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Essential Aspects of Our Faith

LOOKING at human history, there has never, since the fall, been a time free of suffering and conflict. Spirituality is what differentiates us from beasts. It is also the foundation of ethics and morality. That very foundation is being destroyed. Spiritual problems are worse these days. Social problems have resulted in endless conflict.

In history, there have been two ways of attempting to cure these ills. First, religions have tried to cure spiritual ills. Second, we have seen ideologies that have the intention of curing social ills—communism being one major example. Communists sought to create a utopian world without God. It was a false doctor trying to cure the problems of the world in the wrong way.

As a religion, Christianity has typically tried to cure spiritual problems. However, can Christianity really solve the problems of ethical and moral decline and of family breakdown in society? Can any of today's religions cure spiritual and social problems? It is evident that none has been able to. When we look at the situation in Korea, the endless problems of juvenile delinquency, family breakdown and the moral decline of society keep getting worse. This means that religions in Korea have not yet found the right answers to Korea's problems.

North Korea is the last remaining country in the world that is pursuing the communist ideal. Can the North Korean ideology of *Juche* [self reliance] solve the problems of the world? The answer is no.

Now True Parents have brought the cure for both internal and external problems. Their providential position can be distinguished from that of others. We can say that the blessing is the most important aspect of True Parents' work: It is the essential path to concretely cure spiritual and social problems. Through the blessing, we can inherit the blood lineage of original goodness. We can establish the tradition of pure love. We can set a moral and ethical standard. We can create families that are the realization of the purpose of God's creation. The blessing is the ultimate way to realize peace on all levels.

The healing providence is being actualized by the current movement of truth, and the blessing. The question is how well we are carrying out our mission of healing and liberating the world commensurate with how True Parents have healed and liberated us. We must think about this seriously.

I have had the opportunity to introduce True Parents' achievements to Korean leaders from various

circles—to explain True Parents' international achievements in front of people from high social standing in Korean society, including a former chairman of the Congress and the Prime Minister. At one such occasion recently, I met and talked to Mr. Min Byung-chun, the former president of Dongguk University [sponsored by a Buddhist foundation]. He told me, "I think I might not be too wrong in saying that Buddhists are more severely persecuted by Christians than Rev. Moon was in the past." And then he told me a story:

One day a monk happened to sit next to a young mother holding a baby. The baby was adorable, so the monk looked at the baby and smiled. In response to the gentle eye contact, the baby pulled slightly on the monk's clothes. The mother drew the baby tightly to herself and quickly stood up, shouting at the baby, "Why are you holding onto the clothes of Satan, the devil?" and quickly walked away. We cannot imagine someone expressing their faith in that way. It does illustrate, though, how intense some Christians are about their faith. Although one could say it would be better if such Christians were more open to other religions, looking at it in a more clement light, there is something positive in their seriousness about maintaining the integrity of their faith.

In light of this, let us consider North Korean society today. I went to North Korea in April, which was a special blessing from True Parents. I went there for the opening of the Pyonghwa Motors plant in Nampo, and was able to visit various other places in North Korea as well [see page 26 on]. I was very impressed with the International Goodwill Museum on Myo Hyang Mountain. At the gate of the museum, all you can see is a traditional Korean tile-roofed house, but once you are inside, you can see the grand scale of the place. There are six stories under the ground floor, where the gifts that have been given to Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il are displayed. I saw a gift that had been given to Kim Il-sung by True Parents.

The gift that most impressed me was a stick that was supposed to be used to do finger pressure massage, which was worth about 200 won [about 15 cents in U.S. money] and had been given by a woman living in Kangwon Province. It seems that there, what is just a little stick takes on irreplaceable value once it is owned by Kim Il-sung or Kim Jong-il. They also displayed a basketball sent by then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. A common basketball, which can be found

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Ceremony for the Total Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History

On April 4, 2002, at twenty-two minutes and twenty-two seconds past ten o'clock in the evening (22:22:22) of the 22nd day of the second month (lunar calendar) in the second year of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents held the Ceremony for the Total Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History at East Garden, New York. In addition to Father's two prayers (the first of which appears below) and speech, the ceremony included the reading of a new message from Heung-jin nim that had been received at Cheong Pyeong earlier in the day.

Father's Prayer

WE must break down the walls of *han* that have been erected throughout history in the spirit world and the physical world. True Parents came to earth and have made right all the conditions that had to be indemnified in the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age and Completed Testament Age. We have liberated You from Your bitter feelings, and, through the blessing of liberation, indemnified all the sorrowful history caused by the love, life and blood lineage of the false parents in the garden of Eden. Standing in the position to offer the Total Living Offering, we have established *Cheon Il Guk*. We are truly grateful for Your allowing us to meet this age of the new, historic, great transition, and the age of the great blessing when our ancestors in the heavenly world and the descendants in the physical world, as the blessed families all together with one heart, one body and one mindset, can serve the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

We are truly grateful for Your giving us the blessing of liberation, enabling us to create a world transcending religions, transcending nations and transcending races through the grace of the blessing, centering on Heung-jin, together with Young-jin, Hee-jin and Hye-jin, along with the four great saints, sages, and those people in the spirit world who made

great contributions for the providence throughout Christian history that has bound together many different religious denominations and groups, and also the NGOs.

Centering on God and together with True Parents, we are all taking responsibility for liberation. We should carefully prepare and make ourselves ready to complete the conditional standard that is one with the original standard, and to move in the direction of harmony. We should fully indemnify the history in which the spiritual and physical worlds did not become one with or support True Parents. We can indemnify the entire failure of the archangel, Lucifer, by absolutely obeying and surrendering before the standard of the perfected Adam. Please lead us with the power to liberate all races, on the foundation that I have paved the highway of light that can directly connect hell, paradise and the heavenly kingdom in the spirit world.

As the blessed families on earth have expanded, You have united the blessed families in the heavenly world. The Cain side realm of the blessing has changed the positions between the brothers before the Abel side realm of the blessing. God should be the King of Kings and be the master of the blessing on earth. We must rediscover the ideal world of creation of love. Humans can offer complete restoration in front of God, thanks to True Parents. You have established *Cheon Il Guk* with the establishment of God's kingship in the spiritual and physical worlds, in the process of settling down our home nation on earth, which is our final mission. You have realized the age of liberation of the autonomous nation [*Jaju Guk*] with the realm of victory and the age of liberation of the subject nation, with the realm of victory in the heavenly world and on earth. We are truly grateful for Heavenly Father's grace enabling us to set up the conditions to surmount the hills and arrive at a world of unification, and proclaim it accordingly.

In the second year of *Cheon Il Guk*, we have set the day and time of the blessing at 22 minutes and 22 seconds after 10 o'clock in the evening (22:00). Central personages from Korea and Japan have gathered here in America to celebrate together with all the spirit people who are blessed in the spirit world, the four saints and the four of my physical children, together in unity. The central figures of the blessing in the religious world, major leaders of denominations, central figures of various religions should be united in one direction, one flow. We truly want to offer this holy liberation ceremony of total indemnity in this age of reclamation and reorganization.

We stand within the boundary of God's kingship with the Parents of Heaven and Earth. We have a heart of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Each of our complete families must be united with one heart, one determination and one body centering on the destined bond of parents and children, husbands and wives and brothers and sisters. As we allow people here to participate in this cer-



emony as one people and as one family of joy that can inherit the heavenly kingdom of liberation on earth and in heaven, let this holy ceremony indemnify all things in heaven and on earth, in this place centered on God. Please accept our offering. Offering congratulations on this day, I offer this in the name of True Parents! Amen. Amen. Amen.

Father's Words

RESTORATION means restoration through indemnity. You cannot restore things by doing nothing. You have to pay indemnity. If one commits a sin, he must pay the price to atone for it. One must pay the price to wash away one's sin. That is called indemnity. You must wash your sins off through indemnity. If you fall in this way, you must pull yourself the other way. You cannot restore your sins without paying the price.

Because people can restore things only by paying the right price, the history of restoration has been prolonged until now. God cannot do it for us. If God could have done it, he would have done it without bothering to set up indemnity conditions. However, He would have had to deny everything He had accomplished to do that. That means, he would have had to destroy the entire cosmos. He could not do so, therefore, He had to keep things the way are and to have us follow the principle of restoration through indemnity to go back to the original state.

To restore yourselves, you must clean away your sins with a degree of intensity equal to that sin. You must wash off the stains of sin. You need to put personal effort into washing your sins away. You need an object for the condition in order to pay indemnity. People have not understood about the providence of salvation. They have not known about offerings and objects for the conditions of indemnity. They have not known until now. That was why primitive people sacrificed other people or animals as offerings. They did all kinds of things. All the things in the world that should have been protected by God's love and that should have lived together with God in harmony had to shed blood after the fall. They had to shed blood! Because false love, false life and false lineage came into this world, blood had to be shed.

Because our blood became stained, blood had to be extracted from the sacrifices. That is why one must cut sacrificial offerings in half. One must divide offerings into God's side and Satan's side. However, God's side is only one part out of ten in this world. Nine parts out of ten belong to Satan. In Oriental philosophy, the number nine means "bad." Satan took more than two thirds of this world and God has less than one third. Out of that one third, less than thirty percent—even less than ten percent—belongs to God. That is why people are asked to offer a ten-percent tithe. That is why the ten-percent tithe is a must in your life of faith. You must take great care of the things you use in your day-to-day life. With a sincere heart towards your possessions, you must offer ten percent of the money you make monthly as a pure offering. When you receive your monthly salary, if the money you receive is not in new bills, you should go to the bank and change them to new bills. You should offer new bills as your offering in church.

Those who offer their ten-percent tithe with sincerity will never perish. Heavenly fortune will always follow those people. Satan cannot remain with them. That is why you need to tithe ten percent. In your life of faith, you need to offer your heart as well as your possessions. You must offer the most precious things you have from your possessions. You must offer the most precious materials as representing your own



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life. You must offer the most precious thing or the thing you love the most before God. For a woman, her rings, diamonds, gold and other jewels don't belong to her. Ten percent of them belong to God. The remaining ninety percent doesn't belong to her either. She should leave them behind to her nation and the world.

If people leave their possessions to their own physical children, their children will end up fighting over the inheritance. To come closer to the ideal world, there should be fewer and fewer people who bequeath their assets to their physical children. In the future, there will come a time when the assets of people in public positions will naturally belong to the nation. Do you understand what I mean? You should not bequeath your assets to your children. True patriots do not bequeath their assets to their own physical children but to the nation. When you live a prosperous life thanks to the blessing of Heaven, you should understand that God gave you a portion of the blessing that was supposed to be given to your nation. Because you have what originally would have belonged to your nation, when you depart from this world, you must leave it behind to the nation. When I look at American society, I see that many leave their assets not to their own physical children but rather to a public cause. Such a trend is inevitable considering how God's will is unfolding.

I am the same way. That is why I won't spend money for my own children when money is available to me. I use money for the nation and the world. The reason I spend money for the world is for the sake of the future descendants of my nation and of the world. As far as the Unification Church members are concerned, I always put you, the members, first, disregarding my own children's situations. You should then feel responsible to care for and protect my children.

Why is that so? It was the Archangel's responsibility to take care for and raise Adam. You are in the position of Cain, the direct children of the Archangel. Whether or not my own children live good lives really depends on how well you take care of them. Because you could not do so, my family has met

with difficulty. Did you realize that?...

Even if Satan takes away my own children, I will find them and bring them back. Don't you see such things happening now? Heung-jin gun, Young-jin gun, Hee-jin gun, and Hye-jin yang are presently in the spirit world. One daughter and three sons are gone. Three different sons are gone.

Hye-jin left us eight days after she was born. Although she only lived only eight days, she established something in the spirit world that she could not have done had she lived on earth longer. Numerous infants have gone to the spirit world so far. Could they have been blessed before? No. Because True Parents came to the world, cut off the satanic lineage, and fulfilled all the indemnity conditions, the blessed families in the spirit world raised those who had gone to the spirit world as infants until they were sixteen years old and blessed them.

Little children can grow up in the spirit world. When their parents really take care of them in their hearts, celebrating their birthdays every year, they can grow. When the family in the physical world invest their heart and soul, the little ones in the spirit world can grow. Also, if they have good ancestors for many generations, they can grow with the supervision of those good ancestors. Those who grew up to be sixteen or older have been blessed. There are tens of billions of them.

When you look at 36-couple blessed families, there were couples who were already married, and another kind of couple, like Noah's couple. What was it about Noah's family? Noah could not settle on the earth. He went only half way. He made conditions only on earth and left. So, there are families like his that consummated their relationship and then broke it off, never able to live together as a family. That is the second kind of family. The third kind of family is made of pure virgins. The third kind of family is like the family of Jacob. Jacob's twelve sons established themselves as historic families. They are the corner stone ancestors. There were previously married couples, conditionally married couples and virgin couples. The third type is like Jacob's twelve tribes, those who completely settled on earth.

The virgin married couples are the center. That is why the central families of the 36-couple blessed families are the Jacob type families. Those couples who were already married represented the Old Testament Age. Those who had had just some of the conditions of marriage represented the New Testament Age and the virgin couples represented the Completed Testament Age. However, neither the already married couples, nor the engaged couples nor even the virgin couples could establish families with God's blessing on earth on their own. True



After Father's prayers and the cutting of the congratulatory cake, Mother gave trays of fresh food and drinks from the offering table to four teams of people (one Korean, one Japanese, one American). These they took to the northern, eastern, southern and western boundaries of East Garden and scattered there in accordance with True Parents' instructions.

Parents came, discovered all the heavenly laws, paid indemnity to separate them from Satan and created the conditions for them to settle without Satan's interference. As a result, Satan cannot accuse those families even if they go straight to the heavenly world without going through other levels of the spirit world first.

Satan has been able to do whatever he wants to with those spirit people in the level below paradise and people who had never gone beyond their national boundaries—he can take them off to hell. But I overcame all of that. I restored all the married couples, restored the couples who had experienced the circumstances of marriage, like Noah's family, and restored families like Jacob's.

The Old Testament Age was like the already married couples, the New Testament Age was like the couples who had experienced the circumstances of marriage. Don't people in America like contract marriages? They want to live together, but they don't want to create real families. They don't want to have children. No children. No families. All those different kinds of families must establish themselves just like the twelve tribes were established in Jacob's lineage. They all should unite and be an offering to God. That is the 36-couple blessed families. Actually, the Cain and Abel types failed to unite in the 36-couple blessed families, but through the 72 couples, the condition of the unity between the Cain side and Abel sides was made.

What do the 72-couple blessed families represent? There were 72 elders from the Israelite people centering on Moses, the chosen people of Israel who fled from Egypt. Starting from the twelve families of Jacob, going through the positions of the 72 elders and expanding to the number 120, there were 120 disciples at the time of Jesus. Those 120 disciples represented the twelve tribes. They represented the number twelve

on the national level, centering on Jesus. When the Holy Spirit descended at the time of the Pentecost, the spirit was a mother's spirit. Because Jesus, who was the father spirit, had gone to the spirit world, the mother spirit had to descend to the earth and suffer the pain of giving birth to her children.

Ever since the Holy Spirit first descended, the history of Christianity has developed on a spiritual foundation without having a physical foundation. Because they have progressed only on the basis of a spiritual foundation, Christians have never had a concrete foundation like the people of Israel in the Old Testament Age did. The people of Israel at least had a nation at the time that they were the center of the providence. Christianity, however, has never had a nation with a sense of national unity like the people of Israel had. Christians have been like wanderers. Even putting aside the period of Roman Empire, Christians always have been persecuted and shed blood wherever they pioneered.

Christian blood had to be shed to break down walls. Jesus had to shed his blood, therefore, those who follow Jesus on the national-level foundation must also shed blood. All races must make the sacrificial offering of blood. They should all make indemnity conditions to go beyond their national boundaries. Britain, America and France are nations that have made indemnity conditions to break down their national boundaries.

At the time of the Second World War, the relationship between Britain, America and France was parallel to the relationship between Japan, Germany and Italy. Britain was the Eve nation on the heavenly side. Japan was the Eve nation on the satanic side. Japanese people believed in many gods, such as *Amaterasu-omi-kami*¹. When Japan won victories in the Pacific, and occupied Vietnam, Singapore and other parts of Asia within six months, Hitler thought that if Germany allied itself with Japan they could swallow the entire world together. So an alliance was formed between Japan, Germany and Italy, and they fought against Britain and her allies.

Britain was a mother nation, the mother of America. France was the archangel nation. The archangel nation on the satanic side was Italy. All six nations fought in World War II, and these allied nations representing Christian culture won. On the foundation of the victory of those three nations on the heavenly side, the Second Advent of Christ could occur.

Jesus unified the spiritual world, but owing to his crucifixion he could not unify the physical world. At a crucial point in history, when the national-level foundation was expanding to the world-wide foundation, the True Father had to appear. The True Father, Christ at the Second Advent, had to appear and complete his mission within seven years. Everything should have been over by 1952. If all Catholics and Protestants had accepted the word of God and received the blessing, the whole world could have been restored in seven years. The things you are learning now are what Catholics and Protestants were supposed to have learned then. Now, the mission of Ambassadors for Peace is being done on behalf of those Catholics and Protestants. Ambassadors for Peace must teach others in their nations and even give them the blessing. The blessing is the most frightening weapon one can ever have against Satan. Do you understand?

We have come to the age when we can bless the head of a

nation and all its people in one day upon the foundation that has been made throughout thousands of years of suffering history. Now we have reached the age when we can easily win over people in the heavenly and earthly worlds. However, the spiritual and physical worlds are not completely blessed yet. We must bless them. The earth is the realm of Adam and the heavenly world is the archangelic realm. Our ancestors are in the archangelic realm. Due to the fall, when Adam was sixteen, his body became connected to, and came to belong to Satan. Then he started to procreate. Our ancestors are the results of that procreation.

I have therefore had to make indemnity conditions ever since I was sixteen², and have finally accomplished world-wide victory. At the same age as Adam was when he fell, I received my calling from God.

Those who are blessed must not assume that they received the blessing because they have done something special or right for God. I made the foundation for men to change their blood lineage through their wives. I have bequeathed to the blessed families the victorious foundation I have been making since I was sixteen. For three years, after the blessing, blessed husbands must serve their wives as if their wives were their mothers. They must think as if their wives had given birth to them. Without their wives, they could not have new lives and a new lineage. The relationship between blessed husbands and wives change. First the wives are in the position of their mothers, then their elder sisters and finally their younger sisters who need protection and care. They must indemnify the position of the Archangel who could not protect Eve.

When the blessing was first given, three years of living in the way explained above would have been considered almost nothing. A husband and wife could not live together for seven years after the blessing ceremony. They had to set up indemnity conditions to live together. How easy things are these days!

As can be seen in history, when two nations were at war, the nation that won often took away everything and sometimes killed everyone from the nation that lost; women and children were often not killed. The women and children whose lives were spared might have ended up becoming slaves in their enemy's nation. Being slaves in their enemy's nation was not necessarily bad. If they became very loyal slaves, the citizens of the nation would want to have them as daughters-in-law, concubines or wives. In that way, their lineage would still survive generation after generation and their lineage could still be part of the history of God's providence.

One must go up starting from the servant of servant's position. What kind of people can go up to the position of servant from the position of servant of servant? Women have to indemnify the sins of the past. By paying indemnity, women and their children can go through the eight stages of liberation. The three-year separation period our members had to pass through is in accordance with the historical indemnity course.

Things don't move if you don't make effort. You cannot just do whatever you feel like doing. You must pay indemnity. All those closed and crossed lines should be opened up and made into parallel lines. Who can do this? You could never do it on your own. I am trying to liberate everyone by paying the price....

Rev. Kwak's team scattering the food



¹Sun goddess in Shintoism

²Note: Father met Jesus in April 1935, when he was fifteen by Western reckoning

Women are the second self of True Mother: women can be seen collectively as one person. Adam, Jesus, and Christ at the Second Advent are collectively one person—Adam. Who is Adam? Not all people are Adam; all people are children of the Archangel. Do you understand?

Isn't Christianity the religion of the bride? They are saying, "Our bridegroom, please come!" Christianity is the bride religion, not a bridegroom. God is looking for Eve.

In the Unification Church, women of the world have served the Lord of the Second Advent. You must love the Lord of the Second Advent more than anyone else in the world. Have you heard of lovesickness? You must feel that you cannot be fully alive unless you can see me. Even men should cry because of a desire to see me. For men, I represent their father, God, elder brother or an uncle whom they care about the most.

I teach women how they should live their lives, to keep their sexual purity. No matter how desperate women have been over me, even if they threatened to kill themselves over me, I've never taken advantage of them. They are my younger sisters. I have opened ways for them to be engaged and married, to be mothers, grandmothers and finally to be in the position of queens. After you receive the blessing and pass through total indemnification, you women can go on to reach the position of queens. How different are present queens' lives from what they were like in the past? Aren't things much more civilized now? We have the Internet, and e-mail systems that enable us to communicate anywhere in the world with whomever we wish. Such a time has come....

What is great about True Mother is not that she is better looking than others or that she has, for instance, more eyes than other people, or anything special in that way. She is the same as anyone else on earth. However, she had to come from a particular background. Her family had to have an only daughter for three generations. An only daughter for three generations....

She has no brothers and sisters. Therefore, it is easier for her to be more single-minded. Originally, she should have been from a family that has an only daughter for seven generations. I was supposed to choose that kind of family. Could I just have let any woman take the role of Mother? She had to be someone who matched the conditions determined by Heaven. Do you understand? In terms of religious faith, she should have had the background of having gone through three different types of faith. She should stand in the spiritual foundation believing for several decades that the Second Advent of Christ would come as a person on earth. True Mother's mother—Daemo nim—was such a person. She went through three different Christian denominations, starting with the Sung Ju [Holy Lord] Church in Chulsan, the In-the-Belly Church and the New Jesus Church. Considering all the conditions that had to be met, do you think it was easy to find True Mother or not?

Some of the Unification Church members who did not

know about this wanted to be True Mother themselves. They opened their clothes and showed me their breasts, doing all kinds of crazy things to lure me. How strongly those women pushed me! You have no idea. But I never responded to any of them at all. One must keep one's sexual purity.

I would like to tell you all about these things in more detail. I could do it in one day in the spirit world but here it might take several years of explanation. That's why I don't explain; do you understand? In the spirit world, I can just explain

about things like that just once, that's all I need to do. But here, it takes several decades and even then I might not be able to finish.... What's more, I don't want to reveal heavenly secrets to people who cannot cope with them. That will just cause a big problem. That's why God hasn't told people either.

According to the report from Heung-jin, 130 well-known people in Christian history, including the twelve disciples of Jesus, did not know that God was their Parent. Even if they were to ask if God is their Parent, He

wouldn't tell them. If they pushed forward more seriously, God would disappear. He doesn't deal with them. Such secrets, such heavenly or historical secrets are supposed to be resolved and revealed by True Parents. God isn't supposed to tell people directly. Men in the Unification Church do not oppose my will even if I mobilize their wives: they have to cook for themselves and take care of their children alone. Even if I told you to take care of beggars on the street, you should not complain. Do you understand what I mean? You are the descendants of the Archangel (Lucifer). I went through a painstaking course to save you. In order for you to pay me back for saving your lives, you must digest anything given from me with joyful hearts. That is the reality. That is why no matter how they feel inside, the Unification Church members cannot oppose what I do. Their original mind knows it.

You will know how much God loves True Parents once you go to the spirit world. You should think about True Parents even when we aren't around. What do you think? Do you suppose God has been looking for True Parents with an unchanging heart and love for thousands of years or maybe not?

Today is a good day. We must overcome the troublesome problems in the spirit world and put it in good order. I must solve them when I go to the spirit world. Based on my knowledge of the Principle, I will

gather people one by one. I will have to educate them one by one, again. You should not think you are going there all together with me. Do you want to go to the spirit world with me or without me? I don't want anyone to come with me. Haven't you hurt me enough in this world? Haven't you broken my heart enough? When I asked you to work, you said, "You didn't feed us enough to work. You should feed us, first." That was how you reacted. Think about how you have been to me. What if I said to God that I couldn't carry out the mission He wanted me to do because I was too hungry? It was as if I had to cross mountains, tens of thousands of feet



True Family wives sing a congratulatory song



A parallel ceremony was held at Cheong Pyeong at the same hour (earlier due to the time difference)

high, cross seas and wilderness, places full of crocodiles and anacondas. I have come this far after having been through indescribable hardships.

You call Hyun-jin gun elder brother. Didn't I say that I restored the elder brother through indemnity? Did you hear that I fulfilled that? Do you think I have perfected myself or not? [You have perfected yourself.] How about you? [Not perfected yet.] When are you going to perfect yourselves? If you go to the spirit world without first perfecting yourselves, you will meet difficulties. Here, it is possible to let days go by without changing at all. Over there, people shine just like the sun shines. People's bodies emit light in the spirit world. You should shine with blinding light. When a person with a stronger light appears, people in the spirit world naturally become attracted to him. Things are so transparent and clear there. If you are a 100-watt electric bulb, the light of 10-watt bulbs feel like nothing. You should understand that. You have no accomplishments to be proud of. Of course, some of you may have a good family background and people from your village might respect and love you, but that's it, isn't it?

You call me the "True Parent." Do you know what kind of people True Parents are? Have you served True Parents? You American members don't even like to serve your own parents. You must be the best of sons, the best of daughters, the best of husbands, the best of wives, the best of fathers, the best of mothers, the best of grandmothers, the best of grandfathers, the best of kings, or the best of queens to be able to serve True Parents. Have you all been like that? Even if you are all of those things and serve True Parents, you still cannot receive a score of 100 in the spirit world. Have you thought of the kind of life I will have with God? Will God follow me or will I follow after God? Don't you know I'm asking you a question? [God will follow you.] Have you seen it with your own eyes?

What kind of people are you? No matter how great parents are, if their child becomes a wastrel... You know the story of the prodigal son in the Bible. Even if parents kick their child out of their home, their heart actually feels more toward the problem child than any of the remaining children. They ardently hope that their child will straighten himself up and come back. They would wait for thousands of years if they had to.

Do you think hell should exist or not? Without hell, it would be hard to correct such problems. These days, however, fathers cannot be fathers. Don't you agree? People don't care about what their fathers are up to these days.... You Americans don't think you need your fathers and mothers. You put them in the category of senior citizens and separate them from your lives. What's wrong with a husband and wife living by themselves free from their parents' influence? What's wrong with a young couple living by themselves? Do you think there is heaven only for white couples? There is no such heaven. People from hundreds of different nations live together in one place in heaven.

Participating here isn't affirmation of anything for you. You might think, "I have participated in the total liberation ceremony with God and I participated in True Father's prayer, therefore, I've won a great victory!" That kind of thinking is inadmissible. You stand in a fearful position. How serious it is! For tens of thousands of years God has longed to see Adam and Eve. Don't you think God wanted them to be a good brother and sister to each other? Do you think God wanted to see their couple broken up? Even if the entire globe

had had to be destroyed through war, God would have spared Adam and Eve. You should think about it as families, between husbands and wives, and with your children—how seriously have you thought about God's situation? You must now revolutionize yourselves.

How far are you willing to follow me? In Korea, members want to go fishing with me. They are so excited but they don't catch anything. I don't understand why they don't study fishing enough to catch any. When you fish alone, you should have your

sinker heavy and cast out a long distance. You should reel the line in very quietly after you cast. Some fish can see ten or even a hundred meters. Big ones can see very well with their big eyes. They are almost like bears. If you do it right, though, they will take your hook; but you just sit there all day!

I can find fish by casting lines many times here and there. As soon as a fish is caught on my hook, I quickly catch it then borrow someone else's rod and cast out another line instantly—because I know there are at least two or three fish together in the same place.

I told you a while ago that the providence of salvation is restoration through paying indemnity, didn't I? Restoration through indemnity is accomplished by setting up conditions.

The restoration of a family or of a nation is decided by the conditions people make. That is the way it is. Those in the spirit world are waiting for me to go and liberate them; but I hope I can sleep for a long time once I get there.

Those of you have a birthday today raise your hands. Come on out. Is there only one? How about people whose birthdays are sometime this week? What's today? [Thursday.] It's Thursday, so people who have your birthdays beginning from April 1 to April 7 should come out. Those people.... There is so much fruit, you should pack some in your jackets and

take it home. You should take as much as you can carry. You should have feasts at home. Do you know what this is? What part of the world produces the best papaya? Hawaii! Are there any Hawaiian natives here? Come out. Give him the big watermelon. Among those in the audience, he who thinks he is the tallest come out. Bring another one as big as him—that one. (Cheers) You don't need to fight over it. Come out one by one. We have enough for everyone.◆

After a full bow was offered, the occasion concluded with three cheers of Mansei.



Father speaks on True Parents' Day, April 13th, in Korea



*The 42nd Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding
April 28th, Washington, D.C.*

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YUSUKE OGAWA, TOKYO

True Parents' Prayer of Blessing (Excerpts)

LOVING Heavenly Father. Today, April 27th in the second year of *Cheon Il Guk*, here at the Sheraton National Hotel in Washington, D.C., at 3:15 in the afternoon, 144,000 religious leader couples chosen from 189 countries, of one heart, one body and one mindset are receiving the great benefit of the blessing bestowed from Heaven. For this we offer our deep gratitude....

We are here with all the religious leaders standing together as a family of one heart, one body and one mindset, thanks to the blessing of unity between heaven and earth. We must restore fallen families to be ideal families belonging to the original realm of God's heart on the familial, tribal, racial, national and cosmic levels, Father. Now, we can engraft the false olive trees with true olive trees based on the newly-born ideal family. True Parents came to the earth on the foundation You had painstakingly laid to establish the victorious supremacy representing Your all-transcendent, all-immanent, and all-powerful divine nature through the power of Your love, life and lineage.

You have brought Satan to surrender through the eight stages of the indemnity course, passing through the ages of the individual, family, tribe, race, nation and heart levels of indemnity. After having established the victorious foundation of liberation, You have created the victorious supremacy of the establishment of Your kingship. Thank you so much for allowing us to have *Cheon Il Guk*, the nation of liberation, where all things in the entire universe can be governed by God's direct dominion of love....

144,000 religious leaders are being blessed here. We are truly, truly, truly grateful for Your grace in allowing us to hold this worldwide, historic marriage blessing that will enable us to move forward to the world of liberation, the new Kingdom of Heaven on earth where we can entirely devote our loyalty and filial piety to You.

All the people being blessed here should create a unified realm of heavenly heart with one mind, one body and one mindset. They should belong to Heaven, connecting to true love, true life and true lineage by fulfilling their responsibility as filial children, loyal servants, saints and holy people during their lives on earth, so that they can be the families in the cosmic garden of love, belonging to the heavenly royal family. These people should be able to offer their offerings, like trees duly bearing fruit, for the heavenly kingdom of love on earth and in heaven. We are truly grateful for Your allowing us to have the realm of liberation at this time so that we could all offer our fruit in front of Heaven—the fruit of all of history since God's creation.

Please allow Your eternal blessing on and the eternal fulfillment of Your promise to the 144,000 couples who are now being blessed. Father, we sincerely pray for You to bless them to create families of true heavenly filial children, loyal servants, saints and holy people who can walk this most central and heavenly path as You would wish them to.

I offer congratulations and fervently, fervently report and pray all these things in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!◆

14,000 Clergy Couples Blessing



YUSUKE OGAWA, TOKYO

The following is adapted from a report Rev. Michael Jenkins (President of FFWPU-USA) published just after the 144,000 Blessing Ceremony in Washington, D.C., for which he was the emcee.

THE opening prayer for the day's events was given by Rev. Leroy Elliott of the National ACLC board of directors. In a beautiful prayer and proclamation he declared that through our families and blessing we are declaring war on evil, and that the family is the most important thing that God has created.

Held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Washington, D.C., the blessing program included the testimony of Pastor T.L. Barrett Jr. With his wife Cleopatra he testified as to how, during the 50-state speaking tour of last year, Father accurately prophesied that they would come back together despite their being still separated ten years after their divorce. Pastor Bar-

rett testified: "God told me to stand with Father Moon, and I would be blessed. The most unexpected blessing came. I was reunited with my wife and the mother of our 7 children! We are so happy now. Father and Mother Moon, our True Parents, want everything and everybody to be married! Father is a marrying man! He wants everything to be married. He would like a desk and chair or even the two light bulbs to be married if possible." The congregation enjoyed his loving humor. Because Rev. Barrett's marriage had been healed,

however, one could feel how deep and serious was his inner message. The couples were moved and many wept.

For the blessing ceremony itself, Rev. Don Olson, founder of the Lutheran Center for Dialogue, offered the invocation. In his prayer, he called for the end of walls and barriers between denominations and religions through this ceremony.

Then religious leaders from every major faith offered prayers for the 144,000 clergy couples. Each gave a special prayer and blessing according to their unique tradition. That this happened in Washington is surely a portent that America, as the Elder-son nation, can lead the way to the harmony of all religions.

These holy benedictions completed, it was time for True Parents to conduct the Blessing Ceremony itself. First, twen-

Religious Leaders Representing Many Faiths Give Their Blessing

(At the microphone) Venerable Ilukpitiye Pannasekara (Buddhism) Sri Lanka

(From left to right) Dr. & Mrs. Ranjit Singh, representing Dr. Rajwant Singh (Sikhism); Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Rev. Jesse Edwards (Christian; Pentecostal) Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Rev. & Mrs. Willie Wilson (Christian; Baptist) Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Swami Amar Nath Gupta (Hinduism) Chief Temple Priest, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Ven. Park Il-dong (Taego Buddhism) Korea
Mr. & Mrs. John Copeland (Native American



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Traditions) Cherokee & Arapaho, U.S.A.

Mr. & Mrs. Tansukh Salgia (Jainism)
Leader of the Jain Religion, U.S.A.

Rabbi Itzhak Bar-Dea (Judaism)

Chief Rabbi, Ramat Gan, Israel

Imam Allama Muhammad Hussain Akbar
(Islam; Shiite Tradition) Grand Imam,
Pakistan

ty-one blessed couples, attired in holy robes, entered the Blessing Sanctuary and lined the aisles. True Parents then entered the hall, preceded by a procession of twelve clergy couples—led by Pastor and Mrs. T.L. Barrett, Archbishop and Mrs. George A. Stallings, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards, and Bishop and Mrs. Dan Johnson. Eight more clergy couples were in the procession as concelebrant clergy who had been blessed in the 60-couple blessing exactly eleven months earlier. These leaders were dressed in their clerical robes and brought great dignity to the procession.

Twelve other couples, made up of both clergy and Unificationist second generation couples who were being blessed on this occasion then came forward to form two rows of six couples standing directly in front of True Parents. They included Rev. and Mrs. Kenyatta (newly matched by True Parents), Rev. and Mrs. Don Olson, Elder and Mrs. Ernest Hamilton, Rev. and Mrs. Hardaway (newly matched), and Christof and Lena Yasutake (a newly matched second generation couple).

First came Rev. Kwak's "Report to Heaven" in which he reported to God what was about to take place and the number of the 144,000 clergy couples.

The Holy Water Ceremony followed. The concelebrant clergy took their places with water bearers following them. True Parents waited until all were in place. Then Father and Mother blessed the couples with the holy water which has the meaning of sanctification

with the water of life. As True Parents sprinkled the couples it was an amazing sight. For the first time in history our blessed couples (national messiahs and other leaders who also were concelebrants) were led by the twelve blessed clergy couples. It was an amazing sight to see Bishop Johnson, Rev. Edwards, Pastor Barrett, Bishop Stallings and their wives sprinkling the holy water as representatives of our True Parents. Bishop Johnson wore a beautiful white clerical robes. Archbishop Stallings wore the traditional robes of an archbishop. It was a glorious moment.

True Parents then read the four vows which were strongly affirmed by the clergy couples with a strong YES!

Next came the Prayer of Blessing. Beginning from the blessing last February, True Parents no longer extend their arms for this prayer, but face each other and hold hands. The couples were asked to also face each other, holding hands. Then the concelebrant clergy and their wives extended their hands—in the manner True Parents had always done until this year when they gave a benediction—over the larger body of the congregation. True Parents prayed.

The Washington Times reported over 700 clergy couples attending the main ceremony [there were others around the world: see p.22]. Thirty couples came from the Nation of Islam. Fifteen Buddhist couples came from Korea. Top Christian and Buddhist leaders came from Japan, and more than twenty Sikh couples from the Washington area.

True Parents then personally gave rings to each of the twelve representative couples for the Exchange of Rings, and the congregation then followed suit and exchanged blessing rings.

Following this, True Parents gave the Proclamation of Blessing.

Flowers and gifts were presented. Archbishop Stallings placed a flower at the foot of the stage before our True Parents symbolizing the love the religious leaders wanted to express for our True Parents. Raoul Joseph and Linda Laleh Nader (from a Muslim background) sang a congratulatory song.

Joined by Bishop Dan Johnson, Dr. Yang Chang-shik and Rev. Hideo Oyamada, Father and Mother led three cheers of *Mansei*. The concelebrant clergy then led True Parents in the Recession of the Officiators. The officiators' attendants then followed on.

True Parents then returned for photographs. When Father and Mother did finally leave the Blessing Sanctuary, one could feel the warmth of love emanating between all races, religions, nations and cultures.

The day concluded with a beautiful performance by the "Mighty Clouds of Joy" gospel group whose members, having been blessed with their wives in the ceremony, gave an uplifting Gospel performance for all the couples.

It was a glorious day for Heaven and Earth.◆

Some 700 couples, many among whom were leaders or representatives from different faiths, participated in the main ceremony for the blessing of 144,000 clergy couples at the Sheraton National Hotel, in Washington, D.C., U.S.A., on the afternoon of April 27th.

Photos: page 10 (top to bottom), the Prayer of Blessing, the Affirmation of Vows, some of the participating couples; page 11, True Parents and clergy bless the assembled couples; this page, Father and Mother take a souvenir photo with a large group of participants



Reaching the Heart of Christianity

Colette Takigawa
Ilsan, Korea

WHEN I heard about the campaign in America, I was struck by two points: one was that it would foster ecumenical unity—especially among the Christian churches—and the second was that Father had said that it was to be a more decisive battle than World War II. We were informed that if a thousand Japanese sisters went to the United States, Japan could be saved. Having had a keen interest in the unification of Christianity since before joining our church, and bearing a Japanese name (my husband is Japanese) although I am French, I felt called for this mission and volunteered to go. I was not on the list of those officially called, but as each nation was to send five Japanese missionaries to America, I was accepted as one representing Uganda, my former mission country. Within three days, I prepared and flew to Columbus, Ohio.

Arrangements in each state were different, but in Columbus, the Japanese sisters were housed, two by two, by local blessed families. Representing the Adam nation, Korean national messiahs of four countries and, representing the Eve nation, the Japanese woman missionaries from those countries were assigned to Ohio to support the regional leader, Bishop Lee Ki-yeal, and the Ohio church pastor Rev. John Mwamba, representing the Elder-son nation.

Every day we would begin at 8:00 AM with prayer, reading faxed communications from the mobilization director, Mrs. Erikawa, who was based in New York, and sharing testimonies from the previous day. Teams for visiting the churches were then made up—each team composed of a local blessed member who would drive between four and six sisters.

After breakfast we prepared our witnessing materials (invitation for breakfast meetings, a Family Federation flag, sheets inscribed with the “four affirmations of true love,” holy juice and origami cranes), and lunch boxes. Usually we were out in our areas by 10:00 AM and back in the church between 4:00 and 5:00 PM. After supper, we would go out again to attend Bible classes, evening services or revival meetings.



Colette and Eriko Koyama worked together

At each church, we approached the pastor (if possible) or one of his assistant ministers—or if none were available, the church secretary or an elder. Only one in ten of the Japanese sisters could speak English well enough to approach the pastors. Most of the time, therefore, the approach was made by a local blessed member or myself.

We introduced ourselves as missionaries who had come from Japan to join a campaign to rebuild the family in America. We showed them statistics about family breakdown in the United States and even the shocking figure that the rate of divorce among born-again Christians is slightly higher than the national average. We then stressed the importance for Christian ministers and their congregants of uniting to rectify this critical situation, “that they may be one, as the Father is in me and I in him.” (John 17:21)

As well as inviting them to renew their marriage vows and receive God’s blessings, we invited them to attend a prayer breakfast, which we held every week to discuss these pressing issues.

Being aware of the almost impossible task of uniting churches on the theological level, the American Clergy Leadership Conference (under whose auspices the campaign and blessing were being organized) had come up with a symbol that could be shared by all Christian ministers and Christian families—a small communion (a tiny, sealed cup of holy grape juice, also containing a small host) that could be shared by all members of the clergy and all Christian couples, as long as they could sincerely affirm the four vows.

One cup was given to each couple. If both husband and wife were present the wife would drink half the juice and eat half of the host, and then the husband would drink the remainder of the juice and eat the remainder of the host. One of the couple would pray before the communion, and one Japanese sister would pray afterwards. We would then take a commemorative photograph and ask the husband and wife to sign a campaign in support of family values. Couples were encouraged to hug each other. The atmosphere was solemn but joyful.

Each pastor or their secretary was also given origami cranes—a symbol of peace for their family, and the pastor was presented with the Family Federation flag, after having been given due explanation of its significance.

If only one of the marriage partners



was present, he or she would eat one complete host, drink one full cup of holy juice and then bring one more of each to share with his or her spouse at home. They would also sign the signature form as representatives of their families.

When it was the pastor himself receiving the blessing, we would encourage him to lead his congregation in a similar ceremony and give him all the necessary materials with which to organize it by him- or herself. They were responsible to organize the event, but we offered to contribute by providing the holy juice and an international or Japanese choir (both led by Seiko Lee).

During our church visits, we felt the spiritual world moving. For example, we would park the car on the empty church parking lot, and while praying inside our car, we would hear the sound of a car pulling up, which would be the pastor or church secretary arriving. In those cases, they would almost invariably be positive and receive the blessing.

Or the minister might tell us that

on that day he was supposed to be out fishing, or that he had had some other plan in mind, but due to the weather, or some other reason, had ended up coming to the church instead. Many ministers agreed that God had postponed what they'd previously planned so that they could meet us.

On one occasion, a Japanese sister testified that as I was handing the cup of holy juice to a minister, she saw a beam of light coming from my hand and encircling the little cup. Another time, a minister who was soon to be in a meeting asked his secretary to prepare the signature form and put the holy juice cup in his pocket, promising to drink it later with his wife. At our follow-up visit, he testified that as he left the room to attend his meeting, he heard God's voice telling him, "You have done the right thing." Later, after he had decided to conduct this marriage rededication ceremony for the members of his church, he again heard God's voice, telling him, "I am going to heal these

marriages." That same pastor also testified that during the two weeks he was preparing the blessing ceremony for his church, he felt Satan trying to attack him: On different occasions, he had gone to get gasoline for his car, and when he went into the kiosk to pay, there were pornographic magazines open on the counter in front of him.

One day, we met the wife of a pastor. He had gone to town, and she was working at the church's day-care center, substituting for a sick teacher. I managed to convince her to spare five minutes and explained to her about our campaign. She then confessed that she was fasting that day. (In fact, we learned later that she fasted twice every week.) Even so, she said it was an honor to break her fast to drink the holy juice. She took us as witnesses before God that she only broke her fast for that purpose. When she prayed, tears rolled down her face as she asked God to protect the love between husband and wife, a love that was under so much attack from Satan.

An Unburdening of the Soul

Kim Ki-young

National Messiah to Uzbekistan

OUR activities began on March 13th and ended on April 27th. Four Korean national messiahs, fifty-three Japanese missionaries and a number of American members organized ten teams and reported to God of the beginning of our work.

The Japanese missionaries couldn't speak English. They were in some ways like those who are mute, blind and deaf, but they were so brave. With American members, they knocked on doors of the churches with the blessing brochures.

Most black ministers were openhearted and received the blessing. The ministers prayed while holding the holy wine, and most of their voices were shaky with excitement. When I prayed in front of the minister couples for the blessing, no matter how I told myself not to, I couldn't stop myself being choked with tears. All the painful memories from the time when we were persecuted and misunderstood and from Father's six terms of imprisonment came to me. Even the minister couples, who did not know what I was thinking, cried with me. After the prayer, they usually had big, friendly smiles, and I felt as if they were my own children.

Although the black ministers wel-

comed us without any suspicion, Lutheran Church ministers were polite but more questioning of us. When one minister found out that we were from the Unification Church his eyes almost popped out. When it happened that ministers told me that their faith and



Rev. Kim and Japanese sisters with a church pastor in Minneapolis

ours were totally different and kicked us out, I really felt like dying.

Sometimes, it helped that we did not know English. Sometimes the ministers who read our brochures about the blessing refused to sign and, with stern faces, asked us to leave. Since our Japanese sisters did not understand what they had said, they would continue to proffer the brochures. Then they would often relent, give us their signatures and drink

the holy wine. After drinking the wine, they usually warmed up to us, gladly agreed to be in the photos with us, and even exchanged gifts. We owed a lot to the power of the holy wine.

Whenever I met ministers who knew about True Parents well and welcomed us, I felt like cheering *Mansei*. Sometimes, we walked against the cold wind all day without any meaningful meetings. After such a long day of torment, when we met some ministers who really welcomed us and showed their gratitude for the blessing, I felt like crying.

American Christians churches are strong and alive. America is the center of the world. Her officially acknowledging the Unification Church as an established religion would be compared to Christianity being acknowledged by the Roman Empire. That is why Father has poured so much into this nation. Despite the enormity of his investment, many of those who formed ties with our church moved on. For those that remain, the work to bring the blessing to Christian ministers helped their faith to revive.

I pray that the Unification Church of America will be the place where God's tradition of practicing sacrificial love is maintained.◆



The Family Federation flag was offered to church ministers as a symbol of unity and support cause

One pastor, whose pride seemed a little hurt, commented, "So you are missionaries to America!" (It is a kind of irony in a nation that has sent so many missionaries out to the world.) Then he shook his head and said, "I guess we need it."

As I introduced the Japanese sisters and myself, I always stressed that the reason we had left our families behind so that we could come to America and take part in this campaign, was because America is being taken as a model for the world: whatever happens in America is inevitably going to affect the rest of the world.

During the forty-day campaign, I only met two pastors who were negative. Others would sometimes refuse to drink the holy juice for different theological reasons, but they still agreed to pray for the success of our campaign.

The lady pastor of a spiritualist church—who sometimes spoke in tongues—started to speak in Korean during Rev. Shin's prayer after she and her husband had drunk the holy juice. In another church we visited, some members had had dreams that they would receive a visit from missionaries the following day.

My deepest and warmest experience was on Sunday, April 28th, the day

after the blessing ceremony in Washington, D.C., when five of us, including three Japanese sisters and one from Korea, attended blessing ceremonies held by one church in Mansfield. The pastor—the one who had heard God's voice when we first visited his church—started each of three services by introducing each one of us to his congregation, explaining what we were doing in America. He then gave a powerful sermon entitled, "Fourteen Reasons Not to Have an Affair." He then divided his congregation into different groups, according to their situation (divorced, single, widowed, couples, etc.), and a holy juice ceremony was held for each group in separate rooms after spiritual guidance relevant to each group's situation was given.

The pastor then led the rededication marriage ceremony for married couples in which the husband and wife were both present in the church. The husbands each

received one cup of juice. Then, all the couples came close to the altar and stood face to face. In addition to the affirmations of true love, the pastor had prepared some very moving words that the husbands and wives in turn pledged to each other: *You are God's gift to me. When we did this the first time, I meant it. As we do this the second time, I mean it even more.* This was followed by the holy juice ceremony.

One man had never been to the church before. He had been pulled there by his wife but was shedding tears as he took part in the ceremony.

The wife of another couple had been unfaithful to her husband a year before, and her husband had forgiven her. The pastor mentioned this situation in his sermon, and she looked uncomfortable. But during the rededication ceremony he passed near to her and told her, "No shame," helping her to release her feelings of guilt. He is a pastor who shows a great deal of personal concern and care.

Each couple was invited by the pastor to have their picture taken one by one, and they received a certificate signed by the pastor and themselves. After the ceremony, some couples came to thank us personally. It was raining very heavily, so that no one could leave the church immediately. I was reminded

that in Africa, where I had worked as a missionary for twenty years, rain means "blessing."

I feel so grateful to Heavenly Father and True Parents for allowing me to be part of this incredible providence. I felt hope for America and hope for the world, because no matter how hard Satan tried to destroy America with communism, free sex, homosexuality, divorce and so forth, God could still prepare these wonderful pastors, ministers and Christian people.

I know that when, in the not-too-distant future, some of these ministers stand up and proclaim the messianic mission of our True Parents, then all of these ministers will organize the education of their members, spreading the Kingdom of Heaven to all corners of America and later to the world.

I came to realize, once again, how tremendous is the mission of Japan as the mother nation when seeing my Japanese sisters working so hard, shedding so many tears, making origami with so much love and always willing to support whoever was approaching ministers. Among them I will mention Seiko Lee, wife of our bishop, who sang Christian songs so beautifully that ministers, their congregations—and all of us—were filled with the Holy Spirit.

I cannot finish this report without offering my love and respect to the Eritrea national messiah, Rev. Shin Dong-guk, and Bishop Lee Ki-yeal, whose prayers and words of guidance helped us to go through all the trials (both in America and those transpiring back home) during the campaign. ♦

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THE FOUR AFFIRMATIONS OF TRUE LOVE

The American Clergy Leadership Conference invites us all to stand for family and save the nation by making four affirmations of true love:

We affirm that the eternal love of husband and wife comes from God.

We affirm the ideal of absolute fidelity: no divorce, no adultery.

We affirm that true love means to teach children sexual purity.

We affirm that these values will help bring world peace, beyond race, nation and religion.

Message from Heung Jin Moon

The second part of the message conveyed from the spirit world on True God's Day 2002

Ancestor Liberation Ceremonies and the Spirit World Workshop

AFTER you register for the ancestor liberation ceremony, Daemo nim looks through the list of ancestors and mobilizes angels and Absolutely Good Spirits to seek them out in the spirit world. Sometimes the spirits are found dwelling in the physical bodies of people on the earth, sometimes they are simply staying somewhere in the spirit world and sometimes they are found wandering about the earth as ghosts. Searching for them is like looking at a distant place through a telescope. When we track down ancestors through a person's lineage, it is like checking the person's genes.

A few years ago, we would call the spirits over here to liberate their resentment. However, because the evil spirit world is becoming stronger and stronger we now must go and grab hold of them and directly bring them to Cheong Pyeong to make sure we have found the right ancestor.

During the ancestor liberation ceremony, the ancestors first wait to meet with their descendants on the earth. Then a shaft of light shines down on them from heaven and they ascend to the spirit world, guided up that beam of light by angels. Then the evil spirits who were taken out during the two-day workshop and the ancestors liberated through the ceremony go together to my training center in the spirit world where they will attend the workshop.

They approach the training center through the gate of the spirit world located between the middle-level spirit world and paradise. They enter the training center and then register for the 100-day workshop.

After my words of greeting, they receive an explanation about the significance of the 100-day workshop and its schedule. In the first lectures, I explain to them concretely what each of them looks like and why, and then I let them see their spirit selves. These spirits never had the chance or desire to observe their appearance closely.

They never lived in an environment where they could see themselves with their own eyes. In the workshop, they are shocked to see what they look like. Some cry out when they discover how strange they look. What they see when they look at their own body is their actual life on earth. Also, they learn clearly where in the spirit world they will dwell.

After I let the ancestors see themselves in this way, I take them on a tour of the whole spirit world, from heaven to the bottom of hell. Next, I let them find their rightful dwelling places as determined by their spiritual state.

As they travel downward towards the lower regions of the spirit world closer to hell, the landscape becomes rougher, with high walls and ditches. Because the surroundings are dark, the spirits have a hard time finding their rightful dwellings even though they might in fact be close by.

In fact, most of the ancestors never had a chance to reach their dwelling places in the spirit world after they left the earth. Often an evil spirit captured them as soon as they died. Hence, for many of them it was their first time to actually



visit their rightful home in the spirit world.

Next, I let them feel how painful it is to stay in their designated place. I leave them alone there until they see that there is no way they could continue living in such a place. I wait until they repent and make a heart-felt pledge after realizing for themselves how wayward their lives on earth were. Then, I call them again to the spirit-world workshop.

After this process I gather them together and give them serious lectures on the Principle. These lectures are different from those on the earth. The participants can actually see the scenes played out and know the real situations as they happened. Hence, the participants can understand more deeply than people on earth who hear the lectures.

The first lectures are "The Principle of Creation" and "The Human Fall," which I teach. I tell them, "When God was creating human beings and the natural world, He was full of hope and joy as He worked. God created the natural world so that He could enjoy watching His children rejoicing as they took loving dominion over nature. God created each creature in the garden of Eden with His children in mind." As I lecture on the process of creation a screen on the side of the stage shows actual scenes from God's creation of heaven and earth. Through watching these images the participants can understand in depth how much love God invested as He created us and all of nature. When I ask the participants after the presentation if they had felt God's heart of creation, they all reply, "Yes." When I then remark that they had no idea about God's loving heart in their earthly life and pronounce that their life of ignorance was itself a great sin, they all nod and begin deep prayers of repentance.

As I continue with the lecture on the Human Fall, moving images of the actual fall are displayed on the screen beside the stage. The participants first see how Lucifer in his excessive desire, felt a greater and greater lack of love, how Lucifer led Eve to fall, and how Eve tempted Adam. They observe the spirit world and the earth becoming darker and darker after the fall of Adam and Eve, and how the sinful world came into being.

The participants then watch how, after the fall of Adam and Eve, their descendants inherited the fallen nature of Satan and committed sins. They see that as the lineage expanded, its nature grew more and more evil. They witness the evil lineage from the false parents being passed down, as the sins of their ancestors were passed down, and then see how this caused the descendants to add still more sins of their own. The participants can see the entire process: sins flowing down and they themselves inheriting the accumulated mass of sin. They confirm their own evil nature and understand that they are the substantiation of evil. Thereupon, they break into tears and start cleansing their sins, making effort to remove sin from every part of their body until their spirit selves shine with light.

The lecture goes on to explain how the world deviated

from God and how hell came into being. As the participants learn the process by which hell was formed, they reflect upon their life on earth. After they listen to the Principle of Creation and the Human Fall, they can recollect 80 percent of their memories of life on earth through their reflections. If the lecturer can create the right atmosphere, they can recall 100 percent. In those memories, they also see how their sins and fallen natures were passed down to their own offspring. As they comprehend that they have caused their descendants to suffer with pain in the sinful world they begin to weep in bitter repentance.

After the participants wash away their sins through the lecture series, I let them go out to find the places that would be fitting to their new spiritual state. They discover that their new homes are quite different from the ones they had occupied before. They recognize that they are getting closer to heaven and gain new hope that they, too, can become Absolutely Good Spirits, who can enter heaven.

Next, they listen to a lecture entitled "Good and Evil," which is presented by Mr. Lee Kee-seok. This lecture clarifies the meaning of "absolute goodness" and the meaning of evil. In it, the participants learn how evil became stronger with the passage of time. They learn the Principle perspective that there was not a trace of evil in the world of God's original creation. Evil emerged only after the fall of Adam and Eve. Therefore, evil itself cannot be absolute. Ultimately the world can only end in absolute goodness. Nevertheless, evil emerged after the fall of Adam and Eve and grew greater and greater with time as evil nature and sin were passed down to generation after generation of their descendants. They see how the power of evil became greater than the power of goodness. They then learn how the situation changed after True Parents were born on earth as the Second Coming of the Messiah. True Parents have prepared a foundation of victory and a heavenly environment that can move both the earthly and spirit worlds centered on God's absolute goodness.

During this series of lectures a screen at the side of the stage shows the world of goodness and the world of evil, as well as how sins are passed down from ancestors to descendants. When the participants see such scenes they reflect on how they passed on sin and suffering to their own descendants, and they repent. They realize that there is no way for them to enter heaven unless they first change themselves into Absolutely Good Spirits. They recognize that as long as they have even a spot of sin they will never be able to stand before God. Therefore, once again they try hard to find their sins and cleanse themselves. After this, I again let them go and find their proper dwelling places. After seeing that they have ascended to better places they work even harder to cleanse their sins and remove their fallen nature, so that they may become Absolutely Good Spirits. They begin to offer their deepest gratitude to God and True Parents for giving them such grace.

Next, come the series of lectures on the Principle of Restoration taught by Mr. Eu Hyo-won. These are lectures on the Providence of Restoration centering on Adam's family, Noah's family, Abraham's family and Moses and Jesus' life courses. Here, participants can understand deeply how the central figures of the providence of restoration failed to fulfill their responsibilities and thus prolonged the providence. These events are again shown as actual scenes on the side screen. The participants reflect on their own lives to see whether they committed similar mistakes. This is another occasion for them to reflect and repent as they work to cleanse their sins.

As the workshop progresses and more sins are cleansed, the participants gain greater hope to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, they invest more effort to participate in the workshop. The spirits offer glory and thanksgiving to True Parents for revealing to them such a tremendous truth.

Then follows a lecture on "True Parents' Life Course," taught by Mr. (Tiger) Park Cheong-gu. He explains that True Parents came to earth but had to experience pain and loneliness due to the betrayal by Christianity. He describes to the participants how, even after True Father was sent to the Heung Nam prison camp, he continually comforted God, offered thanks for the blessings that God would give him after his imprisonment, expressed his determination to move forward despite any difficulties and persecution and asked God to forgive his persecutors. Mr. Park goes on to explain how True Father set each condition of indemnity and exposed the facts about Satan, how he discovered the Principle, and how he searched for his disciples to build God's nation on earth. He also goes into depth on True Father's sermons, his Holy Wedding and several providential events in the current Completed Testament Age. All this is displayed as images on the screen at the side.

Through these presentations, the participants learn to offer thanks for God's deep grace and love in sending True Parents to the earth to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. They also repent for being so ignorant about this aspect of God's heart.

Further Principle lectures on "Eschatology and Human History," "Resurrection," "Predestination," and "Christology" are taught by those who were Principle lecturers or church leaders during their earthly lives. They received special training to be the lecturers in my workshop.

All participants go through these Principle lectures and watch the moving images on the screen. They see and understand the actual events and situations in history. They take this opportunity to reflect on their sinfulness and wash away their sins with repentance. As they strive to reach the standard of absolute goodness, they confirm how much they have changed. They go through this curriculum over and over, each time gaining more hope to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This curriculum is indeed extremely effective and good for the spirit people.

After completing a period of 100 days in the workshop at the training center in the spirit world, the spirits come back down to the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center to receive the blessing. They arrive there having removed all their sins except the original sin. Their original sin is removed through the holy wine ceremony at the blessing ceremony, and when this is done, they become Absolutely Good Spirits. They have gone through the ancestor liberation ceremony, education in the spirit-world workshop and the blessing to become Absolutely Good Spirits. This means that they are restored into the lineage of God and True Parents.

Absolutely Good Spirits do not have even a spot of sin. Therefore, Satan and evil spirits cannot approach them; much less tempt them back to their realm under Satan's rule. The appearance of these Absolutely Good Spirits is truly bright and beautiful. Their fragrance is deep and lovely. Such spirits can attend True Parents, and when True Parents open the heavenly gates, they will enter the Kingdom of Heaven together with True Parents.

After these Absolutely Good Spirits receive the blessing on the earth they return to the training center in the spirit world to go through a forty-day True Family Education workshop.

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WFWP Serving Humanity

ON April 10th, the Women's Federation for World Peace celebrated its tenth anniversary at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center with two thousand delegates, including representatives from around the world.

As the founder of WFWP, True Mother addressed the representatives, saying, "This federation was not founded simply as another women's organization, one amongst the many that already exist. Rather, the first and foremost characteristic of the WFWP is that it was founded for the providential purpose of realizing God's ideal world, a world which centers on the ideal of True Parents....

According to Rev. Moon's teaching, women do not exist to confront or struggle against men, but rather they exist as individual embodiments

of truth, representing one side of the two aspects or 'dual characteristics' of the invisible Creator, God... [A] woman does not exist to be man's assistant or a simple object of his protection, but rather is an independent entity who

brings completion to a man by standing in a position that represents the other aspect of God. Centering on the ideal of true love, a woman exists as man's noble partner, as the can reciprocate

his love. From the perspective of value, a man and woman have a value that is absolutely equal."

In her speech, International President Moon Lan-young said "WFWP was reconfirmed by the UN Economic and Social Council as an NGO with general consultative status; we have a firm foundation both within nations and internationally." Looking forward, she said, "On the foundation of our

ten-year history, let us concentrate on our service activities and begin a time of reconciliation and cooperation in building a peaceful era and a 'one world family.'"

Mrs. Tetsuko Kuboki from Japan, Alexa Ward from the United States, Chang Po-ya from Taiwan and Chung Dae-wha from Korea then conveyed greetings as presidents of their national chapters. Messages of congratulations from Vice President and from the first ladies of Korea (Lee Hee-ho) and the United States (Laura Bush) were read.

Annette Lu of Taiwan

One of the highlights of the entertainment that followed was a musical skit by the Kyunggi Province WFWP branch that expressed determination to work hard in promoting their "one percent campaign"—a drive to get people from around the world to donate one percent of

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Photos: facing page, top, True Mother speaks at the WFWP Tenth Anniversary; (Showing the Women's Federation's activities) top left, volunteer service project for orphans in Egypt; top right, Erinah Rutangye (WFWP Uganda) addresses a conference; bottom left, campaigning on the streets; bottom right, with (former) President and

Mrs. George Bush of the United States at a sisterhood ceremony for Korean and Japanese women; this page top, WFWP leaders at a garden party at Hannam-dong residence last November; inset, International President Moon Lan-young dances with international women's representatives at a conference in Taiwan; bottom, the Tenth Anniversary main ceremony; right side, top to bottom, the inner strength of the Women's Federation: walking together along the path of service to mankind, dissolving the barriers between cultures, nations and languages through the power of motherly and sisterly love

women and children in North Korea.

At dinner, Ambassador Logeswaran of the Sri Lankan mission to Korea expressed: "I am profoundly impressed by the commitment of WFWP to strengthen families, serve communities, reconcile differences, heal the wounds of the past and provide leadership for the global family." Park Jae-kyu, former minister of the

Korean government's Unification Ministry stressed that "the role of women is important for establishing peace between South Korea and North Korea."

Following dinner, continental representatives lit 160 candles, symbolizing the participation of people from all over the world in the one percent campaign to benefit North Korea. Kim Hong-rae, whose family defected from North Korea, lit candles representing the two Koreas, and Mrs. Moon Lan-young lit the center candle representing True Parents. A hundred and sixty candles blazed clear and bright as if wishing WFWP godspeed.◆



This time Mr. Shin Ho-chul gives the lectures.

The True Family Education workshop is the time when the participating spirits learn about the great value of the blessing they have received from True Parents and how to lead a life of attendance to God and True Parents. They are informed about their descendants on earth—what kind of lives they are living, their problems and suffering. They are given the opportunity to study the situations and sins of their descendants in detail. They receive practical education on the natures of the evil spirits who infest the bodies of their descendants and what they should do to take control of these evil spirits. As they learn their descendants' situations they become more serious, because those descendants who liberated them and gave them the chance to receive the blessing still suffer from the influences of evil spirits. They become anxious that something terrible might happen to them.

During the True Family Education workshop the ancestors also learn about the difficult and suffering course that True Parents went through to indemnify the sins of humanity. They learn the importance of fulfilling their responsibilities in accordance with the timing of True Parents' providence. They also receive education about the actual responsibilities of Absolutely Good Spirits in connection with outreach on the local level, tribal messiahship, and the safe settlement of *Cheon Il Guk*. They learn how to wash away the sins of their descendants and change the world to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

These Absolutely Good Spirits then return to the earth to help their descendants break free from the dominion of evil spirits over their minds and bodies, and to make their earthly life into that of an ideal family living in accordance with heavenly fortune and the will of God. They guide their descendants to contribute to God, to the whole Unification Family, and to humanity. Centered upon the ideal of creation and inheriting the will of God and True Parents, they also establish God's tradition of the Four Great Realms of Heart and the Three Great Kingdoms. This tradition is raising true families that are based upon the eternal true love of husband and wife, and such families in turn become the basis for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

Absolutely Good Spirits work together with angels to help blessed families separate from evil spirits, so that they may break free of the suffering that is due to the dominion of evil spirits. When they return to their descendants, they realize that what they learned about their descendants' lives at the training center was true. They become serious to help their descendants rid themselves of sin and fallen nature. They worry that their descendants might commit a serious mistake during this time when Satan and his evil spirits are doing their last evil work. Therefore, they offer their utmost effort to help their descendants.

The ancestors are very sincere about fulfilling their responsibility to cleanse their descendants' sins, which, as they learned during the workshop in the spiritual world, were passed down from ancestors like themselves. They sincerely want to help their descendants to overcome their problems. Although they don't have a body, they want to work with their descendant as if the descendant were their body. They want to enable them to live as do citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, and through this to build the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this New Age that is being opened through the grace and love of True Parents, all blessed couples must unite with them by living the way of absolute faith, absolute love and

absolute obedience.

Changes since the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God

True Parents have demonstrated to us their heart of filial piety through offering the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God based upon their hard, life-long course of indemnity conditions. After Adam and Eve's fall, Satan raised so many barriers to make the world completely his own. No one has been able to surmount them. Only True Parents have made the indemnity conditions that could conquer them. Through their declarations and rallies, all the barriers have been overcome. Knowing the heart of God and knowing the misery of life in this sinful world, True Parents worked extremely hard to restore this evil world and establish the environment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Up until now, evil has been stronger than goodness. Therefore, strong, evil people have been more prosperous. Now, though, in these times after God's Coronation, the side of absolute good will be the winning side, because Absolutely Good Spirits are working on earth. Hence, from now on, if you live centered on the standard of absolute goodness, the way of the Principle, you will prosper. God Himself will work on behalf of His children who have separated themselves from their sins, and He is determined to free them from sickness and misery.

Up until now, the earth has looked completely dark spiritually, because of the sins that have covered it; but ever since the coronation ceremony, God has been free to go down to the earth. Traveling back and forth between earth and heaven, God works in person to illuminate both worlds.

Since the fall of Adam and Eve, the children created by God have suffered, unable to connect to God. Because of their sins, walls have been blocking all the different levels of the spiritual world. Now, because of True Parents' authority, and based upon their victories, step by step, these walls have been broken down. As a result, the original minds of people in the spiritual world and the physical world can have a base to respond to God's heart. Their response is to repent of their personal sins and cleanse themselves of evil. Thus, the meaning of the coronation of God's kingship is that now God's light of love is reaching out to the whole cosmos.

True Parents said, "Everyone must go toward the era of heavenly blessing upon the accomplishment of God's coronation, the Registration Blessing, and the settlement of the unified blessing in heaven and on earth centered on the relationship of brothers and as the family of unchanging filial children." Therefore, now is the time of worldwide brotherhood. Going beyond national boundaries, everyone must become a brother to one another. Therefore, the central blessed families must protect the nation of God, the family of God and the kingship of God. We must be resolved to settle *Cheon Il Guk* on the earth.

All this will be accomplished. I am organizing all the saints and sages in heaven and on earth to go in the same direction, centered on the teaching of True Parents, which is based on the ideal of the family of God. Since the coronation ceremony, God can use His all-transcendence, omnipresence, omnipotence and total capability. All the world's organizations will come under the power of God. Satan's world is fully surrendering before God's authority, and the age of God's omnipotence and full capability is dawning.

Because of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, there are no longer clear demarcations of nationality or religion on earth and in the spiritual world. No one can speak

of their religion or their sovereignty anymore, as everything is coming under God's ideal. The satanic world is submitting to True Parents, since only the True Parents, who are in the absolute object position to God, can have the authority of God. Those authorities or sovereignties that do not submit to God and True Parents will decline or collapse.

Now the time of indemnity is passing. The time is coming when the authority of God's law will govern. From now on, there is no latitude to overlook your transgressions. The time is coming when you will be judged immediately. In order to become the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, you must keep a pure lineage, not violate human rights, and never steal other people's things or take public money. Your way of life must only be to live with true love.

To become good object partners of God and True Parents we must remove all the evil spirits from our bodies. Then we can be reborn as absolutely good people who can attend True Parents as their absolute object partners. To transform this evil world into the world of original goodness, God Himself must be able to directly manifest His almighty power.

Now that the True Parents have offered the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, God can reveal Himself to humanity. God has waited so long for this time. At such a time as this we must understand that God is alive and working, and live our life in such a way that God's almighty power can move in us. We must make effort to build the happy and peaceful *Cheon Il Guk* through living with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

Honorable and precious True Parents, I am truly grateful to you for establishing order among the spirits and creating Absolutely Good Spirits. You created the absolutely good lineage. As you have allowed *Cheon Il Guk* membership cards to be issued to the members on the earth; please allow the

blessed couples in the spiritual world who are Absolutely Good Spirits to also receive them.

Everything accomplished up until now has been done only because of the blessings given by True Parents. I was so moved when I saw how True Parents comforted God by conducting the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God. We also want to do our best to love both the spiritual and physical worlds and show True Parents' heart of filial piety toward God. As I become increasingly, deeply aware that we are the fruit of True Parents' blood, sweat and tears, I know what attitude I should have to go this way.

I will make more effort to expand the Kingdom of Heaven to the worldwide level. After clearing up the evil spirits in the spiritual world, based on the victory of the True Parents, and with the Absolutely Good Spirits in the spiritual world and on the earth, I will take responsibility to establish *Cheon Il Guk*. I will build the Original Temple (Palace) of True Parents, and then I will offer the coronation of True Parents' kingship and liberate them. I will work hard so they may rest comfortably after having gone through such a difficult indemnity course. I will do my best, together with all the blessed couples in the spiritual world and on the earth, to fulfill this.

All of us, Young-jin, Hee-jin, Hye-jin, Daemonim, Choongmo nim and Dae-hyung nim, my direct relatives in the spiritual world, the four great religious founders, saints, sages, and all blessed couples of the Absolutely Good Spirits, will work hard together and fulfill our responsibility.

True Parents, please trust us, rest comfortably and take care of your health.◆

Offered by your son, Heung-jin

Cheong Pyeong Training Center, January 1, 2002

American Clergy Leadership Conference Dedication of a New Headquarters Building

For the sake of the unity and common cause of the Christian churches, and accompanied by ACLC and FFWPU leaders, True Parents dedicated a new headquarters for ACLC in Washington, DC, on April 28th (the 42nd anniversary of their Holy Wedding). After the ribbon cutting, Father wrote a special calligraphy.



"The creation of heaven and earth and the completion of restoration."



Imam Conducts Blessing of Ten Thousand

as part of the international response to the 144,000 Clergy Blessing

April 27, 2002, will be remembered as a historic day in the providence of Senegal as well as in the U.S. On that day, a Muslim imam brought more than 30,000 of his followers to a stadium in Médina, near Senegal's second city, Kaolack, to participate in a blessing ceremony held simultaneously with the Interreligious Clergy Blessing and Marriage Rededication Ceremony celebrated in Washington, D.C. What follows is based on the testimony of Mbaye Diop, combined with that of Bakary Camara who came to Senegal at the invitation of Taj Hamad to help organize the event.

Mbaye Diop begins the article.

AS SOON as we received the direction (at the beginning of April) to give the blessing to religious leaders in our country we became very anxious about how to fulfill that mission. We started by focusing on the Christian community. We sent more than fifty invitation letters to ministers, but with the exception of one of them who accepted the blessing with his wife in our headquarters, they rejected us very rudely. We started a national condition of twelve full bows and twelve minutes of prayer every morning before hoondokhae.

A few days before the day of the blessing, Taj Hamad called to say that he had contacted Imam Shaykh Hassan Cissé in Paris, who had agreed to organize the blessing for his followers! Taj then came to Senegal.

In mid-April, Taj had visited Senegal and shared the blessing with the Imam and two of his closest followers, both



of whom are senior among the Muslim leadership of the nation.

In preparation for the April 27th blessing, the Imam sent invitation letters to his followers, and to his officers both within Senegal and overseas. He wrote to the local newspaper and took part in a radio broadcast, answering questions and explaining the blessing.

Representatives from fifteen countries attended. The stadium was overflowing with people from all races and from five continents.

The event was not only a blessing; it was also a conference on Islam and the family. The theme for the occasion was "Blessed family is the foundation for harmony, national prosperity and world peace."

The governor of Kaolack region came, as did officials from government offices in the city, imams from different mosques, Ambassadors for Peace and prominent personages from the business world in Senegal, as well as the many representatives of the Islamic

world who had come from overseas.

Everyone arrived early and had filled the stadium more than three hours before the event began at 7:30 in the evening. It was at that time that Shaykh Hassan Cissé himself arrived and opened the occasion with a prayer followed by a reading from the Koran.

Master of Ceremonies Shaykh Diery Cissé explained that this blessing was being carried out in partnership with Father Moon and his movement. He stated that Father Moon and Shaykh Hassan Cissé have the same ideal for

world peace. He shared about his experience traveling to the Muslim Summit (December 2001) in Jakarta.

Bakary Camara gave a speech about the history of the blessing centering on True Parents, its meaning for the family and its contribution to world peace. The speech was largely translated into the local language by the MC.

The governor of Kaolack spoke of how he was moved by the whole event. He said that spiritual power goes far beyond military, political and financial power, and that in this sense Senegal is a powerful nation.

Everyone stood up to welcome Imam Shaykh Hassan Cissé. He prayed, then spoke for two hours before conducting the blessing. He made clear that Islam means peace, and is a religion of peace. He explained that he had met our movement ten years ago and has since attended our conferences in different countries. He said that because he found that what Father Moon was



doing is true Islam, it is natural for him to work hand in hand with Father Moon. He then said something very interesting to his followers: "I am travelling throughout the world for the purpose of the development of Islam, but at anytime, anywhere, I see something good for you, I will bring it to you. And this is why today, you are attending this blessing ceremony Father Moon is conducting at this hour in America. As long as Father Moon is fulfilling God's will, I will continue to work with him."

The second part of Shaykh Cissé's speech was about family education: the role of the husband and of the wife in the family and children's education. He used many stories from the Holy Koran to emphasize how important family unity is in the eyes of God. He said God made man and woman, Adam and Eve, so that they could get married; that marriage is as important as religion itself. He said that, without marriage, God's will cannot be done completely, so not getting married if you can is going against God's will. Parents should make sure that their sons and daughters get married, and that children receive religious education, rather than just academic education, before marriage.

He continued by saying that God's home is the heart, and that we have the

responsibility to cleanse and purify our hearts. Thus we should avoid places of lust, and so forth. All this is so we can become a good husband or wife. The husband should not dominate the wife by force. Good harmony between parents is essential for the good development of children. He concluded that true peace starts in the family—between husband and wife—then goes to the children, the society and the world; that God gave His blessing to mankind for that purpose, and that we should make God's blessing fruitful.

He prayed for all the families, for family unity, that families would serve God, serve others, and serve the development of the society, living as families for world peace.

He stood up and everybody stood up and everyone together recited a verse from the Holy Koran loudly in unison: *Allahu Akbar*—"God is Great."

Usually, people start to leave a conference when it is going on a little long. But that day, even though it was longer than usual (and many people were seated on the floor), they stayed amazingly quiet until the very end. It was almost midnight!

The Imam was interviewed on national TV in the presence of Unificationists and some of his overseas followers. Three well-known radio chan-

nels covered the event live.

All through the night of April 26th, our members held a prayer vigil as a condition, and offered more conditions on the day itself. Mbaye Diop had suggested that in addition to the national level condition, each member should offer a personal condition for the victory of the nation because Senegal was now facing a most crucial moment in its providence. The future of the nation would largely depend upon the victory or the failure of this event.

The members had followed very faithfully: some had gone to pray in Mosques; others had visited and served Muslim groups, others had read the Koran, and those with Christian backgrounds had made effort to understand the Muslim traditions and way of life.

We could feel that all these conditions—especially the unity between members—were used by God and spirit world to bring a historic victory.

It was not only a victory and turning point for Senegal, but also for the region, which includes countries such as Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, and The Gambia.

The providence of the 144,000 clergy blessing has helped foster cooperation and unity between Christianity and Islam. ♦

Indonesia

Thousands Take a Stand for Family

Participants at the stadium in Surabaya



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Notes from an interview with Taj Hamad
IN Indonesia it was former president Adurrahman Wahid who took the initiative, appointing his New Awakening (political) party's chairman, Dr. Alwi Shihab, and no less than sixty

staff, to coordinate an event that was to bless ten thousand couples. President Wahid—himself revered as a holy man in his country, deeply respects Father's stance for the family, and his relationship with our movement began prior to his becoming president.

Including ten thousand couples rededicating their marriages (85 among which were

actually getting married), more than ninety thousand people came to receive Heaven's blessing and to hear President Wahid speak. Although some of those who came might have expected a more political message, the theme of the occa-

sion—Blessed Family is the Foundation for Harmony, National Prosperity and World Peace—was the mainstay of the message and of the occasion.

Two men climbed a "ladder of knives" amid the rapt attention of the audience, and then unfurled a huge banner emblazoned with the theme—the one also used at the Senegal event.

Those who came to observe—or to see the popular former president speak (which he does often, and to crowds that respond with great affection)—soon realized that the core of the event was the blessing of marriage and the elevation of the values of the family.

President Wahid's team had done amazing work to find their goal of ten thousand couples, including advertising on radio and in newspapers.

The venue of Surabaya bears some mention. It is the second city in Indonesia, an industrial town in contrast to the venue in Médina in Senegal, a center of spirituality. Thus the two venues for

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these great events centered on adherents of the Muslim faith, complementing each other in embracing the spiritual and physical realities. ♦

Right, former President Wahid with his entourage (Taj Hamad in white) prays at the event; far right, the planning stages



India

Gathering the Peoples of a Sub-Continent

*Ursula McLackland
New Delhi*

BEGINNING with the blessing of Pirzada Siraj Madani Nizami, direct descendant of the prophet Mohammed and the Indian Sufi saint, Nizamuddin, as well as his brother and nephew on March 18th, and culminating in the blessing held at the Guild of Service [which helps the disadvantaged in New Delhi] on April 27th, we blessed 505 couples in the city of Delhi.

Though we had visited many old and new friends among the religious leaders and done the pre-blessing at various religious institutions, preparations for the April 27th blessing ceremony only began on April 17th, when Mrs. Giri, [a prominent social worker who is chairwoman of both the IIFWP and WFWP in India; she also runs the Guild of Service] returned to India. With her help, everything fell into place. We put up a beautiful, large tent in front of her institution and invited everybody from the top strata of society to the poorest of the poor.

It was a beautiful sight to see three hundred people, rich and poor, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jain or Christian, north-erners and southerners joyfully united

in this event. Truly, the Holy Spirit came down.

Without any hesitation, Mrs. Giri led everyone in taking the holy juice. We were so amazed. Including those that did so at our IIFWP conference on April 23, all of our old friends got blessed, even Dr. and Mrs. Mohinder Singh [from the Sikh tradition] and Prof. Jotwani, our PWPA president. Mrs. Mohinder Singh was so intrigued by Jack Corley's lecture on AIDS and the Ethic of True Love that, rather than accompany her husband to an important event, she stayed on on her own and asked him to pick her up afterwards. She insisted that we come to her school once we could give the presentation in Hindi.

On April 27th, religious leaders representing all the major religions gave their blessings to the couples. Dr. Shrivatsa Goswami, an Ambassador for Peace and Hindu leader, came especially for this event from Vrindavan and had to rush back right after his speech.

Father Arnold David, director of the Family Counseling Center of the Catholic Archdiocese, a wonderful new contact, gave a blessing. Swami Agnivesh, president of the International Movement of Arya Samaj, a Hindu reform movement, gave a beautiful speech, starting off by mentioning Rev. Moon and his meeting with Dr. Frank Kaufmann and myself. We hope to work with one of Swami Agnivesh's leaders, who heads a family movement of a hundred thousand couples. Dr. Mohinder Singh, director of the Bhai Vir Singh

Sahitya Sadan, represented Sikhism. Pirzada Siraj Madani Nizami stayed for the full event and even for tea afterwards.

Mrs. Giri and her whole office staff were so inspired and enjoyed working together so much that they are waiting for the next program. ♦

Ursula is seated at the far right in the picture below left.



The Blessing Ceremony at the Guild of Service: Notably, the participants represented the complete social spectrum of India, and mingled freely; right, one couple from a poorer community who received the blessing



A Grandmother's Love

Mrs. Hisae Sato is the Japanese grandmother who came to Korea and found more than twenty spiritual children in a few months. We asked her for an update on her activities. Her article, translated below, reveals a great deal about the power of faith over adversity.

AFTER attending the second Cheong Pyeong registration workshop in August 2000, where I firmly resolved to take responsibility for Japan's past mistakes, I arrived in Daejeon in late September.

On May 13, 2001, we set up a Citizens Federation for North-South Unification office. In the beginning, I went from door to door with leaflets, asking people to take part in our seminars. In the seven-month formation stage, we were able to welcome a hundred and fifty-seven new *hoondokhae* members. During the week, *hoondokhae* are being

held on Wednesdays and Thursdays, with about 50-60 participating per day. As many of them are college professors, school teachers and ministers, we ask these people to serve as *hoondok* readers. At all of the meetings, one of them reads from True Parents' speeches on the topic of North-South unification and then summarizes a few of the major points. This is followed by thoughts and impressions by about three people. The standard of the *hoondokhae* is high; and the meetings last for about an hour.

Among the weekly participants of the *hoondokhae*, we select those who are seriously seeking and have them listen to Principle lectures individually. I invested quite a lot of effort into witnessing to and raising the first three. After about a hundred and twenty lectures, five couples came to understand,

and joined. We continue to educate in the order of *hoondokhae*, Principle lectures, the blessing, and then ongoing efforts to raise that person's level of faith.

My greatest difficulties since coming to Korea have been reading Father's words daily and praying well enough that I absolutely don't deviate from those words. This has been in order to clear up the historical indemnity, to start as a servant of servants so that Satan would have no condition whatsoever to accuse me. As for the Korean people, I must love them in a concrete way, serve them, never distrust them but continue loving them 100 percent—whatever reasons or contradictions there may be. I have begun to understand that once you unite with them on

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Daejeon Regional Church reports:

On March 1st—which in Korea is a national holiday marking the Korean people's peaceful uprising against Japanese colonial rule—the second Korea-Japan Rally for the Reunification of North and South Korea was held in Pyungseong Youth Training Center near Daejeon. The event was co-hosted by the Citizen's Federation for North-South Unification, FFWPU Daejeon and the Korea—Japan Cultural Exchange Committee (led by Mrs. Hisae Sato) and was followed by a march under the slogan "Let's bring South—North unification with the spirit of the March 1st Movement!" Usually the main commemorative event, attended by the President of Korea, is on the front page of newspapers, but this time our event grabbed the headline. Everyone who attended the event was in tears. They were moved that the Japanese people who participated were sincerely repentful for the past misdeeds of their country. That the event was co-hosted by Koreans and Japanese together was therefore very meaningful.

From the Daejeon Times article about Mrs. Sato, Wednesday, March 13th.

"I had not at first realized that there was bad feeling in Korea toward the Japanese. I want to devote myself for the unification of South and North Korea and make up for our past."

To us Koreans, March is a special month evoking great patriotism. We feel differently about the March 1st movement from the Japanese, but Japanese people who are sensitive can understand. Sato Hisae (69), Dajeon Citizen's Federation Japanese women's president visited our newspaper and expressed very deep sorrow: "I am so very sorry for the bad things we did in the past; I acknowledge and repent for these."

The Citizens' Federation was established with the idea that through exchange and reconciliation between Korea and Japan, the unification of South and North Korea could be facilitated. This would be done in part through service projects and seminars.

Mrs. Sato came to Daejeon in the autumn of 2000 and has worked in order to show her contrition to the citizens and to create an atmosphere for unification. On March 1st, with the participation of many Japanese, she held the Korea—Japan Rally for the Reunification of North and South Korea.

"In Japanese textbooks there is no mention of Japan's intrusion on Korea, so most Japanese do not understand the

reality of the past relationship between the two countries. I came to know about this past somewhat late, and plunged into the work for reconciliation. Some conservative politicians in Japan have made problems, but fortunately a truer understanding about Korea is becoming more widespread."

Her husband once held the position of captain in the royal horse guards of the Emperor of Japan. Now he works to promote good relations between Japan and Korea.

"I want to work hard but I feel limited because of my age," said Mrs. Sato regretfully. Even so, she emphasized: "Before I become too old, I want to help more in the process of unification." ♦



The March 1st event; Mrs. Sato is at far right on the stage

Bittersweet Reunion

Father's cousin visits their hometown in the North



Elders and leaders walk between the rice fields for the short distance from Father's birthplace to his parents' grave site

Moon Yong-hyun
Seoul, Korea

I WENT to Pyongyang in 1999. During the fifty years since the Korean War, I had missed my hometown. How much had it changed? Who was living there? I'd stayed awake many nights thinking about and missing my hometown. I'd thought about my mother, whom I missed the most, my elder sister and nephews. Thinking back on all the heartbreaking hours I'd spent missing all the people in my hometown, I felt like my heart would burst. My heart was already in my hometown.

I first visited Chongju with such a my heart jumping; but I wasn't able to meet anyone I knew there. I visited my parents' graves and my old house.

That visit actually left me more brokenhearted; I wasn't able to meet anyone from my past. All I could do was to recall pieces of childhood memories. Then, three years after my first visit to my hometown, I was given another chance. Tears came to my eyes and my heart was once again filled with irresistible yearning for Chongju.

I heard that we would leave on March 5th to attend a celebration of the completion of the Pyonghwa Motors assembly plant. Expecting that this time, certainly, I would meet my elder sister [he is referring to Moon Hyo-sun, Father's younger sister, using the term "older sister" in the broader sense; in fact, like Father, she is his cousin] and other relatives, I could hardly sleep at night; my heart beat faster just thinking about it. I prepared myself and waited. Then I learned there would be a delay. I

had waited for fifty years. Twenty days more felt like nothing.

I waited and waited until March 29th; I waited with a grateful, excited heart.

Arrival in Pyongyang

Everything was ready. I could not control my emotions. I felt as if my heart was bursting with the expectation of seeing my elder sister and my nephew. On the morning of March 29th, I was the first person to arrive at the airport. After completing all the procedures, I got on the airplane, my heart already in Pyongyang and in my hometown. I pictured the moment I would meet my sister and nephew.

The plane arrived in Shenyang, China. After a three-hour wait, we boarded the plane for Pyongyang. It was too foggy to see anything. Why is this such a difficult land to come to? As I walked down the steps from the plane, I thanked God and True Parents and prayed with all my heart, "Please protect and guide all of us. Please do not abandon this people; help us to unify again as quickly as possible. Please open the ears and eyes of the people of this country."

From the moment we landed, we absolutely had to follow directions. We were invited into a special guestroom and offered tea. When we walked outside, it was raining. Our luggage had already been loaded into cars. As I watched people walking by, I felt choked with emotion; Some were hastily riding through the rain on bikes. Others were running on foot. Tears

came suddenly; I prayed, "Father, they are also my people. They are my own brothers." While praying, my body shuddered and the revelation came: "Yes, they are your brothers and sisters, and uncles. They are your own flesh and blood."

Chongju, my hometown

March 31st was the day we were permitted to visit Chongju. I did not know whether it was really happening or was just another of my dreams. I pinched my leg; it was not a dream. I was really going to Chongju to see my flesh and blood relatives. I hadn't been able to sleep all night. How could I sleep? We had our breakfast and got in the car. We passed through downtown Pyongyang and headed for Chongju.

There were so many people walking by outside the car. I wanted to shout to them. I wanted to boast to them. I became a little kid again. "Who will come? Of course, my older sister will come. My nephew as well." Pyonghwa Motors president Park Sang-kwon told me that my relatives would come to meet me. My heart was full of expectations. "What should I say to them?"

"Thank You, Heavenly Father. How can I repay True Parents? Please have pity on our people. Please guide Korea to reunification. Several million are missing their flesh and blood just as I am. Please allow them to have this same opportunity. I sincerely hope that our people could bring true joy to You."

Through the window, I could see so many people walking by, carrying shovels and other tools and following

behind flag-bearers. They were probably heading for work. What must they think of us? There are not many cars in North Korea. The cars we were in would not have seemed so great in Seoul, but they must have looked very special to North Koreans' eyes. People were staring at us with odd expressions on their faces.

I was too excited to remember what time we'd left Pyongyang. We must have been riding for about two hours. The landscape started to look familiar; we were in the village of Nak Chun, in the district of Park Chun. I had come there with my mother when I was young. I remembered that my aunt had lived there. She had bought me apples and taffy at the market. Where is the aunt who had cared for me now? Where is she buried? "I really miss you, Auntie. I really do."

The thought of my aunt brought tears to my eyes. While I indulged myself in my reminiscence, I could feel that we were almost in my hometown. "This is my hometown! How terribly have I been missing this place! How are you? So many things have changed." I could hardly recognize anything. Too much had changed! My house is gone. My parents and my brothers aren't there any more. No one was there to welcome me. I stood in front of a well I used to drink from in the past. I talked to the well, "You must remember me. I'm here now. I came back alive. Do you know of the sorrowful history I've lived through? Can you tell me where my grandfather, grandmother, aunt, uncle, father and mother, who used to drink water from you are?" No

answers.

When I looked at the mountains in front of or behind me, there was not a trace of anything familiar I could recall from my past. How could this be? I didn't know if it was a dream or reality. It surely was not a dream.

Meeting family members

We went to the graves of my father's elder sister and elder brother [Rev. Moon is here referring to True Father's parents]. My mother and sister-in-law were next to them. I bowed first to my uncle. "Uncle, your nephew, Yong-hyun is here. It was so hard for me to come. You must have suffered so much and missed your son terribly. Please have eternal joy with True Parents."

I offered glasses of wine and earnestly prayed to God. I offered glasses to my mother, too, "Mother, your unhappy son is here before you. I ask your forgiveness for having abandoned you. I have missed you so much. Mother, I have really missed you."

They told me that there was no more time, but I couldn't leave. Who could understand the heaviness I felt inside? I bid my uncle and aunt farewell. "Uncle and Aunt, and Mother, goodbye." I looked back again and again and reluctantly moved away. Where are the mountains and fields I used to see? I got into the car and looked back at the scenery as we drove away.

The next stop was the Won Bong ri local office. It looked quite familiar. I couldn't see anyone I knew. I waited about ten minutes and someone came up to me and took hold of my hands. I was so surprised to see my sister, who

looked so old and humble. I couldn't believe she was my once young, beautiful sister. I felt so sad and choked with tears. Tears blinded me. I held her hands, but her right hand had no fingers. "What happened to you, sister?" She told me her fingers had been chopped off by a machine. How much suffering did she have to go through just to survive? In an instant, I could feel the unbearable weight of her suffering life. "If you live long enough your suffering will come to an end. Just don't die. I'll come as often as I can to take care of you. Please don't worry."

I realized that, by then, many people surrounded me. My uncle's son, Young-suk was there. Someone called Byung-il also introduced himself. Byung-il's four younger brothers and sisters had come, too. I couldn't see my younger brother and nephew. "How come I can't see Do-gyun?" No answer. My sister told me that he couldn't make it. I asked why. She looked uneasy. I realized what she was thinking and said, "Alright. I understand. He couldn't get permission." My sister didn't say anything; her eyes agreed with me.

The mayor of Chongju district was next to us, listening to our conversation.

"Mr. Mayor! I hope that we can be good friends!"

"Please come often."

"Yes, I'll try my best."

Everyone went to a restaurant. My sister sat on my right and the mayor sat on my left. I could tell that they put so much effort into preparing the food. My sister didn't eat anything but seemed to carefully read what others were thinking. I asked her where my grandfather's





At the grave of Father's parents, a traditional Korean ceremony of greeting is prepared

grave was, the whereabouts of my big brother, his wife, and some of my cousins. Although I still had more to ask, I couldn't ask any questions that might put her into an awkward position. It was so heartbreaking.

Finally, the dinner was over. We were at a small public hall in the countryside. They told me that students there would come and perform to welcome us. The children sang and danced very well, but I couldn't see or hear anything. Everyone sang *Tongil* while holding hands and the curtain fell. It was now really time to say goodbye. "Sister...Sister! I promise I'll be back if I have another chance. Please take good care of your health." I was choked with tears. I waved to my sister from the car. The car moved away so fast, leaving behind no real promises. I felt so heartbroken; but the pain I was feeling is the pain of our people. Nothing can describe my heart at leaving my hometown behind—the hometown I had been missing even in my dreams.

The Myo Hyang Mountains

We arrived at the Myo Hyang mountains, where we went to a museum housing all the gifts that Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il had received as head of state. We had dinner at the hotel and each of us was assigned a separate bedroom. Night came and I turned off the light but couldn't sleep. I finally got some sleep, but awoke early. It was dawn. I took a shower and went outside.

Many of my companions were outside taking walks. They also must not have been able to sleep. I started to take a walk, too. The mountains were

truly beautiful. The air was clean, the water clear. Everything was crystal clear. How long has it taken me to get back to this land again? How painfully have I been missing this place? "The mountain of Myo Hyang! Do you have any idea how many times I have called your name? Do you have any idea how many people have been missing your beauty through sleepless nights and even on their deathbeds? I will tell my friends in Seoul that you are still waiting for us with the same beauty they remember."

The production plant

On April 6th, we had breakfast and drove to the Pyonghwa Motors plant in Nampo on a ten-lane highway. They'd finished the first paving, but hadn't quite finished the second paving. It felt quite rough but we made good

time. There were just a few cars. Not long after setting off, we arrived at the Nampo factory. Thousands of people were waiting. They welcomed us with applause.

We stood in the middle of a platform with a completed car on display. It was petite and pretty. We were there to celebrate the completion of the car assembly plant. Three years ago, it was a rice field. I am truly grateful for all the effort made by Park Sang-kwon. After the ceremony, we went into the plant to look around. The members or our group seemed very satisfied. We all felt proud and joyful.

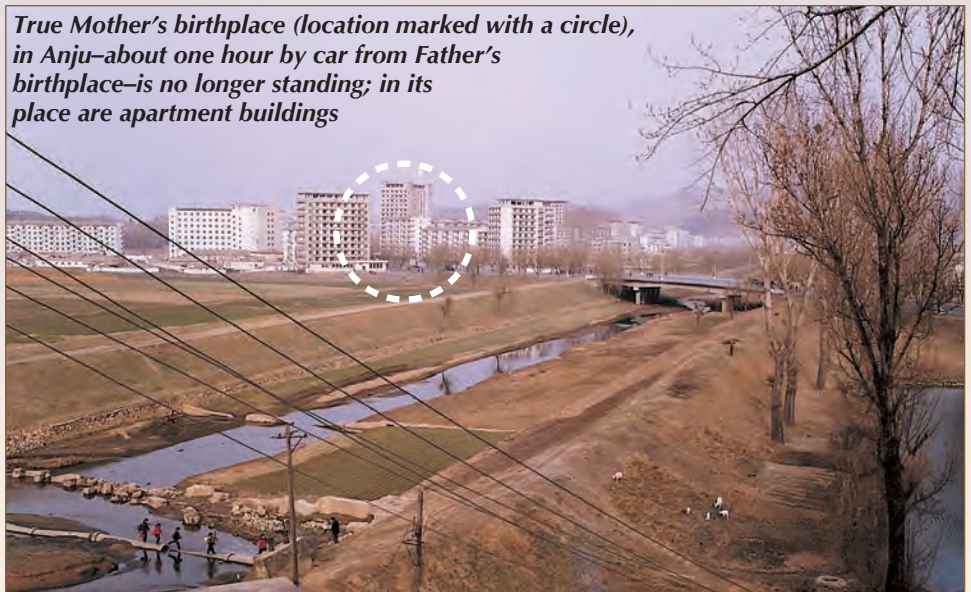
Once back in Pyongyang, we were invited to a special dinner. Everything was just perfect. I was speechless. With the special care of Kim Young-soon, chairman of the Asia—Pacific Peace Committee, we were treated so well.

Yet, I felt heavy in my heart. How will the future of our people turn out? When will Korea be unified? How can South Koreans accept North Koreans? North Koreans must think of us as their enemies. I don't even want to remember what happened in the past. How terribly we had to suffer! How much starvation there was.

I want to forget the past and to look forward to the future for the rest of my life. I want to think positively about everything. I want to love everyone and forgive everything. That should be my life. That should be the course of Korea's unification. It all depends on our thinking. I should forget the painful past and live the rest of my life with a grateful heart. ♦

Moon Yong-hyun is the third son of the younger brother of True Father's father

True Mother's birthplace (location marked with a circle), in Anju—about one hour by car from Father's birthplace—is no longer standing; in its place are apartment buildings





Sowing Seeds in the Spring

Cho Sung-nak
Seoul, Korea

For many years Cho Sung-nak worked very closely with Dr. Pak Bo-hi. He was instrumental in helping establish Pyonghwa Motors in the early stages, and has visited North Korea more than almost any other South Korean. He is presently involved in coordinating conferences and education for Ambassadors for Peace in Korea.

MY first visit to North Korea was in January 1994. At the time I was working as the private secretary of Pak Bo-hi, then president of *The Segye Times*. In July of the same year I returned to North Korea with Dr. Pak: He had been invited as a messenger of condolences on behalf of True Parents at the time of Kim Il-sung's death. I have been to North Korea on various occasions since the establishment of Pyonghwa Motors, working for economic cooperation between North and South Korea. The last time I traveled to North Korea before this was for the assembly plant groundbreaking ceremony.

Walking on the North Korean soil after two long years, I felt anything but indifferent. My first impression of Pyongyang this time was that the atmosphere was a whole lot brighter than before. While I was going through the entry formalities at Soon An Airport, the electricity went off all of a sudden.

I've never experienced something like that, and I didn't know the actual cause, but I don't believe that it was the result of a general lack of electrical power in North Korea. As an old Korean saying goes, "A girl gets an abscess on her back on her wedding day." I just felt sorry that something like that had to happen on this special day for North Korea.

On the way to Pyongyang from the airport, I looked carefully at the propaganda billboards. They have changed quite a bit. They used to have horrible slogans such as "Peel the skin off of the Americans." This time, though, I couldn't see that kind of thing anywhere. During the more recent process of negotiations with America and Japan, they seemed to have quietly disappeared. Instead, I could see far more slogans supporting the status quo such as "The Great Leader, Comrade Kim Il-sung is with us forever," or "Mansei for the Great Leader, Comrade Kim Il-sung, the sun of the 21st century," and so on.

For the first time in the North, I saw the slogan "Let's love trees." When I was young, in the 1960s, I used to plant acacia trees or alders on the bare hills of South Korea during the campaign to "make the mountains green." I assumed that North Korea has entered that kind of social phase nowadays.

We arrived at the Potong River Hotel

where we were to stay. When I entered the hotel lobby, my mouth dropped open. Since our foundation took over the hotel ten years ago, I know very well the complicated procedures members have had to go through to get repair and maintenance work done for the building, the work to improve the lighting in the lobby and the work to modernize the coffee shop. Looking at the place, I was totally speechless. Inside the brilliant show window—the like of which you never see in North Korea—gorgeous looking imported clothes were displayed. At a glance, I could tell they were very expensive. The gift shop next to it looked very neat and clean. What was more surprising was that the convenience store, full of expensive imported goods, was lit like daylight with many fluorescent lights.

Thanks to such repair work, when I entered my room the bathroom looked a lot cleaner than on previous occasions. The soap, shampoo and towels looked much nicer, too. When I used the elevator, I didn't have to worry about whether or not I'd get stuck between floors because of the power situation. Although the changes may not have been very noticeable at a glance, however, there were obvious changes if one looked at things closely. The expressions on the faces of people walking on the street looked so much brighter and more relaxed. I believe

Pyonghwa Motors President Park Sang-kwon speaks to the guests and workers



that they must have done maintenance work on a grand scale in Pyongyang in time for the April spring festival and Sun Day celebration (April 15, Kim Il-sung's birthday). It was obvious to me that North Korea is changing gradually. There is the genuine possibility of reunification of North and South through economic cooperation.

North Korean leaders think that they can establish a strong and prosperous nation and that they can unify Korea if North Korea maintains its status quo. They may not notice that they themselves are changing gradually. I believe that here lies a very good window of opportunity for us. I believe that True Parents see that, and that is why they are investing, slowly but steadily, in North Korea.

I believe that we can eliminate any possibility of war if we help the North Korean economy through economic cooperation with the South. In addition, I think we can hasten the moment of unification if we can solve the problems of food, clothing and housing by supporting the exhausted North Korean economy in ways the law allows. We may well have to face difficulties and problems at the outset, but with wisdom we should be able to overcome them.

If we can put our heads together and maintain a common goal—the mutual prosperity of South and North Korea—we should be able to unify the economy of the two Koreas. The more economic exchanges builds trust between South and North, and the more of a synergy effect is produced for both Koreas' prosperity, the better chance we have for the unification on a societal level. If we can reach that point, the situation could develop whereby unification

can be actualized politically, through a unified election between South and North. This would lead to complete reunification. I cannot stress enough the importance of programs promoting economic cooperation between the Koreas. In the beginning, unilateral investment by South Korea is necessary, but I am sure it will develop into something beneficial for both South and North in the end. What is important is that the Koreas must build mutual trust through these kinds of program. Without trust, development as I have described will not be possible.

In many respects, the opening of the Pyonghwa Motors assembly plant was a successful event. More importantly, it will become a clear milestone on our way to the unification of Korea. Until now, the Hyundai Mt. Kumgang tourist business was the model for business endeavors between the Koreas, but it has run into serious trouble. They are having many business difficulties.

I have analyzed this and I find that first, they failed to notice that South—North economic cooperation was at the beginning stage of economic integration. Second, they were too hasty, without having worked things out on a long-term basis. Third, they even went against public opinion in paying too much money to work in the tourism

sector in North Korea. They were too eager to monopolize the North Korean tourist industry.

Hyundai thought it was a business investment upon which they would later collect, so did not worry about pouring in money. North Korea, on the other hand, had a different view. They saw Hyundai's investment as proper compensation for the company coming in and utilizing the North's land and property. Hyundai believed that through this investment they would come to monopolize the whole North Korean tourist industry, thinking they would build up trust with the North Koreans.

There is such a management structure in the North—everything begins at the top. Money doesn't speak for you in the same way it can in other countries. Although Hyundai might have thought that through its financial power it is the one in control, North Korea thinks of Hyundai as being another organization that will come under *its* control in time.

Pyonghwa Motors is not on as large a scale as Hyundai's Mt. Kumgang tourism business, and there weren't any loud advertisements for Pyonghwa through the media, either. The business has been developed through open communication based on the trust we have built up with the North. That is how we have been able to reach the point we are at today. There is no doubt that Dr. Pak and the president of Pyonghwa Motors, Park Sang-kwon, are the ones truly responsible for the successful development of the company to this point.

However, as a person who has been working for the businesses in North Korea from the very beginning, I feel strongly obligated to testify to the effort True Parents have made in guiding us from A to Z, out of their deep love for North Korea and especially for their hometown, the eternal holy ground of Chongju.

In going to the opening of the



Pyonghwa plant, we used a recently completed ten-lane highway between Pyongyang and Nampo, where the plant is located. It took us only thirty minutes. On previous trips, the road had not been thoroughly paved. It was an inconvenience and the trip took longer, but in the back of my mind I felt compassion for the North Korean laborers who must have worked hard to build the road in heat that would have easily dried their sweat.

As soon as we reached the end of the highway, Pyonghwa Motors, in all its dignity, appeared before us. Two years ago, in the snow, at the time of the groundbreaking ceremony, it was just barren land. I couldn't believe my eyes that such a wonderful looking plant now stood there. Although it was a rainy day, an orderly crowd of about three thousand North Koreans were waiting for the ceremony to begin.

The Secretary of the North Korean Workers' Party, who is also the chairman of the Asia-Pacific Peace Committee, Kim Young-soon, was there, as was his vice chairman, Son Ho-kyung, Cabinet Counselor Joo Il-churl, Cho Sun company president Lee Jung-churl, Choson Ryunbong Combined Company (the North Korean investor) president Shin Kyung-rin—and other people of high social standing. This turnout demonstrated North Korea's great interest in Pyonghwa Motors. From our side, Dr. Pak Bo-hi, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, Rev. Peter Kim and Park Sang-kwon participated in this historic event.

Many of those who were at the groundbreaking two years ago were on hand to celebrate the completion of the construction. The only difference was the weather. Then it snowed, now it rained; but in two years, something great was created out of nothing. Where once there was only deserted land now stands a beautiful, grand factory with the most advanced facilities and equipment. It was really a moving moment.

It is a big mystery to me that in this,



The welcoming banquet, held at the Potong River Hotel

the most advanced scientific age, the 21st century, such a feudalistic nation as North Korea exists. People can travel around the entire globe in a day; the world is becoming a global community. Only North Korea resists taking its place in that community. I don't understand how they have the nerve to say that they can live in their own way, by themselves. It's an enigma to me.

They don't seem to hide, however, the fact that it is very hard to force into reality what they are trying to achieve. They acknowledge it, but at the same time, they try to appeal to people to overcome the present difficulties. They have slogans such as, "We should smile even if things are rough," and "We will see who is smiling in the end!" I can't figure out why it is so, but they seem very certain of a successful future.

I could describe North Koreans as people who have a religious fanaticism toward their leader, Kim Il-sung. From my several visits there, I've arrived at the conclusion that it is a feudalistic country with a national religion I would call "Kim Il-sungism." Without understanding this aspect of the North, it is impossible for anyone to understand what is going on there. The Keum Soo mountain palace, where Kim Il-sung's body lies is always busy with visitors 365 days a year. Kim Jong-il keeps hold of his political power by maintaining the image of a filial son who is absolutely following his father's will. Chairman Kim Jong-il uses the method, traditionally employed by his predecessor, of giving on the spot guidance. In that way, he appeases the laborers and those from neglected areas and social classes by showing them that their leader is interested in them. Sometimes, this method is shrewdly used to convince laborers working on assembly lines that they have a lot in common with the top leader of the country. They

also dig out "heroes" from all walks of life, such as a simple factory worker, a woman farmer or an athlete, so that they can maximize their effectiveness and reach the goal of all organizations, in line with a planning program they call "learning from heroes." I think that we could learn something from their organizational skills, as we are people who have the ultimate goal of realizing the settlement of the *Cheon Il Guk* and the liberation of our homeland in this, the age of *Cheon Il Guk*.

North Koreans are very ideologically oriented, strong in morals and ethics. But the problem is they don't have a lot to eat and wear. Once they solve these basic needs they will gain self confidence. When you are hungry you can still say that you are full, but ultimately you cannot hide your suffering face. For this reason, the North Korean authorities do not really look forward to the family reunions [that are from time to time being arranged between families separated between North and South] because of the difference in appearance between the North and South Koreans.

When basic needs are fulfilled, however, they will regain confidence. And so too when they interact more socially and politically. The final fruit of confident political exchanges would be general elections embracing both South and North.

Needless to say, we should take Pyonghwa Motors seriously, as it is our first step on a thousand-mile journey. I am not directly involved with the company now, but I would like to contribute to it as much as I can. I close my testimony with my deepest wish for the Pyonghwa Motor Company's eternal success. ♦

Cho Sung-nak is of the 6000-couple Blessing

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just about anywhere, is displayed as if it is priceless because it now belongs to the Kims.

I also visited the Grand Peoples' Study Hall, the biggest library in North Korea. The guide there explained to our group about the desks that young children use to study. They looked like other ordinary desks but were specially made so that the height could be adjusted. Taller people can raise the desks and shorter people can lower them. They had constructed the desks after a visit by Kim Il-sung. He had sat in one of the desks and had not been satisfied. He had ordered them to make the desks adjustable for young children.

The people take so much pride in Kim Il-sung. They shamelessly exaggerate his achievements. In other words, anything that has something to do with him or his son is changed into something of limitless value to be worshipped.

Brothers and sisters, some Christians devote their entire lives to Jesus. North Koreans worship the Kims with all their hearts and souls. They put the highest possible value in them. How about us? We were reborn through the blessing, thanks to

True Parents who are the ultimate healers of the world. But how much do we center our lives on them?

True Parents have had to restore mankind, all things and the spirit world to their original states. On the foundation of restoring all these things, God's kingship had to be established. That is the fulfillment of God's will. The restoration of mankind, all things and the

spirit world, and the full realization of God's kingship, were all concluded in the amazing year of 2000. Then a new age began in 2001. A matter for concern will be to know in exactly which year God's kingdom was established. I assume that 1920, the year of Father's birth might have been a possibility, or 1945, the year Father started his public mission. 1960 might be more likely because it was the year of True Parents' Holy Wedding. The end of the wilderness period, 1985, might also be a possibility, as would the first year of the Completed Testament Age, 1993. But it is most likely the first year of *Cheon Il Guk*, 2001. The year 2001 was when the ideal of creation, as described in the Principle, began.

The Principle teaches us that in that era there will be no need for us to go through anyone to talk to God—that we can communicate with God directly. People can meet God face to face. Once the ideal world of creation is realized, prayer in the sense of asking God for something will be unnecessary; rather we should simply report to Him about what we've done. The ideal world began in 2001. Through the registration blessing, the ideal could be con-

cretely realized. Since the registration blessing, in 2001, we stopped praying to God to ask things for ourselves, and began reporting to Him what we've accomplished for His will.

We do not depend upon True Parents any more. Having inherited their hearts and integrity, we have come to be responsible for ourselves. We can now directly communicate with God in our

own names. Although the ideal world of creation has not been fully realized all over the world, within the community of blessed families, centering on True Parents, it was actualized in 2001.

The old era has ended and now we are in the second year of *Cheon Il Guk*; next year will be the third year of *Cheon Il Guk*.... All people throughout the world will calculate the year based on the beginning of *Cheon Il Guk*. We are creating a new age. 2001 was the beginning of a new age. 2002 is the beginning of the settlement age for *Cheon Il Guk*. We must reassess our participation in what True Parents are doing, therefore, and be determined anew to walk the course of God's original children.

On January 1st this year, True Father told us that we can realize the settlement of the *Cheon Il Guk* by blessing our tribes. Just as True Parents have done, we must bless our tribes and organize them into 36-couple, 72-couple, 124-couple and 430-couple blessed families. That is the hope we must pursue. How can we perfect our lives on this earth? How can we make this world into God's kingdom at last? Father has answered those questions with the new direction He has given us.

Divine Principle covers the period from the beginning of history until Christ's Second Advent. True Father is the only one who can teach how the Second Advent is to realize God's nation on earth. The concrete path is achieving the ideal of the blessing. Only through the blessing can spiritual—and therefore social—problems be solved.

How can we expand the blessing to the world level so that we can solve the most fundamental problems entrenched on earth? That is possible only when blessed families bless their tribes, creating the 36- through 430-couple groups. This is the way we can settle God's nation on earth.◆



Rev. Hwang with Citizens' Federation Chairman Yoo Chong-gwan at the old well at Father's birthplace

Moon Lan-young (Int'l President, WFWP)

WE were invited to the Man Soo Dae Art Theater where they usually invite national guests. Mr. Kim Young-soon, Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Peace Committee, sat with us and hosted us very charmingly. He was naturally the center of attention and a very witty man. When I told him that I was the president of the Women's Federation for World Peace, he said, "So you are working closely with Mrs. Hak-ja Han! Please work hard for the women's

movement."

I complimented him on his appearance and he looked pleased. He said "Please don't tell Rev. Moon that we served wine at this occasion!" We all smiled at his remark. Not only Mr. Kim the Chairman, but also all the staff talked very freely about True Parents. They all asked about their whereabouts and expressed their best wishes for their well-being. I could feel they felt much closer to True Parents than do the people in the South.

Wherever I went, they showed so

much respect for their leaders, Kim, Il-sung and Kim, Jong-il. They repeated phrases such as, "Our great leader, the father", or "the Sun of the 21st century, our dearest general". There were slogans like "Our father, Kim, Il-sung lives with us forever" found on many walls. From that slogan I felt that they believed in eternal life. I thought about how to connect their loyal faith to God's providence, to have them contribute to building one global family.◆

Pyonghwa Stands for Peace

Rev. Hwang Sun-jo was among the party of 90 or so leaders and staff that visited North Korea in March—April. Not long after his return he was interviewed about the Pyonghwa Motors project by Headline News, a Korean monthly news magazine—excerpted below. The opening of the Pyong-hwa Motors plant was widely covered in both the Korean and international press.

How did the North Koreans respond?

Their interest in Pyonghwa Motors has been incredible. They seemed to be impressed by the fact that Hyundai exports cars to the U.S. Their wish is to produce their own, North Korean, models.

Many people think that the idea of producing cars in North Korea is not viable. I think it will succeed. First of all, it was part of an arrangement made between Rev. Moon and Kim Il-sung. If commercial success had been the goal, we might have found ourselves in situations wherein unexpected difficulties arose. The project was approached, however, from the standpoint of contributing to the unification of South and North Korea. That is why things have gone comparatively smoothly.

How significant is the installation of the Pyonghwa Motors assembly plant?

I believe the unification of Korea is our destiny and that it should be carried out on governmental and private levels together. Trust between South and North has to be recovered by working for the reunion of divided families and other cultural exchanges. Then, we should gradually develop economic cooperation, academic, ideological and eventually—political exchanges aimed at uniting South and North.

The Pyonghwa Motors project is especially meaningful because it combines South Korean technology and capital with North Korean land and manpower. There are about 100 South Korean companies with projects in the North, but only twenty of them are breaking even. They are typically shoe

and clothing companies, which involve rather simple manufacturing processes. Ultimately they are focused more on making money. Pyonghwa Motors, though, places greater weight on the importance of reunification.

What was the background to such an accomplishment?



First, the company is not simply interested in making money for itself. The investors went in with the attitude of donating funds that will foster Korea's unification. Second, because the project was initiated by an agreement made between Kim Il-sung and Rev. Moon, not by a North Korean official, it commands greater authority than other projects. As you know, North Koreans respect the will of Kim Il-sung, even though he has passed away. According to Asian—Pacific Peace Committee chairman Kim Young-soon, Kim Jong-il specially chose the best possible location for the plant in 1997 out of his respect for that agreement.

Prior to Pyonghwa Motors, we had already initiated many projects related to North Korea. The trust and deep understanding being built between us is the foundation for what is being accomplished today.

How is Pyonghwa Motors different from other joint ventures?

The project is the only one on the level of a key national industry, and in terms of investment, it is the largest in the manufacturing sector. Rather than cash, the investment has building materials and equipment, so it is quite different from the Mt. Kumgang tourism project, which has been criticized for reportedly pouring cash into North Korea without bringing any tangible return. However, what is fundamentally different

between this project and others is that it is not commercially oriented, but based on a genuine heart to unify Korea.

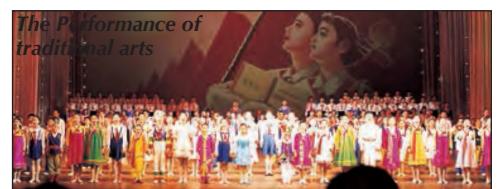
What plans are there for the future?

The intention is to produce, with Fiat, the Italian auto-maker, ten thousand 1,580-cc cars—their Siena model—and sell them to foreign companies resident in North Korea, and to government offices. They may adopt

the just-in-time manufacturing strategy, whereby cars would be produced as they are ordered. It is planned to expand capacity from 10,000 to 20,000 cars and to assemble the "Doblò," which is a station wagon style car, beginning in 2003. And there are also plans to diversify into producing other kinds of automobiles: for example, trucks, fire engines and ambulances. The vision is for the entire Nampo area to become an industrial complex. As more knowledge is acquired and experience in producing cars is gained, the market can expand to China and Japan.

There are plans to advertise the cars by building a 1,500-square-meter display area, and to set up three gas stations between Pyongyang and Nampo.

I believe there is unlimited potential as the relationship between South and North Korea matures. ♦



Spotlight on Armenia

Hovhannes Barseghyan
National Leader of Armenia

FWPU ARMENIA was officially registered by the Ministry of Justice in the spring of 1999. Our priority is teaching young people about true love, true family and a true way of life. In our programs we mainly use International Educational Foundation (IEF) materials,



though we have prepared Pure Love Alliance (PLA) lectures based on True Father's Speeches.

Between August and December 2001,

in five cities of the Kotayk district (one of Armenia's ten districts), we held *hoondok* seminars. These were mainly one-day, three-session seminars with Character Education, Family and Marriage as the theme. The first part of each session involved reading the relevant material, and discussion took up the second half. Though most of the participants were either students or teachers, we formed specific types of groups—such as all students, all teachers, student-teachers, students and young teachers, or students and experienced teachers—in order to understand the viewpoints unique to each category of

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a deep level of heart, they will never turn their backs on you. As long as you maintain a Japanese consciousness, it is difficult to unite. I believe the way to unite is total self-denial and complete attendance [service] to them.

Because this is the Lord's country, Korea, the home of True Parents, I began with absolute faith that there is nothing that we cannot do. I pray for a long time in the mornings and evenings and never miss the daily *hoondokhae*. In daily life, I do everything willingly, from cleaning to taking my turn at cooking. Whatever sort of person may visit, I treat each guest specially, always with a smile and serve them tea, coffee, fruit or goodies, with all my heart. They always tell me, "Japanese women are great!"

For the *hoondok* we always serve lunch even if fifty or sixty people come. I have brought everything I need with me from Japan: tea, coffee, *dashinomoto* [ground fish stock] soy sauce, *hijiki* seaweed, dried gourd shavings, Japanese sweets—you name it! We have about three hundred and fifty videotapes prepared for our guests, all of which were made in Japan. Our goal, starting May 13, 2001, was to bring 120 people and 157 came, so our first year has been successful. Beginning from January, we have invested a lot in Principle studies for the blessing and have been able to send two unmarried couples and five previously married couples to the blessing, and to send twenty-three people to a six-day workshop at Cheong Pyeong last February. At the time of the blessing on February 16th, we brought one busload of people, including those who are scheduled to

receive the blessing next year.

Two days after the blessing, I returned to Japan and, in week, mobilized forty registered wives to come to Korea and raised a million yen for our March 1st rally [an event to mark the anniversary of the Korean people's uprising against Japanese colonial rule in 1919]. Our goal was to hold a rally with a thousand people. I gave mobilization goals to all of my spiritual children who have joined as of May 13th, made a chart and asked each to bring 20—30 people for the rally, and all together we brought 450 people. A further 500 people came through the churches in the region.

The president of the *Daejeon Times*

newspaper, who had taken part in the March 1st rally, was so moved that he interviewed me. I also met the ward president [government leader], who had wanted to see me for five minutes, but who ended up speaking for thirty minutes, and he even gave me a souvenir.

Recently, elderly people in their 70s have been bringing their sons to us, saying they wish for them to receive the blessing—that this is the only way. So, we have some outstanding young men coming these days. If more help would come from Japan, we could advance the providence proportionately. I am grateful that some of the teachers who joined and all the other spiritual children have been pitching in to help us.

Following the March 1st rally, I have been educating the blessed members about the significance and value of the blessing, the three-day ceremony, our holy days, celebrations and so forth. I try to give each couple detailed guidance.

Recently, one Korean elder introduced me to the president of a Korean women's organization, and then to the regional presidents of this organization in each of five districts. I was told that there are many women's groups in Daejeon. There is a five-story Women's Center where these groups meet, and I have been able to meet all of the leaders of these groups. Things worked out so that we will do activities hand in hand from now on. I think this will keep us very busy!♦

Mrs. Sato joined the Unification Church in 1968. She and her husband were already married and they later received the blessing together.



participant on such things as love, purity, public life and family values. A total of eight hundred teenagers, students and teachers participated and most were really inspired. These seminars were possible through the support of IEF, WANGO and the media and PR departments of the Kotayk district.

Traditionally, Armenians have always had strong families, but during the past few years, through propaganda about free sex and false values of life,



young people have lost appreciation for such moral values as purity before marriage, respect and obedience toward their elders and fidelity in marriage. For that reason different categories

of participant found our programs important and timely. Interestingly, the seminars made quite an impression on our members as well and allowed us to understand more deeply the importance of True Parents' teachings on family values. On the foundation of the *hoondok* seminars we opened a "Young Family Center" (under FFWPU) in Razdan, the capital of the Kotayk district.

Nowadays, we are giving Pure Love lectures in institutes and colleges and planning to organize similar programs in other districts of Armenia. ♦

Photos: the student seminars

Dedication of a New Main Building for Sun Moon University & Conferment of Honorary Doctorates on True Parents



"Sun Moon University must be a harmonious educational institution, where all races can learn the ideal of brotherhood in an openly interracial, international and interreligious educational atmosphere."

Father, in his congratulatory address

Photos: top, True Parents receive honorary doctorate degrees from Sun Moon University; top right, the dedication ceremony in front of the new building; right, planting a memorial tree are, left to right, Rev. Kwak, Jun-sook nim, Hyun-jin nim (hidden), True Parents, Hoon-sook nim and Sun Moon University President Dr. Lee Kyung-june; above, Father holy salts the building



Looking across to Myodu Mountain in the distance—where Father received his mission from Jesus

When you live a prosperous life thanks to the blessing of Heaven, you should understand that God gave you a portion of the blessing that was supposed to be given to your nation. Because you have what originally would have belonged to your nation, when you depart from this world, you must leave it behind to the nation. When I look at American society, I see that many leave their assets not to their own physical children but rather to a public cause. Such a trend is inevitable considering how God's will is unfolding.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
April 4, 2002
East Garden