

## In Loving Memory of Alexander Ershov (1976 - 2016)

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**Name:** Alexander Ershov

**Spouse:** Irina Yershova

**Children:** Sasha (11), Lisa (7) , Daniil (4)

**Birth Date:** June 8, 1976

**Blessing Date:** November 1, 2003

**Ascension Date:** June 13, 2016 10:30 PM

**Local Church:** Cheongshim Family Church

Alexander (Sasha for short) Ershov was born in the town of Tver, the Moscow region of Russia. He was among those were able to join our movement at one of the large Divine Principle workshops for Russian high school students, in 1992. He was a bright, fresh, pure sixteen-year-old at the time. In 1993, he moved to Moscow City, where he enrolled at the Institute of Asian and African Studies to fulfill his dream of mastering the Korean language. He did master the

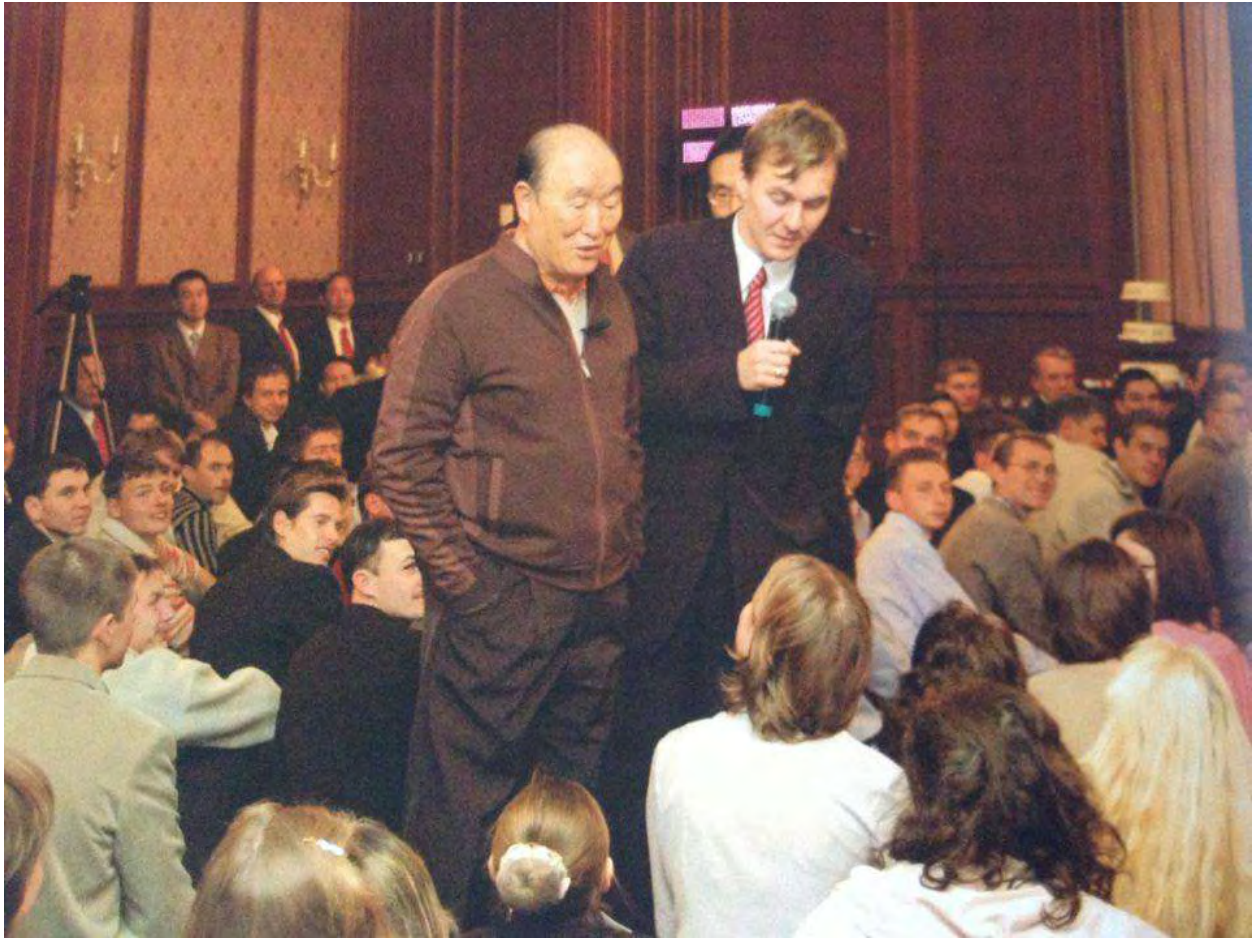
language and, gaining a high degree of proficiency, graduated in 1998. He was an active contributor to many Unification Church activities during these exciting and hopeful times in Russia. One of the most notable of these was the international programs we conducted to facilitate meetings between North Korean and South Korean students, where his fluency in Korean was particularly helpful. When True Father visited Moscow in the 1990's, Alexander translated for him on several occasions, directly from Korean into Russian.

Sasha was one of the first group of translators to arrive in Korea to begin work on the original Cheon Seong Gyeong, late in 2004. He was the main translator for the Russian language edition. Working from the original Korean – one of only a handful of translators to do so – his approach was mature. He knew that one had to sometimes look beyond the grammar and syntax to understand Father's intended meaning. Sasha's Korean was exceptional, especially for one who had never previously lived in Korea. He was also a gifted speaker of English, and on many occasions he offered significant help to the English language translation team – even translating whole sections to help them keep up to schedule.

With the Cheon Seong Gyeong translation concluded, Sasha moved to Peace TV, where he pioneered our church's English-language broadcasting to a higher level than had previously been possible. [Paragraph contributed by Julian Gray, former Today's World editor]

In 2008, Alexander joined the international staff at the Cheongshim International Medical Center, as Manager for International Patients. His linguistic ability, his people skills and his managerial expertise proved to be very helpful. Many patients, both Unification Church members and non-members, came to

appreciate his mediation and support. In addition, he helped to earn large sums of money for the hospital through a novel venture known as “medical tourism,” where well-to-do foreign patients pay additional fees to get special VIP services while they receive the medical treatment they need.



Alexander was Blessed in marriage with his Ukrainian wife Irina, in 2003, and he and his wife have three lovely children, two girls, Sasha and Lisa, and one boy, Daniil.

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### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

**Time:** 10 AM

**Date:** June 15

**Location:** Gapyeong, Korea