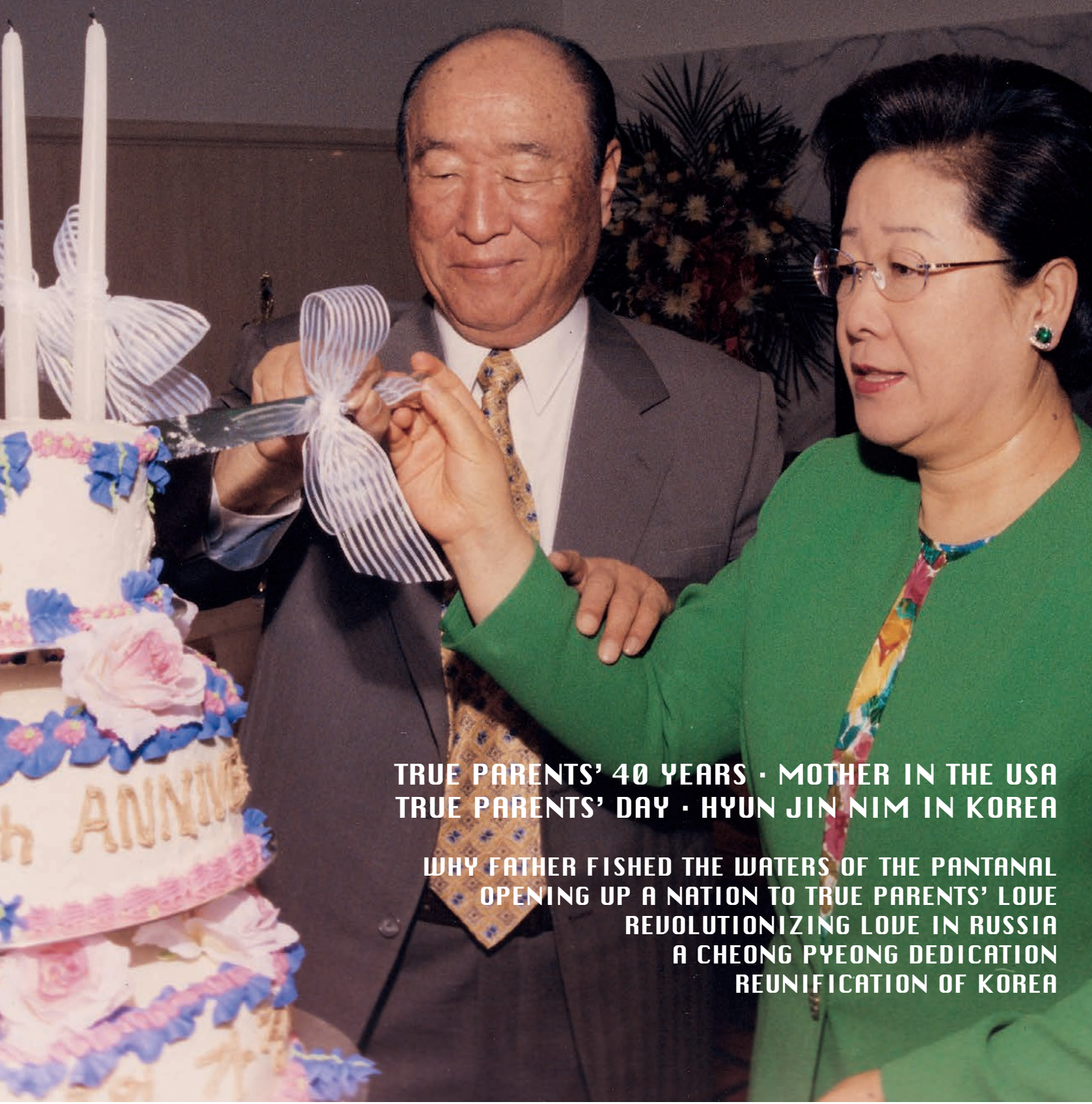


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OPENING UP A NATION TO TRUE PARENTS' LOVE
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Message from the Publisher

Reverend Sun Jo Hwang

Understanding Our Role in a New Providential Era

From a sermon given by Rev. Sun Jo Hwang on April 16, 2000, at the Headquarters Church in Seoul.

It is imperative for us to know exactly what the current providential situation is. As those who are going the way of God's providence, if we are not aware of this, we cannot realize who we are, where we stand, and what our life signifies. Thus, maintaining a consciousness of God's providence is crucial to all of us. At which point is the providence at this moment?

WE MUST KNOW HOW THE PROVIDENTIAL ERA IS CHANGING

As you know, history is directed toward a distinct purpose. Human history is not just vaguely developing. It is doing so certainly and progressively. But the process of its development is not always the same. Sometimes it stops or even goes backwards. Sometimes it rapidly progresses and develops, overcoming various crises. Its process of development is like the life story of a single man. Father explains life in this way: childhood is preparation for young adulthood; middle age is preparation for old age; and old age is preparation for entering the spirit world. Father says that life in this world is a period of training and preparation in order to possess cosmic character.

Just as one life is progressively developing toward an ultimate purpose, so is human history. There is a main axis in history. Through the flow of this axis we come to understand the theory of the central figure. When we analyze God's history we see that God has chosen the central figure, central tribe, central nation, and central religion. We find a certain flow through which the providence has developed. There must be a substantial group that has succeeded in and developed the mainstream of history.

The general public has not influenced the history of God's providence very much. Rather, it is whether central figures have fulfilled their responsibility or not that has caused history to develop or decline. In the present, we must now be that central historical group. In this sense, history will certainly develop according to our life and practice. If we are such beings, what is most important is to precisely under-

stand the providential meaning of this age.

Since the fall of Adam and Eve, the history of humankind has been endlessly repeated through providential events. Sometimes God's providence has had to undergo periods of quiet; at other times it has come to the forefront of history. Whether in a major or minor way, whether hidden or revealed, God's providence has been constantly woven through history. In all that immense stretch of time, which age is of greatest importance? The answer is, 'this one.'

How important this time is! The hope of human history has been to have an ancestor of goodness on this earth. This means that the ancestor of goodness had to come in order to change the evil lineage of humankind and to begin a new history. Until now, history has been mainly in preparation for the advent of that ancestor of goodness. Jesus came as the ancestor of goodness after four thousand years of preparation. Then again two thousand years later, True Parents came to the earth. They have passed through numerous providential courses. As you know, True Father was born in 1920 and is now eighty years old. When he reached forty years of age in 1960 he was blessed with True Mother and together they began the True Parents' forty year course. True Father's first forty years was a course of preparation to become the True Parent. And the next forty years was the course as True Parents. Now we have entered yet another era.

On April 5, 2000, on the 41st anniversary of True Parents' Day, True Father said, "From now we begin another forty year course." Father clearly showed the current providential situation. From the viewpoint of True Parents, we can understand this time as being that of the

complete resolution of the past and the opening of the future. While there have been many kinds of providential events in the history of mankind, the final and the most dramatic event has been the advent of True Parents. That does not of itself mean the completion of God's will. Rather, the advent of True Parents means



The pure love ring that Father and Mother have been giving away during their speaking tour.

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TWENTY YEARS IN PRINT: This issue marks the start of the third decade for *Today's World* magazine, which has been published continuously since the April 1980 issue. In his Publisher's Note in that initial issue, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak said, "As you read *Today's World* each month, remember our main role of assisting Heavenly Father to resurrect this world and to embrace all mankind through our tears, sweat and blood." Let us continue this great calling together!



Hyun Jin Nim, together with CARP leaders and 2nd generation church leaders at Imjin-Gak, just outside the demilitarized zone (DMZ), April 25. The banner reads "University students from South and North take a big step towards unification." Imjin-Gak is the closest one can get to the North without special escort.

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South-North Unification is the Independence of Our Fatherland Regained

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
TRUE PARENTS' DAY SPEECH; APRIL 5, 2000
CENTRAL TRAINING CENTER, SUTAEK-RI, KOREA

This is an abridged version of the morning speech Father gave on the 41st True Parents' Day.

WHAT day is it today? [True Parents' Day.] You should have realized who True Parents are through this *hoon dok hae*. True

Parents are the masters who should take complete responsibility to liberate the fallen world. You should know that God will not be liberated unless all human beings on earth and their ancestors in heaven are liberated first. True Parents are the Messiahs who have to come to restore the order of love that has been destroyed. The Messiah has the standard with which he can solve all the messy circumstances of the satanic world and righteously guide it.

When the Messiah comes to this world, he'll have a family, won't he? Then, centering on the Messiah, his children will expand the lineage to a tribe, people, nation, the world and then to the cosmos. In order to save the descendants of fallen Adam and unite them centered on the direct lineage of the Messiah, God has led the providence of restoration from the level of the individual, tribe, and people to that of the nation. That is the history of the nation of Israel. The nation of Israel had the responsibility to connect its circumstances to those of Jesus, the Messiah to come, on the level of the individual, family and nation. In the course of restoration there is a certain environment. When God created, He created the environment first. There must be subject and object in this environment. Although God's ideal of creation collapsed owing to the fall, the original environment of creation is latent in the individual, tribe, people, nation and world, and even in the cosmos. In all these environments there are absolute plus and minus, or subject and object.

If Adam and Eve, who were the representatives of the original environment, had not fallen they would have united with each other horizontally and been attended as the parents, establishing the starting point of a peaceful family. If children offer filial piety to their parents, their parents will become happy. Parents who feel happiness



through their children want to bequeath everything that they have to their beloved filial sons and daughters. Parental heart wants to give even more. If children are born with the tradition of such parental heart inherent, and they continuously succeed in practicing this tradition, it will continue to develop from generation to generation as it is passed down through the relationship between parents and children.

Due to the fall, however, that environment was totally destroyed. According to the principle of restoration through indemnity, the Messiah had to come based on the foundation of the nation of Israel. Because Satan had formed nations, centered on the Messiah the nation of Israel had to go beyond the national foundation of Satan and thus restore Rome and the world. That was the purpose of the Messiah. It was essential for the nation to establish an environment of Cain and Abel so that the Messiah could be sent to Israel. The nation of Israel was Cain, and Judaism was Abel. Had this Cain and Abel united—in other words, had the nation and the faith united in Israel—they could have made unity with any religion and country. If the Israelites had accepted the Messiah, he could



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have stood on the foundation of a national environment. United as Cain and Abel centered on the Messiah, they could have restored the environment of Cain and Abel that was lost by Cain's killing of Abel in Adam's family.

What you should learn from the issue of Cain and Abel is that the relationship between subject and object has been absolutely necessary in history. If Cain and Abel, and Adam and Eve had united with each other, they would have been united with God in that environment. In restoration through indemnity this must be done by traveling a reverse course. First of all Cain and Abel must be united. Therefore the people of Israel and Judaism had to be united first. Had Jesus started his family based on that foundation, the entire nation of Israel would have been blessed and engrafted into the family of Jesus, and then Jesus would have dominated Israel. Do you understand? Moreover, on the global stage, Israel was the Abel nation and Rome was the Cain nation.

From the providential point of view, if the nation of Israel was to have been a unified nation it would first have had to unite the twelve Canaanite tribes and then unify the Middle East based on the twelve tribes in the Islamic region. Fur-

thermore, it would have even united all the Asian countries centered on the Asian religions, such as Buddhism and Confucianism. If Israel had been united with such big nations as China and India, it would not have been a problem to change the Roman Empire. Actually, Rome was a humanistic nation that served its people rather than God. That is why it was Cain-type. If the oriental religions had been united, Israel, the Abel type nation, would have naturally absorbed Rome as Cain. Then how could this Cain and Abel have united together? It could not have been done by force. If Israel had loved Rome to the standard of loving its enemy, Rome could have been absorbed into the realm of religion centered on Jesus. If that had happened, Jesus would have become the king of kings in the world at that time.

However, Israel did not follow Jesus and disturbed the history of the worldwide providence so that it lost its position as the chosen nation in front of God. This was like Adam's couple who fell in the Garden of Eden. The Jewish people have not appeared in the mainstream history of God's providence since that time, and Christianity inherited the position of the second Israel and began the worldwide course beyond the national level. Its course has been on a spiritual level because it did not have a nation.

Jesus lost his body on this earth. To restore that, a unified realm in the spirit world must first be created, and this must be connected to the earth. It must be prepared in order to cooperate with the Lord of Second Advent when he comes to the earth. It is for this reason that Christianity has established such a unified spiritual realm.

The fervent desire of Christianity has been to hold the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. Yet, it has been divided into Catholic and Protestant, which have been fighting each other. These are Cain and Abel. The Messiah can unite Cain and Abel as one. Because the Messiah comes to them as parents with parental love, those struggling brothers will cease fighting. One holds the right hand of one parent and the other holds the left hand of the other, calling them father and mother. We have Catholicism, Protestantism and many other religions. To resolve their conflicts and bring unity among them, the Messiah should come as the True Parents. But Christianity has not followed the Lord of the Second Advent. Until now, Christians have been struggling among themselves. They have not known who their parents are, how God's providence began, or what its purpose is. This is like Adam who fell into ignorance. True Parents know all the secrets of God, of history and of Satan. They will teach them to those religious people who do not know, and open the way to unification without conflict between Catholic and Protestant.

Someone on earth has to find a solution to the problem of the fall. The one who is to come with the solution for everything is the Messiah. Therefore, if people absolutely believe only in the Messiah, they will be qualified to inherit the entire providence realized by the Messiah up to that point. The Messiah to come should first unify the spirit world and then unify the earthly world. Do you understand? [Yes.] The Messiah was supposed to appear in this realm of Christian culture and afterwards to unify all realms of the divided spiritual world. Had the Christian culture accepted the Messiah, restoration

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would not have taken more than seven years. Had the Messiah united the Pope and the top Protestant leaders, no matter how many Christian denominations existed, he would then have unified all of Christianity. Becoming aware of the previously unknown mysteries of the Bible, they would have realized that their starting point and direction had been wrong. Because they had divergent purposes, they established different teachings and faced in different directions. Because of this, Catholics and Protestants have struggled with each other. They should have realized that such conflict between the Catholic and Protestant spheres is unforgivable in God's will. They would have united centered on the Messiah, repenting of such mistakes.

However, due to Christian persecution of True Father, the foundation to fulfill God's will was lost. You know what happened because of Ewha and Yonsei universities... These universities were founded by six major Christian denominations. They were deeply connected to the Korean government by women leaders. Maria Park was vice president of Ewha university and Hwal Lan Kim was president. Then there was the first lady, Francesca Rhee. Those three women formed a trinity. Had Ewha University united with True Father, he would have been able to bring unity with the Korean government and Christian groups, no matter how much the American military and American missionaries opposed this. If everything had gone as hoped, the blessing on the national level would have been given to all of Korea.

Korea consists of family units. This means that the family is the foundation of Korea. If all the families among its forty million people had received the blessing at that time, the country would have been unified on the basis of those blessed families.

If Cain and Abel are united within those blessed families, they can unite the Cain and Abel of Christianity. This unified Christianity can unite Cain and Abel among all religions, and eventually those unified religions can unite the nation. This country will be the completed foundation in which blessed families can establish the Kingdom of Heaven, which was the desire of the people of Israel and of Christians. When such a nation—the independent heavenly fatherland—appears in this age, it will influence every nation and establish God's Kingdom on earth and in heaven.

In God's Kingdom in heaven and on earth all humankind are brothers and sisters. There are those in the positions of Cain and Abel. So there must be the position of parents at the center. Patterns of "up and down," "right and left," and "back and forth" are established. That is to say, in the family, parents are positioned "up" and children "down"; the wife is on the "left" and the husband on the "right"; and sons and daughters are at the "front" or in the "rear". Such patterns were meant to be realized on the national level, weren't they? Centering on this standard, up and down, right and left, and front and rear would have been established on the national level. However, this plan was opposed and True Father was exiled into loneliness.

Adam lost the family foundation, and Jesus lost the national foundation. Do you understand? [Yes.] When we restore the national foundation, the family foundation can be

safely restored. If you had attended True Parents, who made all the horizontal preparation to establish a nation, True Parents would have become the parents on the family, tribe and national levels, and would have blessed the entire world. Had this occurred, True Parents would have automatically been connected vertically to the cosmos and to God. When this realm of parental heart, which is connected to God through eight stages, expands horizontally out to the world, the blessing ideal is fulfilled centered on True Parents. Then your families will be engrafted to the blood lineage of True Parents' family. All those families engrafted are the unified Cain and Abel, and have equal value.

Although the Unification Church has already become known worldwide, it has had to surmount a number of pinacles of suffering before reaching this point. Now people realize it is good, and that it has good members and good ideals for the family. Our ideology cannot be found in the sphere of philosophy and is very much superior to those of the established religions. It will become the foundation for peace and liberation in a unified world centered on God as the true Lord. When each family becomes the inheritor of God's Kingdom on earth, true nations will appear from such glorious families. If we can realize such an ideal, what more need we hope for?

No group that has opposed the Unification Church has remained. If an individual, family, clan or even a nation opposes the Unification Church, it will collapse. The communists went against the Unification Church but eventually declined. America has long persecuted the Unification Church, but it has begun to recognize that the teaching of the Principle holds numerous solutions to the otherwise incomprehensible contents of the Bible, and is superior to other systems of thought. People stopped opposing and began to repent.

You've heard about the *hoon dok* seminars, haven't you? Knowing the importance of this time, I asked Rev. Kwak to organize *hoon dok* seminars for leaders of society. However he was so worried on account of his own experience with workshops that I said, "If I ask you to do something, you shouldn't just start worrying and then not do anything. Don't make excuses; do it right away!" You should absolutely follow True Father's words. When Rev. Kwak followed my instructions the result was very good. The content of Father's words is so extensive that it can answer any difficult question. Until this point we have had seven seminars, and invited eminent leaders from many nations. Nobody has tried to oppose us during any of the conferences. How could they know about the spiritual world or the history of God's providence? Through these conferences we could show a new vision for politics, economics and ideology, one which those leaders have longed for.

It is a good age for us. Although Korea has persecuted True Father for forty years through seven or eight presidential administrations, severely condemned him for supposedly damaging the national prestige and even cursed him, hoping for his downfall, Korea now needs True Father. No matter how they have tried to unite Korea they could not find a solution. However they have seen how True Father has united enemies such as the Japanese, the Germans and the Americans. So it

A father and mother can be given the position of parents only when Cain and Abel are united. I gave you the rings this time for this purpose. True Mother distributed rings to you, didn't she? I will do the same in America too.

is not a problem for True Father to unite Koreans, who do not think of one another as enemies. Is this true or false? [True.] We have entered such an age. As for North Korea, the people there know too that there isn't any way to survive without True Father's ideology. That is why they have sent a gift for my birthday for each of the last ten years.

How many days have passed since the last blessing? We held the blessing on February 13. When did we hold the rallies? [From February 21 to March 12.] Think about that. We held twenty-one rallies during this period. In the last rally, on March 12 in the Olympic Stadium, we showed the great, latent energy of the Unification Church by mobilizing enough people to fill the stadium with just ten days of preparation. You see, many candidates for the National Assembly wanted to meet Rev. Moon to get his support in this election. However, I only train those leaders who can love both North and South. We should educate such assemblymen.

Since I am responsible to lead the movement for the unification of North and South Korea, I organized these speech rallies over twenty-one days. When I spoke, I declared that anyone in the audience younger than eighty should become my younger brother. (Applause) Wherever you visit and announce a workshop to people, they will know who you are because we are already well known.

I presented one thousand five hundred rings to women. Those who received the rings are really my sisters. Do you understand? Fallen Eve lost her elder brother, father, grandfa-

ther and king. In this sense True Parents can be elder brother or elder sister. Everyone should perfect each position: individual, younger and elder sibling, father and mother, husband and wife, and grandfather and grandmother. So isn't it necessary for women to connect to True Father? [Yes.]

I want you to make a promise to me today. I particularly want the Japanese members to make a promise. Let me ask you, Japanese, to give rings to Korean women, even though you could not fulfill your main responsibilities. It is not so expensive. I want you to buy a Korean woman a ring. Please raise your hands if you are willing to do this. Don't you know how precious that is? You will gain brothers and sisters. Japan should unify brothers so she can keep the position of the mother nation. Do you understand? A father and mother can be given the position of parents only when Cain and Abel are united. I gave you the rings this time for this purpose. True Mother distributed rings to you, didn't she? I will do the same in America too. You should not exchange such rings between people from the same nation. In order to promote one world or one global family, all people from America, Japan, Korea and other nations should exchange rings internationally as an expression of love and solidarity. Such a time has now come. [Amen.] (Applause.)

If we present two or three such rings to each woman in North Korea, will they willingly accept them or not? [Yes.] If women from America, Japan and South Korea invite those matched North Korean women to each country, will they



God has worked hard. Then True Parents worked. You are destined to become the princes and princesses of God who also work hard for the same purpose.

gladly come or not? If they meet all women who presented the rings, and if twenty million North Korean women visit foreign nations to make unity with their siblings through these rings, where would they then expect to live, in such a miserable nation or in a nation of freedom such as Japan or America? What do you think? Would they continue to live in North Korea or move to another nation to live together with



their new brothers and sisters? They would automatically have to pack their things even though no one directs them to move, as when young women feel a yearning to go out when spring comes.

Do you remember that I took final responsibility when Japan could not organize the blessing event there last year? We had just forty days before the blessing day to prepare everything in Korea instead of Japan. We finally held the four hundred million couple blessing ceremony on February 7. If Japan had done this, how glorious it would have been! Japan will have one more chance for the next blessing. So you should make the foundation to even mobilize your prime minister as a public relations officer to the world and invite many people.

Eve should restore Adam, shouldn't she? Eve, united with the archangel, made Adam fall. Do you understand? Therefore both nations should support Korea to overcome its financial crisis. They should be determined to even sell their property to help Korea. But if someone tries to make money for his own sake using the difficulties of Korea, he will perish. I will not let them be prosperous. This is not a threat. In terms of the principle of restoration, Eve and the Archangel must give thanks to Adam.

Who divided Korea into North and South? It was Eve wasn't it? [Yes. It was.] But no one thinks like that among the Japanese. Therefore I have to sacrifice Koreans, Japanese and even members of the Unification Church from around the world for the sake of the unification of Korea. Then we will have God's nation. Do you understand? When we have such a nation, the children of God, including the beloved saints and sages, will settle in this homeland and the cosmic foundation for the families in which they can live forever in attendance of God will appear. This is God's ideal of creation. Do you understand? [Yes.] (Applause.)

Today we must celebrate True Parents' Day. What is more important for you to do today, however, is to adjust the direction of the Unification Church in the world toward the unification of North and South Korea, the last barrier to be surmounted. Focusing on this direction, we have to establish God's ideal Kingdom of Heaven in this land which will be the nation of God, true parents and true family. This will not be the Kingdom of Heaven for individuals. This Kingdom of Heaven will eventually appear and continue forever. Owing to the failure of Adam and Eve, the Kingdom of Heaven has been empty since the fall. When God restores His original position and dwells in this world as the Lord of all nations, it will be our fatherland, the eternal and unchanging Kingdom of Heaven, in which we will live. Amen. [Amen!]

To establish His Kingdom of Heaven, God has worked hard. Then True Parents worked. You are destined to become the princes and princesses of God who also work hard for the same purpose. To explain more about this I have been speaking on the topic, "The Course of Life for the Princes and Princesses of God." Do you, especially you Korean members, understand? [Yes.] You are elder sisters and brothers. The elder should love and teach the younger. That's why I have sent Korean leaders to Japan to teach them. You should know that True Father has protected Japan against collapse. Now

I pray that the Unificationist families may bear in mind that the historical calling to liberate God and humankind is connected to each one of them...

Korea and Japan are one nation. Korea and Japan should unite with each other and love the son, the Archangelic nation.

There will be a providence of settlement for the sake of the unification of North and South Korea. It will be a substantial act of registration. I have been holding the Ideal Family Workshops in Jardim for this purpose. Those who have received True Parents' blessing in Jardim will immigrate here from every nation

We need the unification of Korea in order to restore independence to the fatherland. You should be volunteer "soldiers" in establishing our eternal fatherland. If I command you to mobilize for this purpose, will you move quickly or slowly? [Quickly!] If you are determined to become such a soldier, please pledge to be so by raising your hands. [Amen.] Good! Let us have a round of applause.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

How earnestly have You been expecting this world to realize the harmony of heaven and earth and become like a garden in May with all the flowers in bloom! We know how thoroughly You have anticipated the realization of Your ideal of creation. We deeply feel from the bottom of our heart how people must be truly sorry that they have not loved all things and all people, and not attended God. We realize through our deep repentance what the true way of a filial son and daughter, the true way of a loyal person, the true way of the saints and sages, and the true way of a holy son and daughter is.

I pray that the Unificationist families may bear in mind that the historical calling to liberate God and humankind is connected to each one of them, and that they can have the conviction that they are pioneering the path of salvation for this world based on knowing God's will—no matter where they are living and no matter how alone they are. Please make them into courageous sons and daughters that trust and love Heaven, and are willing to invest themselves with the heart of absolute obedience. I pray on this occasion of the 40th anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding that all of them may become the princes and princesses that can closely serve God in the heavenly realm. I pray for Your guidance for all of them to push themselves toward the day of victory and not to be discouraged along the way.

All members throughout the world and even in the spirit world wish to come to this place to celebrate this day centered on True Parents. I wish for You, Heavenly Father, to please show your grace of blessing upon

all of them and their descendants. If there are people who are determined to sacrifice their lives for the sake of God's Kingdom and world, and devote themselves to fulfilling their responsibility to have filial piety, loyalty, sainthood and holy sonship, please bless those people with Your eternal protection and care. I know that You desire all people to receive the blessing and thus belong to Heaven. This is also the desire of True Parents, all members of the Unification Church, and even all blessed families in the spirit world. We would like to seriously redetermine to march on toward swiftly fulfilling this mission and to return the glorious victory to our Heavenly Father. Please bless this determination. On this 40th anniversary of True Parents' wedding, I pray that these desires may be fulfilled. May You, Heavenly Father, bless their fulfillment. I pray in the name of True Parents. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Additional words...

Today we celebrated the 40th wedding anniversary of True Parents. I declare to heaven and earth that people will continue to commemorate this anniversary forever. Do you understand? [Yes.] Whether we repeat the second 40-year course or even the hundredth 40-year course, the satanic world cannot come even one step into the victorious realm of the 40 years of indemnity as long as you become absolutely one with True Father's teaching and words. True Father has the responsibility to bestow such victorious authority on all generations throughout history. Therefore, if you did not accomplish everything during the first forty years, you should accomplish enough during the next forty-year course. Through this I will create the historical moment when, in the future, your descendants will begin their own forty-year course. Amen. [Amen.] Can you promise me? [Yes.]◆

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TRUE PARENTS' 40TH HOLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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Photos: above, Kook Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim offer their respects to True Parents at the formal ceremony to mark the 40th anniversary of their Holy Wedding; top right, True Parents cuddle Shin Man Nim during the celebration; top left, In Korea, Hyun Jin Nim lays bouquets on True Parents' chairs at a celebration at the Hannam-dong residence

Inheritance and Development

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Hyun Jin Nim in
Seoul, April 26

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Today's World continues to follow the development of Hyun Jin Nim's global ministry.

Newly appointed Korean church vice president Young Jun Kim, who translated for Hyun Jin Nim during his time in Korea, mentioned the following to us: Although Hyun Jin Nim's tour was officially linked to his recent inauguration as World CARP President, Hyun Jin Nim is working foremost from the desire to ease True Parents' burden as their son and as an elder brother to the movement. The official positions he holds are the vehicles through which he can share his vision as True Parents' son, and work to develop the movement based on the existing infrastructure.

Like a person, a city has an individual character, the core of which remains the same even as generations pass. On October 30, 1929, students in the city of Kwangju set the nation of Korea ablaze. A group of Japanese teenagers had been harassing some Korean girls. The Korean boys who defended them were arrested; the Japanese boys were not. This set off demonstrations against the Japanese colonial rule. These spread from Kwangju throughout Korea, lasting four months and involving more than fifty thousand students. It was here that Hyun Jin Nim began his speaking tour of five Korean cities. Since then he has continued on to Japan, Thailand, Taiwan and the Philippines. The following are excerpts from the message he gave.

FIRST of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming here and participating in this inaugural tour. As President Hwang said, this is a new time; a new age is dawning. Whenever something new arrives, it is usually best received and best inherited by young people. That's why when I look at the crowd today, and I see young faces staring back at me, I truly feel that the foundation for this new age is emerging.

Our movement has faced tremendous hardships in the past. I know because I personally experienced them myself. I went to the United States when I was four years old, in 1973. It was during the seventies and early eighties that Father launched the One World Crusade. I remember going to elementary school and being the only Asian—not just the only Korean. On top of that, I was the son of Reverend Moon, who was stirring up the young people of America. So it wasn't uncommon that during breaks there would be kids waiting to beat me up. I understand the hardships and difficulties our movement went through because I experienced them directly.

I know that many of your parents suffered difficulties in trying to build the foundation for our church, the foundation that we see today. In Korean age I am thirty-two years old. Although I may look somewhat young, I identify with elders.

If you study what was happening with Korean Christianity around 1945, you will realize that was truly the time when the Lord of Second Advent was to come to this nation. At that time, Korean Christians had a unique sense, and a unique identity. Christian groups within Korea believed the Lord of the Second Advent would be Korean, and would come to this nation. They received that kind of revelation from God and from the spirit world. There was an apocalyptic type of spirit growing within Korean Christianity during that time—especially in North Korea, the Pyongyang area. This foundation was laid. Yet what happened? Those who were prepared by God were unable to accept True Parents. The prepared foundation of 2000 years and the foundation of 4000 years of the Old Testament era were lost. So True Parents stood alone, in

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the face of this immense providential mission.

Even when I think about the past, in my heart there is pain. That is why it is so important now as we enter into this new age—now that the restorative era, the period of indemnity, has come to an end and a new age is beginning—that we let go of that pain. It is analogous to the Israelites in the wilderness course. As a new age was dawning and a new kingdom was being built with the Israelites, God wanted fresh people, those who could look forward and who could build, not those carrying all that baggage.

That is why, especially at this time, it is so important that those of us who have a lot of baggage and who have experienced a lot of difficulties be willing to let those go to walk cleanly with new vision and new hope into this era. This is what this era means!

Remember I gave you an analogy of the Israelites walking to Canaan? It was the second generation that moved forward, that took charge, that took the lead. Now too, the call is out. The young people of our movement represent the second generation. Go out and initiate the building of this new world, this new kingdom. This is the era. This is the time.



I know, especially young people in our movement, because you are young, because you are searching, you get attracted or influenced by many different things. Yet you don't realize is that you don't have to look any further than yourself, who you are, what you are, for the truth you are searching for. If you are the second generation, your essence, who you are, is connected directly to God's providence. If you are young first generation, your identity, conviction is directly connected to True Parents and the foundation that was built. You need not look any further than within yourself. In other words, your roots are here.

Those who think that you create your identity, raise your hands. If you look at the audience right now, most of the young people say "We create our identity." Especially in America, that's the case. Each person thinks he creates his own identity. Individual freedom! Yet think about it and reflect deeply. Do we really create our identity or is it given to us. Let me ask you this question. (To one sister:) What is your name? [Choi Unshil] Choi Unshil? Why don't I call you Mary? Her name is Choi Unshil. Why don't I just call her Mary? Why not? You can create your identity, right? Mary sounds like a good name. You can create your identity. But, the fact of the matter is that she is Choi Unshil. Your identity was given to you by your parents, by your brothers and sisters and all the people that love you, that surround you. That's how your identity is formed. So if you really think about it, identity is something that you cannot just create or remake. It's something that is given to you. Even if I didn't want to be Father's son, I will always be Father's son. I will be Moon Hyun Jin. In other words, identity is given to you.

So I told those blessed children that what the outside world is telling them is false. To think that you can create your own identity without considering all those people who love you and care about you is a tremendous sin. Why? It is



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because truly our identity is molded by those around us. So I know that I am Moon Hyun Jin; that I have two older brothers, four younger brothers and seven sisters. I have parents: True Parents. They're my parents. I know that I have the whole Unification Church that looks to me as a member of the True Family. In other words my identity is formed by all the people around me. And it's my responsibility to live up to that and live up to the expectation of that identity.

Isn't it the same for you? Think about it. Really reflect and think about it. It's the same for you, too. So the conclusion is our identity is not our own to make. It is given to us by those who love and care about us most. That's why, especially at this time, the importance of family is going to be elevated.

Isn't it the family the school of love? And when I say love, I'm talking about true love, living for the sake of others. Isn't it in the family, through the relationships between parent and child, brother and sister, husband and wife, that we have ownership of true love, through directly experiencing it? So this true love, living for the sake of others, is something that should be learned within the family first. So what happens to the greater society when the institution of the family collapses? The young people don't learn or have ownership of this love. And you therefore see a lot of problems among youth. Because, where else can they learn this? Can you learn this in school? It is only in the intimate relationships developed, built and nurtured in the family that you have ownership of true love and therefore build a social consciousness of the rightness of living for others.

I asked [the participants in the *hoon dok hae* seminars], "Do you want to find solutions and resurrect the family? There is only one great teacher that for fifty years has constantly preached about ideal families. Do you want to know about that teacher? That teacher is none other than my father."

I asked them to look at the situation of the world today. "It is the young people that suffer, that are lost. Don't look for answers in things taught thousands and thousands of years ago. Look for answers from a great teacher that lives in our time, in our century, in our millennium, one who has endured in his personal life the difficulties that the world faces today. That teacher is none other than my father."

What do you think their response was? They were all leaders, movers and shakers of the world. They were totally amazed. "Oh, maybe we were wrong. We did not give Rev. Sun Myung Moon a fair shake. We did not hear him out. We did not truly study him before we criticized him."

There has to be a new generation of leaders that takes this message to new generation of young people who need it so badly. Isn't it your friends, your colleagues, your brothers and sisters that need this message the most? Because it is they that are suffering, it is they that are struggling, it is they that are dying from drugs, AIDS, and from all the difficulties that young people are facing. Aren't they the ones most affected? That is why we need a new generation of leaders. A new generation of people that are willing to commit themselves to spreading the truth to the rest of the world. That is why I say



the call is out!

I also used the example of Christianity and how Christianity could not accept Father. Therefore Father had to walk a forty year course, the course through the wilderness. All of these different shifts and changes happened in history based upon the decisions of individuals like you.

Filipino members back there! How many of you are back there? Okay, I see you. This is the first chance that you have had to hear a sermon in English. Are you going to learn Korean quickly? [Yes.] Faster than I can? [Yes!] Great! Because you should go out there to Korea, all over the countryside and bring people into our movement so they can be the ones that save this world, and save this nation, and bring about the Unification of North and South Korea. Can you do that? [Yes.]

I know a lot about Koreans because I myself am Korean. Even though I look like an American, the way I think is like a Korean. Father's family is a very traditional Korean family. Being one of the older ones in my family I am very, very Korean. So I know how Korean people think and I know the Korean character. I myself have Korean character. Korean people do not like to lose. Korean people, however, are very, very independent. This is a source of strength and also a weakness. The source of strength is that you can put a Korean anywhere in the world and he will do well. Because basically they are independent enough—they are able to acclimatize themselves to any kind of situation. But if you bring a lot of Koreans together into one place, trying to do something together, it is very difficult. Isn't that true? This is a problem. Because



Korean character is absolute, very Adam-like, very strong. If Koreans are willing to work together, there is nothing they cannot do. But to get them to work together, that is the difficult part.

I know that Kwangju is famous for the student movement. I am speaking in Kwangju, am I not? I heard that this is the area where people are very "heartistic" and they are vision-oriented. I have heard

that the changes and the movement that were initiated here eventually expanded and spread to the rest of the nation and really changed and rattled the whole of Korea. Some of the student movements and activities in the past have not been so good for the benefit of this nation. I think it is somewhat historical and symbolic that I came here to Kwangju first so that we can initiate a revolution here that spreads to the rest of the nation.

I came to you today first as Father's son. I came here as the vice president of FFWPU. I came here as the president of World CARP. But what I am most proud of is that I came here as your elder brother. If an elder brother sets the course, sets the direction, it should be the younger ones that follow, should it not? So, I am going to create a youth movement that rattles the world. Are you going to come with me? [Yes!] ♦

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Photos: Overleaf, Hyun Jin Nim arriving at Hannam-dong (greeted by Shin Chul Nim), praying, speaking, singing and meeting; this page top, ringing the bell of peace at Imjin-Gak (April 25); below, looking across Freedom Bridge into the DMZ and toward the homeland of the True Family's ancestors



Leadership Seminars for Reunification Held Throughout Korea

MARCH 31 TO APRIL 3, 2000



FROM March 31 to April 3, a series of eleven seminars was held throughout Korea to bring True Parents' message of reunification to provincial and city leaders. The seminars were designed to promote the reunification issue as one requiring crucial and immediate consideration, according to the providential viewpoint. Father's desire was that those who were campaigning for the National Assembly elections—irrespective of political affiliation—also have the opportunity to respond fully to the calling of the age. Four very senior and capable representatives presented the seminars: Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Dr. Bo Hi Pak and Rev. Sun Jo Hwang and Mr. Yong Soo Seol (who is chairman of the Chungang Labor Economic Institute).◆



PHOTOS: SEIL STUDIO

Twelve US Cities Welcome True Mother



PHOTO: GRAEME CARMICHAEL

True Mother's 12-city speaking tour in the United States must have seemed like the beginning of the tornado season: Mother whirled across the United States drawing in the hearts of everyone whose path she crossed and whose lives she touched. In Chicago alone, more than five thousand people from over 80 churches attended their event. The following comes from a report by Rev. Thomas W. Cutts in Atlanta, Georgia.

WITH only a month to prepare for the event, Regional Director Rev. Man Ho Kim began by asking members to offer their devotion, their dedication, and their donations. He established a daily prayer condition at the Atlanta Holy Ground and a leadership team responsible for the various aspects of the preparations. To invite guests to the event, witnessing teams went out every day, and passed out thousands of flyers. Hundreds of invitations were mailed. Three newspapers ran ads for the program. One witnessing team met with the leadership of University student bodies in Metro-Atlanta. Another team visited churches and invited ministers and their congregations. And members from other states also brought guests in chartered busses.

Although on the day of the event, the reception was scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., amazingly, guests started gathering at 6:00 p.m., and by the time the food was served there were already

several hundred people waiting for the event to begin. By the time Mother came on stage, there was standing room only. It was electrifying to see Mother, as she approached the podium, receive a standing ovation from such a huge crowd.

There were over 120 VIPs at the event. These included prominent elected officials, ministers from various denominations, business leaders, professors and educators, and community activists. Elder Boyd Hoglund, a Mission President of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, read a statement on the family from the president of the Mormon Church, and then delivered the invocation. A prominent political leader, a southern Baptist, introduced an initiative to have Bible study in the public schools. Minister Debra Muhammad, of the Nation of Islam, announced the Million Family March later this year.

There were proclamations, letters, and plaques celebrating the day, from the Governors of Georgia, and Tennessee, from the Mayor of Atlanta, and many other municipalities and jurisdictions.

Rev. Michael Jenkins was MC, and he wonderfully helped the mostly Christian audience grasp the value of FFWPU and gain an appreciation for True Parents.

Dr. Tyler Hendricks was eloquent in his introduction of True Mother, and of what True Parents are doing in America and around the world. The Rev. T. L. Bar-

rett, Jr., Superintendent of the Church of God in Christ further opened the hearts of the audience to our True Mother.

Mother's speech, "The Path of America and Humanity in the Last Days," was extraordinary. The audience read along in their booklets. Through the speech, listeners could understand the sorrowful path of restoration that God has trodden throughout human history. The speech seemed to lift up America. Every American, whether white, African American, Hispanic or Asian, could feel they had a part in the destiny of God. Mother's words truly helped heal the divisions between races and ethnic groups. Several times during her speech, True Mother had to stop to wipe her tears, and paused to compose herself before going on. The audience was in silent awe.

Mother presented grants to three groups and then received plaques and awards herself. There was a cake cutting to celebrate True Father's 80th birthday, and "Happy Birthday, True Parents" was sung by the entire audience. Then for the pure love ring lottery, Mother drew the number seven. The one hundred and sixty winners whose tickets ended in the number 7 were later measured for rings.

About 300 people then went to a smaller ballroom to join in the victory

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On the Path to True Womanhood



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*Even from amid the anguish of the Korean peninsula in the 40s and 50s new buds grew and blossomed into flowers...
As a young woman preparing for her future, could Hak Ja Han have known the vastness of her calling, or that she would reach out to the world with a heart of love only Heaven can bestow?*

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celebration. There we shared songs back and forth with True Father and the members in New York.

The next morning at 6:00 a.m. about sixty people joined True Mother for *hoon dok hae*. Mother asked Rev. Elay Kasongo to read from the very manuscript from which Mother reads during the tour. Rev. Kasongo was so moved by her reading True Parents' words that tears flowed down her cheeks.

Mother then had breakfast with some of the regional leadership. Mother was very happy and signed speech booklets, and asked Japanese missionaries and then one state leader couple to sing. It was a beautiful family spirit.

We like to think that True Mother lingered at the breakfast table because she was pleased with her visit to Atlanta.◆

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Rev. Michael Jenkins was MC during Mother's tour, after which Father appointed him President of our church in the United States. Former church president Dr. Tyler Hendricks was appointed President of the Unification Theological Seminary.



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Testimony of Pastor T.L. Barrett

Superintendent of the Church of God in Christ, Chicago, USA

When Pastor Barrett introduced True Mother at the event in Atlanta, he mentioned that Rev. Moon had given him the watch he was wearing. Later, upon returning to the airport, he related how he received that watch from Father. He began by saying, "If I hadn't followed the direction of the Spirit I wouldn't have this watch." While in Korea for the February 10 Birthday celebration, Rev. Barrett was invited to visit Father's suite. When he got there, leaders from around the world were presenting Father with gifts. But Rev. Barrett had not prepared anything to give. Then the Spirit said, "Give him your watch." Rev. Barrett looked down at his watch and wondered how he could give this great man this cheap watch. The Spirit repeated, "Give him your watch." So Rev.

Barrett took off his watch and presented it to True Father. Father became very animated and spoke in a loud voice. Rev. Barrett was afraid he had insulted Father with his inexpensive gift. But Father then took his own watch off his wrist and presented it to Rev. Barrett. Rev. Barrett could then see that Father was deeply moved by Rev. Barrett's present.

Mother later told him that Father had never taken his watch off his wrist and presented it to another person, except once—and that was during the Seung Wha Ceremony of True Parents' son, Young Jin Nim. Father had then taken his watch off his wrist to be placed in his son's casket. Father told Young Jin Nim, "By this token please know that I will always be with you."

When Father received the watch from Rev. Barrett, it was like a message from Young Jin Nim: "Father I received your watch." What an extraordinary birthday gift for Father.◆



"I was so moved by the words of Mrs. Moon. She spoke so deeply and so personally about her relationship with the living God. I was moved as she spoke about the Pure Love Movement...I applauded the work of the young people in the Unification movement who are teaching purity in our own Chicago public school system. Mother Moon emphasized how God must be put first in our lives. Finally, one point that really hit me was the point about our responsibility to clean up our own society. Mother Moon spoke about how the burden will fall upon our children if we do not do this." Rev. Frankie Williams, Inspirational Outreach

"Finally, people are beginning to accept the Unification movement and appreciate what it stands for." Dr. Al Stewart, Founder and General Overseer of the Institute of the Christian World

True Mother Wins the American

- April 8: Washington, DC
- April 9: Boston, Massachusetts
- April 10: Newark, New Jersey
- April 11: Chicago, Illinois
- April 12: Minneapolis, Minn.
- April 13: Seattle, Washington





Wins the Heart of can People

- April 14: San Francisco, Calif.
- April 15: Los Angeles, Calif.
- April 16: Dallas, Texas
- April 17: Atlanta, Georgia
- April 18: Miami, Florida
- April 19: New York, New York

"The program was amazing. I mean you had Lutherans like myself, alongside Pentecostals, Evangelicals, Jews, Catholics and Muslims. You had African-Americans, Hispanics, Filipinos, Koreans, Japanese and members of the Nation of Islam all standing side by side and hand in hand." Major General Ted W. Sorensen, USAF, retired, Korean War Veteran, President, AFC of Illinois

"I continue to be amazed and most appreciative of all that Reverend Moon and Dr. Moon have done for America. Their absolute commitment to saving our rapidly deteriorating society through true family values is just remarkable. Their message is so desperately needed." Rev. Charles A. Carpenter, Director of Pastoral Care, Southern Regional Medical Center, Riverdale, Georgia



Interview with 21-Year Award Missionaries: “God Took Hold of Us”

Rev. Kenichi Ito was among those missionaries True Parents awarded in 1996 for 21 years of continuous missionary activity. His couple's story is remarkable in that they spent most of that time in one country whose mission developed remarkably through their efforts. Kenichi and Keiko Ito were invited to attend one of the first special 40-day workshops in Cheong Pyeong that led to their assignment as national messiahs. While they were in Seoul for WCSF 2000, Rev. and Mrs. Ito kindly shared about the past 25 years with Today's World.



years old. The German missionary was less than one year in the church and nineteen years old.

TW: What are they doing now?

Rev. Ito: The German missionary, Kathrin Plane is now in her forties and has a national messiah mission to a Middle Eastern country. The American missionary, Charles Kamins, who was from Los Angeles, California, was a former hippie. He was very American.

He was very business oriented from the beginning. He had a special character...

Mrs. Ito: ...but very sincere.

Rev. Ito: Yes! And I had come from Japan, and was very Japanese, and Kathrin was German mixed with French. So we suddenly all lived together in the same house in Africa, never having met before. So, for three years, maybe five, we were struggling to unite, in all 120 nations. There were also a Japanese, a German and an American representative in the World Mission Department whom we reported to. The Japanese reported to the Japanese, and so forth. In the countries the three missionaries were struggling and in the

Today's World: How were you first called to an international mission?

Rev. Kenichi Ito: Just after the 1800 Couples Blessing we went back to Japan from Korea. The next day was the Day of Hope rally [the culmination of Father's seven-city speaking tour in Japan] at the Budokan Martial Arts Hall, so we immediately went out selling tickets. That same evening I was called to the headquarters. We did not know it, but people were being assigned as missionaries. We waited one hour while Father was holding a meeting with world leaders such as Paul Werner and Neil Salonen. Father then came up to the second floor with Mr. Kuboki and Mr. Oyamada, former president and vice president of the Japanese Church. He spoke to us for only one hour, then said, 'Okay, we are going to start assigning.' And he immediately assigned us to nations. It all happened so suddenly.

TW: You were assigned to Burkina Faso...

Rev. Ito: Yes, at that time it was known as Upper Volta. It was the first time I had heard the name

of that country. It is a very poor, heavily forested country. But my mind felt very happy, because if the people are poor, then they are almost like zero, or minus, and God is completely their subject. Externally, it might be a fight, but internally I was thankful. Since it was completely zero, it would be easier for God to directly work. I felt exactly like this twenty years later. I had many experiences there.

TW: How did the missionaries adjust to living with each other?

Rev. Ito: At the beginning we struggled with some unity problems, because the German and American missionaries were also very young, around twenty



World Mission HQ those three were struggling! Ours was one of the countries in which the three original missionaries lived together the longest. We lived together for almost ten years. We separated only because of a *coup d'etat*.

Mrs. Ito: When we had to separate we were crying. We were very united.

Rev. Ito: Even today,

we are almost like family, like genuine brothers and sisters. Charles is now living outside San Francisco where he's founded a real estate journal. If I go there I stay in his house. Living together was a good way to come to understand each other. Even when I wrote a letter to my wife, her reply came back a couple of months later. So it was almost impossible to communicate. Telephoning was very expensive and at that time we didn't have money. It was just like we were tied to Heavenly Father: we tried to pray and go to the holy ground, that's all.

Ours was the only Japanese family in the country. It was as if I were the Japanese ambassador. After one *coup d'etat*, the Japanese embassy in nearby Cote d'Ivoire, which served five countries, asked me what had happened!

One very interesting thing is that every time the government changed through a *coup d'etat*, someone we knew became president. We have met every president since the first. I think Heavenly Father's desire was for us to meet the president in order to restore national sovereignty. That is why He always pushes us to meet those people. Our position is like that of Samuel, while theirs is like that of Solomon, Saul or King David.

For example, one of them, who was an army colonel, became minister of foreign affairs. When we came to feel that this person was good, it was as if we anointed him. Afterwards, through a *coup d'etat* he became president, and everyone was very happy. We felt this was a good chance so we invited Rev.

Kwak to come. At that time Rev. Kwak went to the Central African Republic to meet the president, but due to other commitments he had to postpone his visit to Burkina Faso. In the meantime another *coup d'etat* took place and this president was removed. We regretted so much that we did not have much of a foundation and had not educated or advised him enough, especially about communism.

There were North Korean, Soviet and Chinese embassies in Burkina Faso

at the time, so we were especially careful because it was the cold war era. We were cold war era missionaries then, it was different from now. We'd received special training, education and advice about communism.

The government led by the army colonel we knew was also overthrown by a military group led by a young communist officer. An era of indemnity had started. Yet this new president, though a leftist military leader, had also visited our center once. His wife's younger brother, who had had some spiritual problem, had experienced a healing, so he had visited our center and I had spoken with him. When I



Photos: Facing page top, Mr. Ito and Kathrin Bombos-Plane with Burkina Faso members and guests at a workshop in 1978; bottom, "We made medical donations to the poor. We also dug a well. It cost \$10,000 because 100-meter depth is needed. As there is no surface water a well is very important. But it requires a lot of money and drilling equipment. Supported by IRFF Japan we could do this. Even today, the village people are still using it. When there was a cholera epidemic we gave a donation to the Ministry of Health for vaccinations. We also provided materials to an Islamic school. So IRFF was quite active."

Above, Mr. and Mrs. Ito visit the Tidiana Islamic mosque, in 1991; Mr. Ito is standing with Sheik Aboucar II who leads the mosque.

found out he had become president, I was so amazed. Even though he was an enemy, a communist... In the heart of the enemy camp, just as Moses grew up in the pharaoh's palace, we also survived in the heart of the communist camp. The members moved to a neighboring country for security reasons, then a few months later returned. Afterward, we needed some special condition; otherwise all our bases would be destroyed. So we held a special series of twenty-one and seven-day

workshops. That year, 1984, we gained forty members. We sent them out to pioneer cities and our membership increased. Because of this foundation we had more of a chance.

TW: Mrs. Ito, even though you were building a family, you still led an adventurous missionary life with your husband...

Mrs. Ito: We had five children, one of whom we offered to a childless couple, so, for us, four children. My husband has always encouraged me to be active in missionary work, so I would go out to visit the pioneer cities. One time, traveling on our motorcycle, we were involved in an accident with a donkey. That time also, God helped us. This was 1984. Mr. Ito was injured and bleeding, and the motorcycle was broken. At the hospital they didn't have any thread to sew my husband's wounds, so he was all bandaged up.

Rev. Ito: Because the next day was our inaugural PWPA conference in the capital city, Ouagadougou, we were in a hurry, trying to travel from one city to the next in one day. We were very tired and therefore had the accident. Meanwhile, the professors were arriving at the hotel where we were to have the conference. We returned to Ouagadougou by bus. The professors were astonished to see us. One was particularly friendly, a mathematician whom we had contacted seven years earlier. Since then, every year we have had a conference, but that was the foundation, coming a day after our accident. In the end, all the faculty direc-

tors became members of PWPA, and one of them became the president of the University of Ouagadougou, which is the national university. Almost all the main professors at that university have become members of PWPA.

TW: You met many influential people through your work...

Rev. Ito: Before my departure to the mission field, I was one among many CARP members, and as such I did not

feel so visible. But having been sent to Africa, several years later, we could understand we are the representatives of True Parents, not only in name, but also substantially. After we met a person, if we felt good about that person, he would become the president of a university, or the president, or a government minister, while if we felt a person was not good his position would decline. It was if we assigned them, eliminated them, made them president or set them up in another summit-like position. We have such authority; wow, our position is so terrible...

Mrs. Ito: We are nothing, but God took hold of us.

Rev. Ito: Once we become missionaries we become representatives of True Parents. Father said we must be the ancestor of our country, and we understand this more and more. The missionary position is not simply that of missionary but of representative of True Parents, with heavenly authority.

Three people we met later became president of the country. President Saye Zerbo, Thomas Sankara—the second president we knew, who was a communist—as was the third one, Blaise Compaore, whom Father met. We hadn't known much about him, but through his brother we could contact him. Before Father met this person, we prepared for seven years through his younger brother.

Mrs. Ito: Like this, our contacts became president...and now in the Marshall Islands too.

TW: How did you raise your family at the same time as maintaining such involvement in the mission field?

Mrs. Ito: We loved the members in our country and they loved our children. When we went to visit the pioneer centers the children were very small, but our members took care of them and gave them a good education. They felt very isolated because their father and mother were going pioneer visiting. Our first and second children would stand hand in hand watching their father and mother go out, their faces very pale. But our members helped and always guided them well, and they grew.

Through this our chil-



dren became very united. When mother and father went out for the mission, they felt, we must unite, we must pray for our mother and father.

TW: Please say something about the people of Burkina Faso...

Rev. Ito: Sometimes meeting the people of Burkina Faso, even in a very small village where they lived in a house made of mud, I found the people are in many ways the same as I would meet in Tokyo. Even though they are so poor externally, their internal heart is basically the same. Why? Sometimes they even asked me, why is Africa so poor, so primitive; why is our life like this?

Mrs. Ito: When we visited them, they were only eating once a day, not three times, but they would offer this one meal to us first. We didn't know this and at first and we ate everything, so there was nothing for them. But after we knew, we ate a small amount and after us they ate the rest of the meal. They used only one pot from which the husband ate first, then the wife and children. I felt that this would be too difficult for me. I didn't realize what was set before me was for the whole family. First the man should eat with the visitors and the wife and children eat what is left over. They offered the whole meal to us. They always had this quality of heart. Though it may be the first time we met, they offered everything they had. Such a beautiful heart!

We had many beautiful experiences. Sometimes there was no electricity at all. Only an oil lamp.

Rev. Ito: We could imagine it as being in Abraham's era: completely dark, the sky filled with stars, fantastic...

Internally, we really felt God was working through us even though we did not so much recognize it. So, we are just God's instrument or representative, True Parents' representative. Later I heard Father was first praying for missionaries to communist countries, next for missionaries to all foreign countries. So Father's prayer was working for us. That is why when Father came twenty years later to our mission country we were so moved.

In 1979 I went to New York to report to Rev. Kwak. When I went to UTS with Mr. Yoshida, that time Father came. Father stayed there together with UTS students beside the Hudson River, making some special prayer condition. At that time I greeted Father, I followed him. He stepped up to the bank and turned and Mr. Yoshida introduced me as a missionary. Father asked me, "Did you learn many lessons?" I answered, "Yes." Father sent us to learn many lessons in our countries. The next year all missionaries were called to participate in Father's 60th birthday celebration. That time Father asked us to please write down our testimony about how we could love one person; not many people, but one. Father wanted us to love each other. This was Father's point.

TW: You endured many difficulties...

Rev. Ito: Even in a dangerous situation, such as a *coup d'état*, we continued...

Mrs. Ito: Once Burkina Faso became a communist country, many people were being executed.

Rev. Ito: Like the Chinese Red Army during the cultural revolution in China, there were young soldiers in all the different parts of the city, and they were controlling with guns. We were very scared at that time, but even then God protected us, because we knew the president personally.

TW: So they didn't try to interfere with your lives?

Rev. Ito: He knew everything we were doing through many channels. There were many secret police. We had to reduce everything coming out of our mouth, because there were secret police everywhere. One time my wife was out with a team of members fundraising and they entered a prohibited zone, but she didn't know. At that time, I was in the US...

Mrs. Ito: They were shooting at the car. Because I was the leader, I should take care of the members, so I got out of the car. About eight soldiers encircled us with guns. I was crying out, "I'm sorry, sorry, I didn't know." A very young soldier, shaking with fear, was pointing a gun. He shouted, "Shut up, shut up or I'll shoot!" Fortunately God protected me. The leader was a good man, and he ordered the soldiers to put away their guns. God really watched over us during that time.

During the times of war as well.

Burkina Faso and one neighboring country, Mali, were fighting.

Rev. Ito: It was a frontier problem. The people, who are nomadic, always move from one place to another. Whether the land belongs to Mali or to Burkina Faso, means nothing to them, but for the country, authority and territory are important, so every few years war broke out. In the wars, Mali had more MIGs than Burkina Faso which only had one. Mali had perhaps five.

Mrs. Ito: Sometimes they came to bomb, and we were afraid.

Rev. Ito: There were air strikes, the electricity was cut, highways closed, and in the night soldiers would come. Other cities were bombed, but not the capital city. Many of our members were forced to go to the front line to fight against Mali. This was hard to see.

Mrs. Ito: But we stayed in our country continuously, in time of war, *coup d'etat*, Communist government...

Rev. Ito: Over the years we learned many lessons and had many experiences. We have a good PWPA membership and we also established IRFWP. We found good religious, Islamic leaders: one major Islamic leader with three million followers attended the forty-day workshop in New York. We started IRFF in 1982 and it was quite active. [See photo caption, page 21]

Mrs. Ito: We went to Korea to partici-

pate in Father's 70th birthday celebration—meeting Father after ten years, at his seventieth birthday. Father was wearing a white gown, we were also wearing white gowns; True Father was coming along slowly—slowly approaching us in his holy robe; just at that time he looked directly into my eyes and some spark arced from Father into my heart. I thought, "Oh, I received 10 or 20 years' great energy from Father. Oh, thank you Father."

Rev. Ito: Basically, if I were to describe all twenty years in one phrase, it is the practice of give, forget, and give again. Father is doing this. Father was the first missionary, first pioneer, to North Korea, Japan, America, Latin America...

Mrs. Ito: In 1995, when True Father and True Mother first came to Africa, their first stop was Burkina Faso. Before that for three years we had been doing a morning prayer condition at the holy ground. Every morning we woke up 4:30 and at 5:00 went to the holy ground, arriving at 5:30 and prayed. The holy ground is located in a small forest. Many members gathered there in rain, thunder, on beautiful days, in any kind of weather. When we sang many birds gathered and sang with us. It was very beautiful.

Rev. Ito: When we gathered at the holy ground, some kind of opposition party was also gathering, hidden in the forest. Something like this was going on, so an airplane would come immediately and follow us, watching us. We were afraid they might shoot us. There was so much tension trying to thwart our prayer.

Mrs. Ito: After this three years condition of praying every morning, in 1995 Father could finally come.

Rev. Ito: When Father visited Burkina Faso at the conclusion of 21 years of the world missions, it was very fortunate, because the president had invited him. When

Photos: Facing page top, *Father speaks to members at Silmande Hotel in Ouagadougou—the first speech Father gave in black Africa*; bottom, *Mr. Ito with Dr. Michel Sawadogo, President of Ouagadougou University, in January 1997*; This page, *a sisterhood ceremony in the Marshall Islands early this year*



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I met the president I asked, "Can you invite Reverend Moon to your country?" He answered, "Why not?" and then sent Father an official invitation. Father came to Ouagadougou and met the president. Soon afterwards, our mission changed to that of national messiahs. I feel that connecting Father to the nation's leader was the reason Father sent us overseas. It was fortunate that Father could be invited to our mission country.

Afterwards, our mission changed and we were again faced with a new challenge without any foundation at all; back at the zero point.

TW: Your new mission country is an island in the South Pacific! How did it feel to have to leave Africa and move to a totally different part of the world?

Rev. Ito: We were very scared at that time. Maybe many other 20-year missionaries felt the same; they wanted to continue. Our continental director even proposed to Rev. Kwak, who in turn asked Father, if those who had a strong foundation could continue, but Father said no, everyone should become new.

It may not have seemed so practical, but for some heavenly reason Father made this change. After we received the new mission by lottery, the Marshall Islands, it was like Upper Volta again, a country with a name I had heard for the first time. So I felt agony in my heart. But Rev. Kwak asked me, "Hey, why are you suffering? The president of your country participated in the first conference we had for the Federation of Island Nations; didn't you know that?" Some incumbent presidents participated in that conference in Tokyo in June of 1996. I was there, but I didn't know.

TW: Is there something you would like to say about the transition period?

Rev. Ito: To support the blessing preparations I stayed on as regional leader even after the national messiahs arrived. But by God's Day 1997 in Brazil, I realized I had to commit myself to the Marshall Islands. Also, my wife had a health problem.

In 1990 she had undergone surgery for stomach cancer. Her condition had



Mrs. Mary Note, first lady of the Marshall Islands, presents True Parents with birthday gifts from her homeland at a special banquet for the Convocation's most distinguished participants

been revealed three years earlier when I heard someone shout, "Cancer, cancer, cancer!" This may have been an ancestor. Then when we had a chance to go to Japan in 1990, I brought her to have a physical checkup and the cancer was found. Four fifths of her stomach had to be removed, but since then no there has been sign of the disease.

Mrs. Ito: I wanted to continue in Africa. I love Africa very much. At first when we were assigned there, the environment for seven years was very much hell, but we continued to work and to love the people, finally we loved Africa very much. Many members were coming but we didn't have any money. We'd have another child who would also suffer, everyone was so skinny, the older three children were especially skinny. At times, for example, we had only ten dollars to feed 20-30 members. It was a very simple life,we were crying, there was no money...

Rev. Ito: But at such times someone always gave a donation. We always felt like the prophet whom God fed with quail—somehow food was always brought. Finally we thought we could die for Africa.

Mrs. Ito: Working, visiting people...and then I delivered Mother's speech in 30 cities. In one city, 1,500 guests came.

Rev. Ito: That was in 1993 after Mother's

forty-city tour. But the Marshall Islands began a new era. Because the country is small, if we make some grand gesture the circumstances are sensitive enough that people could be offended. So we need to work quietly, if possible on a high level. If we give a bad impression, the consequences will be immediate and will take years to repair. So we are making effort to build genuine human relationships. This is so important to do.

The first lady [wife of recently elected President Kessai Note] came to Korea for the Convocation of World Leaders and Father's birthday celebration in February. The president couldn't come because of his newly established government. The first lady was very happy. She and one

minister's wife participated in the blessing carrying their husbands' photos. When Father met the minister's wife, he looked very happy and smiled. She was crying and testified that her ancestor had been the first missionary to bring the gospel to the Marshall Islands.

TW: Has your experience in the Marshall Islands been similar to that in Burkina Faso in any way?

Rev. Ito: Indemnity always has to be paid first; a lot of indemnity. In World War II, on one island named Miri, 4000 Japanese soldiers starved to death. At the beginning they had fought against the US, but later they were abandoned by the Japanese military. There was no way to supply them with food or take them off the island. All communication was cut. So they survived by themselves in a primitive way, eating coconuts, but finally they starved to death. We also experienced the same feeling. It is difficult sometimes to support Japanese missionaries, sometimes we have had only ten, twenty or even two dollars in the bank. We carry the thought with us, "Even if we die, it is for the providence."◆

Rev. and Mrs. Ito were blessed in the 1800 Couples Blessing in 1975. They now live with their family in the Marshall Islands.

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Suffering to Catch Father's Spirit

SPECIAL 40-DAY FISHING WORKSHOP FOR NATIONAL MESSIAHS IN THE PANTANAL

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CATCH one hundred and sixty fish, True Father told national messiahs. But he didn't say anything about swarms of mosquitoes, killing hot sun, flesh-eating piranhas, alligators and tarantulas. Those one hundred and sixty fish were not to be just any fish, mind you, but some of the most difficult ones to catch, namely, forty dorados, forty bogas, forty bakus and forty surubis or pintados. Also, they were only to be caught along the Paraguay River in the Pantanal, nowhere else.

In January this year True Father called national messiahs to a forty-day workshop at Olimpo, Paraguay, from February 20 through April 1, 2000, to fulfill this condition. By attending the workshop, he said, national messiahs would inherit his foundation and tradition.

Most Western participants were unprepared for the challenges that awaited them. The bite of the Pantanal mosquito proved intensely irritating. They attacked in unrelenting swarms that ignored repellent and penetrated clothing, even denim trousers and mosquito masks.

Because there were few boats available for the western group, most participants fished from the shore.

They were left early in the morning at a fishing site, then picked up in the evening. So, there was often no escape from the mosquitoes. The fledgling fishermen swatted and flagellated themselves with branches of abundant riverside vegetation and then endured as best they could.

The mosquitoes had a keen sense of timing. It was precisely at the moment

a fish struck and when one had to focus on identifying what species was biting in order to set the hook properly that mosquitoes drilled an elbow, a knuckle or a nose. That was a compelling distraction at a critical moment. Many fish

were reportedly lost at such moments.

The noonday Pantanal sun, which chased most mosquitoes into hiding, however, was a mixed blessing. While it did give some relief from the mosquitoes, by noon it was sweltering. It made fishing or any activity difficult or impossible, and a number of participants suffered from heat exhaustion. Often there weren't any trees nearby for shade, so unless one could construct a shelter, the wilting heat had simply to be endured until it lost its edge in the late afternoon and the swarms of mosquitoes returned.

As we struggled with mosquitoes and sun and learned the limits of our mind-body unity, boat captains who had piloted for True Father told us how he coped with them. The captains said that Father did not swat the mosquitoes when they attacked nor even brush them off, but simply bore them and continued to fish, speak, read *hoon dok*

hae or pursue whatever he was in the process of doing. He simply ignored the mosquitoes. Reportedly, he did not even scratch the bites afterwards.

Hearing this, a number of participants attempted to follow Father's example, but the itching caused by the mosquitoes was simply too intense for most to bear—particularly from bites in sensitive areas like the nose and knuckles. Within a few moments most participants were swatting, swishing and scratching because the irritation was too much to bear.

One captain testified that in the midday heat when companions attempted to provide a shade umbrella for Father, he waved them away. He would not accept any escape from the sweltering heat of the Pantanal midday sun.

In this way we understood from powerful personal experience that Father had greater mind-body unity than we did. Also, we only had to deal with these challenges for 40 days, but Father put up with them many months a year, year after year. It was clear for us that Father continually bore crosses for humanity that we were incapable of bearing—yet. We had to ask ourselves if we were unable to bear the burdens the messiah bears, then were we yet qualified to bear the title of national messiah? The answer was humbling.

This realization was also the beginning of our course of inheritance. In coming to understand our lack and Father's greatness, we understood that we need what Father has and that the Pantanal offers us a means to inherit it. This is not at all about mosquitoes and sun but about self-dominion in attendance. True Father set the standard of attending God without distraction in the midst of what were,



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for us, major distractions. In Olimpo, he sought to bequeath that to us. That meant the mosquitoes and sun were not, in fact, our enemies, but our teachers of attendance. Their mission was to teach us to attend without distraction. Could we be anything but grateful to our teachers?

In Olimpo the greatest challenge, however, was not the distractions, but the fishing itself. We caught thousands of piranhas, the aggressive predator fish with such powerful jaws that a school of them can rip all the flesh off a victim's skeleton in seconds. We also hooked hundreds of "quack-quacks," so named because of the distinct duck-like sound they make when they are caught. Other fish we brought in included numerous cousins of catfish, a smattering of eels, stingrays and even snakes.

The fish Father had asked us to catch were elusive. Dorado liked deep running water toward the middle of the river away from the shore, so those of us on shore rarely caught them. Bakus liked the round, yellow fruit of the "baku tree," and surubis and pintados preferred whole eels (expensive!), which only lasted until the piranhas came—usually in response to blood from in the water. Because surubis and other so-called "providential" fish were most likely to bite in the early morning and late afternoon, we were out on the river by sunrise and returned to our Olimpo workshop center after sunset. To accomplish that we rose at 4:30 a.m.—3:30 a.m. after clocks in Paraguay were set forward seasonally. We prayed at 5:00 a.m. (4:00 a.m. after the time change), then ate breakfast, collected our quota of bait, usually ten slippery eels, and were ready to go fishing in little more than an hour after waking.

As we waited for our boats to take us to sometimes-distant fishing spots or walked to fishing spots close to Olimpo, we watched the dawn spread across Brazil to the east across the Paraguay River. The morning was pregnant with the sounds of abundant life. After a full night's chorus, the frogs in wet ditches and marshes still chirped like crickets. Others



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sang distinctly "weep!" or "weep bird!" The ever-present mosquitoes whined, and a bird here and there claimed its territory as local roosters crowed. It was still too early for the myriad donkeys and pigs, which freely roamed the dirt roads of the village, to bray and grunt.

Within minutes, however, those sounds were drowned out by the drone of a Good-Go boat's powerful diesel engine starting up, the *put-put* of an arriving old green fishing boat we had rented from the local police chief, and the sputter and whine of gasoline outboard motors on small boats as the powerful arms of pilots jerked them into life.

We boarded the large boats in teams of six or seven people and the small boats in half-teams of three and were shuttled to our fishing spots. As we went out, the cool morning air blew strong in our faces, and dawn gradually filled the eastern sky over Brazil with myriad shades of rose and orange. If we were in a late boat, after a crescendo of colors had flooded the broad horizon from edge to edge with growing light, the sun would pop up, dazzling still sleepy eyes and making the white caps of the wake of our boat sparkle out behind us in a fireworks-like spectacle of effervescent spray.

In the evening after a full day of fishing, we returned bitten and bone weary to a shower—what a luxury!—and a gourmet dinner prepared with love and culinary skill by a team of smiling Japanese missionaries to Brazil. After a personal hour for washing clothes and replacing fishing tackle lost on logs and weeds that day, we gathered for *h o o n dok hae*, anecdotes about fishing from the day, such as, "How I caught my first surubi," and personal testimonies.

One evening Rev. Kang, a Korean national messiah, told us that unlike hunting, the target in fishing is invisible. In this sense fishing is a spiritual exercise because we cannot see the fish we are trying to catch. That is why it is excellent training in developing our spiritual sense, he said. "You are not really fishing," he said,



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"until your sensitivity moves from your mind down through your pole and line into your hook." We need to become aware of what kind of fish is nibbling at our hook and from what side he has come, he said. When we develop this sensitivity, then we can really begin to fish.

Other Korean national messiahs testified that we are fishing symbolically for the leaders of our nation, that catching the hundred and sixty fish Father told us to catch was an important condition not only for us personally but for our nations. In our struggle to fulfill this condition we will develop the knowledge and skills of expert fishermen, they said.

This capability will be helpful in our developing the hobby industry in our nations.

Evenings of entertainment and meals together were the only opportunities to bridge east and west. We did not fish

together, and most of the Koreans could not speak English, nor could most of us speak Korean. Nonetheless there were special moments of exchanging gifts and other non-lingual give and take, particularly among national messiah team members of the same nation.

That give-and-take ended abruptly when Father urgently called all Korean national messiahs back to Korea for a special project there. After they left, we inherited their boats. That meant that for the last week of the workshop we all could fish from boats as Father does and were thus able to fish in the center of the river instead of from the shore.

As a result, during that last week we caught about three-fourths of all the fish we caught during the whole workshop. The difference was dramatic. Before we had had boats, we had spent each day at one fishing spot on shore. Usually there were few or no fish in that spot and we often came home fishless. With the boats we could search for fish until we found them, then pull in five or even ten in one spot.

During that week we traveled up



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small rivers and were awe struck by the abundance of wildlife we found: black and white storks, beaver-like capibaras, alligators that sometimes slid up to

within a few feet of our boat watching us fish, sometimes with wide-open jaws. There were anacondas, which we sometimes caught, tarantulas and droning swarms of bees that flew ominously overhead but never showed interest in us—thankfully.

That week on boats convinced most of us that boat fishing is the way to fulfill Father's condition. Next time we go—and few of us doubt there will be a next time—we must arrange for everyone to be on boats for the whole workshop. Some national messiahs are even considering bringing their families to Olimpo to help them fulfill the condition.

The Olimpo workshop was

a tough and rich experience for all of us. We discovered and confronted our limits and were stretched to go beyond many of them. By sharing in the ordeals of his conditions for the world, we also discovered a bit more about what a giant of a man Father is—and where we have yet to go. ♦

Michael and Maria Kiely are national messiahs to Nigeria. They were blessed in the 1800 Couples Blessing in 1975.

Photos: Facing page top, Father's house at the Americano Hotel; bottom, the joy of a "counter" surubi; this page top, visiting a local Catholic church

The Zen of Fishing

PERSONAL REALIZATIONS FOR LIFE

Wolf Osterheld
Germany

THE river was brown. You could not see your bait, or the fish. Many hooks and sinkers were lost in snags. The line was cut by piranha time after time. Most of us had not had much experience fishing, but even among the more experienced there was lots of frustration. Very few of the right kind of fish had been caught in the first weeks. It was an event to have caught a "counter" and the testimony was shared with everybody. But with time and finding our way step by step, catching fish became more commonplace.

For the first two weeks I just threw out my line and waited for the fish to come. But through the "fish testimonies" I realized that this was not just a matter of hooks and bait and strength of line, but it was more internal. The most successful Korean national messiah told us that we have to first decide which fish we wanted to catch. My first reaction was incredulity: How could I know which fish was going to bite? I couldn't even see which type of fish was in the water. What did he mean? Later, and with more understanding of what bait the different fish like, which areas they live in and such, I realized he was right. Most especially, however, he stressed the importance of being very focused, that your mind had to be there—on the line, on the hook.

For me personally, the breakthrough came through

conversations with Roddy Portelance (national messiah to Grenada), the workshop leader. He drew many parallels between fundraising and fishing: "Mobilize the spirit world. Challenge them to help and support you to reach your goal." His most useful advice was "When you want to achieve anything you have to invest and lay conditions. If the

result doesn't come, you have to set more conditions. Without conditions results will not follow." This was something like a revelation to me and

certainly was what influenced me most in the workshop. It is incredible that only after 27 years in the church did I understand the relationship between investment (indemnity conditions) and outcome. I had so often taught about responsibility, but my "heartistic" understanding and acceptance of this point had been blocked.

This was a breakthrough. I realized that up to then I had not really been serious about anything in my life or in the church. I had done what was expected from me, such as witnessing and fundraising, but not much more. For me it was already hard enough—indemnity enough—to go out fundraising, to go out witnessing. Why should I

make additional indemnity conditions on top of that to reach a goal or achieve certain results? All my life, even before the church, I had had

this mental or "heartistic" block. I had not been willing to invest beyond the requirements. But this advice inspired me; now I was serious, I wanted to establish indemnity conditions. I decided to skip breakfast and do a hundred and twenty *kyung-bae* everyday.

Only after having fished myself did I understand what level of concentration, seriousness and focus is necessary. I cannot maintain my focus for just twenty-one minutes on a fishing line. I do not know how Father focuses for the whole day and on twelve to eighteen rods simultaneously! For us, the goal was to catch a hundred and sixty fish in forty days. But for Father, each rod represents a nation, or a president. As he cannot reach them substantially, he establishes these indemnity conditions through fishing. He cannot allow himself to be bothered by thirst, by mosquitoes, by the sun. Through this forty days I received at least a faint idea of Father's focus and seriousness, which he has maintained not just for forty days but throughout his life. ♦

Wolf and Brigitte Osterheld are national messiahs to Djibouti. They were blessed in the 2075 Couples Blessing in 1982.

Fish with providential roles: top to bottom, dorado (jumping high out of the water), dorado, piranha (showing notorious teeth), baku



A Revolution of Love in Russia

PROMOTING PURITY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BIG CITY

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Ekaterinburg, Russia

IT was amazing to see so many school children, 7000 altogether were filling up the central square of Ekaterinburg, the third city of Russia after Moscow and St. Petersburg. The posters and placards in their hands proclaimed their desire to uphold a pure love and healthy life style. My mind was filled with the thoughts of the 1970s when True Father was challenging us with the idea of holding a rally in Moscow. "Must-go" (Moscow), he used to say. At that time, in the midst of the cold war, it was difficult to imagine that one day we could do such a thing in the heart of the Communist regime. However True Parents' words not only became a reality, but so far we have been able to organize 51 such rallies throughout the region since 1998. Russia and CIS countries had a unique advantage to start pure love movement

and promote the idea of purity among the youth thanks to the moral, character education program called "My World and I" developed by IEF (International Education Foundation).

We have been promoting this program through holding conferences and seminars for hundreds of educators, school directors and teachers. Also, IEF has developed a lecture series that deals with such contemporary issues as drug abuse, AIDS, smoking, alcoholism and family values among the youth.

Following the fall of communism Russia is struggling to find its identity and is very ill-prepared to cope with the onslaught of social evil such as drugs, AIDS, youth crimes and prostitution. In particular, the drug and AIDS problems are getting more and more serious every year. For example, in Ekaterinburg the number of drug addicts has increased six fold since 1991 and AIDS cases have now reached 700—yet it

was non-existent just a few years ago.

Our pure love lecture program has received very high evaluation from the city administrations, education departments and youth committees around the region. More than 40 city administrations which we are currently working with are very much inspired and gave strong support to our programs. Our public relations teams, which consist of 15 young members, are busy traveling around the cities. They have given more than 2000 lectures to the 200,000 school children since 1998.

So inspired are they with the example of our young members that many administrations have asked us to organize seminars to train local youth to learn the lectures. During last two years we have helped organize ten leadership seminars for youth volunteers from the different cities and more than 400 youth have graduated. Many of them are now

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The Problem of Politeness

MISUNDERSTANDINGS between people of different cultures can sometimes arise quite simply due to the differences between their languages. It seems that the Korean and English languages lend themselves to this difficulty in their very structures and usage.

For example, even though Korean has two distinct ways of saying "thank you" (*kamsa-hamnida* and *komap-sumnida*) there is no simple equivalent for "please." There are Korean words such as *chaebol* and *budi* that express entreating or beseeching, but these are not used for ordinary politeness. To be polite when speaking Korean in the same way that saying "please" would make a sentence polite in English, one must know both the polite verb and the polite form of the verb [that is, in Korean, different words and different endings of words indicate

either politeness, formality or the lack thereof—Ed.]. If one can say "please" and "thank you" it is nearly possible to live in a culture! One can gesture to a door and say, "please" in order to have another person go through first, or one can point to an object one wants and say "please." If the event is followed by a "thank you" it almost seems as though the person can speak the language. But there is no such short cut to being polite in Korean. One must know the proper verbs and forms.

Conversely, in English speaking countries, parents instill in their children the importance of saying "please" and "thank you" from the earliest age: children usually cannot even get a glass of water without the "magic word" please! The word "please" conveys the sentiment "if you please" or "if it is your will."

But the politeness is used in a very

different way. For example, parents often will say something like, "Would you please open the window, Honey?" to their child. It is used as a request or order, which means, "Open the window." This is about as polite a way that one can make a request, but it is used to everyone, including children. The softness of the request carries the embrace of the parental heart, but it is nonetheless expected that the child will do what is being asked.

In Korean, the polite verbs and polite endings are used for people older or in a higher position than oneself. Since age and position nearly always go together, the higher person is almost always older. This is true to the extent that it is a common practice for a person to resign from a company if a person younger is promoted over his head. It is not proper in Korean language to use

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giving the pure love lectures and also helping the administrations to organize various youth programs.

"Fresh Wind," our rock group has become popular among the youth. They bring the new messages of pure love and healthy life style and the members

of the group themselves are involved in giving the pure love lectures. One of the cities said "You know, they are changing the youth culture of our city!"

So that's our hope and expectation. Bringing the message of True Parents to the youth, we can help this country find itself again as a great nation, not on Satan's side but on that of God in real-

izing the Heavenly Kingdom. ♦

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Death Is a Word from Satan

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My wife Nawarat died of bone cancer on March 23 of this Year. Because there were some unusual circumstances surrounding her sickness and passing, I thought it important to share her testimony.

Nawarat was born on April 12, 1963, in Jhasoton, Thailand. She was the 12th of fifteen children, nine of whom are now already in the spiritual world.

As a student of economics, Nawarat met our Church and joined in 1985. We were blessed in January of 1989, but Nawarat remained in Thailand with the ginseng business until we started family life in Nürnberg, Germany, in 1993. Nawarat was a rather quiet person, and it wasn't easy for her to be confronted with two new cultures at one time—German and Italian, but Nawarat never openly complained, an attitude she kept till the very end.

Nawarat's younger sister died of cancer one year before Nawarat. She was hit very hard by her sister's death and went to Cheong Pyeong a month later to try and liberate her sister's spirit. During her stay in Cheong Pyeong she was very serious in her prayers and had several spiritual experiences. Dae Mo Nim spoke directly to Nawarat, explaining her symbolic position as second generation Eve for her country of Thailand. She predicted that Nawarat would sacrifice everything and make an important offering to God in the future. After her return from Cheong Pyeong she enthusiastically joined in all the church activities and the pure love campaign.

Nawarat's very unusual situation began when, during her third pregnancy, it was discovered that she had cancer at very advance stage, which had already settled in her bones. I was completely shocked, especially as the doctors told me there would be no hope for her. A few days later, she had a double operation to remove the baby through Caesarean and to remove a tumor. The baby was in good health, but due to being two months premature he had to remain for two months in the hospital. I was confronted in one breath with the joy of my son's birth, and the prospect of my wife's death.

Prior to this experience I had never realized the importance of our church community. Seven families immediately began a prayer condition for our situation. I felt myself often floating on this spiritual support. I honestly don't know what I would have done, or how I would have reacted, without it.

I had also never before realized the far reaching effect the 14 years of my mission in our church restaurant would have. It was incredible, but the main doctor handling my wife's situation was a regular customer of ours. He recognized me before I did him. Several other people who would later be central in helping me with various things were also our restaurant customers. It was as if God was really blessing us with the fruit of our years of offering.

Of course, many people made many suggestions for therapies and cures for my wife. I had no idea what to do and was very grateful to receive, for a second time, a visit from our Korean national messiahs, Rev. and Mrs. Jeong. This time Mrs. Jeong had received a clear vision through her prayer, that Nawarat must go to the spiritual world. Rev. Jeong told me that death is a word from Satan, that Nawarat would go to a much higher place—a place of love. He helped me to see that, as the second son, I am in the Abel position in my family and as often in the history of Abel, I was being asked to make an offering. Through the strength and guidance I received from them concerning my wife, I could prepare for whatever may come more peacefully and with greater faith. I am deeply grateful to them both.

During my wife's three months in the hospital, she endured four operations. Still she remained peaceful through the entire ordeal. She tried to smile with her visitors and never wanted to ask too much from the hos-

pital staff. She often said "If I can continue to live and work for True Parents. I will be happy, but if not, it's also OK." I never saw my wife break down and cry, or express anger at her situation during this time. I felt very much she was supported from the spiritual world. Several people came to visit Nawarat in the hospital and they were amazed at how peaceful and strong in faith we

both were. Through Nawarat's offering I could directly witness to several people whom, under other circumstances, I would never have been able to reach.

Nawarat's offering also brought our brothers and sisters closer together. There had been division and bad feelings left over from situations that had occurred several years earlier. On the day after her first operation, Narawat told me, "Please offer all your work to God, forgive them, and let them forgive you for

any mistake you may have made." On the next day I followed her advice and could restore the relationships with those brothers and sisters. I could see the spiritual walls break down. The same night, she had a spiritual experience with an angel. He told her, "We are here for public work. Anyone can see us, but you have to have absolute faith and a pure heart." He then took all her pain away.

On the day after Narawat died, my parents and relatives came from Italy. They saw the caring and support of the members. They had to admit that although I was living in a foreign country, I was not alone, and that had I been living in my hometown I could not have received the same support as here. The Seung Wha Ceremony itself had an atmosphere not of tragedy but of hope and appreciation. My brother's wife, who is spiritually open, saw Heung Jin Nim and several members already in



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"I slept and dreamed that life is joy. I woke up and saw that life means serving. I wanted to serve and realized that serving is joy"

the spirit world attending.

It has been two months now since my wife went to the spirit world. I am at the moment taking care of my children, and a sister who felt called to come from the Czech Republic is helping with our last born son, Eric. I can feel a special blessing and protection on him and my other two sons who are only six and four years old. We are all incredibly peaceful. Although I am tested again and again in coping with completely new situations, both practically and emotionally, I feel incredible protection, hope, and faith that God is guiding me very directly.

I miss my wife, but I can cope with her absence partly because I can still feel her presence, and our children have received guidance from her through dreams.

Our last child Eric, is exceptionally joyful and responsive for his age. Nawarat had a dream during her pregnancy with him. He was around ten years old and leading many people into a fight for Justice. We picked his name Eric which means ruler, without realizing the connection to her dream.

My motivation in writing this testimony is to encourage you and show through my experience that through

the most difficult and even emotionally desperate situation, if we can keep faith, very direct spiritual guidance and strength will come.◆

Nazarreno and Nawarat Bellabarba were one of several Italian-Thai couples blessed in the 1275 Couples Blessing in Korea

Today's World recognizes that many wonderful brothers and sisters have gone to the spirit world over the years, and regrets being unable to include testimony of each one individually.

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Connecting with the eternal realm: the Memorial service for the ascension of Seung Oon Han, True Mother's Father, on March 18

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"high" verbs or endings to someone younger than oneself, unless one is speaking to perhaps a large group. If I make a mistake and speak "high" language to my children or their friends, it makes them very uncomfortable. They immediately ask me why I'm doing that. They do not appreciate it in the way an American might think that they would appreciate being respected. In Korean it is proper to just tell children, "Open the window," in a low form of a verb used for someone younger. In view of the stronger, slightly harsher sounds of Korean compared to English, it can sound quite grumpy to unfamiliar ears. Elders are expected to speak authoritatively to their juniors. And young people feel completely comfortable with that, whether it is in the context of family relationships or in an office.

The general expectation among Western people of softer forms of speech, and the expression of willingness to yield through the use of "please," means they tend to struggle with the brusqueness of the Korean style. In our movement, for example, if a Korean leader translates directly into English what he would properly say in Korean to a younger member, he or she might sound very impolite to a native English speaker

who doesn't understand Korean. Thus, as mentioned already, it would not be impolite for an elder Korean to strongly say something like: "Hurry, go close the window." But an American used to being ordered through questions like, "Would you please go close the window?" could feel insulted or as though he were being scolded.

One Western man I know well works in an office in which he is the only foreigner. He explained to me how difficult it was at first when the Korean office director would apparently order him about as if he were a child, or the pet dog. For example, when the director wanted to discuss a matter he would just call out loudly "Come here!" If my friend had somehow upset the "kibbun" (inner peace) of the office director over even a small matter, he said he would sometimes receive a chiding which reminded him of when he was a schoolboy. Sometimes he felt like saying, "I am not a child, I am 35 years old!" Over time, however, he realized that the director was simply speaking as older people do to younger ones in any situation, not being unpleasant or overbearing. He realized, also, that there were things he himself did that seemed very rude or strange to his Korean colleagues.

In the converse situation, at Universal Ballet when one of the Western artis-

tic directors who was choreographing a new piece would say things like, "How about going over there?" or "Maybe you should raise your arms higher," or "Would you please stand over here," the dancers did not take him so seriously. To them it sounded like he was just thinking out loud. The Korean staff kept telling the director, "You have to speak clearly, bluntly to Koreans. You have to tell them strongly to do something, not ask. They've been told things strongly for so long that they can't take your softness seriously. It seems weak."

It was very difficult for the director to change! These examples show that how requests or instructions are made can hurt feelings or cause confusion. In the Korean language "orders" go "down" and politeness goes "up". But these are not assessments of a person's value, nor are such orders considered insulting. They are quite simply the proper use of a language deeply influenced by the Confucian order of relationships.◆

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Dedication Ceremony for Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower and Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall

Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center
April 4, 2000



STANDING with silent dignity a stone's throw from the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, overlooking the lake, is *Chung Shim Tap*. Created under the auspices of Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim in the spirit world, *Chung Shim Tap* is a memorial tower (pagoda) commemorating the 80th anniversary of True Father's birth and the 40th anniversary of our True Parents' Holy Wedding. On April 4, True Father and Mother visited Cheong Pyeong for the dedication ceremony.

Chung Shim Tap is thirty-three meters in height and its structure symbolizes different aspects of God's ideal. Adorning its exterior are a series of bas-relief panels depicting various milestones and victories in True Parents' lives. Inside are engraved the names of those who donated money for the construction of the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace.

A new prayer hall, *Jeong Shim Won*, with a capacity of two thousand people, was also dedicated on the same day (see photos opposite).





Photos: Facing page, the unveiling and dedication of Chung Shim Tap is accompanied by the music of a brass band (at left), a burst of pyrotechnic artistry, and the bright spring sunshine;

This page top left, Jeong Shim Won prayer hall; top right, Father creates a special calligraphy "Temple of Clear Water and Holy Blessing" for Jeong Shim Won; left, True Parents, with Kook Jin Nim, two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim (Dae Mo Nim's medium) and other leaders, cut the ribbon to officially dedicate Chung Shim Tap memorial tower; below, a view of Cheonseong Wanglim Palace and the memorial tower from across Cheong Pyeong Lake



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the start of a new history. They do not accomplish everything themselves. They have been establishing a central foundation that will never be shaken. As True Parents they had to restore the basic foundation of the eternal, unwavering Kingdom of Heaven.

WE MUST BEQUEATH OUR FAITH AND TRADITION

Last February 10, we celebrated True Parents' birthday, especially True Father's 80th birthday. And we will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding on April 20. These events mark the closing of the previous age and the opening of the new age. I have said that there has been a transformation in quality providentially. Until now all providential periods and activities required changes in quantity. Every providential event has shared the same trait that they have been based on setting conditions of restoration through indemnity. Whether requiring a large or a small amount, everything should have been restored through conditions of indemnity. There were no exceptions to this.

However centering on True Father's eightieth birthday, history has completely changed from the history of indemnity to that of being indemnity-free. In this sense, we ought to appreciate what a precious position we are in and what a significant age we are experiencing.

I usually mention two points as appropriate indicators for the great changes of God's providence: first, the age has been transformed from the age of the third Adam to that of the fourth Adam; second, the age has been transformed from the age when we prayed in the name of True Parents to the age when we can pray in our own names. This may be the ultimate change. Such changes may not come again. The emergence of the fourth Adam may be the final change in the providence. That is to say, the age of the fifth Adam will not come at all. And the age of praying in anyone else's name will never come either.

We should know who we are. We must be the fourth Adams. We must be tribal messiahs. How can we clearly identify ourselves as a fourth Adam and tribal messiah? I can say it is as those who are to bequeath and pass on our tradition. We have to think of what we have to do as a fourth Adam and tribal messiah. First of all, as the fourth Adam, we have to follow the path to restoring the position of original

human beings, as True Parents have done. Together with our tribes we must also complete the four position foundation centered on God and expand its realm to the cosmos.

On the other hand, how can we possibly do all this? I think that we should first be those who bequeath tradition. Bequeathing tradition is different from simply conveying it. Conveying means to connect A and B. Conveying something means communicating it in an oral, written or other form. However, tradition can be passed on only through an inheritance of heart that is possible only through life.

We are now living in attendance of True Parents. We have to seriously concern ourselves with how to connect the tradition of True Parents' lives to our descendants and to the Cain realm. It is only possible through inheritance. And inheritance is only possible through participating in life.

We can find the best lesson on inheritance in the courses of Noah and Abraham. Why couldn't Noah bequeath his faith to Ham? How could Isaac inherit the faith of Abraham? Noah and Abraham both had excellent faith. Yet we call

Abraham the ancestor of faith. According to my understanding, Noah did not involve his sons in his work when he spent the 120 years constructing the ark. If Ham had joined in his father's work, he would have felt the greatness of the flood judgement through his entire body. There cannot be any true inspiration without

participation. When you are thirsty, you can feel the taste of water. Unless you feel through your body, you cannot feel through your heart.

Now in America, True Mother's rallies are proving very successful. But we cannot really feel such an atmosphere from so far away. If you could have been in the same arena and had brought people to share in the victory of the event, you would experience completely different feelings.

THE GOAL OF THE CURRENT PROVIDENCE

We are tribal messiahs and pray in our own names as fourth Adams. We should seriously think of how to convey True Parents' lives to the world and in future history. That can be possible only when we totally attend the providence of True Parents. Here we can find the meaning of our life. Yet how can we communicate the meaning and value of our life unless we leave traces of it in the providence as the people who have lived in attendance of True Parents? As we are destined to be living in this age, we must conclude that

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our value and importance stems from our actively joining the providence of True Parents.

The purpose of the providence unfolding through True Parents has been set anew at the beginning of this new age. It is the restoration of independence. It is the restoration of independence centered on God. That means to establish a true nation centered on God. How can we accomplish such a goal? True Parents blessed Korea, which was chosen as the third Israel, and set the goal of establishing God's sovereignty in this nation. Father proclaimed that he would establish that through the unification of North and South Korea. The unification of North and South does not just mean that of the Korean nation or the Korean peninsula. This means unification centered on God. In this sense, the unification of North and South Korea is a microcosm, and the ultimate unification is that of mind and body, and of East, West, South and North. It means overcoming total disunity. Accomplishing the unification of the two Koreas was chosen as a means of establishing God's original fatherland. This is the present goal of the providence.

We have two ways to achieve this goal. One is a grass roots movement, and the other is the blessing campaign. On this occasion of a new start in God's providence—that is, another forty year course based on True Father's forty years' preparation course and True Parents' forty year public course—True Parents have been investing all their energy into Korea with the purpose of establishing the fatherland.

HOW WE CAN ORGANIZE OURSELVES WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND

We are now in the first forty-day condition at the beginning of another forty-year course. What should we do during this period? We should mobilize for the great providence of True Parents. In the past, mobilization was in the age of restoration through indemnity. This mobilization, however, is the opening of the new age, and the great task of passing on this eternal present that connects the past with the future.

The method of mobilization has completely changed. This

is mobilization in the age of settlement. In the past, we had to leave our hometown and family to be mobilized. Now we have new types of mobilization in the new age. That is why Father said we can mobilize ourselves by doing activity and sleeping at home just once every four nights. That means we visit our relatives and tribe for three days and sleep somewhere other than our own home. It does not matter whether you are at a relative's, a spiritual child's house or some other family's home.

It is time to shout. It is said that if we keep silent, stones will shout in our place. It is said that if we keep silent, Satan will accuse us. We should not let stones replace us. The time has come for us to speak out. We will not be opposed by anyone.

I discussed with my wife about joining this mobilization. We first decided that we would stay in the dormitory where missionaries stay temporarily, next to the headquarters. From the first day of this mobilization I felt I could not stay at my home. I recommend that those who have come to this chapel this morning keep this condition. We should not let Father's words just drop to the ground. They absolutely must bear fruit.

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During this period we should establish a new tradition in the new age. Otherwise we cannot be the owners of the new age. If you do not have a place to go during this period, you can go to a workshop center, visit either your spiritual children or another member's

home, or stay in the church.

In the leaders meeting we came to the conclusion that we should first reorganize ourselves through the Word. In order to begin this new age according to True Parents' words, we leaders and core members should first of all practice them. The regional church directors, church ministers and elder members should put them into practice.

And as church president I absolutely intend to put Father's words into practice.◆

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Photos of recent events in Korea: Facing page left, Hoon dok hae with True Father at the Headquarters Church in Seoul on April 2; right, a meeting for national messiahs and Korean regional leaders at the Hannam-dong official residence on True Parents' Day (April 5); This page left, the April 4 celebration at the Wonjeon for the national holiday of Hanshik Jeol (officially

April 5), when family members visit the tombs of departed relatives; right, celebrating the 8th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Federation for World Peace, on April 12, 2000, at the Segye Times complex. In front at center is Mrs. Won Pok Choi, and to her left Mrs. Dae Hwa Chung (one of the first 3 couples), now President of WFWP in Korea



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True Mother listens to a second generation group song in San Francisco following her speech there on April 14

This is the time when the Parents and children who have been long-separated meet again. It is an age when there is free communication between the spirit world and the physical world, and when God's Kingdom is established in Heaven and on Earth.

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