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## International President's Message

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Dr. Kwak is pictured here speaking to the fifth World Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace, a description of which can be found on page 30

Today we are celebrating the nineteenth anniversary of the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth. Originally, this foundation day was proclaimed by Father as the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World at 10 AM on October 3, 1988, which was *dan-gi*<sup>1</sup> 4321. Father made this proclamation during a gathering of one thousand two hundred blessed family members and representatives from a hundred and twenty nations. In 2004, Father changed the name of this day to the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.<sup>2</sup>

Brothers and sisters, 1988 was a very precious and special year. If we look at the timing of that year, *dan-gi* 4321 was a very precious year in front of God, who as we know carries out His providence numerically. Within the space of a year, all the four basic numbers were connected—the number for God, the number for reciprocal partners, the number for the three-stage heaven, and the number for the earthly four-position foundation.

When God created the universe, the world, the nation, and heaven and earth were all centered upon Him, but because Adam failed to establish a world centered on God, He was forced to work strenuously. Only True Parents understood this aspect of God's will, and so they trod the path of pioneering and restoration and won the victory. That victory had to be accomplished while meeting all the external and internal conditions, and all of this had to be connected with the homeland of True Parents' providence as the center of the nation of the unified world. For this reason, Father had to work exceedingly hard and endure difficulties in order to accomplish all those conditions. It was only much later that we came to understand just how much he had had to invest.

The historic South Korean Olympic Games were held in 1988. They were not ordinary Olympics. Externally speaking, the Los Angeles Olympics and the Moscow Olympics were only "half-Olympics," in which the communist camp in the first instance and the democratic camp in the second boycotted the games. For humankind, this split was our painful reality, but the 1988 Olympic Games in Korea were historic, in that both camps participated in mutual cooperation. They came together and created unity, competing together. At the same time, it was also the most inclusive Olympics in history, with an unprecedented 160 nations participating in the huge event, where everyone joined together as one.

None of this simply happened by coincidence. On the contrary, these Olympics were accomplished in South Korea in the internal context of God's providential grace, centered on True Parents, and in the external context of the foundation of True Parents' effort and investment. How incredible it was to have both the democratic and communist camps come together in unity on the Korean peninsula, where the nation has been living under division! Even more, how incredible it was that the core participants of this event were young people, the standard bearers for the future!

Even before the Olympics began, True Father gave specific instructions, so that his entire support structure was on hand, because he knew an external unification would take place between East and West and between all nations of the globe, including the communist and democratic

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1 This is the traditional Korean way of counting back to the mythical creation of the first Korea, *Dangun* (단군). *Dan-gi* is an adjective that comes from the name *Dangun*.

2 This translation was officially approved. In the Korean, Father changed the word "세계" (world) to "천주" (heaven and earth; cosmos).

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# A Pivotal Moment—Chil Pal Jeol

Excerpts from Father's speech at the commemorative service for the tenth *Chil Pal Jeol*, the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, on July 31 at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

What is today? [It is *Chil Pal Jeol*.<sup>1</sup>] *Chil Pal Jeol*! That's a term that only we know the meaning of. *Chil Pal Jeol*; its content is rather complicated, isn't it? It is more complicated and incomprehensible than any problem in the world; but I'm sure you know what we are commemorating on *Chil Pal Jeol*.

What is it that God is trying to fulfill after *Chil Pal Jeol*? You need to know that there was a time in Eden, when God created Adam and Eve, untainted by the Fall, and placed His hopes in them. He idealized what was yet unseen of the future, and He caressed them and smelled the fragrance that came from them, as if they were flowers or fruits. He took delight in them.

What providential term do we use for that time?

It was similar to what is in the booklet of the Peace Messages, which contains all there is to know. It was a time when God was dreaming of an ideal family, the ideal family with God at its center, not only during the day, but even after the passage of years (which to God are like a single day), God could not stop thinking of the ideal family even in His dreams! That family had such significance; yet God's ideal, the family was all lost, and it was as if God Himself had been evicted. And this world, which should have become the brilliant kingdom of heaven and the nation of bright hopes, instead became one of darkness in the place of light, a wretched and piteous world completely dominated by pitch-blackness. Then there was no way for God to acquaint us with the world of the hereafter....

Furthermore, in the ideal family under God, there should have been parents, children and siblings that could come together in the background as one family, but even traces of the various aspects of that family were lost. And the reference points on the basis of which someone could explain that the ideal family of God was in such and such a form, were all gone! Such a world is the miserable, fallen world, the world of hell dominated by Satan. You need to know that there are no other words to express this conclusion.

You all have this booklet with the Peace Messages, don't you? Within this booklet is hidden the actual knowledge by which the ideal family of God can be found if you live in accordance with it and are in the position of a liberated

<sup>1</sup> The Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth was declared at 7 minutes and 7 seconds past the 7<sup>th</sup> hour on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> lunar calendar month of the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the decade (1997), with Father's age being 77. Thus, it can be called the day of eight sevens (7.8 Day: in Korean, *Chil Pal Jeol*).



owner in accordance with it. You can't see the information in plain words, but in this small book are recorded the words that point to it.

Then what was God planning to do with the ideal family He desired to see? Passing through history, the fallen world of today has stained this planet with the blood of death through war, and those deaths have given form to the essence of sadness. That is something that, if the living God exists, will have stained His heart black.

If that were not enough, if the world had arrows they would have shot at Him, and, in keeping with this day and age, if they had atomic bombs, they would have attacked Him with those. They would be telling Him that it is a world in which He can be rejected, a world in which He has lost all He had, while mounting attack after attack against Him in complaint over His having come back to this world. However, God has nevertheless sought the recovery of the world through such a history, and such have been the days of sadness He has had to live through.

Even while living through such experiences, what He has thought about, even in His dreams, is the content of this booklet. That is the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. Say



it aloud! [The kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world!] You have it, don't you? It is the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. [It is the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world!] If it were the kingdom of peace, it might be referring to just one nation, but what we are talking about is the ideal world of peace. If we were to speak of it in our own terms, we would add the words "heaven and earth" to it.

At this point, we will unveil to the public the subject matter of restoration, but what is behind the heart of restoration is known only to God. It is something that only He, the one who can become king in the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, can know. And now, by living on the foundation of the commencement of the kingdom of the ideal world, we will form the tribe, people, and nation. We will create the family of the peaceful, ideal world and progress up to the tribe, people, nation, and world, thus bringing the kingdom into existence! It is not something that can be created in a day. It will take a long time.

Therefore, the providence of restoration takes such a long time. If God exists, He is an absolutely able king who could do more than just plan and accomplish the providence of restoration in a day; so why couldn't He just do that? He could not do so because there were things that inevitably prevented Him from doing so. What were those things? They were things that neither the ancestors nor the descendants should know about. Yet because of them, even though God has authority as the absolute, unique and unchanging God, God's ideal family was broken and the ideal world of peace destroyed.

The more people who understand that very fact, the less God will be a focus of attendance and praise; the more they know about it, the broader it becomes the basis upon which those people will reject God. This is because they will come to wonder increasingly why God, the almighty Lord, who created the great universe, is in such a sorry state. The emotional grounds on which we can hold Him in awe and which link us to Him through a deep connection of heart, would be enveloped in personal doubts about Him, ultimately causing those grounds to disappear. **Because that would be the result, knowing too much is a problem, but not knowing at all is also a problem.** If you fail to fulfill something even though you know everything about it, there is less possibility for you to receive forgiveness than if you don't know anything about it. Therefore, the responsibilities of God and of the Savior are tremendous owing to the fact that they must embrace this secret that

**Members listening to Father speak during the Chil Pal Jeol commemorative service**



the rest of us cannot know about. I have told you this because this fact is a precondition to understanding Chil Pal Jeol. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Seven. Repeat after me: Seven [Seven!] Seven represents the central point at the intersection of the six directions (one and two being upward and downward, three and four being left and right, and five and six being in front and behind). What is the center? It is the point that can be the central nucleus. No matter how vast a place is, its central nucleus is the smallest of such points. Everything branches out from that nucleus, which is no bigger than a particle of dust.

Therefore, if there were a great sphere, its central focal point would be the origin of its bones, which would be connected not only to what is visible but also to the invisible world behind. That center would be connected even to the universe. If by any chance that center were separated from it for eons, it would be excluded from the universe and become a nonexistent entity. Even after thousands or billions of years, it should be connected through that nucleus, because if it were ever to fall out of oneness with the universe the value of its existence would diminish and it would disappear completely.

So, is the nucleus necessary or not? [It is necessary.] What is the nucleus? Is it money? It could be, to a certain extent in limited circumstances. In saving a family struggling from poverty, the nucleus of their salvation could be money, for a brief period, but it could not be the eternal nucleus. It cannot be the nucleus of the universe.

Next, comes knowledge! In the case of knowledge, even if the Korean people came to have complete knowledge, they still couldn't possess understanding of the truth that all of heaven and earth and the universe regard as the single nucleus, the genuine truth, because there is a hidden nucleus that cannot be explained. In light of this, without acknowledging the fact that there must be that one nucleus in the universe, we cannot commemorate Chil Pal (7.8) Jeol. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven! This is why the number seven is the number of happiness! Is that clear? [Yes.] ...

Don't become a widow, and don't divorce. If there is a woman who wants to become a young widow, should she be chastised, or carefully educated? Which is better? [She should be carefully educated.] She must be taught, even it has to be forcefully. Who should teach her? If she has a mother and father, they should do it. If she has older brothers or younger siblings, they should do it. If she has uncles, they should do it.

In short, her entire clan should unite in teaching her, by force if necessary. How wretched would she be if she ended up lonely and all alone!...

"I am number one! A-men," could also be said, "I am the number one man!" A person who can endure a long wait may just see the missing central nucleus come to be. Someone could bring it and plant it, couldn't he? That is, only if you are ready to wait longer than God is. Someone may come to you and say, "Hey, you! You've been waiting so long; do you desire the nucleus that much?" and just bring it and plant it for you, so the one who waits has a greater possibility to get closer to the nucleus and become its next-door neighbor than the one who does not wait. There isn't such a possibility, is there? **[There is!]** There is not, you scoundrels! Whoa! **[There is!]** When I say it like that, you can answer, "Yes there is, you miscreant teacher!" **[Laughter]** That's okay.

They were heavily in debt and on the verge of going to prison, and they came to me and said, "Teacher, since you are the father, please pay back our debts." You're curious to know how much I paid back, aren't you? These women are in a more miserable state. And since I'm trying to live for others more sincerely, adore them and serve them more sincerely than those women, if I do something for one and not for another, for instance if I help a woman from Jeolla Province and refuse to help a woman from Hamgyeong Province, I will be criticized....

Raise your hands if you have the Messages of Peace booklet. I'm giving you special instructions today. The more you read this booklet, the more you will realize its true value. If you read it a thousand times, it will have even more than a thousand times the value of reading it once. If you read it ten thousand times, the value of doing so will increase more than ten thousand times. On the other hand, if you don't even read it once, it will be worthless. Even worse, it will remain worthless forever.

A person with ten siblings who understands this should buy ten booklets for each of them, even if he had to fast in order to buy them. Hwang Sun-jo, how much is this booklet? **[₩800.] ₩800? [Yes.]** Wow! The money for one lunch could almost buy ten booklets. Anyone who is unwilling to give the ₩ 5,000 from his lunch money to his brothers and sisters is a stingy person who deserves to be criticized.

What I've just said is judgment. To avoid that, you should buy this booklet for your friends, your brothers and sisters, your mother, father, their brothers and sisters, and even your great uncles and aunts, and so on. The question is who will buy the most copies of this booklet for people they know.

If, among those who have bought the booklet for their relatives, one person has given a hundred people this booklet who in turn have all read it a record number of times, the total number of times could be over 100 million. From now on, the question will be who has read this booklet the most number of times, and who has loved this booklet the most. In other words, the issue at hand is the ideal family of God that He is trying to establish, and His kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world.

Therefore, the person who has repeatedly set conditions until those conditions overflowed, will become a leader of the ideal family of God. The person who comes next in line in setting conditions on behalf of the kingdom of the peaceful world will become the granddaughter-in-law, the relative, or the son-in-law that can receive the blessings of the world's king of kings. This is what is waiting for you right here. So I'm instructing you to achieve this and make preparations in light of it.

The responsibilities deriving from the significance of Chil Pal Jeol are conclusively expressed in this booklet. Therefore God's ideal family and the kingdom of the peaceful world are without a doubt the homeland of peace that you need, or, if you are in need of a home country, they will serve as the home country of the ideal family. Without becoming the owners of the two places, you can say goodbye to the positions of the citizens or owners of the kingdom of heaven forevermore. Do you understand, or not? **[We understand!]**

Then if you are thinking, "Oh, we should be number one in the ideal family of God. Our clan should be number one. Our nation should be number one," then you should read the booklet that much more. Why is what is in this booklet important? How many books of Father's speeches have been published in this year? **[(Korean church president Hwang Sun-jo:) Twenty-four volumes.]** How many books are there now? **[In total, there are 458 volumes.]** I was under the impression that the total number of books published topped six hundred. **[Including other books, the total is 650 volumes.]** From those six hundred and fifty volumes, the most important, essential content has been closely concentrated into this booklet. So, if you have any questions, this booklet can serve as a reference book. It's the concentrated form of what I've explained in more than six hundred other published books combined, as well as in other speeches that could more than push the total number of books to more than a thousand....

Would it do if a student does not have a reference book for the subject he's studying? Even in this morning's hoondokhwae, the dates on which the speech excerpts were originally given is mentioned. If you traced them back to page something-or-other in volume number something-or-other, you would see that what was left out on that page is recorded in this book. Because all such material is included in this book, if you savor what it says and can come to know its taste, with this book as reference you will be able to savor and taste the contents of God's secret storeroom in Heaven, and analyze that flavor....

If the thumb and the middle finger were brought together like this, what would it symbolize? It would symbolize God and the thirty-eighth parallel becoming one. This represents the leader, which is God, isn't it? It is the unifying of the mother and father, who have dual characteristics....

You are all Japanese; I see only a few Koreans. Are all the people standing up Japanese? **[Yes.]** The representative of the Japanese people, come out front. His son should come out too.

Then should Otsuka—father and son—prosper forever, live under a peaceful reign, or have everything go well for them? **[These are three mottoes written as sets of four Chinese characters]** Which of the three would be best? Aren't you all Japanese? Aren't you all from Japan? Even Japan must listen to my commands in the kingdom of heaven. You must never forget this.

Now, Otsuka is Japanese. Should he prosper forever, live under a peaceful reign, by which I mean the kingship of God—in other words, should the kingship of God thrive forever? Which should it be of the three choices! Hyo-yul! **[Father calls Rev. Peter Kim, using his Korean given name.] [Yes.]** In the motto we wrote that day, what were the last words? Was it "to have everything go well," to "live under a peaceful reign," or "to prosper forever"? **[It was "to have everything go well with us."]** Yes. After "to prosperity eternally" and "to live during a peaceful reign" comes "to have everything go well with us."

So, of the three, eternal prosperity, a peaceful reign or per-





## World CARP's Fortieth Anniversary

1966 was the year the United States Senate voted 49 to 21 to disallow voluntary prayer in government-funded (public) schools. Bible readings in public schools had been deemed criminal three years earlier by the U.S. Supreme Court. 1966 was the year Chairman Mao emptied universities across China, forming ex-students into his Red Guard, which harassed and humiliated intellectuals and Party members that might challenge Mao's rule. 1966 was also the year that a Seoul National University club expanded nationwide as the Collegiate Association for Research of the Principle (CARP). For forty years CARP has fought to raise moral standards and enhance the good character of future leaders. In celebration of CARP's anniversary, 1,500 came to hear World CARP President Hyun-jin Moon tell them that CARP membership lasts a lifetime. The festivities, which featured a speech by Hyun-jin nim, "Expanding the Realm of Cheon Il Guk by Owning the Culture of Heart!" took place at Sun Moon University's Art Hall on its Asan campus. As part of the festivities, past CARP presidents from various nations were recognized.



fect well-being, which should we choose to say at this time? Most of those here are Japanese, so I'm asking which would be the best to wish for the Japanese people, and the representative father and son standing right in front of them. Eternal prosperity refers to the kingship, doesn't it? Peaceful reign also talks about the peaceful reign of the king. So what comes next? It is to have everything go well! By this, a person could triumph wherever he went. So, which of the three would be befitting the occasion? [To have everything go well.]...

What marks the beginning of the vertical world is God's ideal family and the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. There has yet to be a family that has settled down centering on the peace ideal. Therefore, since it is being achieved for the first time, God's ideal family and the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world is beginning. Without forming an ideal family, the family of peace cannot come about, so the two are naturally connected. God's ideal family and the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world! With the passage of time, as families increasingly come together and fill the nation and go beyond to fill heaven and earth, the world will become the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world! You see this, don't you? [Yes.]

Bearing this in mind, the 6.5 billion people of the world are trying to live in such a way. Of these people, only those whose standard is higher than average will show themselves, for those below that line will be as if under water, not visible. Only when they are above that horizontal line can they be seen.

In this way, they will be the center, and our family will make a stand at this central point, where all can come together and thus become the husband and wife, the family, that lives in attendance to God, the focal point of the nucleus I have mentioned.

That would be none other than the True Parents, the Savior, the owner who will save the world, the Messiah, coming to bring the religious realm, which is in conflict, into unity. After Jesus came the first time to the Jewish nation, the Lord, when he comes the second time, is to fulfill the purpose of Israel. That is what the True Parents have to accomplish. What we need is simply the True Parents—but they also have all these other titles attached to them.

The Savior, the Messiah, the Second Coming and the True Parents—we don't need all four. Only the True Parents, the liberated True Parents unrelated to the Fall, who can play these four roles at the same time. And the place God has longed for from the outset, since before the Fall, and that can stand as the standard of value by which the 6.5 billion people today can enter the kingdom of heaven as if the Fall had not taken place is the kingdom of the peaceful world! Is that clear? That kingdom is the nucleus of all nuclei. It is the horizontal as well as the vertical nucleus.

Based on this central line, the line from front to back can be drawn. Those who've gone to high school know what I'm talking about, don't they? I'm sure you have taken design les-



sons. If you draw lines like this, and form a sphere, within that sphere would be the eras of the individual, family, tribe, race, nation, world and the entity that is heaven and earth combined. From the perspective, based on the eight stages, which connects them vertically and horizontally, centered on the one nucleus, which is at the center, are the Cosmic Parents, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the parents of heaven, earth and humankind.

Without becoming parents of heaven, earth and humankind, you cannot have your offspring. So grooms and brides should come together in unity to become parents of heaven, earth and humankind! Because we have completely uprooted and thrown away the fallen lineage of Satan on the fundamental level, the parents of heaven, earth and humankind should become the nucleus, and then the world can never slip out of this principled realm.

When eras on the eight levels of individual, family, tribe, society, people, nation, world and cosmos are established, these eight eras will drive away all the impure things infesting the world, and spherical motion can continue forevermore, for which reason the ideal, immortal family can continue forever! It can never be broken. You need to be aware of this.

Do you couples that have received the blessing think your families will go to the kingdom of heaven just because you have received the blessing? That's not the case. It has to happen together with the rest of the world!

To become the nucleus of the world, to become the central point from which you can supply the motivating force in all directions, you must be directly connected to God. If not, you cannot be linked to all forms of creation in the world, down to the very last. Then you cannot be in the position of the representative nucleus, which in turn would render impossible the existence of people who can live in the palace of the kingdom of heaven as members of the royal family. Thus, even if you could become citizens, you could never become part of the royal family.

You need to become members of the royal family and develop as citizens. Originally, it was members of the royal family of the kingdom of heaven who are meant to spread out horizontally to become its citizens. They would do this from the position of inheritance wherein they can receive good fortune in the position of the second son in the place of the elder son. Do you understand?

Therefore, people cannot exist apart from the kingship that is the nucleus. Without the nucleus, there is no value to their existence. Because it is absolute, it becomes the absolute grounds for our ideal in our absolute nation. Then when we go to the spirit world, God, the King, will live with us. It will be different from the satanic world, the fallen world, where exploitation and domination have existed. The families that continue to exist in conformity with the model—in the position of the one, unchanging nucleus of the kingdom of God—can bring about the unity of heaven and earth, and will naturally live in the unified kingdom of heaven on earth. Thus, this world will become one great nation and the ideal, unified heaven and earth that can be assimilated into the one bloodline. Amen! [Amen!] [Applause]

Since on this Chil Pal Jeol, I, and even the mother of the horizontal standard, have come forward, what is to be done next is the preparation of the vertical standard. This should be completed within twelve years from the beginning of Cheon Il Guk. What that means is that the vertical standard, which has remained a source of grief for thousands of generations, must

be completed in this one generation by January 13, 2013.

The way things have turned out after thousands of generations must be resolved in one lifetime, my own. Since what exists now is the result of one person's mistake, it should be resolved through the efforts of one person. By resolving the situation and emerging triumphant, I can become the Savior, and connect even those who do not believe to the bloodline through the blessing. This bloodline must not be broken.

No matter how much Christianity boasts about how excellent it is, if there is conflict within it, the bloodline will split up. The nation of Israel, Judaism, and the Islamic realm are also fighting with each other, causing the bloodline to split even further. The nations of Israel and Korea are in a similar situation.

In establishing the standard of the Adam-type family, Israel is engaged in a fight between brothers centering on the direct lineage of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac on one side and Hagar and Ishmael on the other. Ishmael was older by thirteen years, but though he was the elder brother, he was chased out. Though Hagar gave birth to the firstborn son before Sarah did, she was driven out with him. That's where the bloodline first began to split. If the bloodline is not united as one again, all of humankind will perish....

Everyone should listen to my instructions; even the number one man in Korea should listen to me. This is the public opinion of the present, and is even being taught in schools, but the politicians are saying, "We've achieved this much after struggling for ten or twenty years, whereas Rev. Moon has traveled around gaining in renown and has been back for only a year. What has he to do with us that we should follow him and consider him to be right?" I say, "Don't follow me then. You think I have been on this path for ten years? I have been walking this way my whole life, from the time I was very young."

Centering on the one purpose, I have lived for the sake of the nation and the world. I am the representative leader in living for the sake of others.... Because I am in the position where I can do so wherever I am, be it in Japan or some other nation, I am considered the most problematic and enigmatic figure in the world. Though it seems that I don't, I know everything, and though it seems I may be unable to do something, I go ahead and do everything.

Though Chil Pal Jeol in itself seems like a dream, in the prayer offered my life story has been told, hasn't it? Has everything been accomplished, or not? [Everything has been accomplished.] Though the political world has opposed me—as has the religious world—there is nothing they can do now. What I am advocating is the age of kingship. Since I am not advocating the era of democracy but that of kingship, we are now here at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace centered on kingship.

What is Cheon Jeong Peace Palace? Since the political and religious worlds have come together in harmony without fighting, the two worlds must follow their way here and become one at this place. Otherwise there can never be peace between South and North Korea. Which means there can never be peace in the world.

About seven months ago, I told three people, Yang Changshik of the United States, Joo Dong-moon and Kim Hyo-yul, that the Bering Strait project was ours now, and that we should be the ones to accomplish the project. When we made our plans public, the world was amazed and exclaimed, "How did he come up with such an idea? Who is this man that has drawn up such a plan? Wow! In all of history, he is the first person to talk about the concept of the unity of heaven and earth. He is the king discussing the establishment of the family centered on



# 2006 YFWP Korea National Congress



"Youth" as Koreans define the concept covers those adults younger than middle aged, which Father pinpoints as beginning at 49 in the Korean way of reckoning age (1 year old at birth and everyone adds 1 year on New Year's Day rather than on their birthday). Thus, youthful members of the Korean movement flocked to what had been the '88 Seoul Olympic weight lifting venue, where they were uplifted by Hyun-jin nim on October 22. The occasion was the YFWP Assembly. Hyun-jin nim spoke about the recent gravitation toward the Korean peninsula. "With the outbreak of North Korea's nuclear crisis and the recent appointment of a Korean as the next UN Secretary General," he said, "the attention of the world has been moving towards the Korean peninsula." Rather than commenting on events as news items, though, he spoke of them in terms of personal responsibility: "When sacrifice and the spirit of service is invested in the reconciliation of North and South Korea, we can advance the day of peace and unification on this peninsula." YFWP itself is only 12 years old. In that time, they have brought North and South Korean students and professors together in numerous dialogue sessions and sought to raise leaders throughout the Asia region. One of the focuses of this meeting was aligning with the UN's Millennium Development Goals, which was also emphasized during YFWP's participation in International Youth Day on August 10 in the Philippines.

the bloodline. So what is that he is pushing for?"

From that day, we can hold intercultural marriages between people from Russia and the United States. The gates to the palace of peace, the twelve pearl gates, the twelve gates of the palace, will all be opened up to the world. The kingdom of heaven is very simple. If intercultural weddings were held, that is, if everyone from the top-level executives in Russia to the laborers holding demonstrations were married interculturally, would there be any more union strikes? Would there be conflict?...

People believe it is an aspect of fundamental human nature that conflict exists between the mind and body. They don't know about the Fall. They don't know that the lineage was altered. In ignorance, they couldn't care less about it. But now that they have been taught about it, they have been turned completely upside down. In such a way, they can be righted, and this booklet is the secret document that teaches them how. Do you understand?

The era in which this secret code had to be deciphered has passed. Now, all you need to do is read this booklet and practice its contents to become princes and princesses of the liberated kingdom of God. The princes and princesses of the kingdom of God can now receive the blessing and bring the seed to fruition by giving birth to sons and daughters—some-

thing they could not do until now—and thus become the heirs to the ownership of the fruit. Because I know all this, I went to Switzerland this time, mustered the entire religious world, and proclaimed the establishment of the kingship of the religious world.

So the two worlds should accept all this. In Japan, suppose the emperor, the prime minister and the Diet had united as one and attended Rev. Moon—Koreans and Japanese being enemies—suppose Koreans and Japanese had been married cross-culturally, that their married sons and daughters had given birth to children, and that the grandchildren had intercultural marriages....

Even now, there are Japanese parents who say they will never again meet their children because their children joined the Unification Church despite the parents' opposition and then married Koreans and are currently living in Korea, but do you think they will keep to that?

Nowadays, those same parents say that they want to live with their children, and are willing to come and live with them in Korea. That shows how much the world has changed. So, since from experience we know how everything will turn out, there is no reason to worry. ♦



During hoondokhwae in Manila, the Philippines, on September 26; seated next to Mother are Kook-jin nim, In-sup nim, Shin-mi nim, Lee Hyung-jin nim, and Shiroi nim; at back, Hirota nim, Yeon-sun nim and Jin-hwa nim



# One Love: A Global Family

By Park In-sup nim

We are pleased to include this reflection and personal testimony of the world peace tours sent to us by a member of the True Family

During the past year, my wife Sun-jin and I had the tremendous honor of participating in and accompanying our beloved True Mother on the South American portion of the second world peace tour. Also, for a month recently, I had the extreme privilege of taking part in the third world peace tour representing the three generations of the True Family. Prior to embarking on these tours, I reflected on the significance of these providential events. I asked myself why our beloved True Father, who is eighty-eight years old, is still directly reaching out to the world. It is difficult enough for most people his age just to stand up. I also asked why our beloved True Mother would be willing to sacrifice her health to stand on the front lines with our blessed family members and deliver True Parents' message of love and peace. After reflecting on reasons for conducting these tours, the obvious purpose that came to mind was True Parents' desire to connect, build and strengthen our much-loved blessed families throughout the world. Second, I believe that through the Universal Peace Federation, True Parents have the urgent wish to restore God's true love, true life and true lineage as well as to bestow the blessing beyond our core Unificationist communities to every level of society. With this basic understanding in mind, I embarked on these world peace tours in support of our beloved True Parents.

## Seeds of true love: Strengthening blessed families

I believe that one of the main purposes of the world peace tours was to spiritually strengthen our movement and build solidarity among all our brothers and sisters globally. The tours were spiritually, physically, emotionally and financially challenging for our beloved True Parents, as well as for all our dear brothers and sisters throughout the world. However, from every member that I had the blessing to meet during the

tours, I felt the sincere desire and willingness to unite with our True Parents to accomplish every event successfully. In my encounters with brothers and sisters during the course of the tours, I stated many times that the foundation, in terms of the number of members, varies from country to country. However, it is an astonishing fact that in the span of one lifetime, our True Parents—through their blood, sweat, tears and sacrifice as well as the through the deep conviction, devotion, and faith of our brothers and sisters—have created a global movement, and more specifically, a global family. We often take the remarkable blessing of having brothers and sisters and family members in virtually every country of the world for granted. Blessed family members in some countries may feel disheartened at times during their lives of faith because they feel isolated or their responsibility seems overwhelming, but we must look from a global perspective and never forget how far along we are as a family and movement.

Especially during hoondokhwae, I sensed the intense desire of our True Parents to strengthen blessed family members in each country. On many occasions, while accompanying True Mother, I witnessed her wholeheartedly investing in a country by taking time each morning to talk directly to our blessed family members. Her primary message was to allow love to flourish by giving and by initiating loving relationships. I could also sense her concern for the future of the movement because she would always emphatically request that CARP members and younger members of the second generation come forward to offer songs of celebration. She unconditionally taught and nurtured family members with deep concern and love in each country, as if each brother and sister were her very own child and a precious child of God. During breakfast after the event in the Bahamas, there was one poignant moment when True Mother, in tears, answered a minister's





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*Clockwise from top left: Lee Hyung-jin nim after speaking in Kaosheng, Taiwan, wrote in calligraphic style (roughly) "heart of sincerity"; A radiant Shin-sook nim after her speech in Cebu City, the Philippines, on September 25; Jun-sook nim receives a gift from prominent citizens in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where she spoke to 850 people on September 19; In-sup nim (center, with corsage) with student volunteers, after his speech in the Cameron Highlands, Malaysia, on September 23*

question about how it felt for her to be anointed True Mother. She replied that although she felt unworthy, at a young age she had made an absolute promise to God and heaven to restore the world back to God. With these spiritual "seeds of love" that True Parents have planted, I think True Father and True Mother want all of us to courageously go forth, so that we can prosper as a global family of God.

#### UPF: Advancement of the blessing

With the Universal Peace Federation, I feel that we are at a crossroads in the history of our movement. With their bare hands, our True Parents and core blessed families have gone through the difficult process of establishing a Unificationist tradition, centered on True Parents and the blessing. Based on decades of dedication and sacrifice and on having created a foundation of faith, True Parents and the blessed families are continually developing a rich Unificationist tradition that we can be proud of. In the manner of St. Paul spreading the teachings of Jesus among early gentile Christians, by True Parents' establishing the Universal Peace Federation, I believe True Father is providing a means for us to spread the core beliefs of our movement—as key ingredients of peace—to a much broader base of people. Those core beliefs are in fulfilling the purpose for which God created us, in the need to engraft to God's lineage, in the importance of the blessing and of build-

ing harmonious, God-centered, three-generational families and in the power of true love and of living for the sake of others. The Universal Peace Federation is expanding God's blessing to the world at an accelerated pace.

I have witnessed how the Universal Peace Federation is allowing "non-core" families and couples to receive the grace of True Parents' blessing. I have met many ambassadors for peace who have taken personal responsibility for events, being involved in organizing as well as in inviting guests. With the Universal Peace Federation, True Parents are directly witnessing to new spiritual children who as ambassadors for peace will actively support and contribute to our movement at all levels of society in each country.

#### True Parents' message: an urgent letter to the world

Someday, the speeches given by our True Parents and delivered during the last three world tours will probably constitute the core of our Unificationist canon, since True Father even stated within the text itself that they are the "summary of his divine teachings." As I contemplate the speeches further, I derive a deep sense of urgency from our True Parents. The messages of true love or living for the sake of others, true life, true lineage and the blessing seem on the surface like simple concepts. Especially for Unificationist blessed family members, though, I think it is easy to lose sight of the preciousness of





**Left:** In-sup nim greets Imam Mufti Mohammad Arshad from the Pakistani Association of Hong Kong, Hong Kong's largest Muslim group; **Middle:** The Holy Burning Ceremony at the Pakistani Association, where the September 21 event took place; **Right:** Shin-bok nim receives a gift from Nepalese Minister for Information and Communication Dilendra Prasad Badu, after his speech in Kathmandu on September 22

these words because we have been exposed to them so many times. Nevertheless, if we reflect on how True Father and True Mother uncovered these truths, the more profound meaning of these concepts becomes evident.

True Father and True Mother each have faced tremendous suffering during the course of their lifetimes, both externally and internally as well as both spiritually and physically. They have experienced the occupation of their homeland and the horrors of war. They have witnessed death and starvation. True Father has been beaten, tortured and imprisoned. True Parents have endured persecution, ridicule, betrayal and theft. They have overcome all the ungodly forces that Satan has thrown at them with the power of true love and forgiveness. Having set the proper historical and providential conditions and leaving no room for Satan to attack, True Parents have uncovered these precious truths to liberate God, individuals and nations. Rather than becoming victims of the cruelty that Satan and the world directed at them, True Parents have continuously subjugated Satan and given blessings to the world with the authority of true love. They have built this movement and global family not based on hate or revenge but on the force of true love and on absolutely living for the sake of others. I, myself, have had the tremendous honor of receiving their forgiveness, grace, patience and love on many occasions. The words in these speeches given by our True Parents empower and challenge us to do the same. Through these words and the authority of their example, True Parents have given us the force to recreate our relationships and families and to eventually restore the world back to God. As many ambassadors for peace have stated, this message is timely and relevant for today's world.

### People along the way

During the course of the tours, I had the tremendous privilege of meeting many great people. It was a joy and an honor to spend the time I had with them, even though the pace of the tours was fast. It is difficult to describe here the wealth of experiences compacted into such a short period of time. It would take a very long time for me to do each individual justice with a proper description. However, as if flipping through the pages of a photo album, I would like to briefly share some of the experiences that I had on the tours.

I could sense how dedicated to and serious about accomplishing these tours our True Parents were through such things as True Father intensely following every single line of the speech as it was being read by True Mother or one of the True Children as he watched events on the second world peace tour over the internet in Cheongpyeong. Also, although True Mother had influenza, chills and a fever, she bravely went onstage to give her speech without allowing the guests to notice her pain. The True Children and True Grandchildren displayed a tremendous amount of filial piety in ways large and small, such as when a True Son, True Daughter or True Grandchild read the speech in tears, inheriting True Parents' urgent heart or when my wife Sun-jin and Shin-mi, a True Granddaughter, would give True Mother massages and do whatever it took to support and comfort her during the course of the tours.

I was also able to get a firsthand glimpse of the spectrum of blessed families and ambassadors for peace that comprises our global movement today. I was moved by their dedication, sacrifice and history, and by their love for God, True Parents and their nations; I learned so much through them.

As if looking at snapshots, I hope readers will be able to sense the essence of these experiences with a simple description of each encounter, many of which I found memorable and inspiring. For instance, I was moved by the smile of a pregnant mother as she was drinking the holy wine and bowing to her husband. I met a brother who as a missionary had been imprisoned for several years under past communist governments. I met the mother of another missionary who had been imprisoned, who in memory of her child had donated her house to be used as a church center. One young member, despite being harshly criticized by an unsympathetic audience, had the courage and strength to assure me that things would be better next time. One brother shared his pride in having helped support the national movement for seven years through fund raising. I met a young blessed child whose parents had passed away but who was working and saving on her own to go to the blessing. I prayed with church leaders and members as they took me to the national Holy Grounds that True Parents had sanctified during their world tours in 1965 and 1968. A sister asked me to thank True Parents for her because True Parents had given the blessing to her and





## Causing a Stir in Grenada

Grenada is a small tropical nation consisting of three volcanic islands that the UN's Earthwatch web site lists as still active. Taken all together, Grenada is about twice the size of the city of Washington D.C. Jin-hwa nim visited there on October 11, as part of the third peace tour. Senator Ann David-Antoine, Minister of Health, Social Security, the Environment and Ecclesiastical Relations, made opening remarks at the event, which drew 85 people. Afterward, the Grenadians, who called Jin-hwa nim "Princess" as she seemed to them to be, all wanted to be photographed with her. "Grenada is a very small island, and when anyone comes to visit us, we become real close like family. Jin-hwa nim will never forget Grenada, and Grenada will never forget her," wrote Abel nation national messiah Roddy Portelance. He added, "Having True Family members, go around was the best experience members could have. Father is a genius. It brings us all together." *Right: Senator Emmalin Pierre, Minister for Youth Development, sent a letter welcoming Jin-hwa nim to Grenada*



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Ms. Shinwa Yoshida Moon  
Dear Ms Moon,

On behalf of the Government and people of Grenada and especially the young people of our nation I take this opportunity to welcome you to our nation. Indeed I am pleased that you have been selected to visit our beautiful island.

The issue of peace and unification is one which this Government continues to promote. Certainly it is only with unification that peace can reign. It is through peace that the stability and security of any nation can be assured.

I am pleased as well with the theme of this event:

**"God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World."**

Indeed through our various programmes at the Department of Youth Development we have been promoting principles of good family life and spiritual values in development of our youth. I am even more pleased to see as well that one of the younger members of the Moon family is here to speak at the event and spread the word of love, unification and peace.

May the good lord continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors and may you be successful in your tour as you continue to spread the word. My best wishes to Reverend Moon and the entire Moon family.

M. McShane  
for Senator the Honourable Emmalin Pierre  
Minister for Youth Development



her husband, both of whose parents were divorced. A blessed child shared about her two-year experience on European STF and about how much she had grown spiritually through it. An elder member who had been in the church for forty years took care of us as part of the hospitality team. Because of lack of manpower, one blessed member did everything to organize an event from scheduling it, being the MC, giving the slide show presentation on the purpose and mission of UPF, moving stage props, inviting friends, neighbors and relatives to the event to even having her own children do a performance. Ambassadors for peace who had been inspired by their experiences in Cheongpyeong and at interreligious conferences organized events themselves and invited many of the participants to receive the blessing.

In addition, I had the experience of sharing many concerns with our blessed family members related to pragmatic issues in building communities of blessed families. Many blessed couples had concerns about the blessing and raising those in the second generation, such as how to guide those of their

children who though young had recently received the blessing or how to deal with children who are questioning the value of a life of faith and are not sure about getting blessed. Also, many shared concerns about how to create good organizations, so that we can sustain forever the message and legacy of True Parents and expand our blessed family communities.

### Thank you

One phrase that I was able to pick up very quickly during the tour was "thank you." With that in mind, I would like to thank True Parents for giving me true love, true life, true lineage and the blessing through their blood, sweat and tears. Also, I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters for their investment and effort to make the tours a success as well as for their warm and generous hospitality—from sharing their homes to sharing their meals. Thank you for truly making me—making all of us—feel like a part of your family, a global family with True Parents as the parents of all of us. ♦





# Father Anchors the Tour to the Palace

Father participated in the tour every day from the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, with no regard for the hour, which with the time difference was often in the middle of the night. He watched the main event in each nation yet never missed hoondokhwa at 5:00 AM

*By Julian Gray*

September 28 was a relatively ordinary day at the Cheon Seong Gyeong translation office, until someone came to say, "Today no group has been able to come to the peace palace to sit with Father and watch Mother give her speech. Could the Cheon Seong Gyeong translators please go immediately?"

Well, yes we could. Our team is located at the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology, situated lower down on the same hillside as the Peace Palace. So we donned our suits, jumped into a couple of vans and found ourselves following the winding road up to the palace.

For most of us it was the first time to actually go inside the building. We climbed the wide, marble-white exterior staircase, strolled across the perfectly symmetrical courtyard, walked down sedate hallways with shiny marble floors. We were escorted to a floor above, where we entered a wide room set with conference-style chairs and a large video screen at the front.

We sat; almost immediately the screen came to life and it was clear that Mother would soon come to the podium—in Sydney, Australia.

Father was not there when we sat down, but after a few minutes, we stood and turned to greet Father who would enter from a door at the back of the room. However it was a small boy – Shin-joon nim – who appeared first, running hither and thither joyfully, seemingly very at home with thirty guests standing as if to attention on his entrance. He was like a cherub heralding the arrival of the Lord; A moment later Father himself came in. I felt a stirring feeling; it is not always comfortable to be in the presence of such strength of purpose and utter self-sacrifice, but any fear was calmed by the warmth of Father's presence.

We bowed from the waist. Though he was dressed relatively casually in tan slacks and a dark red cardigan, Father looked majestic. He smiled and sat down behind a large table behind us at the back of the room, with a personal video monitor and a glass of barley tea. At his bidding we turned back to our seats and watched Mother come to the podium and give the main address, conscious of Father seated behind us. I hoped we could offer some support by being there, and I made effort to concentrate on Mother as she spoke.

At the end of her speech, flowers were offered to Mother; then Mother was gone from the podium and the transmission finished. We thought that would be the end of our connection with Australia, but it was not.

We stood and turned to offer Father our congratulations. The attendant staff members asked us to turn our chairs round so that we were now facing the King of Peace directly. (As fortune would have it, my seat, which had been at the back, was now in the front.) I hoped Father would feel some happiness from seeing the international translation team from many nations – Nepal, Lithuania, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Italy, the Philippines, Malaysia....and that he wouldn't ask me to sing.

Then something surprising happened; Rev. Peter Kim, Father's special assistant, walked quickly up to Father and handed him a mobile phone. Father listened to a familiar voice we could also hear slightly from where we stood in the quiet room. It was Mother calling Father from Sydney.

Father had a very warm look on his face. He spoke to his wife gently and warmly, congratulating her on her speech and guiding and encouraging her for the days to come. For a moment I felt that we might be imposing on Father that he would have such a crowd as us sitting in rows observing all this. But he was totally relaxed, so we listened while this loving couple shared their hearts through the phone line. Then we shouted "Og-mansei!" (several times) for Mother, for which Father turned the telephone round to catch our voices. Then Mother was gone, and Father turned his attention to us.

He seemed genuinely interested to discover that his guests for the day were from ten countries. After asking the Korean church president, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, to sing a congratulatory song, he then asked his little grandson to sing a children's song (and then another), which he did—while Father and the palace staff on hand sang along with him, which was rather cute. At Father's bidding, Shin-joon nim then took a small pot from the table and, carrying it along the rows of guests, offered all of us rice crackers.

Then it was time for Father to leave, and we stood once again to greet him with hearts full.

It had been an enchanted evening at the palace. ♦





*Left: Yun-ah nim speaks in Sorocaba, Brazil on December 4, Middle: True Mother among religious leaders in São Paulo and Left: Shin-mi nim in the New Hope Center in Jardim, where she spoke to an audience of 1,000 people*

## Reflections on a Heavenly Day in Brazil

*By Sharon Ribeiro*

**M**y name is Sharon Ribeiro. I have been in our movement for almost thirty-one years, and I had never had the opportunity to directly serve the anyone from the True Family—not even a glass of water. Then suddenly, without notice, I spent the better part of a day serving, not one, but five different True Family members. How did it all happen?

I was in São Paulo helping with the preparations for the Brazilian stop of the third peace tour. On October 3, the day before the arrival of True Mother and other members of the True Family, President Simão asked me if I had anything special to do the next day. I laughed and told him that I was there to serve in whatever capacity necessary. He said I would be responsible to take Shin-mi nim (the oldest daughter of Sung-jin nim) and her husband, Lee Hyung-jin nim, from Guarulhos International Airport to Congonhas Airport, as they would be traveling to Campo Grande and Jardim to give True Mother's speech. And that is when it all began.

### **Yeon-sun nim**

I went to the airport as part of the welcoming committee. I was the only

woman in the group that left the Sede Central for the airport, or at least that's what I thought. It turns out that Yeon-sun nim (Shin-bok nim's wife), who had arrived the day before, also went to the airport.

Immediately following our arrival at the airport, we had the blessing to meet Yun-ah nim (Hyo-jin nim's wife) and Jun-sook nim (Hyun-jin nim's wife), who had arrived from New York shortly before. They were on their way to the Sede. We moved on to the area where we could obtain information about the flight from Paraguay of some True Family members. This was when I felt a hand quite firmly grab onto my hand. I turned and saw that it was Yeon-sun nim. At first I was shocked, because we were always taught that you shouldn't go around touching members of the True Family. But then Yeon-sun nim wrapped her arm around mine, as if looking for some kind of security in a land where she didn't speak the language or know the customs. She went back to holding my hand firmly as we waited for further instructions as to what to do. As we walked to the waiting area, she put her arm around my waist and I reciprocated and that is

how we walked through the airport. I was taken aback by Yeon-sun nim's expressiveness and openness, but as we walked, I knew that I was not doing anything wrong; to the contrary, I was serving and loving my older sister in the way that she needed at the time.

We spent a long time sitting at the airport, drinking coffee and eating cheese bread. She shared many things about what she was doing at school (working with the Pure Love movement at Sun Moon University). She also spoke of the importance of the second generation and how it must be the hope of the world. The entire time we spoke, I tried to breathe in the purity of the atmosphere that surrounded Yeon-sun nim. I was more than aware of the blessing I was receiving to be with such a pure and innocent treasure of the True Family, and to be allowed to serve her in this way—even if it was just to be company for her, someone with whom she could converse.

### **A moment with Kook-jin nim**

Upon returning from the airport, President Simão told me to wait on the fifth floor until it was time to take Shin-mi nim and Hyung-jin nim to the airport and to remain alert, and I did just that. I was waiting in the area by the elevators when suddenly Kook-jin nim appeared carrying some clothes. He was looking around for someone to talk to. I realized that I was the only one around at the





Above: On October 4, Kook-jin nim (scarless) among Ambassadors for Peace and other dignitaries at the event at the Italo-brasileira University's theater in São Paulo, Brazil Below left and right: At the Brazilian HQ's Unification Temple, Jun-sook nim delivered True Parents' message to 600—mainly members of CARP and STF, organizations that her husband leads



moment who spoke English. At once, I approached Kook-jin nim and asked him if I could be of help to him. He asked, in his very American English, if someone could iron the clothes that he needed to wear for his event that evening. I answered affirmatively and took the clothes from his arms. I was so grateful for that brief encounter with Kook-jin nim—that I was able to serve him, even in such a small way as to take his clothes to be ironed. I felt so much love from Heavenly Father, who was giving me one more opportunity to serve the True Family on this memorable day.

#### Lee Hyung-jin nim and Shin-mi nim

At 1:15 PM, Shin-mi nim and Lee Hyung-jin nim were ready to go to the airport with a brother named Rogério and I. I was concerned that Shin-mi nim might not speak much English. I wondered how we would communicate, but my fears were soon relieved. As soon as she got into the van, she began to speak in perfect English. She had spent ten years in America studying at Boston University and had recently returned to Korea to work on a project with Kook-jin nim. When we were conversing, I could see that she was extremely tired. The tour was not easy at all. When we arrived at the airport,

we had to walk a distance in the hot sun. I felt terrible that I did not have an umbrella to protect her from the sun's rays. In the airport, we waited in line for a while to check in, only to be told it was the wrong line. We went to the other line, which was much longer. I could see that Shin-mi nim was so tired, but there was not even a chair for her to sit in as we waited. I cannot express how my heart ached at that moment, as I saw my older sister standing in line, so very tired. There was nothing I could do to ease her discomfort. I felt so helpless before Heavenly Father, Shin-mi nim and her husband. After we finally got them checked in, a representative from the airline accompanied them to the gate. Shin-mi nim hugged me and thanked Rogério and I, but I felt so sorry that I could not do more. I also knew that after arriving in Campo Grande, she would have to travel to Jardim and would be speaking that very evening. At the same time, I felt so grateful to all of the True Family, because through Shin-mi nim I could truly feel the heart of love and the heart of sacrifice they were offering in order to do this world tour.

#### Yun-ah nim

As soon as I arrived at the Sede and got out of the van, Heavenly Father was

there once again to walk me through another door leading to another part of His heart. When I arrived, Prof. Waldir was waiting for Yun-ah nim so that he could take her to Sorocaba, where she would be speaking that evening. However, as Yun-ah nim is pregnant and being the driver Waldir wouldn't be able to give her much attention, he asked if I could accompany her to Sorocaba. I replied that it wasn't for me to decide, but, rather, President Simão, who was standing nearby. President Simão was thinking that I would go to the Renaissance Hotel for True Mother's speech, but when he saw that there was no one to accompany Yun-ah nim, he allowed me to go.

As Yun-ah had been on a plane all night traveling from New York, I thought for sure that she would get into the car and go right to sleep. Was I mistaken! Maybe that is what most of us would have done, but not Yun-ah nim. She spoke virtually nonstop from the Sede until Sorocaba—not chatter, but substantial things—she made comments that were precious and insightful. She spoke a lot about Hyo-jin nim's views on how to live the Principle on a day-to-day basis and what we can do to help people and society change. I was stunned. Yun-ah nim appeared meek and quiet, but she had so very much to



say, so much to teach. Also, just the fact that she spent the time teaching rather than resting was a real-life example of living for the sake of others. She used the time to give to us, rather than take care of herself.

Yun-ah nim wanted to read the speech in Korean, but Prof. Waldir thought it best that she read it in English. The translated speech in Portuguese is True Mother's, but Yun-ah nim had only True Father's version. We had Mother's speech in English but the type was very small.

She had to take Father's version that she had in large English letters and change all of the "I's to "he" or "my husband", and so forth. This took a lot of time, and Yun-ah nim was concerned that she had not corrected everything. Upon arrival at the location where the event would be held, she had me read all of Mother's English speech in small type so she could check that she had made the necessary changes to Father's English speech in large type. She was extremely meticulous about this point. Part of me thought, "What's the big deal? No one will know if she makes a small error," but Yun-ah nim said that the spirit world will be listening and everything should be perfect.

She invested so much heart and love in her preparation of the speech, and when she stood on the stage, I could really feel that she was Heaven's representative. She said that she made a few errors, but I'm sure no one noticed, not even the spirit world. She was awesome. Having the opportunity to spend so much time with her, much of it one-on-one, taught me so much about Heavenly Father's heart of giving and living for the sake of others. I also learned about the heart of a wife just wanting to talk about her husband and lift him up for others to see his value. However much I was able to serve and give to Yun-ah nim was nothing compared to all that she gave to me during our brief time together.

Yes, October 4, 2006 was an extremely precious day for me. Thirty years earlier, on October 4, 1976, I saw True Parents up close for the first time. During all of the years that followed I never had the opportunity to serve them or the True Family directly and, quite

honestly, I never thought that I would. Suddenly, without warning, Heavenly Father prepared this heavenly day, with each experience more precious than the last. I never imagined in my wildest dreams that such experiences would be offered to me. I am truly sorry that I am not a very good writer and have not been able to adequately express the depth of heart and love I experienced on this day, the heart of innocence and openness and seriousness of the third generation through Yeon-sun nim,

the heart of going forward, no matter how exhausted you are, due to your tremendous love for Heavenly Father and True Parents through Shin-mi nim (and the painful heart of helplessness in not being able to alleviate the difficulties that she was experiencing), and the heart of living for the sake of others and not oneself in every moment, and the importance of testifying about the value of your husband's ideas and work, in order that people can understand his heart and love, through Yun-ah nim. ♦



## Five Generations of Haitians

On October 10, two days after events in Haiti that were part of the multi-generational, third world tour, Haiti UPF honored God's ideal for the family by celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Roselia Cesar, the great-grandmother of our member, Joseph Odanis, a former Christian pastor. At the celebration, Mrs. Cesar, who was born on September 19, 1886, was made an Ambassador for Peace. In Haiti, given the history of the country, which has barely survived the last two hundred years of hardship and suffering, we wonder how someone could survive so long! We met five generations of this family in their humble house in a remote farming area. Our Korean national messiah, Rev. Jung Myung-won, gave a speech, which was translated from Korean to Creole by the Haitian national leader, Mr. Theodule Paul. Rev. Jung said that five generations living together is such an accomplishment and deserves all praise. We thank God to see it with our own eyes. He also said that if this happened in Korea all the news media would come to ask the secret of living so long, and the whole nation would take care of such a person. Watching attentively, I could see that Mrs. Cesar was crying as Rev. Jung spoke. We distributed Holy Wine and presented Mrs. Cesar with a medal of appreciation and a copy of True Father's speech signed by Shin-sook nim and Hirotaka-nim. She was radiant. All these were to be kept as treasures for her family.

—From details given by Jean-marie Bourreau, national messiah to Haiti

Photo, counting from far left: 1. Pastor Joseph Odanis; 4. Joseph's father 5. Mr. Bourreau; 6. Joseph's grandmother; 7. (and also inset) Mrs. Cesar; 9. Rev. Jung; Various great-great grandchildren are interspersed in front.





*Left: True Mother speaks in Montevideo, Uruguay, on September 29, Middle: Shin-mi nim with Senator Marilyn Vallarino and her husband after her speech in Panama City, Panama, on October 7 Above: Shiori nim (seated, third from the left) among the participants after her speech in Trinidad on October 11*

## Three Generations in Latin America and the Caribbean

AN INTERVIEW OF JOHN BREYER

**Today's World: South and Central America plus the Caribbean, have a big diversity of counties, many of them small.**  
John Breyer: Some countries have a foundation; some have almost none—perhaps only the Japanese missionaries or national messiahs visit sometimes. Yet, in most countries, we have at least one national messiah working.

**Can you describe your mission and responsibility?**

I was assigned this mission two months before the first tour. I was doing general affairs work for STF before I was appointed to work as the general secretary of UPF.

I had to send the information that I receive from FFW-PUI and UPF International as well as memos from Rev. Cho Jung-soon, our regional president, to all the countries in our region. I need to distribute the information at the right moment, so we can do things in time.

**Surely it was hard to do twelve events in each country, some being so small?**

Because of the size of some countries, they could not handle

twelve events; we had to organize events in more than one country on the same day.

In the end, we had an average of more than twelve events each day, going by the total.

In order to support other nations, Brazil had more than forty events. For example, Chile could hold only six events, but on the same day, Brazil also held six events representing Chile.

**It must have been challenging to organize for the speakers to travel the length and breadth of the region...**

True Mother and a few other True Family members came together; others came separately; so we made five teams to cover the whole region. To nations such as Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia, all the True Family members could go. But in order to arrange the events in the other nations we had to create this team system.

Only when they arrived in Uruguay (for example) could we know who would do the events in the region, make the teams and send the information to the countries. The main thing was communication. We communicate by e-mail and Skype, so we did our best to pass on the information to each country in time.

Even though there was only a very short time for them to prepare, we could succeed through the effort and dedication of the leaders in those countries. National messiahs and national leaders worked well together and did their best to overcome the difficulties in coordinating the travel. Each nation was then responsible to arrange transportation to the onward destination, and everyone joyfully did his best. It was challenging because there were many changes at the last moment, as usual in our movement!

With commercial flights, you have to be sure to get the reservations on time, yet we could only know who would go where a few days in advance.





**Clockwise from top Left:** True Mothers with guests after her speech in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 1; True Mother and other True Family members among participants in Santiago, Chile, on October 2; Kook-jin nim and True Mother meeting with the First Lady of Uruguay, Mrs. Maria Auxiliadora Delgado Vazquez, who welcomed True Mother to the Uruguayan Parliament Building, where the event was held on September 29; Following the event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on September 23, in the same convention center where Father spoke last November, True Mother with Deputy Minister of Education Dato Hon' Choon Kim (left), who had just been made an Ambassador for Peace, and Tan Sri Zaleha, a Malaysian dignitary and head of the organizing committee for the event.

For example, some speakers had to have tickets for Panama, but we could not get them. Almost none of them could go to Panama, therefore. Instead, they went direct to Nicaragua on the next flight.

Shin-mi nim arrived in Panama as the only representative of the True Family, and she did a wonderful job there; those who attended were very pleased.

But the travel was just a small part of the overall event.

#### **Could you relate a special personal experience?**

Lee Hyung-jin nim and his wife Shin-mi nim were sent to the Jardim region to speak at the events there, and afterward they had to fly back to São Paulo to go to the next destination. They were supposed to fly to Peru, where they would join the group again.

Once because of aircraft mechanical problems and once because we got stuck in traffic, we twice missed their flight. They could only fly out the next morning to Panama and El Salvador. I therefore had the opportunity to have dinner with Shin-mi nim and her husband.

Shin-mi nim has a wonderful mind and heart. I was

amazed. I could speak with her as if I were her younger brother; she gave so much love and inspiration that every time I think of the moments I was with them I feel so inspired. It was a miracle to be with them and receive the love of God from them.

I told her about the situation of our region, Latin America and the Caribbean. Shin-mi nim was very moved and said she wanted to come and help here in the region. I felt a lot of hope because, as I told her, "You are the real owners of God's providence, so you should come and work together with us in our region!" I told her that she strongly reminds me of True Father. She said that was a compliment. I could feel how close to True Father she is. She calls him Grandfather.

#### **What did you gain from working to coordinate the tour?**

I could learn a lot from Rev. Cho Jung-soon. Before he was appointed regional president, he was director of the soccer team CENE. With him in the leading position, CENE won the championship five times. And with the Adam-, Eve-, Cain- and Abel-nation national messiahs all supporting the tours, the capacity for organization we have is incredible. ♦





*Left: Hyun-jin nim speaks to the audience in London, UK, on September 14 Bottom Left: Yeon-sun nim with two newly inducted Ambassadors for Peace during the event in the city of Lille, France, medieval capital of Flanders; Bottom Right: In Madrid, Spain, True Family members spoke at six locations on September 10. Here, Shin-sook nim after the event sits for a photo with Spanish participants*



# The European "Red Carpet" Crew

By Tim Miller

On August 28, the day that the blessing of several True Grandchildren took place in Korea, Dr. Song Yong-cheol, the European regional president, called a meeting of some thirty European national leaders to consider how to respond to the news that the 180-nation world tour was to be followed so swiftly by another tour to start in three days' time and to reach Europe in nine days. Not only that, but twelve events were to be held each day in nine European nations over nine days. That's 108 events in Europe. Hey! How come Korea, Japan and the U.S. get to do just twelve events, and we are doing 108? Hang on a moment, though, think about the True Family—True Mother was to begin traveling again after just completing an incredibly arduous tour, and those of the True

Grandchildren who were just blessed would have to embark on a tour with such an intense schedule for forty days.

The leaders' responses were very moving. Fritz Piepenburg spoke of how excited the German family members would be to finally receive someone from the True Family directly, after two world tours had passed them by due to the obstacles to True Parents' entry to much of Western Europe. Matthew Huish and Maniyer Olson, senior second-generation members from London, called a gathering of young people, signed up second-generation members for all manner of support roles and pledged substantial financial support from fund raising, which began that very day. Armando Lozano from Spain spoke of never allowing ourselves to sink into the hell of stress and pressure,

but rather to find the way to move the hearts of our audience by our intergenerational unity and culture of heart. Marjorie Hill, newly appointed leader for Scandinavia, spoke of how those in the True Family digest such sudden changes of direction and align their hearts with True Parents—and that we can do the same. Rosie Beazer, from the West Country (a region in England), expressed that after surviving the initial shock, she felt calm inside, and "it would be good for us to sweep away the cobwebs—many members who do not get so involved will be able to respond directly to the True Family."

Dr Song replied, "This type of sharing is not just from you—rather it's from God. I want to listen to you. I feel so much trust in you. Guests may come who cannot understand the word or the blessing, but they will become your eternal asset—God will pour out His blessings upon them. It will not disappear but remain and bear fruit—they will form your tribe and lineage and remain."

How would we make it logistically? We brainstormed and thought of holding local events in the daytime and the main event in the evening; of having lunchtime events with a buffet meal; and of having an advanced task force from those nations not hosting the event that could travel to Albania and





Above: Kim Young-jun was a pioneer missionary to the Ukraine in the 1990s. As a True Family member he delivered True Parents' message of peace there on September 17. The Korean language has a specific term for his place in the True Family. He is Hyun-jin nim's dong-seo 동서 (Hyun-jin nim's wife's sister's husband). Right top: Ji-yea nim at the Baroque Zichy Palace, a cultural center in Bratislava, Slovakia, following her event on September 13; Right: Shin-il nim (scarfless, yellow tie) among families who participated at the event in Wels, Austria on September 6



Eastern Europe to help. In just over a week, the whirlwind was with us, and in nine more days had moved on to other nations. Truly, a day is as a thousand years.

In the European Office, we spent those first days digesting the latest directions and transforming them into a welter of hopefully helpful memos (fifty-five in all), provided programs again, as well as brochures, schedules and emcee scripts and made all manner of requests. At the same time Peter Staudinger, the embodiment of Euro HQ, was producing one of his amazing spreadsheets, putting all the venues, True Family speakers, key staff members, travel details and program timings onto two colorful sheets of A3-sized paper.

Claus Dubisz, our travel agent, made, remade and remade again flight bookings because we discovered that a private jet wouldn't be used, but rather there would be over a hundred and twenty scheduled flights, many of them within very demanding time scales and requiring frequent changes. Through this leg of the tour, the speakers made their own survey of the baggage handling of European airlines and discovered that on average they lose one piece of luggage every seven or eight flights.

Several of our True Family travelers lost their personal belongings more than once just in Europe.

What a demanding schedule it was! One of the toughest trips was the very early morning flight from Switzerland to Tirana. This was the first time on the one-week-old European tour that all twelve members of the True Family speaking team actually traveled together. When they arrived in Tirana, many of them began traveling again, this time by car for between one and three hours; then they journeyed back for a departure at five in the morning for Eastern Europe the next day. It was too much. But they did it.

Along with all of this, they found time to watch a Premier League football game in London, to put on their freshly gifted Real Madrid shirts in Spain, to shop for new clothes to replace that lost luggage and to fill the hearts of European members and peace ambassadors with their openness and personal warmth.

We were all so deeply touched by Hyun-jin nim, who spent countless extra hours personally investing in individual second-generation members and European leaders; by Shin-sook nim who saw pictures of the Holy Ground her grandfather had made forty-one

years ago and insisted on going there first in her sightseeing of Liechtenstein; and by Shin-il nim, who shared about driving a Ferrari along the International Highway and about his heart to please his Granddad.

The Monastery of Krems, the Padova City Hall, the "Georg V auditorium" right beside the famous Arc de Triomphe and Tour d'Eiffel, the Church of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Lorenzo del Escorial and the beautiful Baroque hall in Plzen given free of charge were just a few of the magnificent venues.

Song Hwa-jin, pure love missionary and HQ staff member, was on the hotline to Korea's Peace TV, checking the set up and trying to keep the broadcast available for True Father. Then there was the final task for each venue, completing the report with digital photos, so that we could prepare a twelve venue review for hoondokhwae the next morning. I don't think we ever made it 100 percent, but it was exciting to see the beautiful photos pouring in, to edit the broken English, translate it into Korean and know that we were helping to meet the True Parents' desperate need to see frontline news of their courageous children and grandchildren. ♦





Left: Donning a Styria Hut, Austrian headwear, after speaking in Vienna, Austria, Hyun-jin brings smiles to everyone on September 6; Right: Lee Hyung-jin receives a chess set in Krakow, Poland, on September 13; Below: The sign reads, "We sincerely welcome Pak Ji-yea nim," who spoke in Brussels, Belgium, on September 9



# Surmounting Barriers with True Love

By Hanna Piepenburg



*Let me give you a little insight into the hearts of our German members by expressing my personal feelings and experiences during the current world tour....*

First of all, we were amazingly grateful to finally welcome True Family members into our country. During the previous world tours, we never had the opportunity to meet True Parents in Germany because of the Schengen issue, which prevents True Parents from entering several European countries. We always mobilized hundreds of members to other countries to support the organization of the events. Yet we were never able to welcome them to our own country, which always felt very painful. That is why it was an honor and great pleasure to welcome the True Sons and Daughters and True Grandchildren to Germany.

Events took place in twelve different cities all over Germany, with Düsseldorf as our main event, at which Hyun-jin nim spoke. I myself attended the event in Frankfurt, where our main speaker was lovely Shin-sook nim, daughter of Sung-jin nim.

This time the city leaders had the full responsibility of organizing their own event. I remember the joy of our little community, but I also remember all the hard work and sincerity when we met to discuss and prepare for hours. Except for some elder members, nobody had ever personally met members of the True Family other than True Parents. How should we greet them? What should we say? There were so many questions.

In the end, our city leader decided to involve particularly our second-generation members in the planning and realization of the event. It became not only a tour to highlight the

unity of three generations of the True Family, but also to unite the generations in our community.

The day finally came. We were all nervously waiting at the airport for our special guests, Shin-il nim and Shin-sook nim. How happy we were to see how naturally and kindly Shin-sook nim greeted us and was immediately willing to take a group picture with us!

The image of a True Granddaughter became a manifestation in person, a person who is interested in the country of Germany, its people and language, a person who does not hesitate to share some personal details, a person, who invests her heart and energy and is willing to challenge herself by taking part in this speaking tour.

The task given to me for that day was to be Shin-sook nim's personal translator, which gave me the special privilege of being close to her most of the time. My main concern was to give her as much comfort, love and strength as I could. I wanted by no means to let her feel the nervous and stressful atmosphere that was circulating through our group of organizers. My wish was to not only receive the love of God and True Family through Shin-sook nim but to give even more love in return and to welcome her warmly.

The event itself took place in our beloved workshop center, Neumühle, near Camberg. We chose this venue because it is the spiritual home of Germany. True Parents have been here several times, most of our members experienced their spiritual rebirth in this place and those in our second generation use





## In the Land of the Maya



**Clockwise from upper-left:** Mayan priests bless the event in the village of Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala, on the shores of 1,000-foot deep Lake Atitlan; The speech—which drew more than 200 local people to the grounds of Santiaguito, a school for local children that is an FFWPU project—was translated into Spanish; Yeon-sun nim giving gifts to participants, young and old; Newly inducted Ambassadors for Peace with (center left to right) Gerhard Bessell, national messiah to Guatemala, Yeon-sun nim and Mayor Diego Esquina Mendoza; In the shade, right to left: Daniel Bessell, Shiroi-nim (who had spoken at an event at the FFWPU Peace Embassy in Guatemala City before accompanying Yeon-sun nim by helicopter to this event), Yeon-sun nim, Esther Bessell and Gerhard Bessell.

it as one of their favorite workshop places, even on the European level. Unfortunately, Neumühle has been a construction site since extensive renovation work started back in 1998, which we lack to money to complete properly. Still, members, peace ambassadors and guests came from all around Frankfurt to see Shin-sook nim.

Everybody at the event did a great job, so everything went smoothly. A beautiful, all-embracing family atmosphere was created. The speech was read very clearly and very seriously by Shin-sook nim, who was acknowledged now and then by waves of applause from the excited audience. After the presentation of a national gift and three cheers of og-mansei, all one hundred and ten participants took a group photograph with Shin-sook nim. Copies were given to everyone afterward.

Shin-sook nim was scheduled to leave right after the program, but the desire to be close to her and shake hands personally was very strong in all our members' hearts, who missed the True Family so much. That is why she ended up taking many pictures with lots of people. Although I'm sure that it was quite exhausting for her, I know that those pictures will have historic value for each family. They will be proudly passed on to our descendants and will gain even more value as time goes by.

Yes, time went by far too fast. Before we knew it,

hoondokhwae was over and Shin-sook nim had to leave for Rome. Several times she expressed that she would like to return to Germany since she felt so warmly welcomed and so much at home here.

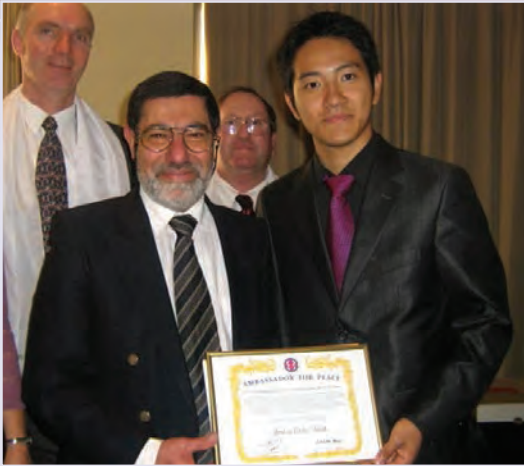
Reflecting, I must confess that I received much more love from Shin-sook nim than I was able to offer her. She truly embraced everybody with her open minded, kind and fresh spirit. She always smiled and behaved naturally, although she must have been very tired.

It is very important for each of us to build up a personal connection to the True Family. We are an extension of True Parents and the rest of the True Family, but we often don't feel this way. If we only see them in pictures, we are still not able to understand who they are. The image of a True Grandchild became a person, and my picture of the True Family has become more detailed, and now I feel much more connected to them.

I am grateful to the True Family for investing so much. I truly wish that the Schengen issue would be solved rapidly so that we can welcome the True Family, including True Parents, next time. ♦

*Hanna is from our second generation, and, at nineteen years of age, is participating in the one-year Special European Training program*





*Above Right: True Mother at the event at the Peace Embassy in Sydney, Australia on September 28; Above Left: An Ambassador for Peace presenting her with a photo of Sydney Harbor Left: Hiroataka Otsuka, recently blessed into the True Family, poses with a new Ambassador For Peace in Christchurch, New Zealand, during the event on September 27*

## The True Family Down Under

*By Enrique Ledesma*

I was heading home from doing a local rally in the Federated States of Micronesia for the second world tour and had a day in transit in Guam. I felt relieved that all had gone well. Though I was a bit fatigued, I thought I would check my e-mail one more time before I boarded the plane back to Sydney, our regional headquarters.

It took a few seconds after reading a message I'd received for it to sink in that True Father was calling for a tour of forty nations with twelve events per nation to take place in a few weeks—and for some nations in just a few days! I was stunned. My mind was lifted out of its tiredness. I was thinking, digesting, trying to imagine how we might possibly be able to do it. This could only be understood with an absolutely faithful outlook and through sincere heartfelt prayer.

Our region is characterized by the beautiful, exemplary, condition-setting lifestyle of our regional president, Rev. Yong Chung-shik, who has established a strong tradition of early morning prayer (2:30 to 3:00 AM) and hoondokhwae. It is not uncommon for members to be doing conditions of five hundred to a thousand bows a day along with a myriad of other activities.

Equally important is the spirit of volunteerism and teamwork, which are legacies of the members who have worked in this remote region. The leaders have a positive mindset, though the region has fewer members and is financially hurting compared to some other regions.

Because of the difficulties with flight schedules and logistical considerations, New Zealand and Australia were chosen as the two nations where twelve events each would be held in two days. As most members in each of those countries

are concentrated in just a few cities, twelve events rather than twelve cities would suit our strategy. Another challenge we faced was that many of our best leaders from the two countries have been inspired to live and work in the Pacific islands. I asked Rev. Yong if they might be temporarily reassigned to help us in Australia or New Zealand, and he agreed. We then felt hope that we would be able to cover our twelve events in each nation.

Another crucial aspect of our work is the continuous support and prayer of the Japanese volunteers who have come to the islands. A powerful whirlwind of synergy and love is stirred when all these elements (spiritual conditions, dynamic leadership, qualified local members, intergenerational harmony and Japanese holy spirit of prayer and service) come together. We felt the support of the spirit world all the way.

One of our biggest challenges was organizing the arrival and immediate departure of the speakers coming from New Zealand to Australia. If they arrived just a little late, they would miss their planes to the cities outside of Sydney. We realized that some of the speakers would have to travel alone from New Zealand to these cities in Australia; yet all went smoothly.

We did have one incident, where our capital city of Canberra was waiting for In-sup nim to come from Sydney. The plane had mechanical problems, however, and he was delayed. The members carried on with the program gallantly despite his initial absence. He could have just stayed in Sydney, but he was determined to at least greet all the important guests. They were delighted to have the chance to meet him and speak with him for about thirty minutes. ♦



# World Peace Tour of 120 Ambassadors for Peace



*Above left:* The fourth peace tour, launched in America on October 21, brought Ambassadors for Peace to 120 locations in Japan on October 24. It was a historic first for Catholic, Protestant, Islamic, Jewish and Hindu leaders to call for religious unity and the building of ideal families in shrines used by Japanese traditional faiths, churches and community centers throughout Japan. Tokyo hosted 16 events. Osaka, Sapporo and Fukuoka were among the cities involved. While in Japan, U.S. FFWPU President Michael Jenkins said of the ambassadors, "It is very encouraging to see them come to these events of their own volition to convey Rev. Moon's message to the world. I am personally very happy and honored to be able to spread this message of peace from God to Japan."

*Above right:* On October 26, the group spoke at 120 venues in Korea, including some in Seoul, Busan, Daejeon, Daegu and Gwangju.

*Top inset:* After the events in Korea, the ambassadors met True Parents at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, where Father spoke to them and gave them each a gift.

*Bottom inset:* Archbishop G. A. Stallings in Shinjuku, Tokyo, and Pastor Mark Abernathy in Gangnam Borough of Seoul

## SOME EXPERIENCES

**T**he Welcoming Banquet in Seoul—This was the first time that the 120 ambassadors for peace (mostly Christian leaders) had gathered together; they had traveled independently to their speaking venues in Japan. Aside from providing a warm Korean-style welcome to the visiting speakers, this was an occasion to bring together the important teams of American speaker, counterpart Korean church leader and interpreter. The venues had been determined in advance, and through a numbering system, each person could find his or her counterparts at the right table, sit together during the banquet and get to know each other, while gaining valuable instruction from the podium about the following day's events.

The opening prayer was offered by Korean church president Rev. Hwang Sun-jo. Archbishop George A. Stallings responded to Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan's warm welcoming remarks by expressing the visiting speakers' gratitude and their determination to fulfill their calling in Korea.

Later, at the close of the evening after the Korean pastors and interpreters had gone, it was the Archbishop who again addressed the (mainly) Christian leaders, saying words to the effect that although there are many details to be organized, they should leave those details to the local staff: their mission was to give the speech, and that they should prepare themselves just for that; they should give the most heartfelt, sincere, powerful speech of their lives. The leaders closed the evening holding hands in song and prayer.

Panghak District, northern Seoul—Rev. Father Cecil Cozier (70), pastor of the St. James African Orthodox Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts, spoke to an audience of about 100. After a while, it was apparent to the audience—and even intriguing—that there were differences between the Korean and English texts being read. While the Korean reader made hectic efforts to find the equivalent Korean material of what Pastor Cozier was reading, those in the audience were also flipping between the Korean and English that was in their printed program. Pastor Cecil handled the situation with aplomb. At one point, he explained to the guests—who were clearly enjoying the drama of the event—that Father Moon had added material the night before. A copy of the new speech, it was later discovered, had not reached the Korean reader due to a miscommunication. After the event, over coffee with audience members, Pastor Cozier said, "We got a new version at 10:30 last night. Father Moon had added things. You know, Father Moon is like that. It might be two in the morning, or anytime. He gets inspirations." ♦



# UPF: Faces in the Crowd

The first anniversary of the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation and its third Assembly—September 10–14, 2006



Mrs. Debbie Remengesau  
The First Lady of the Republic of Palau

Palau is a nation of about three hundred islands, covered in lush vegetation and surrounded by emerald seas that has a reputation for being at least as beautiful underwater as it is on dry land. Scuba divers and snorkelers are drawn from all over the world by the richness of its sea life. They are even attracted to one of Palau's inland lakes, which holds an estimated one million harmless jellyfish. Snorkelers can swim through a large hover of the semi-transparent creatures in what must seem a dream-like aquatic ballet.

South Pacific islands may be as idyllic as we imagine them to be, but at the same time, a certain tension exists for Pacific islanders over the clash between traditional lifestyles and off-island influences. With fewer resources, natural and human, island governments grapple with problems similar to those larger nations face, as well as ones peculiar to their histories and their geographic and geological limitations.

In a brief interview before she was required at the breakout session of the Federation for Island Nations for World Peace, Mrs. Debbie Remengesau, first lady of the Republic of

Palau, spoke about how men and women fit into traditional Palauan life. "In Palau," she began, "a woman has to have her own taro<sup>1</sup> patch, because if you don't have your own taro patch, you cannot feed your family. You have your taro. And the men go out fishing for the fish to complete your meals every day."

"When you're young, you go out to the taro patch with your mother. You are taught how to work on the taro patch, and how to plant tapioca, how to plant sugar cane, or other fruits or plants that are edible—your basics for everyday meals. When you grow up and get married, you can have your own taro patch. Almost every woman in Palau has her own taro patch."

The question that comes to mind of course is Does the "almost every woman in Palau" include the wife of the country's president? "Even the president's wife," is the answer she gives. "When I go to my home, I go to the taro patch with my mom. I got to the taro patch with my aunts. They'll be sitting, and I'll be doing all the work. Even though I'm the first lady, I'm young and they're aunts. I have to respect that they are older than I am. The 'first lady' I leave in Koror, in my own home. When I'm with my aunts or my mother, at her home, in her village, I am a daughter, not the first lady."

The Remengesaus have been involved with Father Moon since the late 1990s. Margaret Sisserson, who with her husband Tim is national leader of Palau, recalls, "I visited [then Vice-President] Tommy Remengesau Jr. in his office and introduced True Father, Tommy said, 'Isn't Rev. Moon a very practical man? He deals with boats, farming...while giving God's message.'"

Mrs. Remengesau, a mother of four with two grandchil-

1 Margaret Sisserson, a Palauan, calls taro the main staple food for many Pacific islanders. "The root of the tall leafy plant is cleaned and boiled for sometimes two hours and is eaten as is, like a potato, and pounded and dipped with sweetened coconut milk. This is called *belsiich*. The stem is cooked slowly with coconut milk or honey as a dessert called *elang*. The leaves can be likened to spinach when cooked in a soup called *demok*."



dren, is a lovely woman with a dignified demeanor. One senses that she would carry herself with the same inner integrity in a taro patch as she did behind the podium speaking at the UPF seminar, where she explained, "Last year, President Remengesau attended the inaugural event of UPF in Lincoln Center in New York City. This year, four delegates and I are here to attend and celebrate its first anniversary."

She went on to allude to some of the challenges her nation faces. "For Palauans," she said, "the family, and especially the three-generational family and clan, have been the structure and basis of our peaceful society, which has endured for many, many generations. But now, in this century, even in the paradise of Palau, we are experiencing our share of family problems and human development issues. For this, I applaud Father and Mother Moon for their seriousness and their sincerity of heart and their will to realize the age-old dream of a peaceful, ideal world of one human family living under one God."

She elaborated on this somewhat during the interview. "There is a conflict between our tradition and the Western type of living these days, just as there is on every other small island. Western people come in and they bring TVs, they bring in all kinds of new, exciting stuff that young people are interested in. Also, of course, as in any other island country, come alcohol and drugs, which are a part of the problems within the family and among youth."

A 1992 article by Jesuit priest and historian Francis X. Hezel in the bulletin *Micronesian Counselor* entitled "Youth Drinking in Micronesia," an island grouping of which Palau is a part, tells essentially the same story: "Alcoholic beverages are clearly a Western contribution to Micronesia. Prior to European contact, the peoples of Micronesia possessed no alcoholic beverages at all...although the drug substances of betel nut and kava were used on some islands. The earliest European visitors to the islands carried shipboard wine and liquor, which they occasionally offered to islanders as a sign of good will...."

"When local people finally began to purchase gin and rum from foreign traders, and even to ferment and distill their own beverages... they were quick to learn that the purpose of imbibing alcohol was to become intoxicated."

One scourge that has not touched Palau as severely as it has other nations is HIV / AIDS. Palau has fewer than ten known HIV carriers. When asked about this, the First Lady said, "I have to give credit of course to Mother and Father Moon but also to Mr. Yong, who's the chair for Oceania. He has helped as has the IIFWP office in Palau with Margaret Sisserson and Greg Stone."

"Margaret is working actively with the Bureau of Public Health in Palau, going around to all the villages and educating young people and also old people, mothers and fathers. She is going to all public and private schools giving them talks about ways of prevention, focusing on the young teenagers."

Earlier in the day, she had mentioned in her speech that Palau is involved in character education as pilot project with UPF and that they have held seminars for their tribal chiefs. She also mentioned that Palau hosted a Women's Friendship Conference, which was a meeting of fourteen first ladies from Pacific island nations. In explaining her involvement with UPF she said, "As the mother of my children and also of the children of Palau, I cannot rest when my family is in trouble." She is a responsible person. ♦



Dr. Triphonie Nkurunziza  
Government Minister, Republic of Burundi

At the time of the Universal Peace Federation anniversary, Dr. Triphonie Nkurunziza was the minister in the president's office in charge of HIV / AIDS for the government of the central African nation of Burundi. She has since become the minister of health. Despite her heavy responsibilities, Dr. Nkurunziza comes across as a warm-hearted, outgoing woman; she is refreshingly affable.

When asked why she has been described as "a renowned Burundian gynecologist and obstetrician," she seemed a bit embarrassed, laughed and explained that she was her country's first woman gynecologist. Trained in Burundi and France, Dr. Nkurunziza served her country as a medical professional before her government appointment. "When I began to work," she explained, "the women really liked it. And I like my job.... I just like to help women."

The World Health Organization reported in 2004 that Burundi, with a population of 7.5 million, had two hundred doctors. When asked if this has changed, Dr. Nkurunziza said, "Yes, we have about three hundred now, but they are not all in Burundi. This is a big issue in my country. Some doctors are in other countries because of the war; because they were nervous or frightened." This is a symptom of what Dr. Chinua Akukwe, author of "Don't Let Them Die: HIV / AIDS, TB, Malaria and the Healthcare Crisis in Africa," calls Africa's "major healthcare workforce crisis." As Dr. Akukwe explained the situation, "Although Africa accounts for 63 percent of HIV / AIDS, they only have 5 percent of the global health workforce. Every year, a lot of African professionals move to other, more affluent African countries or to the West. Every year, health professionals contract HIV / AIDS or die." It is not hard to see why Burundian women appreciate Dr. Nkurunziza's frontline efforts in their country.

As a gynecologist and as a woman who likes helping women, Dr. Nkurunziza was actively working to prevent the spread of HIV / AIDS in the private sector before she was called to government service in August 2005. She has been cited as someone instrumental in helping reduce incidents in Burundi of vertical transmission (mother to child) of the HIV virus. Under one of the most diabolical set of circumstances,





**Left: Participants sign a resolution on the anniversary of the founding of UPF Right: Participants at the assembly on September 11, 2006, at the Lotte World Hotel in Seoul**

a mother responding to the cries of her newborn baby, drawing the child to her breast, may be delivering to her child—along with maternal love and life-sustaining milk—a deadly virus; that is, if the mother is HIV-positive. Of an estimated 130,000 adult Burundians (above the age of fifteen) living with AIDS, 79,000 are women.<sup>1</sup> “Because the HIV prevalence in women is very, very high,” Dr. Nkurunziza said, “we try to get women involved in the program to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV / AIDS. I’ve been involved in this program, which we’ve had since 2002.”

The situation is made more difficult because in Burundi as well as generally in Africa, where breast-feeding is widely practiced, bottle-feeding an infant signals that the mother might be HIV-positive. “In Africa, when we don’t breast-feed a child, it’s not good. It’s a cultural issue. Women who are HIV-positive have to feed their children; because of this cultural issue, there is some stigma about bottle-feeding. In general, we want to inform women that HIV exists and that when women are pregnant they have to check for HIV and that we can give free medication and advice about how they can avoid transmission, so that they can have children who are free from HIV.”

Burundi, like its neighbor Rwanda, is a country whose history has been dominated by tribal conflict between Hutus and Tutsis. Following a peace agreement brought about in part by the efforts of former South African President Nelson Mandela, hopes have been raised in Burundi that the country can successfully rebuild under a government formed through parliamentary elections in February 2005 and presidential elections in August of that year. They are now fighting for stability and progress.

Burundi’s struggle to protect its people from HIV infection is taking place in the midst of its general fight to recover from the effects of decades of intermittent civil war. As one illustration of this, while there are between 94,000 and 170,000 orphans due to AIDS,<sup>1</sup> following the war, the overall number of orphans in the country is closer to 750,000.

Dr. Triphonie Nkurunziza, a Tutsi, explained that people sometimes think she is related to her nation’s president, Pierre Nkurunziza, a Hutu; but this is not the case. She said that Nkurunziza is a common name in her country and added that it’s possible for families from different ethnic

groups to share the same family name because they share the same culture.

One idea that President Nkurunziza has implemented is the elimination of elementary school fees for Burundian children. It was expected that as a result of this new policy 220,000 students would be attending schools throughout Burundi, but by the time school registration closed in September last year, half a million children were enrolled. This is widely seen as very hopeful indication for Burundi’s future.

For Dr. Nkurunziza, increased school attendance means being able to directly warn more young people about the deadly dangers that exist around them. “We have HIV education for youth in primary school and secondary school,” she said. “The president is the head of the National Commission Against AIDS, and he wants there to be a program in all the schools to teach about HIV / AIDS, from primary school through university.”

Dr. Nkurunziza is one of the young Burundians who have accepted responsibility for their country. President Nkurunziza is forty-two; Dr. Nkurunziza is certainly younger. Imagine being a key person for whom the rise or fall of the death-from-AIDS figure for a nation is your personal responsibility. She has to be pragmatic. “I can say the main problem is how to get people to change their behavior. To use condoms for safe sex or to talk about abstinence and being faithful are good principles,” she said, “but people know about HIV / AIDS and still don’t want to change their behavior. The main problem is how to get people to change their behavior.”

Last May, she reported to the United Nations General Assembly that there has been significant progress in prevention of the disease, in the care of people infected and in improving the government’s capacity to support those in need. “We have tried to reduce high-risk sexual conduct by providing information and education to targeted groups,” she added. “And we have tried to reach young people through a huge network of clubs called Stop AIDS!” Since a recent government reshuffling has made her the minister of health, Dr. Nkurunziza will be responsible for the overall health of her fellow Burundians. Among her other responsibilities, she will now work in coordination with the minister in the president’s office in charge of HIV / AIDS in the continuing struggle against that disease. ♦

<sup>1</sup> Source: UNAIDS web site





Congresswoman Fidelia Pérez  
Dominican Republic



Congressman Carlos Hernández  
Republic of Guatemala



Mr. Guillermo Calderon  
Parliamentary Adviser to the  
Costa Rican Legislative

“Violence is growing worldwide. As a congresswoman, as a psychologist and as an ambassador for peace, I think we have to learn and educate ourselves more in order to multiply that knowledge in other communities. I understand from attending the conferences that everything starts from the family. I came here to learn that and to confirm that in Congress when I go back. In that way, we can multiply the message and work out the problems.

Right now, in my country, we are trying to reform the constitution, so we are lobbying to include peace in the new constitution.”

“In order to fulfill peace, to reach peace, we cannot reject any idea or effort. The UPF, which Rev. Moon leads, has many resources to help the world to fulfill peace. Rev. Moon’s ideas are very effective, realistic and give an answer to all the needs of the world. Unfortunately, they have not been listened to and implemented on a worldwide level. We as ambassadors for peace, as congressmen, can help contribute with a seed in order to grow those ideas in our countries. I came here to get more ideas and to be a vehicle, a bridge of peace.”

“Costa Rica is a country that proclaims peace; our former president is a Nobel laureate who won the Peace Prize. We disbanded our army. This is a virtue that we have been proclaiming all over the world. We believe in the process of peace, we would like to contribute our knowledge and ourselves in order to fulfill peace as quickly as possible especially in the Middle East. We believe that the processes in the United Nations and through this federation can be very helpful in promoting world peace.”



Dr. Shaista Nuzhat  
A journalist from Pakistan

**D**r. Shaista Nuzhat is a journalist with the largest Urdu language newspaper in her country. She is also the director of the Punjab Institute of Language, Art and Culture. She holds a PhD based on her study of the sixteenth century Punjabi poet Waris Shah. She is a charming and viva-

cious woman who displays firm resolve. “We believe in one God,” she said, “the creator of all the nations and all human beings. We all have to jointly work and struggle for peace, which is difficult. It’s a hard task to get peace, but we should be consistent and we should jointly struggle for this purpose.”

She first encountered UPF four years ago, when she attended a meeting for journalists and other writers. As a newspaperwoman, she naturally sees the importance of conveying ideas through the Press. “In Pakistan,” she said, “we believe in journalists.” Though she says the media is not exactly free in Pakistan, “there is a very fine media policy in Pakistan. I would recommend that anybody come to look at our media policy if you want to draw up a media policy in any country.”

She believes that great progress is possible in Pakistan, though a number of UPF members from her country are based overseas. Nevertheless, she said, “Whenever we spread the ideas of UPF, a lot of people will get together on this platform. Definitely, I have to salute Dr. Moon and Mrs. Moon for holding this kind of conference. This is a model for the whole world.” She has attended fourteen or fifteen conferences run by other organizations, but seeing people from so many nations at this UPF conference has made an impression on her. “Developing relationships between people from 180 different nations is rare, and it is beautiful.” ♦





# A Conference at the Peace Palace

By Julian Gray

**Above:** Father addressing the MPFWP during the banquet at the Peace Palace; **Below:** Ms. Tsendmaa, Secretary-general of UPF Mongolia, leads her fellow Mongolians in song; second from right is conference staff member Byamba Ochir, who earlier this year edited Cheon Seong Gyeong in his native language

**T** rue Parents hosted the first day of the fifth Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace at the Peace Palace.

By all accounts the event—which featured Father's keynote address to the participants and banquet—was a great success.

Given in the morning, Father's speech had been modified from the one he had given to the third MPFWP conference, one of the Peace Messages. His words thus conveyed much guidance for life and on the spiritual reality. This was followed by lunch, musical entertainment, and some brief but special ceremonies to mark the occasion.

The palace is a beautiful but not ostentatious monument to peace. Inside, one floor has two large exhibition rooms opening onto a central plaza; these constitute the museum that gives the peace palace its name, a special exhibition that guests can visit. It presents a cross-section of True Parents' lives, including historical artifacts—clothing worn on occasions of great providential significance and remarkable works of art received as gifts, including a display devoted to gifts sent from North Korea. The exhibits include artifacts from Father's early life, for example, the lamp and table he used when writing down his first explanation of the Principle in Busan more than fifty years ago. The participants took time to view the beautifully arranged items.

Another floor of the building is similarly divided, but into two large meeting rooms that can be used for conferences or other events. For the main event it is these two rooms that are filled with banquet tables and chairs. Seated comfortably after lunch, listening to a renowned Korean operatic singer, are True Parents' guests. They are from every part of the world imaginable, some in business suits, some in national costume, others in flowing religious garb.

With the program drawing to its natural conclusion, the atmosphere is warm and convivial; guests are talking with each other, the singer's voice fills the room with majestic tones and one feels that everyone is at home with family and friends.

Dr. Walsh appears at the podium to the side of the room and announces that a special presenta-





# Sitting Down with the UPF Secretary-general

Dr. Thomas Walsh is Secretary-general of the Universal Peace Federation, the organization that Father officially launched on September 12, 2005 in New York. He has spent most of the year since then traveling with True Parents supporting the global tours Father has launched to create the global foundation for the new organization and to bring the blessing to the world's nations. Yet, the Universal Peace Federation staff has organized a series of conferences throughout the year, including some under the banner of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace. At the 5<sup>th</sup> MPFWP conference, we were fortunate to catch Dr. Walsh with a few minutes to spare, and he shared the following about UPF and its place in the providence.

## How do you view the purpose of the conferences UPF and MPFWP are holding?

Our conferences are for the sake of education in a vision in the principles, methodology and programs by which we can transform the world. Embedded within them conferences are aspects of Divine Principle and its application to the world situation. People do get inspired, because their original mind catches something that's here, something they don't find in other places. This is also because the conferences also embody the Unificationist culture; for all of the limitations we have in not fully manifesting God's love and truth, participants experience something that is different from what is usual in the world. Almost without exception, the conferences generate life, hope and vitality in those who attend.

You could say that there are two kinds of UPF conferences: those that come from above and those that come from below, so to speak—those that are responses to the vertical call, and those that are responses to the horizontal call. And much of our work is a form of attendance to God's providence, by attending True Parents and their work during Father's lifetime. That involves bringing in the best of the so-called

"Cain" world to participate in the major providential moments.

## How do you decide who to invite to a conference?

We rely more and more on the local – national and regional – leadership.

This helps us develop our work in the nations and regions. We don't so much want to have people who just relate to an international headquarters, but people who are recommended by the nations and regions because they see in

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**Rev. Tokuno, President of the African region, Dr. Walsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Musalia Mudavadi at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace during the first anniversary of the inauguration of UPF on September 12. Mr. Mudavadi held various ministerial posts in the Kenyan government between 1989 and 2002.**

tion will be made. Father and Mother are each presented with an honorary doctorate from the national academy of sciences of Kyrgyzstan. Dr. Walsh mentions that many august academic institutions seek to present Father Moon with honorary degrees, but he usually declines them. On this occasion True Parents are accepting this joint honoring of their lives' work.

As Father and Mother come onto the stage, don their academic robes, and receive their honorary degrees directly from the president of the academy himself, the guests applaud warmly.

Immediately following this a brief but significant brother-

hood and sisterhood ceremony is held, bringing together people from each region of the world with people of the host nation of Korea. Each "matching" is a warm encounter between representatives of our diverse cultures.

Observing this scene, I cannot help feeling that the venue is so appropriate for such an occasion: Here is a building, which has come to be known as a palace of peace, in which, reflecting the warmth and dignity of Heaven, Father and Mother can be both conference hosts and personal hosts to their guests. They can welcome the people of the world for a taste of the heavenly kingdom. ♦



these people great potential to contribute.

We don't want to have people come to our international conferences and just enjoy being there, but then back in their home country they don't want to do anything and act as if they don't know you.

**The response of humankind to Father's mission is so important....**

Yes, bringing people who make some condition to link Father's victories and accomplishments to the wider world.

Increasingly, people who come to our conferences, even with very little prior experience or preparation, are given a quick study of our principles and are immediately inspired. It is as if the blockages, barriers, and negatives, the fear and suspicion and the media descriptions that were embedded in people's minds – of "brainwashing" or "strange cult" – have all eroded away. This is because of the higher spirit world, the conditions of the victory of Heaven and the dismantling of the realm of evil.

People experience so many different ideas through the media. There are so many different ideas, that many people's minds have become numbed. They are used to relativism. In an odd way, they are not shocked any more, and they are more open because ordinary life has become bizarre itself.

**Are there other areas in which you have noticed progress?**

As I look back on the providence of the different organizations Father has founded, I can say that for some period

**As Dr. Kwak outlined goals for UPF in the coming year, members of the audience listen attentively**



**Dr. Kwak, who has bequeathed his mission as National Messiah to Mongolia to his son Jin-man, greets Mongolian participants**

of time there was a great split between what we might call the church or the movement and the so-to-speak elite outreach organizations such as ICUS, PWPA and New ERA. People would participate, and then go back to their country and never necessarily mix with the church movement. They were selected because of their status in society or expertise in their field.

Over time, that radical split started to break down. One thing that happened was that different entities, such as ICUS

and PWPA, would hold seminars on the Unification Movement. We would say, "You've been attending ICUS all of these years; we want you to understand the founder's ideology." We started building bridges. The same went for the interreligious arena: we would have conferences on Unification theology for theologians.

This accelerated when IIFWP was launched and we began the hoondok seminars—our informal name for them. We would bring people to conferences and we would read Father's words. And that was one of the first projects of IIFWP, now called UPF.

Then came the Ambassador for Peace initiative, whereby we are gradually breaking down the barriers between those who are in our movement and those outside.

**This would seem a radical development in the scope of our work....**

There is a change in our movement. Rev. Kwak talks about this as the progression from church to family to kingdom. In the original ideal there would have been no church, Church was the primary agent of restoration-related activity because we are so fallen. Ultimately, had an ideal family been established—with Adam and Eve—there would have been no need





## A Representative Voice

*The combined effort of many responsible staff members leaves guests with the impression that our conferences are smoothly run. This is the story of one precious cog in an invaluable organizational wheel.*

**H**elena Hendricks is the conference invitations coordinator for UPF and does registration and data work at the conferences themselves. She has already worked on more than twenty conferences outside her home country, the United States, although she is still a student of event management. “When I was seventeen,” she said matter-of-factly, “I had an experience where I organized entertainment for several weeks. I liked the experience; I felt that organizing events, making things happen, was something I like to do, so I did it.” Her work with UPF has taken her to Korea, Japan, Israel and Thailand.

Helena is the daughter of Tyler and Hyeyong Hendricks. Contemporaries of Helena’s parents might recall key events that took place during the time her father was the president of the church in America, from April 1995—just a few weeks after True Father’s historic meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow—until April 2000, days after True Mother finished the twelve-city American leg of an international tour that had begun in Korea and Japan and went on to Europe. Not surprisingly, Helena saw her father’s role from a somewhat different perspective. “When my dad was president I was twelve to seventeen. My dad kept his work and home life separate, so I didn’t really know much about what he did, mainly just that he went away a lot, and I would get mad at him if he didn’t come home for dinner.”

Helena studied hotel management at college, and it was her father who first suggested her to Dr. Walsh as perhaps suitable for UPF. She said she feels her parents are supportive of the work she does and proud of how she handles

her responsibilities for Dr. Walsh and UPF. She went on to speak about what the work means to her personally. “I do like traveling to different countries, meeting new people, and knowing that the work I do has a positive and constructive outcome. It helps further peace and peace building, and the Abel UN, so I like doing this.”

Helena mentioned that conferences are often organized within a very limited time. “We heard about this [MPFWP] conference the day we returned to our New York offices after the UPF anniversary assembly in September. That meant we had just three weeks to prepare.”

When asked what aspect of the work she like the most, Helena responded that it was the people she works with. “In a secular organization people put themselves first, but our purpose is for world peace, not to make money. UPF staff members are willing to work hard, for long hours. In times of struggle I remind myself of the family atmosphere at the office. I trust the people a lot.

I like the conference participants too. There are those who come regularly and I look forward to seeing them again when they come to register.”

On being asked if her work is all conference-related, Helena replied that it used to be that way. But she added, “Last year the UPF administration was restructured. Prior to that, when we were not preparing for a conference I had little work to do. But our focus has broadened. My second big job has been working to obtain visas for the True Family for the speaking tours. Now I am busy all the time.” ♦

*By Today’s World staff members*

for religion and church. Even yesterday [during his speech at the peace palace on October 14] Father was talking about religion as something we don’t need, as never having been something of God’s ideal. In 1996, we shifted to the Family Federation. We moved from a church organization to a Family organization. Now we are shifting out of the Family Federation paradigm into the paradigm of the kingdom of God, Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom that UPF is opening up.

It is broader than the church model. It’s more a God-centered, world-transforming movement.

There are discussions over whether church attendance on Sunday is our primary mode of community building. Does it mark who we are as a community? My feeling is no, it does not. We used to say “Amen,” but now Father has asked us to say “Aju.” And we have a seven-day week, but Father wants an eight-day week, not marked by church but marked by service.

I think Father is trying to wean us from the church paradigm. And so the tours have opened up in my mind that we are a UPF movement now, but the movement doesn’t fully grasp the

meaning of that yet.

I think many still view the UPF as some elite conferencing entity where people with high influence in society go, but which does not affect the local church leadership or membership. However, I believe that linking the entire movement to a UPF God-centered, world-transforming movement is going to be what ignites our movement. And the Ambassadors for Peace are part of that.

I don’t think we’ve begun to tap into that fully. ♦





September 30, Cheon Jeong Peace Palace; Father and Shin-joon nim

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blocs. He knew that the whole world would become one. In the end, True Father, as the True Parent, has to become the author of all heavenly actions, so he completely supported the event and orchestrated everything, offering prayers and sincere conditions for the Games.

For this reason, during the Games, Father invested himself in setting a record-breaking level of conditions. He also attended both the opening and closing ceremonies; two of True Parents' children represented Korea<sup>3</sup> in the Olympics—something that is very unlikely ever to be repeated. Despite so much opposition conspiring to make these things difficult to achieve, they were all miraculously accomplished.

Even the results of that Olympics were amazing. The Soviet Union won first place, the United States won second place, East Germany won third place and South Korea won fourth place. Under normal circumstances, isn't it unimaginable that South Korea could win fourth place at the Olympic Games? In fact, True Parents supported the team incredibly. On days when Father could not go in person to the game venues, he sat down with three televisions and watched all the games live. In this way, he supported the Korean athletes.

In the end, South Korea won fourth place. Amazingly, the top nations of the democratic and communist worlds won first and second place; and nations representative of the cold war system—that is, communist East Germany, where a division existed from democratic West Germany and democratic South Korea, where a separation existed from communist North Korea—won third and fourth place. If someone had wanted to orchestrate this kind of outcome, it would have been impossible; yet, within the providence, all this happened.

Father had called together the missionaries from 120 countries, representing the whole world, and expanded that foundation to 160 nations, sincerely investing himself in creating the necessary spiritual conditions to support that Olympics. In particular, Father supported the Eastern European countries, by (among other things) supplying them with buses, providing them with McColl soft drinks and giving them support funds. He also invited the medalists to special performances of the Universal Ballet and the Little Angels, and gave them gifts. All of the Unification Church missionaries from around the world met with the representatives of each nation, the athletes—who, externally speaking, represented the future leadership of the secular world—as well as with people such as diplomats. Everyone came together in a spirit of warm, close unity. Father

carried out this process and created an atmosphere of support through the sincerity of his heartfelt effort.

In truth, Father spent a lot of money in expressing his support. Even more than the South Korean president, more than the head of the Olympic Committee, more than anyone else under heaven, Father had the attitude and heart of a true owner. He invested all his heartfelt sincerity, taking personal care of even every small detail without exception.

By giving all his heart in this way, Father stood in the position of the true owner and through the Olympics Games brought all those people and representatives to unity and oneness. What is more, because the older generation had made so many mistakes and was in fact responsible for all the divisions that had taken place, such as those that sprang from the cold war, from the tragedy of World War II, from the division of the Korean peninsula and so forth, the Olympics became an event in which the young people could overcome all that division and become one. Young people, the next generation, could take responsibility for the future.

From this perspective, Father imbued those Olympic Games with great significance and gave out all his encouragement and love; on top of that, as I have mentioned, he had two of his children compete in the games themselves.

But there is more to the story. To prepare the necessary foundation, Father had his Holy Wedding in 1960, centered on God; and in the face of all the developments that erupted in the 1960s, the 1970s and especially the 1980s, Father proclaimed head-wing ideology and Godism and educated the world as to what can bring internal and external unity. Moreover, Father practiced what he taught.

Beyond this, in order to subjugate Satan and win over the invisible realms of the spiritual world, Father proclaimed the Day of the Victory of Love on the foundation of Heung-jin nim's sacrifice. He also set up the conditions to make oneness in the spiritual world and even to unite enemies.

During that time, in the United States, the center of the democratic world, Father endured prison life and extended his forgiveness, forgiving with true love the United States, which had thrown him into prison. Through that, Father achieved victory, emerging from prison and offering the Ceremony for the Unification of the Spiritual and Physical Worlds. Later, Father built up the foundation of Cheon Il Guk. On the worldwide foundation that he had laid, he proclaimed the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World, having it coincide, in dan-gi 4321, with the day of the founding of Korea, which is a Korean public holiday, and with the conclusion of the Olympic Games. In this way, Father providentially captured this never-to-be repeated,

<sup>3</sup> Hyun-jin nim and Un-jin nim competed in the equestrian events.





once-in-a-lifetime moment, this occasion on which the world was mobilized and on which South Korea was in synchronization with that mobilization. Thus, through a huge amount of external heartfelt effort, Father initiated the starting point for the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World.

We are recognizing and celebrating this day today in line with these providential principles. When Father proclaimed the Nation of the Unified World, even those of us who were with him then did not understand the significance of that. Nevertheless, internally, Father had prepared everything for the foundation for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.

Also, because the world needs to become one, he announced the World Culture and Sports Festival in 1988, with the intention of bringing about the oneness of the world through sports, culture and the arts. He put notices in newspapers and informed all the world's leaders and international heads of government about his having created the World Culture and Sports Festival. In this way, he managed everything necessary for the accomplishment of Heaven's goals; he declared the Foundation

Day of the Nation of the Unified World.

He went beyond the Nation of the Unified World, broke down barriers within the spiritual world and prepared everything by 2004. Originally, the world was to have been centered on the heavenly owner and master of heaven and earth, but on the way to that goal, our original ancestors made a bad mistake. Thus, a false master became the owner. As a result, the true master, God, was unable to behave or function as the true owner. He first had to subjugate the false master, Satan. During the 1990s, Father carried out all the providential events necessary to subjugate Satan.

After finally achieving this on March 21, 1999, Father declared that the universe now had no master. Because Satan was subjugated, Father said that there was no longer a master. Now, however, because Father has proclaimed the Foundation Day—the opening of Heavenly sovereignty—for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth, the responsibility now falls to us to concretely and substantially fulfill what he has proclaimed. ♦

**Parents and children from neighboring countries, the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic, 140 in all, get away for a week near Skalica, Slovakia, at a camp called Skaličcan from July 22 to 29**





On Friday, October 27, religious leaders from the World Peace Tour of 120 Ambassadors for Peace, who have received the world-tour baton from the True Family, visited Imjingak, the northernmost observation point for citizens of South Korea, which is said to "harbor the sorrows of those who lost their hometown in the Korean War." There they prayed and released doves to carry their hopes for peace to the suffering people of the North.

