

Part 2: Life of Faith

David S.C. Kim's life of faith as a member of the Unification Movement began during its very early days in Korea. He became one of the original charter members of the organization that has become a worldwide movement.

Throughout his long life of faith David S.C. Kim has never deviated from his mission to witness to and educate people regarding Reverend Moon's teachings. From the first efforts to send introductions to Christians worldwide, to the publication of an early lecture series in English while pioneering in Oregon, through the traveling International One World Crusade teams, his leadership of the Unification Theological Seminary for two decades, on to his continuing efforts to educate and guide members of his local community, David S.C. Kim appears as a great "general" in the spiritual war to bring God's revelation to humankind.

This "general" is not one who rushed into battle armed with whatever weapons were handy at the time, brave but unprepared. A consistent aspect of David S.C. Kim's work is his careful preparation through academic study, the thorough education of his "troops," and the conduct of strategic campaigns to bring victory for heaven, all of this guided by intense prayer. Fearlessly taking on any challenge, undaunted by vigorous opposition, and persistent until the mission is accomplished, this general never retired or faded away, but has continued to work unceasingly for the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Early Church in Korea

As already described in the previous section “Preparation for a Life of Faith,” Sang Chul Kim first met the followers of Reverend Sun Myung Moon in 1954, and it was only after this meeting that he came to be known by the name “David.” This was such an early time in the history of the Unification Movement that there was not yet a formal organization, nor an official meeting place.

When I met our True Father in February 1954, I was a third-tier ranking official in Syngman Rhee’s national government. I visited the so-called “House of Three Doors” (Sedai Moon Jip), located in Bukhak-dong, Sung dong-ku, Seoul. It was a small house of two rooms, one for Father and the other for late President Hyo Won Eu. At that time, Father and a small group of followers from North Korea were under investigation and surveillance by the police. They moved from Pusan to Taegu to Seoul as part of a new witnessing campaign to recruit converts. I, a high ranking government official, showed up unexpectedly at this critical juncture of our movement.

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Reverend Moon Found the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity

When Reverend Sun Myung Moon founded the official organization that became known as the “Unification Church,” David S.C. Kim was one of the five people who signed the original charter. He also helped to hang the sign on the outside of the humble building that served as the first headquarters of what has become a worldwide movement.

On May 1, 1954, according to the dispensational timetable, centering on Father a trinity was formed including Mr. Eu, Mr. Lee, and myself, who pledged to follow Father and his truth. The next day, Father called us, and one other person residing in Seoul, and explained to us the need and purpose of starting an organization even in the midst of continuing persecution to Father and his early followers in both Pusan and Taegu.

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David S.C. Kim was involved in selecting the name of the organization, and in translating the Chinese characters into English. This translation was included on the sign they hung outside the building. In the following excerpt he explains that the Chinese characters written by Reverend Moon were complex, and they struggled to come up with a translation.

世界基督教統一神靈協會

In fact, the translation “Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity,” the name by which the organization has been known since that day, is not an entirely accurate rendering. Yet, as David S.C. Kim and his colleagues understood, time was of the essence and they did the best they could under the circumstances.

Three names for the organization were given by Father to the four of us. Two of them were so complicated that we could not even comprehend the meaning of the Chinese characters. Among the three names Father showed us we agreed to adopt the present name which is made up of eleven Chinese characters. We translated these characters into English as “The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC).”

Although the sign, written in both Chinese and English letters, was hung out on May 3, the Association was officially inaugurated retrospectively on May 1, 1954, 30 years ago today. We translated Shil-Ryung (two of the Chinese characters) as “Holy Spirit,” but it actually means “spiritual.” This name is sometimes confused with the Holy Spirit (one of the three persons of the Trinity in traditional Christian belief), by outsiders and theologians, but no other translation was adequate at the time. The name actually means “spiritual association to unite all Christian churches.”

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Although the name for the organization was quite grand, the small building upon which the early members proudly and reverently placed the sign was extremely humble. Even so, it not only provided a home for Reverend Moon, it also housed the first lecturer and president of the movement, Mr. Hyo Won Eu, and was used as the meeting place and lecture hall! From such humble and small beginnings the worldwide Unification Movement began.

The house in Seoul that Father and a few followers resided in had only two small rooms: the one for Father had barely enough space for one person; the other, a little larger than the first, was where Mr. Eu lectured and stayed. There was also a small kitchen. This house was called “House of Three Doors.” In contrast to the great name on the sign, the house was small and miserable looking to the outside world. Now it is the origin and very root of our worldwide movement.

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Photos of "Three Doors Church" and Reverend Moon with early members, 1954

Early Efforts at Witnessing to Christians

Despite the pioneering nature of this tiny church, with few followers and a very humble location, the early members were very determined to teach the "new truth" that had been revealed from God to Reverend Moon, to as many people as possible.

However, the teachings were not yet formally written down. All they had were handwritten sets of notes, which they copied and with which they practiced giving lectures in the small house that also served as their meeting place.

Our True Father and a few followers were constantly changing locations to avoid probably arrest or confrontation with the authorities. By now the group had settled in Seoul, renting the above-mentioned small house. Following my acceptance of Father and Divine Principle, I visited that place after work on a regular basis. New contacts were coming to listen to Mr. Eu's lecture of parts of Divine Principle. We copied each other's notes to study and practiced lecturing. Mr. Eu was teaching in the small room, lying down because of this left leg, paralyzed earlier in his life.

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In such humble circumstances, the trinity of early members including David S.C. Kim immediately tried to fulfill the mission of uniting the Christian denominations. They sent letters of introduction to Christian leaders throughout the world, inviting them to study this new understanding of the Bible.

Origin of the Chicken Complex

David S.C. Kim's life of faith has been one of serious dedication, intense spirituality, and great accomplishments for heaven. His spiritual sensitivity, nurtured from an early age by his grandmother, has served him in many positive ways but also had some less positive repercussions. This narrative regarding his "chicken complex," told with his great sense of humor, gives insight into the early days in the church as well as into David S.C. Kim's personal struggles.

Late one afternoon, I saw two live chickens in the kitchen, tied together. Some member must have brought them for Father, since they are one of Father's favorite foods. The next morning, I visited Father's quarters and found that the two chickens had been killed and were being served on Father's breakfast table.

This was the first time in my life that I saw chickens killed and cooked for food. Because of my vegetarian upbringing, based on the Buddhist doctrine of "not killing any living thing," I was horribly shocked. Having also never experienced eating chicken in my life, I could not bear the scene of that breakfast. An anguished feeling penetrated my mind, causing me to almost vomit and get sick in my stomach. Ever since that incident in 1954 at Father's "House of Three Doors," I have continued to manifest the so-called "Kim's Chicken Complex," an anti-chicken eating syndrome. Throughout my pioneering days in America, many American families made special chicken dishes for me, not knowing of my problem. But I could not enjoy them.

When somebody served me chicken, my complex appeared. I could not continue to eat my meal or overcome it, because my complex was so deep. I immediately visualized the live chicken walking toward me saying, "Help me, help me!" Scenes of chickens being killed would also come to mind, along with anguished feelings and an upset stomach. Am I sick or what?

Good news regarding my complex! I tried hard to overcome it and since 1992, I have been able to eat one or two pieces of well done, fried chicken (leg only). That is quite some progress, but there is still no way for me to eat other parts of the chicken. I wanted to share this well-known story from my early days in our movement, concerning our precious Father's favorite dish—chicken.

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Pioneer Work in England

Soon after joining the small group of followers, David S.C. Kim received a United Nations scholarship to England for two years. This was a wonderful opportunity to be the first overseas missionary and a fulfillment of the prophesy, received at the time of his first visit to the group in Taegu, that he would go overseas for pioneer missionary work for this group. With much excitement and prayerful encouragement from Reverend Moon and the others, David S.C. Kim embarked on his first missionary expedition.

An intensive witnessing campaign began right after the May 1 inauguration. These witnessing activities went well in three locations—Pusan, Taegu and Seoul. In August of the same year, I received a United Nations scholarship representing the Korean government to go to England for two years. This chance was provided to spread and witness our Divine Principle message to England, the Eve nation. In the 1950s Father and the early followers were receiving serious persecution from established Christian churches which were supported by Syngman Rhee's regime, especially in connection with Ewha Women's University's expulsion of our members. Eight students and several professors were expelled. At that time, I was in England enrolled at the Swansea University College, one of the constituent colleges of the University of Wales. From time to time heaven gave me revelation about Father's difficult situations in Korea and told me not to worry too much and to do my best in my mission in England.

While I was in England as a UN scholar, I never neglected my heavenly mission and duty. Whenever I had spare time, I visited many churches and small groups to look for people and spoke many times at the churches as a guest speaker, introducing our Korean group and preaching based on the contents of the Divine Principle which was available only as handwritten notes exchanged among the early members.

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This pioneer time overseas was by no means easy, and David S.C. Kim knew the followers of Reverend Moon in Korea were having even more difficult times. There was no official published version of Reverend Moon's teachings available in Korean let alone in English. Yet, David S.C. Kim used every opportunity to witness to the new revelations he had been introduced to, and was able to find occasions to speak publicly about these teachings. Before his time in England ended and his studies were completed, for which he received a Diploma in Social Welfare from the University College of Swansea [see Appendix 3], he was able to address a convention of the Apostolic Church.

As my stay in England came near its end, I was able to speak about our movement to the International Convention of Apostolic Churches held in South Wales in 1955, which is a very fundamentalist Christian church denomination, having missions throughout the world, except in Korea. I spoke for 25 minutes to the annual general meeting of nearly 3,000 attending participants and delegates from all over the world, appealing to them to establish an apostolic mission in Korea to help our young Christian movement centering on the church leader named Master Sun Myung Moon, to study this new revelation and to protect it from the established Christian church and government persecution. This speech inspired the key leaders of the Apostolic Church.

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Following his successful presentation at the convention, David S.C. Kim remained in communication with members of the Apostolic Church after his return to Korea. Several months later Pastor McCabe arrived from Australia to study the Divine Principle.

In the summer of 1956, they sent an official messenger, Pastor McCabe from the Australian Mission headquarters to investigate our two year old movement.

Pastor McCabe stayed 80 days, studied the Principle and helped Miss Kim with the English translation of Divine Principle. Seven hundred copies of this English edition of the Divine Principle were published by Professor Kim even before the Korean edition. Mrs. Won Pok Choi, Miss Kim and I, as a trinity, worked together to teach the depth of Divine Principle and entertained Pastor McCabe as a special guest of the church in 1956. Except for the Second Coming in human form, he accepted most of the contents of Divine Principle, had spiritual experiences, and went back to Australia inspired. However, the Board of Mission Headquarters of the Church failed to carry out the original plan to set up a mission in Seoul to help our movement at that time. Thus, the dispensational plan for the British Empire as the Eve nation failed. Therefore Father had to send both Miss Kim and myself to the western world, America, and spread our message there.

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Although Pastor McCabe was receptive to the teachings, the headquarters of his church rejected the proposal to support Reverend Moon's group in Korea. While this was a failure in the providence, nevertheless it produced the first version of the Divine Principle in English, with Pastor McCabe assisting Young Oon Kim in the translation.

After Pastor McCabe's visit to Korea, David S.C. Kim was again sent as an overseas missionary, this time to the United States of America, and so began over half a century of service to the American movement.

Pioneer Work in England



Pastor McCabe (center) in 1956 with early members, including Mrs. Won Bok Choi and David S.C. Kim



Pastor McCabe in discussion with Reverend Moon and David S.C. Kim



Pastor McCabe with Reverend Moon, Dr. Young Oon Kim and others, summer 1956



Reverend Moon and early members including David S.C. Kim in Korea, October 14, 1956

Early Church in America

Four Pioneer Missionaries

When David S.C. Kim was sent to the United States as a missionary in 1959 he was not entirely alone. Miss Young Oon Kim had already entered the country as a student.

Miss Young Oon Kim, Col. Bo Hi Pak and I were the three original missionaries sent by our True Father to the United States in the late 1950s and early 1960s. I was already experienced in special missions having already traveled to England to study at the University of Wales (Swansea College) in South Wales as a United Nations scholar. I was also among the so-called “elite class” of Korean society since the Japanese colonial days and an official in the Korean government since 1945. I was thus widely experienced and highly educated. There were not many highly educated and socially experienced members in our movement in the 1950s. When I landed in America on September 18, 1959, it was my second mission overseas (following my first mission in England).

In January 1959, Miss Kim was sent to America as a student. At that time, Koreans were only allowed to come to America on a student visa. I produced her passport when I was working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Seoul. Father chose Miss Kim because she was well qualified to be one of the pioneer missionaries to America. She had been a Professor of Christian Theology and Social Welfare Services at Ewha Women’s University. She arrived on January 2, 1959 as a student at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. She worked very hard there, but received a great deal of persecution. She then moved to Berkeley, California.

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Soon after Miss Young Oon Kim and David S.C. Kim had arrived in the United States, in early 1961 Col. Bo Hi Pak arrived to work in the Korean Embassy in Washington DC. Thus, David S.C. Kim was one of three original missionaries to the United States.

A few years later, Miss Kim moved to Washington, D.C. area to join Col. Pak, who had arrived there on February 25, 1961. Col. Pak worked at the Korean Embassy as the Military Attaché. He had already done well witnessing and lecturing prior to Miss Kim’s arrival. He always was an eloquent speaker and an excellent lecturer of Divine Principle since his regional director’s days in Korea. During the 1960s, he influenced the political and cultural realms in America with many projects.

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In 1966, a fourth missionary, Mr. Sang Ik Choi, arrived in the United States from Japan where he had been the first missionary. These early missionaries were not able to work together closely since they were separated geographically by the whole continent between those on the East coast and those on the West coast. Naturally, therefore, they developed their organizations and teaching materials independently. However, without exception they experienced persecution and controversy as they strove diligently to bring the new truth revealed by Reverend Moon to the “New World.”

In November 1966, Mr. Sang Ik Choi, the first pioneer missionary to Japan in the 1950s, moved to America because of visa problems there. His wife arrived in December 1966 and they settled in the San Francisco Bay area of California. Kenji "Daikan" Ohnuki, and Yonsu Im, who were serving as staff members in the United States for the Little Angels world tour, joined them at that time. They were very active contacting people directly on the streets, especially young tourists from Europe and other countries. Their work expanded and they gained many members with their unique methods of witnessing and teaching Divine Principle. These witnessing techniques gained quite a few good members, while creating controversy as well. Many battles with deprogrammers and numerous law suits from the anti-religion movement resulted. However, through this struggle, this group centering on the San Francisco Bay area produced many leaders for our American movement, many of whom are still spiritually vital and dedicated.

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Due to their different circumstances, two of the four pioneer missionaries came to be located the West coast (Mr. Sang Ik Choi and David S.C. Kim) and two on the East coast (Miss Young Oon Kim and Col. Bo Hi Pak).

After Miss Kim moved from Berkeley to Washington, DC, I moved down to Eugene, Oregon and obtained a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Oregon. Later, I moved down to Oakland, California and worked together with Mr. Choi's group in the San Francisco bay area. Thus in the early 1960s, the American missionary territory came to be divided into the West Coast under Mr. Choi and myself and the East Coast under Miss Kim and Col. Pak.

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Pioneering in Oregon

David S.C. Kim spent the first several years of his mission in Portland, Oregon where he had enrolled as a student at the Conservative Baptist Seminary. During this time he visited Christian churches and then began to form Bible study groups, where he taught the Divine Principle.



David S.C. Kim with early American members in Oregon

Although he gained some followers who accepted the teachings, he soon received persecution from the Baptist seminary for his “heretical” teachings. One of his early followers betrayed him and reported the details of these new teachings as un-Christian to the Seminary leadership.

I used to visit Christian churches every Sunday, making seminary-sponsored tours and speaking to the congregation. Through my visitations, I found several contacts at the churches. As my work bore fruit, I formed Divine Principle study groups in these contacts' private homes. The Seminary began to watch my ministry to see whether I was teaching the Bible in a false way or in conservative Christian ways. Soon, persecution began coming from the Seminary, which had been informed by one of eight Divine Principle study group members. The entire content of Divine Principle was revealed to the seminary professors and its chief administrator.

In the end, the Seminary and the immigration authorities conspired to deport me to Korea immediately following a school court hearing held two weeks before I would graduate and receive my Master of Religious Education degree in 1962. My “sins” were: 1) teaching the “heresy” of Divine Principle (e.g., that there were two manifestations of the human fall—spiritual and physical); 2) our group prays in the name of Master Moon, not in the name of Jesus Christ; and 3) I sent a contribution of \$100 to Master Moon on his birthday on January 6, 1961.

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Under this threat of deportation David S.C. Kim’s mission appeared to be in serious trouble. Even though he had little defense, since the Divine Principle is indeed a “new truth” and he had been teaching this instead of the accepted Baptist theology, he never denied his faith.

years ago and is now about to be joined by similar broadcasts in other states.

Excerpted from "Preface," by David S.C. Kim, published in *Individual Preparations for His Coming Kingdom: Interpretation of The Principles*, The United Chapel of Portland Inc., Portland, Oregon, 1964.

With his earnest desire to bring the new revelation as accurately as possible to the West, David S.C. Kim was careful to note in this publication that he was not the actual author of the ideas contained therein. He explained that he was merely the translator, and that as translations from one language to another are susceptible to misinterpretations, if fault were to be found in the text it was his and not the original author of these teachings.

The author wishes to state that the benefits the reader gets from this book are from our Beloved Master, not from the author, who is nothing but the guide and conveyor of the original thoughts into the foreign language. That is all! The author has tried to be loyal to the concepts and ideas using the closest expressions of the original. Any misunderstanding or errors found are from the author, for which the author takes full responsibility.

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With True Parents in America

When Reverend Moon arrived in the United States in 1972, he took control over the activities of the Unification Movement. After meeting with the four original missionaries and the members they had gathered, Reverend Moon expressed his displeasure at the lack of unity and cooperation among the missionaries. David S.C. Kim was chosen to receive the brunt of his attack.

When True Parents came to America in 1972, the entire American membership was asked to assemble in San Francisco. The four pioneer missionaries were working very hard in their respective regions until True Parents' arrival in America in 1972. However, there was no unity or cooperation. They even competed against each other, trying to influence the others so that they could become the leader over the entire nation of America. These conditions came to the attention of our newly-arrived True Parents, disappointing and angering them. At the San Francisco gathering, Father announced plans to organize International One World Crusade teams and Day of Hope tours in America, and dissolve the four missionaries' territories.

During the course of the general meeting, Father expressed his anger at the failures of the early Korean missionaries during the pioneering years. Suddenly Father walked toward the four missionaries, who were standing nearby, dashed at me, shouting loudly, and kicked me twice very hard in front of the 800 members who were gathered at that time. The event came so suddenly and unexpectedly. It was as if a great storm, with thunder and lightning, struck the whole congregation speechless.

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Although this attack was strong physically, the spiritual impact of being publicly shouted at and blamed for failure was far more devastating. That is why the whole room was in absolute shock. David S.C. Kim, however, was able to withstand this incredible attack. Soon, it was recognized that this was actually a great blessing as it showed Reverend Moon's deep trust in his "David" as the one who could bear the burden on behalf of all the missionaries.

I was aware that heavenly chastisement and punishment should come to us anyway. Later, I realized that I represented all four early missionaries who did not completely fulfill their mission to Heavenly Father's expectations. Miss Kim was a woman, Mr. Choi was unhealthy and Col. Pak perhaps was spiritually not ready, though he was an army colonel. Then who could receive the punishment on behalf of the four missionaries? I believed I was chosen for that purpose. Heavenly Father and True Parents, in a split second, chose David Kim as the embodiment of all the missionaries' failures in America.

My family, especially my five children, were upset when they later heard that their father was beaten by True Father, not understanding the dispensational significance of the event. A few days later, news came from True Parents' quarters in San Francisco. Our True Mother had asked Father why he picked on elder son, David Kim, kicking him in that gathering. Father simply replied, "Only David Kim can bear this physical chastisement and punishment as total indemnity. No one else can take it anymore. Therefore, I had to hit, kick, and beat him as a lesson for all of them." I had already overcome my humiliation and accepted this event as an honor, privilege, and gift from our True Father in 1972.

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Following this dramatic encounter with Reverend Moon, the four original missionaries were re-assigned to different missions. Under Reverend Moon's direction, the Unification Movement became a substantial presence in the United States.

During this period the Unification community began to establish a more permanent physical foundation in America. Acquisitions included the Belvedere Estate, East Garden, the National Headquarters Building on 43rd Street in Manhattan, and the New Yorker Hotel. New projects were launched to expand the American providence. These included UTS, Ocean Church, and many others. All of these projects were meant to address the moral and religious crisis in America first and then do the same for the entire world. Centering on America, the Third Blessing of restoring all things was accomplished during this period through the True Parents' efforts.

Excerpted from *Forty Years of God's Providence (1959-1999) Outline* by David S.C. Kim.



Translating for Reverend Moon in 1977

As one of the best English speakers among the early followers, David S.C. Kim often translated for Reverend Moon during his first years in the United States. Since Korean and English are so different in grammatical structure and style, the translator's job is naturally very challenging. David S.C. Kim was well-known for his creative interpretations, becoming an active participant in Reverend Moon's presentations.

I used to translate True Father's speeches in the 1970s and always felt guilty and inadequate knowing I was unable to translate 100% of Father's message into other languages. After graduating from True Father's so-called "Translation Training Course," I can now compare the translations of others with my own and feel how much better they have done. At the same time, I receive the blessing of hearing True Father's messages twice—once in Korean and then in English. This means I have a double blessing, and can learn more from the different expression between the original words and the translation of True Father's message.

I constantly thank God for my Korean descent, which enables me to listen directly to True Father's message without translation or other

means of communication. It is my special privilege and for that I am grateful to Heavenly Father.

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Translating Reverend Moon's words holds an additional challenge as he is known to speak for many hours at a time, on topics that are new and hard even for Koreans to understand. Since that time, many other Korean translators have taken on this task. David S.C. Kim knows well how difficult it is and he feels a deep gratitude for being Korean and thus being able to hear Reverend Moon's words directly in his native language.

IOWC

One of the most significant activities of the Unification Movement in the 1970s was the International One World Crusade.

Under the providential guidance of True Parents every state established One World Crusade mobile teams, which True Father had directed soon after his arrival in the United States. The teams fulfilled an evangelical role, conducting revival meetings to support True Father's Day of Hope speaking tours, delivering a new message for a new age. They participated in television interviews and other public relations efforts in order to explain their efforts to the larger public. Beginning from the early American One World Crusade Tours (1971-1974 especially) the International One World Crusade and Day of Hope tours spread worldwide, soon reaching Asia and Europe (the details of these tours are found in Day of Hope Books I, II, and III, edited by David S.C. Kim).

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For David S.C. Kim, leading an IOWC team was like entering into battle. Like David facing Goliath in the Bible, David Kim was fearless even when confronted with opposing forces of great stature.

As an IOWC Commander, it excited me to be involved in a war between God's side and Satan's side. As a Heavenly general, I led our Heavenly troops, marching through all 50 states of the United States in the 1970s. I felt like David smiting Goliath, the enemy of the Israelites, whenever we proclaimed Divine Principle in each state and city.

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Evangelical teams toured the whole of the United States and then other countries, bringing Reverend Moon's new message of hope for a new world to everyone who would listen. David S.C. Kim served as the leader of one of these teams for several years, an experience he has never forgotten.

The years which I served in the International One World Crusade (IOWC), founded by True Parents, proved to be the best years in my Church life since having joined in 1954. During a four year period, IOWC mobile units visited all 50 states and then worldwide. In my capacity as an IOWC commander, I often felt like the Supreme Commander of a military maneuver. However, we were equipped not with guns or swords but with God's truth and love.

When God's and Satan's forces joined battle during the IOWC days, it was a time of great excitement and constant new challenges. The IOWC experience was especially invigorating for young Church workers. IOWC afforded them an opportunity to experience setting goals, overcoming challenges and adversities, developing their skills in teaching and evangelizing. Still I recall this period with pleasant reminiscences and with pride.

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UTS

David S.C. Kim is well known, legendary even, for being the first president of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS). While some wondered why a new religious movement should invest resources into a seminary so soon after beginning its activities in the United States, David S.C. Kim was convinced that this would prove to be an essential cornerstone in bringing the new truth to the Christian western world. If Unification leaders were not well versed in Christian theology they would never gain the respect of American clergy and well-educated people.

After coming to the United States in 1959, I realized that Americans would not easily accept the new and revolutionary teachings of Divine Principle. My two years of pioneering experience in England taught me that acceptance of our message would be hindered by the deep-rooted mainline Christian doctrine. The fact that our message comes from the Orient only further exacerbated the difficulties. However, since Japan was gaining on America and the western world industrially, I saw that the time was coming for Americans to pay attention to the Oriental cultures and traditions.

Therefore, I thought that education and tradition based on the Unification Principle must be developed. Our primary goal in America should be to train and educate American leaders for the future. Therefore, I suggested to True Father to begin a seminary in 1973. Since the pioneer missionary days were over, our new direction was to train and educate the next generation.

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Establishing a seminary for religious education was no small challenge. The vision of providing a broad education in all the religions, not just Unification doctrine and praxis, required hiring faculty members from a variety of Christian denominations and other faiths. The curriculum was designed to conform to seminary standards in the United States, but with the addition of several uniquely Unification courses and experiences.

We began preparations for UTS in 1974 and the institution actually had its official start in 1975. The Seminary offered a strong and diverse curriculum. In addition to more traditional courses such as New Testament, Old Testament, World Religions, and Counseling, UTS created a Korean language program which continues until today. UTS also succeeded in developing graduate level Unification Studies courses in topics such as Unification Thought, Life of Sun Myung Moon, Unification Worldview, and Divine Principle.

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In addition to the providing a Masters level education, David S.C. Kim encouraged many other activities. Thus, interfaith and international activities prospered at UTS.

UTS also gave birth to many new organizations as our movement advanced—for example, International Religious Foundation, New Ecumenical Research Association, International Relief Friendship Foundation, and National Council for Church and Social Action. These, and numerous other projects, were initiated at UTS in the early American movement. UTS served as the birthplace for new organizations

of our worldwide movement. I had the honor to be personally involved in these significant events.

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Although academic work was important, not just in terms of educating members but also in the form of research and publications by the professors and alumni, David S.C. Kim's vision of UTS was never just that of an academic educational institution. He always paid great attention to traditions, to the activities initiated by True Parents while visiting Barrytown, and to the numerous activities that provided spiritual formation for the students.

During the period between 1974 and 1994 more than 47 books were published by UTS and the related publishers, Rose of Sharon, and IOWC Publications. Also many landmarks were memorialized at UTS so that future generations of Unification pilgrims might come to Barrytown and reflect there on Father's course. Landmarks include the Rock of Decision, Father's Trail, Mother's Trail, and Father's Bench. Also UTS holds other invaluable memorabilia, such as the fishing nets created by Father in 1977 to cover the entire Hudson River Lagoon when, during free time, UTS students were involved in catching carp and in then transferring them to the UTS pond, which was also constructed with the help and participation of UTS students. The Seminary also holds the automobile which Heung Jin Nim was driving when his accident occurred in 1983.

I set up numerous traditions at UTS which I had learned from Father in Korea and in America, and those traditions continue until today.

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David S.C. Kim was determined that UTS be accredited, recognized as an educational institution with the authority to confer Masters degrees. Beginning in 1974, David S.C. Kim led the efforts to obtain a charter from New York State. Realizing that UTS truly represented Reverend Moon and the Unification Movement in the United States, David S.C. Kim fought against the persecution, going through tremendous challenges, until the provisional charter was finally granted in 1986, after more than ten years of struggle.

I recall that under the serious providential period of the 1960s to the 1980s, first in Korea and then in America, the most critical issue was how to win True Father's court cases. Related to that issue was the governmental persecution of UTS, which I was personally involved in. In 1975, the New York State government rejected the UTS Charter application, based on negative perception and publicity of the Church and True Father.

It took more than ten years fighting in court to get the UTS Charter recognized. It was a tough battle against powerful persecution from an arm of the state government. We fought all the way to the United States Supreme Court, which rejected the case and suggested that New York State and UTS should work out our differences together, not in court. As a result of that perseverance, we overcame the state's prejudice and obtained our Charter.

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Many leaders of the Unification Movement worldwide received their education at UTS under David S.C. Kim's guidance and inspiration. A significant number went on to doctoral study, some of them returning to their beloved *alma mater*, UTS, as professors.

During my twenty years as President of UTS, more than 700 young men and women graduated from the Seminary. Many of these graduates have gone on to assume major responsibilities in the Unification Church and in other Unification-related activities. Furthermore, more than 40 of the early UTS graduates were selected to continue their graduate study at some of America's most prestigious colleges and university, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Chicago, and Vanderbilt. Out of the original 40 UTS graduates selected for doctoral study at least 36 of them have successfully completed their doctoral studies.

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During the time he served as UTS president, David S.C. Kim completed the requirements for a doctorate degree. He regarded this not so much as a personal achievement for himself, but rather to enhance the academic standard of UTS and to better qualify him to participate in academic discourse. Thus, although already over 70 years of age, he was awarded a Ph.D. in 1988.

Through my absolute faith and devotion, through a strong and vital life of prayer, I received constant inspiration from Heaven. Thus, I knew how to help True Father's will, what his intentions were, and how to make him happy. I strove to be a responsible leader, not just a follower. From my youth, my spirit of independence and sense of mission and responsibility gave me a strong and disciplined, yet loving style of leadership.

I am also a persistent and diligent student of worldly knowledge with a deep understanding of Divine Principle and True Father's thought. This quality, in addition to my education in England as a United Nations Scholar and my two seminary education experiences in America, helped me to remain at the forefront of our movement's leadership even into old age. For these reasons, no other leader could replace me in the early years of the movement.

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David S.C. Kim served for 20 years as the president of UTS, a long time for such an arduous and vital responsibility. Even though he was quite advanced in age, he felt unable to retire until a qualified successor could appear.

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UTS President David S.C. Kim
spending time with students



President David S.C. Kim catches a
big one!



President David S.C. Kim catches a
big one!



Dr. David S.C. Kim in his academic regalia



Dr. and Mrs. Kim on graduation day at UTS

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Unification Theological Seminary main building



Red Hook Community Church

While serving as president of UTS, David S.C. Kim was also an active force in the local Unification Church, known at that time as the Red Hook Community Church. With the zeal that was familiar to those who attended UTS as students or staff, he shared with the local community members from his wealth of knowledge and inspiration.

I have previously spoken of my intense interest in marriage and family counseling. The pursuit of this interest has provided some joyful and uplifting experiences as well. I presented material on ideal marriages and families in 90 minute sessions entitled "Family Education" from 1990 to 1993 at Red Hook Community Church. These sessions covered all sorts of issues dealing with marital and family relationships, drawn from academic and scholarly studies as well as practical problem-solving material.

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For three years he gave presentations on marriage and family, pouring out his heart and soul to those in attendance for almost two hours. Apart from the joy he experienced in sharing with brothers and sisters, he also found what might appear to be a simple aspect of this activity especially rewarding.

After the sessions were over, I would drive back to my home at the H-K House in Poughkeepsie, New York. On the way, I would pull my car into the Burger King parking lot in Hyde Park Village, usually around 9:00 p.m. It was usually very quiet and spiritually tranquil, because by 9:00 p.m. Burger King is relative empty. This became an exclusive time for myself. I would park there and enjoy a simple dinner box meal, prepared by Father's kitchen staff at UTS with respect, love, devotion, and service.

Every week, the eating of this simple meal, consisting of rice, sushi, Japanese soup, and kimchee, made me feel like a royal prime minister. I felt a sense of relaxation and accomplishment through hard work. I was helping to build the kingdom of God on Earth by sharing True Parent's teachings on marriage and the family institution. Every week, the food was similar, but every week there was renewed joy, happiness, and thanksgiving to Heavenly Father and True Parents for everything. Because I felt I was accomplishing something very important to God and True Parents, these evening meals became so special and joyful. I never forgot the joy and happiness of eating dinner in that same place, for three years.

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Continuing Missions

Although advanced in years, David S.C. Kim has never retired from active duty in his work for God and True Parents. He continues to wear several “hats” corresponding to significant spiritual responsibilities. In addition to speaking at local events, hosting lunches at his favorite Chinese restaurant to celebrate the birthdays of members of the local church community, and never forgetting to send birthday cards to all the local second generation, David S.C. Kim also has several significant responsibilities.

National Messiah

When the providence of “National Messiahship” was announced, David S.C. Kim was already over 80 years old. It was no small challenge for him to accept the mission as National Messiah to the Netherlands. At the inauguration ceremony he explained his difficulties to the members.

I would like to further explain how I personally came to be here. I was appointed as Heavenly ambassador to this nation at the April 24 conference in Korea. Fifty-three nations (later expanded to 185 nations) were designated to receive “National Messiahs.” As “National Messiahs” (in addition to being “Tribal Messiahs”), we have very challenging work ahead of us. This mission is almost impossible for anyone in our movement to accomplish. It is especially difficult for someone who is 82 years of age, having retired from the Unification Theological Seminary following 20 years of service (1974-1994).

Although I am still active in our work in America, I no longer have the same energy I did in my 50s, 60s, or 70s. Health problems come automatically and naturally at my age. That is a strict law of the life cycle. My wife, Mrs. Eui Hong Kang Kim, is 78 years old and also has health problems that magnify our difficulties and affect our ability to assume another assignment at this time.

Excerpted from *Let Us Work Together for God* Address by David S.C. Kim, Inauguration Ceremony of The Family Federation for Unification and World Peace, Glory House Hotel, Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 15, 1996.

Although he faced great difficulties, after serious prayer and with the support of his family, David S.C. Kim was able to accept this responsibility. He traveled to the Amsterdam and attended the inauguration ceremony.

During this period of several months, I struggled internally, prayed fervently, and meditated a lot over this assignment. After serious consideration, I am finally here today with all of you to accept this appointment and be inaugurated as chairman of our movement in the Netherlands. We owe this event to three members of my beloved family. First, my wife insisted that I assume this new mission, even though her health following surgery and medical treatments has not improved as well as expected. She has been pushing me all along to accept this new mission.

Then, our eldest son, Michael Sung Soo Kim, who is President of International Exchange Press in San Francisco, recently encouraged me to go to Holland to officially chair this Inauguration Ceremony. He promised to escort me to your nation. Without his assistance and wisdom, I would not be able to see all of you on this historic day. Finally, my second son, Harry Hyun Soo Kim, a Certified Public Accountant

working in President Park's business organization in America, gave his support for my decision to be here with you. Shall we give formal recognition to these three people—my wife, my eldest son, and my second son? In the future, in case I have trouble fulfilling my mission, my two sons in America are ready to help your nation on my behalf. Isn't that a great promise and assurance?

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After such struggle to accept the mission, David S.C. Kim reflected on the value of the opportunity to serve in this way.

This appointment to the Netherlands is now the most precious gift to me from Heavenly Father and True Parents. In the past 42 years of service, I and my wife have received many presents and gifts from True Parents: not only clothing, autographed books, and money, but above all spiritual guidance and nourishment.

In 1989, True Parents gave us a house in Poughkeepsie, New York for our retirement, called "H-K House" (Heung Jin-Kook Jin Nims' House). All the expensive furnishings that Kook Jin Nim and his wife used were given to us as a gift for our long years of service. When we pray and meditate there, we receive spiritual power and strength to help people, especially the younger generation. The above gifts are horizontal gifts and are important for survival. The gift of national messiahship, however, is a vertical and eternal gift of incomparable value.

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IOWC

While for many it may have appeared that the IOWC was disbanded, remaining only as a historically significant activity of the Unification Movement, for David S.C. Kim the value of this project has never been forgotten. Without support from the church, he has maintained this organization, not just in name and tax exempt status, but also in activities. He hosts IOWC board meetings at his home, the "H-K House" in Poughkeepsie, so named in honor Kook Jin Moon who lived in this house while a student at Vassar College and Heung Jin Moon who passed into the spirit world in Poughkeepsie.

In the 1970s, our True Father's projects of International One World Crusade (IOWC) campaigns and Day of Hope speaking tours spread success to other parts of the world, based on the efforts made in America. I am still inspired by our True Father's concept of IOWC and its goal to influence and save the entire world. I continue to carry out small projects in the name of IOWC: publication of the Day of Hope in Review series and other books and radio broadcasts of "The Unification Hour" and "True Love Journey." "The Unification Hour" has been airing for the 22 years in the Hudson Valley area.

In 1993, we started airing another program called "True Love Journey," proclaiming the identity of True Parents, teaching the meaning and significance of the worldwide Blessings, and reaching out to the Christian community as well as communities of other faiths. Without any church support, I continue to keep the spirit of IOWC that True Father established in the 1970s, waiting for my successor to appear

before I depart to Heaven.

Excerpted from *Interview with David S.C. Kim*, conducted by John and Sandra Lowen, Poughkeepsie, New York, May 11, 1997.

Recognizing the historical significance of the IOWC, and the great spirit of evangelizing and hope for a bright future that members of these teams shared, David S.C. Kim envisions a revival of these activities in the twenty-first century.

It is my personal belief that in the year 2000 there is the need to revive the IOWC spirit, reaching out to the many who remain ignorant of God's message. I have been president of IOWC since 1974. I hope that the original ideal of IOWC mobile teams can be revived and rekindled in the coming millennium, aiming toward one world under God which can save America and the rest of the world.

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IOWC



Interfaith Prayer Breakfasts

At the time of his 90th birthday, David S.C. Kim took upon himself the mission of supporting interfaith prayer breakfasts in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Having observed the efforts of a local Blessed couple to hold monthly prayer breakfasts in their home, he declared

that although they were doing a good job they needed his help.

From that time on, he has attended the prayer breakfast every month without fail, participating in and leading discussions of world religions and how to bring about harmony of all people under the one God of all humankind. With his encouragement to “keep the schedule, you must be consistent,” these prayer breakfasts have continued, held on the second Saturday of every month.

Interfaith Prayer Breakfasts



Ready for the Future

Even after passing 90 years of age, David S.C. Kim continues to be excited to go to battle for God and True Parents in the providence of kingdom-building. His life has been that of a spiritual “general” in God’s army, and he has no intention of retiring from that position.

It has been most exciting to be a spiritual commander in God’s Providence centering on True Parents while battling in Satan’s territory. For myself, I would revise General Douglas MacArthur’s (1880-1964) statement to say:

A general never dies or fades away,

but prays continuously for Kingdom-building on Earth.

This is the nature of David S.C. Kim—to keep fighting whenever and wherever there are trouble spots or challenges coming to our Unification movement. I am still ready to fight no matter what the odds.

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As can be imagined, a warrior in an army that does battle in spiritual fashion has no intention of resting in Heaven, but is ready to continue his mission in the eternal realm after leaving the earth.

I would like to quote the Apostle Paul’s letter to his spiritual son, young Timothy, regarding his mission and his approaching death:

For I am now ready to be offered, and my time of departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course.

I have kept my faith. (II Timothy 4:6-7)

I feel like the Apostle Paul, except with one major difference. Our mission does not end when we die, but continues in Heaven after we depart this life.

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Unification Optimism

David S.C. Kim is well known for his passion and never-ending zeal for spiritual work to advance God's kingdom-building. However, many have wondered how he can remain positive in the face of so many challenges, difficulties, and even disappointments, and over such a prolonged period of time. His secret is "Unification Optimism."

I coined a new term, "Unification Optimism," referring to the future hope for you, your family, nation, and world. Even though we are still suffering from the scars of fallen nature, from self-centered problems, even in our family life and so on, we are marching forward to the land of Canaan and will not be destroyed by Satan. If we make a mistake we should go through repentance, forgiveness, and God's grace and True Parents will embrace all of us with never-ending love and heart. True Parents already paid indemnity for us to the whole world and we will all complete the Kingdom of Heaven within our generation based on this year's motto, given by our Father, "Creating and Building our Fatherland." This is the reason we must spread "Unification Optimism" everywhere, giving humankind great hope for the future.

Excerpted from *My Early Days in the Unification Church during the 1950s* Speech given by Seminary President David S.C. Kim, Manhattan Center, New York, May 1st 30th Anniversary of the Unification Church, printed in *The Cornerstone* Vol. VIII, No. 5, May, 1984.

In his own life of faith David S.C. Kim has fought the good fight on numerous occasions, remaining optimistic under all circumstances. He is truly a "general" prepared by God for this life. In the Parable of the Sower Jesus explained that seed sown on good soil "is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty" (Matthew 13:23). When the word of God came to David S.C. Kim through True Parents it landed on fertile and well-prepared soil indeed.

Looking back at my life in our church (in Korea, in England and in America), I was ready to fight on behalf of God and True Parents to help build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. In the 1960s, I fought against the immigration authorities in Oregon who wanted to deport me because I was teaching Divine Principle and witnessing to True Parents at the conservative Baptist seminary I attended. In the 1970s, for more than 10 years, I led the spiritual and legal fight to obtain the absolute charter for UTS, battling all the way to the United States Supreme Court. I brought success to many other events in my work in America in the long run by fighting like a general on the battlefield, seeking victory, not defeat. In the 1960s and 1970s, I always felt that I was a spiritual five-star general, commissioned by True Parents and Heavenly Father. Definitely this nature is from my ancestor, the general in the Lee Dynasty.

Excerpted from *Interview with David S.C. Kim*, conducted by John and Sandra Lowen, Poughkeepsie, New York, May 11, 1997.

Although David S.C. Kim has such a strong spirit of optimism, he is also a realist. He recognizes the difficulties we face and explains how these are not just personal issues, but rather issues that relate to the restoration of the whole world. The fundamental source of our difficulties is Satan. God and True Parents have initiated the course of restoration for our lifetime, and have already set in motion all that needs to be done to bring victory. Even though Satan will resist, the process of restoration is inexorably moving forward and Satan will surely be defeated and God's kingdom will be established. Therefore, we should all be optimistic!

Our view is fundamentally optimistic but profoundly realistic. We must face the fact that we are dealing with a Satanic structure in the world, which needs to be broken down before any real progress can be made in our effort to attain a better world. The fundamental problem of the world is that everything in it is controlled by the power of Satan. The Satanic power structure controls everything in the spiritual and the physical worlds—people, events, nations, etc. Satan controls every aspect of the world from the bottom to the top, reaching to the very throne of God, thus Satan himself can be called god. “In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

The power of Satan is so pervasive that it is as if God did not exist at all, but now the Messiah has come to challenge that power and to bring rebirth to people. Restoration takes place one step at a time. The fundamental nature of the work of the Unification Movement is to carry out the process of rebirth and restoration, beginning from the individual level and unfolding through the levels of family, society, nation, and world, until the whole cosmos is restored. Obviously the process of restoration is totally contrary to Satan’s purpose, and Satan will surely fight back to stop it at every step of the way.

The root of the so-called “Unification optimism” is that we believe that God has initiated the process of restoration using Reverend Moon as his champion. What Reverend Moon has built belongs to God’s side and cannot be taken away by Satan. Of course, there will be mistakes committed by people on God’s side, but fundamentally they belong to God; and Satan has no claim whatsoever on them. Restoration expands step by step centering on God’s true love, which is the only power capable to bringing Satan into surrender. Ultimately Satan must submit himself to the power of God’s love. Unification optimism is based on the firm belief that we can restore the Satanic structure to build a God-centered structure.

Excerpted from *The Kingdom at Hand: Unification Perspectives on the Book of Revelation*. Paper presented by David S.C. Kim at the Eighteenth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, Seoul, South Korea, August 23-26, 1991.

Part 3: Marriage and Family – Theory and Practice

The area of marriage and family is vital to the Unification Movement, with the marriage Blessing featuring as one of the defining characteristics of Unification teachings and practice. For David Kim, marriage and family is both an area of interest and academic research and also a significant reality in his life: The Kims have five children and ten grandchildren, a substantial family.

Even though, like many early members, David Kim could not spend much time with his family for many years the goal of this sacrifice was to lay the foundation for ideal marriages and the establishment of families where God would dwell.

Motto

David Kim's motto connects his inspiration to learn from and renew the past to the establishment of the ideal family. In this way, he promotes the attainment of ideal families based on Reverend Moon's teachings as the goal of all people in order to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

My motto is "Let Us Accomplish the Ideal Family by Reviewing the Past and Renewing the Old." In a broad sense, there are several dimensions to accomplishing the Ideal Family. On one level, we learn something from the past—our elders, the works of our church and the words of True Parents—by reviewing and analyzing them, we automatically harvest benefits, such as valuable lessons and unrecognized truths we missed the first time. It may apply to the Bible, the Divine Principle, the Completed Testament, or the Cheon Seong Gyeong. One of the saints in the past said, "we learn something from the old" but he did not tell us what to do with the renewed knowledge from the past. I dare say we must use it to build the Ideal Family! Reviewing the past and renewing the old are powerful educational, psychological, spiritual and dispensational processes through which we establish not only the Ideal Family, but also the Ideal Kingdom of God on earth.

Excerpted from *The Ideal Family to Be or Not to Be*, Keynote Speech by David S.C. Kim, Unification Theological Seminary Founder's Society Inaugural Banquet, Tarrytown, New York, April 16, 2005.

Reflections on Family Life

As described in the earlier sections of this volume, David Kim and Eui Hong Kang were married in 1942. They were Blessed as one of the 36 Couples in 1961. David Kim began his overseas missionary activities in 1954, first in England and then from 1959 in the United States; his family could not join him until 1965.

My Blessing as part of the 36 Couple category took place in 1961 while I was pioneering in Oregon, where I arrived on September 18, 1959. Providentially speaking, my wife and I are the elder of elders in our church, the grandparents of overseas missionaries in our movement and the oldest of the 36 Couples now living in the United States. We received the Blessing simultaneously: my wife in Seoul, Korea and I in Portland, Oregon in the United States. After hiring a lawyer and fighting against the immigration authorities, my wife and five children were finally able to join me in 1965 to support my work in the United States. We have been married 55 years since 1942 and we have been Blessed for 36 years now, setting records in our movement. What a blessing the Kim family received from Heavenly Father and True Parents.

Excerpted from *Interview with David S.C. Kim*, conducted by John and Sandra Lowen, Poughkeepsie, New York, May 11, 1997.

Spending such a significant amount of time apart challenged his wife and children, yet her faith carried them through. Their children were affected by this separation, but recognize the importance of such sacrifice. As his son, Hyung Soo Harry Kim, testified on the occasion of David Kim's 90th birthday celebration: "My father loves his spiritual brothers and sisters more than his biological children. You know that. I do not have any complaint, only respect."

David Kim's own Blessed marriage is of vital importance to him. In the years since his retirement from the presidency of UTS he has been able to spend more time with his wife. The teacher and spiritual guide in him also uses the opportunity of reflecting on his own lifestyle to educate others, encouraging all from the position of "Grandpa" to receive the Blessing as the gateway through which to have a true marriage and establish an ideal family.

Recently, I have become more relaxed and peaceful in my relationship with my wife. The intense responsibilities of my mission ended after my retirement from UTS on May 18, 1994. Released from long service and heavy pioneering work since 1954, my wife and I are adjusting to a retired life and devoting more time to our health problems. Every week, month after month, we have an appointment with some doctor or specialist, as our aging processes continue. These problems led us to draw closer to each other as an aging Blessed Couple.

In the past, my nature was domineering, thinking only about the heavenly mission, and neglecting my wife's feelings, emotion, physical and spiritual needs. This has gradually changed and is still changing in our marriage. We are exercising more mutual respect and understanding of each other's original personalities. This mutual consideration can bring more harmony and unity centering on True Father's teaching, leading to oneness between mind and body and oneness between husband and wife. As we get older, we have more appreciation for each other. We are looking at each other and finding the beauty of elderly persons as they complete their spiritual maturity based on True Parent's ideal, drawing near their stage of perfection.

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Reflections of Family Life



True Parents and members gathered with Mrs. Kim and her youngest son as they left for the US



Dr. and Mrs. Kim in 2001



Mrs. Kim and youngest son with True Family at Kimpo Airport



Dr. and Mrs. Kim with granddaughters



Importance of Marriage and Family Studies

From his early days as a Unificationist when he first heard Reverend Moon's teachings, David Kim realized that ideal marriage and family are the foundations upon which the Kingdom of Heaven must be built.

When I first met True Father in 1954, his message addressing the breakdown of the family as a contributing factor to the decline of moral

and ethical values in the Last Days was a clear indication to me of how I should direct my life. When I came to America in 1959, I attended schools of higher education and saw that Divine Principle and its message regarding ideal marriage and family needed the scientific, scholarly approach to complement it. Therefore, I directed my studies in these areas, foreseeing that the movement in the future would need broader academic research into marriage and family based on the Principle.

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David Kim saw that the institutions of marriage and family were under serious threat. The family is the cornerstone of society. When the family is in trouble, human society is in trouble. In order to establish the ideal, peaceful world we must correct the problems of the family. Thus, David Kim urges us to discover and live by the universal truths of God's original ideal.

We must return to the original values of the Creator, bestowed upon the family in the Garden of Eden:

a. We human beings are all children of the one Creator, regardless of differences among us, such as race and creed. This is our vertical relationship.

b. We are all brothers and sisters from the same parent, God. This is our horizontal relationship.

This is God's original plan for the ideal family; this is the global family concept. We must recognize the human family, standing "united to serve the global village for all." That way, Kingdom-building for you and me will become a reality.

Excerpted from *Global Family and Kingdom Building*, Paper presented by David S.C. Kim at the Assembly of the World's Religions, 1992.

The question is, how are we to return to the original ideal family? From his observations, David Kim noted that marriages everywhere, whether in the Unification movement or not, face the same problem—the problem of evil.

I paid special attention to how to minimize and reduce the breakdown of our Blessed Couples, problems of couples adjusting to one another, and conflicts between parents and children within our Blessed Families.

With spiritual insight, I observed that modern families, including those of our deviated Blessed Couples, have a deep-rooted problem. The problem is that the power of evil is still rampant and dominating the world.

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David Kim's approach to this problem was to research marriage and family from as many different angles as possible. This took him through religious studies at different seminaries and the more scientific approach of behavioral scientists, as well as the counseling techniques developed from those whose approach spanned the whole spectrum from the purely spiritual to the strictly behavioral.

My vision on ideal marriage and family is to develop combined academic, sociological, biological, religious, and psychological approaches,

leading to a comprehensive holistic methodological approach to making the ideal marriage and family where the Kingdom of Heaven begins. From the ideal family, the vision expands to the clan, society, nation, and world levels. This is the original purpose of creation of marriage and family, which God wanted to create in the

Garden of Eden before the fall of our ancestors Adam and Eve.

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However, in studying this diversity of approaches to marriage and family, he soon recognized that these methods were often limited, lacking the most significant component. The academic and humanistic approach is not enough when the spiritual component is lacking.

Fortunately, there are many religious organizations that have developed techniques for strengthening marriages and supporting the development of families centered on God.

It is time for us to work together with existing Christian groups and other religious orientations, forming a united front to combat our common enemies on earth. The goals are the same, the direction is the same, and we will be victorious eventually. The goal of Christianity worldwide is to bring happy and ideal marriages and families. This is also the goal of our Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Though Christians have very similar approaches and goals to ours, they are not aware of God's plan beyond obtaining their goal of renewing Judeo-Christian values based on the Bible. That is something we have to offer. At the same time, I have carefully and objectively studied contemporary Christian psychological and therapeutic approaches to marriage and family counseling. There well-developed areas of counseling are things we can learn from. There is much that we can learn from one another.

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Unification blessed couples are not immune to the difficulties facing all married couples. In addition, they face more severe challenges and temptations since the Unification standard of marriage is even higher than for those of other faiths. Thus, for David Kim, the need to develop programs to counsel Blessed Couples to succeed in their marriages is of great importance and urgency.

Many seminaries already provide two year master degrees in professional counseling to meet the needs of modern marriages and families. These subjects are very popular and very practical. I have long contemplated this type of curriculum. Now is the time to take action. We have the resources and educational institutions worldwide. Shouldn't we also actively develop curricula on marriage and family counseling?

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Such programs are needed not only for newly Blessed Couples, but rather there should be programs through which all couples can benefit and improve their marriages. Also, David Kim is acutely aware of the need to continuously educate the next generation of couples, preparing them for marriage and protecting them from temptations.

Thus, the sacred aspect of sexual life can be taught, practiced and passed on to our offspring. Sex is a gift from God. It is holy and sacred. It can no longer be the devil's or Satan's palace anymore. Purification, fidelity, and loyalty—the True Love movement—will oust Satan's occupation of the "Sacred Love Palace" of God's children.

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Ideal Marriage and Family

For David Kim, the ideal marriage and family are not abstract concepts which belong only in theoretical, academic discourse. Rather, he sees them as attainable goals, to be achieved through the Blessing and by following the teachings and example of the True Parents, Reverend and Mrs. Moon.



Mrs. Eui Hong Kang Kim with True Mother at East Garden

So, what does this attainable ideal look like? David Kim describes the ideal in a fashion that is far from merely theoretical, recognizing the challenges and pitfalls that face everyone on this path.

There are two types of relationships in the family, inter-generational, or horizontal relationships, and intra-generational, or vertical relationships. The kinds of love and values associated with these two types of relationship are different.

According to the teachings of the Unification Principle, the ideal family consists of the members of a family, who bring into practice religious (vertical and horizontal) values or virtues.

In the vertical-value family, parents show benevolence to the children, and the children in return practice filial piety toward their parents. In other words, parents learn how to be compassionate to their children, and children learn how to be loyal to parents.

In the horizontal-value family, harmonious love exists between husband and wife, and there is brotherly love among the brothers and sisters. Children learn how to cooperate with each other and be mutually supportive.

If such vertical and horizontal values are maintained in the family, then the members remain peaceful and develop in a wholesome way. If not, then the family destructs and falls into disorder.

Excerpted from *Global Family and Kingdom Building*, Paper presented by David S.C. Kim at the Assembly of the World's Religions, 1992.

David Kim notes that the ideal family does not involve only harmonious relationships among its members; each member of the family must also develop individual character and maturity.

Another aspect of ideal family life is the practice of individual values. Each individual of a family engages in mutual relationships with other people while building up his or her own character. Individual values include purity, honesty, righteousness, abstinence, courage, wisdom, self-control, endurance, independence, self-help, autonomy, fairness, diligence, and innocence. All of these values are for spiritual development of self-cultivation as an individual.

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Reverend Moon has often spoken of the “Three Kingships,” referring to the three generations of grandparents, parents and children with the family. Here David Kim shares some of his understanding of what this means in practice.

Grandparents represent God and Heaven in the Blessed Family. They must practice total, genuine love and filial piety to Heavenly Father, True Parents, and their physical parents, if they are still alive on earth, achieving maturity of True Love and respect for their ancestors. This is the first qualification for grandparents. Secondly, they must unconditionally love their children, the present parents (king and queen in the family) and their grandchildren (princes and princesses in the family). All their life experiences and past struggles against evil can be passed on to their children and grandchildren. By inheriting these experiences and accomplishments, their children and grandchildren are ensured a smoother spiritual journey to the Kingdom of Heaven later in their life. Thus, grandparents should be absolute role models to the second generation and the core of the ideal family.

Parents stand as king and queen of the Blessed Family. On a vertical level, they must show filial piety and love to Heavenly Father, True Parents, and their physical parents (grandparents) above them. They must also exhibit true love to their children below. On a horizontal level, they must show true love for their brothers and sisters. The three absolutes (Absolute Faith, Absolute Love, and Absolute Obedience) for God's Will must be exemplified before their children.

Children stand in the position of princes and princesses of the Blessed Family. They must be taught, trained, and disciplined by parents, with the help of grandparents. Since we are living in secular societies and nations, special protective measures and home education must be practiced to safeguard heavenly children from contamination from the satanic world. Extra effort must be made at home and in the church to teach family values and traditions of our faith—respecting and honoring Heavenly Father, True Parents and elders, respecting

their parents, practicing a life of daily thanksgiving, serving others, and following church ceremonies and traditions. By leading a life of prayer, reading the Bible and True Parents words daily, and living these values and traditions, we give no condition for Satan to invade and accuse.

The role of grandparents is crucial in establishing unity and building an ideal family. Especially in the Blessed Family, grandparents should listen, give everything, and accept everything in the family. Grandparents are “release valves” for all pressures of grandchildren’s lives, as well as their adult children’s (current parents) lives. They are also the constant sources of comfort, continuity, and safety for younger generations. Finally, as scholarly family experts say, grandparents can make children feel lucky.

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Thus, David Kim informs us that the Blessing is truly a great blessing! It is liberation from the domination of evil, into a realm where couples are able to achieve the ideal. Remembering this, David Kim always feels truly blessed and privileged.

The title of my speech is “The Ideal Family to Be or Not to Be.” What I mean by this is that whether or not your family becomes an Ideal Family depends entirely on you. God and True Parents have given you all the tools you need to accomplish this ideal.

Even though we carry our remnants of fallen nature from ancestors—jealousy, domination, lust, evil desires and multiplication of evil—you have gotten rid of the Original Sin. There is hope of your perfection to a state before the Fall. Satan has no condition to invade and accuse you unless you commit sins over and over again.

If right now, you pass away, you can go to the Unification spirit realm, not Paradise, nor Hell. What a privilege you and I have!

Excerpted from *The Ideal Family to Be or Not to Be*, Keynote Speech by David S.C. Kim, Unification Theological Seminary Founder’s Society Inaugural Banquet, Tarrytown, New York, April 16, 2005.

Celebrations

David Kim and his wife have each celebrated their 90th birthdays as well as over 50 years of marriage. This surely is worthy of great celebration!

50 years of Marriage

As a celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. David S.C. Kim a seminar on marriage and family was held at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown on January 6, 1992. In his keynote address David Kim reviewed the special nature of Unification marriages, from their arranged matching of the partners, their sanctification through the Blessing ceremony, to their commitment to remain faithful for eternity.

Acknowledging that Unification marriages are not necessarily easy, David Kim used the occasion to give wonderful and inspiring guidance to all couples, first and second generation. Even though Unification blessed couples and families intend to develop healthy marriages and successful families with God's presence and guidance, this is not an automatic or easy process. David Kim reminds Unification couples that they have their own portion of responsibility to achieve a successful marriage.

Marriage in the Unification Church is not an automatic guarantee that the spouses will not fail—even though their marriage was arranged by, and is rooted in the True Parents, and God plays an eternal role in their marriage. Even though God Himself is involved in Unification blessed marriages, a blessed couple may still fail, unless that couple fulfills their portion of five-percent responsibility. This means that the blessing in marriage in Unification practice is conditional—i.e., not immune to internal or external attacks. Therefore, blessed marriages in the Unification Movement are conditional and are not immune to internal sexual attacks and serious temptation coming from the Satanic and evil world.

Excerpted from *The Search for the Ideal in Marriage and in the Family*, Keynote Speech by David S.C. Kim, Seminar on Marriage and Family in honor of President Dr. and Mrs. David S.C. Kim's 50th Wedding Anniversary, Unification Theological Seminary, Barrytown, New York, January 6, 1992.

One might imagine that many years of studying techniques and programs developed by people from many different perspectives might lead to a diminishing of the sense of uniqueness of Unification Blessed marriage. For, as has been quoted above, David Kim has noted that Unification Blessed Couples have problems just like all couples. And, did he not find valuable insights and practical tools for improving marriage from those scholars and religious counselors of other faiths? Yes, but this in no way diminished the value of the Blessing for David Kim!

In these excerpts David Kim's commitment to and faith in Reverend Moon's teachings is clearly revealed. In all his speeches and writings David Kim never failed to describe the eternal value of the Blessing and its significance in the establishment of God's Kingdom. It is our first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, who failed to establish the ideal family, and that this is the cause of all marital problems and family breakdown to this day.

The ideal marriage, which was God's plan, was broken by Adam and Eve's failure to observe the laws and commandment given to them

by God. When Adam and Eve got married, God did not participate in it; instead, Satan participated in it.

The present-day breakdown of marriage and family is derived from the original human failure in the Garden of Eden, as described in Genesis—that is, the disobedience of God’s instruction. Why did our first human ancestors fail? There are several reasons: (1) They exercised free will without individual responsibility toward God and toward themselves. (2) They were immature in body and spirit before their physical union in matrimony; they engaged in an illicit love relationship prior to receiving God’s permission to enter into matrimony. (3) God planned to give them the blessing of marriage after they had reached maturity in body, mind, and spirit.

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How, then, are human beings, descended from this first family that failed to achieve the ideal, to recover and attain happiness in their marriages and families? Even receiving the Blessing is not a guarantee of success; there is still much to be done to reach the level of an ideal marriage and family. Men and women are not perfect when they are married but must both grow to achieve maturity together.

After all his decades of study of scientific, psychological, religious, and other academic theories and forms of counseling techniques, David Kim concluded that the most powerful method of developing an ideal marriage and family is to study the teachings and practices of Reverend Moon and his family.

Let us go back to our initial question: Where do we go for psychological counseling? Please study the Divine Principle in depth; please look at the True Parents and True Children. They are the models for us to follow. You must look at East Garden as God’s dwelling place, where the only ideal marriage and family exist in the whole universe.

If we have no chance directly to observe and learn from East Garden, inquire from the materials contained in our many books, magazine, periodicals, and sources. Our body, in order to sustain itself and grow, needs food every day; likewise, our mind and spirit, in order to sustain itself and grow, need spiritual food, which is the word of God, word of True Parents, Divine Principle, Unification Thought, and other information—the collection of words of the constant teaching of our True Parents.

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David Kim's 80th Birthday



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To honor the great occasion of David Kim's 80th birthday, the Unification Theological Seminary sponsored a wonderful celebration. Attended by numerous VIPs of the Unification Movement, with an overflowing abundance of wonderful Korean and Japanese food, the event was magnificent as was the incredible three-part birthday cake which Dr. and Mrs. Kim cut together.

Following cake cutting, songs, and congratulatory addresses, David Kim took the stage to give his own speech, entitled *Let Us Give Thanks in Everything to God and Our True Parents: This is the Will of God for Us*. He took the opportunity to guide inspirational guidance on marriage and family, based on True Father's instructions.

Five qualifications to enter the highest Kingdom of Heaven: (1) Only candidates with unity of mind and body will qualify. (2) Candidates whose marriage and family have bitter fighting and quarreling are disqualified to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. This violates

heavenly law and constitution. (3) Candidates must live as an ideal Blessed Couple—not just a happy couple, but an ideal family. Only such families qualify for the highest Kingdom of Heaven. (4) Only candidates who experience family life with God and who attend God in daily life will qualify to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. (5) Candidates whose family has disunity between parents and children will be disqualified to be citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Considering these five qualifications, can you say that you are sure you will go to the Kingdom of Heaven automatically, after your life on earth is over? Think seriously for a moment. I myself, who am completing eighty years of age today, have become serious, uptight and very concerned when I considered this matter. I took Father's instructions with repentance and concession to God about my past mistakes, committed either consciously or unconsciously. I have re-determined myself to exert serious efforts to become qualified for acceptance in the eternal heaven.

Excerpted from *Let Us Give Thanks in Everything to God and Our True Parents: This is the Will of God for Us*. Speech delivered by David S.C. Kim on his 80th Birthday Celebration, Unification Theological Seminary, Barrytown, New York, November 9, 1995.

David Kim's 90th Birthday

David Kim's 90th birthday was celebrated in grand style befitting this "general" in God's army. The UTS dining room was filled with guests, including many Unification leaders, UTS faculty, staff, and students both past and present, as well as members of his physical family.

Several presentations were made, including a framed portrait, a trophy, and a plaque in honor of David Kim's life of faith. Many tributes and testimonies were given, including a profound and moving letter from Reverend Chun Hwan Kwak, who was not able to attend, read by Dr. Chang Shik Yang.

The Kim's son, Harry Hyun Soo Kim, also spoke about his father's dedication to his missionary work and his sacrifice of his family for many years. His words moved the audience greatly as he acknowledged, with deep respect, that his father had demonstrated greater love to his spiritual family of Unificationists than his own physical family.

As noted by Seminary Vice President, Dr. Mike Mickler, after experiencing such a wonderful celebration of an amazing life, complete with the giving of books to those attending, the singing of "Hand in Hand" and cheers of *Mansei*, and a final photograph outside in the UTS circle, as the guests waved goodbye to the car as it traveled down the driveway, "everyone remembered once again why they like David S.C. Kim."

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Mrs. Kim's 90th Birthday

Celebrations marking Mrs. Kim's 90th birthday, which occurred on August 18th, 2008 according to the lunar calendar (September 26th in the solar calendar), were held on two very joyful occasions.

The first was held at a Chinese restaurant in Fishkill, on September 18th (equivalent to August 18th in the lunar calendar). This was

attended primarily by members from the Tarrytown area.

A week later, on September 26th (her solar calendar birth date) members from the Barrytown area celebrated with Mrs. Kim in Poughkeepsie.

Bringing a special spirit of joy to this beloved grandmother were two of the Kims' granddaughters.



“Grandpa” Kim

After reviewing the life and work of David “Grandpa” Kim, it is clear that he and his wife, both of whom successfully celebrated their 90th birthdays as well as half a century of Blessed marriage, are the fruits of Reverend Sun Myung Moon’s life and work. As was noted in the Introduction, it is said in the Bible that we “shall know them by their fruits.” These fruits are not how much money a person makes, how much power they wield, or how much knowledge they have acquired or discovered; rather it means what kind of people do they nurture.

In this volume we have seen David S.C. Kim and his wife as champions in faith, valiant warriors for God, dedicated seekers of truth, passionate educators of young and old alike, and loving parents and grandparents not only in their own physical family but to the many people they have taken care of in their life of faith. Indeed, we grandchildren feel lucky to have had such grandparents!

We have five children and ten grandchildren now. Our children are mature adults and the younger generation are all young adults to whom we give love and try to pass on our movement’s traditions and teachings before we move to the next world. In this way, we are fulfilling our responsibility as parents and grandparents.

At the same time, as one of the oldest 36 Blessed Couples on earth, I am honored to be called “Grandpa Kim” a title bestowed upon me by all the loving first and second generation church members, as a result of my early IOWC and UTS work over the last 43 years. We love you all dearly, just as Heavenly Father and True Parents love you. Nothing more, nothing less. We want you all to inherit True Parents heavenly blessing and traditions.

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Finally, these grandparents have not sought glory and reward for themselves, but with true filial piety they have consistently honored True Parents in all that they have done and continue to do.