

The Foundation for the Great Success of True Mother's Africa Summit 2018

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I am amazed and humbled when I think of the events that finally led to the success of the Africa Summit. For all of Africa, 2017 was indeed a special year. Heavenly Parent and True Parents cared for us and gave us abundant blessings. It is difficult to number them all.

Last year started like any other year. The first surprise gift from True Parents was the Extraordinary African Leaders Assembly in Zambia, in April. True Parents then shared their vision of a united and brilliant Africa. As that Leaders Assembly concluded, True Mother expressed her belief that Africa would offer the first Cheon Il Guk nation. She then announced her plans for an African Summit. It was the climax. All the leaders were astonished.

Then, the Academy of Heavenly Tribal Messiahship organized a seminar under True Mother's direct guidance. The participants showed new zeal for heavenly tribal messiahship. The results came quickly. Except in Zambia, Nigeria and Mozambique, we had had no victorious tribal messiahs in Africa. However, throughout 2017, we had breakthroughs in Benin, Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Uganda and Rwanda.

HJ Chung Pyung's team tour to Africa in October 2017 also contributed to the success of the Africa Summit. This tour was a stepping-stone for the purification of the spiritual atmosphere through the liberation and Blessing of many ancestors. This was another of our Mother's strategies. I urged members to forgive, love, and unite, centered on our True Mother, and show their gratitude to True Parents for this special grace by investing more in heavenly tribal messiahship and in proclaiming True Parents.

In Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, members had spiritual experiences. Some testified about their ancestors' gratitude. Others saw True Parents' glory and were encouraged in their lives of faith. Many others were cured of diseases. HJ Chung Pyung's team, led by Reverend Lee Gi-seong, did a great job. I thank again these truly loyal children of True Parents.

Finally, there was the International Leadership Conference in Kona, Hawaii, attended by some government ministers, traditional chiefs and religious leaders. Participants could see another aspect of True Parents' achievements and vision of technology sharing. All were delighted. I would also like to praise the contributions of our members. The brothers and sisters offered many Jeong Seong conditions. Some fasted seven days or took part in chain fasts or chain prayers. Others did prayer vigils. Many also contributed financially.

I am grateful to the young people of STF-Europe and others who came at the right moment to help. Their support won the hearts of Senegalese people who saw the ideal of one world family that True Parents advocate. Together with their African brothers and sisters, they cleared streets, planted trees, renovated public places, including on Goree Island. They won hearts by taking part in debates at Cheikh Anta Diop University. They also played soccer and had a cultural evening with the young people in the Village of Tivaouane Peulh.

Young people from around the world who took part in this summit, you have been wonderful I pray that you may continue to show the fellowship you have shown before and during the Africa Summit. Thank you also to the European, Asian and American leaders. Your presence and contribution raised the level of the summit.

I also thank the members and the citizens of Senegal. You are indeed the "Land of Hospitality." Who would have thought that this country with so few members could surpass the "strategic nations"? Heavenly Parent does work in mysterious ways. I am grateful to Sheikh Mansour Diouf and to President Macky Sall and all the Senegalese people. The hospitality to Heavenly Parent's only daughter will be recognized forever.

Until now, we were talking about Cheon Il Guk, but very few people knew how this special nation would be established. Our Mother is great! She knows better than anyone else does what to do. As she says, if we unite with her, miracles will happen. Some miracles took place in the preparation for the summit. I saw many others in 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank especially our Mother, for her faith, her love and her unending prayers for Africa. We have faith in her and in her leadership. At the price of our lives, we will follow her in order to save all humankind. Together we will build a new, bright and victorious Africa centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The foundation stones of Cheon Il Guk were laid in Dakar.