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## International President's Message

Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan

*One of the central themes of in Father's March 17<sup>th</sup> speech in Hawaii was the movement of the center of civilization across the world over the course of history. What he said on that occasion heralds the arrival of a new era:*

Ladies and gentlemen, it is in the present time that this issue [of civilization shift] becomes important. The development of civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has arrived at the Pacific sphere. History has come to a point in time in the providence at which it should reach completion and fruition through the Pacific Rim region. No force can impede the providence now. Though there were both victories and defeats during the course of indemnity under the evil sovereignty in the era before heaven, nothing could prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim era. Herein lies the reason that Heaven declared this a jubilee year.

*With this foundational speech at the international leaders gathering in Hawaii, Father was essentially declaring the advent of a new civilization. What follows is a speech Rev. Kwak prepared in the aftermath of the events in Hawaii, which he would use to introduce Father and Mother during their April speaking tour in Korea on the theme of declaring the era of a "new heavenly civilization of universal peace." Rev. Kwak's words bring the focus onto Korea; it is notable that he was preparing to speak to Korean audiences (that included many non-members) with a view to inspiring them to accept the challenges that a central position in God's providence brings.*



## Heralding a Heavenly Civilization



**A**mbassadors for peace from Korea and Japan who are participating today in this Rally to Declare the New Heavenly Civilization of Universal Peace that brings us notice of a new day of freedom, peace, liberation and complete inner freedom!

When we scrutinize history, considering reality from close proximity, it appears directionless, purposeless and lacking in central leadership. However, if we observe history from a macro-perspective, looking at the earthly and spiritual worlds three-dimensionally, we can see that history has a purpose and even an owner. The purpose of history is the realization of the ideal based on which God created. The owner and center are God and the True Parents, who have come as the Messiah.

The True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and King of Peace, Dr. Sun Myung Moon declared, "The Asian-Pacific era will come. International communism will perish, and Korea will become the center of the world." There are people living today who recorded this and can testify to Father Moon's having said this. Do you think the Korean people or people from any other part of the world can imagine that what he declared might actually occur?

The Korean War reduced Korea to ashes; she found herself at the crossroads between success and ruin. Communism expanded into the nations of the Asian-Pacific region, impoverishing them; it became a period devoid of hope. Now, everyone agrees that an Asian-Pacific era is emerging, and international communism has indeed disappeared.

Dr. Moon knows the origin and understands the purpose and direction of history. In the cosmos, which is the combined earthly and spiritual worlds, he sees the passing of time and the arrangement of space. Moreover, the True Parents of

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Father gave the following speech at the opening of the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly (photo: True Parents during the speech)

# True Father Speaks to the Global Leaders

February 24, 2007

**Y**our faces all look alike. Whether you are a Westerner, an Oriental, or a man of Heaven, you all wish to resemble True Parents. The body follows where the mind wants to go, so you should be thankful to be told you all look alike. Raise your hands if you think you resemble me. Then everything is okay.

There are three problems to be dealt with—the problem of Cain and Abel, the problem of lineage and the problem of ownership. You cannot take responsibility for the problem of lineage. Only True Parents can shoulder that responsibility.

With regard to the Cain-Abel problem, if it were up to you to solve, all you would be able to do is shed blood, that is, kill the other side or be killed by them. In order that you not shed blood, centering on the lineage, Cain, who was born on Satan's side, should not be in the position of the elder son; rather, for you who have received the blessing and become one with True Parents through the connection of lineage, it should be Abel who stands in the position of the elder brother. To eradicate hell in the spirit world and hell on earth, which were caused by Cain, what True Parents say while on earth must be obeyed absolutely. That is why fights to the death between brothers and the spilling of blood continue even now.

How could the two brothers, the elder and the younger, bond as brothers absolutely? What is absolute is one-of-a-kind; there cannot be more than one. In other words, the elder brother Cain and the younger brother Abel separately cannot both be absolute. For them to become absolute, centering on all the connections of the bloodline restored from the Fall, True Parents established a victorious supremacy that holds sway over everything, from the individual to the world and even the heavenly world. You need to realize this.

The triumph brought about through this bloodline cannot be touched by Satan. Not even God can touch it. Thus, neither God nor Satan can unite them into one. What caused the Fall? It was love. Whose love? It was the enemy's love that separated them.

## **End Cain-Abel conflict by living for others**

To bring them into oneness, the origin centered upon absolute love must be determined, and with this origin of unity thus determined by Heaven, the elder and younger sons should become absolute representatives and absolute heirs. And before anyone else, they

should practice living for the sake of others. This is how the Cain-Abel conflict can come to an end.

Next, when the positions of the elder and younger brothers are brought into oneness absolutely before absolute love, there will be neither elder brothers nor younger brothers. There will instead be True Parents, and since True Parents have found and established the absolute realm, the time has now come for True Parents to become one in the absolute realm and bring the history of indemnity to a close.

I turned eighty-eight this year. My birthday is the same as Mother's, though of course, the actual day we were born is different. We are one! Centered on whom?

Through fallen Eve, Adam was drawn over to the other side. But now, centering on Adam, Eve too has practiced absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience completely and has thus separated herself from Satan. Now, on this absolute foundation, God and True Parents have established absolute love that is for the sake of others. It is the root of love and the fruit of love, and it could not have come into being without love. It came into being through the absolute love existing between the two. God, the Creator of the universe, and the True Parents, who came into being as His creation, must become one there, centering on true love. The upper and the lower [Father holds up his thumb and forefinger.] cannot be like this. They must not fight. [Father holds up only his forefinger.] In this manner, the older brother must first attain his position, and the younger brother should voluntarily lay the foundation whereon he can obey and live for the sake of his older brother. When nearly all members have assumed such a position, the condition set by the unity of so many members will more than compensate for the disunity of a small number of members.

The absolute standard of unity that True Parents must achieve will be established when the major leaders from throughout the world, who are here, become one centering on the children of Rev. Moon of the Unification Church, who are in the position of the elder in relation to the members—Hy-

jin, Hyun-jin, Kook-jin and Hyung-jin.

The three generations have ended the fight. In light of this, you should cover and overcome the first, second and third eras (represented by the Old, New, and Completed Testament Ages) and bring them to a settlement in the age of the unity of heart in the realm of the fourth Adam. It is only then that you, as well as God, my family and I, can achieve perfection.

Though time has passed, to find and establish the lost bloodline centering on True Parents with an exact moment of time in focus, all 6.5 people of the world must be of a unified lineage, without there being Cain or Abel. Everyone should be united as one, as was meant to be at the beginning, so that if water were to be poured from the top, the water would fall directly onto the horizontal plane. In other words, it would fall to the place where God can settle down, the pillar upon which He can stand. From there it would spread out in all directions. Satan and his tribe would vanish, and all entities with form would lose their shadows. Thus the liberated age of the peace and prosperity of the settlement of noon, the era of noon, which casts no shadows, will come to pass.

In this way, the peace and eternal prosperity of the absolute realm, the liberated and internally free kingdom of heaven without any limits, should be brought about. This is the providence in a nutshell.

#### **Free from complaints and discontent**

Who are those people sitting up there? Are they second-generation members? [They sat up there because the hall is full.] Full? Do you feel bad because it's full? Should you feel good, or bad, that it has been crammed with people since early morning? Which? You should feel good! It's all about unity! You must be united. You must become one. Individuals, families, tribes, peoples and heaven and earth, as well as God Himself and Satan must enter into that one, absolute place. And True Parents must remove the shell that covers them. Neither God nor Satan can remove that shell...

Someone must uncover them. Through True Parents'





uncovering them, all that was high or low will all come up or down to the same level horizontally and vertically and reveal their true shape as a sphere. All who are a part of this will clearly know their place, and the unified era liberated and completely freed from complaints and discontent will inevitably come. Aju! [Aju!]

I thought this admiring crowd would become a group of fighters, but instead you will become owners. Because the admiring owners of unity are now here, everything is “Aju”—God is laughing “Hahaha,” True Parents are laughing “Hahaha,” and their children are also laughing “Hahaha.” The realm of the blessed second-generation members who stand in the position of Cain as the restored second generation are also laughing “Hahaha.” And when Satan, too, says that all is good and laughs “Hahaha,” everything will be concluded. Everything should come to an end in laughter, not in fighting. From now on, if I see fighting, I’ll make changes. Is that clear? [Yes.]

Pak Koo-bae! [Yes.] So you came, did you? Where have you been, and what have you been doing? I thought you would run away with that sackful of money I gave you, but you came. [Laughter] The Cain ones, even when they are given a chance to run away, should come of their own accord. Who wouldn’t commiserate with Pak Koo-bae, especially those who are close to him? “Rev. Moon must be crazy. How can he act the way he is when we are in such a difficult situation?”

### A developing business model

Pyong Il Communications [which includes Peace TV] is the representative Korean media-related business, though it does not deal with the press. I don’t intend that it function like the *Washington Times* or UPI. Since I made it with my own hands, on the foundation on which we have become one, I will use it unceasingly. More than any other media organization in the world, I will use it to the maximum. Now we should go on the offensive.

### The Peace Messages and absolute sexual morality

An environment that puts the brakes on the realization of peace—that which defies the absolute authority of the king of peace—cannot exist. Do you understand that all such things must vanish with the coming of night? [Yes.] If you understand this, raise your hands and hold on to God tightly. Clutch hold of Him and swear that you are without doubt blessed families, His sons and daughters, who will obey Him forever, from the beginning to the end, as He desires. Since all those who swear this have raised their hands, hold your hands together, take hold of God, and turn around in a circle in your joy. Now move your hands down and up. [Applause] I am not playing. This is the culmination of the meeting. Turn right and then turn left—the right side signifies the horizontal and the other the vertical. In such a manner, everything, even heaven and earth, is ready to start turning around, and that is why the liberated era of the settlement of peace, prosperity and eternal tranquility on earth and in heaven cannot help but come. Aju! [Aju!]

Yesterday I talked about the absoluteness of the conjugal relationship [절대성 (“absolute sex”)]. Absolute sex is something that you cannot talk about. Do you understand? The term “absolute sex” cannot be discussed among the people of fallen clans and nations. You should know that the term can only be used by True Parents, whose task it is to purify every-

thing to do with sexual relations. Do you practice absoluteness in your conjugal relationship? Do you, or don’t you?

That is why the Peace Messages are for the liberation of absolute sexual purity and fidelity. Through whom? It would be through God and True Parents; it cannot be done through you. However, after becoming the True Father, I felt that True Parents’ sons, daughters and the descendants for thousands and tens of thousands of generations would have to go the way of restoration through indemnity. I did not make them bear that responsibility, but instead I worked with a set purpose, paving the way and working to bring about the settlement of noon, until I could resolve it all. Not one of you could have done this. At this time, you need to realize that this responsibility is the foundation of complete authority that only True Parents and God can achieve.

No one other than True Parents can express opinions about whether parts of the Peace Messages are good or bad. Why? It should be I, the vessel holding the combination of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute authority. I stand in the position of having to bring this about with the world united around me, but if I set up an absolute authority centering on me, everything would run away from me, and I would be standing in the place of Satan.

You must obey absolutely all that Heaven instructs you to do; if you are asked to die, you have to say that if it is your time to die, you will. If you are asked to go to China from Korea where you are living, you will, and if you are told to go to hell, you will. Might all this be asked of you to make Communist China into the Republic of China, or to create it into the kingdom of God? The reason you might be asked to go to hell would be to save it, to make it heaven.

### The terrible path of restoration

Just as Jesus himself went to hell for three days, enduring suffering, all of you who have been blessed must realize that on the basis of thirty years—ten years of the Old Testament Age, ten years of the New Testament Age and ten years of the Completed Testament Age—Jesus began his work when he was thirty-one years old.

The same is true for me; I am in the same position. On the basis of the first thirty years of my life, I was exiled by the people at the age of thirty-three on account of the Jesus Church. “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” With these words, Jesus went to Samaria and sought a Samaritan woman who was known for her lewdness and gave her the water of life. You know what this means? To you, the children of the bridegroom, the reason Jesus had to go looking for such a lewd woman, an outcast of society, is obscured under the veil of the fallen, defiled bloodline. To get away from that, you would have had to die for Jesus, and if Jesus *had* made any mistakes, Eve was in the position to take responsibility for them, to die for them; that’s how I went through that. You need to realize this.

Faced with such a terrible path of restoration through indemnity, people do not know anything, and until now they have been criticized, insulted, and have been on a winding path of their own accord, just as Pak Koo-bae has been. Freedom of movement is not a right you possess when you are on that crooked path. If you have entrusted your body to that course, you should also pour in your wealth and even your life there, and centering on the historical origin that can achieve anything, you should sever what links you to the ori-



Hyo-jin nim's March 17<sup>th</sup> performance in the Seoul Olympic complex and the banquet later at the Lotte Word Hotel counted as one of Korea's 12,000 rallies; Inset: Hyo-jin nim and his wife Yun-ah nim cutting a cake

gin of the Fall, for in the Last Days everything will disappear. Reclaim yourselves and become people who, fulfilling your duties as public figures, can dedicate everything you have to Him, and believe that all you give and sacrifice today will be re-created for you by True Parents and God. Have absolute faith in these Peace Messages, which deal with re-creation.

### True Parents' responsibility

Right to the end of this conference, I was not scheduled to appear today. Yes, it was the headquarters that asked me to come here today as a special addition to the schedule. For me to come and participate in this way, I had to come with Mother; I could not appear alone. I'm attending with Mother, but even that is not enough for this conference. She and I also had to have our sons and daughters here. ...

Though I have shouldered all this responsibility, standing above the cross, and demonstrated my determination to walk the second and third path of suffering to put all this to rights, it is *your* role to let this be known. Before Mother visits 120 places around the world, I must set an example, and centering upon our couple, we must set an example by progressing through ten times as many places as the 180 nations of the world.

Now, with your families, Mother, and I all united, you have attended 12,000 rallies, ten times the number held before. Through that experience, you have learned how difficult True Parents' lives have been.

You children have gone and seen struggling families and seen more than Shin-gil had. I am thankful that Hyo-jin talked about him at Belvedere. How many days will you take to begin? How soon will you go? If you have the desire to set your sons and daughters before God on your behalf and be endowed with the right of ownership of everything, you should sacrifice all that and get rid of that desire.

Are Hyo-jin, Sung-jin and Dong-sook here? Haven't they come? All you daughters should unite and bring your older brother Sung-jin here. His dad fulfilled his responsibility....

The era has passed wherein all the conditions of indemnity will work; you can no longer cling to me and ask to be saved. I'm speaking of liberation and complete inner freedom. Though you were doomed to hell, through your finding this inner freedom I have placed you on an expressway that will take you to heaven; and if you make effort, you will reach that final destination, though you may struggle. Therefore, no one is in a position to complain about me. You need to understand this clearly, okay? [Yes.]

### The unification of the universe

If there is fighting and bickering around me it will be dealt with it right away. One mistake causing Adam and Eve to be instantly stuck in hell indicates the absolute nature of the Principle of Creation. I, too, cannot accept what is not in accord with heavenly law, nor can I deal with it, because I am in a position to establish the kingdom of God together with Him without dealing with such matters. Since I am in a solemn position of having to fulfill the task I am called to do, which is to perfect that kingdom in accordance with the law, I cannot do or think as I please. I have come here today not thinking of myself as the founder of the Unification Church, the Messiah or the Lord at his second coming.

I should peel off the layers of indemnity. The layers covering the world of form spirits, the Old Testament Age, must be uncovered and removed, as must the layers over the world of the life spirits and those covering the world of divine spirits. If three people stepped forward to remove the three layers, they could not achieve that without uniting.

Centering on one person, Jesus, the resurrected being of substance who is in charge of the New Testament Age (on



behalf of the person in charge of the Old Testament Age and with the Lord at his second advent), must bring about the unification of the universe through a world course, which requires four years to complete and involves removing and doing away with the layers covering the three eras, which hitherto could not be dedicated to Heaven.

To create the world of the realm of heart of the fourth Adam, all the dirty, defiled layers resulting from the Fall of Adam's family must cease to exist; and so must such layers resulting from the lack of oneness between Jesus and his people, the nation of Israel. The returning Lord cannot be caught in such a net; and after World War II, he should have made oneness with Rome—not East Roman Christianity, but West Roman Christianity. East Rome gave birth to the Greek Orthodox Church, which the Soviet Union is the fruit of, while the fruit of Christianity that West Rome gave birth to is the Vatican.

The Messiah, who should come to a unified universe, should have appeared at the time of World War II. If the three people [representing the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages] had become one person, Eve and Adam in Adam's family would have established themselves.

Next, that which went wrong between Cain and Abel, the wrong that was done regarding the right of ownership, would have been resolved when the True Parents of the completely unified world came and resolved the failures of Adam's family and laid the foundation for kinship of blood on the family and national levels (and even on the world level in Rome), and united those levels with the foundation for kinship on the world level. This one person should clear away, all at once, all that has come from the false parent. Completion of restoration through indemnity occurs in such a way that only one-third, and not the total, can be achieved in one generation. At this point, with two-thirds remaining, I have inherited the entire satanic world and triumphed over it.

The remaining two-thirds is up to you. The time has come when—in following the path according to what I have taught you—even though you may be in the lead, if you no longer wish to be, you can fall out and someone else can come and receive the grace of the blessing instead and have the right of ownership given to him instead. So whether you are someone blessed among the thirty-six couples or even one of my sons or daughters, those who have complained about whomever, may no longer be able to follow me. For I will go stealthily, in such a way that no one will know where I have gone, and no one will be able to discern whether I went underwater by sea, climbed over the top of the Himalayas or drilled my way through the rocky earth to enter the kingdom. It is up to you. Your attitude will determine whether you can follow me or not.

A devoted son should go to the house of another devoted son and take on the role of his father; a national patriot should go to the house of another patriot and become his father figure. On behalf of divine sons and daughters, you must receive the blessings of their families, enter the household of a prince from the Cain-type world and be able to live there with the authority of the king. This is what the three people can do.

Because the end had to be brought about through one person, I gathered in the victorious supremacy of the three ages and turned it into joy, ecstatic joy, before Heaven, and all of heaven and earth have cheered their victorious True Parents, their victorious Messiah, Savior and Lord at his second com-

ing. I do not need the title "Lord at his second coming." The mere thought is terrible. I do not need to be called the Messiah. When I think of the religious orders, I get goose bumps. I feel like a hedgehog, which arches its back when meeting an enemy.

I have nothing to do with Adam's family or your blessed families. You must all have the original mind to reach over fences and pass liberation to everyone, so that even after I die and True Parents are no longer here, and if your elders have failed to achieve it, you have the single-mindedness, a heart red-hot with determination and a steadfast resolve to achieve it yourself. If there aren't any more people who can vent the fire burning in their hearts like volcanoes, the human race will perish and God's ideal, as it has been from the time of the first Creation, will have to disappear completely.

### The second Creation

Since God Himself is incorporeal, and this substantial world may disappear, in order to manifest the real authority of the second Creation, which will remain, I, too, must seize the position of a victor. God and I must combine forces to overturn the land under the sea where the islands of old have sunk beneath the waves, and build nations in that substantial realm. Therefore, you need to understand that we are crossing over this summit with the standard that we can settle even in the most unimaginable places. You understand what I'm trying to say, don't you?

Don't ask where I have gone. Don't ask what I will do. I've taught you everything. As a proxy, I have taught you even things God did not teach me about the world. True Parents were established as God's proxies and have achieved even what He did not tell them to. A proxy can only be established when the owner is of the mind that He can hand over everything, so that they can have it on His behalf, and when the proxy is better than He. That position is filled by the True Parents.

The ocean project, the land project, and the outer space project are not separate, but are included in my master program; even what was not planned or ordered done by God, such as the foundation in the oceanic realm, the foundation in outer space and technology for the future, have all been made ready. Because we know that now is the time when God can accept them with gratitude, the preparations for the three worlds should be completed and dedicated to Heaven, and when we offer the foundation built with our sweat and blood in the external world with the words, "We offer this to Heaven. We offer it on Your behalf. In return, we offer ourselves to our Heavenly Father as His heirs," He will answer, "All right." God is sitting on a throne on heaven's third level. When we dedicate this to Him from the third basement, God will answer, "All right, Rev. Moon! I know the name Sun Myung Moon. I know what he has done." The moment He becomes aware of the fact that I have perfected the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age and the Completed Testament Age, and, centering on the foundation of that settlement, have come to God to settle in the position of the owner of the realm of the heart of the fourth Adam in heaven and on earth in the liberated era, with Him, He will rise from his throne on heaven's third floor and will descend the staircase, come to me and embrace me, saying, "You have come!"

He will thank me for making it possible from Him to receive the liberated realm where He can freely own the three floors of heaven, the world of hell, the formative Old Testa-



## Era of Peace and Tranquility

On March 17, 2007, at Hawaii King Garden on the Hawaiian island of Kona, in front of 700 guests from 40 nations, True Father spoke on *A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will*. In his speech, he said, "The oceanic era that has begun represents the women's era. The Pacific Rim region must fulfill its mission as the vehicle for creating the culture of the oceanic sphere...." Father later declared that an era of peace and tranquility centering on the Pacific Rim sphere had begun.





ment Age, and His family, for which He has waited for tens of thousands of years. Because of what is connected to it, the realm of liberation and freedom in the substantial world naturally belongs to me. He will bequeath everything to me and have everyone installed on royal thrones. In order for Him to put absolutely everything in the history of indemnity and recreation to rights throughout this great universe, He will have to take me with Him at all times, and I will not complain.

Whenever I look behind me, I will see how wonderfully God has made all the preparations. And saying, "Let's do so," all will hold on to God's hands and, from underground, climb to the thrones in the first, second, and third floors of heaven.

There God will be pleased and proclaim, "My wish, which I have harbored from the time of the Creation, tens of thousands of years ago, has been fulfilled, and the day of liberation, on which I can assume the kingship of victorious supremacy (something better than I hoped for at the beginning) has come. So, let the entire cosmos belong to the liberated kingdom." Say it together with God, Aju! Okay!

### Pure, united minds

Because the path has been opened for you even into the secret chambers of the kingdom of heaven, the liberated and freed kingdom of heaven, where there will be nothing you cannot do or understand, will now come. Aju. Okay....

Even if you have the purest mind, you must become one. Even if the ten thousand elements within that pure mind are also pure, that mind still has to have internal unity. That single-mindedness representing the kingship of the world of the perfect noon, where there are neither shadows nor the Fall, can be formed in you and can blossom and bear fruit. Even if the fruit borne is thousands of times more plentiful than the one seed first planted, they will each have the same value when harvested, and wherever that fruit is sown the kingdom of heaven will automatically come, become established and be perfected. With this thought, liberation will be an inevitable fact, and finally we will all be able to settle down and sleep, really eat and sleep, and then what? We will go here and there. To make it happen this morning, I have come here especially to talk to you.

Everything centered on Rev. Moon ended yesterday. Yesterday [True Parents' Birthday], I had Kim Hyo-yul [Peter Kim] come out and read the speech given by Mother on her 180-nation tour. It contains very precious words, because it conclusively explains the structure of the heavenly world, the internal world, and is the speech Mother gave as she toured around 180 nations. After that, the tenth Peace Message connects with the twelfth Peace Message. What I

talked about yesterday was absolute sexual purity.

For the sake of others, Mother upholds absoluteness in the conjugal bond [결대성]. And Cain, Abel and the mind of the Parents form a trinity. On behalf of the Father, and the sons and daughters of the satanic world, yesterday Hyo-yul read the speech before Father at the place where the family lost in the Garden of Eden was remembered and honored by heaven and earth and the world. To bring it to an end, he

read it on their behalf as a special grace. He also read the second Peace Message. Today we are dealing with the tenth Peace Message, which is about absolute sexual purity. You do know what absolute sexual purity is, don't you? Don't you? You don't?

Absolute sexual purity is something you must embrace and take with you wherever you go, and which should not be darkened at all by shadows from fallen history. The time has come for everyone, starting with me, to pluck out his eyes or cut off his hands in mercilessly practicing it.

That is why blessed couples should become as one body and not sleep on separate beds but together, with their foreheads touching and with kisses and nuzzling of breasts; in short, with a heart overflowing with love for everything. A blessed family should form a bloodline in which the blood of the original lineage can boil up and flow, causing their bodies to boil with even greater energy. They should be determined to put their education on filial piety and patriotism into practice with hearts united. Otherwise, they will not be able to enter the kingdom of heaven and will have to wait for thousands of years.

A person with a rebellious mind—it could even be Jesus' wife, Confucius' wife, St. Augustine's wife or anyone else—if she were to assert herself and always complain, her husband, even if he were Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, or Mohammed, would be stuck on the path and would have to stay there for thousands of years until the matter was settled on earth. She would come to know they have this fate and would have to recognize what she had done wrong. She would come to understand that the pulse in her body and mind is abnormal.

For those who do things without understanding, what they do is forgiven and they are saved, but once they have come to understand, if they continue on, they cannot be saved. Those who are on fire will serve as kindling wood to build a fire; those who are wet will be first dried out and then they too can be on fire. Such is the way of indemnity that these people had lost their God-given value as beings of substance. This situation will disappear in the end. I am working toward a momentous conclusion at this time.

Therefore, it is Mother's task; so yesterday Hyo-



**Shin-joon nim sings at Hawaii King Garden, during hoondokhwae on March 17**



yul stood in Mother's stead. There are a thousand Chinese characters in the book *Cheon Ja Mun* [Book of a Thousand Characters]. The *ja* here means "character." Which Chinese character can be found within the character for *ja* [字]? It's also pronounced "ja" and is the character meaning "son" [子]. Is that character one that forms the roots of other characters, i.e., a radical? It isn't? If the Chinese character for this word were the radical, what would happen? The principles of heaven and earth could all be explained. Thus, it can be inferred that if one learned the characters in *Cheon Ja Mun* by heart, he could step over the bones, that is, exceed the essence of the Four Books and Three Classics [the basis of Confucianism].

In light of this, you can understand what I am saying, can't you? [Yes.] So, as a special grace, I am giving you the speech given by Mother yesterday. Next, you should pass on the tenth Peace Message to others on Mother's behalf, and you should always carry with you that message, which was given by the proxy and by the other, who is the heir. I hope you lead a life of protecting and perfecting absolute sexual purity and the conjugal bond, and may this becomes the tradition of the unified universe and the unified kingdom of heaven. Clap your hands if you would say Amen. Aju. [Applause]

When Mother comes forward to read the tenth Peace Message, listen closely and know that the second and tenth Peace Messages are related. This speech lasted so long that it didn't end even five or ten minutes after the allotted time. I had said it had to be read to the end regardless of how long it took, so when we got here I found we were more than five minutes late. You will forgive me for that, won't you? [Yes.] Gratitude will be added to the forgiving mind, so that after True Parents won the place of victory yesterday, the additional blessing of forgiveness will be added to it, so that you will not be thrust down the eternal and unchanging bottommost pit, in which you will urinate on yourselves and have water poured on you to clean with. Instead, you will say, "World, you might stay here, but I am going," and with that you should return to the heavenly world. Do you understand? [Yes.]

### The model of peace

In completely fulfilling my wish, you must not forget that your individual families are recognized as families that represent the whole. That is why the families of all nations should reach a victorious position on behalf of Adam's family; the position of heir has been bestowed on each of them. You should understand that this is the time when that position, with an additional value added by them is being conferred upon you. With hearts full of solemnity, you must have the seeds of the fruit within you.

The seeds of an apple are black, aren't they? The seeds of a pumpkin are also a different color from its skin. My wish is that you will become the owners of seeds of a different color, with a new color blossoming from deep within you, so that seed can bear fruit. As a

part of that wish, I have given this introduction; those of you who welcome it, do so with applause.

Mother will come up and read about absolute sexual purity and fidelity, and the Creation, and absolute sexual purity and fidelity as the ideal model, which is ideal peace. Where is that peace? Look for it. Have you all been given the tenth Peace Message, "The Family Rooted in Absolute Sexual Ethics, which is the Model for God's Absoluteness, Peace and Ideal, and the Global Kingdom"? The model of creation is the family born based on the absoluteness of the conjugal bond [absolute sexual fidelity] and the model of peace is something that can come only on the same basis.

Next, the absolute conjugal bond is the ideal model, and since sexual relations are the origin of the family, absoluteness in the conjugal relationship is the royal ground of love, the royal ground of life and the royal ground of lineage, so you must not use such a precious thing on your own or manage it anyway you like. Solemnly, on behalf of God, you should bow a thousand or even three thousand times every day to have all that you possess based on absolute authority. You should bow and serve, not only for what you possess but also for what your husband possesses, to be based on the absoluteness of this conjugal bond. Without showing such an unchanging loyalty and fidelity, it is the decisive law that the world of perfection, liberation and freedom cannot come to you. So, I hope you will abide by this law. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Mother will come up and read this to you, the Peace Message on absolute sexual ethics, which completes ten of the peace messages. Mother, if you will, please read.

[Mother reads the tenth Peace Message.]

[Father resumes] Everyone sit down. Is your stomach full? Are you hungry? Are you full? What should you do if your stomach is full? You should sleep. You should rest. People eat and then sleep or rest. Then what do they do? They go and come. Good and evil. It is simple. When the morning of the day of the liberation of the homeland arrives, everything will be resolved. You must understand this point. That has been



Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim visited the central church in Seoul on March 14.

our wish throughout history. You must understand that is how our outlook on the history of the providence is formed.

Come to think of it, this book [of the twelve Peace Messages] is priceless. Everything is included in it. I have talked extensively about everything, and I am an expert when it comes to the word. I wrote down its essence, which has become ten or even twelve speeches. When you cry because a certain chapter of this book touches your heart, and if you are thinking of how you can connect with other people with the tracks made by your tears, you should mark that chapter, take the book and read it to people. When you do, the realm of heart you have experienced will be engrafted to heaven and earth. Please bear in mind that your life will now be one in which your heart is filled with joy and delight at the thought that a liberated realm will follow you and be realized in your footsteps. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Everything Mother and I should do has been completed. Isn't that so? Kwak Chung-hwan, what will you do now? You don't need True Parents anymore, right? I've given you the word and the right of inheritance. Through this meeting you should come to a conclusion regarding the question of how to completely fulfill the responsibility that you are called to do. The conclusion is simple.

The ancestors of the 6.5 billion people of this world are the Mongolian peoples—the Mongolian race. The Mongolian peoples gathered in the numerous southern nations and formed a group that is connected to a single bloodline extending around the world. They formed a group. Satan had tried so hard to prevent them from returning to heaven by keeping them in his bosom forever. During five-thousand years of history, nets were spread out, fortresses and lakes were made into national borders by the actions of Cain-type people. Yet, the time for all this has passed.

To us, the word is knowledge. I understand it completely. In the blueprint or design of things, you can find all the details—the material used for the building, what its walls are made of, the description of the environment, and the process for selecting material that can absorb the effects of the natural environment, instead of the other way around so that the

building can be protected.

All this is tied together and can be applied to the purpose that was established based on one's convictions. When people compose such things, the ideal God envisioned at the Creation will automatically be brought to fruition. It is good that we have such a foundation of knowledge.

When you think about these words in relation to history, what are they saying? They are the Peace Messages—God's ideal family and the peaceful, ideal world, God's ideal family and palace are to come about. The phrase, "peaceful, ideal world" came about due to the Fall. Everything that had been prepared was brought to naught and was lost. Therefore, True Parents suffered to illuminate and globalize that which was lost on the individual family level. Among the 6.5 billion people of the world, the blessed families are the ones who are watching True Parents.

How many families were like Adam's family? How many people are to participate in the first resurrection at the time of the Lord at his second advent? [144,000]. 144,000. It is a multiple of the number twelve. It must be done centering on this number. That is why the multitudes beyond this number are all included. You should be proud of the Unification Church for it is a group of happy people who can go forward with their gaze set on the results stemming from that victorious goal. You have to be proud now. Yet, you are still ashamed, aren't you? You have to be proud of the Unification Church.

Your eyes failed to be so; your nose, mouth, ears and forehead—all five sensory organs failed to be proud. Your ten organs should agonize in consideration of that task. Your eyes should do it on behalf of God, and you should become God's representative, qualifying for the right of inheritance that is the blossom of victory. That right of inheritance should be made the eternal fruit of Heaven's eternal possessions and be placed in the storehouse of God's kingdom. You should take pride in your hearts in the fact that the world of your descendants and future generations will be in your hands. I hope that you can make a new beginning at this time, in liberation and inner freedom.

You must have the determination to do that from now.



True Parents with four of the assistants who work closely with them, and who must keep up with their challenging daily schedule (left to right) Kim Bu-tae, (Peter) Kim Hyo-yul, Yoon Ki-byung and Lee Sang-soo





True Father with Hyun-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim in Hawaii on March 18

You need to have the single-mindedness of the mother and father, of the son, of the husband and wife, of the children, of the siblings of your grandfather, of the siblings of your mother and father, and of your own siblings. When all siblings achieve oneness, the unity of the four great realms of heart can begin.

There are four figures—one from the Old Testament Age, one from the New Testament Age, one from the Completed Testament Age, and one from the era of the realm of the heart of the fourth Adam. The age of the right of inheritance has begun. In this age, the prince and kingship of liberation and complete freedom that unites heaven and earth with the tens of thousands of religions in the realms of the form spirits, life spirits, divine spirits, and the resurrected world of the realm of heart can be extolled for eternity. Please do not forget this. A true owner is determined to become a child of the True Parents and has the heart of a victor, which can overcome and be victorious over any difficulty. Stand up and pledge all this before Heaven! [This I pledge!] All this I pledge! Pledge to do this and be praised for eternity! Aju! Applaud! [Applause]

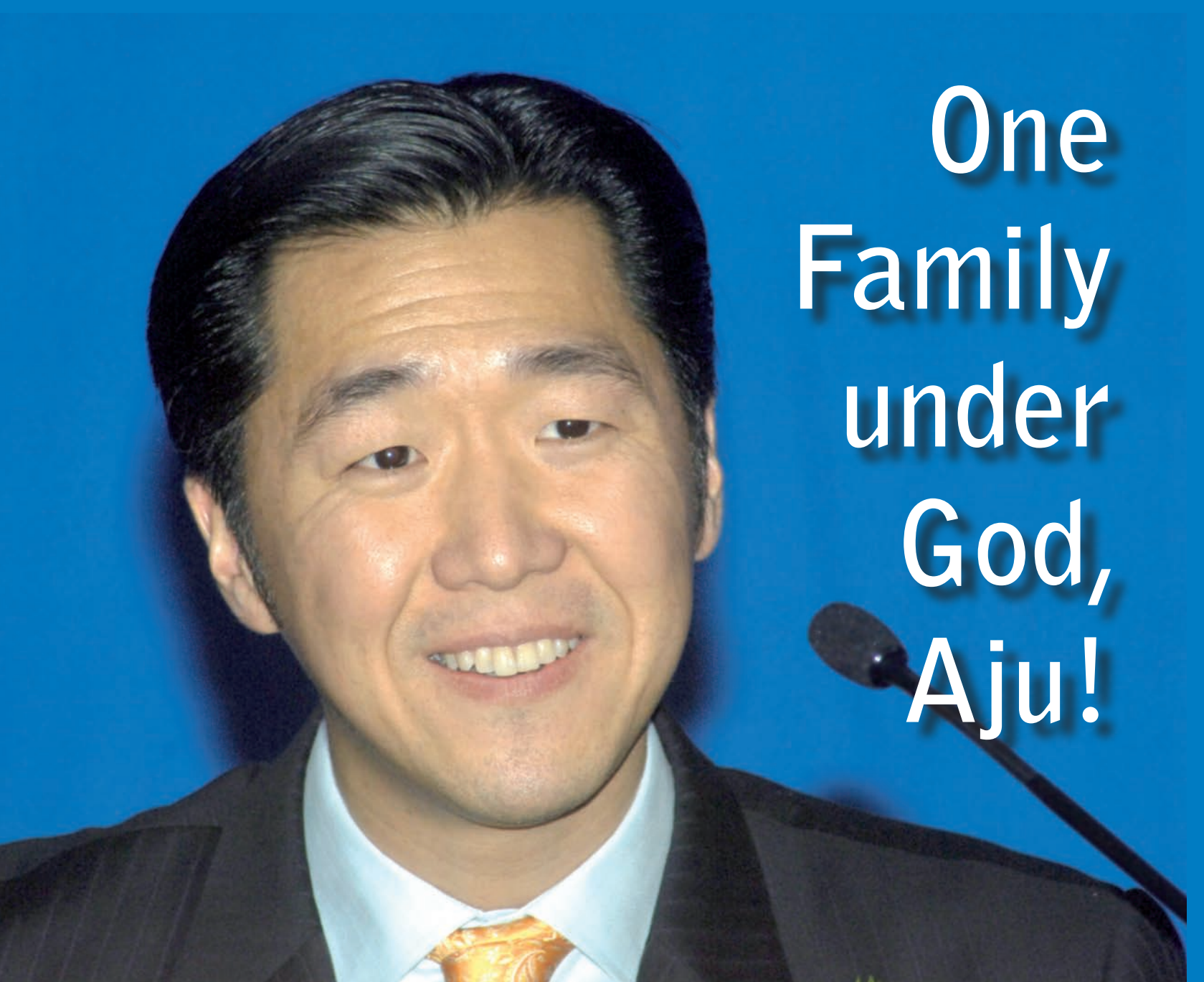
It is because of the word. The way of God's will can be found in the word. Those who do not know this path will not understand the will. Find that path and seek again the origin of history. There you will find the *Exposition of the Divine Principle*. There you will find the Principle and everything that appears in *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. Don't even spare your ancestors; take with you the tears of sacrifice and the altar of sacrifice. That altar must come from me. The Moon clan is an altar. On this altar, absolute faith, absolute love and all existing things should be laid. The creation of the universe occurred for the purpose of supplying the nutrients for creating a substantial entity that God could relate to in love. Thus, on this altar even God must have absolute faith. Even the tiniest grain of sand is necessary for the creation of the heavenly kingdom. Thus, you need to have absolute faith, abso-

lute love and absolute obedience on that altar. With absolute love at the center, absolute faith is on the right and absolute obedience on the other side. These must unite and create a trinity.

In chapter eleven of the book of Hebrews, we find the verse, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for." Faith is a concept. It is not concrete. Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

The Bible also has a passage that states that among faith, hope and love, the greatest is love. Even if you have faith, you must sacrifice your faith for love. Faith, hope, love and sacrifice must uphold God's will. Then a realm can emerge in which you are liberated and free to travel to any place in the universe. Although we are small, know that we are comrades that accompany the universe. Please appreciate the fact that your lives are short, and take with you the fact that you are no less than me if you invest ten times and even a hundred times more than me. Proffer everything you have to Heaven as an offering.

God is working and stands with me. Now it is easy for people to follow what we say. It is easy to follow the True Parents. The era of the Four Great Realms of Heart has come to this completed altar. God has become the owner of all things. Be proud that you are part of the royal family of the heavenly kingdom of inner freedom and liberation and that you are surely free to go anywhere in the kingdom of heaven in Father and Mother's footsteps, even if your path takes millions of years to travel down. When you boldly return the right of victory and everything you gained in victory through the True Parents back to God, to glorify Him, all the sorrow and pain from that single family of the fallen Adam shall be lifted and that family shall receive more praise than anything in heaven or on earth. I will keep my promise to take you with me to the liberated kingdom of heaven, in the nation of the sacred reign of peace, and live there with you there. Please clap your hands in welcoming this! [Applause]◆

A portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is positioned on the left side of the page against a blue background. A microphone is visible in the lower right corner of the image.

# One Family under God, Aju!

*Hyun-jin nim's prepared address to the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly at the Cheongshim Youth Center on February 25, in the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk*

**D**istinguished Cheon Il Guk leaders: we have gathered here as representatives of the blessed central families of the world to offer congratulations to our True Parents on their birthday, True Father's eighty-eighth birthday, and to participate in the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly to clarify our direction, our guidelines for the remainder of 2007 and 2008 and to set our strategy and goals in order to fulfill the will of God and True Parents.

From the time of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God in January 2001, until now in the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk, our True Parents have accumulated numerous accomplishments. Of these, the most meaningful have been the Entrance Ceremony of the True Parents, the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace, into the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace and the world blessing and speaking tour carried out by the three generations of the True Family.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer to all leaders and blessed central families my heartfelt gratitude for your tireless efforts. With hopes that all of you will make a new beginning, aligning with the providence to fulfill the dream of God and True Parents, I would like to introduce, briefly, my activities that have been reported to True Parents thus far, and the providential tasks that need to be accomplished. Before I begin, please understand that the content I will cover does not include the entirety of True Parents' providence. For security reasons, some details cannot be fully explained.

#### **God's dream and True Parents' legacy**

All my public talks begin with God's dream and conclude with that same dream. This is because God's dream is the purpose of our existence and is also our ultimate goal. God's dream is the original ideal of creation that God wanted to



accomplish through Adam and Eve at the outset. It was also Jesus' dream, which was only finally brought to fruition through the establishment of True Parents. If we were to sum up this dream in one phrase, it would be "One Family under God, Aju."

We introduce the many accomplishments of our True Parents before the world, but I will not hide that the True Family itself is indeed the greatest legacy of our True Parents. This is because, with the settlement on earth of the True Family through three generations, God and humankind can have true hope that the ultimate dream of God will be fulfilled. Therefore, the ideal of the True Family, which our True Parents have established, is our vision of how to substantially realize a world of One Family under God, Aju.

### **Our mission until 2013**

What must we do to transcend the individual, family and tribal levels and substantiate God's dream in your nation and worldwide? To accomplish this, what have our True Parents promised in front of Heaven to accomplish by 2013?

Our first mission, inherited from True Parents, is the establishment of the substantial sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk. We need to take the lead in bringing about the unification of North Korea and South Korea, and establish sovereignty based on the ideal of God on the Korean peninsula. Centering on True Parents, we absolutely must take the lead in bringing about North-South Korean reunification and establish the sovereignty of God on the Korean peninsula. If we cannot establish God's dominion on the Korean peninsula, we must fulfill God's will even if it means we must raise up the most prepared nations in place of Korea in order to establish the sovereignty of God.

Our second mission is to build a substantial United Nations (UN) foundation centered on God, through which the establishment of Cheon Il Guk can spread to the world. Centering on the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the existing secularized UN must be transformed into a God-centered UN so that it can contribute to the realization of eternal peace.

Our third mission is to accelerate and fulfill the ongoing endeavors of our True Parents' providence, including the establishment of the four Cheon Jeong Peace Palaces, the World Culture and Sports Festival and International Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing, the spirit world providence centered on Cheongpyeong, the establishment of the Yeoido World Headquarters, the Bering Strait World Peace King Bridge and Tunnel and World Peace Highway project, the Yeosu ocean project, the Gimpo Aviation project and others.

First and foremost, I am asking all of you to focus on these missions, demonstrating leadership and bringing about organizational teamwork. All our blessed central families, wherever they go, should unite their three generations and live focused on the following three missions.

### **Three overall strategic initiatives**

Distinguished leaders, in order to accomplish the mission True Parents have given us to fulfill by 2013, we must advance centering on the following three strategic initiatives:

- The first strategy is the movement for the unification of North Korea and South Korea unification through the Northeast Peace Initiative.
- The second strategy is the interfaith peace movement through the Middle East Peace Initiative.

- The third strategy is the movement to empower the United Nations to help bring world peace through the accomplishment of its UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

Why do we need to effectively focus on these strategies? At the present time, the division of the Korean peninsula and the Middle East conflicts have become the most significant barriers to the realization of world peace. More fundamentally, the Middle East conflicts are rooted in the fact of Judaism and Israel not having received Jesus. The result has been division and fighting between the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths. That Christianity and Korea have not received True Father has also, providentially speaking, been the cause of the South-North division of the Korean peninsula. Therefore, it is no coincidence that today these two regions have become the two major axes that shake the foundations of world peace. Providentially, these issues must be resolved in order to establish peace on earth.

The beginning of the United Nations was something sacred, yet God was excluded. The UN then took on a secular perspective and has been controlled by the powerful nations and conflicting national interests, causing more disorder. The MDG that this UN is championing can only run into those same secular limitations. The UN MDG is a program for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), managed by the UN. Centering on UPF, every providential organization and every ambassador for peace should become an owner of the MDG. If we can substantially help the UN and the world to attain these goals, centered on True Parents' values, we can influence a renewal of the UN into a God-centered body that can finally be effective for world peace.

### **Providential focus for the remainder of 2007**

This year, 2007, is a watershed year in the providence. This is the year God and True Parents' liberation will begin. As blessed central families, you are all members of the extended True Family. Therefore, you must have ownership over the responsibilities our True Parents have shouldered thus far, and you must liberate our True Parents by inheriting their burdens as your own. Especially, we must unify with the marching order of "One Family Under God, Aju" and by 2008, prepare a solid foundation in order to successfully establish the sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk.

I hope all of you will align with the three strategic initiatives and accelerate the establishment of the peace kingdom. With that, I would now like to explain the future direction of the Unification Movement and its providential tasks, centering on the areas I have been responsible for until now.

#### **1. The role and functions of the international foundation**

In order to establish a global organizational system for Cheon Il Guk, an international foundation is being prepared that will manage and support all providential organizations. Furthermore, True Parents have given me the responsibility to ensure that all providential activities are aligned and advancing toward one goal.

Until now, our representative activities have been too separated by regions and as a result have not moved aligned as one. However, with the proliferation of the internet and advancements in means of transportation, we have entered an age where the walls between regions and nations have disappeared. It is necessary—and now possible—for the initiatives

within our movement to move as one body. We need to do this not only to achieve our goals efficiently but also because the mistakes of one region can immediately have a destructive effect on the movement worldwide.

The foundation must assume the functions of clearly defining our representative activities and systematically consolidating and coordinating them. For this, I will be establishing strategy-planning meetings among our key leaders. Furthermore, I will improve our system of reporting from each nation, region and key providential organization and check the progress in each locality.

On one hand, even though we live in an environment where internet access is possible anywhere in the world, our internet sites have been scattered here and there, and we have not been able to consolidate or manage them. Moreover, we have not been able to utilize the opportunity to effectively create our image as an international Unification Movement through this new medium. In the future, the foundation's headquarters must enhance its IT systems and manage all the providential organizations' websites.

We will develop a communication package so that our representative activities—such as the movement for personal purity, the blessing and establishing true families, the culture of heart and living for the sake of others, the ambassadors for peace, and other activities—can emerge as an integrated peace movement and take the lead in making cyberspace the place for proactive communication.

## 2. The Family Federation

At the time of my inauguration as the international vice-president of the Family Federation of World Peace and Unification in 1998, True Parents directed me to guide the second generation and establish the foundation for the youth and student movement. First, I established the internal leadership pipeline to align the second generation to the vertical axial line and to make them owners of the will of God. Namely, I created a system where the second generation will go through I-STF and Jr. STF and continue on to challenge the seven-year course that combines STF, CARP and our Missionary Training Program.

I have moved second-generation education into being an experience-based education, not just a cognitive education. I have bequeathed our True Parents' traditional training methods such as fundraising, witnessing, pioneering, etc., for their education and have developed experience-based programs such as adventure workshops. From there I have invested in witnessing and outreach through CARP and Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP) in order to go beyond our church dimensions and build a worldwide foundation of youth and students.

I will continue to guide CARP and YFWP to focus respectively on student and youth activities centered on witnessing



Hyun-jin nim emphasizing a point in his message as Kim Young-jun stands by, ready to translate

and outreach, and now, I am also directing the Family Federation to clearly focus on witnessing by core members and the ambassadors for peace centering on the Hoondok Family Church activities. In particular, I will guide the settlement of the Hoondok Family Church Movement with special interest. The Hoondok Family Church should become the vehicle for the Ambassadors for Peace Movement and for witnessing to build core members. However, like a double-edged sword, risk is involved. If, the Hoondok Family Church activities cannot be standardized, they will become a string of separate, individual movements created by members who haven't been trained. If that happens, we will not be able to carry out consistent strategies and policies, and the strength of the movement as a whole will weaken. Therefore, even as the Hoondok Family Church spreads in each region, our educational content and programs for church activities must be quickly

and thoroughly standardized.

With the approval of True Parents, the existing Second Generation Department was changed to *Seong Hwa* Department in order to collectively educate and train all the young people of the Family Federation, not only the second generation. Furthermore, the *Heui-won-hwe*, which was a means of bringing together blessed children, will be reactivated; and I will guide *Heui-won-hwe* to go beyond bringing blessed children together to socialize. It will instead become a means for blessed children to become owners of God's dream as members of the extended True Family and to inherit the tradition of the True Family.

## 3. The Ambassadors for Peace Movement

For the past few years, under the direct leadership of our True Parents, the ambassadors for peace foundation, which has taken root throughout the world, has become the new force of the Unification Movement and has stimulated a great vision. Through the world tours, I have witnessed the ambassadors for peace from throughout the world respond to True Parents' vision and express their respect for True Parents.

Last October 22, with a Youth Federation rally held in Korea, True Parents expanded the scope of the ambassadors for peace to all ages, including elementary school students and gave me the important responsibility of the entire foundation of ambassadors for peace. Initially, I have directed that the Student Ambassadors for Peace Program be organized under CARP, and, eventually, they will be managed through the Student Federation for World Peace (SFWP). I have directed the YFWP to take responsibility for educating the youth ambassadors for peace and to organize programs for them. In the future, programs for middle and high school ambassadors for peace and kindergarten and elementary school ambassadors for peace will also be developed, centering on the Seong Hwa Department.



If all levels of ambassadors for peace are to align as one with the vision of One Family under God, Aju, this base can become a tremendous foundation that can realize the dream of God.

### 3.1 *The American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) helping America to fulfill its role as the elder son nation*

America, as the elder son nation, is directly responsible to support the entire worldwide providence. In particular, America is responsible to restore the UN, which is being reduced to a secular organization, thereby transforming it into a God-centered organization. In order to fulfill this mission, America must first be able to take the lead in making real the ideal of One World under God, Aju, based on its founding spirit as a Christian nation. With this goal in mind, I received the direction from True Parents to speak in twelve cities in the U.S. Through this speaking tour, unity was achieved, and we created the momentum to expand the activities of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC).

The ACLC must be a movement existing for the sake of revitalizing the Christian foundation of America. To do this, the ACLC should extend its foundation of faith and support in the black community that has been its heart and soul. It should also expand its foundation by working with the independent mega-churches. Ultimately, the ACLC must find its audience in all the mainstream Christian churches. As with Korea's twenty-five thousand ambassadors for peace, if thirty thousand American Christian ministers can be organized as active ambassadors for peace, we can create a grassroots foundation that can move America. If we can move America like this, then we can build a substantial foundation that can move the UN and the world, and ultimately move Christianity in Korea.

### 3.2 *The International Leadership Conference (ILC)*

The reason for holding an International Leadership Conference (ILC) following the activation of the ACLC was to create the foundation for the American Leadership Conference (ALC) to revitalize America's political leadership. The first ILC, which was recently held in Washington DC, supported the Northeast Asia providence and became an effective starting point to relaunch the ALC in America. In the future, the participants who took part in the ILC will organize the ALC and counterparts in Japan (JLC), Korea (KLC) and other countries.

These various national leadership conference groups will grow into a foundation of leaders from each nation that will be able to renew their country.

## 4. **Global youth and college campus movements**

### 4.1 *World CARP (W-CARP)*

Last year and this year, centering on the annual mottoes given to us by our True Parents, I presided over the kickoff for the year of the second generation. On January 10, at the forty-first anniversary celebration of W-CARP's founding, I made it known that we are ending what can be equated to our forty-year wilderness course. W-CARP was founded in 1966. With Cheon Il Guk in its seventh year, and with forty-one years of W-CARP's existence, we are now at a point of new beginning. From this year, W-CARP will work together with the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), the Teachers Association for the Research of Principles (TARP), and other organizations to mount a full-scale challenge to the pioneering of chapters and campuses in order to find a nation and move out toward the world.

To accomplish this, at a meeting of W-CARP leaders from around the world, four core goals were established to be achieved within the next 3 years:

- First, W-CARP chapters are to be pioneered in all UN member nations and we are to build the largest student organization, which will move the world.
- Second, each nation's W-CARP chapter will pioneer W-CARP centers in all the nation's college campuses.
- Third, W-CARP will standardize the witnessing-education system according to the seventy-day education system developed by True Parents. In other words we will adhere to the two-day, seven-day, twenty-one-day, forty-day system and will multiply core membership.
- Fourth, W-CARP will raise campus ambassadors for peace and will create a mass foundation for the Student Federation for World Peace.

### 4.2 *Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP)*

From its founding, the Youth Federation for World Peace was the vanguard for our True Parents' providence, created with the mission to create new breakthroughs. In 1994, when South Korea and North Korea were bitterly confronting one another,



The audience at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2007 in the Sports Hall of the Cheongshim Youth Center listening to Hyun-jin nim



True Parents held a seminar in Russia for youth and students from North Korea, South Korea and their surrounding nations—six nations in all—launching YFWP and opening the way for reconciliation between South Korea and North Korea. From now on as well, the Youth Federation will be the emissary organization for our True Parents and must boldly carry the mission to pioneer new ground for the providence.

Since True Parents appointed me as the international president of the YFWP last year, I have been busy reestablishing the Youth Federation headquarters and the international foundation for its organization. Despite the fact that, in time, the Youth Federation will have to play a central role in the UPF providence, aside from Korea and Japan, its foundation had been nothing more than a name. However, the last Korean presidential election verified that the youth are determining the future by playing a deciding role in influencing politics, economics and society as a whole. Therefore, in order to accelerate the establishment of Cheon Il Guk and in order to advance our worldwide providence, we must have a worldwide foundation of youth.

In order to achieve this goal, I established an international headquarters, and on August 12, victoriously held a rally of twenty-five thousand international youth leaders in the Philippines. This launched the building of the organizational foundation of youth worldwide. In particular, I held this rally under the theme of the UN Millennium Development Goals, which are managed by the UN for the benefit of society.

Through this rally I proclaimed that a 2008 Million Youth Rally will held on each continent to build the momentum in 2008 for the substantial restoration of sovereignty on the Korean peninsula centering on our True Parents. From the momentum of these million-youth rallies, we will go on to hold rallies of a hundred thousand ambassadors for peace on the Korean peninsula, in Seoul and in Pyongyang, thus opening the gates for the reunification of South Korea and North Korea. Already, concrete plans for the Million Youth Rally are underway centered on the Philippines, and they are attracting deep interest from various leaders, such as Philippine Speaker of the House José de Venecia.

To create this kind of change, and to organize the core youth leaders and educate them, I appointed youth ambassadors for peace at the October 22 Youth Federation rally last

year. From there, youth VIPs were organized into think tanks within each nation centering on the three strategic initiatives, and the International Leadership Conference was held in Washington, DC, in order to begin renewing the nation and the UN.

#### 4.3 Service For Peace (SFP) activities

Service For Peace has seen substantial growth during the past year in various countries. The Korean chapter, for example, has been registered as a non-profit corporation and we are seeing its rapid development as a member organization of the Korean Council of Volunteerism. In America as well, Service For Peace has developed to the point where it has been recognized as one of the six top service organizations living the ideals of civil rights pioneer Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

When True Parents launched the Middle East Peace Initiative, Service For Peace played a behind-the-scenes role, deeply touching the local leaders and opening their hearts. In the Philippines, Service For Peace greatly contributed to the Youth Federation rally last August by mobilizing the presidents, professors and students of the local universities. It is currently deeply involved in promoting the 2008 Million Youth Rally in that country.

#### 5. Human resource development and scholarship activities

In 2007 and 2008, we must develop a comprehensive proposal for the management of human resources and leadership development and must consistently invest effort toward this development. Currently our institutions for developing talent, especially Sun Moon University, Cheongshim Graduate School, the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), have been decentralized. I will help these institutions specialize in order to match their qualities with the tasks to be done. UTS in particular, must be renovated centered on the new vision of becoming an interfaith seminary.

##### 5.1 A new vision for UTS: becoming the first interfaith seminary

True Parents have given the direction that UTS is to become the “Mecca of the interfaith movement” and must influence the religious spheres of the world. This “interfaith” toward which UTS will be aiming, does not come from the existing concept of recognizing the diversity of thought within each



Embodying the spirit of service: Hyun-jin nim with the participants of a Religious Youth Service project in Malaysia last year



religion and, all together, learning and understanding them. True Parents' vision of "interfaith" is focused on God's universal will and uplifting the shared principles that God has pursued through each religion. In other words, True Parents' vision of interfaith is recovering the vision of One Family Under God, Aju from within each religious tradition, transcending the walls between religions, aligning to the will of God and standing at the forefront of substantializing world peace.

UTS, centering on this vision, will develop into an interfaith seminary for the people of the world, where religious leaders of every faith can come, receive an education and become interfaith-oriented ambassadors for peace who will be active in realizing religious harmony and peace for humanity. In the future, UTS will expand branch schools into each continent and these will become the vehicles for the global interfaith movement.

The world will open its eyes to see and understand True Parents' vision of interfaith and will take an interest in an educational institution that raises true interfaith leaders. Therefore, UTS must be quick to prepare for this new providential time.

Furthermore, I would like to emphasize one more important role for UTS. In order for the Hoondok Family Church movement to spread, one of our pressing tasks is to develop standardized educational programs and content for our Hoondok Family Church activities, centered on the Family Pledge and True Father's peace messages, and to reeducate our field leaders and educators. UTS will work with the Family Federation, UPF, International Education Foundation (IEF) and other organizations to fulfill this role.

### 5.2 Reviving the Heung Jin Moon Scholarship Fund

The memories of my older brother Heung-jin *hyung nim* are still alive in my heart. Raising those of our second generation to become leaders like my older brother is, I feel, a deeply meaningful project that will honor my older brother, who is actively working in the spirit world and will connect the second generation to him in heart. True Parents created the Heung Jin Moon Scholarship Fund for this purpose. This year, I will revive the Heung Jin Moon Scholarship Fund. It should not only provide monetary support but must raise and support the character and values education of the great second generation members who are inheriting the tradition of the True Family.

## 6. Media-related Issues

With this new year, we will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the *Washington Times* and the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of UPI.

### 6.1 The *Washington Times*

Particularly at this time, the *Washington Times* has a great



**Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2007 with their daughter Shin-hyang nim. A Family Party official is in the background.**

opportunity to build a significant media enterprise both in the U.S. and abroad.

Moreover, with our True Parents' investment over the past twenty-five years, the *Washington Times* has acquired a national brand that other local newspapers do not have and enjoys a solid reputation overseas as well. If the *Washington Times* can increase local distribution by improving its quality and can increase readership both nationally and abroad through an effective internet strategy, the *Times* will uncover completely new opportunities. On the internet, the *Washington Times* regularly records 30 million hits a month. It has been recognized by the Newspaper Association

of America, which monitors newspaper internet trends, as being among the newspapers showing the fastest online growth.

Now marking its twenty-fifth anniversary, the *Washington Times* will take its place as the leading newspaper in America and throughout the world.

### 6.2 United Press International (UPI)

United Press International is a news agency with a long history of bringing international news to America. Many of the most respected names in American journalism got their start at UPI. The existing brand of UPI as a general newswire agency has been in the process of being transformed into a digital media brand. We have access to a great depth of global news and information sources, through our network of affiliated organizations such as the UPF ambassadors for peace and CARP on the college campuses of the world.

The vision for UPI is that it be a definitive, one-stop source for unprocessed, first-hand news from all corners of the world through utilizing our movement's worldwide foundation. In terms of the demand of news today, there is a growing desire from media outlets for direct, unfiltered information from primary news sources as readers tire of processed and overly commercialized news. The internet site YouTube, which was recently purchased by Google for \$1.6 billion, offers unpackaged, unprocessed video content and it has been tremendously successful. Likewise, UPI will become a major newswire agency based on direct news gathered from all corners of the world.

## Conclusion

There are still many areas of my responsibility that I have been unable to cover in detail today. Distinguished Cheon Il Guk leaders, we have entered the age of Eog Mansei for the Sacred Reign of Peace in Cheon Il Guk, the Realm of Cosmic Peace. As you have been born anew through the grace of our True Parents, go back to your youthful spirit, full of conviction and ambition, and go forward courageously to substantiate God's sovereignty on earth. Aju! Thank you very much. ♦



**February 8, 2007**

An international leadership conference for Youth Federation members under the theme "Peace and security in Northeast Asia: Toward a global alliance" took place February 4–5, 2007 in Washington D.C. and New York.

**R**epresentatives of fifteen UN member states attended a special briefing on prospects for peace in Korea and Asia, held at the United Nations on February 8, the same day that the six-party Korean peninsula talks resumed in Beijing. The event was part of the International Leadership Conference (ILC) sponsored by the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP) and the Universal Peace Federation.

"I am profoundly grateful to the United Nations for having saved my father, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, from the Hungnam concentration camp in North Korea," Hyun-jin nim said in his keynote address. "It is very significant for me to stand here in the United Nations today and to share with you the determination of all of us in the ILC to support UN efforts in working for the reunification of Korea."

Hyun-jin nim also recognized and praised China for its leadership in the six-party talks. "China has a key role, as one of the very few nations to have strong relationships with both North and South Korea," he said.

"However, as my father has always taught, the only way to bring a true, lasting peace is for all humankind to recognize that we are one family under God. Without universal principles and core values to guide world leadership, we will not be able to achieve permanent peace."

China's permanent representative to the UN, Ambassador Wang Guangja, was seated next to Hyun-jin nim at the head table. The two men talked very warmly together throughout the program, even joining in song together at the spirited conclusion.

Philippine UN Ambassador Lauro Bajó gave a report on the interfaith resolution recently passed by the General Assembly. "The interreligious resolution was the brainchild of Rev. Moon, and we took it from there," he said. The Philippines, like much of the world, has been wrestling with conflict and tensions between Islam and Christianity and is actively seeking a



new solution.

Ambassador Abdul Wahab, the permanent observer to the UN from the Organization of Islamic Conferences, an inter-governmental grouping of more than fifty Islamic states, was also in attendance. He has attended previous Ambassador for Peace programs and is a supporter of the ongoing work of the Universal Peace Federation.

During the program, there was also an opportunity for the ILC delegates from Japan, Russia, China, Mongolia and the United States to share with the UN representatives their reflections on the just-concluded ILC conference in Washington DC.

Mr. Matt Salmon, a Mormon and a U.S. congressman for Arizona (1995–2001), led the U.S. delegation. "The Bible says that 'a man has no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends,'" he said, "and Reverend Moon has been laying down his life for others for so long. We all serve a great God, and there are far more important things than political parties."

Other participants spoke of their dreams and aspirations for peace. Moscow State University's Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky said, "I had a dream just before I came to the ILC conference that I was at the United Nations trying to persuade them to take action for peace. Today I can see that dreams can come true." Professor Shaohua Hu, from the Chinese delegation, said, "It was my lifelong dream to become a diplomat. I was so happy to become an ambassador for peace; and I was very moved by Senator Lugar and the other ILC presenters. All of them are well known in China. As a result of the ILC conference, I become more of an idealist and could see the more positive side of human nature."

This was first in a series of International Leadership Conferences scheduled for 2007, hosted jointly by YFWP and UPF. During the remainder of the conference, the ILC delegates were educated in Father's vision of one family under God by Hyun-jin nim, along with presentations on Father's worldview by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan and Rev. Yang Chang-shik. Mr. Joo Dong-moon presented a detailed orientation on the founding of the *Washington Times*, which greatly inspired the participants.

The ILC, through its series of conferences, leadership consultations and issues development, functions as a think tank



**A banquet speech at the International Leadership Conference**

addressing critical global issues such as the peace processes in Northeast Asia and the Middle East and achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals through forging a global culture of service.

In America, ILC partners with the prestigious Washington Times Foundation and the American Leadership Conference, which has chapters in all fifty states, to equip a new generation of leaders in the fields of politics, education, business, religion and civil society. Similar national level leadership conferences, such as the Korean Leadership Conference (KLC) and the Japanese Leadership Conference (JLC), are being formulated in each region in partnership with the global Ambassador for Peace network.

Following the successful UPF-YFWP ILC on Northeast Asia, a global ILC is being planned by Hyun-jin nim with UPF and the Washington Times Foundation, during the *Washington Times*' twenty-fifth anniversary celebration, May 16–18. In addition to this elite, high-level education, programs for youth peace ambassadors are ongoing. From this year, events will be taking place in every region on a regular monthly basis. ♦

**Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim with Rev. Kwak, UPF and YFWP staff members, and recipients of Youth Ambassador for Peace certificates at the conclusion of the event**





# A HOME FOR PEACE IN JERUSALEM



By Hod Ben Zvi

Above: A view of the building where the Jerusalem Peace Center is located Below: The Abes



The story begins with a proposal by Dr. Abe<sup>1</sup> back in 2000. He had an idea to establish a peace academy in Israel. Academies are more often associated with military training, so the idea was to create an institution solely dedicated to peace education. The idea to create a peace academy was indeed a heavenly inspiration. Later, our True Parents directed the establishment of peace embassies throughout the world, a fantastic idea that we felt was one and the same.

Jerusalem, being a historical old city, does not have much area that can be developed, so real estate prices are extremely high. The funds allocated for the peace embassy were not enough to meet the high prices in Israel, so the project did not move forward. Toward the end of 2006, we decide to create a formation-stage embassy and take it from there as things permit. At least we could make a start.

We had found a possible office space in downtown Jerusalem. When I just described the place to Dr. Abe, immediately, he responded, "Please rent it!"

I was rather surprised and said, "But you haven't seen it, yet!" However, Dr. Abe was confident and said, "Go ahead."

Later, after we had rented the place, he gave me the goal of renovating it within forty days.

The spiritual feeling we had, particularly Mrs. Abe, was that this was not just to be a peace academy, or a peace embassy. There are many churches everywhere in the Holy Land, however, Jesus has no home here. We wanted to build a home for Jesus, where he could actually live. This was the internal meaning, though we have not shared this publicly. Although it is an office space, we installed a kitchen, a shower, and so on. When preparations were completed, we held a very moving dedication ceremony for Jesus.

Our ambassadors for peace and visitors feel a special atmosphere there; it's very calm and inviting, but they cannot explain why. For us the reason is clear; Jesus' desire is to embrace his own brothers and sisters, the Jewish people, to have them back home with him, to share with them.

The official opening of the Jerusalem Peace Center was on January 10 of this year. Thirty-three people came—including two incumbent members of the Knesset, Druze, Christian and Jewish leaders, poets, writers, lecturers and other professionals—a distinctive group of our close peace ambassadors. The atmosphere was so warm. People spoke in turn, giving their blessings on the new place. Thus, it opened with prayers from the different monotheistic faiths.

The opening ceremony set the tone for the peace academy—since it opened, it is always busy. The peace ambassadors are coming, because for the first time we have a place in the center of town. We told everyone, "We are open." There are opening

<sup>1</sup> Abe Masatoshi is the chairman of UPF Israel.



hours on the door; they simply drop by. We are very happy with this, but at the same time, we are even busier than before. People want to bring us their ideas, their inspirations and their programs. Our small staff has had to accommodate this flow of people coming in, which included peace ambassadors as well as new contacts hoping to become peace ambassadors. We explained to them that this was not so much an award as a responsibility, and we designed a half-day training course. People come to listen to lectures. At first, these were held every day, but we were so busy with it that we had to make it every two or three days. Once they complete the course, they receive an Ambassador for Peace certificate. We encourage them to bring more people to our events. Father's desire is that we have 3,600 peace ambassadors. We still have some ways to go.

We are also preparing a monthly meeting for religious leaders. We feel that our interfaith work cannot just be done occasionally, in a sporadic way. It needs continuity. It is important to meet monthly. Then even if someone misses a meeting, the momentum and standard are not lost. A pattern is developing. The new place is somewhere we can have regular meetings. We can also hold youth education projects, service projects or leadership training—it can be a hub for various activities.

The facility thus has several functions. The offices include one for the Women's Federation. We have received requests from other NGOs (not affiliated with our movement) that want to



An array of Ambassadors for Peace and guests contributed to the graceful opening of the Peace Embassy in Jerusalem.

use the space, and we welcome these. We want it to be an open platform, so that we can network and connect with many people. During opening hours, someone is always there. Having a location for ongoing interaction is very good because you can create deeper relationships with people.

Another purpose of the peace academy is that ambassadors for peace are welcome to come and use the office space (and computer) for their own purposes, as a supporting office. They often need our help in organizational and practical matters, and we can provide that.

It is used as a lecture facility, at which peace ambassadors give presentations. We have so many professors and academics among our peace ambassadors. They can share about many different fields, such as the history of Jerusalem. One young Palestinian teacher wants to teach Arabic to Jew-

ish people, to help them become more familiar with Arab society.

We also hope to use the facility as a branch of the Unification Theological Seminary (and even of the University of Bridgeport if we can). Already we have discussed this with the UTS president. UTS students could come and complete a series of lectures given by Israeli professors and do a fact-finding tour in a field of study connected with the Holy Land.

Thus, although it is a small peace and culture center, we try to make it very efficient, fulfilling many roles. This is our formation-stage peace embassy. As a hub, it will facilitate much interaction and provide support for different peace-making initiatives.

Later, we will move on to a bigger facility, where we might have accommodations and so forth. This is how we are planning to grow, together with the peace ambassadors. ♦

# The Peace TV Initiative

Dear friends! Peace TV is happy to announce the launch of its English language service. Our goal is to help the global English-speaking Unificationist community keep up to date with providential events and what True Parents have said most recently. Our first project, English dubbing of True Parents' hoondokhwae, has just begun this month.

We plan to develop our service to

include summaries of various events, documentaries, speeches, lectures and an English version of our video Peace Magazine.

We have just begun and are aware of existing inadequacies, but we will continually improve our service.

To be able to watch hoondokhwae and make use of other materials (videos, photos and texts), you need to sign up and pay a membership fee on our

web site. If you have questions concerning the process of registration or payment, you may contact us directly. Here is our contact information: phone: +82-2-710-5135, +82-10-8696-7716, fax: +82-2-710-5199, e-mail Alexander Ershov: alex@pyongil.com

We will do our best to become a source of inspiration for the Unification family members worldwide. ♦



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# The Life of Faith is an Adventure



By Helene Matondo do Nioio

**T**hough born into a Christian family, I had reached a point where the usual explanations of the content of the Bible no longer satisfied me. I started to visit different kinds of churches looking for something to relieve my soul. One day, while I was working as a nurse in a hospital, my head nurse invited me to visit her church, the Unification Church. I was thirsty for truth, so I accepted her invitation. From that first contact with the church, the warm welcome I received from the members moved me. During my introduction to the church's teachings, I was very interested to hear that in the Last Days, God would send someone with the new truth. During the Sunday service, I was also moved by the unique melody of the Holy Songs and by the warm atmosphere prevailing.

Upon completing a seven-day workshop, I came to realize that what I had just been taught was what I had been looking for all these years; a great hope sprang up in my heart. When the time came to receive the blessing, though, as a person born with fallen nature, many negative thoughts invaded me. Can I love someone I have never met before? If I

am blessed to a foreigner, can I leave my homeland, this familiar environment? At that time, I thought that my country was the only place where I could live comfortably. My spiritual mother played an important role in helping rid me of all these negative thoughts. Finally, I made up my mind and prepared myself to accept whichever man Heavenly Father and True

Parents chose for me and to go anywhere they wanted me to go.

When I heard about my matching, I realized that my will was different from God's will. I was matched to a brother from Sierra Leone, a country I had never dreamed of and a little known country, even in Africa. I wondered whether I was going to make it there. Again, my spiritual mother encouraged me saying, "If True Parents are sending you to that country, it is because they trust that you can make it there. In my heart, what she said sounded right.

From that moment, I started preparations to join my husband. It may sound funny, but I soon developed love toward my husband and toward his nation. Any news pertaining to Sierra Leone became important to me. Unfortunately, after the blessing, there was a long, nine-month, silence from my husband. I sent many letters but no replies came. Nevertheless, I was determined to go to the country God and True Parents had chosen for me. A little while later, I received a letter from my husband explaining how difficult his situation was due to the war and urging me to join him if we were to save our blessing.

Though someone swindled me out



Helene with her husband John D. S. Samura; they are currently the national leaders of Sierra Leone



# Birth of an Online Resource



To where on the Internet do you refer your contacts for a basic introduction to our founder? Check out a new web site, The Life and Work of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, at [www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org](http://www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org). The Universal Peace Federation has launched this project to introduce the public to True Parents' life and work. Clearly designed and easy-to-navigate, the web site is an innovative resource through which friends, family and contacts can gain an accurate picture of our movement and its founders.

It has four main sections. These cover Father's life, teachings, family and work. These sections have been created to benefit readers with little or no knowledge of the subject. They also include links to other relevant materials so readers can explore further if they desire.

For example, Kevin McCarthy's

Divine Principle lectures and other presentations on Unificationism can be listened to or downloaded as mp3 audio files. And there is a link to the developing UPF internet TV site, Universal Peace TV ([www.uptv.org](http://www.uptv.org)), which carries a diversity of programming on the work of UPF and the larger movement.

A unique feature of the web site is the many testimonies from prominent religious, academic, civil society and political leaders, and ambassadors for peace, who have worked with True Parents and our movement—some for decades. Many of these are taken from the new UPF book *Peace King: Essays on the Life and Work of Dr. Sun Myung Moon*, published for True Parents' birthday in February this year.

One advantage of basing such a resource on the internet is that new information can be quickly added—and then it is instantly available to anyone

in the world with access to a computer. The site organizers will develop the site and want us to get in touch with ideas.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Contribute:** New content will be added regularly. UPF welcomes contributions; material should be introductory in nature.

**Send Feedback:** Please also send your feedback and suggestions.

**Translate the site:** UPF has already received inquiries about translating the site into other languages. UPF will grant permission for authorized persons to create such translations.

**Spread the word:** Let our members and associates know about this new resource for witnessing to our family, friends and contacts about the work of True Parents.

*All requests and correspondence should be e-mailed to:*

[info@reverendsunmyungmoon.org](mailto:info@reverendsunmyungmoon.org) ♦

[www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org](http://www.reverendsunmyungmoon.org)

of all the money I had saved, to preserve our blessing I had come to terms with the prospect of suffering, even at the cost of my life, to reach Sierra Leone. With eighty dollars left, I decided to leave with one sister who was going to Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic. That sister told me that eighty dollars was insufficient even to reach Bangui. I replied that my problem was getting out of the Republic of Congo. After that, God would take care of me.

On February 10, 2002, we left Kinshasa for Brazzaville, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo. On March 5, after a few weeks in Brazzaville during which I did a little bit of fundraising, we boarded a boat. Four days later, a violent gale shook the boat; it was at the point of capsizing. Everybody was praying to his or her own God. I didn't panic while awaiting death. My only prayer was that if it were God's will for me to die, I was ready.

A few minutes later, the wind subsided and we docked at a village where we all testified to the power of God. The chief of the village testified that God was indeed on our boat, because every year on that day a boat capsizes at that very place! I expressed my gratitude to Heavenly Father for allowing me to continue

my trip under the protection of the good spiritual world. We arrived in Bangui on April 5. A few weeks later, again after fundraising, I left the Central African Republic for Cameroon.

Alone now, I boarded a timber transport ship where only the pilot and his motor boy were with me. The motor boy could not speak French, only Hausa, a dialect from Chad. For four days, God and the spirit world looked after me, because I could only communicate with the two men through gestures. I arrived in Cameroon, without any money remaining and decided to ask my husband for support. Being in his last year of studies at university, he asked me to be patient and told me that he would do his best as he recognized my efforts to join him.

It was difficult for him, as well, to support me financially, so I went through hard times during the year I spent in Cameroon. Always, though, I felt I was on a mission, and therefore suffering was inevitable for my heart to grow. Something Father has said, "The greater the indemnity, the greater the blessing," comforted me.

A year later, my husband sent me money to fly from Cameroon to Sierra Leone, but as the amount was insuffi-

cient, I decided to go on the road again.

On May 6, 2003, I took a boat to Nigeria. From Nigeria, I went by bus to Benin. After a week I left Benin for Mali via Burkina Faso, and from Mali, I went to Conakry, Guinea. There my husband came to meet me on May 30. When I first saw him, he looked like a member of my family; he looked as if he could be my older brother.

Amazingly, even though I could not express myself in English, I could understand the language when I was with my husband.

Honestly, I don't regret that I came to Sierra Leone, and my suffering was not in vain. It took me a year and three months to reach Sierra Leone from my homeland of Congo.

Limits and barriers make us miss many of the blessings that God has in store for us. In Sierra Leone, my in-laws treat me like a princess. My husband and I live in peace. I am very grateful to Heavenly Father and True Parents for helping me see new dimension of life and for the determination they gave me. ♦

*Helene Matondo do Nioio and John D. S. Samura were blessed among the 360,000 couples.*

# An Imam who Moved Hearts

By Dr. Teh Su Thyne

When we heard that two imams were coming for Peace Tour IV, we were very happy because Muslims are the majority in Malaysia. We felt the mixture of Christian and Muslim ambassadors for peace would be good. When I heard Imam Tariq Ansaar Aquil's name, I searched the internet and discovered he is a distinguished and active Muslim leader in America. We were inspired and immediately arranged for a special meeting in University Malaya; we invited Muslim professors and scholars to that specific event.

He had a lot of difficulty coming to Malaysia. We were expecting him on a certain date, but his flight was delayed twice. While transiting through an American city, the plane took off two hours late, and then had to return to the airport because of serious problems. The plane had to circle the airport for more than an hour to burn off fuel, and then landed on a runway lined with emergency equipment. Then it was delayed a second time due to a missed connection. Jim Flynn, the North American UPF secretary-general, e-mailed me to say great blessing is waiting in Malaysia for the world tour because this imam had to pay so much indemnity to come to the country. We had similar feelings.

This is the first time a Muslim leader and ambassador for peace was to come and give Father's speech in this Muslim country.

When he arrived, because the schedule was already arranged, we brought him straight to meet two top leaders of the Interreligious Council in Malaysia. In the car, on the way, we explained about the relationship between Muslims and other faiths here. The whole country is peaceful, but there are issues here and there. When he met the Interreligious Council leaders, they also expressed concern about religious harmony. They saw his concern as an imam, as a Muslim leader. The meeting inspired me and inspired the two religious leaders. We could see he is righteous. He said, "Father Moon has sent me here for a reason. I must do something to help this nation."

He is very action-oriented. We brought him to five rallies, where he delivered Father's speech. The way he conveyed it also inspired us. He spoke with a very serious tone, as if he were giving it as his own message. He knew how to inspire people to focus on the speech. He spoke with confidence, asked the audience questions and had them raise their hands.

We arranged for him to meet a



Imam Tariq Ansaar Aquil, Sr., executive director of the Interreligious Council for Prevention and Resolution of Global Crisis, standing in front of the Petronas Towers, the second and third tallest buildings in the world, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

famous Hindu swami. After a short conversation, both of them inspired each other, because they share very similar thoughts about religion and many other topics. He suddenly told the Hindu swami, "Actually, we think in the same way; we share so many things." He hugged the swami. All of us were laughing and joyful. It was very

## Bits and Pieces

**Gunnard Johnston,  
national messiah to Lithuania on  
TONGIL MOO-DO INFLUENCE**

We're raising new members. We've developed tongil moo-do martial arts as a major witnessing tool, and it has helped three brothers to get much more active than they were before. Just coming to lectures and giving lectures—the intellectual side—was just not working for them. We realized they had to do something. We were planning to energize the tongil moo-do program anyway. Dr. Seuk is the founder of tongil moo-do, and he's our regional director. He never pushes it with a

heavy hand. He always gently emphasizes it. Obviously, he has a lot invested in tongil moo-do. He believes in it, and it is paying dividends. It's bringing people in. Not only in our country, but I understand all around the world.

**and on  
MARATHON TRANSLATION WORK**

The Lithuanian members had been translating Cheon Seong Gyeong on their own for six or eight months before I even knew about it. They have their own center and my family is in the headquarters.

They were using Cheon Seong

Gyeong for Sunday service. We would read about eight to ten pages for Sunday service and then talk about it. I thought they were just doing it for Sundays, but no, they were doing it every morning for hoondok, for an hour or an hour and a half every morning for months before I knew about it. We don't do hoondok together as a rule; we do it together on occasion. When we do it it's usually at our place, at the headquarters.

Then last summer, when Father was very serious about finishing the book, we got a notice from the project director asking us to finish the book. We still had 70 percent more to do. It was quite a lot. He asked for three people but we could only send one. We sent our best. She's our eldest and she's very smart. She went to Korea in August. She



interesting to see a Muslim leader and a Hindu leader talking like brothers with no gap between them. This swami is the president of the Divine Life Society in Malaysia, whose teaching has many similarities to Father's teachings. He was very broad-minded.

We also brought Imam Aquil to the Institute of Islamic Understanding, Malaysia. He spoke to the general director there, who is a knowledgeable Muslim scholar. I was with them, but I was quiet the entire time; they were talking about Islamic issues such as those related to halal food worldwide. Imam Aquil spoke very well and they had a very good conversation. They started laughing at one point. He built a very good rapport, and then Imam Aquil could speak about some religious friction in Malaysia, such as why non-Muslims are not allowed in Malaysian mosques, which he learned when we took him to a beautiful mosque in Putrajaya, the new government city. He had wanted to take pictures inside the mosque, but our cameraman, a Chinese brother, could not enter. Of course, the general director and Imam Aquil didn't come to any conclusion, but on the way back, he seemed optimistic that things would improve.

Besides being a very good speaker, he keeps in touch with people very well. He gets name cards from people and immediately, the next day, sends e-mail to them. He really inspired us during the few days we spent with him. God is with this person—that is our feeling. His attitude toward God and people is very different.

We see a lot of hope, because Imam Aquil told us that he had had doubts about Father Moon before coming to know him. When the Muslim scholars gathered at the university, he gave a testimony about Father. He told them that he had been invited to an Islamic summit in Indonesia that Father Moon had called for. He knew Father's background and thought Father Moon must have some reason for paying for everything—the air ticket and the hotel. He was waiting for the time Father would come out and preach to them, giving some kind of Christian message. There was that kind of tension. But Dr. Kwak just gave the opening remarks, speaking about problems the Muslim world was facing and encouraging them to solve them. That was it. The rest of the conference was left for the Islamic scholars to hold a forum.

Imam Aquil had not expected that a non-Muslim would organize an Islamic summit for all those Muslim leaders. He said some of them were much richer people than Father Moon, some were even kings, but none of them was doing that. From that moment onward, he changed his views.

Imam Aquil had not been scheduled to speak at the Islamic summit, but after hearing that some of the Muslim leaders were spending a lot of the time criticizing others, Dr. Kwak asked him to speak. Imam Aquil has a very different mindset. He reminded everyone that Muslims have to focus on their own responsibility.

He said that before he had been very

sensitive about Father's teachings, but after attending a workshop where the ambassadors for peace studied Father's message, he has started to understand it better. This also gave us a lot of hope.

Immediately after going back to America, the first thing Imam Aquil did was send an e-mail to Rev. Michael Jenkins thanking him and thanking us here in Malaysia. He wrote in part:

Reverend Jenkins, as I started the tour my anticipation was that I would offer every ounce of support to "Rebuild the family, restore the community and renew the nation and the world" as it was observed in Malaysia. At the conclusion of the tour I am certain they gave as much to me as I gave to them in a loving exchange.... I left Malaysia a witness that the work of assisting in establishing the Peace Kingdom is well underway in Malaysia. I felt compelled to report these events so they might be known on Earth and in Heaven. Again, I am eternally grateful that I was able to participate in Peace Tour IV and stand ready to play whatever role I may be deemed suited for in the future.

We all had a wonderful experience with Imam Aquil, such an outstanding religious leader. Our perspective and understanding about Islam changed. He speaks about the mission of ambassadors for peace very well. We are very interested to invite him to Malaysia again. ♦

missed Mother's tour, and she missed the True Children's tour while she was doing the translation work.

As time went by we realized she couldn't do it by herself. So, we sent another sister in December along with her husband, who is Russian. He worked with her and also helped with the Russian translation.

There was still too much to do, so last month, our members set up seven computers in one little office, about the size of a five-seat dining table. They worked on it in relay twenty-four hours a day to finish the translation last month. I think their working so intensely and finishing the Cheon Seong Gyeong translation is directly related to our bringing a parliamentarian to an event. She's the first active parliamentarian we've had attend a conference.

**Editor's note:** The work (initiated by Father) to translate Cheon Seong Gyeong into forty languages is continuing in earnest. Along with Lithuanian, Cheon Seong Gyeong was published in six other languages in time for True Parents' Birthday in February. These were Albanian, Filipino, Malay, Nepali, Portuguese and Russian. And to these were recently added Dutch and German. Including Korean and Japanese, Cheon Seong Gyeong has now been published in a total of twenty languages.

**Teh Su Thye,**  
national leader of Malaysia on  
REINTEGRATED BLESSED FAMILIES

When Father came in 2005, it was mainly the headquarters staff and other full time members that did

all the work to prepare, because we had enough capable full time members. Then Mother came in May for one event, which the headquarters also mainly took care of. Blessed families invited some people but not many.

Suddenly, we were shocked when speakers were to come to twelve cities. We needed twelve times the manpower as before, and we had no time to prepare. We assigned blessed families to organize in certain cities as the main coordinators because we simply didn't have manpower. The urgency pushed everybody to take responsibility. Almost everybody was assigned to a certain role. We needed twelve MCs, twelve ushers, twelve drivers—everything was times twelve. We needed more than a hundred people.

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Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the king and queen of peace, are empowered by God's all-transcendence, all-immanence and omnipotence and are guiding the unfolding of history. They are now declaring the dawn of a new heavenly civilization of universal peace.... As the future unfolds, Rev. Moon will move in accordance with this declaration. Having been made aware of this in advance, we have the honor of walking with him and sharing in his work.

The four seasons of the Earth, the four seasons of the universe, pass through their vast cycles. We have returned to the original point of creation, the alpha, the beginning point of the realization of the ideal heaven and ideal kingdom of freedom, peace and love. This is what God envisioned in the original ideal of creation when He made the natural world in heaven and on earth at the beginning of time.

A total and complete reversal will occur; evil will give way to good in the era of the dawning of the new heavenly civilization of universal peace. The era before the coming of heaven has passed, and we are entering the time after the coming of heaven.

First, the evil, sinful and false world of which Satan is the center—the sovereignty of evil—will disappear; then the world of righteousness and truthfulness, which is centered on God—a new sovereignty of goodness—will come to pass. In this way, all entities that governed by hypocrisy, in which the outer appearance and inner reality were different, or by rank, will, as time goes by, wither away and cease to exist.

Second, the earthly world and the spirit world will integrate; the spirit world will enter more deeply into our consciousness and into our daily life. Our spirituality will develop, and everyone will come to understand the spirit world more easily. The time will come when we will converse with people there, see them, or feel their presence.

Third, individuals and groups who in the era before the

coming of heaven had perpetuated hatred and conflict based on the barriers between religions, between nations, between peoples and races, and so on, are on the path to decline. In the future, we will see the dissolving of these barriers like the ice melting in the warmth of the coming spring.

Fourth, we are seeing the coming of the Pacific Rim civilization and the women's era. This is the motherly, oceanic era that embraces all things of creation. The era is coming that will be led by self-realized women, who as incarnations of love embrace everything and bring everything into oneness.

We feel limitless joy and pride that Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the king and queen of peace, who are the center of the spirit world and of history, were born among the Korean people. The time has come when all the world's ambassadors for peace, especially those from Korea, together with all our citizens, must sincerely research Rev. Moon's deeds and philosophy. Within his life's work and thought is the vision not only for the peaceful reunification of our people but for the prosperity of all humankind.

As we have welcomed a new spring in the dawn of a new civilization, we must deeply repent for our past and become new people through the Blessing Ceremony that brings us rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. This is the grace True Parents are bestowing. We must renew both our spiritual and physical selves.

As we feel deeply the significance of God's providence in relation to the Korean peninsula, which is becoming the center of the Asian-Pacific Rim civilization, and as we all expand the realm of the blessing to the sphere of our families' and clans' daily life, let us become leaders who are building the everlasting world of peace and unity.

May God's blessings be with you and your families. Thank you. ♦

*In this message Rev. Kwak expresses profound hope over what will occur in our time through the culmination of True Parents' mission. Yet he does not avoid the issue of what is required of those who would seek to contribute to this through the ending of conflict and the realization of the full human potential. It is a subject Father touches on throughout the Peace Messages. Following is an illustrative excerpt from the speech Rev. Kwak gave, mainly to ambassadors for peace, at the UPF Assembly in Seoul this past February:*

**T**he starting point and front line of the struggle for peace is not to be found in some external institution or situation. The starting point is within me. The question we each must ask ourselves is, can I recognize and overcome the corruption within my own heart? Before I ask my neighbor to change, I must look deep within myself, understand my own faults and set out on a course of self-correction.

The next focus of peace building is with those who are near and dear to me, my own family; if I cannot successfully establish peace within my own family, how can I dare expect to establish peace among strangers?

In the end, Father Moon says, peace is only possible if we each come to develop the strength to love our enemies. Love must conquer resentment and the stubborn determination to redress wrongs that have been committed against us or those we love.

In fact, the very notion "my people" must be universalized. That is, we must move beyond thinking that "my

people" are only those of the same skin color, sex, ethnicity, nationality, religion or ideology. The circle of "my people" must expand to include and embrace even our enemies.

When we try to empathize with God's viewpoint, don't we think of God as large enough to include and embrace the whole of humanity? The vision of UPF is to establish one family under God, without barriers. Is this an easy task? Of course not. It is the most difficult course; yet it is essential that we take it. That is why the great peacemakers of all time are notable for having often suffered and endured persecution.

If there were an easier way to achieve the desired result, surely, we would all choose it; but there isn't. Take the expedient of resorting to military power, for example. This cannot result in lasting peace. Neither can relying on economic power result in a just peace. Peace only comes on the foundation of true love. No adversary submits to power or wealth alone. Rather, peace only comes as we love and serve the adversary. This is the vision and mission of the Ambassadors for Peace Movement. ♦





# Ambassadors for Peace Leadership Seminar

Providing Vision and Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis

By The UPF International Office

March 29–April 1, 2007, Yong Pyong, Korea

The new round of educational seminars for ambassadors for peace was instituted at True Parents' request right after Father's eighty-eighth birthday and *misoo* celebration at the Peace Palace in February. As Hyun-jin Moon



**Michael Balcomb**

explained to the ambassadors for peace later that afternoon, the desire and hope of True Parents is that all the people of the world "live as one family under God, Aju!" How can that happen most quickly? The ambassadors for peace should take the lead in applying True Parents' teachings in their own nations and in their own work.

"These ambassador for peace seminars are a very exciting development," said Michael Balcomb, a

member of the Universal Peace Federation staff organizing the event. "What is really inspiring is to see how diligently and enthusiastically the ambassadors for peace are applying themselves to the study of True Parents' teachings. For example, in the past, only a few people would attend the 7:00 AM prayer and meditation, but now it is always a full house. Not only that, but they have taken the presentations very seriously and have many excellent questions."

Throughout the seminar, the emphasis was on finding the common ground between all the world's religions. Reading and scriptural quotes were taken from the new publication *World Scripture and the Teachings of Sun Myung Moon*, which features True Parents' teachings and insight, together with wisdom not only from the Bible but also from the Koran, the Dhammapada, the Tao Te Ching and the Bhagavad-Gita. Lectures covered all the basic chapters of Divine Principle, together with a new presentation on Father's life. ♦

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Everybody held a certain position. Through that, we could see who can do what.

We were able to raise new MCs, new ushers, new people in various roles. Because of that, blessed families became active. We set a minimum of three hundred to five hundred people for each rally, so they had to mobilize people as well. They went out to meet political leaders; they had to do PR; they vis-

ited other associations, trying to create partnerships. That was the best time. Everybody was active, and everybody was busy.

Following that was our 120 cities. That was also a big challenge, but we had more time, and we did it on a smaller scale of about a hundred people per rally. We encouraged every family to hold a rally themselves, and many of them did it—some on a larger scale, some on a smaller scale.

Finally, we found several key leaders from among the blessed families, who have continued to work after the events. If we want to organize any event now, it's much easier than before. This is, to us, a total change. We had actually lost confidence in blessed families, but now we have a team from the blessed families that work together with the headquarters staff very closely. That was another blessing True Parents brought last year to this country. ♦

# Raising the Older Blessed Child



June Saunders



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"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

Does that include raising teenagers, Lord?

Many of us have discovered that raising older children of faith calls for a more varied and complex set of skills than we ever dreamed of when they were darling little bundles of blessedness—"fresh from God," as St. Augustine said of infants and young children.

During the teenage years of a child's life, parenting is definitely not for the faint of heart. As our children emerge from childhood, we need to roll up our sleeves even higher and throw ourselves into the fray with more energy (even though energy may be flagging at our age). As Dr. Dobson of *Focus on the Family* wryly noted, children's teens often coincide with the parents' most demanding career curves and financial responsibilities, and, sometimes, menopause for the mothers. With our energy flagging and theirs skyrocketing, it's no wonder that the teen years can be the most difficult years in which to parent.

Thrown into the mix is the older child's need for and assertion of independence, which often seem to push away parental love and investment. Finding their own identity and independence is a developmental task that all human beings have to go through. They must differentiate themselves from their parents and establish themselves as unique individual truth incarnations in image. This differentiation includes beginning to think for themselves and to question, or at least look critically at, what they have always been told, even in matters of faith.

The teen years also mean that peers threaten to take over the family realm of influence. Peers become extremely important to older children, and experts say that peers not only can provide therapy for children, they are important means of the child's development. The adolescent's need for greater peer involvement must be honored.

At the same time, many teenagers say in surveys that they would like to spend more time with their parents. So, unbelievable as it may seem when your teenager wants to spend all of God's Day with his peers when you'd planned a loving family day together, underneath, there is a still a deep hunger for parental love, parental attention, and parental approval. We parents need to have faith in that. This is a time to find (or make!) time to spend with our children, showing them that we care.

## Staying in touch

It is easy for modern, busy families to drift away from one another, occupying the same house or living space but hardly interacting at all. Sometimes building in a few minutes of togetherness here and there can really help. For instance, a mother deciding to sit down at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee while the kids are preparing and eating their after-school snack is one natural way to spend a few minutes together chatting about the day. Experts say, in fact, that teenagers who share at least five meals per week with their families are better adjusted socially and academically, and they tend to stay away from bad practices like using drugs and alcohol. There are good reasons why God created us so that we need three substantial meals a day. It was to get us to sit down face to face, doing something pleasurable as we reconnect with those we love.

Psychologists counsel us to stay in touch with our teenagers—to "keep the lines of communication open." Staying in touch physically is important too. Parenting expert Ross Campbell explains that teenagers still need their parents to show physical affection to them. Though kisses and embraces might be warded off, a pat on the back or shoulder, a gentle elbowing during laughter, a guy-to-guy wrestling match with Dad (if dad is not too creaky to do this!) all help to tell an older child, "I know you are independent and separate from me and growing into your own person."



But I still love you and care about you.” Eye contact is a short and sweet way to connect for a moment. Even as he or she rushes out the door, eye contact with a teenager communicates, “I see you, I acknowledge you, and I care about you.”

It is easy to underestimate the importance of simple things like eating together, touching, and eye contact. Yet they mean a lot.

We also need to stay in touch with our children’s inner worlds. Educator James Garbarino, who has written extensively on teen issues, spoke at the Educator’s Conference at Unification Theological Seminar in 2006. He maintains that, nowadays more than ever, children may have secret lives—even good children. There are vast reaches of the culture of young people today that even vigilant parents know little of. How can we be aware of every influence that comes into another human being’s life? We can’t. Our children may be being led away from faith over Coke in the cafeteria with the resident cynic of the ninth grade class.

We cannot fully know what influences our children are under, who they speak to, what errant sights meet their eyes, what errant ideas get implanted. Who knows what music and lyrics dwell in their minds? Who knows what conversations persuade them in the school bathrooms, on the bus, even with other blessed children who might be disillusioned and struggling?

We can’t know all those things. Only God can. So to God we must go, through prayer.

**“Being a perfect parent doesn’t matter. Being a praying parent does.”**

Christian Stormie Omartian proclaims this thought on the cover of her helpful book *The Power of a Praying Parent*. Each chapter in Omartian’s book talks about the kinds of things that modern children may face and the kinds of fears parents may have, from fears for their children’s physical safety to fears that they will not wait to have sex until being blessed in holy matrimony. There are prayers to strengthen our children to abstain from drugs, drink, premarital sex, and from succumbing to inherited negative family traits. There are prayers to heal any breaches that are growing in relationships in the family. There are prayers to ferret out secret “strongholds” in the heart where someone or something is settling itself in our children’s hearts



where God should be. There are prayers to reveal any problems we may not know about, and though the revealing may be a rude wake-up call, we can be thankful not to be slumbering on with blissful unconcern while our children’s hearts are stolen away by Satan.

For times when our hearts are constricted with concern for our children, for times when we don’t know how to put our anguished concerns into words, for times when our parental intuition tells us that something in our children’s lives needs prayer but we don’t know what it is—the succinct but thorough prayers at the end of each chapter in Omartian’s book can be read aloud to God, one a day. It only takes a few minutes, and it makes a big difference.

The wonderful thing about prayer is that it can reach our children even when we can’t—when the child is at school,



when the child has gone to stay with a friend, when the child is taking the city bus home in the dark, when the child has rejected True Parents and gone to the Himalayas to try to find God. Prayer can reach that child, and it does. Prayer works. It can transform a life.

I have found that Omartian’s book helped open up my prayer life with God so that the give-and-take is more active, and so that I can hear God’s voice more vividly. When I’m at the end of my parental rope, He opens up new reservoirs of true love and understanding through my prayers. Much as we love our children, God loves them even more, and prayer taps into that love. God has more mercy on them than we do, and He is—more often than not, I’ve found—on their side! Father once said, in *Blessing and Ideal Family*, “Without going through the indemnity course, you cannot go in front of God, but the blessed children can go forward without any condition. Their quality is totally different from yours.” Prayer helps us find this different, godly quality of our blessed children’s hearts and to honor it.

As Christian thinker C.S. Lewis commented, “Prayer doesn’t change God, and it doesn’t change my situation. It changes me.” Changing ourselves into more loving parents through prayer can effect change in our children’s lives too.

**Words and the word**

For Unificationists, the central question is how we impart our faith to our children who are growing up in the world, who go to school and rub shoulders and exchange ideas with people who think very differently than we do. How do we help them keep a purity of faith and body in a vastly impure world?

Starting young seems to be a good answer. Young children are malleable, adoring, absorptive, and they think Mom and Dad are like God. Much of what parents tell their children in the earlier years will be deeply implanted in their psyches for now and evermore.

This is not as true for older children, but it is still true that God endowed parents with the power to influence their children immeasurably through their words. The words of a parent resound deeply to a child of any age. We need only think of how we still remember our parents’ praise and criticism, and how, if they are still alive, we still seek their love and approval and good words. A parent’s words, even softly spoken, are powerful.



So are the words of our parent, God. Hoondokhwae is a major parenting tool. Sharing hoondokhwae as families is a central tenet of Unification Church family life.

However, an informal poll of parents attending the Northeastern Family Workshop at the Unification Theological Seminary in November 2006 showed that many, if not most, families struggle with doing hoondokhwae. Busy lives. Different schedules. Adolescent resistance. Young children's boredom. Parents so tired they can hardly make out what the words literally say, let alone their deeper meanings, as their minds wander to how much time and money the car repair is going to cost. So how are we to get the word into our children's lives?

Some families are doing hoondokhwae from five o'clock with all their children; others are working up from wherever they may be. Some have begun by only reading a page. Others do hoondokhwae at the table following dinner, when they have a captive audience. Some families have gone from a few minutes to longer intervals, involving their children in the reading itself, allowing each family member to read increasingly longer passages. Some tempt their smaller children with snacks. Some parents prepare ahead of time by reading the text and constructing a mini-sermon, complete with interactive questions for the children to puzzle over.

But they do it. And that's important. In fact, even a shortened version of hoondokhwae over time becomes, as True Parents have said of their hoondokhwae sessions, "the most meaningful part of the day," and the most

meaningful part of family life as well.

We must love our children and give them the word. As an ambassador for peace who is a minister said recently, "Love and truth are both needed. They are inseparable."

#### Encouraging moral decision-making

Of course, we want our children to think for themselves and to think their way through the many choices they will be offered in this world. We will not always be able to be with them, monitoring them. We want them to make good choices of their own free will.

Learning the Divine Principle may not be enough. It has been found that some blessed children know the Divine Principle in and out but still think it is okay to cheat in school. They need moral reasoning as well as theology. How do we teach them that, especially when they've heard our lectures and moral opinions to the point of saturation?

A method recommended by character educator Thomas Lickona works well with teenagers. It is called the Ask Don't Tell method of developing moral reasoning.

Most Unificationist parents probably moralize to their children (I know I do). We lecture them endlessly on matters of right and wrong. After all, right and wrong mean a lot to us. We've given our lives for the sake of right and wrong. We want our kids to know what we think—lines of ancestors and descendants are dependent upon the choices they make in their lives. It's hard to let up when the stakes are this high. But, with practice, the Ask Don't Tell method can be surprisingly effective.

Instead of telling an older child

what's what, a parent using the Ask Don't Tell method will draw out the older child's moral ideas through questioning. That's the real meaning of "educating," which is Latin for "drawing out." Everyone likes to be asked their opinion on things. We can draw out our older child's moral reasoning ability and original mind by walking him or her through the moral issue through questioning.

**Parent:** Why might I be upset that you violated your curfew by almost an hour and didn't call?

**Teen (rolling eyes):** You were worried about me.

**Parent (ignoring the rolling eyes):** Right! Why do I worry about you?

**Teen (having heard this before):** Because you love me.

**Parent:** You've got that right. What kinds of things might I be worried about?

**Teen:** That I was hurt or abducted or lost or in trouble somehow. (My teenagers can name a whole litany of my fears!)

**Parent:** Right. Is it possible—just possible—that anything bad could happen to you at some point?"

**Teen (secretly thinking he or she is invulnerable, but willing to concede the point):** I suppose.

**Parent (smelling victory):** So, do you think out of respect for my concern for you, you might want to honor your curfew?

**Teen:** I suppose.

**Parent:** Now let me ask you this: What consequence do you think might help you remember to come home on time?"

**Teen (amazed):** You want me to think of my own punishment?

**Parent:** Consequence. Not punishment. Consequence. To help you learn.

**Teen (after some thought):** Maybe if you shorten my curfew, and then I can earn a longer one back if I follow it for three days straight.

**Parent:** *Aju!*

Through staying in touch with our children's inner and outer worlds, influencing them through prayer and educating them in the word and in moral reasoning, we can surround them with the greatest and most powerful love on earth. It is the love that is an "attribute unto God himself"—the love of a parent for a child. If we are doing that, communing with the love God has for our children, even if things go temporarily awry, our families cannot go far wrong. ♦





# Success through Multiplication

By Andrew Lim

*At the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly, you meet all kinds of interesting people; they are not all leaders of churches, as this brief account will testify. Members have to make money to support their families, their voluntary work, or to help others in need. Some people have a natural inclination and talent in this area. One such person is Andrew Lim, who lives in Singapore. He explained his successful business idea and hopes that it might be of use to others.*

I was seventeen when I joined. I was so moved by the Principle that I witnessed to everyone, including my teachers and lecturers. In 1988, I was in the army, doing my reservists' training. There was a matching, but I couldn't go. My spiritual son took a picture of me. I was fighting a fire on an island, so I looked very dark. This was the picture given to my wife. I looked like a prisoner, you know. [Laughs] But she accepted it gratefully. So I came to the Blessing Ceremony with the faith that True Parents had given me the best match.

After that I joined German CARP. The CARP leader put me with a Japanese sister. We competed to bring in the best result. Every day I tried to do better than she did [Laughs], because I was fundraising for Asia, and I was doing my very best. I made the condition that I must continuously fulfill the goal or I would skip my lunch or dinner. I made very strong conditions, and doors continuously opened. I trained myself to always smile and put on a positive attitude, and to just go through whatever situation I met. Later I brought a lot of members from Asia to Europe; we had two or three teams there at one go. On the front line is where God can give us the most wonderful experiences.

Five years ago I started this business. I called my company Event Master. I work with all the shopping malls. The malls in Singapore compete to attract the highest number of potential customers. So I create a lot of activities for the

I am a "one-man show," but I work very hard with my contractors. I pay them well; they set up the booths for me and I ensure that everything is set up with precision and neatness. With food, we must have enough power supply so that the food can be kept warm. The stalls are well set up, with spotlights, and are decorated beautifully. Occasionally, we provide door gifts for the first hundred customers each day—such as mooncakes,<sup>1</sup> ceramic ware or toys. I engage professional performers for special events such as an Amazing Thai Fair, for which I barter for free space. In exchange for that, I run all the stalls. So my business works. The more you give, the more you get. It is the same as the principle of service.

This is really a service industry; you really have to serve your clients (the vendors). If your clients make money, they will always pay you well, and they will always want to follow you. The vendors find it very spiritual that I always bring them very good results. They are so happy to work with me. Everyone is happy. This is a very exciting business. If members from

anywhere in the world want to learn something from me, they can e-mail me, and I will share ideas with them.

In conclusion, we need to take ownership and responsibility for our activities, be it business or spiritual work. God will do the rest. ♦

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mall owners. They give me the main atrium space, and I pay rent. With that, I create a food festival concept, where I invite sellers of popular food into the mall. I sell them the space and then I make money on the difference between the rent I pay and what the vendors pay me. I started with only four vendors. Now I have up to a hundred clients.

Just before I came here I was working on ten different malls at once for the Chinese New Year celebration, and I had very good response.

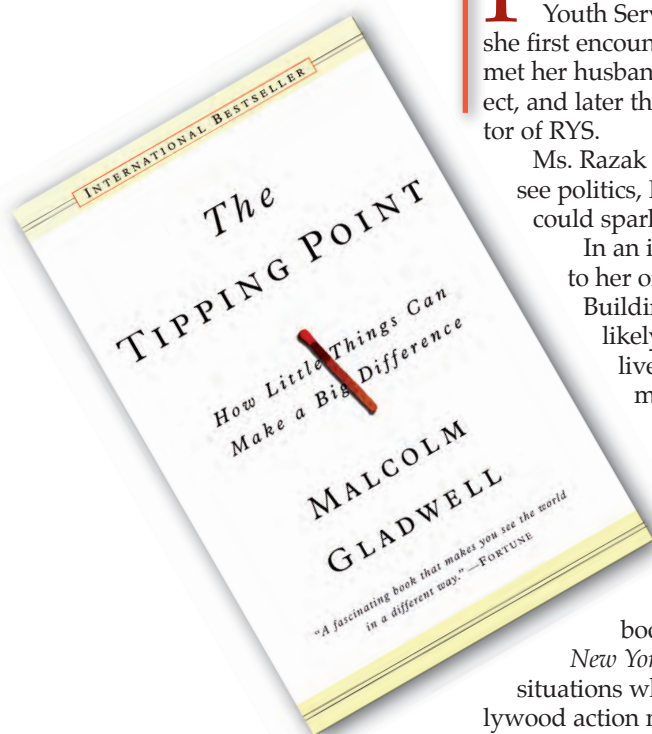
Success comes when you can multiply the effect. One vendor may be able to work in three or four locations at one go. I concentrate on major festivals such as the Mid-Autumn Festival, the Singapore Food Festival, and so on. However, I still work throughout the year, running fairs concurrently.



<sup>1</sup> About the size of half an orange, mooncakes have a pie-like crust and a sweet filling, such as red azuki beans or lotus paste.

# WHY DO SOME THINGS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE?

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Fazida Razak is an extraordinary woman. A Singaporean-born Muslim, Fazida has accumulated sixteen years of dedicated community service with Religious Youth Service. In fact, she had already been involved in service activities when she first encountered RYS through a project in Poland she took part in. Ms. Razak met her husband on a service project; their honeymoon was spent on a service project, and later they were blessed at home by John Gehring, in his early years as director of RYS.

Ms. Razak is very serious about service. As some people see religion and others see politics, Fazida Razak apparently views service activities as something that could spark substantial, widespread social change.

In an interview conducted by *Today's World*, she explained that in addition to her ongoing work as the Asian-Pacific director of RYS, she has started Building Bridges, a separate, independent program that she sees as more likely to attract non-religious volunteers, in Australia, where she now lives. She explained that encouraging broader participation and having multiple organizations promoting service is important. In connection with these ideas, she asked, "Have you ever heard of tipping point theory?... We want other organizations to come in and take ownership to help us to reach that tipping point, where [community service] becomes trendy and cool."

## Reaching critical mass

What inspired Fazida to action appears to have been the recent book, *The Tipping Point*, by Malcolm Gladwell, a columnist for *The New Yorker*<sup>1</sup> magazine. The title comes from studies of human behavior in situations where extreme changes suddenly occurred. Picture a scene in a Hollywood action movie, where the villain has crashed his car through a guardrail on a mountain highway. His car is balanced on a rim of earth with the front half hanging over the edge of a steep cliff. It is rocking gently back and forth (the sound of creaking metal has been dubbed in to increase audience tension). This goes on for long enough that the anxiety in the villain's face disperses and is replaced by a look of relief. He, at least, seems to think the situation has stabilized. Then, there is a slight shift in weight, say when a coffee flask rolls from the floor of the back seat to the front of the car. This triggers a sudden quickening of the car's forward movement, sending the car over the edge and down to a rock-strewn cliff base and the villain to a fiery death. The moment where the car lost equilibrium was its tipping point.

A key example given in Gladwell's book is of an unremarkable influenza outbreak reaching a tipping point and becoming an epidemic when, in Christmas shopping crowds, virus carriers come into close contact with an average of just five more people per day than viruses carriers had in previous months. Here, the five more people per day act as the coffee flask did, and the number of carriers passing on the virus multiplies exponentially, resulting in an epidemic.

We tend to think of epidemics as freak occurrences, brought about because the laws that govern how the world works have been violated in some way. Mr. Gladwell comes close to asserting the reverse—that the universe behaves as epidemic.

<sup>1</sup> *The New Yorker*, founded in 1925, is owned by Condé Nash Publications and has no relationship, financial or otherwise, to the New Yorker Hotel.



ics do, with good and bad ideas, products and practices being (respectively) wildly popular or widely destructive or developing toward those ends.

He writes, "Epidemics are [an] example of geometric progression. As human beings, we have a hard time with this kind of progression, because the end result—the effect—seems far out of proportion to the cause. To appreciate the power of epidemics, we have to abandon this expectation about proportionality."

He makes the point that we habitually estimate what "reasonable" results to expect from whatever we do. When something fantastic happens, we might say, "Wow! I never dreamed that that would happen," rather than factoring that kind of result into our understanding of what results are reasonable.

### The coffee flask

What's sure to happen to most people who read this book is a sudden growth in desire for success in one's own life and activities, and that's not a bad thing. The case studies that are introduced include the trial-and-error process that finally led to breakthroughs. This is encouraging. It suggests that if we have the vigor to think more deeply, the flexibility to try new ideas and the humility to accept objective analyses, we might cross a tipping point of our own.

The difficult part, of course, is finding agents with the right properties to act as a catalyst. Regarding this, Mr. Gladwell makes three observations. He introduces his Law of the Few, which says the involvement of a small number of people with exceptional personal qualities has an outsized influence on progress. The Stickiness Factor is his label for attractiveness, an innate gravitational pull that ideas, activities or products have to varying degrees. The Power of Context, which completes his trinity, is his way of expressing that people's behavior is strongly influenced by external conditions. (In one of the most thought provoking areas of the book, he provides many examples that show we tend to underestimate the importance of environmental factors.)

This provides the framework for the writer to introduce a host of studies about these elements and how they have led to such things as exhilarating growth in businesses, unprecedented results in education or tragic results in the spread of disease.

As he outlines these studies, the

author gradually builds confidence in the accuracy of modern methods of analysis. Gladwell introduces sociological studies whose conclusions were so unexpected they challenged commonly held beliefs; he explains how "common sense" had become an obstacle to success. Once people were willing to open up their minds to less conventional ideas, progress followed. These examples are the greatest strength of *The Tipping Point*.

In detailing this, he gives examples from the field of children's educational television. Adults who work in this field naturally rely heavily on intuition because their target audience is preschool-aged children, who may not be aware of their own feelings and are less likely to communicate them to adults.



**Ms. Fazida Razak, whose reference to tipping point theory led to this review, at the anniversary of the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation in September, 2006**

When educational television programs were first introduced for this age group, the prevailing view was that it was impossible to teach children anything using television. Television was seen as an electronic baby sitter, useful in keeping children quiet but not in developing their skills. A few pioneers felt in their bones that children could indeed learn basic reading and mathematics through television, and they set out to prove it.

In developing the initial episodes, they continued to follow their inner sense of what should work. The programs they designed (as Gladwell describes them) certainly seemed as if they would be popular and effective with children, but live trials indi-

cated the opposite. Children in test groups that watched the programs soon turned away from the television set and transferred their attention to toys. The book describes the sophisticated methods developed to test the children's responses. It traces where intuitive decisions were helpful and where intuition led them nowhere until those tests indicated areas where changes could be made to increase the effectiveness of their teaching methods. Eventually, television was proven to be a useful means of helping young children learn. Gladwell boldly states, "Those who are successful at creating social epidemics do not just do what they think is right. They deliberately test their intuitions."

There are interesting subtleties to this book. The title and the way the book is arranged hint that it has a formula for duplicating these "social epidemics." It has apparently inspired Fazida Razak and many others to try, and that's great, but it wasn't what I found to be the most valuable contribution of the book. After all, finding the precise combination of factors—the few and the stickiness in the right context—will be nearly as difficult after reading the book as before.

While we are focusing our attention on the finish line, anticipating the breakthrough or the car falling off the cliff, Gladwell does a good job of jarring his readers. In the case studies, the main players—on their road to the tipping point—repeatedly have to confront misperceptions they had held about how the world works. We are confronted also.

Gladwell may have been indicating his purpose for writing the book when he writes, "A world that follows the rules of epidemics is a very different place from the world we think we live in now." He may not convince you that the behavior of epidemics is the closest model of how life works, but he does a good job of demonstrating that "the world we think we live in" is not in accord with reality. He highlights the price of complacent thinking. He shows the benefits of considering the nature of life from new points of view. There are intriguing parts of this book where you might find yourselves wondering how much and in what ways Father's view of the world differs from our own. Even Unificationists, whose views on the forces that shape life are outside the mainstream, will find many points to reconsider when reading this book. ♦



