

## National Witnessing Session in St. Vincent

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*The following is a report from Rev. Dawn Bacchus-Horan, the President of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) St. Vincent and Former Secretary of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) Trinidad in St. Vincent and the Grenadines about outreach developments in the Caribbean island countries of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (population 120,000) and Trinidad (population 1.3 million).*



*Rev. L. Samuel, wearing the orange shirt, addressed his congregation and gave a testimony about his trip to Korea.*

The first national witnessing session in St. Vincent since Foundation Day was held in May and June and led by Pro Watanabe, the National Messiah to St. Vincent, along with several Japanese sisters, the National Leader of St. Vincent and myself. This outreach development has been encouraging. The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) sent two representatives to Korea for the 2013 World Summit, along with my sister and me, who attended. The two representatives are Mrs. Jennifer Eustace, the Former First Lady and Rev. L. Samuel, leader of Chebar Evangelical Assembly, who opened his church for the Original Substance of the Divine Principle (OSDP) to be taught to the entire congregation.

On her return from Korea, Mrs. Eustace was so inspired by the work of Rev. Sun Myung Moon that she ordered a copy of the Divine Principle, and read it along with True Father's autobiography. Rev. Samuel said that he was anxious for the teachings of OSDP to continue in his church, with an emphasis on the marriage Blessing and absolute sex. The previous teachings of the Divine Principle inspired a change of lifestyle in his church and a significant increase of marriages in one year.



*Guests listened to the Original Substance of the Divine Principle (OSDP) lecture at Kay Bacchus-Browne's, the National Leader of St. Vincent, home, which serves as the church center.*

Kay Bacchus-Brown, the National Leader of St. Vincent as well as my sister, scheduled a week of activities from May 13-19, 2013, which included a daily radio program on St. Vincent's Nice Radio, the station for National Interactive Concerned Enlightenment, a television broadcast and an OSDP workshop at her home which has been used as the church center.

My sister and I began with morning prayers at the Holy Ground, located in the gardens at my sister's home, at 6:00 a.m. I continued with the 40-minute radio program where I discussed the OSDP teachings and read Father Moon's words from the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* on NICE Radio. Many listeners became inspired and called and expressed that the radio program was having an impact their lives as they listened to it daily. The listeners reported that some listen as they travelled to work, some while at work, and others in their place of business. True Parents' words today are circulated on national broadcast both on radio and television throughout the nation.

On May 16th, my sister and I visited Rev. Samuel's church, and there he asked one of his recently married couples to give a testimony which focused on the deeper understanding of marriage that she learned after hearing the Divine Principle.

I then gave the featured message on "The Blessing of Marriage" and the meaning of "The Fall." After the message we opened the floor for members of the congregation to ask questions or give comments. There were four other pastors at the service. The congregation was inspired.



*Guests take a lunch break during the OSDP workshop.*

The major event of our outreach was a breakthrough OSDP workshop on May 18, 2013 held from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Bacchus-Browne's home, which is used as the church center. Mrs. Eustace was the first to arrive; the other attendees were invited Ambassadors for Peace and Universal Peace Federation members who had heard the Divine Principle many times. This workshop, however, was different from others in the past in terms of attendees' acceptance of True Parents as the Messiah.

The enthusiasm of Former First Lady Mrs. Eustace and her interest in Rev. Moon created a series of deeper discussions on the content of the lectures. She spoke about her experiences in reading Father Moon's autobiography and referenced passages from the book and explained her interest in learning more about him. Mrs. Eustace spoke about her determination to get her personal copy of the Divine Principle and wished to have her son, who has an inquiring mind, read it.

We had originally decided to break for lunch after the first lecture which lasted about two hours; however, Mrs. Eustace did not want to break. Her open and eager heart inspired the other guests, so we continued to the second lecture, and finally afterwards we had a lunch break. This was the first time Mrs. Eustace heard the OSDP. Whether we were benefiting from the merit of the age or whether Mrs. Eustace had a new wineskin for the "new wine", the revelations were clear. Many questions were asked at the workshop, and I believe everyone understood the answers. The lectures continued after lunch into the evening. The last person left after 9:00 p.m. that night. The session went from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm. This was a breakthrough!



*During the OSDP workshop, Rev. Dawn Bacchus-Horan (above) presented the Principle of Creation, The Fall of Man, The Mission of the Messiah and The Second Coming.*

After the successful workshop, my sister and I made a plan to continue with these OSDP lectures in a weekend seminar in July.

The following day, May 19th, we were invited to speak at the television station on a live broadcast which my sister had pre-arranged. The show lasted three hours. The moderator was an attorney, the panelists were a representative from the ministry of health, a professor at the university, Mrs. Debbie Dalrymple, a former social worker, and me. The topic discussed was whether we need more laws to deal with the state of increased crime in our nation.

My response to the topic was based on the need for a parental heart in all fields of endeavor, especially leadership, the restoration of strong family values as the cornerstone of the nation, absolute sex and more importantly, that we cannot legislate what is in a person's heart and character. My presentation was based on an explanation of the four position foundation in restoration. One listener of the television show, name Cheryl, sent an email the following day:

*"Just wanted to congratulate Dawn, on a very engaging discussion on last Sunday's program. I listened on-line. Well done. - Cheryl"*

After this successful show, my sister, as the National Leader, committed herself to continue these live programs weekly. The following week, she initiated a 120-day prayer condition for the restoration of St. Vincent to its original name and meaning, "Home of the blessings," and for the country's leadership to be centered on the Divine Principle. Former First Lady Mrs. Eustace was anxious, committed and ready to begin the prayer condition, which began on May 20, 2013.



*Rev. Dawn Bacchus-Horan (left) with her spiritual daughter, Arlene Ifill, during the All Night Vigil OSDP Lecture in Trinidad.*

On my journey back to Florida from a successful first national witnessing outreach in St. Vincent, I spent some extra time from May 21 to June 2, 2013 in Trinidad at the request of my spiritual daughter, Arlene Ifill, who wanted the OSDP presented to Prophet Ancil, a church leader. He was deeply inspired by Rev. Moon's work and teachings. Ifill gave him a copy of the Divine Principle and Father Moon's autobiography. I was amazed at how enthusiastic they both were in the lectures. It was like a new horizon for Trinidad based on True Parents' teachings. We did nightly sessions which culminated in an all-night vigil on OSDP lectures, starting at 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. the following morning.

Afterwards, Ifill and I visited the Trinidad church center and met with Mrs. Adams, the local National Leader of Trinidad and Tobago and American Unificationist Rev. John Gehring who prepares service programs for second-generation Unification youths through Generation Peace Academy (GPA). That evening we had intense prayer and devotions.



*Arlene Ifill, (left) Rev. Dawn Bacchus-Horan's spiritual daughter and the local National Leader of Trinidad and Tobago with Prophet Ancil in Trinidad.*

Later, on June 1st, upon the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Gehring to Trinidad, we met with 23 second-generation GPA youth from various states in the USA; they visited the church of Prophet Ancil and Arlene Ifill for Sunday service. Rev. Gehring made mention of his desire to have a GPA program in St Vincent in 2014.

To fulfill True Mother's request to have 120 new church members by 2020 in our small island of St. Vincent, we are committed and determined to achieve this goal. We are determined to make St. Vincent and the Grenadines the first Caribbean Island to have political and religious leaders loyal to True Parents' teachings. This is our goal and destiny. We will accomplish it!

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