

## **Freedom Leadership Foundation's Victory over Communism Street Preaching**

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"In North Korea, school children are required to bow down to statues of North Korean dictator Kim Il-Sung, and are given their choice of praying to the statue or praying to God. If they pray to God, they get no rice for lunch, but if they pray to Kim Il-Sung, they get a full portion. Children who consistently refuse to bow to Kim Il-Sung and call him their "Beloved" Father have been shot, along with their entire families, as examples to the 'bourgeois and un-proletarianized' elements in North Korean society.

At this point in my street speech, I caught the attention of the passersby on our team's Georgetown street corner. People turned to look directly at me, startled and uneasy about what I was saying; it was impossible for them, upon hearing this specific example of a life experience in a country bound by Marxist-Leninist ideology, to shrug off the message. For at least a few moments this "anticommunist on the street corner" wasn't amusing, and the mild confrontation between leftist street people and members of the Freedom Leadership Foundation wasn't funny.

The weekend of April 14-16 marked our celebration of Parents' Day, but in North Korea it was the time of Kim Il-Sung's sixtieth birthday, the day which he had desired to celebrate in Seoul. This didn't come about. As an appropriate end to a condition starting 40 days prior to Kim Il-Sung's birthday, Rock Creek Center members (FLF) introduced Washington Family to an activity familiar to them, yet quite unique to the rest of us-Victory over Communism street preaching. In order to prepare us for the event, Friday evening Neil Salonen discussed the significance and the increasing role of Victory over Communism work in our Family activities in the months and years to come. Literature was provided, example speeches were given, and we watched "The Roots of Madness", a film on the historical development of Communist China.

During Saturday afternoon hours, five street corners were taken by our teams of 6-7 people. While one person used the bullhorn as a focal point to gain attention and to state our views, others carried signs, handed out literature, petitioned, and witnessed for an FLF workshop teaching the Unification ideology, the ideology of Victory over Communism. The afternoon was a success; contacts were made, petitions were signed, Washington members were exposed to witnessing from a new standpoint and FLF was able to make a tangible demonstration of young people committed to building upon a new Ideological base of a unified world under God. This kind of demonstration will prove important in winning the Senators and Congressmen of this country.