

The return of our brother Grant Bracefield has brought a strong IOWC spirit

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Winter for our family has brought a time of growth and strengthening. The return from overseas of our brother Grant Bracefield has brought a strong IOWC spirit which has been a great blessing for our mission.

Our first project after the Yoido Island Rally was to break through to the news media in order to inform our country of what is happening in South Korea. There is a very obvious block preventing the release of most news of this nature to the public. Television and newspapers finally responded well, but the response of the government was bad. We received a letter in reply to ours from Prime Minister Rowling, saying that in his opinion the "spirit of compromise" must prevail in order to find a peaceful settlement in Korea. Mr. Rowling had just returned from a tour of most of the world's communist nations. In direct contrast to this, a reply came from the leader of the opposition party, Mr. Muldoon, showing that he sees Communism in a more realistic way and feels responsible for fulfilling obligations toward South Korea in the event of war.

The next month offers a very good opportunity for furthering our anti-communist work. An International Trade Fair is to be held in Wellington to which leading trade representatives will come from all over the world. Russia and Communist China will be demonstrating their countries' trade capacity, while in the same building the Il Hwa Korean Ginseng Tea Company will be sharing space with the Korean Trade Office.

New Zealand girls will serve ginseng, dressed in Korean costumes, to the thousands of visitors inside, while our Church members will fast, pray and lecture to the people outside, encouraging them to boycott the communist displays and join in protest to our government.

We are hopeful that Mr. Muldoon will attend and that we can make an issue from which his party will benefit in the next elections, later this year.

In the last month our family has been guided to three places prepared for us by our Heavenly Father. One is high up on Mt. Victoria overlooking Wellington City and harbor, where we often go late at night to feel with and pray for our nation. The city lies in a basin far below with the old settlement reaching up the foothills toward our prayer ground. In the midst of the oldest part is our new center, a house which at last we have been able to buy and give completely to God. The third place is on the side of Mt. Eden in Auckland where our family, after much searching, has found a place from which they can view their city and play. They have planted a tree there, and go there together daily.

Our greatest joy this month has been three new members. We found a Dutch girl who had been contacted just a few months before in: the Amsterdam Railway Station, a New Zealand girl who graduated from the University and then became a "postie" to seek a truthful way of life, and a New Zealand boy who plays the guitar very well and gives so much through his music. All three, Caroline, Janee, and Douglas, are really active in our fund-raising team which is at present working in Auckland.

We are all so thankful for the example of self-sacrifice and determination which we receive from our brothers and sisters around the world.