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436 Couples Blessed In The Sacred Marriage

At Seoul, Korea

(872 Brides and Bridegrooms Received Blessings
From Our Master and Real Mother)

The group Sacred Marriage ceremony was held for young brides and bridegrooms of 872 chosen young men and women from the local and Seoul churches at Metropolitan Citizen's Hall at 2:00 PM on February 22, 1968. In the past, 36 couples were blessed in 1961, 72 couples in 1962, and 124 couples in 1963 in the Sacred Marriage presided by our Master and Real Mother.

The couples selected for the blessing were chosen from local and metropolitan churches, who were devoted to our faith and have been loyal in the work for more than 3 years. They believe, as well as we do, that once they are united in the Sacred Marriage under Our Master, they become eternal husband and wife--not only in this world but also in the spirit-world (Heavenly Kingdom) to come for them.

The emphasis on the joint or group Sacred Marriage in our church is explained as follows:

1. The brothers and sisters in the United Faith, having the same idea, the same style of daily life, the same belief, can share with one another the important and meaningful life on the earth strengthening one another and making strong spiritual bonds.
2. The group marriage will save unnecessary expenses, instead of too formal a ceremony, following old tradition--spending extra-ordinary expenses for marriage and funeral--resulting in great debts,
3. It saves a great deal of time, energy and effort for both the brides and bridegrooms.

After the ceremony was over, the brides and bridegrooms joined in 26 sight-seeing buses. In the meantime their parents and families remained in Citizen's Hall watching the film "First Love of the King."

In the evening there were entertainment programs including "The Little Angel" performances, and traditional Korean classical songs and comedies.

This event of the Sacred Marriage was seen on United States television through news media and was widely publicized in the United States. The editor has obtained the following news from "The Open Letter," March, 1968 issue, published in San Francisco:

"Four hundred and thirty couples--all of them members of an evangelical Christian sect called the Holy Spirit Association--were married together on the stage of an auditorium in Seoul, Korea, as 'the biggest mass wedding in history'--after which they all took off immediately to do missionary work in the country-side honoring a pledge to remain celibate for the first 40 days of marriage."

WORDS

*Galen L. Brooks

Each man builds his house the foundation is the same. Based on certain principals but the house is his own seen through his eyes alone. Don't get me wrong for this is not to say that each man decent and go his own way. But rather the opposite is true, that a closeness and oneness prevails like a giant jigsaw puzzle, in which each man is a separate piece. If he draws away and alone he will never know what he means. But if he perchance should relate to the other, they interlock, interchange and form a much larger piece. Then the beginnings of the picture of understanding and truth can be seen if wisdom and patience are used. And yet still every man like every piece is a separate thing with different colorings of moods and shades and shapes and things.

For the foundation is the same with principals as the shape of the puzzle.

*Known hereafter as G.L.B.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Sarah Witt
Chicago, Illinois

How I Was Able to Recognize the Principles as the New Truth
Given By God

In August, 1944, nine months after my dear mother passed on to the spirit-world, I left my sister's home to join the Women's Army corps. My father and youngest brother and I had been living with her for several months after the death of my mother.

After serving two years as a W.A.C., I decided to seek my fortune in Los Angeles, where one of my four brothers is an insurance broker. I left Chicago directly after my discharge from the Army, and journeyed to Los Angeles, where I soon enrolled at Los Angeles City College, in preparation for a career in teaching foreign languages, Spanish and French.

During my first semester in Sociology, one of the students suggested the class read a book called, "Looking Backward - 2000 to 1884" written by Edward Bellamy in the year 1884, I believe. This book was assigned as a class project, and the effect it had on me was so great that I have never been quite the same since.

This book is a Utopian novel, one of many written in that period of time, and depicts a world in the year 2000 where mankind has finally learned to live with himself, his fellow man and God in peace and harmony. There are no more wars, no suffering, no poverty, and no degradation. I was so entranced with this wonderful world of tomorrow, that I could not settle for anything less, and became quite convinced that this would actually come to pass.

Wishful thinking, you say? Well, so did everyone else when I approached them on this subject. Without exaggeration, there was not one single individual in the years from 1947 to 1965 who could possibly accept the idea of a perfect Utopian world, until I met Mrs. Welch at Open House at the Field School, where her son was in my son Norman's room.

How well I remember that fateful evening. Eileen was the room mother, and she greeted me cordially as I came in to register. We engaged in a conversation, and before parting that night, exchanged business cards. The next afternoon, Eileen contacted me at the office where I work as an executive typist. We made arrangements to spend an evening together with the two boys.

After several social evenings, at which time we met Gerald Johnson, Eileen mentioned the United Faith Movement and what a blessing it has been for her, and briefly outlined its purpose for being. I immediately recognized this movement as the spiritual means to accomplish what I had firmly believed for 18 years would some day be reality.

Soon after I had voiced an interest in this movement, Eileen let me read the book written by Mr. Kim. At the time, I was in the hospital as a result of an accident, and when Eileen came to see me, she brought the book along and said for me to read it if I liked. I read the book in a matter of hours, put it down and didn't pick it up again until I began to edit it in preparation for the second edition, at Mr. Kim's request.

One afternoon as I was editing the book - I was home because of the Jewish Holiday, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year - I suddenly became aware of a piercing bright light surrounding me which was unlike anything I had ever experienced. In addition, I seemed to be transported to the actual location at Calvary where Jesus was being executed. The scene was so vivid, I cried out in horror and began to weep with great sobs for the injustice being done to one of my own brothers. Now I knew the truth! There could be no doubt in my mind as to the true identity of Jesus, the Messiah for whom my people had so long waited and then did not recognize at the crucial time, because of their stubborn adherence to outdated laws and teachings, and because their minds were so corrupted by materialism, and their own sense of importance.

As I read the book and tried to understand its Principles, The circumstances surrounding my life seemed to be changing slowly for the better. The attitude of everyone toward me appeared to take on a greater respect for me as an individual, especially my two bosses at work. Maybe that was because my work itself had improved so much because of the responsibility I had accepted in editing and preparing the copy for the Revised Second Edition of Mr. Kim's book.

I am very grateful to God for leading me to Eileen who then referred me to Mr. Kim, who put such trust and faith in me when he gave me the opportunity to edit and prepare the copy for his wonderful book. I can never thank them enough for opening this fabulous world to me, this world of kindness, justice, peace and harmony which will some day belong to us and our children. Amen!

BRIEF NEWS REELS

Clearfield, Utah

Mr. David Kim has been promoted from regular Counselor to Senior Counselor at Clearfield Job Corps Urban Center as of June 10, 1968. He takes more responsibility than in the past and his energy concentrates on the students emotional problems and their social adjustment during the training program. He thinks our Principle helps his work on the job; also, he feels his oriental disciplinary methods are fitting very well.

When he met Mrs. Afton R. Henegar (who is a professor in the University of Utah and teaches ESP classes in the University), and a young lady, Miss Tammy Tanaka from Canada (2nd generation of Japanese immigrant), he realized how much God has prepared his children on earth through His Spiritual Links throughout the world. He invited both of them to a Korean dinner at Layton, and chatted with them on many things. Mrs. Henegar has received many things about Mr. David Kim, and when she received one of Our Master's family pictures from Mr. Kim, she realized Mrs. Moon is "Real Mother." The two ladies will help our United Faith work in Utah in many ways from now on.

Oakland, California

We (John Schmidli and Gerald Johnson) spent a week at Mr. Kim's home in Layton, Utah. It was a time of receiving more spiritual strength and encouragement. During the week we visited and witnessed at a neighborhood church, we did some work around Mr. Kim's home, and we helped him get another car. During our stay Mrs. Kim prepared her excellent tasting meals for us which we enjoyed very much. The highlight of the whole trip was the printing of John Schmidli's testimony about his conversion to the Principles in the Deseret News, a daily newspaper. This article should have some impact on people in Salt Lake City area.

After bidding farewell to the Kim family we returned to the Oakland chapel and resumed our daily activities.

Chicago, Illinois

Lothar Blankenberg sends his thanks to each of you for your prayers during his hospitalization, surgery, and recuperation.