and feel empathy toward Father's life course. Most of the second-generation student actors were able to uplift their standard of heart, not to just understand Father intellectually, but to experience True Parents through their whole being. Through that very short, strict period, they trained and prepared. The young cast trained and rehearsed until 2:00 AM, sometimes even 4:00 or 5:00 AM every day. Even then, they would still wake up at 7:00 AM and have Pledge Service. In terms of the conditions they were making, they were approaching Father's level!

On the morning of the day they were to perform the musical, Father suddenly left for Geomun Island.⁶ When I heard from Yeon-ah nim that Father had gone to Geomun Island, my heart completely deflated, because I supposed that True Parents would not make it back to Cheongpyeong in time for the musical. After we all sat down quietly for a little while, unable to move, we realized we would put on the musical anyway. Actually, thinking more about the time when True Parents will not be here with us physically on earth, I was struck with a feeling of gratitude to be able to live here at this time with True Parents, to look into their faces while they are here on earth.

The performance was scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM. True Parents arrived back from Geomun Island at 3:50! They quickly changed and came to the training center for the performance. We heard that True Parents liked it very much. All the young people who played in the musical were so happy to hear that. When we first began praying together, there were many young people who did not seem immersed in the prayers, but after the performance, many of them testified that they were deeply moved. Their hearts were touched by the fact that they were able to perform in person in front of True Parents. Some of them testified later, saying that they would never forget, for as long as they live, how they were given the opportunity to return glory and joy to True Parents while Father and Mother are on earth. **TW**

⁶ 115 km off the south coast of Korea; they traveled by helicopter.

Ceremony Commemorating True Father's 93rd Holy Birthday, True Parents' Golden Wedding and Jubilee Year, and True Mother's Gohui

This unique Holy Day celebration combined the commemoration of True Parents' joint birthday and more than fifty years of marriage with the marking of True God's Day. Following morning Pledge Ceremony, a separate ceremony honoring True Parents featured True Children offering the traditional birthday cup of tea to Father and Mother and regional representatives presenting gifts from the regions of the world. A luncheon banquet extended True Parents' hospitality to the many invited guests. Kook-jin nim proposed a toast, and talented entertainers from among our worldwide members offered their best. It was also an occasion on which guests could greet True Parents personally.



Father Backs Our College in the Philippines

The Philippines has long been a major center of growth for our movement. Now Father has backed the development of the church-run International Peace Leadership College, which has the potential to fuel that growth—and the growth of our church internationally. Marilyn Angelucci has been working there for some months with her husband Umberto. We recently interviewed her in order to learn the details of this courageous initiative.

Today's World: Where did the idea to launch a college originate?

Marilyn Angelucci: The previous continental director, Rev. Pyeonghwa Kim, and his wife, Julia Kim, wanted to have a seminary because it was too difficult to send the Filipino members to the Unification Theological Seminary in America. They began UTS Asia in 1999. Soon after, however, they learned that they could not legally have a master's program without an undergraduate program. This led them to found the International Peace Leadership College (IPLC) in place of UTS Asia, as a general undergraduate program. From the very beginning, the Kims maintained the vision of preparing missionaries who could go out to the world.

IPLC began on a small scale in the church training center in Antipolo and expanded to another training center in Rizal Province, where there was one main building, some small shacks and a few primitive classroom buildings.

In 2010, Dr. Peter Kim, special assistant to True Parents and *boonbongwang* (special advisor) for the Philippines, came to visit. Current Asia regional president Rev. Chung-sik Yong explained to Dr. Kim the vision for IPLC. Dr. Kim returned to Korea and conveyed to True Parents that the Philippines has the ability to raise leaders that can go out to serve the world. The reasons are many: the Philippines is a Christian nation; it is English speaking and the people are responding to the Principle; they are loving and serving. The most important reason is its providential position as a daughter nation, meaning that the Philippines should attend Father, whose desire is to spread the truth to the world. Father said that the college should prepare a thousand missionaries every year to go out to the world. At the groundbreaking ceremony in March 2011, Dr. Kim mentioned that Father had said IPLC should become an Asian West Point.¹

How has the initiative progressed from there?

Father generously allocated enough funds for the construction of the main classroom building, a women's dormitory and men's dormitory. The main classroom building will be finished in July. The other structures will be completed before the end of the year. There were

¹ The United States Military Academy, which is also known as West Point, because it is located on the west bank of the Hudson River in New York State.

Some of the teaching staff and the administrative staff at the International Peace Leadership College. A reflection of the new main building being constructed is visible behind them.



Photos courtesy of Marilyn Angelucci

many typhoons this past summer, which hampered the work. It rained every day but the workers continued through the rain, twenty-four hours a day sometimes, in order to complete certain parts.

Are there enough members in the Philippines to support a college that is basically for members?

We have two or three thousand members. It's relatively easy to witness in the Philippines because the people are open and warm hearted. People join quite easily, but committing themselves is more difficult. Providing adequate training is a challenge. If they have the vision that they can earn a college degree, that they can receive an education for the sake of their future, they are more likely to stay the course. Dr. Yong wants all members to earn a college degree. From IPLC they will have a Bachelors Degree, an English as a Second Language (ESL) certificate,² and a black belt in Tong-il Moo-do, so they'll have different ways that they can support themselves and make a living after they graduate, even if they go overseas.

What subjects are taught?

We have six majors. Philosophy, Education, with a specialization in Values Education (Graduates of this discipline will become values teachers for the secondary schools.), Political Science, Journalism, Business Administration and Business

go to the church centers to witness. They'll do service projects, and be involved in the different activities, and receive complete training. This way, we will have more confidence that potential students' motivation for entering the school will be pure.

We'll also screen the candidates, and those who seem to have leadership qualities, who have the desire to contribute more, will come to IPLC. So the purpose of the training is to find out if they can be leaders in the future.

What will make IPLC attractive to young people such that they will accept a six-month evaluation period?

Students who come to IPLC are very inspired because of the vision and the atmosphere. Some even give up scholarships to other schools in order to attend our courses.

But it is also true that some students don't have the qualities needed for leadership or the ability to live at the standard we require. They are inspired by how they are embraced by the IPLC staff and by their peers, plus there is the bonding experience of raising funds together for their expenses. Even so, in the past, some have dropped out after one or two years. We have therefore arranged a six-month program to make sure the students have the right motivation and the leadership qualities needed to manage the course. Even so, whatever the result, it is valuable for someone to be in this six-month program because it is conducted by an international institution and will help



Mr. Kim teaching a Korean language class to International Peace Leadership College students

Entrepreneurship. Business Administration is divided between Marketing and Human Resources. You can specialize in either.

Is the college accredited by the Philippines government?

Four of the majors have received accreditation from the Philippine government's Commission of Higher Education. The other two, Journalism and Political Science, are now under evaluation.

How many students do you have at present?

We have two hundred and thirty students. But we believe in God and that God wants to do this. Now that Father is involved, he wants us to create an extremely high-standard, disciplined institution.

We are now setting a higher standard for admission. We now insist that students who have not experienced church center life as members and who want to attend IPLC go through six months of training.³ We'll provide training, and then they'll

them in the future even if they don't enroll in our school.

For example, they go fund raising in order to raise their tuition fees for the first and second semester. Fund raising improves social skills, plus it provides the opportunity for many of them to travel more widely than they otherwise would and to meet people from many different backgrounds. For the poorer students, this is a great opportunity beyond the financial benefits. Moreover, lecture practice helps with verbal communication including public speaking.

How do you cover the overall costs of running the school?

Raising the operating costs is our obligation. One source of income is a one-year training program for the students after they finish their third-year that includes fund raising. At present, therefore, the bulk of our income is from the third-year students, though new students do pay a fee each semester.

The funds that students raise support the institution and all students' tuition fees, not just their own. It is training for future leadership and the students can deepen their life of faith. Afterward, they come back and complete their degree program.

2 This is planned but not yet on the curriculum.

3 This program was launched in January this year.

Won't you need other methods in the future?

We are also seeking sponsors for individual students. Money donated would be for a specific student. The donor, or group of donors, can make a relationship with the student and care for him or her. If the student doesn't have a spiritual parent but just came to the college, that sponsor could even become the spiritual parent. Sponsorship would be one hundred dollars a month for ten months—a thousand dollars a year. We hope the international Filipino members will take this chance to invite and sponsor members of their tribes or some worthy, underprivileged Filipino student. This is a great opportunity for the Filipino members outside the country to get involved in their homeland's providence.

What about teaching staff?

We have some qualified staff members already, but we're recruiting. Dr. Yong has suggested that we recruit people who are sincere, ready to dedicate their lives to God and True Parents and have the heart of a missionary. It will be a challenge in the beginning, but once the system is in place the rewards will be great.

I've been praying a lot. Dr. Yong understands that for the college to be a high-standard institution the teaching staff must come from all over the world. He has suggested we find good, sincere, elder couples who would like to come and dedicate their final working years to help with this project. But we are open to receiving applications from well qualified teachers of any age.

What is your role at the college?

I am the dean of student affairs as well as vice-president of internal affairs. I deal with more the moral aspects, and education and counseling. I am like the mother figure that supports the students to follow the Principle and prepare them for the blessing. The students come from many backgrounds, so it is a challenge to prepare them internally for such a serious mission after graduation. We must educate them in many fields.

When will you accept students from outside the Philippines?

After another year of operation, we will open our admissions to international students. That will certainly add spice to our



Students at the International Peace Leadership College ran a voluntary project to help local children last Christmas.

community. We are hoping to attract international members including from our own second generation.

How far is the college from the capital city?

It is two hours from our headquarters in Quezon City in metro-Manila. It's up in the mountains in a beautiful, undeveloped area. They have just built a national highway through there. It's a winding road, very beautiful.

When do you expect the buildings to be completed?

November 2012. That is when we plan to dedicate all the new buildings. We're inviting True Parents and Hyung-jin nim!

Father has high expectations. What do you feel about this?

Maybe he trusts that we can do this. Our movement here feels this is a great privilege and honor. Through this educational institution, the Philippines has a great opportunity to serve the world. *JW*

If you would be interested to teach or study at IPLC, please write to Marilyn Angelucci at mangelucci@gmail.com



With a vision as grand as its name, the International Peace Leadership College celebrates the groundbreaking ceremony for a new main building, in March 2011, in Tanay, Rizal Province, in the Philippines. Construction will be completed this year.

A Life-changing Commitment

Mica Camera worked in human resources at a large company in Australia for two years before a decision to attend a church workshop refocused her life. In this interview, she shares her personal course, including her view of the developing witnessing mind-set in Australia.

Today's World: You finished the 120-day workshop in Korea in 2010 and then immediately committed yourself to a public responsibility.

Mica Camara: I hadn't done any of the church programs that second-generation members go onto,¹ so I was looking to gain some experience in public work.

I had felt [from the 120 days] that it was my mission to promote the heavenly texts and build up the hoondok tradition. My national leader called me to work with the youth of our church. I was made the leader of the witnessing team—which consisted of no native Australians but of entirely Japanese. They were good at inviting people to come to the center but it was hard for them to get them to go further because of the language barrier. They really needed a local person. The regional president then assigned me as the main lecturer.

Did you have to scramble to prepare to teach the Principle?

In every way the 120-day workshop prepared me for the life I am living now—We offered jeongseong, learned how to live in an environment with very different types of people, ate different foods, and sometimes couldn't understand what someone said because of the language barrier. And of course the lecture practice gave me the confidence that I could actually lecture. I had pretty much memorized the entire one-day content. Based on that, I was able to teach the Divine Principle in a powerful way. This year I have been asked to prepare for the five-day workshop.

How does investing in church mission work compare to working in a company?

When I began in the mission here many people said "Oh wow, you're giving up your life," meaning I was not working anymore, not earning money, as if coming into a public church mission means life has stopped. On the contrary, I felt it was giving me life. The reality of my workplace, by contrast, was not life—I didn't have a vision or feel any progress. But coming into the church and starting to work I came to have a vision and to have passion for what I was doing. It had meaning.

I had also wanted to work in a workplace that didn't necessarily have 9 to 5 hours, and I was not averse to being busy. I wanted to be working toward something.

I had also liked the idea of being able to travel. Recently I sent a message to a friend of mine saying I was off to New Zealand for my work—to give lectures to second-generation members. Her reply was, "Oh your ideal job seems to have appeared!" When I reflect upon it, all the things I had wanted in a work situation are present in what I am now doing. I haven't given up on life; working with the church is actually giving me life.

¹ Such as STF or Oceania Leadership Training (OLT) a program in the region Mica lives in

Below: Mica teaching; here she is explaining the destruction caused by the Fall; **Right:** Soon-teck Lim, national leader of the Australian church, explains the true significance of the Last Days.



Having new members around is also interesting—you are raising young members as well. That's a very different course. In this role, all that Father has said has become so real to me, the reality of witnessing, loving people, and dealing with challenges.

I went through a period when my heart was often deeply moved. I always testify to those who join the witnessing team that they come here to learn God's heart. You come to feel it, and your heart connects more deeply, allowing you to have much more personal and closer relationship with God. This certainly happened to me. I could easily break down in tears feeling God's heart of wanting to talk to people, wanting to teach people, wanting to relate with people but not always being able to do so.

I felt that if you want to know and testify to God's heart, if you feel the desire to help someone know the truth that has given you life, engaging in the work of witnessing to others will bring you to that point.

What are the elements of the results-driven strategy?

The main element is the focus—"I want to meet a core member." That means someone who will have a conversion experience and is willing to separate from this secular culture to one centered on God and True Parents. "Results-driven" means focusing not just on building relationships, not just getting people to come through our doors with only limited follow-up. It means there must be continuity, always a clear next step, giving contacts a clear time and place to come again..

So we are recruiting. We witness to those who have the potential to become core members, who can take the time off to pursue the training. So we witness to young people. We have

a clear course of steps that a new person will follow. This goes up to a twenty-one-day workshop, some center life training, or even full time membership.

It is results-driven in that we are focusing on bringing people to core membership. We are not just dealing with people on the basis of good relationships, but actually bringing them to the next level at each point in their journey.

There are many elements that came together last year. One of them was having the five-day workshop—at a set time in a good environment. That was key in getting people to change their mind-set. Even the first one to join had been around a long time and didn't know Principle well, or its conclusion. The five-day workshop included explaining the Messiah, Father's life and the blessing—and it was very clear where we are heading. "We are not here to just talk about the goodness of the Principle; we are here to lead you to know the Messiah and lead you to the blessing."

It gives much more power to our witnessing to give them a point of having to make a decision, Yes, I want this, or No, I don't want this. In the past we did not always bring people to such a point.

Do people sign membership after a workshop?

Yes, we asked the guests on the first five-day workshop to become members. At first I wondered if it was a bit too much. Then I realized that sometimes it's what's needed for people to make a condition to move closer to God. And that can help them continue.

With anything, even in the business world, there is a point at which people need to commit themselves. If not, that's it. Otherwise a person remains half in and half out all the time.

The Australian Church Rebounds

At the National Leaders World Assembly 2012, Miss Mica Camara spoke about witnessing efforts in Australia, a member nation of the Oceania region. Her witnessing testimony was not about the influx into the Australian church of "a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters," as described in the Bible. It was more akin to the story of Abraham and his wife Sarah through Sarah's long barren years, struggling to find faith under circumstances suggesting the strong likelihood that no child would ever come.

The first missionaries had arrived in Australia in 1972, and the 1970s were Australia's most productive decade. It was a time when people were searching for truth and membership increased every month. Following the 1982 Blessing Ceremonies, couples began family life, babies were born, the number of full-time members began to dwindle and virtually no new members appeared. Members did witness but results did not come. Like a professional athlete experiencing a prolonged slump, it became increasingly difficult to fight the idea that success might never come again.

In more recent years, Australian members did eight forty-day witnessing campaigns in a row. As a result, some members did join, but only two remained. Japanese volunteers came to Australia in the early 1990s and stayed for about half of that decade. They came again in 2000. According to Mica, "They invested their complete effort into witnessing but still the result



Mica Camara witnessing

was not there. One guest joined for a year but then left." Mica also mentioned that before she became interested in witnessing, blessed wives were actively engaged in outreach, but to no avail. In terms of church growth, Australia was experiencing what Mica described as "a long drought."

Though it is not simply a matter of cause and effect, a parallel is nonetheless apparent between Australia's ongoing resurgence, and spiritual renewal in Mica Camara's own life. In a videotaped testimony¹ given in May 2011 to members

¹ Mica's full testimony is at <http://vimeo.com/24267463>.



Young Korean and Japanese members signed on to spend a year witnessing in Australia; Here, two of them are hard at work on the streets of Sydney.

Would you like to say something to other second-generation members out there?

I have learned many things about myself and people as well as about Heavenly Father and True Parents that I know would have taken me a long time to understand and learn (if I could have learned them at all) had I not taken this path. One thing I have come to realize is how much our movement needs those in its second generation to take more responsibility in developing and continuing the growth of our church.

If we believe in what True Parents have established and are

of our church in Melbourne, Australia, Mica said that even three years earlier it would have been unheard of for her to be speaking about her faith from behind a pulpit. "I wasn't a person to be involved in church activities.... I believed in God, but True Parents were still quite distant from my heart. They were just like a picture, in fact."

Mica had graduated from university, where she'd majored in Business, gotten a good corporate job working in the human resources field and was planning to travel. It was just what she had wanted, but less than a year later, she was feeling trapped and without vision in life, "just doing the same routine, just following the momentum of society." She wondered, "Why do people feel we just can't control our lives? Why do I feel like that?"

The world was weighing down on her spirit so much that when her father called from Cheongpyeong and suggested to her that a forty-day workshop there would be easier, she thought, "If anything could be easier than my life right now, I so want to take it." Despite this thought, she was still outwardly resistant. She told her father no. Yet, he persisted, launching into parent-child negotiations—forty days? Twelve? Seven? Mica's final answer before hanging up was still no, but, after some reflection, she went for seven days. She stayed for forty.

While she was at Cheongpyeong, she met True Father. With only four other members she waited lakeside for Father's boat to return to shore near the training center. A few minutes before they would have to leave, she saw Father, with a towel draped over his head to ward off the cold, sitting in the back of the boat tranquilly gazing into the distance. As Father approached his car, Mica and her friends ran up very close to Father and bowed. In return, Father looked at them, smiled and got into the car.

benefiting from their foundation and that of our elders who have gone through a course to bring us to where we are now, we need to realize this will not last or grow if we second-generation members do not take the initiative to help it do so. For me, this does not mean we are now in the era of the second generation and that of our parents is gone, but more that we are in a transition period when we need to begin inheriting what our parents and elders have done, by working with them at this time. This is so that we do not lose that foundation.

I came to see that I cannot just go on the assumption that the church will always be there. The truth is, if we fail to inherit from our elders and learn with them about how to raise young members, establish a witnessing system, give sermons and so on, we will have no idea what to do when our elders are no longer around. We will be left standing on a foundation we do not understand, let alone know

how to use.

We second-generation members are truly in a new era where the course to bring about results is faster than that of our parents, but only because we stand on their foundation. So the time is now! We need to take on the role of building upon what our parents have started. When that day comes, there is no doubt in my mind that we will see progress in all aspects of our life—church, family, finance, etc. I am sure it will exceed our expectations. **JW**

That brief experience made a profound impression. "I just felt I was a daughter waiting for my dad to return.... Wow! I just greeted my father," Mica said. She had caught a glimpse of the world from Father's perspective. "He loves everyone and at the same time, God. He wants to liberate God and everyone. I remember feeling that kind of love from Father and True Parents. The connection was just so much stronger."

Attending a 120-day workshop that ended in July 2010 helped solidify Mica's determination to work in a public mission and to take up leadership responsibilities. That a blessed child's emergence coincides with developments in Australia does not mean this was a lone effort. Mica works under the guidance of National Leader Soon-teck Lim, who was seen on a video that accompanied Mica's presentation announcing the spiritual birthday of a new Australian member, "One week after the Divine Principle workshop, she prayed about it, she spoke to her parents about it, she talked to her friends and finally, she decided to become a member!"

And it was Continental Director Dong-wooh Kim who had started a campaign to recruit people from Japan and Korea to do street witnessing for a year in Australia. This resulted in one member joining in 2010 and prepared a foundation for a new witnessing strategy in 2011. A committed team of foreigners, a results-driven system and more time dedicated to witnessing changed the atmosphere. For the first time in two decades, six members joined in Australia in 2011.

Where might the Australian church go from here? Look toward heaven, Australia, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.... So shall your spiritual descendants be. **JW**

If you are interested in working with the international witnessing team in Australia, please contact Mica at mica.camara@gmail.com.

Unificationists around the World

Thailand



The recent floods in Thailand affected provincial areas of the country as well as the capital city of Bangkok, inflicting much suffering and loss of life and property. Our Thai members have responded through the Peace Volunteer Thailand group under UPF to bring relief to flood victims. In these photos, church members help distribute supplies and comfort flood victims.

Dominican Republic



In the Dominican Republic educational system, students graduating from high school are required to do sixty hours of public service and training. Our members have been holding pure love conferences in many schools, for high school students especially. Mrs. Yris Night, the principal of Liceo Paraguay, became an ambassador for peace and immediately wanted to study Divine Principle. She participated in the equivalent of a seven-day workshop. Recognizing the great power of this teaching, she invited our members to her school to present the Pure Love material and to conduct character education. She then decided to empower the Family Federation to guide the sixty hours of public service and training for forty-one students from her high school.

Our members organized a program that included a Pure Love conference, a Character Education conference, a full Divine Principle workshop, practical public service and cultural activities. Those forty-one students are coming three times a week to our national headquarters to study and receive training. They are 15-19 years old.

Mrs. Night is already sharing this project with other school directors. A model project, which can be introduced to other school directors, is being developed at her school.

The Family Federation has to approve the sixty hours requirement through a certificate, which means the national government would have to recognize the organization as a qualified moral values educational institution. Other schools are already requesting the program.

Azerbaijan

The Azerbaijan chapter of UPF held a December 28–29 Unification Thought seminar on True Parents' peace philosophy. The program took place at the Irshad Conference Center in the city of Baku. Mr. Toru Nishiwaki, the head of UPF-Azerbaijan, opened the program and gave a presentation about peace ambassadors' activities in the region. He stressed the importance that Dr. Sun Myung Moon attaches to studying Unification Thought. There were presentations on the principles of peace, followed by a discussion. Dr. Rafik Aliev, the former Azerbaijani minister of religion, greeted the participants.

Ms. Mira Avsali, a family psychologist and a frequent participant at UPF seminars in Baku, said that the seminar materials are wonderful tools to support families in conflict.

Mr. Rahim Huseynov, prime minister of Azerbaijan (1992–1993) wrote in his reflection that "the two-day event reconfirmed the greatness of the ideology of UPF's founder. His unshakable faith in the possibility to establish harmonious relations between peoples on earth is based on absolute values. Dr. Moon is a true fighter for world peace and his life is the evidence of the truthfulness of his philosophy."



Photos courtesy of the Unification Church-Azerbaijan

Moldova

In November, the International Education Foundation in Moldova, with UPF International support, organized a series of presentations on keeping purity in friendships between the sexes as part of preparing for future marriage. A presentation, the Culture of Love and Purity for Teenagers, was given at a music college for students and teachers one day and for the students' parents the next. This drew a total of four hundred and fifty people. The college adminis-

tration seemed favorably affected by the written responses to the presentations. For young children, the presentation was called the Culture of Love and Friendship in Adolescence. Given in collaboration with the regional government, that event drew two hundred and seventy students. A role play game, in search of my better half, involving half an apple, excited the children and taught them how integrity and purity while young leads to a healthier, happier future.



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Lithuania



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UPF Lithuania organized a meeting in the five-hundred-year-old city of Panevezys on the theme the Importance of the Family for the Individual and Society. The meeting began with a prayer by Catholic Bishop Jonas Kauneckas (pictured). Although the meeting was humble, some respected people from the local town attended and contributed their insights.

Australia



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In Australia, members edited *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* slightly, substituting Australian English for American English expressions. Here, two brothers promote the book in Brisbane, a city in one of the country's semi-tropical regions.

Peru



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Our members are carrying out a True Family Values educational program for mothers, in schools in Peru.

Estonia

On December 17, holiday joy was delivered through a small concert to fifty elderly residents of a nursing home in Tartu, Estonia. This was a collaborative effort between four Mormon missionaries, two Ukrainians, a professional musician and four peace ambassadors, who performed fourteen songs in five languages—Estonian, Russian, Ukrainian, English and Dutch. The musical offerings were drawn from a repertoire of songs about Christmas, the birth of the Messiah and love. The elderly people expressed how much they were uplifted by the performance.



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Japan

In Tokyo, it's almost as if whatever direction you walk in, you are going to run into people witnessing. A *Today's World* staff member recently met two mothers who spend some hours each day standing on busy Tokyo street corners, reaching out to anyone who will stop and listen. In Tokyo, that is no easy task. Mrs. Sachiko Ueda (*big photo*) is on the same spot from 11 AM to 1 PM every weekday. "That way," she explains, "the spirit world can rely on me being here and can send prepared people for me to meet."

These days our sisters are using a questionnaire about spirituality and, of course, they carry True Father's autobiography. *Small photo*: Fukuko Kuroda cheerfully explained about a person from overseas she had recently met and her hopes of being able to bring her to our church.



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United Kingdom

The December 8–10 conference—Commemorating Human Rights Day 2011: How Far Have We Progressed?—examined human rights from the viewpoint of the event cosponsors, UPF and WFWP, that humanity has the potential to be a global family under a loving God, and discussed strategies, initiatives and policies for reaching that ideal. Some sessions were held in the House of Commons, including the opening plenary, Human Rights around Europe, at which both Mr. Tarsem King, a member of the House of Lords and patron of UPF UK, and Mr. Tom Brake, a member of Parliament, welcomed the participants to Committee Room 14, which overlooks the River Thames. Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, president of WFWPI–Europe, presided over the session.

Mr. Bhiku Parekh, a Labour Party peer and emeritus professor of political philosophy stated that human rights must include socioeconomic rights. He expressed his concern that "rights are being chipped away" by budget cuts, "the war on immigration" and the practice of "stop and search" by the police in the United Kingdom. Ms. Patricia Scotland, Britain's first black female attorney general (2007–2010) shared her experiences in combating domestic violence in Britain.

Ms. Silvia Escobar, who established the Office of Human Rights in Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, pointed out the role that the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe play in securing European human rights. Different articles of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights are closely interconnected she explained and "the failure of one is abuse of another." She emphasized that at the core of the matter is dignity, which is the foundation for peace, security and freedom and added, "dignity even comes before equality."

Tom Brake, the Liberal Democrat spokesman for Home Affairs issues, took a human rights angle on the recent riots in the United Kingdom.



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UPF Europe chairman Dr. Yong-cheon Song looked from the perspective of our spiritual nature, stating, "Violations of human rights...can be seen as rooted in moral failures and moral ignorance related to spiritual poverty." He suggested that fundamental solutions are to be found in a true family upbringing, character education, and religion, about which he said, "Religions, after all, provide a deep moral and spiritual framework that sensitizes us to the way we treat each other and demands that we aim to be selfless in our dealings with others. They teach that we share a common origin, the source of our sacred (and potentially even divine) value."

Other sessions included Human Rights around the World, Women's Empowerment and Human Rights, and Religious Freedom - Global Issues featured speakers with expertise and standing in those fields. (A full report of this conference and other UPF initiatives around the world can be found at www.upf.org) **7W**

The Sorocaba Factor

By Heung-tae Kim

Last month we included an interview with Mr. Sangwon Park, whom Father has placed in a supervisory role over the soccer providence. He alluded to the Brazilian Sorocaba team that had played in North Korea, but did not expand on the potential of the North Korea connection. We asked Heung-tae Kim, chairman of Atletico Sorocaba, to explain a little more about this. Sometimes happenings are only revealed after some time has passed. This is one such story.

In April 2009, Father suddenly asked me if I could bring the Sorocaba soccer team from Brazil to Korea within three days.¹ I replied that it would be difficult considering passport and visa issues and other practical matters. The conclusion we reached was to bring eleven people—because there are eleven players on a soccer team—by April 19, the day True Parents' birthday, their wedding anniversary, the Blessing Ceremony and other events were held that year. I was to have at least eleven people take part in these events while the rest were to come to Korea as quickly as possible. They should arrive no later than the twenty-first, because there was to be a game against the Ilhwa team at their home stadium in Seongnam as a part of the Wongu Peace Cup inaugural tournament.

It was a challenge but I contacted the team and was told that among the athletes, six had a passport and visa. I included myself, my wife, my son and two Brazilian students studying in Korea to make the eleven and we went to the events on the nineteenth.

After the game against Ilhwa on April 21, True Father said that we had to play against teams from North Korea, China, Japan and South Korea by the end of April. How could we accomplish all that in just ten days? We can't go to North Korea. We need visas to enter China and also Japan. Yet within the next three days, while Sorocaba was playing matches in Korea, we managed to obtain visas for Japan. We went to Japan and played a game against the Chongryon, the pro-Pyongyang Korean Residents' League.

I had virtually given up on holding a game in China—it was difficult to get a visa and time was against us—when suddenly Hong Kong came to mind. It is a part of China but we wouldn't need a visa.²

I called Thomas Hwang³ to tell him that we would take a flight the following day and asked him to prepare a soccer team by any means possible. A dean of the Hong Kong Baptist University is an ambassador for peace. He agreed to prepare a team from the university. We went there, held a match, and won 1-0.

The next day we arrived back in Korea and gave a full report. I explained to Father that we

1 Mr. Kim is the chairman of the Brazilian Sorocaba football club as well as the national messiah and boonbongwang to Brazil.

2 Travelers from around a hundred and seventy countries can enter Hong Kong without a visa.

3 The boonbongwang to China, residing in Hong Kong

Believing in soccer's potential as a catalyst for conflict resolution, Father has invested in the sport with that end in mind. It was during the 1990s, while True Parents led the South American providence, that Father acquired the Brazilian soccer team Sorocaba. Here, Father opens the Peace Cup in Madrid, Spain, in 2009.



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department



Left: Heung-tae Kim presents a pennant and Sorocaba jersey signed by the players to a North Korean soccer team official in Pyongyang; **Middle:** The Sorocaba team at the Ilhwa Company in South Korea; **Right:** Sang-gwon Park oversees the football providence in Korea and beyond; his business leadership experience is a key factor in this role (see interview in our last issue).

had played against the Pohang Steelers in South Korea, against the Chongryon team in Japan and against a team in Hong Kong, China.

Father responded, "Oh, really? You played against the Steelers in South Korea. You went to Japan and played against Chongryon, which means you basically played against a team from Japan and North Korea. And you've been to China. This signifies your having gone to all four nations."

He then called for Peter Kim and told him to revise the speech for the event to take place at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace two days later, May 1, to commemorate the founding of HSAUWC. That is why Father told the audience that the Sorocaba team was there and asked the audience to give the team a round of applause.⁴

Matches in North Korea

While I was in Japan for Sorocaba's match against the Chongryon team, the vice-chairman of the North Korean Soccer Federation was also there. He came to the game, where we met. During the match, he said "Comrade, Wow! The Sorocaba

team plays very well."

I replied, "They are good, aren't they?" In the end, he wanted to invite the Sorocaba team to North Korea.

I said, "Please do." Originally, I had not thought he was serious, but after he returned to North Korea, he contacted me within a week saying that he could invite our team to Pyongyang. He informed me that the North Korean soccer team was going to be at the Southeast Asia Soccer Tournament on August 25 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Since I could not easily go to Pyongyang and he was unable to come to South Korea, he suggested that we meet in Kaohsiung. I agreed.

I went by myself. By then the Peace Cup Tournament in Spain had concluded, so I had a lot of good material from that to show him. The North Korean officials seemed quite impressed, seeing that Real Madrid and other good teams had participated in the Peace Cup.

Apparently, the same day that we met he reported to North Korea about what I had shown him. The next day, I received a faxed invitation letter from the president of the North Korean Soccer Federation, inviting the Sorocaba soccer team to Pyongyang. The Sorocaba team went to Pyongyang in October 2009 and played against the North Korean national soccer team.

They invited us again the following year, 2010. At that



The One Korea Cup in Japan last September brought teams from Mindan and Chongryon into friendly competition. It was when Sorocaba played against the Chongryon team two years earlier that the opportunity for them to play in North Korea was born.

time, the president of the Soccer Federation asked if the North Korean women's soccer team could do some off-season training at Sorocaba. They had heard that the facilities at Sorocaba were good. In North Korea, it is very hard to train seriously in the winter months due to the extreme cold. February is the coldest time. In Brazil, though, that's the hottest time. I said it was a good idea for them to train using the Sorocaba facilities because the weather in Brazil in February would be similar to what they would encounter in Germany at the Women's World Cup in the summer of 2011.⁵ I made it conditional on the team paying its own airfare from North Korea to Brazil. A round-trip ticket from North Korea to Brazil is almost \$3,000—that would come to about \$90,000 for the thirty people that were to come. They came and stayed from February 2 to March 2.

In July, their men's youth team also came and trained for three weeks before taking part in the Under-20 World Cup in Colombia later that month.⁶ They were very satisfied with the training at Sorocaba. The training facilities sit on several acres of land. We have a recently built a hotel at a five-star level. Our facilities are nice. We covered the North Koreans' accommodations and meals. This was Father's initiative, and he had asked us to take care of them. In early March, I reported to Father in

all played each other. These games went very well. The North Koreans had taken another step forward by inviting clubs from overseas to Pyongyang for a tournament.

The One Korea Cup—in Japan (September 5 and 6, 2011)

At the end of World War II, there were two million Koreans in Japan. More than a million were repatriated to their homeland. Those that remained in Japan formed resident associations; one, Chongryon, is supportive of North Korea and the other, Mindan, is supportive of South Korea.

Korea's partition has persisted for some sixty years. This is true in Japan too. These Korean residents must become the foundation for the reunification of the Koreans. For that purpose, Father created a Korean Reunification Department in the Japanese church headquarters.

The headquarters and the Sorocaba organization hosted the One Korea tournament. True Parents directed Kook-jin nim to go to Japan as the person in charge of the tournament. He delivered a speech at the welcoming banquet and made the declaration opening the tournament the following day.

Though we wanted to hold the tournament, if the North Korean government had objected, it would not have been

held.⁷ Our ongoing activities in Japan with Koreans resident there, including bringing many of them to Korea in 2005 and 2006, holding rallies with them and workshops centered on True Parents, were what made it possible for twenty thousand people—Japanese Koreans in Chongryon and Mindan and Japanese Unification Church members—to come to watch the matches.

From the Principle view, Tamar became pregnant with Perez and Zerah, who were divided like Cain and Abel, but through the restoration of the right of the first son in the womb, the lineage connecting to Jesus was established. Chongryon and Mindan represent Perez and Zerah, and Japan is Tamar's womb.

It is significant that our church hosted this tournament. It is significant that Chongryon, the Cain side, and Mindan, the Abel side, came and played a match.

In order to bring about the reunification of the Koreans, Japan, China, North Korea and South Korea must act toward that purpose. That is why we had Japanese, Chinese and Korean celebrities from the entertainment world form two teams and play the first game, which lasted from 5 PM

to 7 PM. The Japanese team won. On that foundation, the main game between Chongryon and Mindan took place (Chongryon won). For the three hours, through two matches, the audience chanted "One Korea" from the stands, creating an atmosphere welcoming unification.

North and South Korea do not have very many channels through which to communicate. In that light, we are trying to create the opportunity for the two Koreas to communicate through soccer. **TW**

The Peace Cup is scheduled to be held in Korea from July 19 to 22 this year at the Suwon World Cup Stadium. View the Peace Cup web site (Korean and English) on www.peacecup.com.

⁷ The residents' groups in Japan have official ties to the respective government each supports.



The game between the Mindan and Chongryon teams. After the game, Dae-gyeong Kim of the winning Chongryon team said, "If you play a game, of course you want to win; we had that mind-set, but when the game was over, we felt that by our origins, because we are of the same blood, we are brothers." Jeong-wook Kim of the Mindan team was similarly broad-minded: "Even though we couldn't win, it doesn't matter overall whether we are pro-North or pro-South if there can be a good meeting of minds."

Las Vegas that the women's team had trained in Brazil. You can't imagine how happy he was.

I believe that True Father had probably already foreseen all this when giving that initial difficult instruction for us to bring Sorocaba to South Korea to play in 2009. Since we had had the mind-set to submit to his wishes, Heaven was able to work in this way and this providence unfolded.

After Sorocaba played against the North Korean national team in 2010, the North proposed holding a tournament for teams from four countries in 2011. This took place October 22–27. Because of the short preparation time, the team invited from Beijing could not come. A team from Khavavosk in eastern Russia, the North Korean team and Sorocaba from Brazil

⁵ Alas, they were knocked out of the tournament after three matches.

⁶ They were also eliminated in three matches.



The Singing Evangelist

Rev. Yang Hur should be recognizable to anyone who often watches videos of True Father's speeches or is lucky enough to attend them. Rev. Hur is often called out by Father to sing at his speeches. His diminutive size and the strength and quality of his singing voice make him a memorable figure. Before beginning his presentation at the National Leaders World Assembly 2012, Rev. Hur sang one of the songs Father often requests from him, *Ulsan Arirang*.

Rev. Hur explained that Hyung-jin nim and Kook-jin nim had approached Father to suggest a mission for Rev. Hur but that Father had set aside their suggestion and instead ordered Rev. Hur to be an educator of missionaries. This role calls for Rev. Hur to be with Father frequently. In regard to his new mission, he wished to speak about important providential matters with the national leaders. He began by speaking about the background to Dr. David S. C. Kim's ascension ceremony, the first one to be called a Seonghwa Ceremony. Rev. Hur said that David Kim's second son had said that he felt his father was great because of the life he'd lived. He said, "Dr. Kim's second son had lived in an orphanage because his father and mother were always out doing missionary work. The head of the orphanage had taken good care of him. He felt grateful to three people—True Father, the head of the orphanage and Dr. Chang-shik Yang for taking responsibility for helping Dr. David S. C. Kim." This attitude moved Rev. Hur deeply.

Rev. Hur reflected on the new mission that Father has given him and felt that he is to follow Father like a shadow, listen carefully and communicate the gist of what Father has said to *Tongil Segye* and *Today's World*, so that this information can be projected out to missionaries worldwide. Rather than being someone who educates missionaries based on his own experiences, he feels that his role is to convey to missionaries what Father is speaking about.

Another aspect of his work, he feels, is to convey the work that is being done and what is being said by the international president and the Tongil Group chairman. Rev. Hur related that Hyung-jin nim always packs fishing and hiking gear whenever he travels with True Parents, because one cannot predict what Father will decide to do. He also heard Hyung-jin nim say, "God gave Kook-jin hyung the head to run an organization and gave me the blessing to be able to attend True Parents from close proximity. I intend to serve them perfectly."

For the final sixty-seven days of 2011, True Parents stayed in Korea. Dr. Seuk had explained that for forty

of those days, one of Father's legs had been in a cast. Rev. Hur observed, "Father went through his full daily schedule each day and did not yield his position as commander of the providence during that time." While in a cast, in addition to speaking at Sun Moon University for four hours after pushing away his wheelchair and leaning on the podium, he toured the nation, visited Mt. Sorak and several islands, in a wheelchair and went to sea to set fishing conditions despite his circumstances and the cold weather. One of the islands True Parents visited was Tokdo¹ is disputed territory claimed by both South Korea and Japan (where it is known as Takashima). Rev. Hur reported that Father said, "The surface of Tokdo is very rough, like my face. Tokdo has a father island and a mother island and is very lonely, like me." Rev. Hur added, "Father gave a benediction on Tokdo; 'Let this journey reveal this nation to the world and make this God's fatherland, which will steadily progress toward the liberation of heaven earth and the whole universe.'"

On November 11, after hoondokhae, Father said that through true love, Korean unity was still possible. In November last year (when Kim Jong-il was still alive) Father decided to donate three thousand tons of flour² to aid North Korean people. Rev. Hur said, "Father wrote, 'Donated—three thousand tons; I'm sending this on November 5 to my brother, Kim Jong-il. Please accept it.' Then, Father wrote his name and he signed the paper."

According to Rev. Hur, though people say Father loves fishing, he has often seen Father onboard a boat without touching his fishing rod because the seas are too calm. About such times, Father told Rev. Huh that he cannot be in debt to members who are working hard. In calm seas, Rev. Huh said, he has often seen Father onboard investing himself in prayer.

Two things seemed clear from Rev. Hur's presentation: Father trusts him to convey his heart to missionaries and Father loves to hear him sing. Rev. Huh related a cherished personal memory of a helicopter ride with True Parents in which Father asked him not to stop singing until they reached Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. They did not touch down until some twenty songs later. **TW**

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1 It's commonly known in English as Tokdo, with "do," which means "island" untranslated. The back-cover photograph of our December 2011 issue shows True Parents on Tokdo. We were unaware at the time that Father's leg was in a cast.
2 At a value of about \$1.75 million

