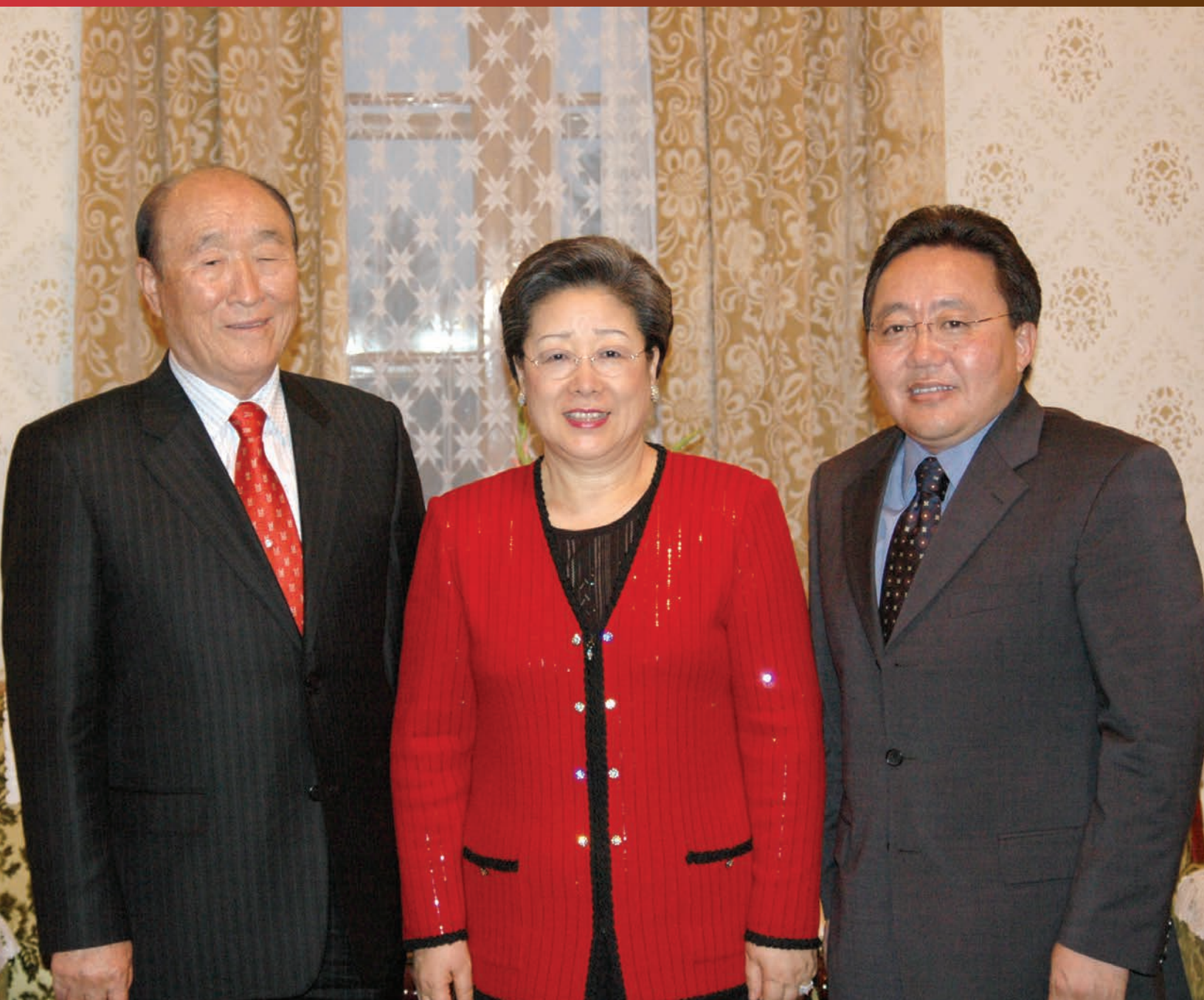


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## *Changing the World: Small Hoondok Group Activities*

*This is an excerpt from a speech given by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan at the closing ceremony of a general assembly for Korean church leaders, held from September 1-3.*

**T**he responsibility we bear is by no means excessive. Although we are faced with a difficult situation and feel a sense of crisis, we know through experience that Heaven always uses circumstances such as we are presently undergoing as an opportunity to act and to fulfill the will. Since we are aware of this principle, we should take charge of fulfilling God's providence as His vehicles and take the lead in transforming this crisis into an opportunity to bring victory by overcoming all difficulties.

What exactly are True Parents doing at this time? If you think about it, you will easily understand why I am telling you these things. True Parents have announced a very concrete goal they've set of building an international highway, a public road that would also call for the digging of a tunnel under the Bering Strait for the purpose of bringing together East and West, North and South, the entire world and the people within who have been divided and in conflict throughout history. We have also seen with our own eyes the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation, which will contribute to the reformation of the UN and the fulfillment of the goal of a true world of peace, the likes of which has never before been dreamed of.

Compared to True Parents' providential work, our having to establish a few thousand hoondok churches, bless the people and prepare for the restoration of the nation are miniscule responsibilities. No matter how heavy the burden we bear may be, no matter how difficult the circumstances around us may be, when compared to the goals that True Parents have set and are trying to fulfill, it is clear that our responsibilities are light.

I recently had a chance to discuss this project with Father. Once the construction of a tunnel under the Bering Strait is completed, building roads to connect to the tunnel brings the cost to an astronomical 200 billion dollars. The tunnel itself is expected to cost 50 billion dollars, but because of the extreme cold around the Bering Strait, construction work can only be done for four months a year. The longer the construction is prolonged the more in excess of 50 billion dollars the tunnel will cost. The tunnel is not the only thing we will be involved in either; basic transportation routes for supplies will also be needed. If

we include the construction cost for highways that will connect the tunnel to the nearest cities, the anticipated costs rise to 200 billion dollars. I told Father I thought this would be too heavy a burden for him to shoulder alone. I suggested it would be better to host briefing sessions to attract investment from government officials from various nations as well as independent wealthy investors, people with money, and to carry out a finance project to raise funds. I thought it would be better for Father to provide the seed money for the overall project. We could come out with it as a product, setting up a concrete and accurate plan for recovering all the construction costs after the completion of the tunnel by promoting the idea of a highway under the Bering Strait and making widely known the economic benefits it would bring.

When I offered this suggestion to Father, he accepted it. Still I could see that he did not want to compromise his determination and his intention of personally carrying out this project to the end, although the cost would be enormous, not to mention the difficulty. As he has pioneered the way of the providence throughout his life, True Father has always taken full and sole responsibility for everything he has done. That is an achievement that fills us, his disciples, with awe and respect for the value of True Father's life course.

The Universal Peace Federation that True Parents are promoting at this time is also an amazing aspect of the providence. Establishing it may be more difficult than catching a floating cloud in the sky. Yet True Father has never given up this dream, not even for a day.

In what way should we understand Father? We might promise to do something, but even if we ended up not doing it, we could just apologize and it would be forgiven. We have all had many experiences of our loudly stating what we intend to do then not being unable to accomplish it. When True Father states something to Heaven and in the face of history, he will not back down until he fulfills it. Whatever he says, he makes happen.

That is why he can confidently announce such a tremendous project, which the rest of the world would find difficult to achieve. He first started off by declaring this in four representative American cities. As if that weren't enough, he spoke to groups of leaders from various circles in Korea and announced his plans to them. Whenever

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# PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SAFE SETTLEMENT

## OF THE KINGSHIP OF COSMIC PEACE



This is an excerpt from the speech Father gave on the day of proclamation, September 2, in Kodiak, Alaska.

I am telling you to make preparations. So far I have created the environmental conditions enabling you to make those preparations. That is why I have made *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and blessed all 48 million of the Korean people. I blessed them, but they have not done the three-day ceremony....

By having hoondok in the family centering on *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, you can now move on to the age of hoondokhae families. Churches as an institution and the construct of nationhood will now disappear. Unless heaven and earth overcome them together centering on *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and by following True Parents' path, the boundaries and national borders on the earth that were created because of the fallen parents will not disappear. They must be completely abolished.

This concept has never existed in the spheres of religion or ideology until now. Since the false parents created these things, they can be removed only on the arrival of the True Parents. God is also unable to abolish these boundaries at will. Fallen people should be freed after serving their sentence....

When your families went through the revivals at Jardim, I told those who had finished the forty-day workshop to wait, because they never know when they will have to pack their bags and move. When that day comes, blessed families will have to line up at once. Do you think the proceedings will be over in an instant? You don't know how



many years it will take to do that. That is why this line will be the longest. Usually refugee lines are made up of refugees from a single nation. How complex a matter it will be when refugees from the whole of the physical and spiritual worlds are heading for their hometowns?...

I am telling you to always be prepared. You should be aware of each segment of time in True Parents' daily life, and when the time of great global migration arrives, where you would have to follow them, if you lose sight even for a moment... When the Israelites were crossing the Red Sea, they had to cross at the right moment. The path across the Red Sea did not just remain open. Anyone who failed to cross at the right time and tried crossing it with the Egyptians would have perished. They would have been unable to follow....

You are going through training on the eve of the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation and should understand this clearly. When the Abel-type UN, the perfected UN, emerges, people should follow the laws of that UN.... All the sprouts of creation face toward the morning sunlight; those that have turned to the west on their own cannot enter heaven without turning toward the sun and

going through the course of settling down in a place that experiences neither night nor day, nor hell. The phrase “noon-time settlement” means settling all accounts or clearing everything away. Night and day are separated....

You should always be prepared to pack up all your belongings for a great migration. Lot’s family and Abraham’s descendants were all supposed to leave Sodom and Gomorrah at once, but those who did not leave or turned around to look back, as did Lot’s wife, perished. When the time comes to go beyond the critical point, you should do so. If you do not, no matter how good a person you have been, you will disappear as a victim within the realm of judgment, as did Lot’s wife.

You should sprinkle holy salt and cleanse the land with holy wine. The air, in which Satan—the enemy—has lived and breathed ought to be cleansed as well. There should be such a great cleansing. Don’t you think so? That is why we completed the blessing of all 48 million people in Korea by August 18. All they have to do now is go through the forty-day course and three-day ceremony. They can all do this together. Won’t this three-day ceremony affect thousands of generations?...

So what do we say in the Family Pledge? In the beginning we use the phrase “...the owner of Cheon Il Guk.” We should all be in the position of an owner. It is the same for you and me. The day you enter into kingship will be the day of the birth of the king, and the day the king’s family emerges

Today is September 2....such a good day, due to the Abel-type UN, I am designating this the starting day of the kingship of cosmic peace being established. Amen!

Since representatives of all six continents and of each nation are here today, let us offer applause to welcome the establishment of this day and to commemorate the declaration of the basis for settling and establishing something significant on holy ground....

Keep in mind that I have declared this to be a day of commemorating the beginning of the safe settlement of the kingship of cosmic peace.

We should always commemorate August 31 as *Pal Jeong Shik* and remember that this place is a sacred, holy land and holy ground, where we could conclude one segment of the fulfillment of God’s will through the designation of the Day of Heavenly Parentism, the day of the completion of God’s will. It was the day for the beginning of the safe settlement of the cosmos.

[Is it the beginning of the kingship of cosmic peace, or the beginning of the safe settlement of cosmic peace?] It is the safe settlement of kingship. [The beginning of the safe settlement of the kingship of cosmic peace...] It is the beginning of safe settlement.

These days, in August and September, we will always meet here. Yang Chang-shik! [Yes.] and Furuta! [Yes.] Kamiyama! Are you the one in charge? [Rev. Yang: Yes.] These people should always be creating a path enabling this place to



and takes up its position. The members of his family will be recorded in the family register as being his and being from the parent nation. They should be registered. They should be mature; and they should have received the blessing. From that point on, they should bless their own children. Only then will a new world, a new heaven and earth emerge.

Such a time will come. It will be publicly announced in a resolution by the Abel-type United Nations. It will be officially announced on a certain day. From that day, a new nation, a new constitution...

Every day, as homework, you should make effort to produce a solution. Therefore, from now on, you should make a record of four generations. You should accurately record what your ancestors have done well and the wrongs they have done. Otherwise, your clan will not be able to register into that nation as its people when you take part in a great migration to that nation.

Shouldn’t that be done? There is no nation and no hometown. You were born as Satan’s children. It is terrible thing even to think about. People have killed and buried others in order to save their own skin. How can it be that good people are being killed? This is worse than Satan ....

be admired as a holy ground or house in which between five and seven hundred people, at least, can always come and be educated.

That is because it is the base through which the Soviet Union and China and the Bering Strait can be tied together. The base for the Bering Strait will become the base from which our homeland, the entire earth, can take off as God’s nation. That is why Kodiak is important. A clucking chick becomes a hen, meets a rooster, ovulates and lays eggs; only then can the egg live on to become a fertilized egg rather than an unfertilized egg. It is the same with this situation.

So you get the general idea. The nation of cosmic rest [*ahnshik guk* (아hnshik guk)] —the safe settlement of the kingship of cosmic peace] Well, isn’t everything included in the phrase “ahnshik guk”? Just saying “ahnshik guk” is enough. It includes “king” and “safe settlement”; it is the day for the beginning of the safe settlement of “ahnshik guk.” So it includes the number eight and the thirty-first day. The thirty-first on the lunar calendar represents a new beginning. Isn’t that right?...

The Lincoln Center represents the king of liberation who liberated the whites and blacks. Is it the Lincoln Center? [Yes, the Lincoln Center.] Where is the Lincoln Center? [It is in





**Around the campfire: Members travel from all over the world, some at their own expense and on their own initiative, to share experiences with True Parents**

Manhattan, next to Central Park.] We should give a lecture in that place. [Father, when you first came to America...] Yes, I spoke in that very place.

What number was Abraham Lincoln in the order of United States presidents? [He was the sixteenth president.] The sixteenth, you say? Is that right? Is that correct or not? [It is correct.] Today is the sixteenth anniversary of Pal Jeong Shik, the sixteenth anniversary of Heavenly Parentism, and the day of the beginning of the safe settlement of the kingdom of cosmic peace. Ten days from now [September 12]...since today is the 2<sup>nd</sup>, ten days makes a circuit, it being the returning number.... September 12 marks a new beginning after 9/11. The safe settlement of the kingdom of cosmic peace has begun. So, this is the day of the beginning and settlement of the designation of the Abel-type UN centering on New York, the formation stage, and Washington, the completion stage. If it goes beyond the three stages of formation, growth and perfection, a unified universe will come about. Do you understand?

In the future, only those people and families who are exemplary can come to this place to commemorate this day. Just as special people were called this time, only those who—from a zero point before heaven—have received all of what I have taught until now can come to this place. Those in charge of the six continents are people who have done just that. Those leaders from the six continents are all one clan....

That is why you should be aware that there is a base for beginning the important ceremony of the transition into a new heaven and earth. It is the beginning of that transition. Be aware that this was the morning to declare this fact. Based on the fact of this declaration, we should hold a festival for four days for this important commemoration. In the future when you come here, you should participate in this occasion bringing gifts prepared out of your sense of devotion and representing your nation.

When you come here, your way will not be paid. You must use your own money to come here. That is how it will be from now on. You should be able to support this place with all the financial resources representing your nation. You should support the purchase of land in this area.

When the ark is brought, all nations must be absolutely obedient before it. In the same way, the Soviet Union and

China will be brought together in this place, centering on the Bering Strait. Isn't it about 1,200 kilometers from here? [Yes, from Fairbanks it is about six hundred miles.] In kilometers it's about eighty kilometers across; or is it 85? [Yes, it is 80 kilometers. That is because there is an island belonging to the United States in the middle. So if you subtract the length of that island...]...

This is where the wall between heaven and earth, the wall of love, will burst open. It is the start of truly loving heaven, of establishing a family with value in relation to heaven centering on love and of that family automatically taking responsibility for the nation. It is the day of the beginning of the safe settlement of the kingship of cosmic peace. I am designating this day a sacred, holy day!

In this region we can commemorate this holy day for four days. This is an important period of time. For all the days of commemoration, the Soviet Union and China will be brought together, centering on Pal Jeong Shik, the Day of Heavenly Parentism, and the Day of the beginning of the safe settlement of ahnshik guk and of cosmic peace.

They will inevitably become one nation. Since they are bound together centered on the Bering Strait, the fatherland can begin centering on God and be brought together. It is a beginning for that. I am designating it as the base for the beginning of this safe settlement.

So why have all of you come here to learn? You have to become owners of this new beginning on the occasion of this great transition. It is the beginning day for fulfilling our pledge, packing up our belongings and moving to the kingdom of heaven.

What I said today has been recorded. Do you understand? So representatives from America, today you should proclaim this day. Instead of me proclaiming this, the American representatives should stand up and proclaim this in prayer. Do it briefly.

Your prayer should include something about proclaiming this day to be one commemorating the proclamation of the safe settlement of the cosmic Cheon Il Guk, centering on the liberation and amnesty that overcomes the history of indemnity with the Parents of Heaven and Earth. [North American Continental Director Yang Chang Shik's then prayed.]

What is it cosmic peace for? [The beginning of the safe settlement of the kingship of cosmic peace.] The beginning! I have proclaimed the day the beginning of safe settlement. Now you should go through the United States and complete the process of safe settlement, centering on the world. The entire world should be unified within the Abel-type UN within four years, by 2008, centered on the UN.

For this reason, you should return to your nations and give the blessing to everyone. Even if you cannot do the three-day ceremony or the indemnity stick ceremony or even the forty-day separation period, you should complete the blessing during this time. Korea has already completed this. Now in Korea they should educate the people and completely bless them through the hoondok family churches.

That blessing is to allow them to be registered into the kingdom of heaven. Since the nations must begin, you should focus on your own nations. Do your best in the same way the members in Korea did in blessing people; because Korea is the center of all nations. We should now be engaged in a lineage-oriented movement based on the Mongolian birthmark. This can be brought to an end only when we do such things



as bringing Cain and Abel together.

Do you know what the Mongolian birthmark is? We need to initiate a movement focused on the lineage of those who had this. By December 2008, the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk, all the nations of the world should be united and should have finished this task through the use of holy salt and holy wine. At that time, I will go around the world and from a plane I will sprinkle holy salt and holy wine to bring about the entering into of a new era. Four years later, in 2013, centered on the 13<sup>th</sup> year, we should offer clean material to heaven, offer a unified world before heaven, centering on the True Parents. Until this offering is made, you cannot claim your own nation or ownership.

From God, your families can inherit the offerings that were made after the blessing was given to the new world, which now belongs to God. Through this, you can enter the sphere of being owners of all nations and become citizens who can enter the kingdom of heaven! Amen! You have to go through that process.

Now you should exert yourself, risk your life in fulfilling your responsibilities as the messiah of a nation, a national messiah, a tribal messiah and a familial messiah; fulfill your responsibilities from the point of being a tribal messiah at the formation stage through to that of being a national messiah at the growth and perfection stages. It is an amazing fact that the beginning of this day of settlement can be proclaimed in this place at the very end, after Jesus was unable to restore and engraft 120 nations to the heavenly kingdom and after the returning Lord, two thousand years later, was unable to bring in the settlement age that would enable not the world alone but heaven and earth to be registered as one nation.

That is why if we carry out this task centering on the United States on the formation level, all the nations of the world and all of your nations will be admitted into the Abel-type UN. For the first time, Cain and Abel will become one; the religious spheres will disappear, followed by the dissolution of the national spheres, thus ultimately bringing about the beginning of a single nation based on a family realm representing heaven and earth. One nation will begin.

That is why this is about the beginning of the safe settlement of the kingdom of cosmic peace. The formation and growth level of the beginning of this safe settlement will occur centering on the United States. Following this all the nations will be admitted into the Abel-type UN, uniting all nations; and in eight years, this will all be organized until the law is established and upheld. When the coronation of God's kingship is carried out on January 13, 2013, by restoring everything and offering it in heaven and on earth to Heaven through True Parents, a world where everything is liberated and completely free will be realized.

For this, you should exert yourself and join in the effort of overcoming death in the same way Jesus did in order to have your country admitted into the Abel-type UN, thus creating a nation that can liberate heaven and earth.

Due to the emergence of fallen parents, God's possessions were eaten away by Satan, who did to them as he pleased. But now, as you have joined True Parents, bound all this together and returned it to God, it has become a new heaven and new earth, on earth and in heaven, which God can freely reign over and manage. Amen.

In the Family Pledge we recite, "As the owner of Cheon Il



Guk, our family..." Whatever may happen, we should finish this work by 2008. Then, centering on the Abel-type UN, the world should become one, like one family, Adam's family, which would have consisted of three generations if not for the Fall. The perfected, liberated and completely freed world on earth and in heaven should be announced, after which you can become owners who inherit ownership. You must be aware that such a course remains.

We should influence governments. The Palestine area and Gaza area in the Middle East should not be surrounded by walls. North and South Korea should not fight. Both victory and defeat will be decided during this period.

You should know that God has been in the background guiding the six-party talks. It will rupture this time, but you don't know how many hardships I have gone through to coordinate the talks from behind the scenes. I took care of the situation after America completely dropped out of the talks. This made it possible to go over, two-thirds of the way, into a new phase of coordination.

Don't we begin another conference from the 12<sup>th</sup>? [Yes.] We are also making a proclamation on the 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Lincoln Center that embodies the historical emotions of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president, who laid the basis for peace. What number president are we at now? [The forty-third president.] The forty-third, you say? We should bring things to a conclusion during the time of the forty-third president. Like the 430 years of the Exodus, we are departing out of hell. The Chinese character for Egypt can also mean "the end of sorrow" (哀及) or "the end of love" (愛及). We are coming out of hell on earth....

So you can imagine how much conflict there was when the Israelites were departing. You should not have any disputes. The Abel-type UN may say, "Bring all your possessions here!" If I give the order, you must bring all your possessions and burn them away. God has no need for those things. You should burn them away and hold a holy fire ceremony when you go to the spirit world. In the same way, after burning your possessions, you should find your possessions again. Nations and everything in the satanic world must all disappear. ♦

# Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing

Brief Extracts from Father's Speech on July 1, 2005

**Y**ou should know that the era of liberation and complete freedom has come. This is a world that was supposed to fall into hell and disappear, but True Parents came and took charge of everything. They sanctified from one to ten, a hundred, ten million, and the universe; they cleansed the altered blood lineage and washed it to make a pure mother and father, pure sons and daughters, and a tribe that could boast of purity centered on purity alone—so that the light of purity could reflect throughout the universe. Then God's internal and external heart did not only begin to reflect light, it influenced it, and light began to illuminate Father and God directly without any obstacles....

Now we should really clean and decorate the nations, my heaven—that heaven where I can live. Know that the world in which we can live, attending God centering on His kingship, eating and living together with Him—such a world is the liberated heaven on earth and in heaven, the liberated time after the coming of heaven! Amen!

You should be resolving conflicts, and if you want to resolve conflicts, you have to digest them all and—on top of that—treat the parties so they can make relationships that are better than the fruit of the conflicts. Then conflict will end. Can there be peace where people have vexed, mortified and vengeful hearts, and red eyes and trembling lips?...

Mother isn't aware of it, but I always sanctify things wherever I go to and whenever I come back. I always do this throughout the day wherever I go to rest and whatever I do. It should be that way. It has to be that way. Then Satan cannot follow.

You have holy salt and holy wine, don't you? What do you do instead of spreading holy salt? There is a more convenient way now....When we read about Adam and Eve in the Bible, didn't God breathe their spirits into them? The reason for such sanctification for a new start should be known. Thus, all things had to shed blood in the formation era, the Old Testament era; and sons and daughters had to shed blood in the New Testament era. Even if God felt pain over that, He had to endure it.

After that I was chased out, chased away to the wilderness, and even if I was accused by the wandering chosen people, I had to digest the accusation with gratitude. Even if Satan wants to continue accusing for another several thousand years, there is no condition for accusation in front of the Messiah. Because I am grateful. So, I am digesting them through gratitude. You cannot subjugate them with guns and swords....

Since you become the owner of liberation who can come and go, you should have no doubt that you are God's sons and daughters. You should have the self-realized autonomy and confidently express the independent consciousness of a subject and representative on behalf of God and as the master of the entire creation from individual creations to the whole....

I brought all the photos I took during the first world tour, the things sold in museums in those nations, and sets of photo plates, put them together in a package and left them with someone. But whoever had them, they have disappeared. If I look at that, dear me, they did not understand their value and could

not take care of them....

I could not treat my children kindly. And I could not even walk with them in the garden holding their hands. From Hyojin, all.... They were like other people's rags. When the sons and daughters of the 36 couples came, I would kiss them and give them money to buy clothes, but I did not kiss my own children or hold their hands. As their parent, I would come in—they would be asleep and never see me in their rooms. Until they were twelve years old, I would enter their rooms after midnight and pray for them.

As they mature, they come to understand. How great is the responsibility of being a father or mother! If you cannot come back, doesn't your heart ache? Do you feel like that?...

Should I go out to the sea or not? I brought my grandson; he does not know the sea.... Of course he would not catch a whale or a king salmon but would be happy to catch a tiny fish. The smaller it is the happier he is. We don't know how he catches them. He crawls like this, and if there is any little thing on the floor he picks it up and tastes it.

When the small fish are glimmering, what fun it is! He puts one into his mouth and swallows it. He has that kind of character. When he catches one, he swallows it and never lets it go. His eyes become agitated, like this, as he is thinking "Why do you want to take it from me? You are not helping my hard work!" and when he looks at me like this he is scary....

He was just right here, but now he crawls faster than adults walk!... He stretches a lot. I think, "When that child grows he may be a good fighter, and there may be many problems." He is just like I was when I was growing up. I see that clearly.

In the morning, at dawn when I opened my eyes, I would open the door when my mother and father were still dozing. It was a good chance to slip out. If I wanted to go out after my mother was up preparing breakfast, she would not let me. So I would wake up at dawn, and after keeping watch for some time, I would slip out of the house.... They would think I had gone to the toilet, but when I had not returned for an hour or two, they would say, "That boy has gone to the mountain, to the stream or to climb trees." I would go to the mountain or to the stream, and I would climb trees—to see the birds in their nests.

I know mountains well. The rabbits live where a steep slope comes down to a plain. The tigers cannot come down to catch them. The slope acts as a wall and boundary, and when they are on the green grassland nothing will come to hunt them. Wouldn't animals such as tigers hunt them from behind, rather than from the front? They cannot come from behind because there is the cliff, so the rabbits relax and eat without worries there....

It is the same for deer. When they cross over a hill they keep watch. Try to catch them. They do not cross over casually. When there is a sudden wind they turn around. Even when that sudden wind blows they do not stumble. They have instincts to preserve their own lives and they can survive only by following them. It is like survival of the fittest. ♦









# Heralding the Original Palace

## *True Parents' Benediction Prayer at the Site for the Original Palace*

**I**t is January 19, 2002, and on this, the occasion of the seventh anniversary and 500th workshop here in Cheongpyeong, let all the buildings that will be built here on Cheonseong Peak be a transcending edifice that can move many people; where heaven can be with all things in building the house and all that you declare may go well.

Let Seoul be connected with the observatory that is visible in the distance, as well as Pyongyang in North Korea. Let the base of heavenly fortune be connected with Beijing, Moscow and further with Washington D.C. in America centering on London and the entire world. Father, may You assist and guide us directly in building the original palace that represents a kingship that can proudly display its dominion of victory.

Under the protection of the heavenly army and angels, let all things in heaven be built on the victorious foundation of joy. Let those who are working on this become united in mind and body with You in their work.

We pray that You be with each person, in one heart and with unity between the spirit and flesh, mind and body in the workplace, so that the original palace may be built on the foundation laid with care and dedication. We pray that this can be achieved.

In the new year, in the second year of Cheon Il Guk, I have come for the first time to the construction sites that I am visiting at the beginning of this year. We pray that You completely bestow Your protection, so that everything True Parents' wish for may progress steadily and culminate in victory.

Please bless all these things so that they may all come to pass. Let everything I see today in my visit cooperate with one another and be brought together in heart and in their efforts so that they may offer a foundation of complete victory to the Heavenly Father.

Let everything be fulfilled as You will. This I pray earnestly in True Parents' name. Amen. ♦

**Above: A recently produced projection of how the palace will look once completed**



# The Building of the Original Palace at Cheongpyeong Holy Ground

Since early days, True Parents have visited Cheongpyeong and prayed to prepare for their mission and for the salvation of humankind. It was here, in 1971, that Father built the first Cheongpyeong training center and made plans, even then, to greatly develop the area. He even spoke of building an international folk village where people could come to learn about the world's nations and cultures.

That kind of development is now happening, some thirty years after being first envisioned—our land at Cheongpyeong has sprouted Cheongshim Hospital, Cheongshim Village (for senior citizens), Cheongshim Youth Center, Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology and Cheongshim International Middle and High School. And, up above them on the mountainside, the construction of the Original Palace is now nearing completion.

Father has spoken about this area of land, which he named Cheon Won, and about the palace; but it is Dae-mo nim (with Hoon-mo nim), who has spoken in greater detail, as she has undertaken to see the construction finished by the end of this year.

Below, we reproduce excerpts from what they have said:

If the land in Cheongpa-dong pertains to the formation level, [the Central Training Center at] Sutaek-ri pertains to the growth level and Cheongpyeong pertains to the perfection level. That is why I have offered conditions and prayer from 1969. I went there every day, though you may not know about it. It takes three to four hours a day to go to Cheongpyeong and back, but whenever I had time each day I would come here to pray. I made strategic plans for America and prayed in earnest to Heaven. That is why you should understand that this is the most important place. Even though I don't talk about this, those who communicate with the spirit world know clearly about this. In the future, Cheongpyeong will become the international headquarters. It is the last place I offered conditions in Korea.

—True Father, August 5, 1973

When you open the gates of heaven and enter, a world in which you will live enraptured in beauty will spread before your eyes. If you enter deeper into this natural world you will find True Parents there. We are now building the Original Palace halfway up Cheonseong Peak. The construction in that location is economically, technically and in all other respects impractical, but True Parents' palace in the spirit world is located directly above that place. That is why we are building it in that precise location.

—Dae-mo nim, July 12, 2003

The Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God took place at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace. If that had not taken place, what would have happened? You offered that ceremony by becoming one and understanding God's heart and True Parents' heart. The same can be said about the Original Holy Ground. True Parents have come to the earth as the king and queen, and therefore they need to have a place to live, both internally and externally. There should be an original palace to which people from any nation of the world can be invited and educated. That is why on July 8, 2001, we held the groundbreaking for the Original Palace. True Father keeps on pushing me saying, "Build it quickly; even one day sooner. There

is so much I have to do."

—Dae-mo nim, September 20, 2001

I am putting my entire being into the completion of the Original Palace so that it may remain forever. I am struggling hard at this time to build God and True Parents' palace, so that when the Original Palace opens its doors like the Vatican, it can be a palace that all of humanity can be proud of and that people can really congratulate us for having done a good job on. In order to leave behind the fact that all our brothers and sisters living in this age had taken part in this endeavor, I am preparing to have their names engraved in the palace. That is why we should all—every one of us on earth and in the spirit world—offer conditions with the heart of building the Original Palace for God and True Parents.

—Dae-mo nim, January 8, 2004

There is something that we should always keep in mind. True Parents, the Messiah, are eternal beings who can go freely between the spirit world and the physical world. Even after True Parents discard their flesh and move on to the spirit world, they will also dwell on earth. In that case, there should also be a palace on earth for True Parents, the Messiah.

That palace is not to be built by God or True Parents; it should be built by us, their children. In other words, all of humanity today should build it together. This includes the people of the world and even those in the spirit world. Even if, after going to the spirit world, you say that you didn't know that we were supposed to build God's palace on the earth, it will not work. Since True Parents have already declared that they are the Messiah, knowing or not knowing is the responsibility of each of us....

When True Parents enter the Original Palace and live there, the spirit world and the earth will be completely different. It will be a time when amazing things occur in the spirit and in the flesh and when God's existence and His omniscience and



People at Cheongpyeong to attend the 99<sup>th</sup> forty-day workshop pose for a photograph in front of the palace dome

# Educating the Heart

## An Interview with a Student at Cheongshim Graduate School

**C**heongshim Graduate School of Theology, which is located in the general vicinity of the Cheongpyeong Training Center, is a new post-graduate education and research institution that has emerged as one of the increasingly broad-based projects stemming from the Cheongpyeong providence. It is unique in that whereas our other seminaries offer courses on a broad spectrum of theological perspectives, it is devoted to Unificationist studies, under the broad categories of True Parents Studies, Unification Spirituality Studies and Cheon Il Guk Leadership Studies.

The student is guided to develop his or her spiritual life, understanding of our founder's life and teachings, leadership capacity and management ability. The school has professors from Korea, Japan and the United States, most of whom are fluent in English. The students come from a variety of backgrounds.

We recently spoke to one of them briefly about his life and religious experience. Surya Raj Tripathi comes from a small village, Kalikasthan, in his mountainous homeland of Nepal. From his village he can see seven lakes and one of the mountain ranges making up the Himalayas.

### **What kind of background do you come from?**

Nepal is a largely Hindu country. Because there were many deeply religious people among our ancestors, we were blessed with many experiences with the spirit world. Once, for example, our deceased grandfather spoke to us through the mediumship of my elder brother's wife. We were able to ask him many questions about his life in the spiritual world. He encouraged us in our religious way of life.

My family has been a deeply religious one through many generations. While still a young man, I followed in the footsteps of my father and became a Hindu priest.

### **How did you encounter our movement?**

One day, through a still unknown cause, I became paralyzed from the waist down. Unable to walk, I was confined to my bed. Over a period of three months, I called out to God in prayer. Suddenly one day, Jesus appeared to me and laid his hand on my head. Not being a Christian, or familiar with the reality of Christ, at the time I did not really know who Jesus was; I only understood later.

After the encounter, I immediately began to feel better. Within half an hour I had regained the use of my legs. I walked out of my room to where my mother was cooking in



**Surya (in the suit) and a classmate, his younger brother Dhruba on the campus**

the kitchen. She was utterly shocked to see me standing and walking. As a result, we both converted to Christianity.

I studied the Bible seriously for three years. Then one night I had a dream of two figures, an Asian man and woman, dressed in white gowns with gold trim, together with one son and one daughter. In the vision, the man spoke to me earnestly, but in a language I could not understand. I did not know who they were. I wondered why, after meeting Jesus and becoming a Christian, I should be receiving further revelations of this kind.

Months later, I was

stopped on the street in Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, and witnessed to by one of our members. That member was carrying a picture of True Parents. I immediately recognized them as the people I had seen in my vision. I went to study the Principle without delay and then witnessed to my younger brother and sister. We are all three now blessed, with spouses from different Asian countries.

### **What, for you, is special about living here in at Cheongpyeong?**

Living in the heart of nature is a blessing. Dae-mo nim has said to the students that there are many good spirits here, and that if one calls them, they will come. I have had spiritual experiences here. I have seen Father in the chapel, and also angels sometimes.

### **What do you feel has been the most important aspect of your life at Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology?**

We are now at a turning point with the advent of the Messiah, the era of Cheon Il Guk, and the work of Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim. We come to Cheongpyeong for the cleansing of our spirituality, our ancestry, and to seek personal purification. Everyone needs this cleansing. It is relatively easy to clean the body, but how do we clean the heart? It is not easy. Dae-mo nim [who regularly comes to speak to the students] emphasizes "the study of the heart." Cheongshim Graduate School helps people understand what we need to do to build God's ideal kingdom, where people are to be one in heart. First, we need to understand our own heart and then other people's hearts. Here, the first thing we seek to know is "Who am I? What is in my heart?"

The study of the heart is the study of how to connect with and understand all people. That means, how to open your heart. Studying this is even more important than the academic



omnipotence will be felt on the earth.

—Dae-mo nim, September 4, 2005

As you go about your daily life, I ask all members to remember the Original Palace in their hearts and to pray for it. The Original Palace should be built within this year. Only then will Satan be unable to do any work and will have to retreat.

—Dae-mo nim, September 24, 2005

True Parents must enter the Original Palace at the beginning of 2006. On the day True Parents enter the palace, all creation should attend them. For this reason, we must make the environment in this area beautiful. The forty-day trainees have begun to plant beautiful trees on each side of the road. We should gather and offer our devoted effort in preparation for the day when God and True Parents enter the palace carrying all their victories in their arms.

—Dae-mo nim, April 4, 2004

The Original Palace is the palace where True Parents will live. True Father has said, "Even if you are going to build that building I cannot help you." That is because it is a responsibility that must be fulfilled by humankind and human history.

There is not much time left until the completion of the Original Palace and welcoming True Parents. That is why we will accept donations for the Original Palace until the end of December. You can donate after that, but your name will not be included in the Original Palace. Please understand that it will

be difficult to include your name once the palace is complete."

—Dae-mo nim, August 20, 2005

For more information, or if you wish to know how to offer a donation, please contact the Cheongpyeong training center (Mrs. Soonja Richardson) by (Tel.) +82-31-589-7134, (Fax.) 584-4336, or (e-mail) cpintl\_office@yahoo.com.◆

### True Parents check on the palace construction progress, on May 3 this year



discipline, and I focus on this. Other universities may have a high level of technological knowledge, but they have not yet opened their hearts. In this world, hearts are blocked. We can come to learn about the spiritual and physical realms, the realm of the heart and mind. After that, all other problems can be solved.

### Can you say something about your spiritual experience?

I did a special prayer at midnight on the quiet green of the football pitch, just below the graduate school's main building. I experience a special vibration when I pray there.

On the thirty-eighth day of the prayer, I heard a sound as if the leaves on the trees were stirring, but it was not the wind. Down the steps leading from the main building came a group of figures in white. They crossed the field where I was praying and went into the forest, heading in the direction of the Heaven and Earth Training Center.<sup>1</sup>

The following night, while I prayed, I saw an orb of light come down from the sky in the vicinity of the training center. I was surprised, and wondered about the significance of the light. The next weekend, I attended the Cheongpyeong workshop for ancestor liberation. On that occasion, Dae-mo nim explained that Heung-jin nim's workshop center in the spirit world is located directly above the training center. I believe the light showed the connecting point between the training centers in the physical and spiritual worlds.

In connection with the Cheongpyeong providence, I recently saw my ancestors spiritually. Half of them were smiling, with joyful expressions on their faces, whereas those in another group were not smiling. Then in another vision I saw that I needed to do the ancestor blessing. The ones not smiling were those whom I needed to bless.

### Would you say that anyone can have these experiences?

Yes, if one practices, if one makes effort, one can achieve mind-body unity through meditation or prayer. Through making conditions, this connection [with the spiritual realm] comes. The conditions I do are three cold showers each day, prayer three times a day and eating once a day.

It is easier if one comes from a background where it has been the tradition, even of one's ancestors. My father was a priest, and I was too. It depends on each person. Some have to practice more.

I prefer to pray outside. It is hard to make that close connection in the city; in nature, I can do so very easily. Here at Cheongshim Graduate School it is easy. When tears come, the connection is made.◆

Note

1 The Cheongpyeong training center is about two kilometers from the graduate school

The Cheongshim Graduate School building was completed in June 2003 and first opened its doors to students the following March



Father has had the opportunity, he's expressed his intentions, said what he is determined to do. That is an expression of his fixed purpose to achieve this, even while he is spurring himself on.

### Witnessing based on a the ties we establish

A few minutes ago, Kim Young-joon, director of the Family Department, spoke of establishing seven thousand hoondok churches and raising twelve thousand hoondok leaders being a concrete goal for our activities in the second half of the year. When you return to your mission areas, you should do that. First, work hard to raise 12,000 future leaders of hoondok churches. If you establish hoondok churches in the counties, towns, and villages in your area and appoint a leader for each location, that will add up to roughly 12,000 leaders nationwide. After appointing 12,000 leaders, if you really work hard, the remaining four months of the year is more than enough time for you to create seven thousand churches.

In order to establish that many churches, though, we should not set our goal at seven thousand. If we focus on a goal of twelve thousand, we can reach seven thousand. With this in mind, I'm asking you to adjust and raise your goals. The headquarters will also make all the necessary preparations for the fulfillment of these goals.

The next point is for you to continuously contact your ambassadors for peace, mountain hiking club members and those who have participated in the Korean leaders workshops. Make sure to keep a good relationship with them. They have heard God's word and now have reached a formation level consensus. I call it formation level, because most of them regard Father as someone with great goals and feel that humanity should depend on him to achieve the reunification of North and South Korea and to bring world peace. That is why, no matter what happens, we should bring these ambassadors for peace to the second stage of becoming members. The headquarters is planning a second phase of education as a project to guide these connected leaders toward membership. We brought them to Alaska and from the start they participated in hoondokhae and bowed to True Parents at 5 AM. That's how things were from day one. That is a basic part of the culture of our members. From now on, as the second phase in our relationship with them, we will conduct seminars of three days or even a week, in Alaska or somewhere else, for those connected to us.

You are in a position to move their hearts on a daily basis when you meet them in the field. Setting goals of helping nationally known public figures become members is also a significant part of the small hoondok group activities.

You can concentrate on diverse activities. These may involve your tribe, neighbors and relatives. Church leaders should, if possible, carry out small group hoondok activities with a group of leaders, perhaps around ten or so, from various circles. Through these small group activities, you should be engaged in finding new members and then moving on to the third stage of raising them to become

hoondok leaders.

In a previous talk, I mentioned that hoondok activities should not just consist of reading Father's speeches. We should first establish firm ties with people through various channels that may come from their being your relatives or coworkers, or from shared cultural interests. This is the first stage, creating a hoondok foundation. On this foundation, we witness to them. What should we do after witnessing to people? We should bring them to the blessing. They become a genuine member only after receiving the blessing; and members who have received the blessing can finally move on to become leaders of a small hoondok group. That's another reason for you to set your sights on raising hiking club members, ambassadors for peace and national leaders to become genuine church members and giving them the blessing, no matter what.

In the future, as much as possible, your hometowns should become your mission area. I am giving you advance notice. Leaders should settle down in their hometowns whether it's in one of our autonomous cities, a city within a province, or one of the county or district areas.

We will also operate a pair system in which we hold seminars for leaders of various sectors of society and connect them to the hoondok church leaders from their hometowns and affiliated places. Please bear in mind that we should sincerely work to resurrect our hometowns and tribes.

From now on, the official title for the hoondok family churches throughout the nation will be Education Centers for the Culture of Heart. True Parents decided on this name. An Education Center for the Culture of Heart should become like a base camp for our church leaders in accelerating the development of small hoondok group activities.

Ideally, it would be best to have all components prepared at each of these centers, but even if we are lacking something external, remember that the most important and fundamental element in our activities is heart. If love is overflowing from these centers, if the residents of the neighborhoods these centers are in can be brought together through them, and if we can demonstrate to them how to have harmonious families, we can fully achieve the goals we are aiming for.

### A base camp for small hoondok group activities

That is why an Education Center for the Culture of Heart is to be like a consultation room. What kind of consultation room? A parental consultation room, God's consultation room and True Parents' consultation room. It should become a place where all the neighbors and guests can say, "The Education Center for the Culture of Heart is the only place where we can get wide ranging family counseling and counseling for our personal and national problems. Everything would be strictly confidential. All problems could be resolved there. You could talk about whatever is on your mind there." It should be a place that people's hearts and affections are connected to.

If we can lay the foundation in this way, we will have two lecturers, in the positions of Cain and Abel, go around the nation and give lectures





that can save the nation and families. We should lay grassroots foundations. Our foundation of influence will be incomparable to anything else in the world once we've created associations for saving the world, nation and people that are similar to our associations for the development of smaller areas. In the future, organizations will be formed in this way. In accordance with what Father has instructed, we should create a foundation that can bring everybody together in harmony regardless of religion, occupation, profession or age.

This will be done next year. Once you begin your activities, you will gain a sense of how to do it. If we can create a cultural community, a community of the heart, a community where as a natural part of their daily life people can open their hearts and come to you for counseling, it is easy to predict what kind of results will follow.

That is why in the future, all our activities and meetings will be no different from festivals. The World Culture and Sports Festival is something True Parents established in 1988 for the sake of fulfilling God's ideal. All our get-togethers should be occasions to meet in harmony and enjoy ourselves centering on God. That is why there is no greater festival than the Blessing Ceremony. Should we be holding blessings in gymnasiums from now on? If there are many, you should hold a festival on the county or provincial level.

This time, in Palau, we experimented in just that way. Five Japanese women went there and paid a visit to each and every house over the course of a month. They went around saying, "Please come to the culture hall on a certain day of a certain month. There will be cultural events and great lectures on that day," and they all came! As you already know these cultural events were not something extravagant, costing a lot of money, rather they consisted of songs and dances prepared by the Japanese sisters. Nevertheless, people in the audience were clapping their hands and enjoying the performances. After the performances, we held the Holy Wine Ceremony and Blessing Ceremony.

I stood at the podium and conveyed True Parents' message for about twenty minutes. Then I told everyone there to stand up to receive a gift that I had brought. Saying this, I held the holy wine ceremony and blessed them all, including the governor's wife and the wives of government ministers.



**Known for their endurance, surefootedness and dependability, the Mongolian horses presented to True Parents were a good omen at the beginning of the international swing of a global tour that called for stamina and tight coordination**

In the future the Blessing Ceremony will be recognized as the most precious occasion for a festival. That is why you should sing songs, dance and come together in harmony during the Blessing Ceremonies. From now on, that is how we should conduct the blessing events. The same is true for hoondokhae.

Just as we have given the holy wine and blessing to all the people of Korea, we should also establish hoondokhae among the people. All that has to be done will have

been accomplished once we have all 48 million South Koreans engaging in hoondokhae.

Until that time, we should establish hoondok organizations in all corners of the nation—in villages, towns, districts, counties and cities. That is why we should have even greater confidence.

Beloved leaders, do you know what the secret key to gaining victory in hoondokhae is? It is perseverance. Once you grab hold of something, you should never let go. You should latch on and stretch yourselves. Try putting up with that for three months. You will come to feel the ecstasy of victory. That is what I believe.

Why? It is because we have hope, the wonder drug. Hope cannot be found anywhere else. God is with us. We will succeed if we can continuously work hard while persevering. Return to your mission areas, convey what you've heard here today to your blessed families, hoondok leaders and sub-leaders and instill hope in them.

Dear leaders, in the name "Family Federation for World Peace and Unification," what is the "family federation"? Isn't it a federation of God's family? Isn't it a federation of blessed families? That is why the fundamental tasks of the family federation is giving the blessing and having those who received the blessing inherit the tradition of the blessing from True Parents. Those are things the family federation has to do, and for this we are establishing the hoondok churches.

In that sense, hoondokhae and the family federation are not two separate entities. You should be aware that the process of establishing hoondokhae is connected to the basic purpose of the family federation. I pray and hope that all the discussions and presentations given at this time can be integrated and applied in the lives of each and every one of you, so that as a whole we may gain achievements to be proud of in the second half of this year. Thank you very much. ♦





Gunnard Z. Johnston, Jr.

## The Road to the Forum Palace



On Sunday, October 23, True Parents landed in Lithuania as they continued their world tour to inaugurate the Universal Peace Federation in 120 nations.<sup>1</sup>

From the moment, on September 4 in Kodiak, Alaska, when True Father first announced his determination to do this tour, even to the surprise and concern of True Mother, until the moment he took the stage at the Forum Palace on October 23 in the capital city of Vilnius, Lithuania, this event was a war between good and evil, between the forces that wanted Father to speak successfully and those that did not.

While still in Kodiak, the continental director for our Northeast Continent, Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, informed me that he had chosen Lithuania as one of the nations where True Parents would speak. Immediately, I felt mixed emotions of the greatest joy and greatest fear: I knew this would probably be the only chance True Parents might have to visit Lithuania in person, but I knew that such a blessing would automatically include unforeseen challenges.

For example, thus far on this world tour, some events in locations originally chosen to host True Parents have had to be cancelled. The usual reason has been that local authorities have blocked True Parents' entry due to the "religious nature" of the event.

For our event in Lithuania, originally the date assigned to us was Sunday, October 23. Then, it was changed to Saturday, October 22, then finally back to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. When we started to explore possible venues for True Father's speech, we quickly discovered that Vilnius, on the weekend of October 20–23, had already been chosen as the site to host a major conference by NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, an alliance of nations that includes the United States and much of Europe.

As a consequence, all of the large venues for speaking were





already booked many months in advance, and most of the rooms in decent hotels were also completely taken. We had severe difficulties in even securing a proper venue for Father to speak at and a hotel for True Parents to stay. We had to search and re-search for more than a week, checking every available option. Only one small, satisfactory hotel had rooms available for True Parents' lodging, and the choice of speaking venues was limited to a very large symphony concert hall and a new multi-purpose hall of proper size, but which was not really as dignified as we would want True Parents to use.

As it turned out, this latter hall, called the Forum Palace, was our only option, as everything else was completely booked for the weekend. Although not our first choice for True Parents' visit, this venue had been used by the president of Lithuania, Valdas Adamkus, in recent months and by Condoleezza Rice, United States Secretary of State, who had spoken there earlier this year.

Once we finally had secured an acceptable venue for Father to speak at and a place for True Parents to stay overnight, the situation became even more challenging. With the day of their arrival approaching, we had made all preparations for security, transportation and other needs. The preparation of the hall would be a big challenge, because it is used for weekend dancing and entertainment, as well as political speeches. So we had to find many ways to beautify the place and cover up its shortcomings. The hotel also presented a bit of a challenge, because they insisted that no food could be prepared in or brought into the hotel; we had to use only their restaurant. I had to tell the hotel that if we could not

prepare food for our guest, who is 86 years old and traveling extensively, we would have to find another hotel. Finally, the hotel agreed that we could prepare some food for True Parents, but only for them. We had some Korean sisters coming to help prepare these meals, but they would only be allowed to cook for True Parents and no one else.

Finally, the day before they were set to arrive we made one more attempt to secure the VIP lounge at the local Vilnius airport, so they would not have to wait in line for immigration and customs clearance. Our legal affairs brother was at the airport less than twenty hours before they were scheduled to arrive when he called me to say that because of the sensitive nature of the NATO conference—where United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had spoken the day before—the entire airport and all airspace for fifty kilometers around Vilnius was locked down. This meant *no one* in a private aircraft would be able to land!

This started a feverish effort to get special permission for True Parents to land at Vilnius. At first, the National Security Department said that the restriction was for all private aircraft. When I explained that technically this flight was run by an air service, they said they would allow such a plane to land, that the ban was only for "small" private planes, that is, two- or four-passenger aircraft. But then, in another reversal, they said, no, again, that the ban was "for all private aircraft," including the sixteen-seat plane True Parents use. So, we had just a few hours to prepare for True Parents' arrival in another city an hour and a half away and to arrange to drive them to Vilnius. Well, I thought, at least they will get to see some sights of Lithuania! I had wanted to take them









Above: A moment of contemplation in Abuja, Nigeria  
Right: Receiving flowers in Tirana, Albania



Above: A traditional Mongolian welcome—a cup of milk  
Overlay: Shin-joon nim captures hearts in the audience



Above: The dominion of love over the creation;  
Overlay: Sharing headphones at the speech in Estonia



Above Mongolia welcomes True Parents in a big way—the billboard reads "Welcome, True Parents" in Korean





sightseeing in the country, but I knew they were on a very tight schedule and that this was not likely.

On top of this, members had started filtering into the country. Some who have had very little connection to Lithuania over the years came with the impression that they would somehow take charge of this event, even though the Lithuanian members were firmly in control and had been preparing from the moment we found out that True Parents would visit. This caused some tension and unnecessary friction, which finally came to a head on Saturday night, the eve of True Parents' arrival. Some brothers and sisters, who came as our guests to help welcome True Parents to Lithuania, had to be told bluntly that Lithuania was taking full responsibility for the event, and they should be happy to support, but not try to take over.

Finally, the time came when True Parents were to arrive, Sunday morning, at Kaunas Airport, 110 kilometers from Vilnius. We left several hours early, met them and brought them to their hotel. I had the chance to eat lunch with True Parents and could report a bit on the nation and its people.

Soon, however, we had to go to the speaking venue to check on all the preparations being made. When I arrived at the Forum, I saw a hundred young brothers and sisters all working hard to prepare the hall for True Parents' visit. The room was being transformed from an ordinary hall into a much nicer, more dignified place for True Father to give his speech. Every detail was being attended to and minute by minute the room got better and better. We even prepared some food and drinks for guests who would be attending.

Each day for two weeks we kept an update of the number of people added to the list of those committed to coming. We had started with the goal of 400 total attendees, including members. We watched as that number grew to 450, then 500, 550, and finally to over 600. Dr. Seuk had asked members from Russia, Belarus, Latvia and Moldova to attend, because ours was going to be the final stop for True Parents in their visit to this region, and also because True Parents had been unable to visit these locations.

In the end, more than four hundred people attended from Lithuania, including a former member of Parliament, and a number of other opinion leaders from society. A Catholic priest gave the invocation prayer. Mr. Viktoras Petkus,<sup>2</sup> a national hero for his work to preserve human rights, gave welcoming remarks. Stanislav Shuskevich, who was chairman of the Supreme Soviet in Belarus from 1991 to 1994 gave witness to True Father before Rev. Kwak gave his welcome to prepare the audience. Another two hundred brothers and sisters plus several dignitaries from Russia, Moldova, Latvia, Estonia and Belarus also attended. The grand total was over six hundred in attendance.

Most guests from Lithuania were the full-time members' parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends—about fifty total. Also, some twenty young people who had heard International Educational Foundation (IEF) presentations or Divine Principle lectures attended. About a hundred guests were from various social organizations. In addition, the Lithuania IIFWP members brought a number of their friends and close contacts, including the head of one political party which emphasizes family values. Our ambassadors for peace were especially active in bringing many of their contacts.

True Father took the stage at 4:45 PM and delivered his speech magnificently. At its conclusion, all people rose in applause, a standing ovation for Father's heartfelt words of true love, strong encouragement and guidance. Mrs. Marta Coboteine, a Lithuanian parliamentarian's wife, gave



**Of the three men who officially dissolved the Soviet Union at a meeting in a hunting lodge in the Belovezh Forest near Minsk that had belonged to Nikita Khrushchev, two attended Father's speech during this tour. Leonid Kravchuk (see page 22) and Stanislav Shushkevich, seen here between his wife Irina and Dr. Kwak**

flowers to Father and Mr. Shuskevich presented them to Mother. It was a great and historic day for Lithuania and for our region.

Attending the event were several Catholic priests, the Mufti of the four thousand Muslims in Lithuania, some Protestant leaders, members of several national government ministries, former members of Parliament, scholars, academics, social action leaders. All of the ambassadors for peace felt a new energy and sense of commitment and are determined to work publicly and without any reservation. After the event concluded, most people stayed to greet one another and share in the warm glow that had engulfed the entire hall.◆

#### Notes

1 In addition to the countries Father is speaking in, UFP will have been inaugurated in 120 nations once events are conducted by members in countries Father has designated.

2 While still a high school student he was sentenced under the Soviets to ten years hard labor for founding a Catholic youth group. He was released after six years under a post-Stalin pardon but reimprisoned four years later for distributing "anti-Soviet propaganda." When Mr. Andrei Sakharov was denied permission to travel to Norway to receive the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1975, he stayed with Mr. Petkus, whom he'd met when both were sent to Siberia for their outspoken views on human rights.



## A Personal Note: The Netherlands by Marian Von Hofslot



At around 8:40 PM a note was given to Father. Mother had written, "Please, don't make it too long." Father read the note out loud and waved it in front of the audience." But God wants me to speak, and I have to do my mission," was his reply. "I promised God that I would visit the Netherlands one more time in my life, and tonight I'm fulfilling my promise."

He added, "This piece of paper that Mother wrote this evening will be worth a fortune in the future." He then gave it to someone, and continued speaking for another one and a half hours. It was very successful evening.

The next morning, during hoondokhae, Father again spoke a lot in between the readings. He gave more explanation about how many ambassadors for peace we need in Holland, and how the ambassadors for peace as an "Abel government" should support the "Cain government" in order to make a

Cheon Il Guk nation. I listened very carefully, and there was one thing he said that went straight to my heart: "You are my younger brothers and sisters, I am your older brother. You may not see me much more." I was so overwhelmed by this, and kept thinking about it.

That afternoon, evening and the next day I cried a lot. I was reminded of what Jesus said during the Last Supper: "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I call you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15) For the first time, I understood something deeper about why True Parents are doing this tour. Father is working harder than anybody else in this world, pouring out all his love and energy to meet people worldwide, looking for those who can understand him, follow in his footsteps, and continue his work.◆



People line the streets along which True Parents' motorcade passes on the way from the airport. The sign says (in Korean), "The Gates of Heaven."



One key figure in the dissolution of the USSR meets another: Father, who waged relentless ideological war against communism for decades and Leonid Kravchuk, who in his political career went from head of the communist agitation and propaganda departments to wholeheartedly embracing the independence movement during his years as Ukraine's president.

# Ukrainian Attendance

By Denys Kotseba

When I learned that True Parents would visit Ukraine during their one-hundred-city global tour, it sounded like a miracle. Ten years ago, in 1995, True Parents came to Kiev but were not allowed to speak publicly. This time, we were determined to give True Parents enough joy to erase the painful memories of their past experience.

Such determination stood on firm ground. In 1996, Ukraine was blessed to receive Rev. Chung Su-won as our Adam national messiah, a new milestone in the national providence. Rev. Chung has used every opportunity to convey True Parents' hearts, while teaching members during his visits. In 1999, Rev. Chung's son came to stay in Ukraine, and in 2000 Ukrainian members accepted a twenty-one-year development plan modeled after True Father's twenty-one-year course. Since that time, the second-generation national messiah, Rev. Chung Jin-pal, has made consistent efforts to teach members, create an economic foundation and develop fruitful relation-

ships with prominent educators, politicians and NGO leaders. On another front, the so-called Orange Revolution, which happened exactly a year ago, has opened the way for many positive changes in society. All this gave us hope for a successful event.

Even before the schedule was clear, Rev. Chung Jin-pal met Mr. Leonid Kravchuk, who was president of the Ukraine from 1991 to 1994 and is still very active on the political scene. As the head of the Ukrainian Peace Council, an NGO, Mr. Kravchuk promised to fully support the UPF inaugural conference and personally signed invitations for True Parents and the rest of the delegation.

The preparation for the event involved a series of "cultural experiences." Although one can find numerous Japanese and some Korean restaurants in Kiev, the Ukraine is still in the process of gaining knowledge about the oriental culture. While arranging True Parents' accommodations in the only quality hotel in Kiev, we had to spend some time explaining Korean



traditions. "And all of your guests will really be sitting on the floor?" exclaimed the conference service manager in the hotel when we ordered the hall for hoondokhae and asked to have all the chairs removed. Adding Unificationist flavor to Korean traditions, we surprised her even more by telling her the event would start at 5 AM. After all the negotiations, the hotel staff performed quite well and things went smoothly.

As a venue for Father's speech, we chose the Ukrainian House, a monumental building in the heart of downtown Kiev that in Soviet times was a Lenin museum and last year hosted thousands of protesters during the Orange Revolution. Communicating with the staff there was another "cultural experience," as we discovered that the communist roots in our culture are much deeper than we suspected. As in the 70s or 80s, the answer to virtually any request was "No, you can't do that. It's not possible." And as in those times, the "telephone law" was still a factor—a call from the Ukrainian Peace Council energized the ever-reluctant staff and most of the issues were magically resolved.

To support the event, our national messiahs from Korea, Japan and France as well as nineteen Japanese missionaries came to Ukraine. While speaking to members on the evening of his arrival, Rev. Chung Su-won suddenly felt ill and was hospitalized the next day. Doctors said that Rev. Chung had had a stroke because of high blood pressure. The left side of his body was almost immovable, and it was clear he would not be able to participate in the event. 회장님's [the president's] motto is 모시며 살다 [live in attendance], and through his example, once again, we could feel the heart of our first-generation elders, who follow Father even at the risk of their lives. [Rev. Chung has since been well enough to fly home to Korea and is recuperating at Cheongpyeong.]

Kiev was the forty-first of the cities on True Parents' tour. On the morning of their arrival, the sky was clear despite dire forecasts. At the airport, the delegation was greeted by Mr. Novokhatsky, the deputy head of the Ukrainian Peace Council, and Mr. Yuri Scherbak, a parliamentary deputy and former ambassador to America and Canada.

Our continental director, Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, who accompanied the delegation, personally gave valuable guidance regarding the hall arrangements and the program right before the UPF inaugural conference. By 5:00, the five-hundred-seat hall was packed with over six hundred guests, some of whom had to stand in the aisles. Opening the event, Mr. Kravchuk welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Moon and greeted the audience. He presented a speech entitled "Ukraine—a Country of Peace," highlighting Ukraine's peaceful initiatives and underlining Ukraine's responsibility in building world peace. In recognition of those peacemaking efforts, Mr. Kravchuk received the Good Governance and Leadership Award, and some five prominent leaders from various spheres of society were awarded the Ambassador for Peace Certificates.

While at the beginning the atmosphere of the event felt a bit formal, it changed completely after the Blessing Ceremony. We were warned that some hecklers were in the audience and expected possible provocations. However, the ceremony was received amazingly well; some people even raised their hands indicating to our staff that they had not received a cup of a holy wine. I observed the audience from the stage and noticed an obvious change in people's faces during the ceremony; their smiles seemed to brighten the hall.

When Father appeared on stage, the audience greeted

him with a standing ovation. During the speech, Father often added comments. Even though the speech was about an hour and a half long, one of the university rectors said that he received many meaningful insights and regretted the speech was so short. Father was very natural and sometimes would even whistle, causing great excitement in the audience. After the event many participants reflected that the event was very unusual and family-like, and they were very happy to have attended.

At the end of the program, Father and Mother received a congratulatory plaque and gifts from the former president. Then True Parents and Mr. Kravchuk signed the Peace Force Initiative on the stage. It had previously been signed by other attendees.

The next day, around two hundred members from Ukraine and some from Moldova and Russia met for hoondokhae. After a short reading, Father asked how many of us understood Korean. After only a few people raised their hands, Father started speaking about the importance of the Korean language and culture. In the middle of his speech, Father asked those who have not received the blessing yet to stand up. He said he could match couples right there, but there were many fewer brothers than sisters. During the speech Father became increasingly excited and said he would delay his departure in order to spend more time with us. Later, he said that the Peace Army and Peace Police should start here in Ukraine and that everyone in attendance may join. "You can become recruits and receive certificates—white ones in Ukraine and pink ones in Russia. When the Peace Army outnumbers the U.S. and Russian armies combined, we can immediately solve the Israeli-Palestinian problem," said Father.

At the end Father looked very joyful. He asked two local members to sing a song. Then, after the wife of a national messiah sang, Father asked all Koreans to sing. The excitement built up; Father himself stood up and started dancing. All of a sudden, he took pieces of the celebration cake and started throwing them into the audience. The hoondokhae, which lasted for almost four hours, ended with four cheers of *eog-mansei*, and True Parents left for the airport. Later the members of the delegation shared that this was the first time during the tour that Father had spoken for so long and had even danced at hoondokhae.

I had a chance to go to the airport to see True Parents off. It was great to see their faces beaming. Little Shin-Joon nim shook everyone's hand, adding a special touch to the farewell scene.

The plane took off, and we waved until we could not see it anymore. Reflecting on those two days, we all agreed that despite numerous mistakes in organizing the event, it was successful. We felt that God and True Parents gave such a great blessing to Ukraine, and that now it is not the time to relax—it is our turn to make every effort to fulfill their expectations. ♦

#### Note

1 Protest by supporters of presidential candidate (now president) Victor Yushenko against fraudulent elections in November 2004. The name was derived from his signature campaign color.



# The Power of Restorative Love

by Beatrice Clyburn

I think many of us knew that Father's speech in Warsaw would be a great success because of the incredibly deep foundation of substance that was made during the preparation. Each person came with some foundation of faith, which we had all been building the last few years, especially under Song Yong-cheol, our continental director. We stood in front of True Parents with a solid foundation to receive the Messiah, so the Messiah was received in Poland.

## The individual level: the Polish church

Several people who had been leaders in Poland and had left for different reasons, mostly because they received another mission, came to help in this campaign. They had left without having had enough time to build a deep foundation of substance on a personal level. When I saw them I felt they'd come to restore, finish and offer their foundation of substance out of love for True Parents and Poland. It moved me to search for any foundation of substance that I still had to work on.

There is a basic, constant foundation of substance that has been built in the Polish church centered on our national leader, Rudnik Marek, together with our elder brother Krzysztof Gago; a beautiful elder brother-younger brother unity. The rest of us could work well in this atmosphere of trust.

## Family level: The first and second generations

We are very grateful for the eighteen STF-Europe members that were sent to help in Poland. They were so fresh and willing. Most had never witnessed in their lives; they were paired with second-year STF members or STF graduates who had returned to Poland to give their love and gratitude. They united well. They also were asked to sing their STF song at the end of the main event, accompanied by guitar and violin. They prepared seriously and with great anticipation.

For the mobilization, Polish HARP (High School Association for the Research of the Principle) members plus four French HARPies accepted the mission of babysitting, so mothers could work at an exhibition that helped us identify new ambassadors for peace prior to Father's speech. The mothers were happy and grateful and it appears all the kids survived—as did the HARPies! That was a wonderful way to serve.

## The national level: Germany and Poland

At the beginning of the last ten-day mobilization, I was shocked at first to see so many elder German brothers and sisters along with Fritz Piepenburg, their national leader, who established his headquarters in our office. (He is very humble; he just needed a small desk in the corner and access to Skype.)

Brother Fritz told us that as soon as they understood that True Parents could not come to Germany, the German leaders met and decided to invest all their resources and manpower to make the events of their neighbors the greatest success possible. Therefore our German members and leaders descended on Poland with money and manpower and a beautiful heart of restorative service.

From the end of the eighteenth century, until the end of WWI, Poland was divided between Germany, Russia and Austria. Then, after twenty years of freedom, the Nazis invaded with the determined plan to exterminate "Polish low-class citizens" to make space for the German race. Poland suffered great atrocities under Germany.

One German sister had a spiritual experience on the first day. While she was approaching people on a street to bring someone to the exhibition, she felt the blood of Polish people shed on that street by German enemies, her people. Of course, she was moved to deep repentance.

One brother brought an elderly couple to the exhibition. After going through all the panels, the elder lady said, "I am very happy that you, a German, came to my country to tell us about this organization. I was in a concentration camp. I escaped, but my whole family died. Because you came from Germany to tell me about this, I will attend." She also signed to be an ambassador for peace. Of course, our brother told us this in tears.

Another experience some members had: At the end of WWII, a big chunk of land that had been in German control [for some centuries] reverted to Poland; those who had been residing there, defeated Germans, found themselves suddenly under hostile Polish control and had to escape. They relocated. One elder German sister was born on such Polish land and her family had fled. They still carry pain connected to that. A Polish brother's family experienced a similar situation; they had been living in what is now Ukraine. At the end of WWII, they had to escape and relocate to an area that the Germans had not occupied. This brother explained how he and this German sister felt so close in heart; their families had had the same painful experience. You can see that there was a deep, intense foundation of substance being built between former enemies, centered on the unity and respect between elder brother Fritz and younger





brother Marek.

Also most of the German members were over fifty, pioneers of the European movement whose deep unbending faith has gone through every trial. Our Polish members were mostly in their 30s, STF 18–21 and HARP 12–18—all of these members, young enough to be the German members' kids, had a pure, youthful desire to do God's will. Each side moved the other, which moved God very much!

I have studied Polish history extensively in order to claim this foundation to receive the Messiah that was made through the generations of suffering. Each night during this campaign I have been in tears, feeling the presence of a new spiritual realm that never existed in Europe before, that of Polish spirits healed by the repentance and love of their former German enemies working for True Parents with German spirits, happy and freed from guilt. This realm was full of joy, love and excitement. They were crying so much. One night, after many tears, a very strong thought flashed into my mind, "This unity is the foundation for a new European Union."

We are also very grateful for the many missionaries who came from Japan to serve, sacrifice and give motherly love, show by example and pray.

When our continental director and his wife came to Poland for the final two days, we could offer them our foundation of substance and make oneness on a new level with them. Many tears flowed at that time as well.

### Intellect, emotion and will

Members brought guests to a twenty-panel exhibition of the

work and vision of IIFWP. Most of the members on the street could not speak Polish, so they brought their guests to Polish members. God was so moved by our Polish brothers and sisters (a few of them came back from other lands, from as far away as the U.S.), who sacrificed having their own guests and served foreign brothers and sisters by taking care of *their* guests.

Our seventy-eight-year-old Polish brother, Jerzy, came all the way from Bridgeport to bring his friends and family to attend True Parents in Warsaw. He was at the exhibition all day taking care of the grandmas and grandpas who came in. Some were bent with age; elder brother Jerzy would bend his body to their level to reach their hearts. He made God cry!

After the guests were touched in their intellect by everything they saw and heard connected to the panels, we took them to the next room where they could watch an eight-minute video about IIFWP's activities, mostly in the Holy Land. I would say that emotions were touched; plus they received holy juice, which connected them spiritually with True Parents. On that foundation, they came to the table to sign to become ambassadors for peace or to attend the event. That was their act of will. The exhibition appealed to all aspects of the guests' personality, which made it easier for them to respond.

We could see clearly that everyone involved gained great power from doing this together. STF members at one point were very tired. I collected them and asked if because of their love for God and True Parents, God could count on them to go out and give their best for the final forty minutes. They paired up and went out; some had enough power to go alone.



They all brought guests, and some did not want to stop at 8 PM, so we went on another half hour. This was on the night we made our goal of five hundred ambassadors for peace, which everyone had invested their all to achieve. The atmosphere of unity and total dedication to reach the goal, to make God and True Parents happy, was so high; the room was packed with very high spirits that were as crazy as we were. Several times I was in tears; thanks to such hearts of attendance, True Parents were there in that exhibition room with us. They Were! Our love, dedication and unity had brought them, and they were so happy.

The same thing happened the next day when we decided to unite with President Song's goal to register seven hundred guests for the event. All worked very hard; 236 of the guests at the exhibition that day registered. Again we could not stop at 8 PM, even though we were very tired. We constantly thought about our True Parents, who ought to be more tired than we were. Everyone's beautiful attitude and love brought True Parents to us in that hall.

### I will stay with you!

On the day of Father's speech, I strongly felt that as the central figure for the mobilization I had to faithfully stay at my post until the final moment. I promised President Song I would. One by one, people volunteered to stay with me. That shook my heart to the core. After 3:30 a miracle occurred: Most of the

Polish members had work to do at the hotel. There were only three or four Polish members at the exhibition, one of whom was a twelve-year-old girl who presented the video. The rest of us, Japanese missionaries, German elders and a few others, could not speak Polish well or at all, but almost all the people that walked in that exhibition room during the final two and a half hours registered to attend the event. That was only thanks to the spiritual world that was moved by everyone's heart of attendance and dedication. That's what happened each day, when we all established our foundation to receive the Messiah.

At 6 PM, we still had two guests. The sixteen of us who had remained on the front line until the last minute out of our love and desperation to make God and True Parents happy in Poland took them with us to experience Father's speech.

We wish to express our deep gratitude for all brothers and sisters around the world, who out of their love and gratitude to God and True Parents, made many conditions, especially praying for success in Europe. We know that Poland was the door for True Parents to enter Europe, so we were aware all along of all the prayers and energy sent to us from all corners. True Parents received all these prayers, tears of desperation and other offerings from all around the world. That is also why they were so happy.◆



## A Personal Note: Estonia

by Ruth Hinterleitner

My personal highlight was when I had the honor to take True Mother (and grandson Shin-joon nim) on a tour around Tallinn to show her the Baltic Sea and the beautiful Old Town with all the churches and other historic buildings. After our little tour True Mother wished to go to McDonald's for lunch and we found a peaceful McDonald's a little outside the city where we could all have lunch.

Throughout the time I got to spend with Mother in the car, in the Old Town and at McDonald's, I felt like I could realize a little more about True Mother as a person—what she was like... One thing I realized was what a great mind she has. I also realized the same thing about True Father. Their thinking is on such a high level. They always think world wide, about how to reach out to countries and continents... about how to restore the entire world. Our thinking is often so small and limited.

I also want to mention Mrs. Wonju McDevitt who I got to know a little during True Parents visit here. When I saw what she did, how she treated people around her, I truly felt I was experiencing an example of someone who is always giving. I can understand how precious she must be to True Parents, travelling with them and always supporting them.◆

*Ruth is holding the umbrella for Mother in the photo.  
The Hinterleitner family are the Cain-nation national messiahs to Estonia.*





# A Word of Advice for Dads

By Choi Shin-in

A father is not just someone who provides financial support for the family. Throughout the ages, the father has been a provider of spiritual support for all members of the family, influencing them even in ways he is unaware of. So, though a father may not be able to spend a lot of time with his children, he certainly has a role to play in their education and upbringing. The father is a role model his children identify with, and through the family they learn from their father's attitude. Do you distance yourself from your children's upbringing by making excuses of being too busy or having other responsibilities? If so, you ought to reflect on your attitude toward your family and more actively participate in your children's lives.

1. When you scold your child, speak logically and in a quiet voice. Scolding by loudly repeating the same points at length decreases a father's dignity. Also, never criticize the child's personality or mention his previous mistakes. Remember that when a father loses his temper and scolds in an angry, loud voice, he asserts his authority but does not properly educate his child. (Some mothers may conclude from this that while the father has to maintain his dignity, yelling is okay for the mother. It is not. It is the same for both parents.) Children cease listening to people who shout at them. Some parents yell habitually. Those who are yelling types should be very careful. They are likely to have a detrimental influence on their children. They should control their anger.

2. Explain current events to your children in a way they can understand. While watching a news program with your children, explain events in simple way. You can also introduce news articles about important historical events that children may be interested in. Help them connect to the world around them through current events.

3. Remember that children learn their speaking manners from their parents. If the father uses foul language or speaks in a speedy, nervous way, his children are prone to copy this. When speaking to your children, speak in a calm, logical manner.

4.

Take a look at your children's textbooks. Don't make excuses about not having enough time. Even if you come home late at night, look through your children's textbooks and leave short notes of even a single sentence about something they are studying. In this way you will become less far removed from what your children experience during each

5. school day.

Visit your children's school. It's where they spend more than half of their day. Meet their teachers and look around. It will help you to have a basic understanding of your children.

6. Visit a bookstore with your children once a month. Show them there are many interesting books. Selecting books, reading them together and discussing them are keys to increasing your children's capacity to learn.

7. Teach your children effective time management. Be a father who does things according to set priorities in his daily life. Also, help your children make a timetable for their own tasks.

8. Speak to your children a lot about life. Children may not understand there and then, but later they will realize the significance of what you've said. For them it will become a guiding principle for life.

9. Frequently give your child the right to make choices. Even if the child's choice may not be the best one, have patience, stand close and watch quietly. A child makes mistakes but gains independence and begins making better decisions.

10. Participate in community service activities with your family. By volunteering to help the local community, your children can develop giving hearts. ♦

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# Seeds of the New Caribbean

By Unhae Wiesner



This Summer workshop was an incredible experience for all the participants. It was an event that we will never forget and that will remain in history. This first twenty-one day workshop for members of our

second generation from throughout the Caribbean occurred in the Dominican Republic, which is the second largest island in our region.

This is the land where Christobal Columbus settled down after discovering the New World, so you can imagine it is a historic and beautiful island. Here we speak Spanish, and most of the people have copper-brown skin. It is an exotic paradise with long, sandy beaches, a light blue sea lined with coconut trees and of course the perfect climate for swimming the whole year round. On the other hand there is also lot of poverty. Many people here struggle to make a living.

The workshop was meant to involve special leadership training for us in second generation. For the first time, we took responsibility for organizing and coordinating all the activities. The workshop took place from August 26 to September 9. Representatives from three Caribbean nations were there—the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the island country of Saint Kitts and Nevis. We were a small group of sixteen between the ages of thirteen and twenty. Through our motto, *We are Seeds of the New Caribbean*, we second-generation members could feel that we are the new hope, the generation to unite the scattered island

countries and establish one Caribbean nation. We are the bearers of God's lineage and should bring benefit to our region.

Before the actual workshop could start, we had to spend three weeks raising funds. Those of us living here cannot expect our parents to just give us money to go to a workshop. Most of us are used to going fund-raising; we began at an early age. We learned while quite young how to deal with financial problems.

The workshop itself was divided into three parts. In the first week, we heard lectures about the history of our region up to the coming of the national messiahs. In the afternoons, we went sightseeing and visited many historic places. The second week was dedicated to doing a Service for Peace project. At the end of this project we had a swimming and fishing competition. The third week was the toughest. We climbed the highest mountain in the Caribbean, the 3,100-meter-high Pico Duarte.

## My own impressions

My brother and sister and I arrived from Germany a month before the workshop in order to have enough time to organize everything. Having enough money to start any activity is always our biggest problem. So to start, a group of eight blessed children, aged twelve to eighteen, got together and decided to go fund-raising in the Dominican Republic. Only if we could raise enough money could we be sure the workshop would take place. We went fund-raising every day, except Sunday, from ten o'clock in the morning until six or seven o'clock in the evening. After we came back from a hard day of fund-raising under the hot sun (35°C), having walked long distances and moved from area to area by public transport, we had to count the money and prepare products for the next day. Sometimes it took until midnight to finish making the product we needed to sell the following day. We often did not even have time to take a shower. We would collapse on our beds from one exhausting day,



Unhae with her new friends



Hearts develop through service



only to have to wake up five hours later to begin another. We had a lot of challenging experiences. I think this was a good preparation for the workshop.

Finally the workshop began. We had to start the workshop without our coordinator, Carlos Varga, who was coming from Argentina, where he just finished another workshop for blessed children. Since we had established some unity thru fund-raising, we managed to run the program even without him.

When Carlos arrived we started daily training in the tongil moo-do martial art. Carlos, a black belt and an instructor, was determined to make us martial arts specialists within three weeks. At the graduation ceremony, some received a yellow belt and some even a blue belt. This was of course on the foundation of previous martial art experience.

During that first week we visited the Presidential Palace and could explore it from the inside. We felt important being in the office of President Leonel Fernández. Even a small banquet was prepared for us. Among the many historical places we visited, we felt special visiting our holy ground, which had been established by the first missionaries. We felt we had to do something, so we cleaned up the area around it.

We also visited was an orphanage. We wanted to see the situation of homeless children and to see the way this orphanage functioned. In the Dominican Republic there are many street children; many have no home. This orphanage was doing a great job and a family system in their educational program.

### Giving our hearts to Flasquito Gomez

During the second week, we did a Service for Peace project in the small village of Flasquito Gomez, about 25 km from the capital. It is a very poor village where

some houses were even made of tin cans stacked together. The people there did not have toilets of any kind and would just go off and use the bushes instead.

We worked in Flasquito Gomez with a Service for Peace group who had come from the U.S. They repaired a school, while we painted a house next to it and cleaned up the environment. We picked up trash and cut grass and of course played with the village children, many of whom came and joined us in cleaning the area.

We could see the reality of many people's lives and be grateful for what we have. We experienced some of the national problems. Wherever we went there were electrical problems. Many times we had to cook over an open fire. We could not take a shower after a long working day and hoondokhae we had to do by candlelight. Even the martial arts training was done in this way.

After the Service for Peace Project, we went to the seaside town of Palmar de Ocoa, where one of our blessed families lives. We enjoyed the beach and the beautiful ocean, doing many competitions. In order to move around, we had to use a small truck. All of us had to squash in it; some even rode on the roof or hung out the doors. For the longer distance travel, we had the use of a big bus, but it broke down many times. Our driver did a great job keeping it moving.

The biggest challenge came during the third, and final, week of our workshop. We wanted to reach the top of the whole Caribbean by climbing the highest mountain, Pico Duarte. It was only through team work that we could do it. We always helped one another to move forward toward our destination. We climbed for three days, challenging our physical bodies by going farther and farther, even when some felt it was impossible to continue.

At night we slept in small cabins, huddled together because it was freezing cold. We had only a hard floor as our mattress. The second day we realized we had not brought enough food and everybody had to continue on a small ration. Nevertheless, we all made it. We reached the top. It felt great that everybody had persevered.

The trip down was for most of us an even bigger challenge. I lost both my big toe nails. We tried to go down the mountain very fast and put too much pressure on our toes. When we finally arrived back at our center, we needed two days to recover.

I feel as if this workshop was excellent training and a very good experience for us members of the second generation. It is difficult to put into words. We had so many experiences that are more valuable than all the money in the world. Of course we had a lot of problems; there were many uncomfortable situations. Yet, for the first time we took most of the responsibility. I know that we did a great job.

We are more experienced now. We have learned a lot from our mistakes. We feel that we want to make an even more exiting workshop, to which we want to invite more blessed children from our region and from abroad. All those who want to have an incredible adventure and want to experience life in a Caribbean environment, where every day is full of challenges, are welcome. I'm so proud of all our members; we persevered and we feel more united and ready to face life's challenges. ♦



Finally all the fund-raising products are ready



It was amazing how many of us we could fit into our truck (Don't try this at home)



Atop Pico Duarte: No one in the whole Caribbean is higher than we are



# Faiths Connect in a Berlin Mosque

By Frank Hans Friedrich

**A**s often as possible, I attend a Sufi group's Thursday evening prayer service, which is held in a mosque that was built in 1923. They rent the mosque from the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement. The prayer ritual reminds me a bit of sessions in Cheongpyeong—inspirations come easily through making effort. Before the August 4<sup>th</sup> prayer took place, I met with the European leader of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement, Mr. August Abdul Samad Santoe, who had come to Berlin for a short visit.

I later let an ambassador for peace in Berlin, Yannis Jantos, know that Mr. Santoe was in town. Mr. Yannis told me that he and Mr. Santoe were good friends. They spoke by telephone and decided to get together the following Sunday and invited me to join them. Once we were all together, I suggested that before Mr. Santoe left Berlin we hold an interreligious dialogue in the mosque or in one of the buildings on the mosque premises. This we decided we would do the following Friday, August 12, the day before Mr. Santoe's departure.

The next few days were days of struggle. I was battling within myself over whether the meeting should take place or not. I may have just been confronting self-created fears. Muslims, among themselves, differ in their views, so I wasn't sure if everyone would be pleased about such a meeting taking place, especially since the use of this mosque is often a matter of dispute.

## Divergent groups in one room

The day came, and our meeting started. Twenty-eight people came, among them four imams, one representative Christian minister and many

people whose faces were new to me. Mr. Santoe gave a wonderful presentation. He said that Islam is a religion of peace and has respect for all other religions, as Prophet Mohamed exemplified through his own life. There are many expressions in the Koran of deep respect, especially toward the Jewish and Christian faiths, but also in general toward all people of faith and good will.

Mr. Santoe always tries to create bridges toward those with different, even seemingly troubling, views. His speech inspired all of us, and through him, we could understand the founding spirit of Islam as a true religion of peace.

Mr. Santoe also explained that the translation of the word "jihad" as "holy war," actually came from the Christian Crusades in the Holy Land. They called those wars "holy wars." Only later did people transfer that definition to "jihad." The idea that jihad meant a battle to unite the mind and body, a battle for the incorporeal world to have dominion over the realm of the world of earthly desires, something True Father is constantly speaking about, became clearer to me. Mr. Santoe made the point that within any religion there are usually more battles going on among their own believers than with other faiths.



Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) is the founder of the group Mr. Santoe is a leader of. After the death of this man, a schism occurred. Mr. Tariq, an imam of the counterpart group, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, which claims the same founder but has a different theological approach was at the discussion that followed Mr. Santoe's presentation. The two men revealed themselves to be true peacemakers, as both took a position of a father regarding the disputed religious views. Other than that, the discussion seemed to have little direction. It became a platform where opinion rose against opinion.

## True Parents inspire unity

I was waiting for my turn and the opportunity to present True Parents' views, but I thought the struggle among the other groups might not end. I went out of the room and offered a good prayer.

I felt that then God or True Parents had a condition to speak, so I sat down and looked at Mr. Santoe. He looked back at me and suddenly announced that tonight also different views might be represented.

I was prepared. I said that I would like to show a fifteen-minute video about the peace-promoting activities of IIFWP and IIPC around December 22, 2003. Before I did that though, I wanted to say a few words to prepare for the video. The atmosphere changed and I felt heaven held a condition to speak through me, and center the atmosphere on the words that were coming through my mouth. I spoke about the vision of Father Moon toward world peace.

If a religious war were to break out, it would cost the lives of millions; it





would be even more terrible than what the world has seen through communism. Religions of the world have to unite under the one God, who caused religions to come into existence. Religion as a whole must take the position of the mind toward the body—that is, politics and the economy. Satan likes to see the religious world disunited and kept busy squabbling. Politics tries to pull down true religion. All the religions in the world must work together with mutual respect to give God-centered guidance to those in the political and economic realms. This is also the purpose of adding a religious chamber to the UN. Representatives of united, God-centered religions, along with politicians and those involved in a global economy that fosters equality, shall participate in solving the world's great problems. I told them that for this Father Moon would start the Universal Peace Federation in September.

The speech was short; it lasted five to seven minutes. Their minds were then focused on the video, which brought us all together as brothers and sisters under one God. We members were so proud to be able to present our True Parents to our brethren.

### In the end, harmony

Directly after the video, I used the opportunity to certify Mr. Santoe as an ambassador for peace. He said he was moved and accepted the position with all his heart. He said he felt what this movement is doing is true and that he

would be honored to cooperate with the peace movement of Father Moon in the future. For seven years, he has already been involved in interreligious work in Holland.

This video opened the hearts of the attentive, as it created a spirit of hope for peace in the Middle East. This helped reveal the true mind of Father Moon and his great vision for world peace. One person came up to me later and said that he wants to know all about Father Moon, his life and his teaching. Another brother of the Islamic faith came to us and expressed that he is now convinced that the work of Father Moon is a true movement for peace. We have known many of the people there for a long time, but this

video broke walls in the minds of many of our beloved Islamic brothers; it opened doors.

After the video, a few of us went for prayer together, four were imams. There were people from three different groups. It was wonderful. Seeing us praying together, God's heart must have been filled with joy. A joy beyond myself overcame me; it was as if heaven were showing us what can happen once the conditions are laid. After the prayer, one of the imams came to me and said simply, "Thank you for bringing us together!" Some continued to praise Allah. Some stood in groups and talked together.

By chance, Mr. Santoe and Mr. Tariq stood opposite each other. Yannis Jantos stood with them. During the talk, he suddenly took both of their heads, drew them smoothly toward each other and said something like, "From now on, under Father Moon, you two can work together." Without Yannis Jantos, this meeting would not have been possible. His wisdom made it possible for this group to come together and share. He is a great, peace-loving person. His deep wish is for the world's religions to work together. This is why he respects and loves Father Moon. ♦

**Photos: Facing page, The mosque where the interreligious dialog was held. From its beginnings it was intended as a place to "invite non-Muslims to attend lectures and sermons."; This page, top, Mr. Santoe gives his presentation. A native of Surinam, his personal motto is *Ignorance is the fiercest enemy of man*.; Below, The meeting was disputatious at first but culminated in harmony**





# Using the Gifts God Has Given Us

By Maarten Meijer



My wife Myra and I live with our four children in Gwang Jin Gu, Seoul, in a villa (an undersized apartment building) across from a sauna and a *bulgalbi* (barbecued ribs) restaurant, next to the Junggok market—it couldn't be more Korean. As the steep summer heat set in early in June 2002, all our windows were open. While watching the Korean national soccer team play during the World Cup, we could feel the whole neighborhood breathe, groan, sigh, laugh, live with the eleven red men on the field. Whenever the ball was shot into the goal of a European opponent, an explosion of shouts, cheers and voices raised in unrestrained exuberance poured into our living-room. I was never a soccer fan, but even a cool European cannot withstand such an emotional appeal, and I was won for the cause of the Korean World Cup challenge.

Then I got hit by a thought: What if I were to write a book about Guus Hiddink, the Dutchman who coached the Korean team? The next day, I was on an airplane to the Netherlands. I saw the second half of the Korean winning streak on Dutch TV sets. In Varsseveld, Hiddink's small hometown, I joined Guus' parents and two of his five brothers for breakfast at a local café to see Spain eliminated from the tournament and Korea elevated to immeasurable heights. For subsequent games, a giant outdoor screen was set up on Church Square by Samsung—as the company had done on the other side of the globe in front of Seoul City Hall. Dutchmen trained their voices on *Dae-han-min-guk* (lit. "Republic of Korea") cheers, while Korean expatriates tried to keep the beat for these unruly Westerners on traditional drums. I interviewed Hiddink's relatives, friends, and associates, recorded dozens of

tapes, took hundreds of pictures, ravaged newspaper clip files and filled notebooks with noteworthy biographical information.

I returned to Seoul and spent the rest of the summer racing my unborn son to the finish line. After steering my students at Seoul Women's University past the pitfalls of the English language by day, I spent evenings and nights hammering out the manuscript of my biography of Hiddink. In the process, I chatted with the Dutch soccer master himself in our common native language at his Seoul Hyatt residence. I did lose the race with my son, Liam Cheon Il, who was born on July 25, but gladly did so. I last put my hand on the book on August 7, and the Korean translator did the same only days later. The publisher, in turn, put the bilingual book in stores by September 1—a record ten weeks from inception to publication.

With everyone still reeling from the turbulent summer, my publisher actually found the time to read my book and was pleased. Could I perhaps write a book on Korea for the curious at home and abroad? Yes, I could, and, by now, I have. The result is *What Is So Good about Korea, Maarten?* The book is available in both Korean and English. It covers four main areas: family; education; society and international relations; lifestyle, art and culture. It offers insights into Korean traditional culture and the rapid social transformations currently taken place in the country. Chapters are divided into short subsections so that the sometimes complex Korean customs and trends are more easily surveyed. In addition, I gathered numerous personal anecdotes contributed by others (Koreans and non-Koreans, church members and non-members). The book emphasizes the

positive qualities of Korean culture, points out the value of studying the Korean language, illustrates the success of marriages arranged by Father and makes a strong case for traditional family culture.

Myra and I came to Korea five years ago with three children, some suitcases and faith that somehow things would work out—the way we often do things. We stumbled along for a couple of years until this opportunity presented itself. I love to write. This is a talent that God has given me. I am trying to use it to enter people's minds and hearts in a gentle manner to sow seeds of truth, beauty and goodness that one day can sprout as principled thinking and righteous living. When used wisely and persistently such an approach can and will ultimately affect individual lives, families, the society, the nation and possibly the larger world.

The Puritans, the people who came to America on the Mayflower, thought that every person has the "general calling" to be a good human being, create a healthy family, and be a responsible citizen—we would say to fulfill the first and second blessing. But they also believed that everyone has a special calling to do something that he is good at—we refer to that as fulfilling the third blessing. Jesus' parable of investing one's "talents" is a compelling illustration of this. God needs us to give all we've got.

People may not always immediately appreciate what we do or recognize our abilities—the road from my home to the publishing house has often been a pretty bumpy trail—but persistence pays dividends. ♦

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## Excerpts from the Book

### Harmony

Under all circumstances, possessing *nunchi* is of great importance. This word literally means "the look in a person's eyes" but suggests that a person must have the ability to read someone else's mind. That is, he must have good intuition and be both perceptive and tactful. Koreans have an uncanny ability to size up another person. To a foreigner it may seem that they possess a virtual telepathic awareness of another person's state of mind, likes or dislikes, and unspoken preferences, assuming, of course, that this other person is a fellow Korean. Men in positions of influence will disguise their feelings behind a mask of stoic equanimity, which leaves it to their subordinates to sense, guess, and assume what they are thinking. This feature can be quite challenging to foreigners.

In this age of intensified international communication, Koreans are realizing that their capacity for wordless understanding is shared by few non-Koreans. They are increasingly making an effort to be more outspoken and also to master the Western skill of using body language. Sometimes, this leads to funny situations. For example, Asiana, one of Korea's national airlines, must teach company staff the fine art of smiling to strangers, i.e., their customers. Sensitivity toward someone else's

*gibun*, a person's inner state or frame of mind, is central in Korean social traffic. In practice, this concept entails more than just catering to his moods or whims of the moment. It means that the spirit someone projects, the entire personal atmosphere that emanates from him at any given time, significantly affects the way others interact with him. *Gibun* is of primary importance when dealing with one's elders or superiors. Although there may be an objective need to discuss a certain issue, a younger person or subordinate may defer bringing it up when he senses that the timing is not right....

To establish any type of successful long-term relationship in Korea, it is necessary that the personalities of those involved are compatible. The spirit of another person, his vital energy, *gi*, or *qi* in Chinese, needs to resonate with one's own. Whether or not a person has charisma, personal appeal, is very important. Hence, Koreans can be distinctly irrational in choosing whom to trust. Intuition is much more important than reason. They are strongly affected by appearance and demeanor, and first impressions can be decisive for any further course of action. Someone may take an instant liking to another person and embrace the idea of a partnership, with the details of a project to be worked out along the way. Conversely, if there is a clash of personalities, if a person repels for some intangible reason, it is unlikely that there will be any future interaction or cooperation.

of ancestors. The lack of seriousness with which many non-Koreans treat their lineal descent, their roots, is incomprehensible to a Korean of traditional mind-set. Indeed, parents often voice opposition if their daughter plans to marry an expatriate for the very reason that little or nothing is known of the ancestral background of the intended spouse.

The meticulous system of Korean hereditary record keeping is a historian's dream. What is the subject of conjecture in other nations, or may be the topic of tedious research for Salt Lake City Mormons, is easily accessible to most Koreans, at any given time. The preservation of a good pedigree is a source of tremendous pride, though non-Koreans occasionally regard this as ethnic arrogance. The consequent racial homogeneity has given the people a strong sense of national identity, which has been a source of inspiration in times of social upheaval, particularly during the repeated foreign invasions of the country.

As a result of the adherence to this system of male inheritance, the conception of a male descendant is of the greatest importance: the continuation of the family line depends on it. Also, the sons usually provide for the parents in old age. In the past, the failure to bear a son would be sufficient grounds for a man to divorce his wife. Furthermore, because children are legally part of their father's lineage, the man used to automatically gain custody rights in case of a divorce, though in this day and age children are assigned to the mother with increasing frequency.

The preference for sons remains deeply embedded in the Korean consciousness. Although this is gradually changing, even recent surveys show that a very large majority of women would rather give birth to a son than a daughter. An important reason is that having a son provides a woman with status within the extended family. ♦

For more information please go to <http://maarten.cyworld.com>. It is a Korean site, but there are some English options. Maarten is happy to be contacted directly on [mpmeijer@gmail.com](mailto:mpmeijer@gmail.com). The book will also be available from church bookstores in Korea and the United States.

### Lineage

The system of patrilineal descent is essential for understanding not only the family but also the entire social system. The idea of lineage is central to the Korean self-understanding. The *jokbo*, the genealogical table or clan register, is the most treasured heirloom of each family. It is carefully handed down from father to son and contains the records of generations





# A Week in the Life of a Korean Church Leader

By Lee Gab-shik



Before the heat of mobilizing for the Cheon Il Guk Registration Blessing had died down, our region had to prepare yet another even—the Cheon Il Guk People's Registration Special Seminar, which was to be held at Blue Sea Garden, in Yeosu.

Unlike when we worked for the Coronation of the King of Peace, we had to go to Yeosu just as we were entering a busy season in our farmland area. People we'd relied on in the past were also busy because of a seminar in China. In any event, it is more difficult for us, because our region has only three churches. It would take an extreme effort to mobilize the five hundred people that were expected at the two-day workshop. We never receive money, and just as when each couple had to bless 160 couples, we needed the members to donate a lot of money. We felt tired. It was difficult having another tough situation on the horizon.

Our regional leader came to Ulsan after having attended an international leaders workshop and stopped by our Ulju church. This was at about 5:30 PM. We held a meeting to discuss holding the two-day workshop, which is a big, difficult project. We never reached a conclusion, though we sincerely discussed the issue until 1:00 am. Some members were tired of being pressed to give large donations; they knew that this wouldn't be the end and rejected the idea of their having to fund the project by donations. Another large burden for some was their not having had experience mobilizing large numbers of people, specifically non-members.

I calculated the expenses. Renting a bus costs 1 million won [\$960] for two days. We would need at least 1.4 million won per bus [\$1,340] to cover the food and drinks needed. I got the bus company to reduce the rental fee to 700,000 won [\$670], but it still meant a total of 1.1 million [\$1,100] per bus.

We concluded that the participants' paying a fee was inescapable. At forty people per bus, we had to get 25,000 won [\$24] per person to balance our budget. If we weren't able to fill the buses, we'd be short of the total amount needed. Ulju, my church, had never asked for a fee before, so 25,000 won seemed quite difficult.

We tried to divide the total goal—400 people in eight or nine buses—between three churches, but here, too, we hit a brick wall. East Ulsan had previously charged a workshop and transportation fee, but it had been 20,000 won [\$19] for three days in Yeosu. Their church leader balked at having to ask 25,000 won for two days. The regional leader said that his church, the regional headquarters church, had neither

charged a fee to non-members nor mobilized non-members to come to events in the past, so these would also present difficulties.

It was decided that my church, the one in Ulju, would be responsible to bring the people and would charge 20,000, and that the headquarters church would be responsible to cover the financial shortfall.

In this situation, even a wise man couldn't manage. Until then, Ulju had no experience mobilizing buses full of people who are not church members or asking those people to pay a fee or for our members to give a special donation. With all these difficulties, I had to depend on heaven. In the early morning we finished the meeting, and I spent the rest of the night with open eyes.

The next day, I wrote an official memo. In that memo, I mentioned that Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu was a holy place. I tried to express its value and the value of the Yeosu project. I quoted from articles written by people who'd attended Yeosu workshops and included some notes from the reflections of past participants. I introduced the priceless speeches and lectures that are a regular feature at Yeosu and explained specifically about the content of the two-day workshop. Of course, I didn't forget to include that there was a 20,000 won fee.

I was a little bit tense and nervous, but I was sure that absolute belief would bring the victory. Thinking in that way consoled me. I sent the memo to our twelve towns and villages.

I went to the president and general affairs director of a local charity organization who had cooperated with me when we had to conduct the coronation of the king of peace. They were busy preparing to go to China. I was also busy. I asked for their cooperation. I said that we could mobilize the people who'd already gone through the Cheon Il Guk registration blessing. They agreed to cooperate with us on this and called the town and village heads of their organization. After a week, like a miracle, enough people for fourteen buses were registered.

Three places called to send in the money. We were not ourselves, because I was worried about mobilizing so many people to Blue Sea Garden. I worried about problems and how to educate the people. There would surely be some among these people who were new to us and had never received any education from us; there would be those who spiritually were not even alive.

Generally, I was thinking that if this mobilization failed, the next time we were





asked to mobilize people or to organize something on this scale, it would be more difficult. Nevertheless, there was no alternative.

I was suffocating. I called Blue Sea Garden and asked how many rooms were available, whether there were enough blankets and about education and meals. I couldn't get satisfactory answers, so I was worried. I wondered what I was doing taking responsibility for this all by myself. I blamed the reality of our church. Other regions have many churches and can mobilize easily with little burden, but in Ulsan, even if all our members were desperate at the cost of their lives, they couldn't expect a good result. My heart soured. I was depressed and didn't have faith.

I wondered if it was because of that kind of thinking that the fourteen buses canceled one after another. They explained that being farmers, the people were too busy during that time of year—it was harvest time. I couldn't blame them; they were harvesting a year's crop. I felt very sorry to press them to reconsider, so I didn't.

The most frustrating thing was that four days before the workshop, five buses were confirmed and the others had canceled. I was told that among the nine people who were responsible for an area from which a bus had cancelled, only one person had not stopped trying to bring people.

I started again from the beginning. I re-sent the memo and pushed the president and general affairs director again. I wasn't satisfied. I asked all members, under the leadership of church elders to mobilize people. If this workshop failed from the next time, mobilization and education would be difficult. It was only my sense of personal pride or self-respect and that of the other members of the Ulsan region that prevented us from giving up or failing.

I became aware of yet another problem. WFWP was holding a two-day festival in Ulsan for the two days prior to the first day of our workshop in Yeosu. It was a project to help publicize their work. They held a bazaar and campaigned to get South Koreans to donate 1 percent of their income to help North Koreans. This pulled many volunteers away from our work.

I was dizzy from the circumstance. [lit. "The sky was yellow."] But heaven helps those who are making a lot of effort. Five buses became ten. While all the other members went to the WFWP bazaar in Ulsan, I was alone in the empty church, when I heard a bell ringing. It was a phone call; another bus had cancelled two days before the workshop.

Still, I had nine buses, so I had a bit of composure. I prepared for the workshop, but that bit of composure crumbled the next evening. Another bus canceled; I had eight and I had to pay a penalty to the bus company for two cancelled buses.

Finally, the day came. We started early in the morning. We toured Sungchung, which has a beautiful bay, a government designated historic village where people live in homes that are hundred of years old and a fortress first built in 1400 and rebuilt three hundred years later to ward off Japanese invasion.

We arrived at Blue Sea Garden at 3:30. Through the opening ceremony and the first lecture, the participants listened well; but after dinner, there was a problem during the second lecture. The participants from two villages rejected the lecture. There was confusion. Those participants who had been educated well were also upset and asked for a rearrangement of the

room and for a break.

It was only then that I discovered that the people from the local charity organization who'd helped us bring guests had only told the people there would be a tour; they did say they would be attending lectures. It seemed only natural that they rejected the idea of sitting through lectures they'd never been told about.

On a deeper level, I felt they were antagonistic because their town had not participated in the registration blessing; they'd never been given holy wine. Two buses came from that area and some Christians among them were the ones causing trouble. The president of the charity group had had the holy wine, and it was he that persuaded the rabble rousers to calm down and take their seats. He won them over. At the time, I felt in my bones that there is a significant difference between those who've had holy wine and those who have not.

The storm of this pushing and persuading passed, and that night all those at Blue Sea Garden slept well. At the first lecture the next morning, 90 percent of our contingent showed up. I was moved by this.

The two-day workshop came to an end without further incident. That day, I set off with a happy mind for Yong Pyong Resort for a leaders meeting. The next time I was in Ulju I shouted my thanks to God and True Parents. We were able to break a string of failures in mobilizing large groups of people. The fee was paid without difficulty and eight buses had been brought from our area. Nowadays, if I bump into those who were educated well on the front line at that two-day workshop, they greet me with pleasure, remembering the good time that we shared. ♦

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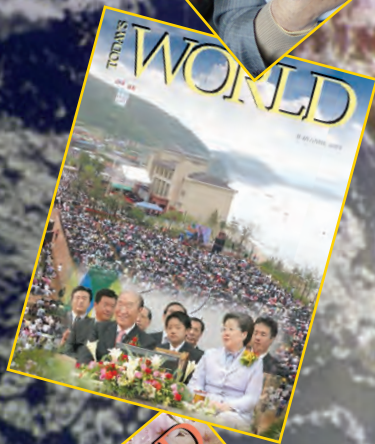




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