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Reverend Sun Jo Hwang



The Final Providential Mission

The following is taken from a speech given at the first national assembly for Japanese blessed wives living in Korea, held in Taejeon on June 18th.

I WOULD like to talk to you about the providential time we live in. From the fall of Adam and Eve until now, the providence of restoration through indemnity has been continuing.

You were born in Japan, met True Parents, married Korean men and came to Korea to live as international couples. We have many journalists from KBS, MBC, and SBS [Korean television stations] here today. If they asked why you married Korean men, how would you answer? The right answer comes from understanding the providence correctly. You are witnessing and doing a lot of activities for the blessing. To understand why you do what you do here requires the right understanding of what you are being asked to do in this providential time.

On June 2nd, the 38th True Day of All Things, Father said that it is now a new age just like when Noah landed on the new world after having sent out doves right at the end of the flood judgement. In order to know the right path as true children in this new age, you need to understand the providence.

I will give you an overview of the providence since 1945. As you know the Second World War (WWII) ended in 1945. The end of WWII meant the beginning of a new age centered on the Second Coming. So True Father's official mission started at that time. There were two foundations made: the spiritual foundation

of the 2000 years of Christianity and the physical foundation of the victory of Christianity centering on the United States, Britain, and France.

The first seven-year course of the providence was between 1945 and 1952. The Second Coming (as the bridegroom) and Christianity (as the bride) were supposed to unite into one. If they had united, there was no way South and North Korea could have been divided. The division into two Koreas did not happen because of the Japanese occupation or even because of the Korean War, but owing to disunity between the Second Coming and Christianity. Because Christianity did not accept the Second Coming, he could not stand in the position of the Second Coming anymore. He could only play the role of a prophet. He fell into the position of a servant of servants. That is why, on February 22, 1948, Father was arrested and was sent to Hung Nam prison.

True Parents' Holy Wedding took place on April 11, 1960. That meant that they could stand as True Parents on earth. Since Christianity, which was supposed to set up the foundations of faith and substance, had failed, Father had to make the foundations of faith and substance on his own. This led to the birth of the Unification Church. On the foundation of the Unification Church, Father and Mother could stand in the position of True Parents in 1960.

Between 1960 and 1981, Father told us that there were three providential missions for us to fulfill. They are the home church movement, tribal messiahship, and the unification of South and North Korea. For four years since 1977, our yearly mottoes were related to the victory of home church. And for ten years after that our mottoes were related to Korea's unification. Since we failed the home church mission, Father called the forty years between 1945 and 1985 the wilderness age. First, Christianity failed and the second time, we failed. In order to indemnify the forty years of failure, Father and Father's family had to make conditions. Father's incarceration at Danbury and Heung Jin Nim's passing were the indemnity conditions that had to be made. After paying such an enormous price Total Victory Day, August 16, 1985, symbolized the beginning of a new age for us, as had 1945 for Christianity.

Then, what was the focus of the providence for the seven years starting in 1985? The bridegroom

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(Photo: the first conference, in Bridgeport, USA, in June)



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Benediction Declaring the Return of the Oceans to Heaven

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
JUNE 17, 2000
NORTH GARDEN, KODIAK, ALASKA

BELOVED Father, now is the time when the oceanic industry can have a secure foundation. Now that we have accomplished everything, we can reflect deeply upon the past days. Since commencing our ocean business in 1963, we have now come close to claiming the top position in the oceanic business on a worldwide level. As we look back upon the past days, when there were no children to comfort the heart of God, embracing the sea [i.e. to comfort God who was missing the time that His children could embrace the beauty of the sea without any inhibition] and to protect the natural items of the sea as their owners in this country, the True Parents came forward and undertook this task, traveling around the five seas. We have been living until now to see the day when God can string together all the gifts of the grace of blessing, which God wants to give to all people, together with the hope of humankind and of the True Parents, and offer them as the master of the heaven, earth, and all things. With all this, we have now come to Kodiak.

This is a historic place, where the Unification Church proclaimed the unforgettable Ceremony of Eight Stages and where the proclamation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, True Parents, and the Doctrine of the Heavenly Parents brought about a great transformation of the world. From this historic origin, we are seeking to bring order to all the chaos and bring together the realm of the oceans and realm of dry land, thereby being acknowledged as the masters of heaven and the sea and finally as the masters of the land, and offering to heaven the sea and the land in a reciprocal relationship as plus and minus. Now with all the contents of the providential proclamations and teachings, we are taking the path back to Korea in four days. Our rallies in Korea for the unification of the South and North Korea showed our members as a whole to be strong enough even to claim national sovereignty.

Please grant a blessing to our Unification people, who have been single-mindedly struggling and working hard to establish the standard of a country that can be home for the hope of God's heart, stepping over the crying hopes and aspirations of the ruling and opposition parties of the Satanic world and of the rulers of the South and North Korea.

The national messiahs of the Unification faith have been placed in Korea for four years to connect America, which is the elder son country, with the Northern and Southern Americas, thereby liberating the fatherland and establishing the global realm of reciprocity. The wives and sons and daughters of the national messiahs, on the other hand, have all been newly assigned to missions so as to keep the standard of the national messiah for the world. All such appointments are a strategy to tear down the final wall in order to accomplish and conclude Your will, which longs for the ideal realm of creation. Through this placement, they are to become one in heart and attain [the position of] Adam's family without the fall, which can find a home in Your heart in the original Gar-

den of Eden. And through this, as representatives of the family, tribe, nation, country, world and cosmos, they are to connect the foundation of the true love of liberation, meaning the original palaces of love, life, and lineage, to the infinite world.

I will visit Korea with the desire to receive Your permission to usher in the age of the unification of the South and North, in which we can announce a total settlement of our fatherland, the entire world, and heaven and earth in the realm of the True Parents' heart.

As for the agreement proclaimed by the heads of the South and North, which has now emerged as a focus of the world's attention, we Unification people should strive to make it bear fruit under God's victorious authority, and seriously and truly seeing it as the final pinnacle of our course, we would like to plant God's heart here with all our mind and body. Hence, please grant eternal victory, peace, glory, and honor to the will of the True Parents and the Parents of Heaven and Earth, who are going forward to find the day of the liberation of our fatherland.

From this time, when we have announced the day of the liberation of our fatherland and the day of the liberated Heavenly Kingdom on earth in Korea by means of new greetings, please remove the obstacles in the way of the heaven of the realm of the fourth Adam, demolish all the walls blocking the heavenly world and earthly world, and establish the realm of the liberation of hell, thereby liberating our fatherland, where we can settle down in the center of the earth, and complete the liberated Heavenly Kingdom and the heavenly world. We ardently plead with You for this.

Please accept this time, when we connect all the oceanic businesses of north and south Kodiak, and offer them to You. Please embrace the efforts of Korea, which desires to see the day of being able to connect the ocean and the land.

With the sources of life such as water, air and sunlight, with love of liberation, on the foundation of the family, which represents the whole, where You can find home, and on the foundation of the liberation of our fatherland, which represents the realm of the parents, all countries are trying to establish a respectable sovereign nation in the style of the United Nations by overcoming the sorrow of parents, True Parents, and the Parents of Heaven and Earth—a nation where we can express gratitude for liberation. All people should actively support this cause, become a member of a tribe of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth and the Heavenly Kingdom in heaven, and offer, to Your victorious authority of love, the sovereignty, people, and all things that have no shame before the heavenly sovereignty, thereby becoming the model for the whole, for eternity, and building a foundation for attaining the result aimed for. We sincerely pray that You will bless us to achieve this.

From now on, Your hope shall be fulfilled and things will proceed for the liberation of the fatherland. As we march

through the United States, Russia, China, Pyongyang, and Korea with conventions, please take all our steps under Your responsibility and let the hopes of the True Parents be realized through these conventions we organize in the future. Allow them to be monumental events that open the door of the victorious Heavenly Kingdom. We sincerely plead with You for this.

In this age, when earth and heaven can become one, and hell and the Heavenly Kingdom can be one, the conscientious people whose original minds are alive should be united and establish the mainstream of the liberation of our fatherland, establish heavenly blood relationships, and harmonize all things of heaven and earth through the law of the cycle. They should thereby proceed for hundreds of millions of generations into the future world under the rule of love, which perfects freedom and liberation and the ideal of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth. We sincerely plead with You for this.

This morning, as we notify You of this, Father, at the point that commands the attention of the True Parents, Parents of Heaven and Earth, and all the created world, we earnestly hope that Your will triumphs to reveal the dignity and glory of heaven, and earnestly ask You to allow us to establish the sovereignty of love of the liberated Heavenly Kingdom in heaven.

I inform You, Father, of all this. I notify You that I have appointed the blessed people in heaven and the thirty-three people liberated from hell as the heads of their respective realms, and through this we have completed the system whereby we can bring into line the spiritual world all the way down to the intermediate level through Jesus, four great saints, and monarchs.

Since everything starts from the spiritual world and is concluded on earth as the final place of settlement, please allow all the blessed people on earth and in heaven to unite as one mind and body and march forward toward the goal, and realize the realm of the liberation of the universe, thereby leading us to the world where the victory and glory of the Heavenly Kingdoms on earth and in heaven eternally overflow on the basis of the heavenly sovereignty of true love and the heavenly authority of ten thousand generations. We earnestly ask You for this.

This morning, please remember what we notify You of, and allow us the grace to march on and on into the world of Your all-

***Father and Mother
offer the Benediction
Declaring the Return
of the Land to God, on
June 24th, 2000, at the
Hannam-dong residence***

transcendence, all-immanence, omnipotence and all-capability, where all the blessed people of conscience, the blessed ancestors in the heavenly world and the blessed families on earth can unite and freely move around with the sovereignty and authority of God. As I ask You for this, I proclaim this on this morning in the name of the True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Father's words

Finally, as I have explained and prayed this morning, we are holding a ceremony to declare the return of the sea [to heavenly dominion]. The declaration of the return of the sea! Through this, all the evil spirits in the sea, who have been doing wicked things as they pleased, will be completely purged. After doing this, we must connect this to the land.

A UN-related organization has decided to present an award to True Parents. To receive an award in the name of the UN along with small children on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Korean War has great significance. This is why we are giving a notepad to four hundred thousand children, honoring Mother's achievement. Everyone will join in the fine arts contest.

If True Parents give awards to these children for the contest, this can lead to a good network whereby the parents of the 400 thousand children throughout the world can be all connected together. You should remember that our path leads toward such an important turning point.◆

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Benediction Declaring the Return of the Land to Heaven

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
JUNE 24, 2000
HANNAM-DONG, SEOUL, KOREA

BELOVED Father! Today, on the 24th of June in the year 2000, we have come here to Korea. After having established the standard we know as the Return of the Oceans to God, now, here on the Korean Peninsula at the southern tip of this continent, we center on the Return of the Land to God, a standard which can be connected to all six continents of the world through the central continent of Asia. Father, on this day, grant that the oceans and the land, including all the things in the original garden that You made as Your ideal of creation, can be connected with the name of the Parents of Heaven and Earth centering on the Return of the Oceans and the Land to God. I declare these things before the entire cosmos in the name of True Parents.

Therefore, grant that all the families that have received the blessing in the spirit world and all the families that have received the blessing on earth establish a unified family sphere on the earth through the bonds of blood lineage and centering on the new true love of God. Also, grant that the complete unification of North and South Korea is also connected centering on the blood lineage of this one unified family.

With unrestricted authority, and by standing on the principle standard that says that a qualified true subject can digest

and perfect a sphere that is in the position of a true object, Father, make all the standards of the absolute ruling and opposition parties in South Korea into one so that, with a heart of love of parents, they can embrace the country of North Korea. Father, please resolve the deep-felt pain that surrounds Your desire for the restoration of the homeland, which can become the foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in the spiritual world, existing for thousands and millions of years on this eternal earth as God's fatherland. Then, together with the liberation of all things in the cosmos, establish the human race--which You created as the center and whom You have liberated after opening the gates of hell, both in the spirit world and on earth. Establish them as the lineage of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, with one eternal, free and unified realm of heart, as a single people with one unified blood lineage, as the one blessed family of Heaven on earth and in the spirit world, and as the one victorious family chosen by God. Father, as we advance on the path towards the unified world that can reign over the entire cosmos, allow the entire world to choose the unified tradition that transcends the divisions between mind and body, that transcends the relationship between the couple

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Benediction Declaring the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
JUNE 29, 2000
HANNAM-DONG, SEOUL, KOREA

BELOVED Father! The Great Principle Path of the ideal of the true love of both heaven and earth was to have covered this universe in shining light, together with Your glorious love. The failure of the human ancestors of the original world of *shimjung* left behind a high hill of grievous pain, the high pass of historical *han* (anguish, bitterness). With great sacrifice, many tens of thousands built a wall around this high pass of universal grief. We humbly recognize the historical fact that Heaven initiated the benevolent path of restoration, in the place of humankind, in order to break through this. The True Parents and the children of the Unification faith know very well how much trouble and suffering was inflicted upon You, our Father, by the false and disloyal actions of the created world.

Now all the secrets of both heaven and earth have been revealed, and we know God's situation, we know God's *shimjung*. Today, the standard of passionate intention to establish God's desire centers on our family, as the fruition of the substantial manifestation of the ideal. In front of Your *shimjung*, which seeks for the establishment of a family of liberated nations, True Parents, on this earth, have known that heart, and, up to the present day, have walked a forty-year circular course in order to develop a unified direction centering on Christianity.

Centering on the time of the return of the True Parent, which has been the hope of Christianity since the Second World War, and centering on the love that God has for the sake of establishing the new family, Protestantism and Catholicism—the new religion and the old religion—could not become one during the cosmically historical and revolutionary time period for reconnecting the original root of God's lineage, the root that can be connected centering on the sphere of God's life. They could not attend, horizontally, the True Parents, who can attend God's *shimjung* vertically. As a result, passing along the reverse course, You, Heavenly Father have gone through the family level forty-year wilderness course to restore all the work and effort up to this time, traversing the path that the first and second Adams failed to complete, and from the beginning again, have been able to liberate the world of spirit and the world of material, to expand the blessing to a new, global level. Now, the struggle that must establish the final victorious authority lies ahead of us, the struggle for the final authority that can connect the final standard of settlement with the unification of North and South here in Korea.

The True Parent, who now stands in this position, has visited Korea together with Mother, in order to declare the final ceremony of return that can connect the oceans and the lands, as well as the return of the realm of the ocean and the return of the realm of land. Centering on Cheju Island, to fulfill all these declarations, we looked out over Mount Halla, gazed out over Mount Paekdu, then going over the Himalayas in their entirety, over Mount Everest, connected with the tranquility of the world, then again traversing rivers and center-

ing on the responsibility to return the original world of the oceans, came back to Korea.

All the connections and bonds we have forged, all our prayers and declarations up until the present time, Father, we should have fulfilled centering on Cheju Island, but have instead come to this place and declare all this before You, Father, and before the entire universe. Therefore, Father, please remember this day.

Now, we are at the end of June; although I could not prepare all that I had planned for the end of June, I have established a conditional standard of more than eighty percent. As a result, with no connection with Satan whatsoever, You can take the fervent wish to accomplish Your desire and exert Your authority to move all situations and events to the definitive place of victory, of complete supremacy. True Parents receive this here, with the reciprocating standard, and declare, in the place of the ceremony for the return of everything, the entire universe, that this foundation will transform into the world of liberation that has been achieved.

Therefore, in the center of this cosmos, as the True Parents, and in unity with the Parents of Heaven and Earth, I declare, before the whole universe, the blessing of the Return that can settle and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, by which the blessed families of the earth, together with the entire universe, together with the entire spirit world, can become one mind, one body, one unity within the sphere of God's love. I fervently desire that by accomplishing this, the link of the supreme authority of victory can continue, so that all situations and events in the future path of the Unification family can be resolved and met with complete success.

Father, I declare all these things, centering on this day, the 29th of June, at forty minutes past eight in the morning, and humbly, fervently ask You to establish this as a targeted mark in the world of spirit, and centering on this standard, to select and define all the crossroads of the cosmos. Father, in declaring all this in the place of the Ceremony of Return of the Cosmos, and in the name of True Parents, I ask You to bless us so that the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the entire universe can be embraced within, and digest, this content. In doing so, I declare the Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Father's Words

I have faith in you. You should have conviction that all things lost have been returned to their origin, God who is to be the Master of oceans, rivers, land and mountains. If you have confidence in yourselves, that you can make your way through single-handedly, all the work that will be ahead of you, I know, you can hasten the establishment of God's will and fervent longing. So, I hope that you will act with that understanding in mind. ♦

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in the family, between the parents and children in the family, between siblings in the family, and that transcends the clan traditions and the national traditions. Father, complete the liberated nation of true love dominion that You can freely handle and work with, as the entire body of cosmic history starting from the individual.

Father, along with the liberation of the entire cosmos, enjoy the victorious glory of ten thousand years with all things in the universe. Father, I entreat You, bless us to pioneer the glorious lifestyle of Heaven.

Now, centering on this hour on this day, True Parents return to You the lands of the earth along with the oceans, and declare the original return of the lineage of the one clan created through the heart of love of the ideal of creation. Prepare these things from a position of complete freedom, cen-

tering on the suffering You have endured for thousands and millions of years, and grant that all nations in the dominion of love may become the world of humans and all creation protected by the Master of Love, through Your all-transcendent, all-immanent, omnipotent, all-capable activities.

On this day, the 24th of June, I offer to You the return of all things; please receive them on the behalf of True Parents, as the Creator who resides in the Heavenly Realm. In a one-way flow that has been defined as the eternal standard of victory, take the universe in equilibrium, and bless us to advance towards the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven; with this in my heart, and in the name of True Parents, I pronounce the completion of the Return. Amen! Amen! Amen!◆

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Thirty-Eighth True Day of All Things

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
JUNE 2, 2000
NEW YORKER HOTEL

The following is excerpted from Father's words at the commemorative service, and was translated from the original Korean.

YOU should know that True God's Day began based on the establishment of True Parents' Day, True Children's Day and the True Day of All Things. For the establishment of True God's Day, the providence had to travel the course of restoration through indemnity from the lowest level, which means the level of all things, for thousands of years. It was the course to complete God's ideal of creation. When the providence started, it had to travel a reverse course. Therefore it had to first restore the Day of All Things, then Children's Day.

Accordingly, when we restored True God's Day after the restoration of True Parents' Day, we were able to liberate God. Then, on your level, how can you completely liberate the True God? You should be first educated and trained by True Parents and absolutely follow them.

Then you should become a true man and woman individually, and become completely one as a true husband and wife. Finally you should liberate the True God. All that will remain after such a providence are God's love, lineage, family and world.

What has remained as the *han* of God from the beginning of His providence of salvation after the fall? Throughout the entire history of salvation, God has aimed to realize the liberated realm of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven unifying both worlds based on His family, clan, tribe and nation.

That was the only purpose of God's providence of restoration. Amen. [Amen] Please say, "*Cham arasumnida*." [*Cham arasumnida*: I truly understand.] What did you understand truly? Did you understand the truthfulness of God or true love? Which is better for you? Do you prefer to understand God or to understand true love, even though you do not know about God?

It is all right even if you do not know God: not knowing God is not the problem, but you must taste true love. If you love the world desperately and plant the seed of that love in the world, then God will come to you. He will say to you, "I'm the God you did not know and I originally planted the seed. You did not know how to make the seed, did you? I'll teach you what the seed is." Then God will explain that the love between a man and a woman creates the seed. You can love your seeds more than yourselves. If you love humanity more than your own beloved sons and daughters, you

can have all the things the owner has, even including the owner Himself. So, he or she who loves the most can be the best owner of all. Such a man or woman can have the right of inheritance.

Who do you think is the number one man in loving the creation



Left and facing page: Father and Mother at the 103-day celebration for Shin Man Nim, second son of Hyung Jin Nim's couple, on June 1. Father said that, from now on, a newborn's 100-day celebration should be held on the 103rd day. This celebration was also to honor True Mother's return, the day before, from her world speaking tour of 24 countries.

You should know that true love is the essence that can filter any dirty water. So, if you pass the test of true love, you can clean anything.

on this land? Is it God or I? I try to compete with God day and night in the Pantanal, even in rain or a storm, thinking, "God could not have loved these as much as I do." In the beginning, I tried to love big animals. Later, I dug holes in the ground and caught little insects and tried to love them more than God does. God loves the insects hidden in the ground not only of this land but also in the Arctic filled with snow. I try not to lose the competition with God in loving such insects. Since I love the creation like this, I began to wonder why all these various kinds of animals gather in this dirty water in South America.

Actually, they have escaped from man and live in such dirty water. You know, the water of the Pantanal is very dirty, but it is heaven for those animals. So many kinds of animals and fishes are living there. If I asked them why they lived in such dirty water, how would they answer me? They may say that they would not want to be eaten by people who are destined to go to the hell and want to hide themselves in such dirty water because people try to exterminate them. Is that the right answer?

Then, what I want to do is to purify this water and to preserve all kinds of fishes from the crisis of their extermination. I want to raise those fishes and make them liberated fishes, that live in the water of original, true love. I want to clean the waters of the Amazon River and Paraguay River, which are flowing from the Andes Mountains, and to liberate all fishes from living in dirty water.

Likewise, we should become the princes and princesses of liberation who cleanse the dirty world where all people live like the fishes that lost their way. When all people are mobilized for this work, they will automatically be liberated and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.



If you are water, you should be 100 percent clean water. Are you convinced that you are 100 percent clean? You should indeed have a 100 percent purified qualification when you enter the Heavenly Kingdom. That is why you should pass through filtration hundreds of thousand times to clean yourselves before you stand in front of the gate. Why? Because it is an enormously difficult job to change the blood lineage from Satan's lineage to God's lineage. Even though the entire cosmos is against it, everything in the cosmos should pass through filtration, the course of exchange. Do you understand? You should know that true love is the essence that can filter any dirty water. So, if you pass the test of true love, you can clean anything.

I think you did not know this clearly before, but now you know it clearly, don't you?

What would you think if I took all the women away from their men and mobilized those women to save other poor men in the world, and have the men live alone for twenty or thirty years? If you make such conditions [of celibacy] in Buddhist temples, you may enter heaven and eventually enter the dominion of royal kingship of the heavenly kingdom. I may mobilize women and train them to do such work of liberation. Do you think God would say that True Parents shouldn't think like that?

Do you understand what I mean? [*Cham Arasumnida!*] You did not know truly until now. You did not know how to live.



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The most serious responsibility in my position is to take responsibility for all the families and tribes of those enemies who are going to perish. Unless I have such a heart, Satan would not have eternally surrendered.



not forget that. Because of this, humankind lost God and parents. Because of this they lost everything. Therefore you should know what the original root of the fall was. What is the next one? It is the holy ground of victory (*seungri*). It symbolizes the victorious completion of restoration through indemnity.

Since I have decided on these three holy grounds in Jardim, you should inherit more fortune during the forty-day workshop. You should become a liberator on the fundamental level and the levels of the root and victory. Consequently, you should prepare yourselves for the age of registration and migration with the worldwide fortune of North-South unification. Amen. [Amen.] In this year we should establish the proper conditions and accomplishments for the sake of the unification of the spirit world and physical world, unification among all nations, unification between religions and the unification between the Upper and Lower Houses in the US. The thirty-eighth True Day of All Things, this June, is a great moment at which to announce the new movement of global unification. It is the moment that you have been waiting for. Amen. [Amen!] I wish you to stand in the position of true liberation and love the creation on behalf of God. The day will come to us, when everything will be worked out and open to us. Amen. [Amen.] Will you make a dash for this goal? Will you just stroll along, or will you charge forward? [We will charge forward.]◆

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Now I can say, when I think of my responsibility, it may not be so difficult for me to love my enemy. It may also not be difficult to bless my enemy. The most serious responsibility in my position is to take responsibility for all the families and tribes of those enemies who are to perish. Unless I have such a heart, Satan would not have eternally surrendered. If there is even a little bit of hatred toward my enemies in my heart, that feeling of revenge will never completely disappear. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Although you have not understand clearly, you should know the truth of this. Concerning the creation, you should also love all kinds of things from animals, insects and fish. Furthermore you should make this world for all people to be able to live in--from orphans to princes and princesses in all one hundred and eighty-five nations. We should liberate God, True Parents, all people and all nations. That is the original purpose of God's will. When you go to Jardim, you should understand that you should think about three kinds of holy grounds. First, the Hotel Americano is the original, fundamental (*woncho*) holy ground. What does the "original holy ground" mean? It is the holy ground of God's ideal of creation. Second is the root (*kunwon*) holy ground. The root of human history was the fall of the human ancestors. The fall. You should

Photos: This page top, Father giving the Holy Day message for the 38th True Day of All Things; bottom, a Christian minister testifies about his experience with the American Clergy Leadership Conference in Korea; Facing page top, Father and Mother are presented with a card by a second generation couple; bottom, Father presides over the international leaders meeting on June 3, while Rev. Kwak speaks



True Mother Receives Peace Award from United Nations NGO

ON June 23rd, 2000, at a ceremony held in Seoul, our True Mother was presented with the "World Grand Prize Award" by the International Association of Educators for World Peace (IAEWP), a United Nations nongovernmental organization.

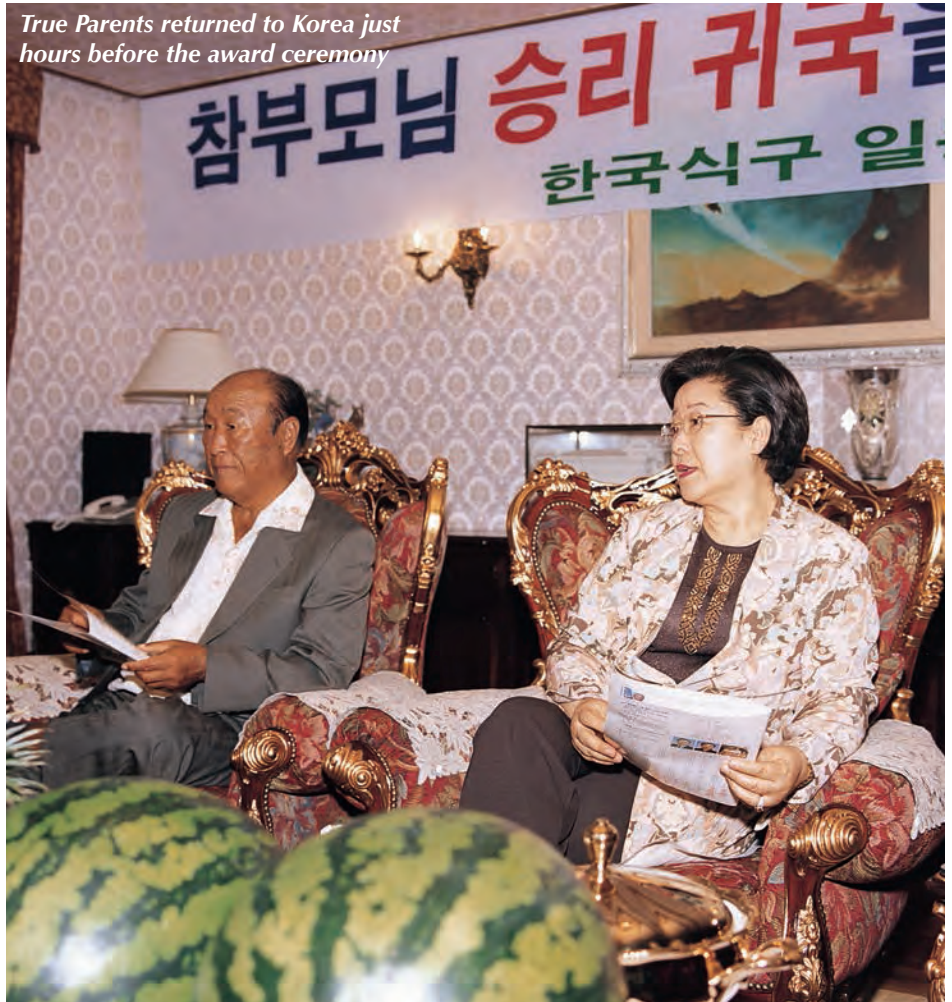
IAEWP World President and founder Charles Mercieca came to Korea and presented the award to Mother. True Father was present, as were Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Rev. Sun Jo Hwang and other Unificationist leaders. The IAEWP presents awards annually to those whose activities have furthered the cause of peace.

The award ceremony was held as part of the opening of an exhibition of photographs from the Korean War on the fiftieth anniversary of its outbreak, in conjunction with the Children's World Peace Painting Exhibition, an annual event organized by the Korean chapter of IAEWP.

Along with other dignitaries True Parents cut the tape in the ceremony to open the exhibitions. Following this, a ceremony was held, during which Mother received the peace award and presented prizes to the children for their artwork. Mother delivered the main address. UN secretary general Kofi Annan's message of support for the painting exhibition was read out and congratulatory speeches were given. ♦

[See page 14 for the text of Mother's speech.]

True Parents returned to Korea just hours before the award ceremony





World Grand Prize Award

Be it known to the whole world that

Hak Ja Han Moon

President of the Women's
Federation for World Peace

...has been granted the
World Grand Prize Award
in recognition of humanitar-
ian services performed with
notable dedication and
genuine concern for all
people, in an effort to bring
about progress, prosperity
and world peace.



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Award Ceremony Main Address by True Mother

DISTINGUISHED guests, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to express my deep appreciation for your presence at this Photo Exhibition held at this time of the fiftieth Anniversary of the Korean War, and of the Children's World Peace Painting Exhibition. It is truly remarkable that we could hold this exhibition to recall the memory of the Korean War. I believe Korea is a fatherland for all human beings who have desired peace, because during the Korean War this country was protected through the sacrifices of sixteen nations representing the United Nations.

It is more significant to exhibit this collection of children's works for peaceful unification on this occasion than at any other time because children are symbols of love and peace. Although one can distinguish between their skills and those of professional artists, works created by children's innocent hearts may be able to express even more earnestly the desire for the unification of North and South Korea, as well as the sorrow of our nation's long division.

Throughout my life, and together with my husband, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, I have been striving for North-South Unification by establishing many international peace organizations throughout the world. As we all know, Korea is almost the only divided country in the world today. I believe that the unification of North and South Korea does not merely signify the unification of the Korean peninsula, but also the reconciliation of communism and democracy, and the reconciliation of "Godism" and atheism.

Furthermore, it even signifies the appearance of a model nation for the building of a peaceful world. I can say with confidence that hearts of true love, and the practice of true love, will be much more important than anything else in bringing about such unification. These will be the true means for eliminating all the barriers. North and South Korea can be united when they have true loving hearts, giving for the sake of the other without any condition.

In order to create a 21st century full of peace, love and reconciliation, we all have to develop hearts like children. Then we will change this world that was, in the previous century, full of war, conflict and violence.

We can find the key to peace from our children. Children do not have struggles and disunion in their world. They have only peace and love. This is possible because they live based on their original natures, which are like evergreen trees and as clean as the clear, blue sky. When we live together centered on true love, we will be able to bring mind and body into oneness. The members of our family will live in harmony. Nations will be reconciled among one another, and finally this world will become one global family in peace. I hope that this exhibition for world peace will especially console the pain of the many divided families in our country and that it will fan the flames of our national desire for unification. Thank you very much. ♦

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From UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's written message to the Children's World Peace Painting Exhibition...

"The Children's World Peace Painting Exhibition enables the children themselves to view the world as their home, which needs to be looked after carefully through a good educational process. The struggle for peace cannot be taken lightly. Art is a weapon against ignorance and hatred, and an agent of public awareness. Art was one of civilization's first global movements. Through art, people are able to influence each other constructively, especially when they come to learn how to greatly appreciate the individual potential."

In His Own Words: David Sang Chul Kim

TESTIMONY FROM A 36-COUPLE PIONEER MISSIONARY

David S. C. Kim

Poughkeepsie, NY, USA

The life of David Sang Chul Kim is intertwined with that of our church and movement from its earliest days. His story is unusual in that he joined among the first in the mid 1950s and yet has spent most of his life away from his native Korea. As such, he is a source of much insight into the beginnings and the growth of the mission beyond Korea's shores.

Dr. Kim's account is drawn from content he kindly made available to Today's World, including the transcript of a recent interview (1997) with John and Sandra Lowen, and a testimony he gave in New York on May 1, 1984.

I WAS born in 1915 as the only child to a father of Christian background and a mother of combined Buddhist and Confucian background. My ancestors are South Korean. I have a copy of the Kim family genealogy, inherited from my father, going back twelve generations. They were primarily well-to-do people: landlords owning farms, and government officials in the Yi (Lee) Dynasty. One of them was an army general who served the Yi Dynasty at the provincial level, according to an engraved tombstone found in one of two Kim clan cemeteries, located in what is now part of the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea. There is no way to enter this cemetery now, except with government permission on Sung-myo Day (Spring Visitation of Ancestral Tombs) once a year. A few years ago, one of my remote cousins, who lives in Seoul, visited that Kim family cemetery, which is on three or more acres of land, to renovate and repair the burial grounds that had been neglected for decades.

As for my immediate ancestors, my grandmother, widowed when my father was three years of age, had a great impact on my whole family. She was a spiritually gifted lady, a devout Buddhist, always offering special prayers to Buddha for her grandson's future. She was associated with many

religious groups; astrologers, Buddhist priests with psychic powers and other interfaith spiritual groups and people came to our home continuously. This interfaith-oriented background in my family helped me to research higher truth not only from Christian churches but also from religions such as Buddhism, Confucianism, Shamanism, and other small groups with Messianic expectations in the various mountain-

ous regions in Korea. I know now that God prepared me from an early age to meet our Father and to help God's dispensation.

Just before I left for America in September 1959, my father handed my lineage's original genealogy to me and my wife. He passed away in October 1959, after telling my wife not to inform me of his death because it might disturb me in my special mission as pioneer in America. How-

ever, through my prayer, I sensed his departure from this world. At the time of his death, he was attending Unification Church Sunday services regularly, and even participated in the first Divine Principle examination conducted by the late President Eu. All members of the church at that time were receiving severe persecution and paying individual indemnity. My father, in those early days of suffering, believed in the Principle and True Father's teachings.

Like my father, I was an only son. Thus, my grandmother, father and mother were especially protective during my early childhood, molding me into an independent, egocentric and strong character. I became the sole object of all the attention in my family. If I wanted something, I always got it. This over-protective environment made it very difficult for me to adjust to life in high school, college and the outside world. On the positive side, it helped me keep my purity and innocence, encouraged me to think naturally and simply, made me take individual responsibility, gave me a keen sense of good and evil, of right and wrong, and enhanced my love for nature from the

very early days of my life.

Because one of my ancestors was the army general in the Yi Dynasty, I must have some kind of warrior's spirit, temperament and disposition in my blood. I think that God and True Parents are using my warrior spirit in the battle between good and evil; God and True Parents' war against Satan. I have considered myself the "heavenly General MacArthur" of the Unification movement for the last 46 years.

Looking back at my life in our church (in Korea, in England and in America), I was ready to fight on behalf of God and True Parents to help build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. In the 1960s I fought against the immigration authorities in Oregon [the USA's West Coast] who wanted to deport me because I was teaching the Principle and witnessing to True Parents at the Conservative Baptist Seminary I was attending. Beginning in the 1970s, for more than 10 years I led the spiritual and legal fight to obtain the absolute charter for the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), battling all the way to the United States Supreme Court. I brought success to many other events in my work in America in the long run by fighting like a general on the battlefield, seeking victory. During the 1960s and 1970s, I always felt that I was a spiritual five-star general, commissioned by True Parents and Heavenly Father. Definitely this nature is from my ancestor, the general in the Yi Dynasty.

Early student days and marriage

I went to Chosen Christian College from 1935 to 1939. It was established by missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of America. I attended the College when I was 20 to 24 years of age, a pure virgin bachelor. I was the source of pride and envy of my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, because I was the sole heir of the entire Kim clan birthright and I was studying at an American missionary college. Even in Japanese colonial days, Chosen Christian College, along with Ewha Christian College (a women's college established by the Methodist Church of America), were the most prestigious colleges amongst the educated Korean elite. This



In the early days

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American missionary college produced many Korean leaders not only in the fight against Japanese domination, but also in the years following liberation from Japan in 1945.

On my summer vacations, I regularly visited Changdan village, in Kyunggi-do province, where I received such overwhelming hospitality from my Kim family relatives. I greatly enjoyed those summer vacations. One of many fond memories is about king-sized *mandoo kuk* (dumplings in soup), which you can find in Korean restaurants everywhere.

My aunts and cousins made such delicious dishes that I broke a record by eating 25 *mandoos* at one sitting. This

was just one of the ways I experienced the power of love, togetherness and cohesiveness of the family unit. It exemplifies the respect of elders and the solidarity and unity of the extended family structure. Of course, they also expected that I would become a successful representative of the whole Kim clan and give our ancestors glory, honor, respect and worship.

During these summer vacation trips, I visited my ancestors' tombs, making a tribute to them according to our family traditions at that time. As I understand it, the Kim clan had lived in the past centuries in two localities, one in the village of Changdan in Kyunggi-do province, the other in the city of Chulwon in Kangwon-do province. Even as recently as the Japanese colonial days, the two localities were a good distance away from each other, so not much contact was made. Each developed in their own way. While the first group engaged mostly in business and farming for many generations, the ancestral group from Chulwon was very rich, landlords with many properties and farms. In Japanese colonial days, they were called the "Owner of 1000 suks of Rice Harvest" (*Chun Suk Kun*), which means quite a lot of wealth and riches. When I was a senior in college (1938-1939), I tutored one of my Chulwon relatives, a high school student, in their big mansion. I can still recall what luxury they lived in, with many servants and household helpers.

My wife's Kang ancestors origi-

nated from North Korea. During the 1920s, while the independence movement (from Japanese rule) was active, the whole Kang family migrated from North to South to avoid the destruction of the Kang family, due to my father-in-law's involvement in the movement. Under the constant surveillance of Japanese police and detectives at that time, they settled in the city of Kimchun in southeastern Korea. Her father was successful in the wholesale business of marine products in South Korea. He became well known in the Christian community as well as the business community. The whole Kang family were deeply dedicated, conservative

Christians. He was later honored by the Korean government as a "Patriot of the Korean Independence Movement." He passed away in 1955, while I was doing pioneer missionary work in England.

My wife gave birth to five children—one daughter and four sons. Our children are now grown up, but they were brought up by my wife in the Unification Church traditions and practices during the early days of suffering and indemnity, while I was serving as a missionary in England and the United States. We now have many grand-

sons and granddaughters. My wife's Kang family made a great contribution to the Kim lineage.

My wife, who came to Kunsan in 1940 to look for a job after graduating from Seoul Teacher's College and was a teacher in the Presbyterian Church. We met at that same Presbyterian Church and married on January 6, 1942. Another reason she came to that city was to avoid her parents' demand that she marry based on their recommendations. So she ended up marrying me. We had our first daughter on November 1, 1942.

Even in Japanese colonial days, my wife and I lived well, since I was an employee of a government-controlled industrial organization. I had a good position and was well paid until the end of World War II in 1945, when Korea was liberated from Japanese domination.

My blessing as part of the 36 Couples took place in 1961 while I was pioneering in Oregon, where I'd arrived

in 1959. Providentially speaking, my wife and I are the elder of elders in our church, the grandparents of overseas missionaries in our movement and the oldest of the 36 Couples now living in the United States. We received the blessing simultaneously: my wife in Seoul, Korea and I in Portland, Oregon in the United States. After hiring a lawyer and fighting against the immigration authorities, my wife and five children were finally able to join me in 1965 to support my work in the United States. We have been married 58 years since 1942 and we have been blessed for 39 years now, setting records in our movement. What a blessing the Kim family received from Heavenly Father and True Parents!

How I met True Father

I was open minded to other religions, even as a deacon of the Presbyterian Church and church choir director in the city of Kunsan, North Cholla Province. This background made it easy for me to come to True Parents in early February 1954. There was nothing to question about the contents of the Principle; no doubt that our True Father has come as the Messiah at this time.

In 1950, during the Korean War, I experienced God's intervention in a time of crisis, which saved my life from the communist atrocities in the southwestern region of South Korea. I retreated deep into the south, near the mountainous area of the city of Namwonto to avoid the communist guerrilla attacks. However, it was too late to continue southward because communist guerrillas had already blocked one of the two highways leading to safer places. In the midst of this total chaos and terrible confusion I prayed desperately to get inspiration about which road to take. Suddenly an "old, gentle, loving man" with purple robes appeared in the midst of my deep prayer, clearly giving me instructions about what to do from that time until the United Nations troops liberated that region. Thus my life was spared. I distinctly remember His clear voice instructing me on how to survive in the midst of the communist occupation.

This was my first encounter in which Supreme God manifested Himself to me. I later interpreted it as God's divine intervention to save me for the higher purpose of meeting our Father in 1954, four years later. During the three months I hid in the remote Buddhist mountain temple, I had a chance to learn from the Buddhist priests how to



communicate with the spiritual world and research how to apply Buddhist doctrines and philosophy to Christianity and other messianic groups scattered in the land of Korea at that time.

When our Korean government returned from the temporary capital of Pusan to Seoul, I made contact with Mr. Aum, Father's classmate from his college days in Japan (a very dear friend, now a heavenly Unificationist architect), through my college junior alumnus, Mr. Lee. For several months, the three of us would meet regularly at a cafe to talk about Korean religions and religions from around the world. We were talking seriously about the unity of all religions in the future.

At that time, Father came down to Pusan from the North Korean concentration camp and started his work again in South Korea. Already a few members in Pusan and Taegu were gathering together. Father had had to start all over again, since his followers in North Korea were scattered, some coming down to South Korea as refugees.

My alumnus, Mr. Lee, visited Father's small Taegu group around the latter part of January 1954 and returned with a report that this group, so spiritually powerful, could communicate directly to God's throne as they described it. Based on his strong and persistent pressure, I finally decided to make an appointment to see the leader of the group. Based on my own spiritual experience, Mr. Lee's excitement and fascination did not impress me at all. I just took a wait-and-see attitude. Finally, dates were set up to visit Father's small group in Taegu, a very strong Christian city that severely persecuted Father and our movement in the early 1950s and 1960s.

When I arrived on schedule to visit the group with great expectations, the leader [Father] was absent. Only Mrs. Se Hyun Ok was in the house. She is very spiritual and one of the psychically sensitive people in our church. She had been following Father from the time of his North Korean ministry.

In Korea it is very unusual to break a previously arranged appointment. Of course, I was very annoyed and extremely upset. I, a third-tier rank official of the Korean national government, highly educated, well to do even in the days of Japanese occupation, had been "stood up" after traveling all that way. Afraid of nothing and no one, full of self-pride and arrogance—furthermore, I had made a special trip to Taegu at the insistence of my two friends, Mr. Aum

and Mr. Lee. I did not want to come, but out of respect for them I made this special trip. I was furious that this group's leader had insulted me by not keeping the appointment.

However, my anger and indignation softened when Mrs. Ok talked about visions seen in her early morning prayer. She had seen a vision in which a young man speaking a foreign language was talking to her, but she was unable to understand him. When I arrived at her home, she realized that the young man in her vision was I. That information made me pay more respect and become attentive to her, and softened my resentment toward the group. She



Dr. and Mrs. Kim at their home

treated me very nicely with good meals, and prepared my sleeping room with comfortable bedding. When evening came, some very important spiritual phenomena occurred. Mrs. Ok and God worked as a team and through her, God directly revealed my life's mission from that day on.

In that house, the Supreme God appeared a second time in front of me, this time through Mrs. Ok, during a very deep conversation with her. Suddenly her body shook and jerked and the voice of God controlled her and totally occupied her body and mind, causing her to act differently from Mrs. Ok. Now God was speaking directly with a man's voice, just the same voice as I had heard in my vision in 1950, on the mountain during the Korean War, in the form of that "old, gentle, loving man" in purple robes.

With awesome feelings and deep reverence, I listened, immediately

humbled myself and became obedient. I heard God's voice solemnly say: "Listen, dear Sang Chul! I have been training you for 30 years, since the age of 9, in your search for the truth through various religious experiences and groups. The time has now come and this is the place I wanted to lead you to. Unconditionally surrender. From now on your new name is David, after King David who destroyed Goliath in the Old Testament. You will be going overseas for pioneer missionary work for this group. You must go overseas and fight as a general, like King David did in Biblical days."

Then God left the body of Mrs. Ok. Without hesitation or doubt, I heard the message and accepted it, then bowed with gratitude and appreciation. With my spiritual experiences in the past and my psychic ability, I had no doubt God was talking directly to me, giving me instructions about my future mission for our True Parents.

When I went to bed late that night with great excitement and thanksgiving, God gave spiritual confirmation and evidence of His message to me through Mrs. Ok. At around 2 a.m., in a state of semi-consciousness, rather like a trance, a dramatic and dynamic scene occurred. Someone was running straight toward me in the distance from the opposite direction. At the same time, I was running straight toward him from my direction. Both kept running, shortening the distance rapidly. Finally, he and I approached one another and I reached out my right hand to shake his right hand. Immediately a powerful surge of electricity came from him that penetrated my hand and entire body. I clearly looked at his smiling and joyful face, when I received that tremendous shock. Immediately, I awoke from the trance trembling because the electric shock was so great. Whether you believe it or not, the face I saw in my vision was the very same face of our beloved Father whom I did not meet until three months later in Seoul. Father was thirty-four years old at that time. Glory to God and our True Parents. Hallelujah!

A house with two rooms

In my own heart, I already believed in the reincarnation of Buddha, Mohammed and Confucius, even the incarnation of Jesus Christ, because I had been receiving messages for so many years from the spirit world. With these two spiritual experiences in Taegu, I real-

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Photos: left, *Pledge Service at Hannam-dong*; center, *Father and Mother observe the entertainment, and then sing together (also at Hannam-dong)*; bottom left, *the flute player*; bottom right, *"True Parents, Mansei!" of three cheers marking the close of the celebration.*



Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing

July 1, 2000
Hannam-dong, Korea



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Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center



K. KATO CHEONG PYEONG

Father and Mother Visit “Kingdom of Heaven Registration” Workshop Participants at Cheong Pyeong

July 30, 2000



True Father speaks to the participants, emphasizing the value of the workshops



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Sisterly Reflections from Recent Workshops

Sydelle Enyeart

WHEN you go to Cheong Pyeong you go to take care of your spiritual life and take care of the spirit world around you. I am so grateful to True Parents for building the palace to study and the prayer hall to pray with our deepest hearts.

Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim came several times and gave us her personal testimony of her family's reaction to her taking on the mission of speaking for Dae Mo Nim. It certainly was hard for her, but God prevailed and her family is now

her ardent supporter.

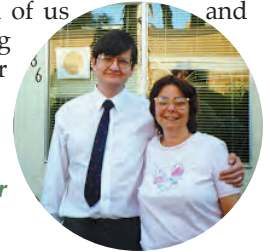
During the three weeks we were at Cheong Pyeong we could also liberate our ancestors on both our father's and mother's sides, which I did. I was also able to bless the next seven generations on my father's side. We can now also liberate our aunts, uncles and cousins, too.

Dae Mo Nim said that those of us who had blessed our ancestors could take them home with us. I took home the seven generations on my father's side, including my own parents.

Dae Mo Nim told us when we bring

them home to prepare a meal. Since I come from a Jewish background, I prepared a Jewish meal which my own family has never eaten. I now feel that at least one of my ancestral couples works with each of us and some are working to bring my other relatives to True Parents.◆

Sydelle with her husband



Marilyn Angelucci

HOW grateful I am to our True Parents for their love and respect for women! They trust us so much and are constantly demonstrating this. When True Father invited us to Cheong Pyeong I felt God's love so deeply.

It was like a course of twenty-one days of facing all the things that I needed to deal with. It was my fourth visit to Cheong Pyeong, so I knew what to expect generally. This time, though, I felt how much God knows me and how desperate He is that I clean up everything. He really wants us to live together in the spirit world.

Dae Mo Nim really wanted us to have spiritual experiences. I didn't see any spirits, but every time I prayed about something the problem seemed to solve itself. It really was like living in the Kingdom of Heaven. We can't really help Father unless we clean ourselves



COURTESY OF TONGIL SEGYE

up and make a true love relationship in our families and in our tribes. Then the spirit world can really help us and we can bring positive results in our work.

For me, the real miracle occurred when I got home. For so many years, my heart had been blocked towards my husband. Even though we had tried so hard

A commemorative photo marks the 400th workshop in Cheong Pyeong. The passing of this milestone affords even greater spiritual power to the angelic world in its healing work.

to overcome, there was always something there I couldn't really put my finger on. This time, when I came home and we made love, I was free, as we are meant to be. I could experience the precious love that my husband was always giving me, but I could not receive before. This is the way that God wants us to live, but so many evil spirits from the past are blocking us. Now is such an

amazing time during which we can free ourselves. Our couple is eternally grateful to our True Parents and to Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim, who all made this precious love possible. It is really so simple but so difficult to achieve. Now it is possible. We can be free and love.◆

Cynthia Mahjoub

OUR workshop convened during the time of the summit meeting between Kim Dae Jung and Kim Jong il. We would zip into the Korean office and look through the newspapers, but other than pictures, we had little news in the way of a report.

Beyond the externals, the peace and tranquility that exist at Cheong Pyeong are heavenly, and mysteriously wom-

anly. The walk up the mountain was strenuous, but we walked at our own pace, not in groups. The opportunity to pray under the embracing limbs of the prayer trees was priceless. Many had very deep spiritual experiences in prayer. We filled our water bottles on the way up and on the way down with the Water of Life.

True Parents have asked all sisters to attend Cheong Pyeong. I would encour-

age everyone to come. We would all be sisters, meeting in such a healing and embracing environment. There are many changes that we can make in our communities upon our return just by trying to recreate our homes and communities so that others can feel what we experience at Cheong Pyeong.◆

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INSPIRING THE YOUNG GENERATION



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On July 23rd, the Seoul Sunghwa Student body (second generation middle and high school students) gathered at the Headquarters Church in Chungpa-dong. They received education in pure love, and then marched to Seoul Station Plaza carrying banners promoting a pure love lifestyle

Below, July 21st sees the opening of a new National CARP Headquarters in Seoul. In the photo, Korean church vice president and CARP leader Rev. Young Jun Kim addresses regional CARP leaders



Left, the education included a presentation about the crisis of AIDS, given by Mr. Kwan Ooh Kwon, a 6000-Couple brother who has founded a well-respected organization to prevent and combat the advancing problem of AIDS in Korea



Right, the official launch of the "Little Ilhwa" children's soccer team, at Hannam-dong on May 28th, with the special support of the Women's Federation. This is viewed as a positive way to bring the third generation children together for some healthy activity.



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Roshan d'Souza

I FELT gratitude for Father's love for us in giving us this dispensation to be able to rid ourselves of evil spirits that bother us in our life of faith.

Many times, when Father spoke to us, he has told us how sorry he feels for

us because we were being besieged by evil spirits. These spirits have often hurt or even spiritually killed our members. I felt quite liberated by the *ansu* sessions, the prayers at the blessing trees, the walk up the mountain every day, the hoon dok hae sessions and especially, the liberation of our ancestors. The happiest moment for me was the day of the

blessing ceremony for the ancestors that had been liberated. I could feel their gratitude and joy at receiving the blessing and I was ecstatic to be the one who could give them that gift because of True Parents.◆

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A Warrior Reborn

IRFF IN UGANDA, EAST AFRICA

Massimo Trombin
Luxembourg

IN 1999 the “Culture of Peace” proposed by UNESCO was in high gear, activated by thousands of organizations around the world, and this year it also became one of the main themes at the United Nation’s General Assembly. I felt that to take tangible steps toward peace, IRFF needed some involvement in the conflict resolutions sector. The possibility to jump into that area came on my visit to Uganda in December 1999 during a research project for RYS-IRFF.

During that visit I was introduced by the local IRFF director Erinah Rutangye to several leaders from different fields: religious, social, academic and political. I’ll tell you an anecdote that happened on that first visit to the city of Lira in Northern Uganda. I visited different religious leaders in the area—the Mufti, different Protestant bishops and Catholic missionaries. When I visited the Catholic mission, I found that they were from Italy, and on our way to visit the church I asked one monk, “Which city do you come from?” He said, “Paullo.” “Ho,” I replied, “my grandmother comes from that area”. Well, he knew my grandmother’s family. It was quite a surprise to be in the middle of Africa and to meet a priest that knew my grandmother’s family back in Italy!

In another of these meetings we met the Hon. Betty Okwir, minister in the vice president’s office, known locally as Mama Okwir. She was from the district (state) of Lira. Like all the other people I was meeting, she proposed several projects to benefit her people, but the attitude of this lady was quite different. I felt that she was more sincere than most of the others and deeply concerned about the conditions her people were living under.

We decided to visit her

district. She organized the trip and we left with her the following day. Mama Okwir, Erinah, the bodyguards and I traveled together. I started to wonder. Several Italian missionaries were killed by guerrillas in the district of Lira in the past, so it is notorious amongst the Catholics and NGOs in Italy, where I am from. Looking down at the bodyguards’ machine guns, I asked myself if this region was really peaceful.

Mrs. Okwir explained to me about the Citizens Army for Multiparty Politics (CAMP) guerrilla group. They were the ones who had been destabilizing the region for the last few years. [See following article] The current leader, Cipriano Okello, was involved, with a group of 85 of his men, in a rehabilitation workshop, run by the Norwegian NGO “Give Me a Chance.” Okello had once been Mrs. Okwir’s student as well as that of her husband. She’d contacted him and he’d agreed to lay down his arms. He said he would join hands with

those who had surrendered “in order to convince the rest to come out of the bush.”

I requested to meet these men to see if something more could be done for the peace program. I met Okello and his assistant and later the whole group. I was moved mostly by the expression in the eyes of this man. I saw pain, suffering and despair and an attitude of shame that made him contrite and

humble. How could a man who seemed sensible and decent

have been a guerrilla leader? The security guards that were with him and others later said that he was a born-again Christian and probably that had changed his attitude. He was quite educated and had received military training in North Korea, China, Germany and the Middle East.

When we met the whole group, they were singing a song that said, “please accept us, we are your brothers and we caused suffering, but now we are determined to work for peace.” I saw the same expression in the eyes of those

men. Later in talking with the local leaders and IRFF staff, we came up with the idea of doing something practical for them. We wanted to help them reintegrate into their villages and society and to find a way for more of them to surrender and receive amnesty from the central government. I met this former rebel leader again in March 2000 and an IRFF project under the banner “Empowering the Culture of Peace” was born.

On one visit to Lira, I was talking with Okello about a new project (currently on course—training for widows of CAMP guerrillas), and I asked



him, "How old are you?" He said, "Forty-four." I said, "Me too." Then I asked him which month he was born in. He said, "April." I looked at him in surprise, "Me too." Then he asked, "Which day?" with an expectant face. I said "The 4th of April." "Me too!" he

said. (I even saw his birth certificate.) So I said, "You are Massimo in Africa and I'm Okello in Europe."

The project, which was held in May, was a success. The fundamental lesson here was that these men were looking for an opportunity to improve the living conditions of themselves and their families. They thought that by the force of weapons they were going to be able to bring about improvements. Thanks to many circumstances, they realized that that was wrong. Ours was not a hugely funded project, rather it was humble and simple, but we were able to give them hope and practical training to improve their lives. The best news is that after our project

more than 200 rebels surrendered their weapons and requested to become part of the rehabilitation program.

Sometimes, with a little effort, sincerity and benevolence great things can be achieved. How can I personally measure the outcome of this project? When I met Cipriano Okello again a month later, I was going inside the staff room, and suddenly I heard somebody call me, "Massimo!" It was Okello running towards the house. He gave me a big bear hug while smiling from ear to ear. This time in his eyes there was strength, hope and gratitude. We both knew that we had found a friend for life. ♦

Photos: Facing page top, Massimo with Okello; bottom, a group of participants, widows and organizers; this page top and bottom, the practical aspect of the project is enthusiastically embraced



Swords into Ploughshares

What follows is adapted from two articles, one written by Martin Rutangye, the director of education at the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), an agency of the Ugandan government, and the second by the Uganda IRFF director, Erinah Rutangye, Martin's wife. Curiously, the two organizations worked hand in hand to tackle the deep-seated problems facing former rebel soldiers in the northern Ugandan district of Lira.

THIS project was to train ex-rebels from a group known as the "Citizen's Army for Multiparty Politics" or CAMP. This was a group of former government soldiers who had been deactivated by government order. Some were dissatisfied with the army leadership and the disparity between the stagnant northern economy and rapidly developing southern Uganda. They were also unhappy that payment of their retirement package had been delayed. On the back of rumors that they would take over the government, their numbers had quickly multiplied.

They began terrorizing local villages in an attempt to draw the government's attention. Fighting in their home districts, they could see how their own families were stigmatized and in some cases these rebels attacked their own relatives causing deep resentment in the communities from which they originated.

On returning to their hometowns following government amnesty and the disbandment of CAMP, they were met

with hostility and had great difficulty reintegrating into society. There had been economic and social changes. They had little money to restart their lives with and had become bitter toward society through the mental strains of war. In some cases, their wives had abandoned them and neighbors were caring for their children. In order for them to settle down peacefully in their homes they need to be forgiven and accommodated by society. And they need to be guided back to normal civilian life as some of them had spent as long as four years

living in the bush.

This is where IRFF stepped in. Ninety-three participants attended an IRFF sponsored workshop.

The training centered around how to reintegrate these rebels into the society as peaceful citizens, to rebuild their moral capacity, to help them resettle with their families, and to work for economic development. We worked with a professional teaching team from the National Environmental Management Association (NEMA) that taught efficient ways of sustainable agriculture.



PHOTOS: COURTESY OF M. TROMBIN

By the fourth day of the workshop, all participants were working together as brothers and sisters committed to promoting peace within their community. The workshop was meant to ensure that all former CAMP families were able to produce enough food for themselves with excess for sale to generate sufficient family income to enjoy an improved quality of life.

The men were taught how to grow Matooke [green bananas that are peeled, wrapped in banana leaves and steamed into a mash—a major source of starch in East Africa] and coffee in agro-forestry. The bananas are for consumption at home and the coffee for income generation. Excess matooke can also be sold locally to other cities. The men learned tree nursery construction and management for growing seedlings of shade and fruits trees. Fruit trees help supplement the family diet, while the shade trees provide wood for fuel and improve the living environment, enhancing a friendly home. Excess seedlings would be distributed to the communities the men come from, helping to foster better relationships.

They also learned good methods of conflict resolution and family values through films and lectures. All of this was done first at the seminar and then in the individual participant's homes. They were meant to first learn these things themselves and then to share the knowledge with their communities. Participants were given the tools necessary for the tasks, plus seeds and seedlings for planting.

Journal of the project

We left Kampala on the very early morning of May 7th for Lira via Kumi where we picked up seedlings. We reached Lira at 6:00 p.m., checked the guesthouse then went directly to the workshop site where we found only 20 participants. We were told that because of the rains it was difficult for some participants to come on time. Dinner was arranged for the present members and after speaking to them for a while, we left them studying videotapes and retired for the night.

We awoke the following day to find that 50 people had registered. That



day we mainly covered theory. We had a brief introductory program and then our facilitators from NEMA began lecturing. More guests came in and by midday we had over 75 participants. They settled in well with the others. On our part, most of the day was spent sorting out food and accommodations and buying tools and seeds for the days to follow. We had wanted to have our official opening that day, but the assistant resident district commissioner (RDC) who was

to open the workshop was in meetings to prepare for a visit to the area by the Ugandan vice president. In the evening the staff gave lectures on family values. And later the participants watched a video.

May 9th—We officially opened the workshop with 82 members present. Local leaders and the representative from NEMA and IRFF gave speeches. The assistant RDC then spoke as the guest of honor. He encouraged the participants and gave very good advice on how they should behave. He quoted the Bible story of the prodigal son and said that as a father, the president is ready to welcome all his children. He especially thanked IRFF for recognizing the need for peace in northern Uganda. He said that the government is ready to support the activities of those NGOs that are helping in peace building.

After the opening, the participants went for their first practical lessons. These men shocked us when they cleared and dug an acre of land in less than two hours. That same spirit continued all throughout the workshop. By evening the field had been

marked for planting of the various seedlings. On and off rains disturbed work but never the spirit.

May 10th—Participants awoke at 5:00 a.m. and worked all day in the field.

May 11th—The RDC of Lira, who had been in Kampala making arrangements for the vice president's visit, returned. He visited our site. We took him round and he spoke to the participants in the field. He was very impressed with the workshop. He felt that this type of teaching would benefit the participants even more than the monetary benefits they get from other NGOs, because we were training them to survive. We later learned that he wrote a report praising the project to the president of Uganda.

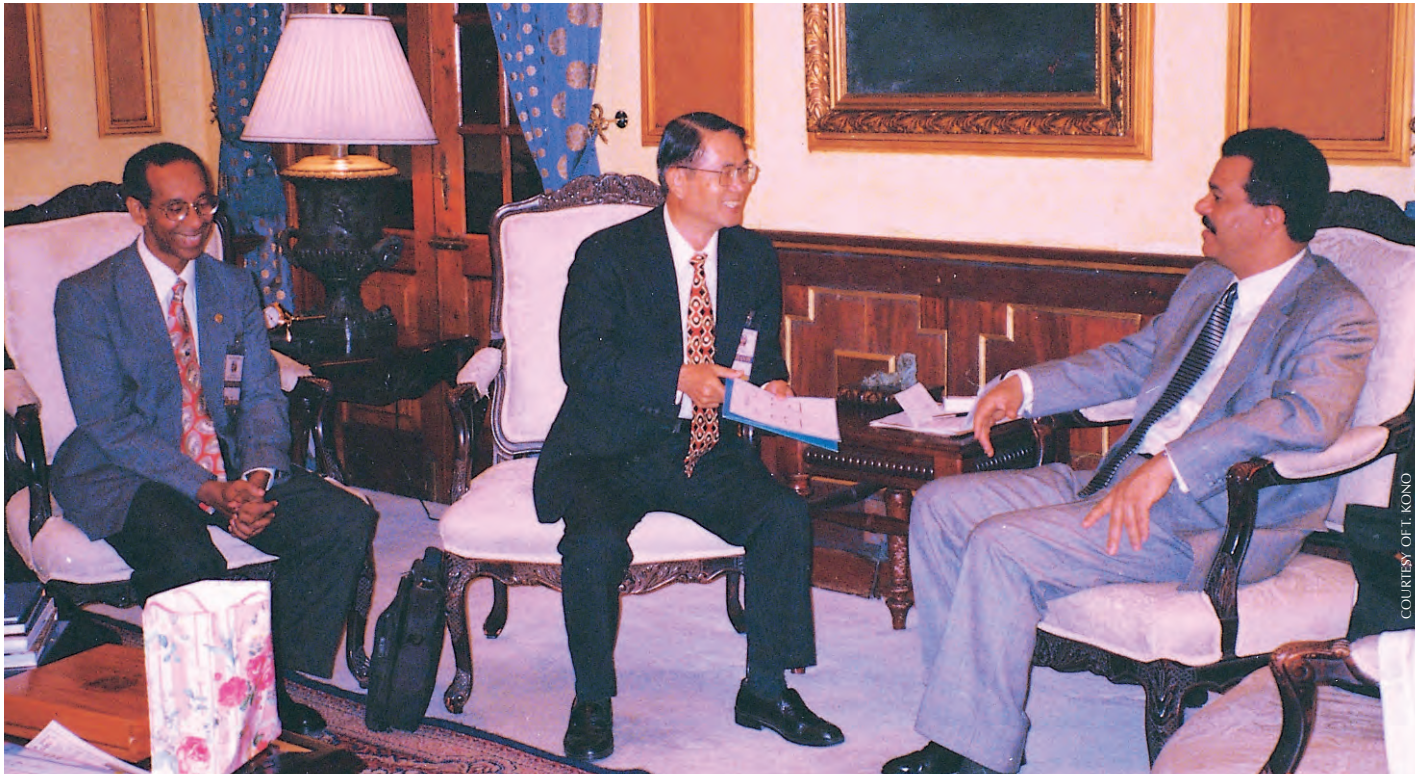
May 12th—The morning was spent in the field. In the afternoon we went to a neighboring village to learn banana growing and to see the rice fields. We hired a bus. The participants were in high spirits and sang all the way to the banana plantation. While we were in the field, Hon. Betty Okwir (Minister in the Vice President's Office) and Hon. Omony Ojok, who is the minister in charge of Northern Uganda, visited our site. Mr. Ojok comes from Karamoja, one of the dry areas of the country. He requested that IRFF take the same program to his hometown.

May 13th, Closing Day—We invited all the important officials in Lira. Hon. Betty Okwir was there, as was the Army commander of the Lira barracks. We started off by showing the guests what we had done. The men themselves explained to the minister what they had learned and showed them what the facilitators had taught them. In her speech Mrs. Okwir said that based on

Photos: top, planting a banana tree seedling; right, the closing ceremony



Witnessing to the President



TRUE Mother met with President Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic during her world speaking tour last year, after two Japanese sisters waved “Good morning” to him each day for months as he passed by in his limousine [see *May 1999 issue*]. Eve-nation national messiah Rev. Takashi Kono (with national leader Cesar Regalado) also met with President

Fernandez, on May 31 this year:

“I knew that it is difficult to officially meet the president--there is a line of people wanting to meet him each day--so I prepared notes of what I wanted to say. My determination at that time was that since this might be my only chance of meeting him, perhaps I should speak the words of truth that True Parents want to say.”

Rev. Kono presented the president with an overview of the Principle, including an explanation of the principles of creation and the original value of the sexual organs. He declared his desire to teach these principles in the Dominican Republic, but said that if the president objected he would leave. But the president gave his warm approval for Rev. Kono to continue his work. ♦

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what she had learned in the short time she'd spent speaking with the men, she needed to overhaul her own farm and use the new techniques from NEMA! The minister gave out certificates, a book from NEMA, free tools and a tree seedling plus other types of seeds to each participant. The men were clapping with joy. We had lunch then said goodbye to one another.

Response of the Participants

Most participants were very excited about the workshop. They were eager to learn these simple but essential farming and home care methods. They

could see that life could be better if they use land well. They were particularly happy to learn that bananas can be grown so easily in Lira, because the general thinking is that bananas flourish in only the western and central regions. They were taught to use human urine to kill infections on the plants. They were also taught how to conserve water in their gardens, using local tools. The nursery garden was also another exciting lesson for these former rebels. Every new thing that they learned made them happy.

These hardened former guerrillas were just like children at school. When

we gave them the lectures on family values they could not wait to go home and settle down with their families. Many realized how much time they

had wasted in the bush. Mrs. Okwir said that we looked like a family when together with the men. The RDC said that because he could see not only the general happiness at the workshop, but also that the faces of the former rebels were so much brighter, he was curious to know who is behind IRFF. ♦



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New Hope for Our Country

A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THAI SOCIETY REFLECTS ON HYUN JIN NIM'S VISIT

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Mrs. Phayakvichien, whose husband is the publisher of two newspapers in Thailand, is active in many walks of society, including excelling as a marketing executive for a well known international corporation. In recent years she has supported the efforts of the movement in Thailand to live up to and promote the ideals of true love and true family. She shares here about her experiences with Hyun Jin Nim, and her hope for his ministry.



movement through Dr. Lek and others. One day, Dr. Lek asked me to help him arrange a blessing for one thousand couples in Bangkok. I accepted on condition that it not be just a local blessing but, rather, connected to the World Culture and Sports Festival (Blessing '97) and to be broadcast by satellite from Washington D.C.

During the time of preparation, there were many obstacles that arose to discourage me. I was harassed and threatened by one man who had been one of the chief persecutors of the movement in Thailand. I had never met him before, but he shouted at me, "You are a follower of Reverend Moon. You will be in jail this evening before this blessing ceremony begins." These were not just idle threats, because this man had many powerful friends that could not only hurt me, but also destroy the blessing ceremony.

At that time, I did not know anything about Reverend Moon. In my view, he was an old man who kept talking about true love in a time when the United States is a major exporter of free sex to the world. It is a nice concept, but one that would be hard to sell in today's world. In Thailand, Reverend Moon's reputation was very bad. When anyone would mention his name, others would either stop talking, walk away, or if they were feeling aggressive yell, "You are crazy if you follow this man. One day you will end your life the 'Jim Jones way'". If you became a member of the movement, people would call you a traitor and accuse you of not paying respect to your parents, your grandparents and your ancestors. Any involvement could become a serious family problem. These negative feelings were widely spread by the print media during the persecution of the movement in 1991.

Although I had never met Reverend Moon in person, I had read a few books including a recent biography, a book on the ocean providence and *Divine Principle*. A book that was printed by

the International Education Foundation (IEF) about pure love finally won me over. I saw it as an outstanding book for teenagers and young adults to help solve the problems of our youth. It was written clearly so young people would have no trouble understanding the content. I believed that it could be a textbook for life for young people, offering clear guidelines on what young people should and should not do as they are growing up.

I was touched deeply by Reverend Moon's family concept of true lineage, true family, true tribe, and true nation. However, the more I learned about him, the more I began to worry, at his age, how long could he really work to save our children through this Pure Love campaigns. After he was gone, would the movement still continue?

I brought my concerns to the members of the FFWPU in Thailand, but no one could really comment on this. Then in September 1998, I had a chance to meet Hyun Jin Moon on a trip to Alaska with several dignitaries from Thailand and the Philippines. My very first impression of him was that he was indeed the right man to continue the work of Reverend Moon.

In my first private meeting with him, I did not hesitate to recommend to him that he should work for his father. Knowing that he was a Harvard business graduate, and because of my past international marketing experience, I joked with him. "Hyun Jin Nim: you are a good product with good packaging design. As a marketing executive I would like to launch Reverend Moon's concept to the world, with you as our chief presenter. You are the very one who can revitalize and launch this concept to the market as a whole; the older organization, the young generation and the people of your own generation."

My rationale behind this recommendation was that Hyun Jin Nim is not only a handsome young man, but also a sportsman—an Olympic sportsman. This is proof of his success.

I also noticed his educational background and the fact that even with a Harvard MBA he turned his focus away

IN 1997, I met the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification at a simple luncheon with one of their VIP members in downtown Bangkok. It was really the first time that I had ever heard of their activities in Thailand, although I had witnessed the blessing ceremony with my husband when we attended the World Media Conference in Seoul in 1995. The story that was related to me over lunch, describing the terrible persecution that had sent the national leader and seven members to a dreadful Bangkok prison, touched my heart deeply.

I wanted to help them out of this problem. Of course, I knew that I could not reverse the persecution that had already happened, but how could I help them improve the image of the Family Federation and that of the Unification Church? How could we develop their core concept of "True Life, True Love and True Family"?

Three days after our meeting, I provided all assistance that I could to Dr. Lek and his organization. I still didn't know much about the organization, who they were or what they were doing. I had seen the blessing ceremony, but I didn't understand the real concept of the blessing. At that time, my only understanding was of thousands of people getting married in a large stadium.

Over the course of the next few months I began to learn more about the

from the business world to work with people and to solve the problems of the world. Most people would not do such a thing unless they had a clear vision and a good family.

He has talent as an entertainer. When he speaks, it is not just a sermon but an event, like a special talk show for the year 2000. He is a talented singer with a dynamic back-up band. He can easily be a superstar in people's minds, especially in the minds of young people.

Of course, these are just external criteria, but when you meet him, you understand that he has the firm knowledge of true life, true love and true lineage that has been passed to him through the love and lineage of his parents.

I learned with excitement of Hyun Jin Nim's world tour and that his schedule would bring him to Thailand for three days. We prepared a simple schedule, but one that would cement an image of him on his first world tour. The strategy in Thailand would be to launch Hyun Jin Nim's talent to our target audience of young people. We knew that Hyun Jin Nim's presence would link all our generations together; the older generation of VIP members who donate their time and effort to help

the movement, the young generation, members of CARP and the Youth Federation for World Peace.

We created a strategic plan with many activities including a cultural tour, a Pure Love Event at the United Nations Asia Pacific Headquarters in Bangkok, meetings with core members, and a banquet with VIPs. Everything was to be handled on a first class basis. We wanted every step to be meaningful and successful in enabling Hyun Jin Nim to present himself as an energetic young man with a vision to help the youth of the world, a big brother whom the youth would follow as a role model, and a younger brother to the

older generation that they could trust to carry their hopes forward to the younger generation.

The three days that Hyun Jin Nim spent with us went far beyond our expectations. His sincerity and dynamism brought excitement to the young people in Bangkok. The speech he gave at the UN was a stunning call to action that brought everyone to their feet in loud applause. When he spoke to the CARP members the following day, he really touched the lives of all the young people present with his stirring message and created such an energy with his music that none of us, young and old alike, could stop dancing.

We thank Hyun Jin Nim for giving himself in such a way to this special tour. His presence offered new hope for our country to dispel the problems of the past and to create a new image and new substance for the future. He has given us the confidence to build a dynamic movement throughout Asia that will guide our young people to a better life. ♦

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Hyun Jin Nim speaking in Bangkok in May

True Parents Lend Support for Family with Triplets

ON June 10, 2000, Mrs. Dulce Buyayo, wife of Mr. Alfonso Buyayo, from the 1275-Couple Blessing, gave birth to triplets in Lagawe Provincial Hospital, in the Philippines. What began as a personal godsend for the Buyayo couple turned into an extraordinary outpouring of blessing when the continental director, Rev. Byung Wooh Kim, brought the news to True Parents.

Rev. Kim explained to True Parents that, as a symbol of the second daughter nation, a Filipino couple giving birth to triplets symbolized the intense desire of the membership to offer many sons and daughters to Heavenly Father for His providence. True Parents were so pleased and inspired to see the pictures of the babies that they gave a donation connecting this family event with a heavenly covenant to the country.

Rev. Kim gave these three chil-

dren unique names: Il Jin (First Truth), Yi Sun (Second Goodness) and Sam Mi (Third Beauty). The first baby was born

at exactly 2:25 p.m., the second baby at 2:27 p.m., and the third at 2:28 p.m.

According to Mr. Buyayo, they never expected to have triplets, though they had prayed a lot to have twins. When she was brought to the hospital the ultrasound result showed that indeed there were twins. It was only during the operation that the doctors discovered the third baby. "We will be forever grateful in our hearts to Heavenly Father and True Parents for giving us wonderful children," he added. The Buyayo family is planning to go back to their mission area as soon as Mrs. Buyayo recovers. Their children will grow in True Parents' tradition in the Batangas center where the Buyayo couple are the regional directors. ♦

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In My Father's House

WITH THE TRUE FAMILY DURING THE EARLY YEARS AT BELVEDERE AND EAST GARDEN

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I WAS very fortunate to spend most of my first five years in the church close to True Parents. I saw Father for the first time at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 1973 at the beginning of the first one-hundred-day training session at Belvedere. Father spoke to us at least a dozen during the first forty days. After that I prepared the two busses needed for the Day of Hope tours and then was a bus driver on the IOWC from July 1973 to July 1974.

I was the maintenance man at East Garden from June 1974 until February 1978, and was the only male staff member to live in the same house with True Parents. Beyond just the physical proximity to True Parents, I had a determination to break through and be a real person around them, to joke with them and argue with True Parents when I thought I was right. This made our relationship real and personal as it remains to this day.

Much of our impression of people, both public and private, comes not from the big things they do, but rather from the small, personal things. I hope that a different and personal aspect of True Parents character is revealed through these anecdotes, which are a great privilege for me to share with you.

Some of the staff I worked with then are still at East Garden after more than twenty-five years. The stories they have must be much better than mine are. I hope that some day they will share them with our members. I am able to give specific details because, I kept a journal at that time where I recorded these events as they happened. I referred to this journal when writing these stories.

Cutting the grass

The first direct interaction I ever had with True Father was after pledge service on Mother's day, May 13, 1973. After pledge we sang songs for Mother and then we had a short question and answer session with Father. Bobby Wilson, who was responsible for maintain-

ing Belvedere had just bought a new riding lawnmower. I was asked to bring the machine up to the lawn near Holy Rock to begin cutting the grass. Father decided he wanted to try out this modern machine and since I was available, I spent the rest of the morning with him. Six times I had to help with some minor problem with the mower while Father waited patiently. I was impressed that Father had a child-like curiosity and a desire to experience everything. Daikan Ohnuki took the first ever picture of me



Father trying out the lawn mower

with True Father.

Leaving leaders waiting

In 1973, while at Belvedere, I was responsible for preparing the two busses needed for the Day of Hope tours. In mid-June, when one of the busses was completed, I was so proud of it that I wanted to show it to Father. At that time Father lived at Belvedere. There weren't any security guards. It so happened that on that day there was a conference of all the national and international leaders taking place at the training center. I saw Father and Mother heading down the hill from the main house on the way to address the leader's meeting. The members rose and were singing to welcome them. I

dashed up to True Parents in my greasy coveralls begging, "Father please come see the bus!"

Mother looked so young at the time, much less that her 30 years, I nearly mistook her for Lady Doctor Kim's daughter who was living in the area at that time. I reached out and almost grabbed her hand to pull her down to the busses. I caught myself just before I made that mistake. Father responded that all the leaders were waiting. I countered that it would only take a

minute.... So with the entire senior leadership of the national and world movement singing Father and Mother took time to look at the bus.

Twenty-five years later, I met Father and Mother at the New Yorker Hotel and asked them to look at the boiler equipment we had installed. Father responded that there was no time. I countered that it wouldn't take more than five minutes. True Parents took the elevator down to more than fifty feet below the sidewalk and enjoyed the tour of the boiler rooms.

From these and other encounters with True Father, I learned that enthusiasm and a sincere heart can persuade him. (Colonel) Sang Kil Han once told me that the thing Father liked most about me was my enthusiasm.

Father's digital watch

In perhaps 1975, someone gave Father a digital watch, a gold Pulsar with a red light-emitting diode (LED) display. As far as I know, this was one of the first types of digital watches made. It wasn't set, so it was brought to me to set the time. I had never seen a digital watch before. I thought I had figured out how to set the time by pushing the little buttons with the tip of a ballpoint pen, but wasn't a hundred percent sure. I brought the watch up to Father in the dining room. Father put it on his wrist with hardly a word. I was worried that I had set the day and month for the hour and minute or something, but there was no chance to express my doubts to Father.

The following day, I met father in the living room, just the two of us passing on the way to someplace else. I pointed at my wrist and mumbled "Is the watch okay?", in a voice too low to be heard. Father replied, "It's two thirty" and continued walking.

Mother feeds me

True Parents' room at the old main house at East Garden had casement windows, the kind that are hinged on the side and crank open and closed with a little handle. The wood had swollen from humidity and I was in their room alone, planing the edges of the windows so that they would open and close smoothly. Mother appeared. I said I would go and come back later, but Mother told me to stay and work.

A few minutes later Mother returned with a bag of Korean hard candies. Mother asked if I would like a piece of candy. I said yes and extended my hand to receive it. Mother ignored my hand and proceeded to unwrap the candy and pop the piece right into my mouth. I turned about a hundred different shades of red. Mother enjoyed my embarrassment so much that she unwrapped a second piece and proceeded to put that directly in my mouth as well, just to see my reaction.

Something worth celebrating

In 1976, one of the American sisters on the East Garden staff, Louise Schmidt, received a call that her father was gravely ill. True Parents said she could go tend to her family. At the time, various unsavory people were kidnapping and attempting to break the faith of our members. The illness in the family was a ruse to lure Louise away and break her faith. Louise was held against her will and coerced. However, she was as wise as a serpent and, with a little help from an MFT team in her area, was back at East Garden after a couple of weeks.

True Children were very concerned about the many stories they'd heard about members being kidnapped, but they didn't have any way to express their anxiety to members. Louise's return was their chance. The three old-

est girls, Ye Jin, In Jin, and Un Jin, used their own money and bought cake mix and ice cream. I watched as these young girls baked their first cake ever, in the East Garden kitchen. It was as funny as watching any little girls try to bake a cake, but their mood was so serious and sincere. The cake turned out fine.

When the welcome-back party was held, Louise was seated at the head of the table with the True Children at the sides. This was an honor I saw only this once. I think Louise began to cry first, but very soon all of us, the True Children and the staff members, were sobbing. I think the True Children appreciate members' efforts more than we realize, but it is hard for them to show it.

Seasickness

I'd only been at East Garden for a

As we skimmed over the waves on the way to our fishing spot, I was confident that I wouldn't have a problem with seasickness. In fact, if we had kept skimming along, I probably wouldn't have had, but we stopped. Then the waves rocked the boat, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth. Fishing, the messiah, God, the desire to live, all slowly disappeared from my consciousness. My only thought became keeping my last several meals down.

Father turned and asked for the can with the bait. I was closest, so I picked it up and had almost given it to Father, when I lost control. I dropped the can to the deck, wheeled around and vomited everything I had eaten in the last week over the side. Of course, since I had been in the process of trying to hand Father the bait, he saw everything.

Father laughed, and said "Good training! Good training!"

The next time I took motion sickness medicine.

Tears

During a staff reorganization meeting, one Japanese kitchen sister was transferred from the main house kitchen, where she could serve True Family directly every day, to the training center kitchen to cook for members. She bowed humbly, accepted the transfer, and went out to the foyer outside

the room where she sobbed so loudly that everyone heard.

This sister wasn't hurt because she lost some position or because of her pride. Her pain was only because she would miss serving True Family so much. About a week later she was transferred back to main house where she served for the next twenty years. True Parents are always moved by sincere heart and God-centered emotion.

Father buys me a suit

In 1974, shortly after I joined the East Garden staff, Father decided to buy clothes for several members. We went to White Plains [a city near East Garden] and quickly bought dresses for the sisters who then returned home in a separate car. Then it was just the two brothers, Michael Trulson and me. First of all, True Parents were generally very



True Family with Mrs. Choi and East Garden staff in the mid 1970s

short while when Father's fishing providence began. It was July 3, 1974 and he was taking leaders out fishing. I was called to the limousine, just as Father was leaving. He lowered his window and asked me in English "Are you strong for sea? Are you strong for sea?" Father wanted to know if I got seasick or not. I told Father that I had never been seasick. I didn't tell him that I had never been on the ocean.

The Flying Phoenix, a twenty-five-foot fiberglass boat with two Mercruiser inboard/outboard motors was berthed on Long Island. Father, Daikan, Alan Hoakinsen, and I were on that small boat. It was an informal environment; there was no "leader" on the boat. When it was time to urinate we had a coffee can that was emptied over the side. The bait was a can of worms dug from leaf piles at East Garden.

thrifty. Practically all the furnishings for East Garden and Belvedere were bought at clearance centers of the big department stores. Likewise, Father's intent was to buy us nice suits at a bargain price.

However, Mike and I were both hard to fit. Mike was tall and skinny and I was short and skinny. We tried two major department stores and came up empty-handed, but Father had set a goal and was not going to give up. We ended up at a classy, men's clothing store where Mike quickly found a suit that fit. In the end, the only suit in the store that fit me was also one of the most expensive.

It was an expensive brand name suit for \$275 (probably \$700 at today's prices). Father wasn't happy about this, but he had determined to buy us suits. He swallowed hard and paid for it. In the car on the way home, Daikan translated that Father said this was the most expensive suit he ever bought anyone. It's still hanging in my closet today.

Even in the most mundane things, Father is absolute. He had resolved to buy us suits, and he couldn't give up until he had done it.

One on One with Father

It was around 6:00 a.m. on a beautiful spring morning at East Garden. I was passing by the (old) main house when I saw Father out for an early morning stroll. Father was by himself, no Peter Kim, no Mrs. Choi, no security, nobody but Father. At the time, I needed Father's permission to use his bus to drive some group and needed an answer from him right away, but I had never encountered Father alone before.

It might be difficult for the reader to understand, but I just didn't know how to relate to Father directly. I had always asked through a mediator, some translator, would he please ask Father if I could change the oil on his car, or fix the light switch, or whatever. Father was about 100 yards away, and I approached not knowing what to do or say.

Approaching Father head on felt too awkward, so I walked a "J" shaped approach so I could approach from behind. (Probably a terrible lapse of Heavenly protocol). I arrived at a spot about three paces behind Father. Father stopped, deliberately waiting to see how I would address him. I could feel that he understood my uncertainty and awkward situation exactly, and it was my responsibility to speak to Father.

Finally the word "Father" left my

lips. Father turned around and faced me with a beaming smile radiating absolute love. This was a direct spiritual experience with Father. It was a validation that beyond all differences of race, age or position; one-on-one, soul-to-soul, Father's love for me was the absolute manifestation of God's original love. That moment, for me, the very definition of the word "Father" changed forever.

Naughtiness

I occasionally drove True Mother to Macy's Department Store Clearance Center in White Plains, New York to shop for household items. In-Jin Nim was along on one of these trips, and one of the items we were shopping for was a piece of carpet for the staff prayer room. Mother selected a carpet remnant



Joe carrying Kook Jin Nim

and considered the sale complete. I said "Mother you should buy padding for under the carpet."

Mother did not agree with my opinion, and several times she said that padding wasn't needed. Each time I came back and said it was. In-Jin Nim did not appreciate me arguing with her mother. Mother was getting exasperated with this stubborn brother and had had about enough of my opinions. Finally at the end of her patience, Mother demanded, "Just give me one good reason that we should buy padding for the carpet!"

I knew Father's standard of praying on a hard wood floor, or on a rock or

on the snow-covered, frozen earth. My motivation was to make the floor softer for our staff. From Heaven's standard my idea was ludicrous, and I realized how ridiculous it would sound to Mother. But I just had to try one last time.

So holding back my own laughter I said, "Mother, so the staff's knees won't hurt." We looked in each other's eyes and both knew how silly this was and both started laughing. Mother was laughing so hard that tears were coming down her cheeks.

In-Jin Nim had had enough and stepped in between Mother and I and said, "Joe, sometimes I think you are very naughty!" She was so cute and funny that tears of laughter started to come down my cheeks too.

In Awe of Mrs. Won Pok Choi

At East Garden I had a more flexible schedule than most staff members, so by default I became Mrs. Won Pak Choi's assistant. I would go to her room after dinner several nights per week and help her with organizing her filing and correspondence and shopping and things. She received a large amount of personal correspondence from all over the world and acted as Father's secretary to some extent. All the staff members were focused on serving True Family, and because Mrs. Choi was on constant standby, she had little freedom to take care of her personal needs. Mrs. Choi was so grateful that I could get AA batteries, buy writing paper, mail letters or any of the daily necessities she required.

Sometimes I would leave her room quite late and papers were still scattered all over the place. I felt ashamed; I would be practically dozing off and Mrs. Choi would dismiss me out of kindness. I was in my 20s and she was in her 60s. The next morning everything was organized. I finally asked how much she was sleeping and she explained that she often slept only every other night and then only for about four hours.

We became friends and I would spend hours listening to her stories of early church life with Father. Those days were very difficult for her and like anyone she needed someone to share her thoughts and act as a sounding board. These were first-person testimonies of her incredible hardship and sacrifice. I was in awe of her and knew for a fact that if I, or anyone I knew, were faced with similar challenges we would fail miserably. The most striking thing

of all was that in describing her incredible life of faith and service, she spoke of Father with such reverence, respect, and admiration. She was as much in awe of Father as I was in awe of her. I kept asking myself "How great must Father be, if such a great lady admires him so much? It was and is beyond my comprehension.

We became closer and closer; we took a couple of courses together. Finally, one morning before dawn, I received a call from Mrs. Choi "Joe would you like to take a drive and see the sunrise?" We drove along the Palisades Parkway to view the sun rising over Manhattan. We did this a couple more times before Mrs. Choi returned to Korea to be the principal of the Little Angels School. Father said that she was one of the few people that actually fulfilled their mission. It is a cherished treasure to have such a historic lady reveal so much of her humanity to me.

Mother's love

When I started at East Garden there was no security. I was the "night watchman." I stayed up overnight in the main house kitchen. Father was going out fishing every day. Father slept so little that he would return from fishing and go out again while I was still on duty. He would often be home for only two to four hours. Father's health was suffering terribly from this schedule. Father looked like he had the flu. His face was puffy, his nose was running and he looked tired to the bone.

One time when Father was at the front door preparing to get into the car to go out again, Mother gave him a spank on the behind, grabbed his arm, and dragged him into the kitchen. Mother got the kitchen sister to prepare hot cocoa. Then she stood brooding over Father like an angry, but loving, mother hen until he finished the last drop of cocoa. Father sat there sheepishly sipping the cocoa, looking completely subjugated by his loving wife.

Mother has my ear

Ye Jin Nim's bedroom was down the hall from her Parents' room, on the second floor of the old main house. The grout between the tub and the tile in Ye Jin Nim's bathroom had begun to crack and fall into the tub, making a mess. Mother showed me this, and I scraped out the old grout and replaced it with new grout. I assumed it was fixed. About a week later, Mother showed me that the grout had failed again. I bought a better quality grout and fixed it again.

A week later Mother showed me that that too had failed. I bought super, quality grout, scraped it out deeper and longer than before and fixed it for the third time--sure that it was permanent.

Another week had passed when I encountered Mother in the second floor hall. She was quite unhappy. In fact, Mother was livid with anger at me and I didn't know why. She grabbed my right earlobe between her thumb and forefinger and proceeded to tow me down the hall and into the bathroom, where she put my nose near where the tub and tile met. The grout had failed again!



Kwon Jin Nim and Sun Jin Nim play at being True Parents (around 1980)



With Mrs. Choi in 1977

Mother's problem was that she realized that, although I felt bad that I had failed again, my joy at just being with Mother and the fact that she had actually touched me was so much more powerful than my fear of her anger. She looked at my face, goofy with joy and love for her and knew that she had lost the psychological advantage. She just walked away.

This time, I scraped even longer and deeper and used a two-part epoxy grout. It didn't fail. I don't think my goofy grin could have saved me a sec-

ond time.

Unforgettable words

After a difficult period at East Garden when I had not been seen favorably by True Parents for several months, I graduated from that course and was again on good terms with them. I was doing some work in the sewing room in the basement, when Mother entered. Just the two of us were there. Mother watched me working for moment and said "Joe Kinney I love you very much!" I immediately went to my room and recorded the day, hour, minute and the exact words in my diary.

It was August 31st, 1977.

Footprints in history

One time, perhaps in the summer of 1976, some of the staff and a few guests went to Jones Beach in Long Island, New York with True Parents. It was one of the few times I saw both Father and Mother in bathing suits. The group was gathered on the beach, well away from the ocean, and Father and Mother were walking together along the edge of the beach unaccompanied by security or anyone else. I decided to follow them about fifty feet behind. It was just them and me. True Parents were walking in the wet sand; leaving footprints that would be washed away by the next wave. My delight was to step in these very footprints before the waves removed them, knowing I would be the only one ever to do so. It seemed like a metaphor for all of us who are so lucky to be UC members while True Parents are alive and on this earth. No one will ever have the opportunity to walk in their footsteps again.

As we continued along the beach, Father and Mother passed by some rocks just as a freak wave splashed over these rocks. I could see, from behind, that this wave had knocked the swimsuit strap off of Mother's shoulder and one side of the top had dropped down. Mother's back was turned to me and no one else was around. What I saw was an incredible moment of respect and intimacy between True Parents. Father turned quickly and helped Mother fix her suit, serious to preserve the dignity of the woman he loves. The look of love and tenderness that they had for each other in this moment showed me that they were really head-over-heals in love with each other. ♦

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Laying a Foundation for the Future

RYS participates in the "Friendship Americas Project" in Chinautla, Guatemala, Central America
June 30 ~ July 13, 2000

THE mayor of Chinautla, near Guatemala City, had participated in one of the international hoon dok hae conferences in Washington DC last year, where he first heard about the Religious Youth Service (RYS). Eighty-five participants and staff members from fifteen countries, representing ten religions, took part in an RYS project there.

Chinautla seemed like a very good place to hold an RYS project: the people of Chinautla are hard workers, who do not only wait for foreign help, but are very interested to involve themselves in the development of their community. Though close to the capital city, it is a poor area and urgently needs more schools, so that the very fast growing population can receive at least an elementary education.

Two day's of orientation were followed by a six-day work period. During that time, the participants worked on laying the foundation for a school building, and widening a little trail, where no vehicles had previously been able to pass, to be a future road to the school.

Since RYS is not only a service project but a service *learning* project, many interesting educational and informational program points were included in the RYS schedule. Each day the work period finished around one o'clock in the afternoon and extensive educational programs including speeches, tours and group exercises were held in the afternoons.

On each of the two Sundays covered



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by the schedule, RYS participants, the staff and the local Catholic church organized ecumenical Sunday services at the Catholic church. The father of the Church was very interested in following the instructions of the Pope to further understanding between the world's religions. He took the opportunity to include RYS in his religious work. He invited people to follow the example of RYS and to participate in several elements of the RYS program. At one point he brought two seminarians to live together with RYS for two days to learn about service and interreligious activity. Many members of his church congregation were involved in helping with cooking and other arrangements for the project.

After the period in Chinautla we moved to Santiago Atitlan for our "reflection period." Santiago Atitlan is a Mayan town where 95 percent of the population is Mayan and many people still live very close to nature. The town is located at the shores of the lake Atitlan, which is called the pearl of Central America.

The RYS participants were welcomed by the mayor of Santiago Atitlan, who also gave an introduction to the special culture of the town. Participants also had time to visit Antigua, the former capital of the Central American republic, to learn about Guatemalan history, and to enjoy the beauty of the country.

Several radio stations and the biggest

TV channel had invited us for interviews. They showed a lot of interest in the RYS idea, and in the international interreligious and intercultural aspects of RYS. The reports were objective, rather than sensational, presenting the original RYS idea and vision. In addition, *Tiempos del Mundo* published a very beautiful report on RYS Guatemala 2000. ♦



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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17...**DAVID S.C. KIM** ized that Father was the Messiah, even before I met him in person, and even before I heard any part of the Divine Principle. Since then until this day, I have never doubted who Father is or the contents of the Principle.

When I did meet our True Father in February 1954, I was still an official in Syngman Rhee's national government. I visited the so-called "three door house" (*sae dae moon jip*), located in Bukhak-dong, Sung dong-ku, Seoul, where Father and a few followers resided. The house had only two small rooms: the one for Father had barely enough space for one person; the other, a little larger than the first, was where Mr. Eu lectured and stayed. There was also a small kitchen. In contrast to the great name on the sign, the house was small and miserable looking to the outside world. Now it is the origin and very root of our worldwide movement, which includes many wonderful buildings in the United States such as our World Mission Center. At that time, Father and a small group of followers from North Korea were under investigation and surveillance by the police. They moved from Pusan to Taegu to Seoul as part of a new witnessing campaign to recruit converts. I, a high ranking government official, showed up unexpectedly at this critical juncture of our movement.

Our True Father and a few followers were constantly changing locations to avoid probable arrest or confrontation with the authorities. Following my acceptance of Father and Divine Principle, I visited after work on a regular basis. New contacts were coming to lis-

ten to Mr. Eu's lecture of parts of Divine Principle. We copied each other's notes to study and practiced lecturing. Mr. Eu was teaching in the small room, lying down because his left leg had been paralyzed earlier in his life.

At that time, there was very little money. A few members that were spiritually open, were living near the place where Father and Mr. Eu stayed, which became the new headquarters of the movement in Seoul. Interesting spiritual phenomena were happening. The constant changing of locations made it difficult for some members, except those in the inner circle to find the home to which True Father moved. Spirit world would give them instructions to buy some of Father's favorite food and guide them spiritually to the new place Father and his key members were staying. These psychic phenomena were like those that occurred to the Apostles in the New Testament, as described in the Book of Acts. I was well acquainted with this type of spiritual phenomena from having lived with my grandmother from the age of nine.

Late one afternoon, I saw two live chickens in the kitchen tied together. Some member must have brought them for Father since they are one of Father's favorite foods. The next morning, I visited Father's quarters and found that the two chickens had been killed and were being served on Father's breakfast table. This was the first time in my life that I had seen chickens killed and cooked for food. Because of my vegetarian upbringing, based on the Buddhist doctrine of not killing any living thing, I was horribly shocked. Having also never experienced eating chicken in my

life, I could not bear the scene of that breakfast. An anguished feeling penetrated my mind, causing me to almost become sick to my stomach. Ever since that incident in 1954 I have been unable to eat chicken.

On May 1, 1954, according to the dispensational timetable, centering on Father, a trinity was formed including Mr. Eu, Mr. Lee and myself that pledged to follow Father and his truth. The next day, Father called us, and one other person residing in Seoul, and explained to us the need and purpose of starting an organization even in the midst of continuing persecution to Father and his early followers in both Pusan and Taegu. Three names for the organization were given by Father to the four of us. Two of them were so complicated that we could not even comprehend the meaning of the Chinese characters.

Among the three names Father showed us we agreed to adopt the present name which is made up of eleven Chinese characters. We translated these characters into English as "The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity" (HSA-UWC). We translated *Shil-Ryung* (two of the Chinese characters) as "Holy Spirit," but it actually means "spiritual." The name is sometimes confused with the Holy Spirit (one of the three beings of the Trinity in traditional Christian belief), by outsiders and theologians, but no other translation was adequate at the time. The name actually means "spiritual association to unite all Christian churches." ♦

*To be continued in the next issue...
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THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

A group of national messiahs met in Bridgeport for a 40-day (later shortened) workshop under the guidance of Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak. The schedule included analysis of the current providence, education in media work, and project reports.



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Entertainment at the national convention for Japanese wives: above, a play depicting the life course of True Parents is

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and bride had to be united. The bride needed to testify to, serve and follow the Second Coming. In 1945, Christianity should have testified to Father. Paek Moon Kim, from the Israel Monastery, had to play the role of John the Baptist. But he failed. And there were many other Christians who had the same mission, though none of them could fulfill it. The Women's Federation for World Peace had to stand in place of all those who were in the John the Baptist position. From July 6 to 9, 1992, we had rallies proclaiming True Parents as the Messiah. It was the first time ever in human history that the Messiah could make this proclamation. Who hosted the event? Not the Unification Church but rather the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP).

That means the Women's Federation plays the role of the bride in place of Christianity and the Unification Church. The bride should testify to the bridegroom. Therefore, Father put the Women's Federation in the bride's position. And as you know, True Mother is leading the Women's Federation. This means True Mother testified to True Father from the position of the bride, as a prophet, and as the fruit of 2000 years of Christianity.

After the forty-year period in the wilderness from 1945 to 1985, during the seven years from 1985 to 1992, providentially, the bridegroom and the bride had to create unity. On that foundation, the providential restoration of elder sonship,

parentship, and kingship could start in 1993. Therefore, the Completed Testament era began in 1993. Finally, on August 9, 1997, we had the "Proclamation of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth." Although we have many church holy days, *Chil Pal* (7.8) *Jeol* (as it is referred to in Korea) is, according to Father, the most important holy day.

Let us look at the providential changes through the history of the blessings. The nine different blessings starting from the 36-Couple Blessing to the 6500-Couple Blessing are the first stage blessings—the preparation stage. The second stage was the 30,000, the 360,000, and the 3.6 Million-Couple Blessings. Through these blessings, True Parents could restore elder sonship, parentship and kingship and proclaim the realm of safe settlement.

Before the 3.6 Million-Couple Blessing, Satan had dominion over everything. We had to pay indemnity to change anything from the satanic side to God's side. But through the 3.6 Million-Couple Blessing, True Parents could restore the right of dominion. From then on, people could be blessed without having to pay indemnity. Since God has the right of dominion, He can bless us although we are very sinful.

This is a tremendous providential change. This is a change with an essential difference from all other changes throughout human history. It was a

heavenly law that people could come closer to God only through establishing indemnity conditions. This is the first time we have been able to meet God without indemnity conditions, thanks to Heaven's grace.

Let us look at all the providential events that have happened over the completed providence of resurrection. First, in 1994, My Pledge changed to the Family Pledge. With My Pledge we vowed before God and Satan that we would fight against Satan. But in the Family Pledge you cannot find any words such as "Satan", "enemy", or "charging forward", which are found in My Pledge. This means that the satanic dominion has broken down and the heavenly dominion has been established on earth.

Second, the "Proclamation of the Liquidation of Indemnity" was proclaimed at one o'clock, on November 1, 1996, in Uruguay. We have now entered the age when indemnity conditions are not required.

Third, the Unification Church changed its name to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

The name FFWPU symbolizes the realization of God's purpose of creation.

Fourth, *Divine Principle* says that there will be more words of truth since the book is not complete and that Korean will be the common worldwide language. Only after the proclamation of the realm of safe settlement did Father decide upon some speeches (words) for the Completed Testament era. And starting from that proclamation, Korean is to become the common language for the world. Also, on October 13, 1997, Father first instructed us to do *hoon dok hae*. That means no religious rituals are needed anymore. We can simply live with Heaven through doing our pledge service and *hoon dok hae*.

Fifth, in 1998, Korea became the father nation, Japan the mother nation, and the United States the elder son nation. Taiwan, Canada and the Philippines are three daughter nations as the completion of a family can only be established by realizing the four position foundations between a father, mother, sons and daughters. Centered on True Parents, we now have father, mother, son and daughter nations so that we can realize the four position foundation on the worldwide level.

Sixth, there is the Total Living Offering. Until now, God had to divide



all the sacrifices. But the Total Living Offering is the first sacrifice that God doesn't have to divide. God can claim the entire sacrifice. So True Father calls it the sacrifice that liberates God.

Seventh, the "Declaration and Celebration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory" was held on June 14th last year. Although True Mother became True Mother in 1960, she could not be who she is during the forty-year wilderness period since we hadn't fulfilled our responsibilities. She could stand in the position of the bride as the representative of the Women's Federation. Finally in 1993, after successfully fulfilling her responsibilities over seven years, she could stand side by side with True Father as True Mother. Father gave an award to Mother.

This was a historical event. It symbolized that for the first time in history the bride had been victorious. Eve, in the beginning of human history, Mary, two thousand years ago, Christianity and the Unification Church all failed to fulfill their mission as the bride. But Mother finally achieved the victory to stand as Mother. This symbolizes that Adam successfully had completed his mission of creating the perfect Eve.

Eighth, the era of the fourth Adam began from October 1999. The first Adam was the fallen Adam, the second, Jesus, the third, the Second Coming, and the fourth is the final one.

Ninth, we can now pray in our own names.

As you know, the North-South Korean summit marks a major change. No one predicted this development except Father. As I have mentioned before, the division of the Korean peninsula resulted from the failure of Christianity, their being unable to unite with the Second Coming. Korea had to be divided because of the disunity between the bridegroom and bride. So a forty-year period in the wilderness ensued from 1945 to 1985.

Father entered Danbury prison in 1984. At that time, there was absolutely no change visible in the Communist block. One day, Father called a meeting with Dr. Kaufmann and Dr. Sang Hun Lee and asked them to proclaim the end of communism, in Geneva. Dr. Lee told us that anybody who spoke about the destruction of communism at that time



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Above, Korean church leaders display their more playful side at the recent national church leaders convention in Korea; left, Rev. Hwang gives the team flags to team leaders on sports day

would be treated as mentally unbalanced. But following True Father's direction, the end of communism

was proclaimed and within three years, communism started to break down. Why do you think Father asked them to proclaim the end of communism when there was absolutely no sign of it? Father said that since the forty-year indemnity condition was successfully completed, there was no other way but for communism to break down.

After Danbury, when Father came to Korea in November of 1985, he immediately proclaimed the age of Korean unification. At that time, no one ever talked seriously about the unification of Korea. Father created various organizations to change the national atmosphere. In 1988, communism started to break down visibly. Three years later in 1991, Father met Kim Il Sung, the leader of North Korea at that time. We then held South and North Korean Youth and Students Seminars, a Little Angels' performance in North Korea and an art exhibition for peace. We invited the Pyongyang Students & Children's Performing Arts Troupe to South Korea. We are constructing a Peace Park and a Unification church temple, and we have launched the Pyeonghwa Motors company, all in North Korea. On these foundations True Parents took responsibility for the successful summit between the leaders of North and South Korea this June. Who created the atmosphere for the reunifica-

tion of Korea? True Parents, following God's providence. Now, the North Koreans are talking about "love politics." Isn't this a tremendous change? This is indeed the fruit of the providence.

Now we understand everything. We have seen everything. What we have to do is change. Our providential mission is to liberate our homeland. The unification of Korea is the way to do it. That is why we have to break through on the grassroots level and carry out blessing activities.

You are not in Korea simply by your own choice. This is the fruit of God's providence. You represent all of Japan as providential fruit. Father said on June 2nd that the international couples stand in the highest position in heaven and can come closest to God. Japan has the mother's role. You came to Korea to fulfill your mission as the mother.

Last year, when Father sent Korean leaders to Japan, he told them that they had to recreate Japan to be the Mother nation. So you are here to recreate Korea as the father nation so that you can fulfill your mission as mother.

True Father asked us if we truly know. We know. It is now time to fulfill our responsibilities. It is up to us to fulfill the final providential mission of liberating our homeland, and perfecting the providence with True Parents.

Witnessing the emerging providential reality, let us stand up and charge forward from today. Thank you. ♦

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Two irrepressible spirits: Dr. Neil Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport welcomes Mr. Yun Jong Hong (of the second generation), who is dedicating himself in the World Mission Office in Seoul, to Bridgeport. They are pictured here in front of the president's offices on the edge of the University of Bridgeport campus.

If you love the world desperately
and plant the seed of that love in the
world, then God will come to you.

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
JUNE 2, 2000