

## We Can All Say It's Clearly a New Beginning in Shin Africa

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I feel sincere gratitude toward all who helped make the events in Africa great. We can all say it's clearly a new beginning in Shin Africa. For almost forty days, we had the FFWPU International Headquarters' support. We cannot forget the youth team from Universal Peace Academy, nor the missionaries. They were fantastic at helping us promote this providence. African members also worked hard, with all their hearts.

Africa has seen a lot of sun and the moon, now we are seeing a combination of the entire universe, the center of the universe, God's only daughter. She opened the door in Senegal by liberating Africa, creating a foundation to free Africa; finally, her love, grace and blessing are bearing fruit throughout Africa. Nobody can stop it.

I want all to know about what happened in Africa, what changed in human beings' lives and in African life. The Zimbabwe program name made it clear: Peace Starts with Me; Peace Starts with My

Family. This was an initiative from our beloved True Mother, because national restoration should start there. Many religious and political leaders and chiefs participated in the blessing, which our True Mother openly gave for Africa.

Many received the blessing even before they came to the stadium. The pre-blessing reached 61,723 couples from mainly Apostolic and Pentecostal churches. How did that happen? Obviously because True Mother told us, go there, proclaim True Parents. People are ready to receive the blessing. This blessing news became like a fire, touching churches and communities and constituencies. It became a national movement automatically.

On that, I can say truly that the grace and the guidance came naturally from True Mother. She initiated it and gave all necessary internal resources. She opened the door for grace to enter. Eventually grace touched our African brothers and sisters. At the same time, we received the international headquarters' clear support. What happened? They grabbed True Mother's word, brought that into the field and advised us, so together we became one, as siblings under True Mother. That created synergy, so what we did not know, they knew; what they could not do, we could. We became like a mind and a body, united together and with God. True Mother you sent them.

The blessing was the center of everything. Mother came to Zimbabwe and the president received her in his home palace. Before True Mother came, the president had accepted that True Mother should come to Zimbabwe because she had touched them by her initiatives, by the word, the foundation and the vision of our beloved True Parents through UPF, IAPP, IAPD and the Association for Chiefs.

The day of the blessing was sunny, in November, the rainy season. We prayed not be disturbed by rain, but as a result, it was extremely hot. Because of the distance and timing, many people stayed home to follow the blessing by radio or television. That is how we came out with seventy-five thousand people blessed in Harare.

In Cape Town, South Africa, brothers and sisters chain fasted for three days each, especially, during the last thirty days. Some John the Baptist figures helped mobilize couples for the Interfaith Peace Blessing. I am particularly grateful to Prophet Samuel Radebe, founder of the Revelation Church of God. He beautifully and movingly introduced True Mother during the Peace and Family Festival. He also brought many couples from his church to the blessing.

One could also feel that True Mother worked hard in South Africa, preparing religious leaders, community leaders and others for the Africa Summit. That the Khoi-san representatives, usually called Bushmen, the Namas, Griques and Krakwas also took part in the summit and the blessing adding a special flavor and diversity to the events was moving to see. One of their chiefs attended the blessing and some of his children received the blessing. They want an MOU with UPF to seal the cooperation. The professors of the Bloemfontein Theological School, who also do much work in the Middle East, with UPF, also seek a partnership.

Thanks to True Mother, a blessing revolution is taking place in South Africa. The blessing ceremony moved many of the guests, including dignitaries from throughout Africa, who are looking forward to taking part soon.

In the celebration after the blessing, touched by True Mother's love, people sang, danced and ululated -- a true expression of children responding with loud jubilation to their parent's love. True Mother sowed a meaningful seed.

We will nurse it, water it and put enough fertilizer to make sure it bears much fruit soon. Thank you True Mother; we will not disappoint you! We know that True Mother liberated Africa in Senegal. That happened, so we are free! We are free to attend God Almighty. We are free to fulfill our responsibilities, and we are free to establish Cheon Il Guk.