

The Unity and Cosmic Indemnity of our Unification Church Missionaries Wouter Vanderstok and Kazuo Yokoi - Restoring Japanese Atrocities in Indonesia

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Wouter van der Stok (left), with the three missionaries to South Africa sent out in 1975 from Japan, the USA and Germany (Kazuo Yokoi, John Brady, Mechthild Koelbener)

Dear Robert [Williamson] and Kathy [Rigney],

I am addressing you here, as True Parent's representatives of the present. I want to share/report something remarkable - about recently discovered cosmic ramifications of indemnity paid by Foreign Missionaries:

Sadly, Wouter Vanderstok (at age 78) passed away unexpectedly on May 18th – as you may have heard. Apparently, he was just taking a short afternoon nap, but before he woke up, his heart stopped. A shocking coincidence was: at about that time, far away in Japan, Kazuo Yokoi suffered a stroke, which initially knocked him out; he was hospitalized for several days, but eventually released and is now recuperating at home. At the request of the Dutch Church leader and Wouter's family, my wife Frieda and I traveled to Holland to participate in Wouter's Seonghwa.

At the Seonghwa Wouter's life-story was read, which brought back to mind, his unique and unusual history - he was born in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) to righteous parents. Already when he was around 3-years-old, Wouter, his brother and his parents suffered severe hardship in Japanese concentration-camps there, lasting 3 years. After WWII their family returned to Europe; 1961 Wouter

emigrated to South Africa, where he married in 1964. In 1965 Wouter's elder brother joined the Providence of True Parents; 1967 Wouter's parents joined as well, after which they urged all other members of their family to follow. 1970 Wouter and his family enthusiastically joined in. That same year, after receiving the best training available at the time, Wouter returned to Cape Town, South Africa - becoming the first person to teach Divine Principle and witness about True Parents in Africa.

1975 - as you are aware - three Foreign Missionaries followed True Parent's call to go to South Africa: Kazuo Yokoi, Mechthild Kölbener and I. 1976 Wouter and his wife received the first Blessing of 35 previously-married couples given by True Parents. Of course as in every restoration process, unity between Wouter and us 3 younger Foreign Missionaries was not automatic; on the contrary, we had to struggle a lot for it – years becoming decades, however eventually we all felt we had united. We can't deny being plagued by thoughts of all the things we didn't accomplish, but one thing was sure: Wouter had become our wonderful adviser and appreciated elder brother.

Mid-May 2018, Wouter suddenly departs for the spirit world, while Kazuo Yokoi gets 'knocked for a loop' by a stroke. At the Wouter's Seonghwa, the Dutch Church asked me to read condolences from Mike Balcomb, suggesting that I could also say a few words of my own afterwards. While waiting my turn and contemplating what I might say, it struck me: Yokoi's stroke was no coincidence – because of our unity of heart, he was selected to pay especial indemnity for Japan's terrible aggression against the Dutch/European people in Indonesia. Indemnity paid, means restoration can leap forward! If we had not united, no significant indemnity could be paid. I then told those gathered at the Seonghwa, about Yokoi's stroke, and that if we unite with the 'cutting-edge of God's Providence (True Parent's current directions)', we can't imagine the cosmic ramifications of precious indemnity we will thereby be paying.

After returning home, I phoned Yokoi at his hospital bed in Japan with that message. His wife said, that news tremendously encouraged him.

I share this insight with you, in the hope that you can pass it on to many who might also be plagued by thoughts of continual troubles, and all the things we didn't accomplish – realizing that Heavenly Parents are now doing awesome things through True Parents – if we have unwavering faith and unite with their directions - the full magnitude of which may only come out decades later.

Regards, John Brady