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Reverend Sun Jo Hwang



The Providential Meaning of WCSF 2000

From a sermon given by Rev. Hwang on February 20, 2000, at the Headquarters Church in Seoul.

HELLO everyone. We recently held three great events centering on True Parents' 80th birthday on February 10: the birthday celebration, of course, the International Blessing of 400 Million Couples and the World Culture and Sports Festival 2000, which embraced both the Blessing and the International Convocation for World Leaders. I would like to share with you about how providentially significant these events were.

History reflects God's work for salvation

As you know, the history of humankind is the history of the God's providence for salvation. Calling the central figure, choosing the central family, and working through the central nation and the central religion, God has been leading this providence, which we know as the course of restoration through indemnity. This vertical history of God's salvation is now being finalized horizontally and entirely through True Parents' life, a short period of a hundred years.

The coming of True Parents to this earth signifies the beginning of the conclusion of the overall providence, both vertically and horizontally. They are constantly walking a road of providential importance. Thus, each action as well as each course has significant and eternal value in God's providence. How can we know this? We can recognize this value through look-

ing at history.

The Creator, God, can be understood through observing created beings. Likewise, we can understand and sense the God of heart and God of providence through observing the history of humankind. Just as a created being reveals things about God, so too does history.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus walked a course that spanned only 30 years of physical life and his three year public course. From the point of view of the society in which he lived, his life was insignificant. Although he certainly brought God's cosmic providence to this earth, how many people did he witness to? Indeed, he witnessed to only one person during his earthly life, Mary Magdalene. His 12 disciples eventually ran away. He had changed 5000 people, but they, too, abandoned him. The only one who believed in and followed Jesus until the last moment as the messiah was Mary Magdalene, a prostitute. How then has Christianity changed since Mary Magdalene? It has changed through God's providence and revelation throughout history. All providential events led by True Parents have eternal meaning and value. Every course True Parents have undergone has deep significance in God's providence, although we are never deeply touched by this. Throughout their lives they have been passing, vertically and horizontally, through the eight stage restoration course: restoration of the individual, restoration of the family, restoration of the tribe, res-

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New Member of the True Family Congratulations!

Hyung Jin Nim and Yun Ah Nim, together with first son Shin Pal Nim, celebrate the birth of second son Shin Man Nim at his Eight Day Dedication Ceremony. Shin Man Nim was born on February 21, 2000, the first member of True Family and grandchild of True Parents to be born in the new millennium. Shin Man Nim is some 17 months younger than his big brother.



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The American Century Awards

On February 2, 2000, the American Century Awards program was held in the Caucus Room on Capitol Hill under the auspices of The Washington Times Foundation. More than 120 senators and congressmen attended the event that recognized exemplary service to the nation or community. Receiving the foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award, Father challenged everyone present to live for the sake of others and to end God's sorrow.



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A capacity crowd greets the Parents on Father's 80th and Mother's 57th birthday. In front, some of the gifts and tributes are displayed.

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WORLD UNIFICATION AND NORTH-SOUTH UNIFICATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY TRUE LOVE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
FEBRUARY 10, 2000 (80TH BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE)
OLYMPIC GYMNASIUM, SEOUL, KOREA

This speech was given by True Father at the special tribute to him on the occasion of his 80th birthday (and True Mother's 57th birthday), held at the Olympic gymnasium in Seoul. Father worked on the content right up to the final hour, and the English translation was a tremendous solo effort by Tim Elder under the most extreme pressure of time. This speech was also given in many of the cities of the 21-city speaking tour Father began soon after the blessing. Some of Father's final amendments to the text have been translated and inserted here for completeness.

DISTINGUISHED guests whose fervent desire is for North-South unification, ladies and gentlemen. The new millennium that just began is a time to clean away the divisions and conflicts of the past century and to manifest the ideal of a one world family of harmony and unification. I would like to begin by thanking you for congratulating me on my eightieth birthday. Most of all, I would like to return to God all the honor and glory given to me, because it is He who has watched over me until this day.

As I look back, I am reminded that my life has never been easy. My life has been intertwined with the suffering history of our people and the numerous difficulties that our people have undergone in the midst of the great powers.

As a boy of 16, I came into contact with the will of Heaven through prayer, and throughout my life after that I have devoted all my spirit and energy to accomplishing God's will. I came to understand that the fundamental cause of human unhappiness is that the relationship with God was severed by the fall. As a result of the fall, human beings fell into a state of spiritual ignorance. In an effort to resolve the fundamental problems this has caused among humans and in the universe, I have spoken publicly on more than 10,000 occasions in many places around the world and set forth a true view of humanity, a true view of the world, and a true view of history based on Godism.

These speeches have been translated into twelve languages and published in three hundred volumes. The contents of these speeches are not the result of a comprehensive study of historical documents. My conclusions are not the result of scholarly research. Instead, I arrived at these answers to basic and fundamental questions through my communications with both the visible and invisible worlds.

The issue of unifying the Korean Peninsula is the solemn desire of our people and the final act of bringing the global Cold War to a conclusion. So today, as I express my gratitude for your having prepared this meaningful forum, I would like to share with you on the topic, "North-South Unification and World Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love," and lay out the basic answer for how to bring about unification.

The unification of our country involves more than the mere unification of national territory. It begins with the



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Congratulatory Message from the President of the Republic of Korea

Congratulations on the opening of the 2000 New Millennium World Culture and Sports Festival. I feel that this gathering of leaders from all over the world in search of lasting peace at the beginning of the new millennium is deeply significant.

In addition to this, the exchange and fellowship resulting from gathering young people from all corners of the globe to participate in the Hanmadang games, the world culture and sports festival and folk art performances form each of their countries will contribute to realizing mankind's long held dream of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation.

As we enter an age of globalization, living in one global village, it is my hope that this culture and sports festival will be conducive to realizing a more peaceful and harmonized world.

I congratulate Reverend Sun Myung Moon on his 80th birthday, and wish him all the best in the years to come.

February 2000
Kim Dae Jung

(retranslated for Today's World)

unification of the human mind and body that were divided against one another as a result of the fall, and it is the model for the unification of the world that has been divided in two. Thus, this issue must be understood from the perspective of God's providence of salvation. It must be resolved on a providential level.

Human history is the providential history for restoration through indemnity to find the original world that was lost through the fall of the human ancestors. Therefore, history is the record of the struggle of good and evil, the conflicts between the satanic side and the heavenly side, with the purpose of realizing God's ideal of Creation. In the background of history, good spirits have always helped the good side and evil spirits the evil side. The history of division initiated by the human fall has expanded to the family, clan, tribe, nation and world level. As a result, it developed into both humanism and Godism based on atheism and theism.

Two thousand years ago, if the people of Israel had accepted Jesus on the foundation of Judaism, he could have brought unity among their tribes and people, and also in the Arab world, even, where there were descendants of the twelve tribes. Moreover, the teaching of Jesus would have spread throughout the Middle East, India, and to the Far East. At the same time, Jesus could have embraced the Roman Empire and all of Europe. He could have unified the whole world in his lifetime. Ultimately Jesus should have created a new religious cultural realm and become the king of all kings.

However, since Jesus was crucified, the external and physical cultural realm—humanism and Hellenism—developed first and it became the central culture of Rome. On the other hand, the internal, spiritual cultural realm—Christianity, representing God-centered ideology and Judaism—was persecuted by Rome for four hundred years.

What has been Satan's ultimate target behind the history of struggle between good and evil that was brought into being as a result of the fall of the first human ancestors? Satan has his sights set precisely on God Himself. God is eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique, and the standard of the ideal that He held at the beginning of creation must also have these qualities.

If you were to ask God directly, I think He will confirm what I am saying. How can God reply when Satan asks, "God, when you made me an archangel in the beginning, were you acting out of a love for me that was temporary or eternal"?

I think God will say that He made him the archangel out of a love that was eternal. If he were to say that His love was temporary, that would make Him an ephemeral God. Unless He maintains a standard of loving Satan eternally, there will eventually come a time when He will no longer be able to exercise His authority as God with respect to Satan. Thus, no matter how much Satan may oppose Him, God has no choice other than to establish the condition of loving Satan.

Satan says to God, "I became an evil scoundrel as a result of the fall, but You and good people can't use methods that are similar to mine, can You? I may like to fight, but You're not supposed to enjoy fighting. Even when You take a blow, You have to endure, don't You?" Thus, God's philosophy is one of non-resistance. Why is that? It is because, until the world of the heavenly ideal is manifested on this Earth, God must love the archangel who has become Satan, regardless of the circumstances.

No matter how much trouble Satan may cause, God cannot punish him or cut him off. He must establish the condition of having loved Satan regardless of where he found Satan. God can only have complete victory when Satan confesses to Him, saying, "Oh, God really is God. I surrender to You." This is the problem.

Because of this, God is in the position of being tied up by Satan. Since the Principled path of the providence of restoration is for God to bring about Satan's surrender by loving him, we who are His children must walk this same path.

It doesn't matter if a person is persecuted around the world and is considered a worldwide enemy. This person must establish the condition of having loved those who oppose him. From this aspect, there is amazing truth in God's words to "love your enemies." In fact, this is one of God's battle strategies.

These words sound simple. No one realized, though, that they have marked the boundary line between victory and defeat in the battle between God and Satan.

If God were to adopt a philosophy of looking on Satan as His enemy and seek revenge against him, then God would never be able to stand on the pinnacle of victory. Thus, God has said, "love your enemy," and has carried out a strategy of love. The words "love your enemy" also represent the culmination of Jesus' teaching.

It is remarkable that Jesus, the only begotten son of God, stood before Satan and prayed for him despite the fact that Satan was trying to kill him. If Jesus, as



Father and Mother sing at the cultural event that was held in the afternoon in honor of True Parents' Birthday at the Sejong Cultural Center in central Seoul

he hung dying on the cross, had held any feelings of malice toward his enemy, God's Providence would have been turned completely around. It is because Jesus overcame death with a heart of praying that his enemies might be blessed and of loving his enemies that Satan surrendered in that instance.

This is where the qualification to be God's eternal child comes about. Even Satan recognizes this qualification, and gives his signature. You, too, will be able to stand before God and say, "Hey Satan, am I not unmistakably the son of God?" and Satan will reply, "Yes, that is correct." We must conduct ourselves in such a way that if we say to Satan, "You have no problem, then, if people who live like me expand God's reciprocal realm, starting from the individual and moving to the family, clan, people, nation, and world," Satan's answer will

be, "That is the Principle, so I can't do anything about it."

It is under these conditions that God has pursued the providence, with the Christian cultural sphere at the center. Whether we find ourselves on the path of sacrifice, in the position of martyrdom, or in the midst of bloody battle, we must carry out a movement of loving God and loving even our enemies. We must carry out this movement in our families, in our societies, and in our nations.

The Roman Empire severely persecuted Christianity, but it was forced to surrender in the face of the love by which Christianity loved even the country that was its enemy. This is how Christianity came to be a worldwide religion. The starting point for the path to heaven was within the country that was Christianity's enemy. Until now Christians have only

Gifts from North Korea



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Above right, True Parents receive a birthday gift sent from North Korea (and presented by Dr. Bo Hi Pak); above, the card that came with the gift sent by General Secretary Kim Jong Il, explaining that it is wild mountain ginseng roots; right, the hundred-year old roots



The engraved vase from the Chosun Asia Pacific Peace Committee

Words of Greeting from the Chosun (North Korean) Asia Pacific Peace Committee

On behalf of the Chosun (North Korean) Asia Pacific Peace Committee, I would like to send my heartfelt congratulations to [Federation for World Peace] President Sun Myung Moon on his 80th birthday. And I also extend our best wishes to Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon on her 57th birthday.

Recalling the words that President Moon spoke to our beloved leader Kim Il Sung in 1991, I also wish to express my appreciation, as a patriot and as one of the Korean people, for the efforts that have been made in pursuit of the reunification of our fatherland and the solidarity of our people, and my deep desire that cooperative efforts between us will continue.

I extend my heartfelt wishes to President Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon for their continued good health, and for happiness for them and all their family.

With kindest regards,

Yong Soon Kim

Chairman of the Chosun Asia Pacific Peace Committee

thought about loving their own personal enemies, but this is not correct. We must love the country that is our enemy, and even the world that is our enemy.

The starting point on the path to Heaven is within the country that is our enemy. Unless we create the foundation of the tradition of true love and set out on the basis of this foundation, we cannot bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. When the tradition is established in this way, there can never be a philosophy or ideology greater than this.

When Korea was under Japanese imperial rule, the four providential countries—Korea, Japan, Germany, and the United States—were enemies of one another. Given the circumstances of that time, Japanese and Koreans were enemies. Japanese and Americans were enemies. Americans and Germans were enemies. Yet, I practiced the way of the true love of Heaven by taking Japanese and Germans to America, their enemy country, and telling them that America was falling into ruin and their help was needed to revive it. I emphasized to the Japanese and Germans that they could not establish a new thinking capable of leading humanity into a new world that Heaven desires unless they set the condition of having loved their past enemy, America, even more than their own fatherland. I set forth this tradition of true love, and created a new beginning.

Unless people erect a base and tradition by which they are able to love the countries that are enemies of their own, the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be realized on Earth. It is only within the true love of God that such a historic tradition can be constructed.

When I was humiliated by the U.S. federal government and unjustly brought before a court of law, my response was actually to work harder to give life to America by founding the conservative newspaper *The Washington Times* and a broadcasting station.

Recently, I have been pursuing an effort to gather prominent strategic planners from around the world in order to assist China. Since we are very concerned about the future of Russia and China following the collapse of communism, we have published various textbooks for the moral education of teenagers. This is one example of how all the organizations that I have founded are ready to involve themselves in any effort of Heaven that requires love. In the future, even those with superior ability will find themselves ruled by others if they have not accumulated accomplishments in true love.

Everyone here needs to bear this in mind. I was involved in the anti-Japanese resistance movement under the Japanese imperial rule, and from that perspective the Japanese people were my enemy. This was true for the Korean people as a whole and for me individually. Yet, after Japan's defeat in World War II, I gave love to Japan.

After the war, I could have reported the police who had taken me into custody for my activities in the underground independence movement and tortured me severely. Had I done this, they would all have been executed. When I came across a Japanese policeman who was running for his life, however, I packed some things for him and helped him escape to safety under the cover of darkness.

Do you know why so many young people in Japan place their eternal lives at stake and pledge their loyalty to me? This is because there is a principle of cause and effect which dictates that they must return what has been given them.

It is because I planted the seeds of true love in the world, transcending national boundaries and in accordance with God's heart. It is because I planted the heartistic foundation that leads people to a life of loving the countries that

Opening Banquet for WCSF 2000 & 80th Birthday Tribute to True Parents

FEBRUARY 10, 2000, HOTEL LOTTE, SEOUL



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Photos: Left, Archbishop Emanuel Milingo offers the benediction for the evening; top, the mayor of Kuri greets Father and Mother at the banquet; middle, Father and Mother cut the top tier of an eight-tier birthday cake; facing page, President Abdulrahman Wahid of Indonesia shares his thoughts and congratulates Father on his 80th birthday

were the enemies of their own country. Thus, Japan today is my prisoner. Without even realizing it, Japan is fulfilling its heavenly calling.

Under Japanese rule, I had reason to harbor resentment even toward the Emperor of Japan. But he has already been defeated. Heaven does not strike a person who is defeated. In fact, Heaven shows mercy toward those who understand their sin and apologize. Because this is Heaven's way, a person who raises a sword and strikes a defeated person will find his own descendants driven to ruin.

The United States is also a country that considered me their enemy. However, I left my family behind and diverted my attention from my Korean fatherland to bring salvation to that country. I threw away everything that belonged to me in order to bring salvation to the world under Satan.

Think, too, of how much hatred the established Christian denominations have directed toward the Unification Church. It might be said that we are enemies. We must not fight each other as enemies, however. We must come together in love. What happens when we come together in love? The two come together in love and lead the Republic of Korea into fulfilling the will of Heaven so as to digest North Korea. If the established denominations and the Unification Church had become one immediately after Korea's liberation from Japan, everything would have been solved.

Because that did not happen, we have had to make extraordinary sacrifices to fight enemies of the individual, enemies of the family, enemies of the clan, and enemies of the people in order to attain the position that we would have reached in the first place had there been no conflict. We have worked to overcome the path of suffering where we were not

able to strike at enemies.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, all the people in North Korea have armed themselves with *Juche* Thought. We must arm ourselves with the philosophy of true love that is capable of digesting them. North Korea is a part of the Northern Culture that has been influenced by the cold winds of the Soviet Culture. We must work to naturally melt them with our warm region civilization. Otherwise, both countries will go to ruin. Thus, we must thoroughly arm ourselves philosophically.

This philosophy must not be one that seeks the fulfillment of individual desires. Rather, it must seek the salvation of all humanity. It must not be centered on the self. Communists have the idea that everyone should work for the sake of a few top Party leaders.

This is why they eliminate any person who stands out as a potential rival. We are not that way. Our idea is to unite with the reciprocal environment in order to establish a reciprocal standard of a higher level. That is, for Cain and Abel to become one so as to receive their parents on a higher level.

I do not believe South Korea should attempt to overcome North Korea militarily. Instead, we must love our nation more than they love theirs. We must have the philosophical strength to love Heaven even more than they love communism. We must become capable men and women of character who can bring about their natural surrender. There is no other way for us to absorb North Korea.

In other words, we must become able to impress them with how we live. We must be able to amaze those people armed with communist ideology by our outlook on life and our standard of character.

gion like other religions. It's not a unique religion for itself.

President Abdulrahman Wahid of Indonesia

President Abdulrahman Wahid's words of greeting and inspiration at the Opening Celebration Banquet, the Lotte Hotel in Seoul, February 10, 2000

His Excellency Rev. Moon, their Excellencies Kenneth Kaunda, Dan Quayle, and Edward Heath. Dear friends, I have come here a little bit late due to other matters. During the time that I had to wait, my mind was already here together with you because I came here mainly to honor Reverend Moon for his thoughts on the family in this modern age.

I think you have heard all the advice from His Excellency Admiral Heath and Excellencies Kenneth Kaunda and Dan Quayle, so my addition will be somewhat redundant. But anyway, I have come from far away so I have to give a piece of mind to you and I hope that you can accept that.

As you know, I am a follower of the religion of Islam. Islam now faces the challenge of modernization. And in doing so, people took either of two responses; The first group would like to stress on the identity of the Muslims, and that would then formulate Islamic identities. This is Islamic that is not Islamic. And because of that we institutionalize Islam into something we worship. We forget that we are only to worship God not anything else. Because of this, people always forget that Islam is a universalistic reli-



In stressing the uniqueness of Islam, then the so called Muslims that are formalized Muslims stress the advantage of being a Muslim over the disadvantage of other religions.

While the holy ancestor says God creates mankind from woman and man and then makes them into tribes and nations in order to know each other, there is no order to kill each other. So there is no way for people like myself but to follow the second step. That is to take the principle of equality of meekness to the law of equality regardless of the origins of people whether that's ethical, that's religious, that's political view or language. And in the sense the obligation of a Muslim is just to uphold the spirituality and morality of Islam and not to institutionalize it especially in the relationship between religion and the state.

So because of this, we need morality. And morality can be built only by a good family. Not by anything else. Because of this I totally subscribe to what Rev. Moon says. We have to strengthen the family and only through that can we see the future in a confident way. Confident in the sense that we promise we will treat all human beings alike and for that reason, there will be no difference between people. So in this year of his 80th birthday, I say congratulations to Reverend Moon and I look forward to hearing more from him in the future. I congratulate you on this occasion as well. Thank you.

We cannot restore the Cain-type nation unless we maintain an environment by which we are able to exert influence over them. If we cannot restore the Cain-type nation, we cannot establish the restored country capable of entering into a worldwide nation centered on the Kingdom of Heaven. Although North and South Korea are divided against one another, we must liberate North Korea without fighting.

The Korean people in both North and South Korea fervently desire to see the country unified, but how can this be accomplished? Unification can only be accomplished when a sophisticated method for unification is put forward that will allow both sides to live together. When the South goes to the North, or the North to the South, and says, "Let's do it our way," unification will not succeed. Thus, we must find a love that will benefit both sides.

Ladies and gentlemen, at the moment North and South are going in different directions. One is trying to go south and the other trying to go north, and they are on divergent paths. Their purposes are at odds with each other. If both sides insist on their own position, it is certain that the situation will again result in breakdown.

The question is what is to be done about this. There must be a South Korean person who loves North Korea with a greater love than any South Korean person has for his own country. Also, there must be a North Korean person who loves South Korea with a greater love than any North Korean has for his own country. There is no option or solution other than this.

If there is one person whose patriotism is greater than any South Korean's and greater than any North Korean's, then this is where the path to unification can come about. Can there be another way? No matter how hard you may think, there is no other way.

What are the Korean people to do, then? Our country straddles the boundary line between left and right centering on the 38th Parallel. We are the ones who have been placed on that line, so what are we to do? This is the question.

The issue is how to resolve this problem. The answer is that we must suffer even more than North Koreans, and even more than South Koreans.

How are we to uphold such a standard of patriotism, established through suffering and transcending nationality? This is the way to give this country life and to solve its problems.

The same principle applies to uniting the world of goodness and the world of evil. Someone must appear in the world of goodness that is a greater patriot to the world of evil than anyone in that world. A person must appear that can set a higher standard of loyalty to his nation than anyone among our ancestors who pursued goodness. This is the only way for a divided history to be resolved.

Jesus was particularly remarkable in this regard. He realized it would do no good for both sides to fight. The only way for him to live for the sake of God and for the sake of the people of Israel was for him to die for God and for his people. This was the reasoning behind the crucifixion.

Jesus' love for humanity was greater than anyone else's since the beginning of history, and his love for God was greater than anyone else's in history. Because of this, his death caused a history destined for destruction to take a new direction toward a world of purpose. This was the Christian



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cultural sphere. This is historical fact.

Thus, the only way to unite North and South is to become a people who can die for the North and the South. There is no other path to achieve unification. There has to be a heart of truly wanting to live together in harmony with the other side.

When a person considers how to lead his life, the most basic fundamentals can be expressed as: the path of a filial child, the path of a loyal patriot, the path of a saint, and the path of a son or daughter of God. Isn't this the heart of wanting to live in harmony with others eternally and of wanting to be with others without regard to whether they are higher or lower, and transcending front and back and left and right? This is the logical conclusion.

What is the common denominator among those who say, "I want to live in harmony with others?" It is not power. Power cannot transcend history. Power is limited to a specific period in time.

The same is true with knowledge. The world of knowledge has an innate tendency to develop. Does knowledge give us the heart to say, "I want to live with this particular piece of knowledge forever?" Clearly, we cannot keep either knowledge or wealth with us forever.

What then is the common denominator that transcends above and below, front and back, left and right, and the time differences between the past, present and future? This cannot be anything other than true love centering on God.

Thus, a filial child is one who lives in his family giving profound love to his or her parents. Also, a patriot is one who lives a life of profound love for his or her country. A saint is one who lives a life of profound love for the people of the world. A son or daughter of God is one who lives a life of profound love for all humanity and God.

Thus, the problem is to develop a true foundation of heart by which a person can want to have the heart of a patriot. Such a person would want his or her life to be in concert with the fortunes of the people. Such a person would look upon any difficulties faced by the people as his or her own personal difficulties. This person would look upon any joys experienced by his people as more than temporary joys but eternal joys to be shared with everyone.

The person who possesses relationships of true love and true heart is given special authority to participate in the realm of unification.

Ladies and gentlemen, even if a woman lacks any formal education she can marry a man with a doctoral degree and suddenly become the wife of a scholar. Isn't that true? Anyone who has a great deal of relationships of heart, desiring to live with others in harmony, has the right to participate today in the realm of unification.

God Himself is such a being. So if a person attains the life content enabling him to form a unity [within himself], this person is automatically given the qualification to participate.

Where should we begin the process of unification? Where should we start in order to achieve North-South unification? What is the first step? Do we begin by using our fists or physical force? If we subjugate the other side with force, then eventually they will develop a force stronger than ours and the conflict will begin all over again. We cannot achieve unification by this method. The way to unification will open when each of us has the heart to say, "Even though I live in the South, I truly want to live in harmony with those people in the North. I truly want to become one with them."

Suppose people in the South were to look upon our compatriots in the North and shed tears to see the miserable conditions in which they live. Suppose we were to tell them, "I am living my life in a way that I can share in your difficulties." Suppose we were to promise them, "Someday soon, I will appear before you having completed the preparations for your day of liberation." Suppose, then, we were to carry out a practical movement for unification based on such a heart. If we did these things, I believe the day of unification would not be far off.

Ladies and gentlemen, we must think how we can live in

harmony with our compatriots.

No one can be a patriot if they do not want to live with their parents or with their compatriots. Any claim such a person might make to being patriotic would be a lie.

A person must first be able to live in harmony with his own country before he or she can live in harmony with the world. Further, a person must first live in harmony with the world before he or she can live in harmony with God. Thus, a person cannot be a patriot unless he first loves his compatriots and gives love to that particular regional society.

How much do our political leaders love their country? Any politician who lacks a heart of truly wanting to share in the life of common citizens will soon disappear. It doesn't matter how well bred or educated this person may be. He will disappear like an air bubble formed on a surface of water.

Any leader who does not love the citizens will not be able to escape judgment by the citizens of his country and by history.

Healing the division between North and South is not a simple process. As fellow patriots struggle to bring this about, they will need a determination of heart to work through many sleepless nights, transcending time, and overcoming all manner of difficulties.

"I truly want to live with them. I don't want to die unless I can die with them. I don't want to live unless I can live with them." The movement for North-South unification begins when both sides have such a heart toward the other.

When North-South unification is accomplished, this will be the beginning point in the effort to unite the democratic and communist worlds. Each of us must consider the future of our people and of the world as a representative of the world, a representative of the six billion human beings, a representative of the three billion people of Asia, a representative of your school, and a representative of all the students you have



Introduction of True Father by H.E. Kenneth Kaunda *Founding President of Zambia*

The Reverend Moon and Mrs. Moon, your excellencies, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen;

It is not everyday that one gets the privilege to introduce such an exceptional person, and I take this privilege tonight with some pride. It is said that the world is a huge stage, and life is a great drama. Once in a long time, an extraordinary person appears on the stage. Reverend Moon is such an extraordinary life.

I have known Reverend Moon since 1983, a short time when viewed against his life's work. But it does not take long to appreciate the tremendous impact that he has made on this world, even to its smallest corner.

Reverend Moon has dedicated a lifetime to a message. He has done this against great odds. The greatest of the world's powers have opposed him. But the message has continued because it is a message that is anointed. It is a message that echoes deep in the human psyche. It is a message about the most basic unit of human life-the family. It tells the world the truth about our nature and what we must do if we are to have true peace in the family, in the community and between nations. The Reverend Moon has dedicated his life to give practical expression to his message and it remains consistent

today and remains relevant as ever.

At this opening banquet we remember that Reverend Moon is 80 years old today. We wish him many more, many more, happy returns. And we thank God for giving him to the human race and to the world. And we here gathered are not the only ones to celebrate his extraordinary life. Reverend Moon has touched many, many lives. He has touched the lives of the poor. He has advanced the arts, sports, the physical sciences, the social sciences, and above all, peace in the world. We thank him for his efforts to reunify Korea, his homeland, and we pray that God will strengthen his hand in this effort.

Remember, also, that Mrs. Moon shares the same birthday as Reverend Moon. We wish her a long life and take comfort in the knowledge that she will always be next to Reverend Moon as he continues his life's work. They are a magnificent gift from God to each other and to humanity. They are a valuable example to us all. We are all privileged tonight to listen to Reverend Moon.

Reverend Moon is a teacher but not an ordinary teacher. Reverend Moon is a messenger but not an ordinary messenger. The truth is that Reverend Moon is a prophet of our time. Ladies and gentlemen, excellencies, I present to you, Reverend Moon.

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ever taught. We must determine ourselves to carry out a movement that will truly enable us to share in the lives of our compatriots.

When such an effort connects you to the way of the saint, then you will come to resemble a saint. If you practice this with respect to God, with the loyalty of a son or daughter of God, then you will become "God's heir," and "successor to God's will." I tell you these things today, because I have already confirmed their truth in my own life.

Once North-South unification is accomplished in Korea, the unification of the world will follow automatically. Do you think that political power, military force, or economic wealth can bring about unification? There isn't even the slightest chance of this. That is the reason I am speaking to you in this way.

Can weapons, wealth, or knowledge do away with rotten philosophies? No, they cannot. Only true love can do this. This love is love that comes from God.

When a person enters into a relationship of true love with God, he or she is absolutely given special authority to have dominion, ownership, and the right of inheritance. In the world of mechanics, the energy produced is less than the energy put into a system. However, in the world of true love, greater energy is produced than is put in.

What is true love? It is love that lives for the sake of others. It is love of unlimited giving and forgetting. No memory is kept of how much was given. It is a love that never tires of giving. A 90-year-old mother can turn to her 70-year-old son and say, "Be careful when you cross the street," and there is nothing strange about that. Even if the mother has repeated those same words countless times over several decades, she will always say them one more time.

If this is true with parents in the fallen world, how can we ever grow tired of giving and receiving God's love in the essential world? When we establish God's true reciprocal realm in our own lives, we will understand the unchanging glory of true love for the first time. Then we will be able to justify the ethics of eternal life centering on the true love of human beings. Who in the world is aware of such things?

In 1984, I was lying in bed in an American prison where I had been unjustly incarcerated, when God came to me. He said, "You are the only person I can trust. I want you to resolve the situation in Nicaragua." Am I really the only person God can come to with such a command?

America is said to be a great country standing at the forefront of all developed countries. It has a population of 240 million people and a large number of religious leaders. How helpless God must be that He could not go to any of those people but had to come to me. At least it is fortunate that God knows how to find a person by his love. If I had not worked for the sake of the world at that time, South America would have been completely ravaged by war by now.



North-South unification is the fervent desire of the Korean people, but it is also the earnest desire of God in this age. It is Heaven's desire that North Korea and South Korea can be united and that God's resting place be established in your homes, in our churches, and in our worldwide church centered on God.

How, then, are we to attend God? How can we wipe everything clean? What can we use to wipe everything off so that God will say it is completely clean? This is the problem.

The answer is simple. We must clean the surroundings centering on a true love that is greater than our love for our parents, greater than our love for our spouses, and greater than our love for our children. It is only when our offerings are placed on the altar centering on such love that the ideal North-South unification will be manifested. This is where the ideal blending of Eastern and Western cultures can occur. This is where the ideal unification of the divided physical and heavenly realms can occur.

This is where the realm of the liberation of Hell and Heaven will come about. We cannot unlock this without true love. We need the key of true love.

Unification brought about by the love between a person's mind and body can always be manifested as the unification of love in the family. A loving husband and wife with a harmonious family will always see their love manifested within their clan.

If a loving husband and wife unite as one, who will dare try to tear them apart and defile their relationship? A world made of the harmonious family, harmonious people, harmonious government, harmonious world, harmonious Heaven and Earth, harmonious true human love and God united as one - isn't this world the utopia of true love? In such a world, there will be no possibility of discord. Love will be the life element for all people, in the same way that plants receive life elements by absorbing the rays of the sun. Our fervent desire is to build a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven, where we can resonate with true love eternally. How many

people are there in this world, though, who are the subject partners or object partners of true love, who can stand as people of character qualified to be the master of all things, and who possess both the value of a remarkable life and the special authority that comes with such a life?

I sincerely hope that each person participating today will remember what I have said, and will work to unite your mind and body. I hope that you will start by becoming a person who lives for the sake of your spouse, and go on to become a true person who lives for the sake of your family, people, nation, and world.

If you do that, then North-South unification will be as good as done. Even communist ideology is easily absorbed and disappears when it is placed in the midst of God's love. The problem until now was that we did not know this. Once we develop our hearts of love, North-South unification will be no problem at all.

That is not all. Problems between East and West and the worldwide North-South problem involving differences among rich and poor nations can also be completely resolved through the true love of God.

We must digest the ideal for the world centering on God's ideal that I have described, and go on to digest the ideal of the nation. Then we must move on to the boundless realm of the peace of the ideal world that links the ideal of the nation to the ideals of clan, family, and individual. This is, without a doubt, the way that the utopia of true love that God has desired can be built on this Earth.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I declared the fundamental principle for unification more than 40 years ago. Since then, I have carried out a movement of ideas, centered on Godism, both domestically and around the world. I have worked in the four major countries surrounding the Korean Peninsula to lay the international groundwork for unification. Millions of people in Korea, Japan, and the United States have worked through the International Federation for Victory Over Communism and CAUSA to lay non-governmental foundations in each of these countries.

Over the years, leaders of many countries and the philosophical world have recognized Godism as the only philosophy capable not only of uniting with materialism and atheism, which are its diametrical opposites, but also as the only philosophy capable of liberating secular humanism.

My patriotic compatriots filled with passionate hope for North-South unification: let us together establish our value systems on the basis of Godism, and join forces in arming the people of this country with this new philosophy. Let us make North-South unification a matter of faith for the sake of ourselves, for the sake of the Korean people and for the sake of world peace. Let us stand and answer the calling of this historic age and of Heaven.

All people, in unity, should have a heart of true love that enables them to love the North Koreans just like their parents, brothers and sisters and furthermore if we can love enemies unconditionally, that kind of power of true love can be the vital force for unification. That love should make the North Koreans genuinely want to live together with you. Let us send the warm wind of love coming from our hearts—the kind of love with which you love your enemies—to the North Koreans.

Especially because in the beginning of Creation, history went the wrong way due to Eve's mistake, then in the Last Days women should lead the way to cleanse the age of division, conflict and struggle with their motherly love, and to create a new history of reconciliation and unification.

Let us make Korea the fatherland of God's providence and the spiritual hometown for all the people of the world. I would like to end this speech with my honest wish for all of you to receive blessing through God, the Lord of the whole universe, and the ideal of True Parents, true couples and true children settling as in the original hometown for all the people of the world, the completion of the heavenly kingdom in this new millennium.

I pray God's blessing will be with your families.

Thank you.◆

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Exhibition of the Life and Work of True Parents

Photos: left, True Father signs the visitors book; below left, True Parents, assisted by Kook Jin Nim and Dr. Bo Hi Pak, cut the ribbon to open the two week long exhibition; below right, True Family visit the exhibition together (Father is pointing to a photograph of great uncle Yoon Kook Moon)



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True Parents' Benediction

BELOVED Father. From the ultimate begging of the universe, You have been the source of the true life, true love, true lineage, and true conscience. You created Adam and Eve on this earth by dividing Your divine nature of dual characteristics. Adam was born with true love, true life, true lineage, and true conscience according to Your original nature, and so was Eve. There was a time for achieving individual perfection for the sake of establishing the nation, world, and cosmos centered on God's family. In order that they could become substantial beings that connect life, lineage, and conscience centered on God's love, the ideal of creation—which sought to connect the horizontal life and love to the vertical lineage and establish it on the foundation of the conscience—had to progress through individual, family, nation, world, and cosmos, building a house where God could dwell in the living realm of ideal substance.

In the course of creation, God has sought to establish the children and blessed families who can rule over the entire universe as the masters of individual, family, national, world, and cosmic perfection by completing the individual house, family house, national house, and cosmic house and in the unity of God's absolute love, life, and lineage. In this process, Adam and Eve were to establish the basis of the beginning of family and beginning of life, lineage, and conscience for the sake of inheriting God's love, and to build a house in which to serve God in connection with the nation, world and cosmos; then God would have become a lord (*chu-in*) together with Adam and Eve and established the eternal oneness and sovereignty of love. All this has been lost through false love. However, through the Messiah and the providence, God has sent the True Parents to this earth to turn upside down all the works of the false parents and to establish the tradition of individual restoration, family restoration, national restoration, and cosmic restoration through the blessing. The Unification Church started such a ceremony on the trans-international and trans-national levels of the fallen world, and it has been forty years since we

commenced the family blessing through which all our ancestors in the spiritual world and all the descendants on earth can plant the seed of the tradition of the original blessing throughout the individuals, families, tribes, races (peoples), nations, world, and cosmos. We are grateful to You that beyond the world standard so far established and through the unified suffering of the heavenly world and earthly world for

the sake of the blessing, You have enabled us to welcome the world of blessing where the heavenly parents and children can create the realm of heavenly lineage by connecting to the true love, true life, and true lineage of the True Parents and God.

Hence, as all those who were separated from God have become one with heaven through the realms of world liberation on earth and in heaven, You can eternally occupy the position of the True Parent and assume the eternal authority of the True Parent by becoming the independent owner of heaven and earth, realize all Your hope of a reign of love and the unification of the cosmos through the liberation of the spiritual world and earth, and march into the world of God's independent dominion and *jeon-chae* [vertical presence, transcendence], *jeon-ban* [horizontal presence, immanence], *jeon-kwon* [sovereignty] and *jeon-mu*; this has become possible through the blessing of the 400 million couples, which we are now

conducting. Please establish these people as central families in the pursuit of individual, family, tribal, race, and national perfection, with which You have blessed us, and embrace them as Your children; bless them to become houses and children in which all people who desire to find rest in Your home can dwell together with You. I desire and pray with blessing, in the name of the True Parents, that You accept the realization this occasion of the victorious Blessing ceremony through which they can eternally possess the sovereignty of love and at the same time combine true love, true life, and true lineage in the liberated earthly world and heavenly world, thereby offering everything to You as a whole tribe.

Amen. Amen. Amen. ♦





Above, True Parents lead the affirmation of the blessing vows; right, True Parents receive the Key of Fortune as a gift from the four great saints and the “heaven and earth” blessed couples; below, panoramic view at the conclusion of the Blessing Ceremony



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FIRST INTERNATIONAL BLESSING OF 400 MILLION COUPLES



Left, True Parents lead the three cheers of Mansei; center, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim pray during the ceremony;



Right, International President Rev. Sun Jo Hwang offers the opening prayer

Blessing Ceremony Address

*Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak
Chairman, WCSF Organizing Committee*

THE True Parents have taught that the family is the beginning of, and foundation for, love, personality, and all life. The most fundamental aspects of human heart and personality are formed through the relationships of love shared among family members in daily life. In spite of the family having such importance, the ancestors of humankind could not establish the first family blessed by God.

All human beings, who are the descendants of the first ancestors, have the absolute destiny of having to restore a family of God's desire. That is the reason God's providence of salvation is the providence of restoration. Herein also lies the reason humankind must realize ideal families by receiving the blessing through the True Parents who are the origin and model of the personality of true love. Accordingly, the holy mar-

riage blessing is the most precious hope for fallen humankind. It has become a festival of eternal life and hope for all humankind and can be called a miracle of the present day, which is being carried out through the grace of the living God.

Through the grace of the blessing, the way is being opened for greater communication between the spirit world and the physical world that were separated by the fall, and for the unification of these two worlds.

The basic unit of a society and nation is the family. Without the perfection of ideal families, world peace cannot be realized. Today's ceremony is initiating the realization of such ideal families by men and women who are going beyond the barriers of race, religion and nationality. This is a holy place where you are starting off towards the ideal that "The World is One Home, Mankind is One Family," based on God's true love.

The ideal of God's true love not only exists on earth, but is eternal in heaven



as well. Your lives of exemplary love centered on the ideal of the blessing will be a guiding light, a new hope for society beset with problems such as family breakdown.

In closing, I earnestly request that you stand in the forefront to realize a world of peace by setting an example of living for the sake of others, as True Parents have done. ♦

[Excerpts from original text]



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Among the blessings at the Blessing Ceremony was the quality of the congratulatory entertainment offered by Korea's most prominent voices: left, pop diva Sa Yun Noh; right, the joyful occasion has a deep effect on everyone — here, Master of Blessing Ceremonies Dr. Bo Hi Pak hugs top Korean male singer Chul Hyun



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Religious Leaders Give Their Blessing

Archbishop Emanuel Milingo; Head of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Displaced Persons; Vatican City



Professor Erno Lazarovits, Director of Foreign Relations, Central Board of the Federation of Jewish Communities (Hungary)



Shiekh Al-Amin Osman, Grand Mufti of the State of Eritrea

Venerable In Gok Hong, President of the Korean Buddhist Taegoh Order, Korea



Reverend T.L. Barrett Superintendent of the 3rd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ (USA)



His Holiness Swamiji Sri Devendrakeerty Bhattarakji, Spiritual Head of the Jain Religion (India)



Ambassador J. Reuben Silverbird, Apache, Navajo, and Cherokee Spiritual Leader of 100 Nations



Minister Leonard Muhammad, Chief of Staff of the Nation of Islam



Dean Igumen Antonyi, Director of Department of External Church Relations, Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Prayer of Pastor T.L. Barrett

DEAR God, our Father, we are so humbly grateful to have been chosen by You to be among the millennium millions who have been divinely selected by You to usher in this very special continual time period into the history of man—that one confronts, every thousand years, that being the beginning of a new year, a new decade, a new century and a new millennium all at the same time. And you have challenged us to set the vibrational influence that will be the catalyst for the actions of mankind for the

next thousand years.

We thank You, oh God, for the spiritual guidance of True Parents, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, who have called us to focus our energy on building, maintaining, and sustaining True Families though the proper and diligent application of True Family values. And with these values instilled in those who are married and joined together and blessed today, and instilled in the hearts of fathers, mothers and children worldwide, we can prophecy and predict that there will be in the foreseeable future

no more violence, *Hallelujah*, no more infidelity, *Hallelujah*, no more spouse or child abuse or any such things; under the leadership and spiritual guidance of our True Parents, these predicted will become realities. So Father, bless Father and Mother Moon with long, healthy lives so they can continue to lead the nations into world peace through the establishment of True Families. We pray in the name of You, the Divine One, and in the spirit of True Parents, Amen. ♦

The Earth is My Hometown and Heavenly Motherland

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

FEBRUARY 11, 2000



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True Parents pose for a commemorative photo in front of the more than 300 volumes of speeches that have been published

On February 11, at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, a ceremony and congratulatory banquet were held to mark the publication of 300 volumes of Father's speeches. Volume 304 had in fact been presented to Father and Mother at their Birthday celebration the previous day. On this occasion, Father shared at length with the guests who represented all aspects of society. Following are excerpts.

IAM grateful that you have come to this celebration of the publishing of these books. I understand there are leaders of many kinds among you. And where will all you people go when the celebration is over? You will go back home, won't you?

Home is the place of the greatest love for the grandfather, for the grandmother, for parents, for married couples and for brothers and sisters. Original human nature likes the greatest love. That is why people must inevitably go back home. That is the conclusion.

Those who really love their grandfather and mother can love the leader of their nation. Those who can love the leader of their nation can love God. This is a conclusion based on common sense.

I would like to give you an excerpt of the 300 volumes. What does God of the original root family like? Aside from how much He liked His son and the daughter, just think about how much He would have liked the family in which his son and daughter could live. Wouldn't He have wanted to see his son and daughter marry and become a couple? Would He or wouldn't He? He really wanted to see it. He really wanted to be a grandfather.

Then, you grandfathers and grandmothers, what are you going to be? You can be the sons and daughters who inherit the right of God's universe. You could be the princes and princesses, the kings and queens of the whole universe.

Love has the power to grant equal partnership. It has the power to put people on equal footing. It has the power of inheritance. When you love, when you become husband and wife, there is the power of equality. You can go where your husband goes, you can participate. The wife can represent the husband and the children can represent the parents. This kind of switching of positions is only possible in love.

God, who has almighty, creative power, is in the position of the father, so what is it like to be in the position of his son who is equal to the father? If the father is the king of the whole universe and creation, the children can be the kings and queens and they can talk about everything in the ideal world of the heavenly kingdom. It is a very logical and fair assessment to say that they would discuss the idea of family, clan, tribe, nation and the world.

Then where can you find the lord of love? Where does the origin of life fuse? Where do the blood lineages fuse together?

A man cannot find the way of love of parents, of married couples, of children on his own. If that is the case for a man, wouldn't it also be the case for woman as well? Your original mind thinks that your spouse represents the universe, heaven and earth. A man can become the master of love only through his wife.

The reason that you can be in the position of a lord who can love a woman comes from your wife, the one you married for the first time. This is such a treasure, but people ignore it. Your spouse makes you the lord. On the other hand, a woman does not have something that enables her to serve a husband as her lord. Only her husband qualifies her to be able to love a man. You should understand this. Love cannot be one-sided. It is reciprocal relationship. And the value does not stem from you, but from your spouse.

If we apply this further, who are the lords who makes someone a grandfather or grandmother? It is their grandchildren. Who qualifies people to be mothers and fathers? Not themselves, but their sons and daughters.

If you don't understand this it is a pity. This world is so fallen if an older brother doesn't know the fact that his younger brother qualifies him to be a master of love as an older brother, and a younger brother doesn't know the fact that his older brother qualifies him to be a master of love as a younger brother.

True love is serving others in the vertical relationship, the horizontal relationship, the front and back relationship and



the circular relationship. Let's say there is a house signifying the prototype of love. You should be the one who can love not only the house but also the entire neighborhood. Only then can love truly be settled in that house. That is the family and the original home you have to look for. Then what is precious among love, life and lineage?

Love is over in one generation. Blood lineage is eternal. Even the cells of the first human ancestors are within the four trillion cells of the human body. That's what the blood lineage is. All the cells of the all the evil ancestors in the fallen world are in one human body. That is why we have to repair this. This is the wild olive tree. Without the true olive tree there is nowhere they can be engrafted and be mended. What does the true olive tree mean? It means humanity hoped to create utopia in the human world, passing through the Old, New and Completed Testament ages. What everyone has been looking for is the messianic ideology. The Messiah should be able to cleanse the blood lineage.

In a family, the grandfather and grandmother are the ambassadors sent by the heavenly kingdom. Our mother and father were sent to be the kings and queens of the present kingdom on this earth, the center of this universe. Grandchildren are loved by their grandparents and their parents. Since grandchildren receive love from their grandparents and their parents, they are inheriting two kingdoms: one in heaven and one on earth. That is why this inheritance has a foundation that can prosper eternally. Grandchildren are the seeds of love representing the heavenly kingdom as the center of the heavenly king and earthly kingdom. They are the central path of this nation and the center of the king of the nation.

Adam's mind and body, where God should have dwelt, were dominated by Satan through Eve because Eve seduced Adam. Since the blood lineage was created centered on the unity between Adam and Eve, and that unity has been dominated by Satan, that lineage can never change even after 100 million years have passed. Humankind had the messianic ideology — the ideology of the Savior — with which to create the new lineage by cutting off [from the bad lineage]. throughout the history of the Old and New Testament ages. You must understand this. Fallen parents are false parents. Therefore true parents should come and stop the fighting between God and Satan's side.

That is the authority of the True Parents. God cannot do whatever He wants to do. Only because True Parents have come can the war between God and Satan be stopped. This is the first time you've heard this, isn't it? That is the principle of the creation of the universe. True Parents have brought unique, unchanging and eternal value to the individual, to the family, to the nation, to all of heaven and earth, and even to God, and there should come a time when Satan even accepts them and the gates of hell will be opened. The time of liberation will come.



That's how the age of freedom and liberty, without a trace of the fall, will come to pass. The entire history of heaven and earth can create the heavenly kingdom of universal unification, centered on brotherly love and on God.

Choon Ho Na, President of the Korea Publishing Cultural Association, offers words of congratulations to Father



The utopian Earth is our hometown and the heavenly kingdom is our motherland, where we can live forever centered on God, who is the king of kings, and centered on love of the family ideal. Only when you find and settle in such a hometown and motherland can you be free from persecution and hardship and realize a world of freedom and liberty. If I have spoken a lot of things today in my speech, the essence is this: What is most important is the blood lineage. Please Say it! [Blood lineage!]

Your families have to feel the need of the Messiah, True Parents. Not only your families, but also your whole clans should absolutely feel a need for the True Parents. By the clans I mean seven generations. The whole clan unified into one without any conflict or division should be able to invest and serve all people, going beyond the tribal level.

Connected in such a way, the world could be one of freedom and liberty. Human beings have the value of being representative princes and princesses who have the right of inheritance, right of participation, and right of equal value. This is centered on the right of ownership over all things and all the people in the universe starting from the individual, to the family, clan, tribe, nation and the heavenly world, in the embrace of God.

God is the True Parent of humankind. God is the True Teacher of humankind. God is the True Lord of humankind. You must understand this. Do you understand? The tradition of your family should start from heaven. Since you are parents on the behalf of God you should teach the principle of love. You should be a teacher who teaches how to establish a family of love and a national ideal; you should be able to raise those who can qualify to be true owners. Until now, what schools have done has been technical education. The education of the original nature should take place in the family.

That is how you can inherit the original blood lineage. You have the solemn duty to bequeath the lineage of your parents for a thousand or ten thousand years to come. This is not fate, this is your destined responsibility. You cannot change your parents. You cannot change your brothers and sisters. Can you change your wife in the Garden of Eden? No. Knowing this principle, you should set up the tradition of the family before heaven and produce the fruits of true parents and the fruits of true teachers. Then you should bequeath the position of true owners—the owner of a true lineage—for a thousand and ten thousand years.◆

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"Dialogue Among Civilizations"

o Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU)

o Federation for World Peace (FWP)

"The Two Koreas at the Millennium: Prospects for Reunification"

o Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace

o Federation of Island Nations for World Peace

o Federation of Peninsular Nations for World Peace

"World Peace in the New Millennium"
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"Searching for Absolute Values and Unity in the Sciences: Science for the Benefit of Humanity"

o International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF)

o Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP)

"The Future of Religion at the Dawn of the 21st Century"

o Martial Arts Federation for World Peace (MAFWP)

o Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA)

"Globalization of the Economy: The Effects on Politics, Society and Family"

o Religious Youth Service (RYS)

o Unification Thought Institute (UTI)
"Unification Thought as the Leading Thought for the New Millennium"

o Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP)

"The Unique Contribution of Women to a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence"

o World Media Association (WMA)
"The Globalization of Information: Regional Perspectives"

o World University Federation (WUF)

The Convocation Opening Ceremony

ON February 10-14, 2000, as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival 2000, approximately 700 delegates representing more than 140 nations, gathered for a Convocation of World Leaders, chaired by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the WCSF 2000 Organizing Committee.

The central theme for the Convocation was, "Building a Culture of Peace, Heart and True Families."

There are several dimensions to the WCSF: 1) the International Blessing Ceremony dedicated to the ideal of "World peace through ideal families;" 2) conferences and seminars which bring world leaders from all fields to deliberate on matters of critical importance for our world; 3) cultural performances and exhibitions; 4) sporting events. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak stated the following, "The WCSF has come to be recognized as an Olympics of heart, emphasizing the highest strivings of the human mind and spirit."

WCSF 2000 was unique in that it was convened in honor of True Parents' Birthday, and especially Father's 80th Birthday. As such, all convocation del-

egates participated in the celebrations that took place on February 10, including events at the Olympic Gymnasium, the cultural performances at the Sejong Culture Center, and the Celebration Banquet in the Lotte Hotel's Crystal Ballroom. They also attended the Blessing Ceremony on what was a relatively warm day for the middle of February.

Of special importance, at the closing Celebration Banquet for WCSF 2000, held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, the Founder inaugurated two new organizations: Cosmic True Parents Federation, dedicated to the promotion of the vision of True Parents, and Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification [official name yet to be confirmed - Ed.], focusing on education of world leaders for the sake of world peace.

Delegates were also treated to a viewing of a special exhibition on True Parents' lives and the history of the Unification movement.^u

Overview from Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, Chairman, WCSF 2000 Convocation of World Leaders



When Two or More Are Gathered...

EVERY NATION AND CULTURE, EVERY FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR

Frank LaGrotteria
New York, USA

The age that we are living in calls for people who have accustomed themselves to thriving in challenging environments. In this interview, our brother Frank LaGrotteria explains how he meets adverse circumstances with a positive attitude.

Today's World: How did you come to take on the task of organizing international conferences?

Frank LaGrotteria: I formally began working on international conferences after graduating from UTS in June of 1994 and joining the staff of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP). Including the work I did while I was a student and before, I have been organizing conferences for ten years. One of the main goals of IRFWP is to foster inter-religious harmony through dialogue. This dialogue often takes the form of gatherings of diverse personalities in a conference setting. As a member of the IRFWP staff I was often called upon to work out the logistical details of these types of meetings.

My career as a meeting planner took a significant turn when I was asked to organize the international ministers conferences held at the Victoria Plaza Hotel in Montevideo, Uruguay, in the spring of 1996. Those meetings were well attended, with 600-700 guests attending each of six conferences. We needed extensive ground transportation as well as multiple hotel accommodations and a diverse staff brought in from the surrounding countries. That

experience helped me understand the conference dynamics of dealing with larger groups and the unique challenges they present.

After that I was chosen to work on the World Culture and Sports Festival III, held in Washington DC in 1997. That project took one full year to plan and in the end we had booked over 30 hotels and housed over 18,000 people as well as provided for their transportation and meals!

My recent work has included the 1998, 1999 and 2000 WCSF Convocation of World Leaders as well as the Seven International Hoon Dok Hae conferences recently held in Washington DC. In 1999 I received certification from the Convention Liaison Council, the professional association for meeting planners in the United States, as a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP).

TW: How long does it take to prepare? How long do you usually have?!

Frank: These days we are often called



Photos: above left, Father chats with convocation participants; above right, Jin Sung Nim, President of YFWP in the USA, speaks at the convocation's YFWP section; left, Sun Moon University Vice President Young Hee Suh speaks at the WFWP section

upon to do meetings in a matter of weeks or sometimes days, though when I first started working with IRFWP we planned meetings with a one-year lead time. In fact, the first international Hoon Dok Hae seminar (July 30-August 1, 1999) was entirely organized in 25 days!

Of course, even with a short lead time there are many steps that go into organizing a conference. First and foremost is the concept of the conference itself, its purpose, which we usually receive from True Father. Again I am reminded of the inception of the Hoon Dok Hae conferences which began in True Father's mind on a sleepless Sunday night. True Father explained to those gathered for breakfast the following morning that he could not sleep the night before and had the idea for an international conference of leaders who would study his words in a three day Hoon Dok Hae.

From that point, we had 21 days to work through all the necessary phases of conference organization: to secure a location, invite guests, plan materials for reading, create a schedule, book rooms and meals, book airline tickets, create a budget and so forth. Miraculously the first international Hoon Dok Hae conference was a tremendous success.

TW: How do you deal with the task of organizing internationally, sometimes in situations where you are unfamiliar with the local culture?

Frank: I have been involved in or organized over 30 international meetings in 5 foreign countries in my career as a meeting planner. What I find significant

is not so much that there are national differences, although they most certainly exist, but rather that there are fundamental personality differences. In other words, there seems to be a common “can-do” personality in each culture and its counterpart, the “it’s-impossible” personality.

For example, when True Mother visited India in December of 1993 we could not find a suitable chair for her to be seated on stage. Of course, they have chairs in India, but the rental companies I checked with had only high backed plush red velvet wedding chairs; they were gaudy and old looking and I did not think they were suitable for True Mother. Now, one type of person would say we can’t do it or we don’t have chairs like that, but as I say there are “can-do” types the world over. We were advised by the local members to visit craftsmen in the Sikh community. These men easily understood what I was looking for and from a simple sketch created the chairs! Having a piece of furniture custom-made for a single conference is not the first idea that would come to mind, but fortunately it’s the “can-do” type of personality that we tend to attract to meet our intense immediate demands.

TW: I know that the various organizations work from different locations in the United States to prepare for a convocation such as this one. How are things tied together?

Frank: This question is really a question for the executive director. In my case I have most often been working under the direction of Dr. Thomas Walsh, who has served as the direct link with either Mr. Salonen or Rev. Kwak. As such he has been the person who communicated the concept of the meeting and the central directions to the various organizations involved. He also had the very challenging task of representing our feedback to the leaders.

The most frequently used method of communication has been the conference telephone call (with many different people connected together at once) and e-mail. As much as face to face encounters are helpful, these days it’s completely possible to do almost all the planning through electronic communication.

What is unique about these recent events is the inter-departmental cooperation between the directors of True Father’s international projects. This year the Convocation of World Leaders was co-sponsored by 16 different organizations! The executive director faces both the blessing of the collective wisdom and experience of such a powerful group as well as the challenge of creating unity among them. Each time we have done the Convocation, Dr. Walsh has been a leader with great clarity and logic, resulting in excellent events.

As much as the executive director must coordinate the thought processes, the work of the conference planner or event manager is to make the idea or thought a reality. The conference planner has to take all the directions, thoughts and even tone of the concept and put flesh on it. This is done through painstaking attention to each and every detail, large and small.

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Photos from top down: A panoramic view of the presentations at the WCSF 2000 Congratulatory Banquet; WCSF 2000 participants present True Parents with a trophy congratulating them for the success of the World Culture and Sports Festival; the Little Angels perform traditional drum music; True Parents sit for a photograph with the Little Angels at the close of the evening

WCSF 2000 Congratulatory Banquet

FEBRUARY 13, 2000, EVENING



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BOTTOM TWO PHOTO: COURTESY OF GRAEME CARMICHAEL

True Parents Inaugurate Two Providential Organizations

Cosmic True Parents Federation; Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification *

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While Mother looks on, Father creates the special calligraphy to commemorate the founding and inauguration of the new providential organizations. The ceremony was held on the occasion of the WCSF 2000 Congratulatory Banquet with many participants of the Convocation for World Leaders and other guests in attendance

* Official name to be confirmed

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TW: You must have great difficulty keeping up with the needs of a conference office that is simultaneously dealing with the requirements of such a diversity of organizations...

Frank: The problems are with communication and the flow of information, rather than with office equipment or supplies. Information is really the key to doing a successful event on the execution side of things. From the invitation process onward, it is our constant battle to keep updating our information and informing others in the process.

In other words, in a typical conference situation you have so many guests who are invited and then register for the event. Once registered, we have to keep track of things like their position and title, arrival time, flight number, food preferences and so forth. This information then fuels reports to the leaders: reports for hotel accommodations, meals, ground transportation, and so forth.

This information can mean the difference between a good experience for the participant and a bad one. Upon arrival, the guest is greeted, checked into the hotel and registered for the conference; once these practical matters are taken care of the participant can focus on the reason for attending the conference unobstructed by any external need.

On the other hand, let's say that the information was entered incorrectly or is missing. The person arrives, no one knows he (or she) is coming to the air-

port, he somehow makes it to the hotel, where there is no record of his name, and when he comes to register for the conference no one has ever heard of him. How embarrassing it will be for that person; how many obstacles are now placed in the way of this person having a good experience and receiving something from True Parents. Thus, I believe that data or information is the heart of our work and those who can manage it effectively are the ones who can produce successful events.

TW: What is actually necessary for the creation of a conference?

Frank: I have identified ten major areas that are necessary to run an efficient conference. They are Data Services, Accommodations, Ground Transportation, Secretariat (and Press if necessary), Meeting Rooms (including Displays and Translation if needed) Hospitality, Ushering, Registration, Meals and Treasurer. Before the event we also have a department which handles all the printed materials and documents.

When we have a large international event such as the recent Convocation of World Leaders in Seoul, each one of these areas had a coordinator and a staff. Staff can range from a single staff member such as the meal coordinator and her assistant to as many 12-15 staff members for the hospitality department. As the number of guests and activities increases obviously more staff are needed to handle the needs of participants

and the logistics in moving, transportation, accommodation and meals. When the event is small in number such as the IRFWP Interfaith dialogue between Muslims and Jews this past summer in Cordoba, Spain, one assistant and I cared for 30 participants and their spouses. We handled all of the duties contained in the departments listed above.

Coordination and communication between the department is a must. All the department heads have to keep open, honest and objective communication. I have had the pleasure of working with staff members who have come largely from the international conference organizations, which have been doing conferences in some cases for 20 years. Having trained, reliable and mature individuals is invaluable in putting on an international event.

TW: You have coordinated a number of conferences in Korea. Can you say a word or two about working in Korea and with Korean staff?

Frank: Well, as I've said, all over the world, I have found the "can-do" and it's antithesis the "it's impossible" personalities. Korea is like a country that is founded on the "can-do" personality or spirit. It seems to me there is nothing Koreans cannot do or are not willing to try. This is nowhere more apparent than in our group.

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Tenth World CARP Convention and Mister and Miss University Pageant

SEJONG CULTURAL CENTER, FEBRUARY 11, 2000



Top left, World CARP President Jin Hun Nim; left, the CARP Convention; above & below, Mister & Miss University Pageant contestants promote purity as a virtue



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As for the conference experience, our real challenge was utilizing all of that positive energy in the most productive ways. The Korean staff had a fantastic willingness to do whatever we needed, so our dilemma was to identify tasks we could give to them for completion. This was a big challenge as we are used to doing these conferences on our own, even in Korea. The Korean staff members were, for example, able to sometimes get the audio visual equipment we needed from outside the hotel thereby reducing the cost of renting it. The challenge from our side was to get an accurate picture of what was needed in

advance. This is often not easy in a conference situation, especially the recent Convocation, where we had the equivalent of three conferences running simultaneously (IIFWP, ICUS, PWPA). Often requests for equipment come in late and we are scrambling to fulfill them.

Last year we operated under such a short lead time (literally three weeks). This time, however, we had a little more time to prepare, and met with the Korean staff in advance of the event and then worked side by side with them throughout the on-site execution phase of the conference. Although more needs to be done in terms of regular on-going communication, I believe we made some significant advances over

previous year's levels of cooperation. **TW: Most of us feel comfortable in predictable situations. I am really impressed by the way you stand calmly in the midst of apparent chaos. How do you deal with the stress of a life in which unexpected glitches will almost certainly emerge?**

Frank: What I strive for the most in conference management is a structurally sound organization. Next, is to develop and maintain proper relationships with the leaders and staff members. I have found, through much suffering and hardship, that it is simply not enough to put on an event and reach the end of it. We need to reach the end of it

and still love each other or at least like each other in the process. This means that no matter how hard the circumstances become we maintain a loving, positive, and respectful attitude toward each other and avoid at all costs the loss of our tempers or the denial of any person's unique value in front of God. Of course in the heat of battle you will find me a tiger at times, but I really strive to be so with proper motivation and a willingness to do the job myself if necessary. This, and having had the blessing of being involved in many significant providential conferences over the past ten years has given me a great deal of confidence in doing my job.

As for real troubles and crises I think to myself that the next day will dawn and the crisis will pass. I also refuse to give up; I am determined to continue to love God, True Parents and brothers and sisters. In that sense, come what may, I already have what is really valuable in life, so no crisis threatens me. On the contrary, I am often happily challenged by new and difficult situations.

For example, at the final Hoon Dok Hae conference in Washington, on the eve of the American celebration of True Father's 80th birthday, far more guests arrived than were expected. Our chief data operator was down with pneumonia and we had nowhere near enough staff to take proper care of the guests. Our biggest challenge was to make sure everybody got a seat at the banquet, transportation back to the hotel, and to complete all the concluding logistics. This situation created a great deal of stress all around for both the staff, who were pretty worn out from the six previous conferences, and for the brothers and sisters who accompanied the participants. We made it through the crisis by sticking together from the top down, facing all the difficulties as a team, and handling one thing at a time. In the end our guests were seated and things worked out well.

TW: Can you tell us about some of the problems that have occurred and how you have had to deal with them? I recall a rabbi who was unable to get kosher meals last year...

Frank: Well, all I can say is that each situation requires a specific response. In the example you mentioned above the issue was a matter of principle and a problem of communication. During the invitation process a request came in for kosher food. The hotel assured us they could provide it, so we made



Above left, Frank LaGrotteria at work; right, Running a conference calls for absolute precision in the communication and analysis of information

it known that kosher food was available. What actually happened was that the hotel did not fully understand the seriousness of the word "kosher" and took it to mean kosher style, rather than real, authentic, kosher food prepared in separate kitchens and blessed by the rabbi. The guest was thus promised one thing and received another. This particular individual has attended a number of our events and made the point that had he known in advance that kosher food was not available he would have made other plans for his meals. Many orthodox Jews travel and carry food with them or eat a variety of fresh fruits and nuts which are acceptable under the rules of their religion. Thus, we had the double problem of having acted on incorrect information and a participant who felt he had been wronged. Our response took a while to formulate as we had to first find out what had happened. Figuring out the problem in the midst of running an event with 400 international guests in a foreign country took some doing. Once we understood what was wrong we worked to actually find kosher food in the middle of Seoul, Korea. We did! The Israeli embassy had some prepared food they were willing to bring to our conference. So with that, and with many apologies to the guest, we eased his feelings and moved forward. Thus

you can see that a conference planner needs to wear a wide variety of hats, in this case a detective, a diplomat, and even a chef!

The follow up to this story is actually quite a tale. Together with this same rabbi, IRFWP organized the Jewish-Muslim Encounter in Cordoba, Spain, this past summer. Half of the participants were orthodox Jews who kept strictly to the laws regarding kosher food and the other half Muslims who also keep a number of similar dietary laws. This time the challenge was finding a caterer with the resources to do an event in the middle of the summer vacation season in a primarily non-Jewish area and to convince him that in fact 30 people from foreign countries would be arriving and expecting their kosher meals for four days. This is therefore a challenge that we face when working in a foreign country: many times our meetings and requests are so unusual that it's hard to believe that we are actually planning to do what we say.

I would like to offer another example

Congress of the Youth Federation for World Peace

LOTTE HOTEL, FEBRUARY 12, 2000






Above, Dong Moon Joo (International President YFWP); below Bong Tae Kim (President, YFWP Korea)

World Pure Love March

SEOUL, FEBRUARY 12, 2000



PHOTOS: SEIL STUDIO AND GRAEME CARMICHAEL



Top, Jin Hun Nim and Sung am Moon help lead the march; above, leafletting the passengers of a bus; Church president Rev. Sun Jo Hwang speaking at Seoul Station, the starting point for the march



of a crisis that required a particular response. This situation occurred during the minister conferences in Uruguay in the spring of 1996. First of all we were in the unique position of having conference attendees who came from non-Unificationist sources. These conferences were the result of agreed upon cooperation between Dr. Fanini and True Father during a conference the preceding year on North-South Christian collaboration.

The first step in the cooperation was to teach these ministers the Principle as a way of explaining True Father's success throughout his life. From the beginning we were quite blessed with having True Father present to give the opening speeches. He often stayed throughout the whole conference and made various suggestions on how we could improve things. One of the most challenging of these "suggestions" was when he asked us to begin the program at 8 a.m. As simple as this request sounds, one has to consider that the participants had only begun arriving at 7 p.m. and came in on charter flights every few hours until 3 a.m.!

Father's idea was that this was a serious time and each moment should be used to its fullest extent. For those familiar with scheduling an event where True Father or True Mother plan to speak, the biggest challenge is always getting the participants to arrive on time and to be in their seats when True Parents arrive. To accomplish this with a scheduled starting time of 8 a.m. required the participants to take their seats by 7:30 a.m. Working backwards from there, they had to have already eaten their breakfast and begun arriving in the room by 7 a.m.. Therefore we had to start breakfast from 6 a.m.. If that were not challenging enough many participants were staying at other hotels, four to be exact. We could not count on the participants being able to follow this tight schedule on their own, especially after having arrived only a few hours earlier. We developed a plan to both call and knock on each and every door of each and every participant in each hotel before 6 a.m.! We woke them up, prepared breakfast for them and bussed them in from the other hotels. True Father delivered his speech "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation" to a packed room.

Many participants later commented that the early morning wake up call set the tone for a serious conference of study and reflection. They actually thanked us for the strict schedule. Some participants said it was like a spiritual boot camp. These comments were gratifying to me because uniting with this direction was no easy matter and it took a great deal of absolute faith and obedience to do so. With the help of some very willing staff members and a certain fearlessness to actually go around knocking on doors in the wee hours of the morning we realized True Father's idea in reality.

TW: What role does offering special conditions play in these conferences?

Frank: I am of the school where a day of hard work and sacrifice is itself a prayer. Thus for me to work hard, serve others, and push myself physically and mentally to the limit are already good conditions. Next to pushing myself beyond my own physical limits is unity with my central figure. In this case, it is the executive director. The executive director is both a professional position from an organizational viewpoint and a spiritual center from a principled perspective. I have found that remaining fully objective to the person in that central position is probably the single most valuable condition I can make to ensure the success

of any particular event. In many ways the conference experience is like a mini course in living the Divine Principle way of life or a Divine Principle sprint. You have to exert maximum self-control, unite with your central figure and make your work an unconditional offering. I think this is an excellent way to refresh ourselves spiritually as well as educate our second generation about True Father's work. I sincerely wish to encourage our young people to participate in these activities if at all possible.

As for specific conditions, I also

find that before and during the conference even small personal sacrifices yield tremendous results. Let's say you usually sleep for 6 hours a night, but while you are on site at the conference your sleep is cut down to 4 or even 3 hours. If under these circumstances you are grateful and make it an offering and work for the sake of others, even though you should be dead tired, I have found that new energy comes and you can persevere all day in good shape. When you sacrifice your comfort level with gratitude it can easily serve as a

good condition. The fact is these events are True Father's ideas which are themselves born of great personal sacrifices on his part, and what he needs from us is the realization of these ideas in a substantial form. ♦

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World Hanmadang Sports Festival

OLYMPIC GYMNASIUM, FEBRUARY 14, 2000



Above, World Hanmadang Sports Festival Opening Ceremony; top right, Father gives words of encouragement; above right, Hyun Jin Nim gives the main address for the Games; below left, the basketball tournament; below right, Young people from around the world celebrate harmony with a spectacular performance



PHOTOS: COURTESY OF TONGIL SEGYE

Father Speaks in 21 Venues in His Native Korea

FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 12, 2000



Photos: Top left, the rally in Yeosu; top right, Father speaks on "World Unification and North-South Unification Through True Love" at Suwon, just south of Seoul; above, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak introduces True Father in Kongju; Rev. Sun Jo Hwang is MC in Yeosu; left, True Parents give scholarships for local students

For the Reunification of the Korean Peninsula...

True Father began the "True Parents' 80th Birthday Commemorative Speaking Tour for the Advancement of North-South Unification" soon after the conclusion of the True Parents' Birthday celebrations and the World Culture and Sports Festival. Included in the itinerary was a special banquet for society leaders, held at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul. At each rally, Father spoke from a prepared speech, "World Unification and North-South Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love," yet on many occasions he would take add extemporaneous comments and challenge the audience to work hard for unity on all levels. The nation responded with capacity audiences.

True Father's Itinerary:

Feb. 21, Yeosu; Feb. 22, Suwon; Feb. 23, Cheonju; Feb. 24, Kongju; Feb. 25, Seoul (plus Banquet in the evening); Feb. 26, Kuri; Feb. 28, Pusan; Feb. 29, Kwangju; March 1, Yeongcheon; March 2, Chuncheon; March 3, Incheon; March 4, Changwon; March 5, Cheongju; March 6, Seoul; March 7, Taejon; March 8, Mokpo; March 9, Taegu; March 10, Puchon; March 11, Cheju; March 12, Seoul Olympic Main Stadium.u

toration of the birthright from communism, restoration of the birthright from Christianity and other religions. They are now going to finalize all these courses. If they have climbed the eight stages of restoration toward the summit until now, they should ultimately reach the peak. This peak is precisely the recent providential event centering on True Parents' 80th birthday.

What is the final conclusion? True Parents' 80th birthday is the providential event that has ended the age of restoration through indemnity and opened the new age of settlement in Canaan. We know this because True Father said that the age of the realm of the fourth Adam begins from True Parents' 80th birthday. Of course, True Parents proclaimed the age of the fourth Adamic realm on the 40th True Children's day. That was, however, a preparatory proclamation. The substantial age of the realm of the fourth Adam started from True Parents' 80th birthday.

True Parents defined it like this. The first Adam was our ancestral Adam. The second Adam was Jesus. The third Adam was our True Father. Now, the era of the fourth Adam has dawned. It is the eternal and final age.

As expressed in the Bible, a generation passes away and another generation comes. This event of True Parents' birthday was likewise the turning point between two ages. It will conclude all of history from Adam until the present and begin a future that will continue eternally. After having participating in such a great providential event with our sincere devotion, we could even die without regret.

What do you wish to leave behind through your life? Do you wish to leave money, position or honor? Those things are not valuable enough to bequeath. That which is eternal is valuable. What remains of our life must be eternal. Money and power are not eternal. Then, what is eternal? Providential events. It means that when we take part in a providential event and experience it together, it is never erased. This is the great blessing given to us from Heaven.

True Parents' victory honored

We usually say that True Parents brought victory. How, then, can we be convinced of this victory? We must think about this. True Father said that Jesus brought victory. How and why was it possible? Although he had to go the way of the cross because of the

mistakes of the Israelites and Rome, he brought the victory of true love. The victory came from his death on the cross. That eternal victory originated from his lonely death. However, the victory of True Parents is completely different from that of Jesus. Then how and why did True Parents bring the victory? We need to know.

As Father has said, Jesus opened the possibility of spiritual salvation through his sacrificial death on the cross. Then, was True Parents' victory won by only once suffering on the cross, as did Jesus? No. Although Jesus opened the gate of the spiritual salvation through suffering once through the crucifixion, True Parents have had to pass through numerous courses of tribulation until they could open the gate of physical salvation, the greatest victory of all time.

A victorious life

On one occasion Jesus performed a great miracle. Many Jewish religious leaders came to see. Jesus escaped from the crowd and met with his disciples in another town. Perhaps Jesus might have been anxious about what had happened. It is similar to True Parents asking for an evaluation after an event has been held. Jesus might have asked them what the people of Israel thought of him. They reported something like, "It was very sensational. Some call you a teacher, some a master, and some a rabbi." Jesus asked again what they thought of him. According to the Bible, they answered that Jesus is the messiah. What does it mean? Jesus did come as a messiah who would restore this world in every detail. That mission consists of the restoration of birthright, restoration of parenthood, and restoration of kingship. Although the ultimate goals are the restoration of birthright (elder-sonship), parenthood and kingship, the process varies. They must be restored through the religious way, political way and economic way. In each area these restorations must be accomplished.

On the other hand, there must be evidence of victory in True Parents' lives. They cannot call themselves the Messiah or the True Parents. When we view this world centering on True Parents, the world breaks into Cain and Abel aspects whether in the religious, political or economical realms. All these should witness to True

Parent as those who have the birthright, parenthood and kingship. That was the meaning of this event. It was not just an ordinary event, but one that demonstrated True Parents' providential lives. We exhibited proclamations and gifts from all kinds of "Abels" and "Cains" from 185 nations, recognizing that True Parents have brought the victory of the birthright, parenthood and kingship.

True Parents' life was truly honored though the occasion. Korean President Kim Dae Jung sent a congratulatory letter to True Parents. President Bill Clinton of the United States also sent a card. Representing the Cain world, General Secretary Kim Jong Il from North Korea sent a gift. Yong Soon Kim, Chairman of the North Korean Asia Pacific Peace Committee also sent a gift. In all, seven hundred birthday gifts and 4,500 congratulatory letters were presented—many by leaders such as the presidents of nations, congressmen, governors, and other social leaders. Indeed, this victorious ceremony was dedicated to revealing True Parents' life and accomplishments to this world and to heaven, and it will remain eternally through all future generations.

If you are asked by God in the spirit world, "What did you do there," how will you answer? How many kinds of memories do you have now in your life of following God's will? Let us reflect on our life as it has really been. Despite having followed the way of God's will for decades, is there any accomplishment we can show with honor? One thing is very clear: that we have lived with True Parents in the same age, joined God's providence, prepared for and participated in True Parents' 80th Birthday celebration. ♦

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A family celebration for Hoon Sook Nim's birthday on February 5 at Hannam-dong



Having returned to Korea the day before, True Parents hosted a lunar New Year (Sol-nal) gathering at Hannam-dong official residence on February 5. Korean national messiahs and leaders offered a traditional bow to Parents—and received the customary New Year's gift of money.

In a family, the grandfather and grandmother are the ambassadors sent by the heavenly kingdom. Our mother and father were sent to be the kings and queens of the present kingdom on this earth, the center of this universe. Grandchildren are loved by their grandparents and their parents. Since grandchildren receive love from their grandparents and their parents, they are inheriting two kingdoms: one in heaven and one on earth. That is why this inheritance has a foundation that can prosper eternally.

Father, February 11, 2000