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Insights into the Blessed life

After receiving the blessing on July 6, those who had come from overseas—mainly Europeans—spent some days in Korea. On June 8, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim invited them to the 3 Headquarters Church. Some twenty couples filled the church coffee shop, sitting in an approximate circle with their hosts, who welcomed them with great warmth. After the meeting, Hyung-jin nim took at least two pictures with each couple, treasured souvenirs of their blessing experience. We are pleased to include these excerpts from what Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim said on that occasion.

Hyung-jin nim

Marriage is a very challenging practice, I have to say. It draws out all our potential. For me, when I reflect on our blessing, we are also international. My wife, as you may know, was born in South Korea and only after we were blessed did she come to the United States. I am a native New Yorker, so there are different cultures, different backgrounds, and I am sure many of you are experiencing that.

Are there any words of wisdom I have accumulated after about ten years of marriage? I am very happily married by the way! [Laughter] When we look back at the ten years we've had, they really have been our best ten years; I think we are confident to say that. And we are confident to say that every year is going to get better. That is our attitude. We always try to have the attitude that this is a process for us, in the sense that every year there are areas we can develop. We can become stronger in our relationship, in our practice; we can be stronger in our understanding of each other. It is really an ongoing practice. That is why I love to call it a "practice." The marriage tradition in our church is where we get to actualize all the things we heard when we were young and all the things we listened to in workshops. It's the real place for us to actualize and refine those very important skills, such as understanding the power of the relationship, **living for the sake of the other person, understanding the other person** and practicing true love in the same way we always explain it. When we have differences of opinion, we recognize them; we come to deep understandings through them by natural subjugation, not by force.

For us, our marriage is one of the defining times as a Unificationist, one of the most important landmarks in the life cycle of Unificationist practice. All of you are now going to be fully engaged on a very close level. Some of you may be used to living alone, but now you have to deal with someone being in your space—very practical things like that. There are very practical dynamics, daily dynamics. I think one thing beneficial is looking at the blessing as the "practice" of living a blessed life, of actualizing a blessed life, really allowing ourselves to become great blessings to the world. One of the benefits of looking at the blessing and our life in that way is that we can constantly improve. There is no real limit to how great, how powerful, the relationship can become or to the goodness in that relationship.

It's not necessarily goal-oriented, where you will set up a certain goal and try to reach that. Of course goals are very important to make—it is important for you to set goals in your practical lives—but to see it as a process is equally important, to understand that when you first start out, nobody's perfect, and that's fine. You will have times when you don't understand each other and that's okay, very normal. There are times when you may mistakenly, unknowingly, insult the other person—for example by joking in a way that you might have been used to doing with your brothers and sisters. There are certain things after one is blessed that we really must try to practice in Unificationist life and within our blessing. We must, in my view, see it as an ongoing blossoming of a great potential. I believe all of you have that potential. You are starting new lives together—many of you look happy, which is a great start. Very good! Remember that in life there are always fluctuations. There will be some not-so-great days. That's okay. But you want to keep your spiral moving upward, so you may

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On July 6, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim officiated at a Blessing Ceremony for 153 couples, including 74 second-generation couples. Thirty-five of the couples were Korean; nineteen were Japanese and three were American. In the remaining ninety-six couples—the majority by almost two to one—the grooms had different nationalities from their brides. Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim assumed the duties of the officiators after studying video footage of every Blessing Ceremony True Parents have carried out.

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Korea's Spiritual War

Preparations for the beginning of True Father's public mission in 1945

The following is drawn from the first chapter of the second book of True Father's Life Course (참부모 생애 노정). The book is composed of excerpts from Father's speeches over many years, arranged more or less chronologically in the form of an auto-biographical account. A series of these books—twelve volumes so far—have been published in Korean. The English version is far from complete, and has never been made available as a published text. It was prepared (at some speed) for the benefit of the True Children in their younger years. This excerpt has been edited for Today's World.

This excerpt deals with conditions and preparations made in Korea to prepare for the returning Lord.

The Messiah can begin his ministry only on a national- and world-level foundation. Since these foundations were not established, they absolutely must be built in the Last Days. Otherwise, the sphere of global victory cannot be established. Therefore, a people like the people of Israel [in Jesus' time] must appear.

What nation must appear to accomplish what the nation of Israel and Judaism could not? A renewed Christianity centered on a specific nation must go through a course of tribulation. In the end, this chosen nation must emerge. Through this chosen nation, Heaven must indemnify the failure of the first Israel and accomplish the providence on earth. Which nation is this? The Divine Principle asserts that this nation is none other than Korea.

Korea possesses unique characteristics. First, Koreans have a homogeneous lineage. Second, Koreans are very religious; they understand religion deeply. Third, Koreans appreciate the value of suffering. Throughout history, the Korean people have had to go through a course of trials and hardships. Under such conditions, they were able to develop a spiritual foundation, which will endure forever, built of filial piety, loyalty and sacrifice. God considers these the most important of the specific characteristics necessary for His chosen people because they coincide with God's own characteristics.

Forty years of suffering by the Korean people

Until the end of World War II, Japan ruled Korea. Among Korean patriots, there were many who fought against Japanese colonial rule. As you learned through the Divine Principle, God was deprived of the four-position foundation. Therefore, God purposes to recreate the four-position foundation. Thus, we often come across the number four in the Bible and in God's providence. There were many indemnity periods of forty or four hundred years. Restoration through indemnity is carried out according to the Principle.

How did Japan dominate Korea for forty years? Eve on the satanic side knew that in the future Adam on the heavenly side would appear. Satan already knew of the coming of the true Lord; he knew the coming of the Lord as the culmination of four thousand years of history. Therefore, Japan occupied Korea in order to destroy that possibility. That is why Japan invaded Asia. From this point of view, we can understand that Korea is a providential nation centered on God's will. We know that it is a principle of development that prior to the appearance of what is true, what is false appears. That is why the devil invaded Asia and ruled it for forty years.

Thus, the satanic forces brought Korean women aged from twelve to forty, whose purity was most cherished, into sexual slavery with the intention of staining the national character of the Korean people.

Persecution of Christians and patriotic activities

The satanic side had dominated the Israelites and Christians both spiritually and physically. Similarly, Japan physically ruled Korea for forty years. Spiritually, however, because of the spirit of those people who took part in the Independence Movement for the sake of their nation, God was able to connect His providence to the Korean people.

Those who considered Christianity important became leaders and united the people in their fight. They risked their lives for their nation during the forty years under Japanese control. This was significant historically and providentially.

As the end of World War II drew near, persecution became increasingly severe, particularly against Christians. While many Christians were killed, some went into hiding, escaping into the Manchurian wilderness or fleeing to Russia. Many Koreans believed in God and desperately hoped for emancipation from Japanese dominance. Nevertheless, many other Christians obeyed

the Japanese government of Korea and lived in accordance with Japanese rule. Meanwhile, numerous patriots and devoted Christians continued fighting and kept faith until the day of liberation. In the final months of 1944, Christians underwent extreme cruelty at the hands of the Japanese occupiers. On August 15, 1945, Japan surrendered.

If they had surrendered later than August 17, two days later, many thousands of Christians would have been killed. The Japanese military had a plan to kill Christians on that day. It would have been a huge massacre. Their intention was to eradicate Korean Christians. This illustrates that when the degree of atrocity Satan is about to commit reaches its zenith, God can always change the situation in His favor.

Spiritual fire and internal Christian revival

No matter how cruelly subjugated the Korean people were, some spiritual manifestation of the subjective, Adamic authority had to appear. What kind of works were to be done? Spiritual works. Groups emerged in which this spiritual activity could take place. Japan, the Eve-type nation on the satanic side, was oppressing Korea. Nevertheless, since God had a plan for His future providence, He had to make necessary preparations even while Imperial Japan ruled Korea. For this reason, Christianity made progress even in those days.

First, Western missionaries came in the 1910s and the 1920s, but they were unwelcome. They had to go back. From 1930 to 1936 was a golden age of Christianity in Korea. Through Korea's traditional Christian churches, God has been conducting spiritual manifestations to this day. During the 1930s and 1940s, He built a foundation even before Korea's liberation.

The Apostles who at first did not follow Jesus because they lacked faith worked very hard to establish the Christian foundation. On that foundation began the history leading to the Second Advent of the Lord. Before Korea's liberation, many people were able to communicate with the spirit world and referred to themselves as biblical figures such as Peter, John, Paul or Abraham. The spirits who represented all those prophets, who had come and gone throughout history, manifested themselves on earth all at once through these spiritual groups in Korea. As a result, many groups formed that were bent on the restoration of Eden.

Among the groups focused on restoring Eden, one represented the Old Testament Age, one the New Testament Age and one the Completed Testament Age. Within that preparation, there was a heavenly program to cleanse sins, so participants overcome tremendous obstacles.

Correlative activities of men and women

We know there is a heavenly providence focused on the Korean Peninsula. A movement with an internal mission has to start from there. Men have to take responsibility for external activities, and women have to take responsibility for internal developments. In the course of the Fall, Eve dominated Adam. Therefore, in the course of restoration, wives rather than hus-

bands are responsible to achieve internal objectives. Similarly, because Adam was dominated by Eve, men are responsible to achieve external objectives in the course of restoration. In this way, they have to seek to attain the standard before the Fall. But in order to establish a foundation of victories that can absorb all general activity, there must be some decisive authority. That is the returning Lord, endowed with the character of the Third Adam, who alone can provide a solution.

The east and the west halves of the Korean Peninsula have distinguishing characteristics. The east is mountainous; the west is dominated by plains. The east side of the country is masculine, whereas the west displays a feminine aspect. God's providence, too, has characteristics similar to the geographical features of the Korean Peninsula. In other words, God's providence for the east half had masculine characteristics, while in the west, it had female characteristics. In the west, in Cholsan, women were doing spiritual activities, while in Wonsan, which is in the east, men were doing practical activities.



Wonsan is a port city on the east coast of what is today North Korea. The photo shows a Japanese shopping area in downtown Wonsan during the occupation.

In three stages, women had to prepare the heavenly providence. Why? Because Eve fell first, God had to call women first so they would be aware of how the Lord would come. Three generations had to prepare those providential activities. In those days, there was great confusion. As you know, going from Mrs. Kim Seong-do to Mrs. Heo Ho-bin and on from there, covered three generations. Thus, the course passing through Mrs. Kim Seong-do, Mrs. Heo Ho-bin and Pak Nopa—the lady who claimed to be the wife of Jehovah—followed the women's work. Pastors Paek Nam-ju, Lee Yong-do and Kim Paek-moon led the work being done by the men.

The established churches and the new spiritual groups

What developed through Judaism is completely different from what happened in Joseph's family. Likewise, in Korea what was taking place in the mainline Christian churches and the phenomena manifesting in spiritual groups differed. God made it so that the spiritual groups that could fulfill His will would have a mission similar to that of Joseph's family. Briefly stated,

the spiritual groups were meant to lead the established Christian churches. The Christian churches and the spiritual groups represented Cain and Abel, respectively. The satanic side had a claim to all the historical misery. So, these groups and the churches had to unite.

In other words, all such things were 100 percent prepared in order to make the framework of the family by which all historical conditions of indemnity could be laid down. However, at that time, though the people concerned knew about the result, there was not one person who knew the story behind it and took responsibility for it.

Though the history of the groups that appeared in this era through the numerous historical courses did not last longer than ten or more years, behind that history lay the content from the six-thousand year span of the providence. If they had been able to connect completely to the newly coming Lord, therefore—and unite with all societies and environments, thereby becoming the one shield and axis that can act as the foundation on which they could perfectly protect him—it would not have been difficult to begin a new history. If this had been realized, it would not matter whether Christianity believed it or not.



Kim Seong-do (1883–1944)

You have all heard of Grandmother Kim Seong-do from Cholsan. She was Chung Seok-on's mother. This Grandmother Kim had the mission of the Korean Eve. She was an exemplary woman who opened the gate to the providence of Korea's restoration. She could not have lived an ordinary life, being married and having a family. She had to go through a unique course.... There is division into the heavenly side and the satanic side. Restoration

is impossible except in connection to that lineage.

The new Lord is the new owner. From the viewpoint of the Principle of Creation, husband and wife were created to become one body. The place to realize this purpose of the Creation is where bride and groom come together. The Lord, as a man, represents heaven and his wife represents earth. The husband and wife, as one body, are the highest level. Hence, there are many who call themselves lords even though they are women.

A revelation from God

Mrs. Kim's husband did not want his wife to become a Christian. Moreover, she always got up at one o'clock at night and prayed until morning. Nobody could understand her behavior. Even when her husband opposed her, she continued her practices. She was prepared to give up her life for her faith. So, in the spirit world she was specially recognized as a very devoted Korean Christian. She had direct conversations with God. She received many revelations.

She received so many teachings from Heaven. She heard the exact date of Korea's liberation. She also heard that the Lord would come to Korea as a man in the flesh, at his Second Advent. She thoroughly understood that the coming of the Lord was a great privilege for Korea. She also understood that God would restore the world through Korea.

Heaven had prepared this foundation around Cholsan;

through the spirit world, Heaven taught her many things, such as how Eden could be restored and why Eve had fallen.

Among the newly emerging religious groups, Grandmother Kim Seong-do's group¹ focused on maintaining gratitude. We have to be aware that this group had to become a representative, absolute group achieving a lifestyle and tradition of total gratitude. Thus, we should be thankful in various ways. If you become a person who gives his or her whole life for the sake of God, He will resurrect you in the kingdom of heaven and will be proud of you.

Those people embodied thankfulness. They were grateful for everything. This is the right way to think. Satan cannot invade those who are grateful. Even if Satan invaded such a person, he or she would escape. When you are in trouble, you should always think "It is so that I can pay indemnity for the whole that God is giving me this trial."

Mr. Chung Hang-jun persecutes his wife

Kim Seong-do's husband strongly opposed his wife's work. Why? It is in accordance with the law of indemnity. When, under Satan's dominion, a woman tries to work for God, it is natural that she be opposed and persecuted. Her husband persecuted her to the extent of threatening her, with a knife to her neck. In order for her to move the providence of restoration forward, this harassment was inevitable.

It was a miserable destiny. It was almost impossible for an ordinary woman to endure, but she had to be strong and remain faithful. She was in the position of a new daughter, chosen by God. So she had to represent women throughout history. She had to separate herself from her husband and keep her purity. Only by doing so could God love and accept her. This difficult course lasted for more than twenty years.

What was the responsibility of the Grandmother Kim Seong-do, who had to receive such persecution? She had to absorb all the ill-treatment. The man was meant to surrender to his wife. In line with the Principle of Restoration, since Eve dominated Adam in the Garden of Eden, Kim Seong-do's husband had to obey his wife. He had to follow her blindly and do everything she wanted.

In that way, God could bless them in accordance with the law of restoration through indemnity. Actually, however, her husband persecuted her too much in front of Heaven. As a result, his was not a natural death. He took some medicine and died. Have you heard that? [Yes.] That's what happened.

Kim Seong-do's sons

Grandmother Kim had two sons. She had to have at least two sons, because through her family the Cain–Abel indemnity left unpaid in Adam's family had to be paid. If these two sons had united and had supported their mother, this family could have established the foundation to prepare for the Lord to come. But the elder brother Chung Seok-cheon, Chung Su-won's² father, could not fulfill his responsibility. What then happened to this family? The father and the mother had to pay indemnity again.

Grandmother Kim's daughter-in-law was a daughter of a certain minister, a very devoted Christian. She, too, had many spiritual experiences, so she understood the revelations her mother-in-law had received from Heaven. The oldest son somehow believed in his mother but he did not participate in her ministry eagerly. This old lady told her son and daughter-in-law

1 The Holy Lord Church

2 Chung Su-won was blessed among the thirty-six couples. He is the national messiah to Ukraine.



If representative Christian groups had united among themselves, Korea could have asserted Adamic authority, protected her citizens and prevented Satan from inciting Imperial Japan to acts of armed aggression and religious persecution. *Right:* Koreans worshipping at one of 1,141 Shinto shrines built in Korea; *Left:* Korean schoolchildren compelled to pledge allegiance to the Japanese emperor

not to have sexual relations; the son did not obey his mother, however, and lived as a husband with his wife—and as a result, his wife was taken to the spirit world. In those days, this old woman did not explicitly understand the principle of indemnity, but because her husband had persecuted her so severely, she thought she had to atone for her husband's behavior.



Pastor Paek Nam-ju (?–1948)

Mr. Paek Nam-ju from Wonsan had done research on Swedenborg's spiritual endeavors and translated his books. He received revelations from God that the Messiah would come to Korea. He decided to prepare for the coming Lord. In order to pay indemnity for Jesus' suffering, he walked barefoot to Cholsan to meet Kim Seong-do and apply to register Grandmother Kim's group under the name Holy Lord Church. He was the first person

in Korea to have a John-the-Baptist mission.

Furthermore, in those days there was a woman who was in correspondence with this man. Her name was Yoo Myung-hwa. Jesus Christ appeared to her, and Jesus spoke to Mr. Paek through her. Yoo Myung-hwa told him, "The Lord is with me; the Lord is speaking through me."

Mr. Paek fell to his knees, saying, "Please tell me what you want to say!"

From that point, troubles began. All that had happened to them was reported to Christian ministers, who on hearing it, began to persecute both Yoo Myung-hwa and Paek Nam-ju. Thus, the spiritual groups and established churches started fighting.

Conflict between the groups

In the satanic world, it is not fair that a woman has to fight alone, representing a nation. A woman should fight in concert with men. Men and women should work together and have a unified foundation. Did Mr. Paek Nam-ju work in that way? He did. They should have been completely united, but they weren't. Mr. Paek was also aware—through revelations from the spirit world—that Korea would become a nation with a

special, God-ordained providential course, but he did not know how it would come about.

They met in Cholsan and held discussions, but they could not agree with each other. They became divided. Then problems started in the first generation of the providence of Korean restoration. As a result, their mission had to move to the next generation. God's will was that the foundation for pioneering should be prepared through a representative of women, Grandmother Kim Seong-do, from Cholsan, but the first generation could not fulfill its mission, so the mission passed to the second generation.

The Suffering of Holy Lord Church

The problem women faced in the family expanded to the society through mainline Christian ministers, and later it became a nationwide problem. Chung Su-won's grandmother, Mrs. Kim Seong-do, was also in that kind of situation.

All the established churches became hostile toward them. This was when the oppression by Japanese was the cruelest. A while later, members of the Holy Lord Church received revelations that the Japanese would be defeated. They had begun making yearly announcements of the substance of their revelations. The revelation regarding Japan's defeat became extensively known. Needless to say, mainstream Christian ministers also heard it, and because they wanted to destroy spiritual, upstart groups, they went to officials of the Japanese government in Korea to inform them of those facts. As a result, Grandmother Kim was imprisoned. She had to suffer torture and died after having been freed.



Pastor Lee Yong-do (1901–1933)

The movement in the west transferred to Mrs. Heo Ho-bin and the movement in the east came under Mr. Lee Yong-do. Paek Nam-ju had been the Adam-figure, but because of Paek's failure in fulfilling his responsibility, Pastor Lee came onstage. Pastor Lee's church was somewhat different from Mrs. Heo's. Originally, they were united. For a while, they cooperated, but

then they separated. What did Pastor Lee do? He established the Jesus Church.

Mrs. Heo Ho-bin was director of the Central Theological Seminary. In 1930, Pastor Lee Yong-do appeared in Korea with fire like that of Elijah.

People who listened to him speak felt overwhelmed by Heaven. God's grace poured out of him like water. Why did heavenly grace flow from him? Just as the people of Israel had to achieve oneness with Judaism in order to oppose Rome, Christianity had to carry Korea in order to drive away Japan and establish Heaven's authority. That battle remained. God bestowed energetic fire on him in order that he might work out a way for all branches of Korean Christianity to become one. Only if all of Korean Christianity had united would they have completely avoided being compelled to practice Shintoism, Japanese traditional worship. If everyone had been completely united and fought against the Japanese, the Japanese would not have been able to carry out armed aggression. Why? Because those united people would have been in the position to claim Adam's authority.

Pastor Lee Yong-do's Death

The established churches of the day opposed those who had special missions. Representative among those who opposed them was Kim Rin-seo (1894–1964). He opposed Pastor Lee in writing. He stirred the entire nation against him. Heaven sent Lee Yong-do as a messenger in order to unite all Christians, yet Kim Rin-seo did such a thing. Of course, many Christian leaders were behind him.

Pastor Lee Yong-do started the Jesus Church in Pyongyang. He died in 1933.³ Do you know how old he was at that time? He was just thirty-three years old. He lived as long as Jesus did. Without God's help, it would have been impossible for Pastor Lee, who was so young, to cause such a cyclone in the Christian community in Korea.

There were two kinds of spiritual movements, one internal and the other external. Two churches, the "Inside the Belly" Church and the Jesus Church, both of which had been receiving teachings from Heaven, should have united. Toward that end, the group from the west traveled to meet the group in the east. Nevertheless, they failed to unite, so God had to establish a new movement. He needed pioneers in a new field, which is why God wanted to have another new person who would follow His directions. This person was from the Kim clan.

The women who mourned Lee Yong-do

Here are some interesting facts. When a spiritual person dies, some people pray for the person. Mr. Lee died alone in Won-san, but at the very moment of his death, God chose women in faraway places and told them to offer special prayers. Rival Christians may have said it was a good thing and danced in joy at this death, but many put on white garments and prayed for him for three days.

You have to understand that because of God's hidden will in relation to the providence, He did not want to abandon His nation or His people. Thanks to those women who prayed with all their heart behind the scenes, God's providence could continue through successive generations.

I looked at many people in the spiritual churches, which is why I am well aware of their activities. I also know many things about the work of Mrs. Gil Son-ju and Pastor Lee Yong-do. I clearly understand what kind of mission they had in those

days. When the period of their responsibility was over, there had to be someone who could take over the mission.

The Inside the Belly Church

The meritorious deeds of the Chung Family were so great that God loved them and gave them His grace to the extent that when the children did not accept His will, the mission could be transferred to someone else. The woman who took over her mission had loved and served Kim Seong-do, Mr. Chung's grandmother, with all her heart and soul. She was Mrs. Heo Ho-bin. This did, however, mean that the providence had to decline by one level.

Mrs. Heo testified that she was not supposed to be the Lord's wife; her mission was to give birth to the Lord. In other words, she said that the Lord would be born through her womb. Hers was the mission of Mary. While Mrs. Kim had Eve's mission, Mrs. Heo had Mary's mission.

Originally, Adam and Eve constituted God's body. God was their direct father. That is why, from God's point of view, Mrs. Heo's husband, Lee Il-dok, was in the position of a traitor. Historically men had been exploiting women. In order to restore the proper relationship, through indemnity, her husband had to do things that no man in his right mind would ever do. He had to do everything He was told; he was even ordered to take off all his clothes and run around naked.

What was this couple taking responsibility for? Their course was similar to that of Joseph and Mary. Grudges and resentment remain to this day because of Joseph and Mary's failure, because of John the Baptist's failure, because of Judaism's failure and that of the nation of Israel. Those had to be reversed. Therefore, Heo Ho-bin, the wife, actively opposed colonization by Japan, the Eve nation on the satanic side. This was a fight between the Eve nation on the satanic side and Eve on the heavenly side.

Revelation from Jesus

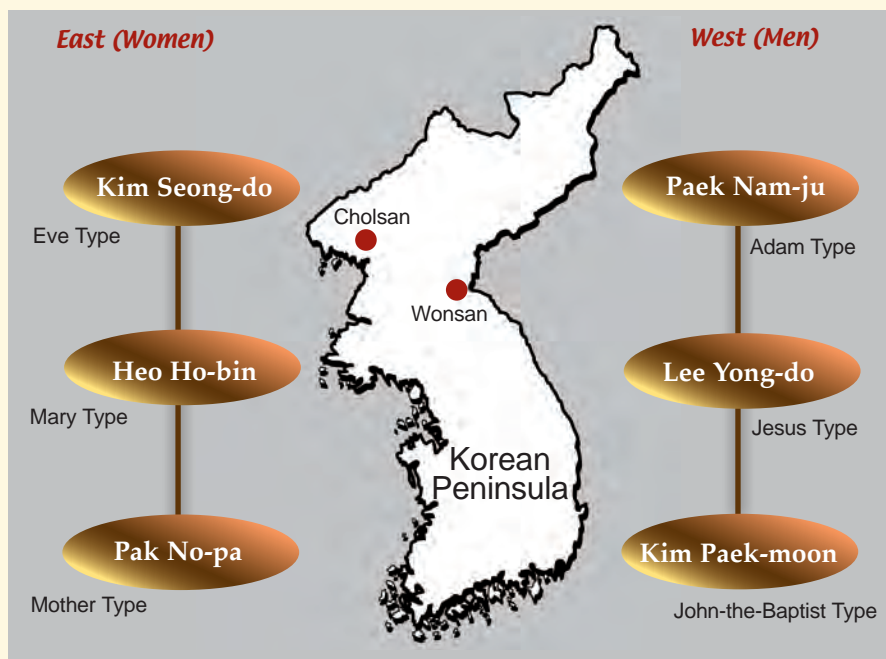
Since revelations were received through Mrs. Heo Ho-bin's belly, this group was called the "Inside the Belly" Church. The group did not name itself that, it just became known by that name. The group wanted to take over Mrs. Kim's mission, so they prayed, fervently asking for God's help. In those days, Jesus appeared to Mrs. Heo. Jesus started expressing his teachings to this couple. Jesus asked them to accept his will and endure all difficulties under any circumstance.

Mrs. Heo's entire life was completely centered on the Lord. Jesus first taught her how to get rid of sins. Second, he taught her about a proper lifestyle. Later, she learned how to educate children. In accordance with those instructions, Mrs. Heo made rules and regulations necessary for those who would love and attend the Messiah. Because she had the mission of Mary, she had to know about the life of Jesus in detail since his birth. Because Jesus had to die at the age of thirty-three without actualizing his will on earth, everything had to be prepared; all the indemnity had to be paid in order to dissolve all his resentment.

The Inside the Belly Church had to make thorough preparations to attend the Messiah. It had to dissolve all the resentment and grudges Jesus accumulated during his lifetime. Next, they had to prepare everything so that the returning Lord could have the best life on earth. The Messiah has to live a life that no one can help envying, a life better than that of a member of the British royal family. Is it true?

They were taught in detail how to make the Messiah's

³ He died of tuberculosis.



God's providence in Wonsan and Cholsan

clothes. They were told to make suitable clothes for Jesus to wear from his birth to the age of thirty-three. They had to make many clothes, enough so that Jesus could change his clothes every three days—Korean traditional clothes at times and Western clothes at other times. Furthermore, while they were making his clothes, they were not permitted to use a sewing machine. They had to tie of the thread before sewing more than three stitches. In order to do this work, they had to keep the rooms very tidy. Once they started making one set of clothes, they were not allowed to stand up, even to go to the toilet, until they had finished it.

God told them, "Even though you have made such sacrifices, you will likely not be able to meet the Lord." If they made a mistake, Heaven harshly reprimanded them. This forced them to follow Heaven's directions. Larger clothes had to be made in accord with Jesus' growth. After they finished making clothes for Jesus, they were told to make clothes for the coming Lord. They received revelations that they had to pay closer attention and invest more care and love than they had for Jesus' clothes. They also prepared his meals three times a day. Meat was cooked for each meal.

Mrs. Heo heard from Heaven about the Lord's educational background. Thus, the members of her group were waiting for the day when they might meet the Lord. They were anxiously waiting, every day. Until the day they died, her followers were very determined to wait. They were prepared to offer their lives.

This providence was related to Eve's mission. Because Mrs. Heo had inherited Mrs. Kim Seong-do's mission, Mrs. Heo's daughter was also prepared to meet the Lord. There were even twelve disciples. It is very interesting to know that those preparations were being made.

Do you have any idea how often they had to bow? They usually bowed three thousand times a day. They sometimes bowed seven thousand times. It took five to six hours to bow three thousand times and at least ten hours to bow seven thousand times. They had to keep bowing from morning until night without eating. It was indeed harsh training to attend the Lord. Eventually, the members of the group were unable to continue such practices. The group finally dissolved.

In the aftermath of Korea's liberation

Mrs. Heo predicted that Japan would surrender in 1945 on August 15 (the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar). She often spoke out in public about what she had heard from Heaven, so she was arrested. The day before her release by the Japanese police, she saw a vision in which an angel stood on the Japanese emperor's head, saying "You, the enemy of Heaven, will be ruined!" The next day, the Japanese emperor announced by radio that Japan had surrendered. She had already received a revelation about when the announcement would be broadcast.

Everything she received from Heaven came true, so people could not help following her. Thus, they knew the day of Korea's liberation. To them was also revealed "When Japan collapses, you will be able to meet the Lord." At the time of their release from prison, they danced with joy, but as before, they continued to be persecuted by mainline churches.

This God-inspired work began at the formation-level with Mrs. Kim Seong-do.

Mrs. Pak No-pa inherited this work from her through Mrs. Heo Ho-bin.

The completion of internal preparations

I grew up during the period of colonial rule and oppression. In those days, even if we had many hopes and dreams, we could not express our internal heart. Even if we had different ideas and wanted to express them, we had to remain silent, observing our surroundings. It was very difficult to speak about a particular ideology or philosophy, even if it was great. Under those circumstances, I had to struggle, unknown to anyone, to prepare for the course of restoration we have learned about in the Divine Principle.

I prepared the Divine Principle that I teach today while I was in my twenties. Look at the situation now! What I spoke about fifty years ago has been fully realized. This is not something I am saying for the first time. In those days, the nation we now call Korea did not exist. How sad the situation was then!

True Father's mother and older brother

You don't know how much my mother loved me! Her mind was occupied by thoughts of me. She knew I was the only member in the Moon Family whom she could believe in. She may have already known I would become a great man. She used to do whatever I asked her to do. Therefore, our mother-son cooperation was perfect even though she did not know about restoration through indemnity.

Also, my older brother was absolutely cooperative with me. Thus, the foundation to indemnify Cain's position was completely established. There were numerous older and younger brothers throughout history, but my older brother understood that his younger brother was a historic person. So he absolutely obeyed me in everything. If I said, "This is right," he thought so and believed in me 100 percent; he had no doubt at all. Therefore, what about the restoration of Cain? Was it accomplished or not? It was completely established. Moreover, was the mother-son cooperation completed or not? This was completed as well. *STW*



This was the first formal Blessing Ceremony Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim have conducted and the first wearing the Blessing Robes

Marriage Blessing for the Godly Civilization under the Sacred Reign of Peace

Blessing Prayer

Beloved Heavenly Father, our eternal King of Peace and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind:

On this day of the blessing, we dedicate these prepared 153 couples before You, so please grant them the foundation whereon they can form ideal families.

Our Heavenly Father, after You lost the first human ancestors due to the Fall, You have had to walk a sad and sorrowful course. You recovered, through the providence of restoration carried on for thousands of years, the rights of love, ownership, and lineage, and established True Parents on this earth. Through them, the right of the eldest son, the right of the parents, the right of kingship and the realm of the royal family have been completely recovered, and we are now standing on the restored foundation of victory.

Heavenly Father, though we exist as individuals and families, I believe that when You look down upon us, You will see us as Your precious children—blessed, central families—and the couples who can perfect the purpose of creation.

Heavenly Father, we have renewed our hearts through this day, and the blessed, central families gathered here are making their eternal vows before You.

Father, we need to realize once again the value of this

blessing, and we need to know clearly how much You and True Parents, who have walked a course of six thousand years waiting for this day, really value and love all the blessed, central families.

Heavenly Father, I hope and pray that You will allow these blessed families to become devoted sons and daughters of filial piety who can completely liberate Your heart.

Father, I beseech You to please bless these new blessed families as blessed, central families, and bestow on them grace and love that they may become precious families who can establish God's ideal family. And I also truly pray that You will bless this day whereon these families can return glory to You.

Heavenly Father, once again I dedicate to You the good men and women standing here before You, so please bless them and let them make a new beginning on this day and become Your blessed children who can firmly establish eternal lives of the freedom, peace, and happiness of the ideal world.

I offer all these words and bless and dedicate the new blessed couples gathered here, in the name of Moon Hyung-jin's family, a blessed, central family, and the names of our True God and True Parents. Aju. Aju. Aju. **57W**



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be up sometimes, some days you may be down, but your spiral is moving in an upward trajectory; there's an upward trend. Some people go up and down in life as they are slowly going in a downward direction. You want to avoid that and keep the energy moving up in your life together. It doesn't mean you're going to be flawless every day. Give yourselves permission to be human. Sometimes it's okay to get emotional; sometimes, when words are exchanged, you can be hurt, and it is important to share those things together. Share those things, but remember that life together is a process. If we can remember that, we can see it as something we can build on. Maybe at this moment we are not having such a great day, but if we work at it, we can continue in a new and dynamic way.

I think one of the great things about being blessed is that we are constantly reminded that our most precious relationship is dynamic, not static. In order for it to be truly alive, it does require investment. It does require us to put in effort and to work at it. I feel some things have helped me personally—such as trying to understand my wife more. Sometimes, early on, I just didn't get it. [Laughter] That's okay; if you work through that, you learn. It is a process of learning, a process of growth, a process of continual improvement. I feel that the blessing is not only a milestone; it is one of our most central practices. You may have a family soon—children—in a couple of years. Then you can also start this practice with your kids, raising them. It's very exciting, very dynamic. One of the things I think is essential for blessed couples, blessed families, is to understand the concept that in giving us the blessing, True Parents have extended the blessed life to us. That is something we can be proud of, and the blessed life is something at which we can excel. And it does not have to stop with us. The blessed life really is having the success and the victory God wants you to have in your lives, in relationships and so on. Then you take the next step and be that blessing to those around you, be that blessing

to that person who needs a little help, your guidance, your mentoring. When we do that, we can start coming full cycle with living the blessed life. Our view is that it can continually get better, which is very hopeful. I don't think it has a limit in the sense that you reach some stage and just stay there. True Parents continually try to improve and grow—with the grandchildren, together, and so on.

One suggestion we like to offer blessed families when we visit them is a practice—making days for each other. For the future, make a note in your mind about this. Most parents

believe that times spent together as a whole family are the most memorable times for children. But research has shown that the most memorable times for children is when they have individual time with their mom and dad. So, when you have children, one thing we suggest is that you invest in one of your children each week. Each week you have one child's day. For example, in our family, Shin-pal's day comes in the first week; Shin-man's day comes in the next week; Shin-goong's comes in the following week... It will be that child's day; he or she is totally the center. We do not compare that child with any of our other children. That's irrelevant. We just focus on how precious that child is. The reason I am sharing this with you is that after all that is done—after we have gone through the children one by one—we have

daddy and mommy's day! [Laughter] It's important for you to take time for yourselves, to get to know each other more deeply. Invest in your relationship.

You can see that it is a practice; it is more than just spending time together. It is one of the defining spiritual practices in our tradition. It sets us apart from other traditions that may focus on traditions such as the power of prayer (which, of course, we have) or the power of meditation (which, of course, we employ). We use those different spiritual practices, but our central practice, I would say, is building strong relationships. You see this throughout the Principle, for example, with the four-position foundation. The Principle is



The beginning of a journey through which couples become a blessing for the world—scenes from the Blessing Ceremony



actually about relationships; succeeding in relationships is one of our most important tasks as Unificationists.

The relationship you are now entering into as husband and wife can be the most profound relationship in your life, more profound even than your relationship with your parents or your children. I can say with all certainty that my wife is my absolute closest friend. I can tell her everything, and she can tell me everything. I can't count too many people in the world that I can do that with, totally and completely.

There is a real profoundness in the power, in the potential, of your relationship. Of course, you are just starting out. That's why it's exciting. Like anything else, you learn how to walk together and then how to run together. Just like anyone, sometimes you will stumble, or wobble a little bit. That's normal. The key thing to remember is not to condemn or attack yourselves. "Why am I so shaky? Why am I rethinking why I married this person?" When we have these thoughts, it is important not to condemn yourself. As a human being, you have emotions, so it is sometimes natural to feel such things. When you have siblings you sometimes say, "I don't know why he was born!" or "I wish he hadn't been." You don't literally want that to come true. At that moment, you are emotional; maybe you've had some disagreement. Sometimes you feel that way. It is important to acknowledge that this is how you feel, but also acknowledge that feelings change. You might feel down one day, but then your little nephew or cousin, who's always smiling and happy, comes in, and you feel better all of a sudden. You will see your emotions change all the time. It is important not to confuse our emotions with the level of our love. When you are investing in your relationship, please see it as a practice. You are investing in each other, in this union.

It's just like a bank account. You have to deposit into your account, and sometimes you have to make withdrawals. It is the same in your relationship. When you ask your wife or hus-



Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim in front of the Headquarters Church with couples who have "so much awesome potential to bring joy and happiness into the world"

band, "Honey, can you run over and do this for me?" When you are making a request of someone, you are withdrawing from your account with them. So make sure you are also putting back in, that you are always investing.

I don't want to say too much; if I do, I don't know if you will remember anything! [Laughter] If you can take away one thing with you today, I hope it is the idea that marriage is one of the central practices for us as Unificationists; marriage is not a ceremony, a one-time event. Just as other traditions may have meditation or prayer as their central spiritual practice, in our tradition, I feel that in our life of faith, succeeding in the most profound relationships—including the one between husband and wife, and with our children—succeeding in key relationships—is our central practice.

I encourage you all to keep in mind that your futures can be tremendous together. We want you to be very happy together. We want you to succeed. We want you to be abundantly fruitful in whatever you do and to find happiness in your relationship together. We believe the more Unificationists do that, the more we also allow our movement to shine and allow True Parents' work to shine. Within society, we can do many things, which of course can lead to people being able to admire our tradition. At the same time, the success of our families is very important. Please take this practice seriously.

It is not bad to keep learning about relationships. You don't have to read only church authors. If you are in a bookstore, pick up a couple of books on marriage or relationships. With more information, you can make better decisions.... You don't have to practice, as if it were the Bible, all that the relationship experts say; you can decide what you feel is appropriate in your relationship. It is very important to accumulate a lot of knowledge of these matters. I would certainly



The couple who head Korea's Blessed Family Department, Kim Young-jun and Kwak Shin-sook, conduct the Holy Wine ceremony on July 5

encourage you all to keep learning about the nature of relationships, how you can continue to be fruitful and to succeed in your relationships. Don't limit yourselves to church authors. Father has always been pushing us out to study every field. In this field of relationships, it is so important for us to learn as much as we can. It will really help you; it will be a great resource for you to make good decisions in your relationship.

[Hyung-jin nim invites Yeon-ah nim to speak to the couples]

What helped Yeon-ah nim

More than anything else, I am happy to know that my husband has had a happy ten years [of marriage]. [Applause, cheers]. One thing that really helped me in my marriage was when Father said, "In marriage we have to experience all kinds of relationships. Even though we are husband and wife, your husband sometimes becomes your father or grandfather, or sometimes your son. For a woman, it is the same: a wife will sometimes become like his mother, sometimes his sister or his daughter." When my husband feels depressed, I have to be in the position of a mother and console him one hundred percent, just as if he were my son. And if I am in a difficult situation, he will do the same for me. I think it is very important to know which state your husband or wife is in, and then try to match that emotional state appropriately. I think that is very important. That helped me to have happy years of marriage and a happy family.

We are so happy to see happy blessed couples, and we really wish that ten years from now you can say, "You know, we have also had a happy ten years of marriage." That's what we really wish for you! Always remember that Heavenly Father and True Parents are always with you, and whenever you have difficulty, please pray to God and True Parents about whatever problem you have; get help from your parents or someone else you really trust. That's really important.

Hyung-jin nim resumes speaking

I want to say it is very inspiring for us to see you with your courageous hearts, moving forward and really taking on the blessing. We see confidence in your hearts. The victory is there. We want to encourage you to do as you are doing, continue to be the wonderful people that you are. Whenever I go anywhere and have the chance to meet our young blessed families, young Unificationists around the world, we are always moved to be a part of the same realm of heart. That's very important.

One thing we always try to remind brothers and sisters about is this: sometimes we may feel alone. No one ever wants to be lonely, though we may want to be alone at times. I want to remind brothers and sisters that we are not walking alone in our life of faith, our spiritual life; we are walking together as a community of brothers and sisters. You have someone



The Headquarters Church is being renovated to conform with the vision of a church as a community center. The couples met in the recently-opened coffee shop.

to reach out to if you need help. You can still be a man and ask for help. [Laughter] You have to be man enough to ask for help. It's important, when you need help, when you feel down and need some understanding, to be able to ask for that.

When the Christian ministers came to Korea, Father said there are three things we have to watch—our mind (our thoughts), our words and our actions. It's very important to maintain a habit of keeping the right thoughts in our

mind—about our spouse and about ourselves (not beating ourselves up when we are not perfect)—and keeping the right words coming out of our mouths. Sometimes we want to say something that we may regret later, so it's important to choose the right words with each other. In some couples, you are from different countries, so please be understanding of that if one is learning the other's language. And of course actions—these will honor and glorify your relationship with each other.

We are so thankful to see all of you and very much inspired. It gives us strength to see the wonderful new couples that have so much awesome potential to bring joy and happiness into the world. What a great blessing for this world! We are so grateful to have you here. I'm very inspired personally. Whenever you are in Korea, come to the service; we're always over here holding services. Whatever church we are in—we may not be in this location forever—wherever we are, please know that you are part of our home, part of our family. If you have time, we would love to see you.

One thing we like to do when we gather is to say a prayer. Let's all gather and say a brief prayer.

[Hyung-jin nim prays] JW



The families of Alex Huard (France) and Hitomi Sasaki (Japan) celebrate becoming eternally connected through the blessing

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Special Declaration

At Father's request, Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan recorded, via telephone, this declarative prayer that Father offered from Cheongshim International Medical Center on July 22, at 5:30 AM. At 7:20 AM, after Hyun-jin nim spoke, the recording was played for all the participants at that morning's hoondokhwae.

Heavenly Father!

At this hour, I am going to proclaim something important in front of heaven and earth.

The recent ordeal that befell True Parents' family served as a turning point in going beyond Satan's divisive forces, which attempted to hold to ransom all of heaven and earth.

It was possible to prevail over this ordeal and overcome that critical life-or-death challenge because Father came to complete the mission on earth of the True Parent at his Second Advent. With True Parents overcoming this life-or-death situation and with all the passengers surviving this incident, it was possible to rectify the situation in which Jesus and the family he was meant to have were massacred two thousand years ago under Satan's dominion. With this recent incident as a turning point, I pledge before all of heaven and earth to move forward toward a victorious nation, over which God can exert his absolute dominion.

It is now the time where everyone in the spirit world can receive the blessing under the grace of True Parents, become an absolute, good spirit and return to the fold of the heavenly tribe. The blessing should be treasured beyond anything else; it must be remembered as the highest and most valued sign throughout heaven and earth that shall allow those in the spirit world to return to God's embrace. This I bless and proclaim. I earnestly and fervently request your approval in the name of True Parents. I request your approval centering on True Parents' family, True Parents' clan, on the true nation and on the true reinstatement of the homeland. Father! **TW**

Hyung-jin nim speaks

July 26, 2008, at the Cheong Jeong Peace Palace and the Headquarters Church in Seoul

At Hyung-jin nim's request, we have added translated excerpts from his hoondokhwae at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, which he gave in Korean on the morning of the same day he gave the sermon below at his English-language service. The hoondokhwae material, interspersed throughout the longer text to elucidate specific areas, is in blue. This transcript has been edited slightly for length and for ease of understanding in the written form.

You may be seated. Yes, please be seated. You know we always start with something a little interesting. I have to admit, though, that today I want to offer something different: this is a true story; it's not a joke per se but it was an interesting incident. When Mother was lying on the hospital bed after the accident, resting, the kids came in. (By the way, they were playing the day after the accident; they were running around and had come in to greet True Parents.) Mother sees them and greets them all, and my little boy, who's now two, comes up to True Mother and says [Mimicking his son's voice], "Halmoni (Grandma), why're you lying down like that?" [Laughter] And True Mother said, "Oh my! This boy is too smart!" And when he was just about to leave he did *insa*,¹ "Anyonghi jumun-



seo," which means "Have a very good night tonight." So, I just wanted to share that with you.

Sermon

Actually, today, more than a sermon, I want to share some of the things that have happened. I'm sure all of you heard a basic account. You may have heard through CNN or AOL that there was a helicopter crash and there were survivors, but I want to share with our world Unificationist Family in a little

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Hyung-jin nim bowed slightly indicating his son had also done so. The hangul for what Shin-deuk nim said is 안영히 주무세요.

¹ Dictionaries use "greeting" as a translation of 인사 (*insa*), but Korean children are taught to bow as well as to speak as a greeting.

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*How God protected
True Parents and all who were with them*

Hyun-jin nim speaks

July 22, hoondokhwae, Cheon
Jeong Peace Palace

Good morning. Being our members, you must all be very concerned, but please don't worry. God protected our Parents. Satan wanted to strike them, and although a terrible thing almost occurred, God was protecting them. True Parents are in good health. This morning Father wanted to come here. Today, July 22, is an especially important day, so Father wanted to call the leaders here together. But because it is best for him to rest a little, I have come in his place.... He needs to rest after the helicopter accident, which was not the kind that one comes out of alive. Father said, "I must go down there myself. If I don't go, I can't guide everyone together." It made me sad to hear that. I am his son, and I've been working for the Unification Church for ten years and I am well aware that we've been unable to fully unite.

When we talk about our Principle, one person thinks like this, another thinks like that, this person thinks like this, that person thinks like that; and thus we could not become one. So, how mortified must he have been in his heart, my poor father? How can one practice filial piety as a son? Though I cannot fathom it, my father has gone through so much hardship centering on the providence, centering on God. What is the way to practice filial piety? I first thought there is only one way—the dream, the dream of establishing God's nation, the dream for which my father took responsibility and has undergone such hardships. [A long pause; Hyun-jin nim weeps.] We should become the owner of that dream. Father will probably give special instructions on the issue, so I will not go into details of what he said to me about the subject, but I'll just tell you this: In order for the providence to be accomplished, we need to make all of humanity into true families. It's that simple. Only then can we sever the bloodline of Satan and establish God as the owner, and enroot the position of our



True Parents. Only then can we, the True Family, take root as the True Family. For this reason you should become the owners of that dream. For blessed, central families to only be blessed individually is unacceptable. In other words, our responsibility lies not only in living well individually and protecting our families. Our responsibility is to become the owner of God's dream. We need to become the owners of my father's dream, our True Parents' dream. This dream should become our True Family's dream. I am not one to show my emotions, and I didn't feel like coming here this morning. I just wanted to

stay with my father, with my parents. I travel back and forth across the world. I give speeches on many occasions in front of people, and I have many big responsibilities, so in my mind I may think it is important to take time out for my family. However, what my father taught me as I grew up was "You must not take an individual stand. You need to live for others, for a greater will, think of the greater will before you think about your individual self, and have a greater purpose. That is how a man should live." I may have shortcomings in some areas, but I have worked until now with the goal of living such a life. Yet when I spent some time with my father today, he told me we need to work even harder. [Long pause]

I think True Parents sent me here because they are always concerned about you, so that I could talk to you in their place. Our blessed, central families are truly precious people, but we should not keep that blessing for ourselves. We need to enable all peoples to receive and keep that blessing. Therefore, just as there may be a path that you would take even at the risk of death, I wanted to tell you that there is only one path that we can take, and share with you my feelings today. That path is to make our own the dream that God and True Parents are focused on. And I believe that in future when True Parents are too weak to move, we should take the place of their hands and feet and help them achieve this dream. What do you think about that? [Aju. Applause] **STW**

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more detail.

The day of the crash was the day of our service, as you all remember. After the service, I was out having dinner with my sister Sun-jin. As you recall, last week we talked about heroes and the heroic path and how the heroic path consists of many things—a call to an adventure, a road of trials, obtaining the victory, returning home and then sharing that victory, spreading it, helping others, empowering them. I really did not think I would meet heroes that quickly, but on that day we were having dinner and I received a call from Hoon-sook onni, Hoon-sook nim, and she said to me, “You have to sit down for this.” I said, “I’m already seated. Come on, tell me what’s happening.” She said, “You know, the helicopter went down.” and I literally got up and said, “What! The helicopter went down? What are you talking about?” She said, “Everybody’s okay. The kids were on it, everybody’s okay, True Parents are okay.” I’m hearing from Hoon-sook onni that everybody’s all right, so the first thing in my mind was “Okay, it was not that bad, maybe a little bump. Maybe on take off they hit a twig or something.”

We immediately called a couple of people, and they said, “Please come to the hospital right away.” We went to the hospital. We drove to Cheongpyeong immediately from dinner. And as we arrived there, we saw SBS, KBS—all the media—totally surrounding the intersection of the road to the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, near where the gates are, the road to the Cheon Shim Middle and High School and the road going down the hill toward the training center. There must have been ten to fifteen different vehicles from different media-coverage professionals. They were all over there, trying to take pictures of who’s coming in, who’s coming out.

At first when Mr. Yang,² our spokesman, released a statement that everybody was okay, the media did not believe us. They said, “We are not going to believe you. You guys are Unificationists, you may be hiding something!” [Laughter] See, that’s why we’ve got to change the status of Unificationists, brothers and sisters!

You’ll see we have something to be really proud of. I’m going to share with you why we have so much pride in the Unification Family, why we have such an amazing tradition! But let’s get to that a little later.

The media coverage was all over us, asking, “What’s going on? What’s going on?” Mr. Yang was the official head spokesman. He spoke to the media and gave them his personal

² Yang Chang-shik, the president of the Family Federation in Korea, acted as spokesman

phone number; they were calling until two in the morning! And he was explaining to them “Everybody’s fine,” but they didn’t believe him. They waited until the fire department and the police department came to confirm it, to make sure that everybody was okay, and particularly that Rev. Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon were fine. The police department came out, gave the news to the reporters that “They are fine. Rev Moon is okay, Mrs. Moon is okay. They are recovering.” And that’s when they left.

The very next day, within hours, as you may know, news was all over the world. It was all over—AOL, NBC, ABC, everywhere, BBC, every media broadcast in Korea—KBS, MBC, SBS. Everybody was covering this. And all around the world, “Rev. Moon survives a helicopter crash at ninety years old!” Ninety years old! This went all over the world, all over in about a couple of seconds. Aju! [Applause]

My friends who are priests and monks in America e-mailed me immediately “Are you okay Hyung-jin? Weren’t you on the helicopter?” Everyone read about this in the U.S. All the major newspapers in America, such as the *New York Times*, *Boston Herald* and *Chicago Tribune* carried the story. The whole world witnessed this miracle.

I want to give you some statistics. We heard from Mr. Joo Dong-moon [CEO, Times Aerospace Korea], that 90-plus percent of helicopter crashes end in fatalities. And when you look at the statistics, with sixteen passengers onboard a helicopter that crashes at this velocity, there has never been a recorded case of all sixteen people emerging and surviving the helicopter crash with no major injuries. Brothers and sisters, it’s a miracle! [Applause] God is good! Oh, my God! God is great! [Applause]

You know we have just been living through a miracle for this past week. As I reported to you all, yesterday morning, True Father held hoondokhwae for three hours, this morning—five hours of hoondokhwae. He’s already doing back flips, brothers and sisters. He’s already doing his Jedi mastery! He is amazing! He is Master Yoda flipping around already! [Laughter] I just could not believe it. You understand that a few days ago, at tremendous velocity, the helicopter crashed in flames; 90 percent of the helicopter—gone. A few days later, Father does five hours of hoondokhwae. This is what we’re experiencing.

Let me explain to you a little more about the scene. You know, it really did not get to me when I first got to the hospital. “This is not a hospital near where a helicopter crash has occurred” was the first thing that came across my mind. At a

Earlier on the day of the crash, Shin-wol nim (left) and Shin-joon nim with True Father during hoondokhwae



helicopter crash, I was told, everybody is crying, everybody is mourning, because every crash usually ends in fatalities. But when I came to the hospital, everybody was celebrating, everybody was running around; there were fruit baskets. Everybody was having a celebration.

So I come in. I see my children, and they're all okay. They're all a little shaken up. Of course, they give me hugs and kisses, but then they start running around. They're playing, doing coloring books, and I'm thinking, "What's this? A helicopter crash? Maybe it's a bicycle crash, but I don't know about a helicopter crash!" [Laughter]

Our sisters are there. They're all standing. We can't believe it. We just saw True Parents. They're fine! They're all okay. One of the sisters went in for minor surgery. **Ji-sun onni³ was the first to go in for an operation, and it went very well. She will recover well. Mother too, will also recover soon.**

We visited everybody. And Mr. Yoon!⁴ Mr. Yoon was walking around that very day. Three hours ago, he was in a disaster zone, and the man is walking around as if nothing had happened. Won-ju onni⁵ was walking around as if nothing had happened. This is eleven tons of pure metal, brothers and sisters, that dropped from the sky. If you can imagine being in your car and falling four stories, straight down to the ground, you can imagine how much damage would occur to you. These brothers and sisters were walking around, telling the story! I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I was thinking, "Okay, it's not that bad. Everybody's fine, everybody's okay. It's really not that bad, nothing to worry about."

So we did hoondokhwae with True Parents. Sun-jin nuna, as soon as she saw Father, was grabbing his hand, and we're massaging his feet, saying, "Father, why are you flying in this weather?"

Really! We are young, but our hearts stopped beating! Even though I felt sorry to do so, I wanted to scold Father a little even! But I couldn't scold Father, could I? My older sister Sun-jin held Mother's feet and said "It's truly a miracle." In-sup nim was there too... I told my parents we were all thanking God for the miracle.

Mother, we're just holding her, kissing her, hugging her, hugging Father, kissing Father, saying, "Oh my God! It's a miracle. It's a miracle!" And Father, he's lying there, and he's saying, "It's a miracle from God!" and I saw him putting his hands together [as if in prayer]. "A miracle from God!" he said. [Hyung-jin nim mimics lifting weights with his palms] **He was lifting heaven; he was laying in his bed, bench-press-**

3 Im Ji-sun was on the helicopter to help mind the children

4 Yoon Ki-byung, who does administrative work for True Parents

5 Won-ju McDevitt, personal assistant to True Mother



The helicopter True Parents were using

ing heaven. He was saying, "God, have mercy. God is good!" [Applause] It was amazing, amazing! And so we thought, "This is nothing big."

The crash site

We had to wait until the next morning—too much fog that night, too dark. We wouldn't have been able to see anything. The next morning, the security guards took us to the site, which at this point is closed to the public. When we visited the site, we heard the basic story. It didn't hit me, even seeing True Parents, who're so healthy. I can't believe they experienced a helicopter crash! My children were running around. Mr. Yoon was running around. Won-ju onni was walking around. So I was thinking that it was a minor crash.

We go in. We see the site, and literally our jaws drop. It is a disaster zone! A disaster! It is like in a movie. I could not believe that I was standing on that hill. I was looking at the site and thinking "This is not real! It's a movie!" I was looking at the helicopter and thinking "This is not real; it does not look real. It was as if I were watching a movie!" It does not look real.

We ended up going down. We went down the hill [closer to the wreckage]. We walked into the forest, and that's when it started hitting me. I started losing control of my emotions in the sense that I started shaking. I'd never had the experience before. I started shaking because I looked at the helicopter and I could not imagine True Father, at ninety years old, having to escape a burning inferno, and my little baby children running out of that helicopter. Every time I saw that vision, I started almost shaking.





Branches as lethal spears, piercing one of the helicopter's metal panels



Looking back from the site of the crash landing, the path the helicopter cut through the trees is visible.

And I remember looking at that as we were given the explanation. The helicopter came in for the landing. All of a sudden, they encountered a phenomenon called a fog band. A fog band is very quick-moving fog in a very thick strip. It moves separately from larger clouds. True Parents' helicopter began coming down. They were in the clear; they had gotten the okay from Cheongpyeong, and the Seoul aviation center had released them. Everything was okay. They saw the lights down below, and they were descending. All of a sudden, the fog band covered the helicopter, completely covered the helicopter.

The pilot said he couldn't see one meter in front of him. Suddenly, he felt something. He is an experienced pilot, one of the most experienced here in Korea, with the most flight time. This man told us that as soon as they hit a fog band, experienced pilots have been trained how to get out of it. He wanted to go to the right, to land at the soccer field, which as you may know is in front of our theological seminary⁶. As he was lifting up⁷, all of a sudden from the back, he said, he felt the tail catch on something. The tail was hitting something.⁸ As soon as that happened, he knew something was wrong. [The pilot, realizing that the tail rotor was damaged and that he did not have full control of the craft, knew that he must attempt an emergency landing.] He realized "Okay I can't pull up now," because as you know helicopters can't ascend when their nose is up. Helicopters have to first put their nose down to create velocity and then they can go up. You can all visualize that, right? But it was like this [fingertips angled up] because something was pulling on the tail. He tried to move out of that. He lowered the nose to bring the velocity up, so he could pull out.

As he was dipping the nose and coming out of that one-meter visibility in the fog he suddenly saw about twenty pine trees. Twenty pine trees!

"Now if you know anything about helicopter crashes," the pilot was explaining, "this is the end." He thought it was the end of his life. There was only a plastic window between him and the trees, and with the helicopter moving at that veloc-

ity, the trees become deadly weapons. Even one branch can pierce solid metal. He thought, "I'm gone! I see those trees. There're coming at me, and those are deadly spears.... I'm dead!" He thought he was dead. The helicopter started moving at a high velocity. The trees emerged. They appeared to be coming toward him, when all of a sudden, almost like an act from heaven, they started disappearing. They started disappearing from in front of him. What was happening? The rotor blades were cutting the trees. Give God a round of applause! [Applause] Phew! Do you understand?

Of course, this is going to be a sacred site. It's going to be a pilgrimage site in the future—absolutely. It is a huge victorious statement of True Parents' providential course and their victory as the providential savior. It was incredible! When you go there, there is a decline of trees that are totally sliced, like a samurai cutting through bamboo. Do you understand? Totally sliced! The pilot literally saw a highway open up before him. Trees? Boom boom boom boom—the trees flew away.

Then, all of a sudden the helicopter hits the ground—boom! The first hit actually was the tail; they count that as the first hit; the second was this impact. After the trees were cut, the helicopter went down and hit the ground.

When it hit the ground, two passengers had seat belts unbuckled. Do you understand the velocity of this helicopter? It can cover a hundred meters within point-three seconds. Two people, Lee Sang-soo ajoshi⁹ and Yoon Ki-byung ajoshi, had their seat belts unbuckled because they were radioing down to the cars to prepare for when True Parents would come off the helicopter, which is normal.

As they hit the ground, because it was rainy, the helicopter bounced up and struck a huge oak tree. That impact sent the two men flying forward from the back. They were literally sent flying forward. In the helicopter, there is a dividing wall on both sides, and a central passageway between. At that velocity, if they'd hit a wall—spinal injury! Over, it's over! Tremendous shock! There's no way they'd survive that impact.

Both of them flew right through the middle. Sang-soo ajoshi flew and fell down right next to True Father, and Mr. Yoon fell, flop, right on top of him. [Applause] Give it up for God!

6 A few hundred meters distance

7 Apparently to slow the helicopter in order to make a for the turn

8 Apparently the tail of the craft had hit a tree

9 Father's driver and assistant; ajoshi (아저씨) means "uncle" as an endearment, or a casually polite term for an acquaintance

Now this becomes even more amazing. I'll tell you why. Big impact—boom—hit the oak tree; the oak tree fell! The helicopter spins because of the velocity, it turn to its right, it flies up four stories because of the impact. Four stories! Do you understand, we're on the third floor, which would mean one more story up. That's like eleven meters high. The helicopter flew up four stories. At this point, one of the most dangerous things about a helicopter crash is losing control of the tail rotor, because the tail is the direction-giver for the helicopter. It controls direction on the helicopter. That had been lost.

Because of the velocity of the overhead rotors, the torque would force the whole cabin to spin. If the whole cabin begins to spin, there would be immense G-forces on the people inside. They would all pass out because of the G-forces.

So the first danger is the cabin spinning, striking something, exploding—there are fuel tanks on the bottom of the fuselage. If they hit something—explosion! If it spins, those risks become enormously high.

So, the helicopter strikes the oak tree; it jumps up four stories; and it comes down. Let me explain to you that this used to be an old farm field. In Korea, because it's mountainous, they cut into the mountains—creating a level field; then there's an incline, another level field and another incline.¹⁰ Right? You've all seen this. They struck, on the first level, the oak tree, which slowed it down. The helicopter spun round, and as it was falling again, there was a Y-shaped tree; the tail caught in the Y-shaped tree. Do you understand? The tree caught the tail. Because it got stuck in the Y-shaped tree, the helicopter could not spin.

The second problem is, of course, that the blades are moving at hundreds of miles an hour. Those things are deadly. One strike, and anything would be cut in half! That was the biggest concern at that second. Brothers and sisters, I want you to imagine, if a helicopter is spinning and it hits the ground, and those blades, rotating at that velocity, strike a rock, the helicopter body can be thrown. It can be thrown and explode. The blades were spinning, the tail was caught and as the helicopter was coming down (it absorbed a tremendous impact, went down), the blades then struck the second incline, and because this was a farm field, it was soft mud. So three of the blades, eighteen meters long¹¹ shot into the second slope—boom boom boom—and stopped completely the power of those blades!

So those blades were held tight, the Y-shaped tree held the



The rock that the helicopter would have hit if it had gone a few meters further forward



The tail of the helicopter was miraculously caught in a Y-shaped tree as it came down, so the craft could not spin around.

tail tight, and the helicopter just kind of—boomp boomp boomp boomp boomp—came down.¹² Amazing miracle: the door side was up!

One of the most dangerous things, if you even survive a helicopter crash (which there's a high chance you won't) is the next step, how you're going to get out. If you have hit anything, metal bends like paper at that velocity. If the door is bent, if it is damaged, everybody will be stuck in that helicopter.

As soon as they land, everything is black—lights out in total fog. The mechanic who is there at the door, he's disoriented; he was unconscious for one second. He said he got up and he started reaching around, and the first thing that he grabs is the door latch! [Applause]

He grabs the door latch. If you've been on a helicopter, there's no way that you can lift the door with all its weight; it's extremely heavy, and the door has to move

quite a distance to open properly. I don't know how he could stretch out to do it. We talked to him, and he said, "I don't know how I lifted it. It was almost as if somebody outside was opening the door."

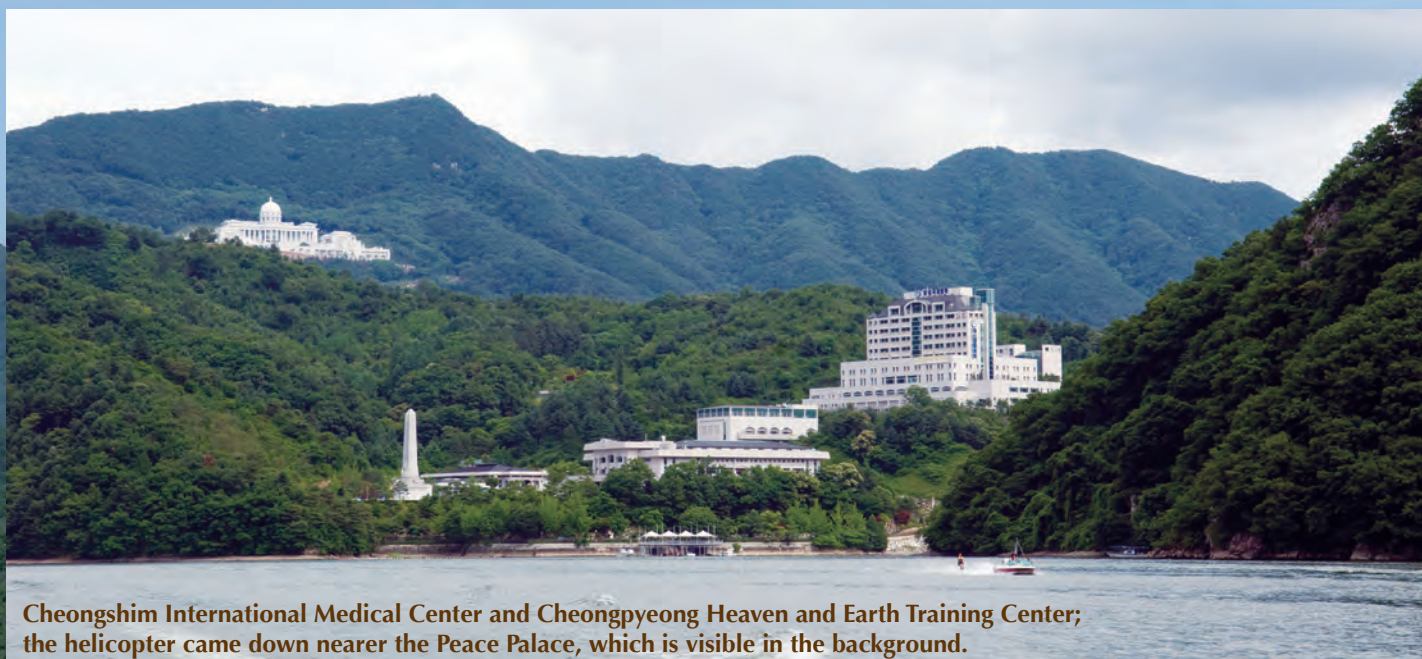
So the door opens. The helicopter is now set in a little cradle, that little flat place between slopes, right there. And that's when everybody starts moving. That's when everybody starts trying to find their orientation. Where are we? What's happening? We've got to get out!

Before going on, I want to mention a couple of things. If that helicopter had not struck that oak tree... (As I explained, there are two inclines [above and below] a flat place where they landed.) If it had not hit the oak tree, it would not have

¹² It was explained to us by Mr. Joo Dong-moon that the luggage area toward the rear of the craft had actually struck a rock and was badly damaged, but the main cabin, with its passengers, had landed on the soft muddy terrace and its impact was greatly cushioned.

¹⁰ He is describing terraced farming.

¹¹ He's giving the approximate length of two of the four blades, tip-to-tip, across the rotor hub assembly



Cheongshim International Medical Center and Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center; the helicopter came down nearer the Peace Palace, which is visible in the background.

slowed the helicopter down. Within point-three of a second, it would have jumped. It was heading straight forward. Up on the second platform is a rock the size of this [grand] piano. In point-three seconds, it would have struck that rock, and the chance of the fuel tanks exploding is extremely high, if a rock strikes that metal body.

Because of that oak tree, it spun the helicopter, slowing it down, and then the Y tree, then the soft mountain and then the put down. You see, brothers and sisters, I call that first tree *Hyo-ja Namu*¹³ (Filial Piety Tree). When we think about the True Family—we lost Hyo-jin nim this year, and you know despite all his own circumstances and the things that he had to overcome in his life, he had a filial heart for True Parents. That was undeniable. Nobody would deny that. And his life, he offered truly as a condition—we believe that it was a sacrifice—he unconditionally sacrificed himself. If he had not gone just a couple of months ago, True Parents would have been in tremendous danger.

If we look through the eyes of the providence, we see that our eldest brother sacrificed his life this year. His role was to protect our True Parents. Hyo-jin nim was such a strong person, such a fearsome elder brother! [Hyung-jin nim laughs] He surely has an iron grip on the evil spirits in the spirit world! Aju! [Aju!] Hyo-jin nim was the tree that was completely destroyed when it was hit, but this prevented the craft from going fifty more meters and striking the rock.

In Korea, there's a saying that the ninth year is the most dangerous. The ninth year is when everything becomes very dangerous, because it's right about the time of at a new start, a new beginning, a new fruition. Father is eighty-nine in Korean age. It was on the nineteenth day of the month that this happened. The man who was flying the helicopter is fifty-nine years old. So, many nines came up! We have to go beyond the number nine. Nine is the number just before perfection.

We saw in this crash so many incredible miracles. But we really saw that if it did not hit that oak tree, which I call Hyo-jin hyung's tree... That's Hyo-jin hyung's tree! With his power, he stopped that thing. He stopped it! And as it came down, it was a Y tree, the Y tree was Young-jin hyung, I believe. Why? It's a Y! He caught that tail. [Applause] That

soft hill was Heung-jin hyung. He is a soft guy, you know. He caught those blades, boom boom boom! They were all doing kung fu training that day! [Laughter] Oh my God! Just incredible, absolutely incredible!

Independent testimonies

While this was all happening, a movie director, a famous person in Korea, were was fishing on Cheongpyeong Lake. He looked up; he sees the helicopter going over. Later, we get a call from the movie at the headquarters, and he tells us, "I have a testimony for you. I saw something when I was fishing near Cheongpyeong Lake." The director tells us—This is not our member, do you understand? He is not a Unificationist. He explained, "You know I was fishing and I saw this helicopter coming. We did not know whose it was, who was in there, but I had a vision. All of a sudden, I saw the helicopter encircled in a rainbow." He's relating this story, and he said, "And then I saw all these things in white flying around this helicopter. At first I thought they were birds. But I thought, 'How many doves are there in the sky today, flying near a helicopter?'" He said he looked closely and he saw they were the forms of people, white-garbed, surrounding the helicopter heading toward the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace.

Also, the day before the accident, one grandmother had a dream of Hyo-jin nim holding a toy helicopter. Hyo-jin nim sacrificed his physical life in order to set a spiritual condition. If he had not gone to the spirit world, True Parents would have.

So, we heard these things. The movie director came to the headquarters. We have that testimony on video. And something else interesting: Ki-byung ajoshi, who flew and flopped on top of Sang-soo ajoshi, said that he saw Hyo-jin hyung at the front of the helicopter right before the impact. He said that he saw Hyo-jin nim at the front of the helicopter.

We can see all these things as tremendous miracles, from the cutting of the trees to the miraculous landing—hitting the oak tree, which saved them from striking the huge rock that could have caused an explosion; the coming down in the Y tree, stopping the helicopter spinning; all those blades rotating at tremendous velocity into the hill; then coming down and opening the latch. The first thing the guy did was open

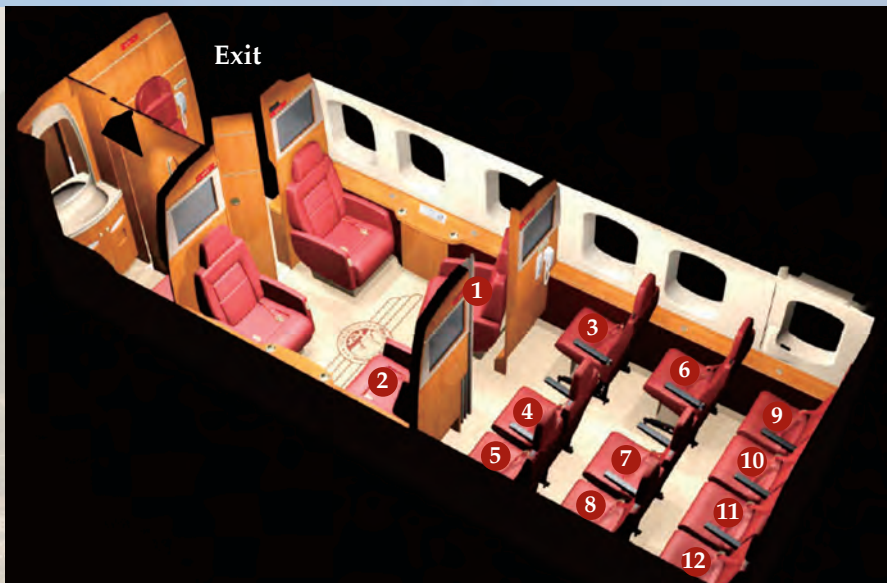
¹³ 효자, literally, dutiful son; 나무, tree

the latch. He opens the latch, and they come out as soon as they'd had the second impact. This is what the helicopter pilot said. The helicopter pilot is not our member. He is not a Unificationist, but he told us that he is now going to join the Unification Church! [Applause] Tell all your friends, brothers and sisters. We can see all those miracles happened.

So, all these things are piling up on top of each other. And so the pilot said, of course he's going to join the church [Laughter]. (We'll have an immediate influx of members joining the Unification Movement. I can see the headlines now!) The pilot said they'd had the flight recorder analyzed, which is the radio, the sounds on the helicopter, the video, and they found that in about ten minutes everybody had evacuated. In about ten minutes, everybody was out! They explained that it's impossible; trained military professionals, after twenty years of helicopter crash training, cannot evacuate a crashed helicopter within ten minutes. Everybody was organized, coordinated and out of the door! What happened was amazing.

The pilot said that usually when there is a crash, there is an instinct in the human mechanism, in the body, that says, "I have to survive." It's called "fight or flight." Your first instinct as a human being when you're in danger is "I have to survive!" What tends to happen is a phenomenon called "crowding." Everybody rushes toward the door to save their own neck. It's chaos. People are stepping on each other; people are stomping on each other. People are trying to get out, squeeze out of the door, and by that time, the helicopter usually explodes within minutes of hitting the ground.

He explained that there's this mob psychology that takes people over in a crash because of instinct. When he was on the helicopter, after the impact and it had fallen down, after the door was opened, the first thing everybody in the helicopter said was "Abonim!" Give it up! Give it up for True Father!



Schematic of the interior of the helicopter. The passengers were seated as follows: 1. Father 2. Mother 3. Yoon Ki-byung 4. Jeon Won-ju 5. Shin-goong nim and Shin-wol nim 6. Peter Kim 7. Im Ji-sun 8. Shin-joon nim 9. Kim Bu-teh 10. Lee Sang-soo 11. Kim Seok-byung 12. Pak Jong-hyun. With the helicopter on its side, the passengers could reach up to the main exit by standing on the restroom door.

[Applause] Those brothers and sisters did not think for one second about saving their own necks. Their first priority was "Where is True Father? Where is True Father?"

The two men that were thrown to the front were the first ones. They just stood up, and because the helicopter was on its side, Father was up on what had become the ceiling in his chair, hanging from his chair. They had to get up, take him down, put him on their backs and quickly evacuate. Father was helped out through the door. Father is ninety years old, brothers and sisters, ninety years old! Military specialists can't do this in ten minutes. We had ninety-year-old True Father and baby children on that helicopter, and they got out in less than ten minutes.

Father gets out. It took some time. Then Mother, everybody ran to Mother. Won-ju onni, Kim Seok-byung [president, Pyong-il Communications] unbuckled her. Her foot was caught between metal that was bent. So they had to yank her foot out, and then they evacuated Mother. They put her on their backs. Mother was out! Immediately after True Father and True Mother, who next did they all call? True grandchildren! They're not even thinking of their own necks. They're in this inferno. They call, "Where are the grandchildren?" Two of my children were onboard, my daughter and our third boy (fourth child) were onboard; our niece was onboard.

True Father, they helped him out; True Mother, they helped her out; and everybody grabbed the grandchildren—out, out, out, run, run away! They had to run, because there are explosions in a helicopter emergency. If there are explosions then, everybody's gone. The pilot said that as soon as True Father, True Mother and the grandchildren were out, people just poured out of the door, like in the military. Now I know why hoondokhwa training saves



Part of the helicopter's fuselage

people's lives! [Laughter] These brothers and sisters have been trained in hoondokhwae for the last twenty years! They just evacuated, one by one, boom boom boom, out the door. Everybody was out. They escaped, ran to safety, ran down the hill. The thing was burning—boom! boom!—there were bursts, fire, fire.

It was truly an amazing thing. Frankly, we still cannot believe it, even after several days. When I went to the crash site, and saw these very tall pine trees with their tops all cut off, saw the remains of the helicopter, saw the trees it had landed on, truly I thought "This is a surely a providential event."

[A picture comes up on overhead screens (see page 25)] That's the picture of what's remaining of the wreckage; there it is. We are standing on that second platform. There is the rock right behind us. In front of us is the helicopter, which is on that flat plateau and then there's another hill that comes toward the picture.

The grandchildren get out. Chaos. Burning. Everybody was one, centered on True Parents. Everybody was clear—"We're going to save True Parents first and not even think about our own necks." The pilot saw that. He said, "That was the miracle!" He said, "The other stuff, incredible miracles, absolute miracles, the fuselage did not burst etc. All those things were miracles, but what I witnessed was absolutely miraculous." There is something in the Unification tradition, something about our faith that even in that emergency situation—where there is usually mob psychology, let-me-survive psychology—everybody was able to think of the other first. Everybody was thinking of True Father, True Mother, the children, and he said, that's why he's going to join this movement! [Applause]

Lessons we can learn

You know we really saw a tremendous miracle this week, even in our family. All the brothers and sisters came out to support True Parents. All of us, with one heart, one thought, one mind,

were here to support True Parents. We were here to receive messages from brothers and sisters from all over the world who just expressed gratitude. All we have is gratitude!

This was an unbelievable miracle. To believe that this is coincidence requires more faith than to believe that it is a miracle. [Applause] One miracle occurred after another, one incredible event after another. Unbelievable, just unbelievable! When I saw the site, I had nothing to say. Even people very skeptical about Cheongpyeong or the spirit world, when they saw that site, they had nothing to say.

True, tremendous, tremendous miracles, is the only way we can explain it. That's the only way. Off the record to us, some of the aviation experts said, "There are invisible hands around that Reverend!"

What can we learn today, brothers and sisters? We can learn that God is a supernatural God. We can learn that this is a tremendous miracle in our tradition. Nobody can deny it. It was broadcast around the world. Everybody saw it. When everybody also understands the story behind this miracle,

what actually happened, of course it's even going to shed more light.

The greatest miracle of course is our brothers and sisters' faith on that helicopter. I saw True Father, just a couple of days afterward, doing hoondokhwae for three hours, and then five hours of hoondokhwae. He's overexerting himself. He fell from the sky only a few days ago, in an eleven-ton mass, and he is already getting up and doing hoondokhae. The doctors tell him not to do so. He should rest because of his age, because of the shock to his body. Even in the case of a young person, if someone is involved in such an accident he should rest. The doctors tell Father he has to rest, and don't allow him to come here yet.

Father spoke until nine AM yesterday. My older sister [Sun-jin] and I tell Father "Please take things a little bit easy. You ought to lie down." But Father stands up and says "Be quiet, you!" [Laughter] So we are really happy to see this. "Oh he's getting back to his old self! He can give us a good scolding now!" [Laughter]

He's just an amazing superman, just incredible; he's just

never stopping. And we see the brothers and sisters who were on the helicopter, Mr. Yang Chang-shik said today at hoondokhwae to all the brothers and sisters, "We know every single one of you would have done the same thing if you were on the helicopter."¹⁴ He said that; we know that. We have confidence that we have the tremendous ability and tremendous faith that allows us to overcome even ourselves, deny our own instinct, to help another person. As Mr. Yang said, I know that any one of our brothers and sisters would have done the same.

Brothers and sisters, what can we learn from this? We were all on that helicopter that day. Every single Unification Family member, from old to young, was on that helicopter that day. Everybody around the world was shocked. Everybody was trying to figure out, "What's happened to Rev. Moon? Is he okay?" All of our family,

we were on that helicopter that day. We experienced a miracle; we experienced a true miracle!

And if when we face our destinies, when we face our futures, when we face our own lives and obstacles, we can adopt that amazing attendance to True Parents that we saw from those heroes on that helicopter, I do believe that every day, as we go forward with that kind of faith, we will have more victory, and we will have more illumination, and we will have more peace.

[Father and Mother as superheroes comes up on overhead screens] And brothers and sisters, we will have a miraculous life, like those of the Superman and Superwoman of Heaven and Earth. Check this one out! Superwoman! Give it up! Give it up for True Parents! [Applause]

14 Dr. Yang also stated that in contrast to when Jesus was crucified, the disciples of True Parents did not run away at the crucial hour, but rallied to their support. Hyung-jin nim mentioned (some days later) that victory came because of God's 95 percent—His effort to protect True Parents—coupled with the members fulfilling their 5 percent responsibility.



On the day of the accident, a Saturday, a conference on medical science attended by many doctors was being held nearby in conjunction with the anniversary of the opening of Cheongshim hospital. Hospitals tend to be lightly staffed on Saturdays; fortunately an orthopedic surgeon was among the conference participants. He immediately lent his skills to help those from the helicopter with back injuries.



Hyung-jin nim speaks beside True Parents' empty chairs at hoondokhwa on July 23

Moving toward 2013

If people who don't believe in God see this, they will wonder how this happened. Journalists, from newspapers such as the Choson Ilbo,¹⁵ who had referred to Father simply as the founder of a religion or just by the name "Moon," now write "Chairman Moon." Now, outsiders think of us differently because this has amazed them so much. Reporters had not believed us when we told them Father was okay. "How can such an accident occur with such an inferno and not one person out of the sixteen on board be killed?"

The police also could not believe us. They came to the children's room to check their faces, one by one. [Laughter]

"What is your name?"

"Shin-goong," answered the little girl playing.

"What's your name?"

"Shin-joon."

"What's your name?"

"Shin-wol."

They had to check the faces to see if they were indeed okay, because they doubted us. Perhaps, they thought, we only said they were all right and hid their bodies so no one would know. They checked everybody from Father and Mother down to the little ones—affirming that these sixteen people really were still alive! [Applause]

Truly, what an amazing thing!

In one week, we have been to hell and then to heaven, and from there to the heaven within heaven. Truly, we have seen many miracles. True Parents went through—for our sake—this terrible event, which we should have been the ones to deal with.

To put it simply, True Parents were absolutely put on the cross. They absolutely went into the most fearsome hell. In that hell, Satan thought he had beaten True Parents, but they emerged victorious. [Applause] They were victorious over death. Even though they went into the deep-

¹⁵ Korea's biggest daily newspaper

est hell, our True Father brought victory. By bringing victory himself, he also made us, Unificationists, into victors. [Applause]

When people in society see us now—I met some people on the street yesterday who said everyone has to come to the Unification Church. "We have to find eternal life. Look at Rev. Moon who is still alive!" [Applause]

A bit like the helicopter surprisingly cutting off, one by one, the tops of the trees that might have speared the craft, thereby clearing a path for the helicopter to go, through this great victory, Father has opened a giant freeway.

Society is now looking at our church, observing it closely.

Now in front of True Parents and history, as Unificationists, truly unashamed, we have the destiny to become heroes who can overcome such an incident. We have to become such heroes.

We are truly living in an amazing time. So this incident should not become a sacrifice made in vain. Aju? [Aju!]

We must establish Cheon Il Guk in Korea with True Parents. Until 2013 there will be special spiritual power. When I was interviewed recently, the reporter asked me what is unique about the Unification Church, though he knew we were involved in many areas. "What is different between your church and the established churches?" he asked.

Our community has divinity. These members did not think about saving their own necks. They thought about others. Even at that terrible moment of the crash, a time when they could not think, they did not follow their own instinct and ran out, but practiced, to their bones, Father's teachings in what they did. That is a divine thing. That is what our church members have! That's what you all have. That is the great power that exists. If we all gather that together there is nothing in which we will not be able to succeed. [Aju! Applause]

Please dear members, help us all the way to 2013. We must go this way together. While True Parents are still here, we must bring an amazing victory for them in Korea, in front of Heaven. We must give our best effort to make that day come, the day on which we can attend them as the Messiah, Savior and our True Parents. Just like a phoenix, even though we may have died, we must live again, because although people say our church has died, we will rise yet again. Let's make that day come quickly.

Please give a big round of applause for True Parents!

Don't worry. Father is already up, doing exercises. Please pray at this time. Offer your heart, gather spiritual power through prayer and do your best to help True Parents recover completely and quickly. TW



FFWPU-Korea president Dr. Yang Chang-shik giving a report during hoondokhae at the Peace Palace. He has been working as a spokesman in media relations to do with the helicopter incident.

Kook-jin nim speaks

July 24, hoondokhwae, Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

Good morning. It was truly gratifying to read True Father's message together with one voice at this morning's hoondokhwae. In the future, if our church reads True Father's message with many other people, we can't help achieving great progress. Truly, the strength of our church lies in our members. If we march forward together, centering on True Father, there is nothing we cannot do.

What I want to talk to you about today is the helicopter incident, which came up in some U.S. broadcasts. When you are in the U.S. and hear about such an accident, you can't possibly realize how serious it is. If you hear about a helicopter accident in which everyone on board survives, you can't help thinking it wasn't very serious. Often when there is a helicopter accident, everyone on board is killed—not one person survives. When I heard there had been an accident but everyone survived, I didn't think it had been a serious accident. After I came to Korea, though, and went over to the accident site, I realized that it definitely had been a serious accident, one you wouldn't have expected anyone had survived.

However, we are all Unification Church members, and some of us have followed our True Father for forty or fifty years since before I was born, forty years ago. As Unification Church members, there must be times when you wonder if what we are doing is actually connected to the work of God. The followers of Jesus harbored the same thoughts from time to time. But when we lead religious lives, serving and attending God, we learn that there is no such thing as an accident and there is a reason behind every incident. God has His plans, and He decides things in advance. Therefore, when he talks about Jesus, True Father says that by Jesus being born on earth, leading a life of faith and public service and forming a family, Jesus would not have died prematurely. However, because there was no one Jesus could form a family with nor anyone to protect his family—no one to sacrifice himself in Jesus' stead—Jesus had to sacrifice himself. That is freedom. This is the case whether you view it from a viewpoint aligned with the Principle or a biblical viewpoint.

As I came here, I had many thoughts in my mind. Truly, I thought a great deal. I am the chairman of the Foundation, so I am in charge of managing the church funds. Since Father started flying in helicopters, we actually purchased them for his use, and I was not sure why that was necessary. Many members may also have wondered. However, now with this accident happening, when I ponder this, it seemed to me that it was all prepared for the sacrifice of True Father's life.

In the course of living for the providence, True Father has always been prepared to sacrifice himself. This is the situation even today. Father is fully aware. Because we are now crossing over a great hill in the providence and trying to bring Satan to voluntary submission, the



price of doing so is paid in True Parents' blood, as is always the case. And True Parents' blood is also the price that has to be paid for their coming to earth and releasing us from the original sin. This is not something True Parents have told us. How could our providence be elevated to such a level? There is only one way. Father was born on earth; he met True Mother and formed a family, thereby emerging victorious. And from the time Father formed a family until now, those of his own blood have been sacrificed for the providence and in order for Father's work to continue. Heung-jin hyung nim passed away. Young-jin also passed away. Hyo-jin hyung nim, too, has passed away. A son is given as the price of Father's blood.

True Father has taught us strongly to establish our church. You too have made many sacrifices. However, Father was the first to sacrifice himself. From the time God gave him the responsibility to carry out this work until now, Father has continued to work while expecting his own death at any moment, and yet thinking that for his work to continue, it is all right even if he has to die the very next day.

This is the type of life True Parents have been leading, and that is how they could release us from the original sin and liberate us, thus enabling us to live together with God thereafter. That is a great blessing, but you need to be aware that a price has been paid for it. You need to understand that all this has been achieved through the blood of True Father. You need to realize that True Father's blood was the price exacted for the removal of the original sin.

I came to think that if Hyo-jin hyung nim had not lived courageously, firmly resolved to give his life for our Father, something might have happened to True Father in the accident. Father

already knew about it. True Parents have lived with the knowledge that such a sacrifice could be required of them at a difficult time like now.

I knew about all the troubling developments Rev. Yang talked about, and True Parents, too, were very worried and concerned. But now that his eighty-eighth year has come, I believed such worries have been resolved. Many difficult



"If you hear about a helicopter accident in which everyone on board survives, you can't help thinking it wasn't very serious."



Left to right: Hyun-jin nim, Joo Dong-moon (explaining the last moments of the helicopter's flight and the crash landing), Kook-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim

things happened this year. But now that such an accident has happened to True Parents, I cannot help concluding that Hyo-jin hyung nim genuinely sacrificed his life for them. That is the only way I can interpret it. He has protected them by exchanging his own blood for True Parents' lives. If you wish to be involved in our work, you need to be prepared to do the same. That is why it is not at all easy to work for God. This kind of work is not something that anyone would want to do. Who would wish to carry out this work? You may only see the glory and honor of True Parents, but in actuality they are sacrificing their lives. You all need to realize this. You all need to know that True Parents are sacrificing themselves, and they are not doing so for their own personal glory. They are sacrificing themselves for God and for you. [Kook-jin nim weeps and wipes away his tears.]

From now on, we should continue to read Father's speeches as we did today. True Father's teachings are truly wonderful; they are the new gospel. What could be greater than hearing that Father has come, sacrificed himself and made a True Family, thus releasing everyone from original sin? However, in order for us to convey this idea to people all over the world, sacrifice is necessary. In that case, who will make the sacrifice? Who should sacrifice themselves so that the rest of humanity need not make the same sacrifice? I will tell you. It is the church leaders who should make the sacrifice. It is the people who work for God that need to make the sacrifice. It is the responsibility and duty of the church leaders to sacrifice themselves so that others need not do so and can live well. This is the work you should do for the church, though it may not be what you want to do. It is the work of God that you need to perform because you are told to and have no choice but to do so. Who wishes to make such sacrifices? However, if you assume responsibilities, you should sacrifice to the extent of those responsibilities.

I went to see Father before I came here to hoondokhwa. I offered a bow and... [Kook-jin nim weeps] He told me that it was five o'clock and time for hoondokhwa. He said he should attend it and not stay in the hospital. I told him, "Father, you've been in a really bad accident, and your body has been under

such strain, so going to attend hoondokhwa is out of the question. You must rest so that you can recover your health. I will give a short speech at hoondokhwa instead." Father said okay, and that is why I came.

That is the life True Father is leading. That is how he is living. Indeed, to lead our Unification Church, an unimaginably high price needs to be paid. So, I believe that the higher ranking Unification Church members should make sacrifices, which is why you cannot do this work if you don't have faith. If you are working here thinking of the glory and honor you will receive in the future, you should not be here at all. Even in the future, the Unification Church will remain a church that works for the sake of all the other people in the world.

Our church does not exist to give glory to our church leaders. The purpose of this church is to liberate and restore to God all His children who are estranged from Him. And that is the way this church should be run from now on. So, if you are thinking only of yourselves, and you are staying here solely for your own benefit, it would be best for you to leave and not remain in the Unification Church. God truly does exist. You'll die if you say He is false. So from now on, we should teach everyone living in the world, for their own sake, that True Parents have come and successfully formed a family; they made all the sacrifices through their own blood and have thus liberated all humanity from original sin. That liberation comes from True Parents, not church leaders. It comes from God, as compensation for the blood we have shed.

When church leaders become arrogant and self-centered, they can no longer be church leaders. They cannot be people working for Heaven. At this time, and based on this serious incident, we should look at the sacrifices made by True Parents and renew our faith. That is all that we can do. So let us all make our True Parents healthy again and attend them faithfully. When we have done that, there is nothing we cannot do. It would be truly wonderful if we could make this resolution and carry it out. I would be deeply grateful to you all if you do so. Thank you.

[Applause] *STW*

Sun-jin nim speaks

July 25, hoondokhwae, Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

For much of the time she spoke, Sun-jin nim was on the edge of tears. After apologizing in Korean, she spoke in English with Yeon-ah nim interpreting. We have edited the content for the written presentation.

I just want to share a few words about what we have experienced these past few days. You've all heard the news about the helicopter, and we've received all your prayers and all your words of concern and hope, and we're so grateful for that.

I just want to share with you my first experience when we heard about the accident. When we first went into the hospital room, Father was alone in bed and it was dark. I went to Father, wondering how this could happen and so worried and crying. Father just said, "Don't cry; don't worry." He was comforting me and saying, "This is truly a miracle and God protected us. So, don't cry. This is an amazing day."

Because Father was comforting me and he looked fine, I was just so grateful because everything seemed okay. Mother was out of the room at that time getting checked by CAT scan. Father kept asking, "Is everybody okay? How are the brothers and sisters¹ who were also on the helicopter? How is Mother?" He just kept on asking. He said, "Hold my hand and stay here until Mother comes back."

I thought, "Oh, Father is all right. He's saying he has no pain." I said, "Abonim, after a shock, if you have any pain, please tell us because we need to know so we can help you." And Abba was saying, "I'm fine. I'm okay. Where is everybody else? Make sure everyone else is okay. Make sure Omma is okay."

Everybody survived, and it's really a miracle. There were only a certain number of doctors on hand and everybody wanted to help the sister who was the most injured amongst everybody. So, all the doctors went to her. Because Father and Mother wanted to make sure the members were taken care of first, they were taken care of after her.

Mother needed to be attended to, so Father remained as



if he were completely fine. It wasn't until Mother came back, until all of it was clear, then all the children came up to greet our parents and we told Father that everybody was fine. Then Father started experiencing difficulty, a little bit. We found out that Father, too, had pain. The impact of falling from four stories hurts everybody. Everybody had pain, but Father held his pain in while making sure everybody else was okay, so everybody else could be attended to first. This is True Father's heart. This is the heart of True Parents. In many ways, their entire lives have been like this. They've been holding their pain in so that everybody could be saved first.

Throughout Father's sacrificial life, you've all supported Father; you became his children first. In many ways, he had to let go of his own children to serve the Cain children and save the world first. Always—no matter what—before himself, his family, anything—Father puts the world, the members and going forward with God's mission first. Even when the doctors say he has to rest, to lie down so he can heal, he's still observing hoondokhwae. He's saying that the word is the most important; the members are the most important. We have to move the world. This is what he keeps saying.

This experience was an eye-opening one for me and for our family—seeing our parents not thinking of themselves, even in this moment, constantly thinking about the world. Father is eighty-nine years old; Mother has had fourteen children and has followed Father her entire life, and no matter what, this is their mission till death. No matter what. This heart of True Parents, we have missed as a family. As you know, because of the accident, every single one of our family members here on earth has come to be with True Parents.

Even though the doctors stress not to go into their room and to let our parents rest, when we go in to greet them, Father gets up, and even though he's in pain he gives us hoondokhwae for three hours. Even though he's in pain, because he sees us there, he says he has to teach us. Even though we say, "Father, please rest. Please lie down so you can heal. It is so important to take care of Mother and you." Father will yell at us and get mad at us, saying "Just listen. This is important. This message is important."

Seeing that, we all understood as one family that this is the most important message, and I want to share that message with you. The main message that Father kept giving us is that everything in the providence and what we hope for in the future will only be realized if we have unity.

Cheongshim Hospital, where everyone was taken after the helicopter crashed



Flags flying at the Cheong Jeong Peace Palace



If you look at Father's entire life of service to the world, it's always been centered on unity and oneness with God. Because you are all brothers and sisters who have inherited True Parents' word, you all already know about true love, true life and true lineage, which True Parents teach, and that we have to be one with the vertical straightness of God in our four positions. Until now, we've all been receiving from True Parents. We've received the word; we've received salvation; we've received the truth and we have gotten so much from them—even their lives. Even in moments when they could pass away, they're still giving the truth, giving nonstop to us.

In the time you've been observing True Parents, what have they stressed for us to do in our lives? They've stressed unity between husband and wife through the blessing, the mission of an individual with God through mind and body unity, and even within Father's mission worldwide—the bridge and tunnel, what does that mean? It means connecting all the world together. And what is North-South unification? Connecting what was divided by Satan and putting it all together. And when he stressed all these things, he said that as a family we need to come together—not only amongst our brothers and sisters, immediate brothers and sisters, True Parents' children, but between the first and second generations of our movement, all going forward to build Father's legacy.

No matter how much we kept telling Father, "Please rest, please rest," he did not stop. Everybody in the family came yesterday—In-jin onni came; Un-jin onni came; Ye-jin onni was here. Yeon-jin and Jeong-jin and Kwon-jin oppa and Hyung-jin oppa and Hyun-jin oppa and Kook-jin oppa—everybody was together. We were all there to listen to these words of unity. And as a family we were... For many years, we couldn't unify. It's important, our having to unify with each other and also with the church but because of whatever feelings we had that our parents weren't there for us or they were only caring for the members, we realized we really didn't do our mission. We realized that through the experience of all coming together. We truly felt sorry to True Parents for not being able to realize that and help them even more because we were immature and young.

On the day after Father gave us that hoondokhwa of unity, we all together went to the site where the helicopter went down and that's when it really hit us. It hadn't hit us when we went to see True Parents and they were sitting up and they're still alive. We had no idea what they went through, but when

we went to the site it really hit us how much a miracle it was that they're alive and everybody was saved. We realized that God truly protected our True Parents, as did Hyo-jin oppa and Heung-jin oppa and Young-jin, everyone from our family who has gone before us into the spirit world, especially our older Hyo-jin oppa who passed on....

We really felt our brothers and sisters in the spirit world protecting our True Parents at this moment. And with Father's message, saying how we have to be one as a family, we realized the urgency and that our not being able to unite is causing True Parents to go through more indemnity for our inability—our inability to forget ourselves and live for the sake of each other and live for the sake of what they have been teaching us, which we have not inherited fully until this day.

Seeing this all together as one family and understanding, finally, what Father has endured through these tragedies.... It is sad that it always has to be tragedies that teach us, but we realize that this is what we have to do. We have to invest all our energy, and all our resources and our entire lives until death, in that same spirit. That's what we realized together as one family. I am sharing this here with you today, and I beg you to share that same heart as one family. Share what Father requested in his pain, all of you, take that into your own families and into your own lives; really try to take that message of unity and sacrifice and live this way.

After receiving this message of unity from Father that morning, we all gathered for lunch as one family. I don't think many of you know us, because we've been studying. Father has given us the mission of studying and developing in America, but you all know Hyun-jin oppa; since he finished his studies, he's been working tirelessly, globally, to promote True Parents and the mission.

Kook-jin oppa has been in Korea at the Foundation. He spoke just yesterday if you don't know who Kook-jin oppa is. He sacrifices every day, day in and day out. We live together at Hannam-dong, so we see him every day. He is always concerned about preserving the foundation and the value of our church, about being able to fund Father's mission so that his goal of global unity can be realized.

And as you all know, Hyung-jin has recently been given the mission of president of the worldwide church, centered in Korea. He gives his sermons in Korea all the time. He's really the spiritual center that Father designated. He has been—not only for the members but also for our family—a source of much spiritual guidance. He might be the youngest but he has been our hyungrim in heart.

Our brothers and sisters came yesterday; all my sisters and everybody who has been living in America and studying—they all came. They're doing amazing work too. Just recently, In-jin onni was put on the Manhattan Center to protect what Hyo-jin oppa had built. She really loves Oppa. That's her mission, and she has really been doing a tremendous job there.... We really offer thanks to her and every single one of my brothers and sisters. Un-jin onni came for one day, because she had to go back and take care of her children. She was feeding Mother and Father, and she was really helping them that day. It was the first time in our lives we could spend time and really serve True Parents.

We are grateful for all your love too. We feel so thankful for all the leaders and other members, who in our position, actually, have been serving and taking care of True Parents all these years. In many ways, we offer our apologies to you to for your having to sacrifice and go through a difficult course

to serve and love our True Parents. For that, we as a family are tremendously grateful to all of you brothers and sisters. I realize we have to take responsibility and we have to honor your work as well as work together with you. That is our heart and that is our gratitude to you. We can have only hope and true love for every single one of you, who have had true love for our True Parents. For the lives you lived and for loving True Parents, we can only honor you and love you back in that same way, and we offer our apologies for not living up to that standard too.

It's very difficult to get everybody together at once, but we were able to gather and share at the table during lunch, for the first time just experiencing every single brother and sister—there is elder and there is younger—but all supporting each other, all supporting each other's work and no one taking any credit for themselves. It is all about True Parents....

All these years, they've been doing it by themselves, and all these years with your help and your sacrifice they've been doing it. We realize that it's our mission—our mission and our hearts—to start building this for True Parents and protecting and creating the future for the church and for all of you and your second generation. We owe that to you because just as our True Parents could not spend enough time with us, many of you in the first generation could not spend enough time with your children, so we share the same heart in many ways.

Because our True Parents brought us together as one, we are one family. There's no one here who is not my brother or sister. All of you leaders are my brothers, my oppas and onnis as is everybody else here, so we share that. With that heart, we ask for your help, to share your wisdom and your support for our True Parents and the family—and all the work that you are doing now to support Father's mission on earth and realize that dream. I'm sorry I've been speaking so long because... [turning to Yeon-ah nim who is trying to write down several paragraphs to interpret at once] Yeon-ah, *Choisong hamnida!* [I'm so sorry!]

Everybody thought True Parents were going to retire. We were going to build a place where True Parents could retire and rest, but actually Father hasn't spent even one day resting. All the time that he's here, he's been flying all over the world. Even when he's here, he has to meet with leaders, and he cannot stop working for God's mission even at his age. And as you who come on buses know—by car, Cheongpyeong is a very long way from Seoul, where the airport and everything is. The international headquarters and all the leaders are in Seoul. Everything—the politics and the culture, everything that they're trying to change for God's work, is in Seoul, so they actually have to go there all the time. And they don't have a place in Seoul any more because of us; we moved to the house in Hannam-dong to do our work in Korea. True Parents actually gave their room in the Hannam-dong house

to my brothers and sisters who are working hard in Korea.

When we think about the significance of our True Parents on earth, we realize that Father will not stop and that Mother will not stop, loving and living for the sake of others. So we realize we need to build a place, a safe haven and sanctuary not only here, which is built on *Halmoni*'s² and everybody else's tremendous sacrifice, but also in Seoul. We need a place that can be used to move the world and move Father's mission forward. All the government offices, all the culture, arts and media—everything is in Seoul. We need to organize and mobilize there, with all the membership, to make a training center, to have one church in which people can attend True Parents, that we can offer to True Parents, where they can be protected and also live and work for their mission...

For so many years, we've been somewhat lost in the wilderness. It's the same as many of the members who've been lost in the wilderness and suffering on the path of indemnity. Now True Parents have suffered through this major indemnity incident; their lives have been a testament to the law of indemnity. We need to take on this mission all together, with the leadership and with the church. In Hyung-jin's heart, it's not only a matter of mobilizing and going forward but of creating a safe haven for the members. It would not be

just a place for attending our True Parents but also a place where the members can come easily to train and learn.

I have so much gratitude for all of you and for our beloved True Parents and all my brothers and sisters. I'm most thankful to God and my brothers who have passed away for saving our True Parents, saving all of us and for making us realize what we haven't been doing. And with all that, we apologize to you and we pledge to you to do our best and to live this life of true life, true love and true lineage. The other day Father was holding his hands like this

[Sun-jin nim shows her hands, clasped together, to the audience.] and saying, "Coming together is the important thing, not only to praise God but to praise and take care of each other; you cannot separate! You become stronger when you are like this; alone, it's not one."

I just want to ask you in closing—after Yeon-ah interprets—if we can all join hands together, brothers and sisters all together. And Hyung-jin can offer a prayer, and we can pledge to unite and to live our lives so that True Parents no longer have to suffer and we can really carry on their mission and make it on earth. That's what I ask of you, to please understand.

And we offer our apologies and our gratitude.

Kamsahamnida. **TW**



The helicopter had departed from a park in Seoul.

2 *Halmoni*, Korean for "grandmother," is a reference to her maternal grandmother Hong Soon-ae (given the title Dae-mo nim by True Father upon her ascension) who spearheaded the work to construct Cheon Jeong Peace Palace.

A Letter to My Family

The following account is taken from a letter sent by Rev. Peter H. Kim to concerned loved ones ten days after the helicopter crash, and has been edited for Today's World.

Thank God! Thank God! These are the first words that came out of my mouth as I realized we were still alive after the helicopter crashed.

The day we flew to Seoul from Cheongpyeong (July 19), there was a typhoon warning. Although Typhoon Kalmaegi¹ had already killed six people in Taiwan and continued its course toward the Korean Peninsula, the weather conditions in Cheongpyeong and in Seoul were determined to be permissible for flight.

True Parents had a luncheon meeting with some of the church leaders in a Chinese restaurant at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Seoul. It was about 4:45 PM when we left Seoul by helicopter to return to Cheon Jeong Palace in Cheongpyeong. It was still raining and cloudy, but the pilot had checked the weather conditions in Cheongpyeong. Because of the now questionable weather conditions, he decided to follow the Bukhan River [North Han] north. Cheongpyeong Lake is actually formed from a dam in the Bukhan River, a tributary of the Han River, which flows through Seoul.

As we continued following the Bukhan River, we encountered thick patches of fog and clouds, but we could still see well enough to follow the course. When we arrived in the vicinity of the Cheongpyeong Training Center, we could see the top of Cheon Seong Mountain, where the Cheon Jeong Palace is located. The heliport is about three hundred yards below the Peace Palace at the foot of that mountain. Although we could see the top of Cheon Seong Mountain, some fog and cloud was in the area where the heliport is located.

The crash

As the helicopter approached the landing pad, suddenly a thick layer of fog moved in and completely covered the area. The pilot's view of the site became almost zero, but the landing gear was already down and the helicopter was hovering over the landing pad about to land. The pilot decided, quickly, to take the craft up and out of the pitch dark, foggy area. It was then that the tail hit a tree and the helicopter reeled from side to side. As the powerful blades plowed through trees by the scores, the pilot tried his best to find a way to secure a soft landing in the wooded area of thousands of pine trees. The helicopter, with only half of the tail wing, plowed through the woods, tree-top level, for about a hundred and fifty yards. It finally hit a big tree and crashed in a muddy wooded area near a small stream. There also was a small pond less than twenty feet from the crash site. One of the blades of the helicopter was lost as the craft went through the trees and the remaining three blades became stuck in a muddy bank as the helicopter crashed. Boom! It made a thunderous noise.

The escape

While the helicopter was going through this course of turmoil,

¹ Typhoon names are assigned from a list comprising contributions from more than a dozen national governments. Kalmaegi, submitted by North Korea, is "seagull" in English.



which took only a minute, we were experiencing a roller coaster ride, holding onto whatever we could grab. Because of the thunderous sound of the crash, I lost consciousness for a moment, but the noise of the crying children was loud enough to bring me back. Among the sixteen people (three crewmembers, thirteen passengers) in the helicopter, there were three children, Shin-goong nim (six years old), Shin-wol nim (five years old), and Shin-joon nim (five years old). Upon regaining consciousness, I realized that

I was still tightly seat belted and hanging over the side of my chair. I struggled for a while to release myself. The cabin of the helicopter was in chaos and the craft was tilted on its left side. The children were crying at the top of their lungs.

At that moment, it came back to me that Father and Mother were in the helicopter. Instinctively, I shouted, "Save Father and Mother first!" Then I looked around the back of the cabin, where I knew eleven people had been seated, to locate the true grandchildren.

Glancing forward, I noticed that two of the security brothers were already in the middle section of the helicopter where Father and Mother were seated. Father was dangling over the side of his chair, tightly seat-belted. He was struggling hard to release himself from the seat belt. Mr. Lee Sang-soo lifted him up and Mr. Yoon Ki-byung released Father from the seat belt. Meanwhile, Mother's foot was stuck. Mr. Kim Seok-byung pulled her foot out of this trap.

Because the helicopter was tilted on its side, the entrance door was now located above us, so we had to lift Father, and then Mother, up through the door. By then, luckily, one of the crewmembers was already outside. He helped Father and Mother to finally get out. Once reaching the top of the helicopter, they had to slide eight feet down to the wet and muddy ground. Following True Parents, the grandchildren were lifted up through the exit and they followed the same path.

After the grandchildren were out, the remaining eight of us who had accompanied Father and Mother that day climbed out of the door one by one. Nobody remembers who came out first or who the last among us to leave was. When I made my way out, however, I could see a couple of people behind me. I still remember the strong sense of urgency I felt when the smell of smoke became overwhelming and heat rose from flames that were just beginning to ignite the interior of the helicopter. In spite of the smoke and fire that would soon engulf the cabin, we all escaped safely from the helicopter without obstructing one another.

When I found myself on the ground, I realized I could not move with ease because of the rainfall and muddy ground. It seems we all knew instinctively to run as far away from the burning helicopter as possible. We understood it could explode at any second. So, we had to desperately trudge through the mud and rain, scared that an explosion would occur at any second. It is a fact that the fuel helicopters use is more flammable than automobile gasoline and the fuel tanks, which were attached to both sides of the copter, could explode not just by fire but also by a strong impact or shock.

I immediately looked around to locate Father, Mother and the grandchildren. As I stood up after landing in the mud, I noticed True Father being carried away from the helicopter by two security brothers. Mother, meanwhile, was still stuck,

struggling over the muddy ground. Mr. Pak Jong-hyun was trying to help her stand up. I quickly went to her, put her on my back and tried to move away. Mr. Pak held her to keep her on my back. The ground was so muddy and my back started hurting so much that I did not walk upright but half crawled. We were able to move up the hill about seventy yards, and then I finally collapsed. Father was about ten yards ahead of us, sitting on the muddy ground behind a big pine tree. Someone shouted, "Bring Mother up here! It's safer!" But I could not carry her any further. At that point, two young brothers came to carry Mother to the place where Father was waiting. Most of us, including the three grandchildren, gathered around Father while the rest were scattered nearby.

Though it was still raining, when we looked back at the helicopter, it was engulfed in a strong, tall flame and dark black smoke.

Father offered his lap to Mother as a place to lay her head, but she could not move even an inch. So Mr. Pak took off his jacket, folded it for Mother to lay her head on. As we sat there for a while, we heard three explosions. The pine trees surrounding us protected us enough that none of the debris from the explosions fell on us.

To the hospital

About twenty-five minutes after the helicopter crashed, ambulances and fire trucks arrived with fire fighters. I shouted that Father and Mother had to be carried out quickly to Cheongshim Hospital, which was only about a mile away. I was not only worried about True Parents' injuries but also reporters' cameras. I did not want anyone to take pictures of True Parents covered in mud. Some security brothers who had witnessed the crash from the Peace Palace came down to the site and immediately took Father and Mother on stretchers to the ambulances.

Shin-joon nim was crying loudly, looking for his onni, Im Ji-sun, but she had injured her back and could not move. She was on the ground nearby, in pain, and was also carried out on a stretcher to an ambulance. The rest of us helped one another until we reached ambulances, which transported us to the Cheongshim Hospital emergency room. It was about 6 PM when a nurse took off my mud-covered shoes!

Even before our arrival at the hospital, YTN television news ("Korea's CNN") had reported the accident. Following the YTN report, all the major news outlets in Korea covered the story with pictures of the burning helicopter.

Through that night and the next day at the hospital, all of the passengers were thoroughly checked by X-ray and MRI. Several had fractures, or bruises to the back—mostly minor injuries. Although everyone was still in shock from the trauma, thankfully, there were no head injuries and everyone was conscious and mentally sound. The most seriously injured were Mother and Im Ji-sun who both had successful surgery on a dislocated spine. News of the accident got out and within hours, people from around the world began calling. I had lost my cellphone in the fire, so everything was quiet for several hours until I got a new phone. My wife was finally able to reach me from New York in the middle of the night.

I began feeling severe pain in my back and neck. Thankfully, the doctor said that the tests showed I didn't have any dislocated or broken bones. The pain was coming from twisted and severely stressed muscles. That night I could hardly sleep because of the pain, flashbacks of that terrible thunderous crashing sound and the events that ensued. Even today, I

haven't been able to erase that terrible sound from my memory.

Spiritual aspects

From the day after the accident occurred, numerous testimonies of a spiritual nature came to us from all over the world. We also received a technical report from the helicopter's pilot and special investigators.

According to a specialist's investigation, over 90 percent of helicopter accidents are fatal to some or all passengers. About three months before this accident there was a military helicopter crash near the site where our helicopter crashed. All of the four passengers were killed instantly.

So it was truly a miracle that all sixteen people on board came out of the crash without shedding even a drop of blood. Furthermore, even the special investigators could not understand why it took more than twenty minutes for the helicopter to explode, though it started burning as soon as it crashed. Often when a helicopter crashes there is a fire that causes an immediate explosion.

If the helicopter path had been only slightly different it might have crashed onto the school buildings in which there were hundreds of boarding students in residence.

These are some of the miraculous points shared by the pilots and special investigators.

An old Korean grandmother who claims to be a Unification Church member—though she hardly knows what's currently going on in the Church—saw Hyo-jin nim in her dream embracing a white helicopter. It was a few days before the accident when she saw this. Since she didn't know even that Hyo-jin nim had already passed into the spirit world, she thought that the church must have a helicopter-toy factory.

God's mysterious work

Those who are aware of God's providential work and True Parents' critical importance in it in the era of the fourth Adam can interpret these spiritual testimonies. We can clearly see how much God and the spirit world worked to protect True Parents. Just as at the time of Jesus' birth, when three wise men from the East who did not have anything to do with Jesus followed a star to show their respect at the birth of the Messiah. Non-believers in True Parents clearly testified to this miracle. There are many more testimonies and stories like this which will be eventually revealed.

What I can conclude at this point is that this crash was not an ordinary accident. It was providential. Because I know that True Parents are the manifestation of God on earth, it is my conviction that Father and Mother had to set a condition to sacrifice their lives on behalf of all the blessed couples who have not been able to accomplish their providential responsibilities. Just as when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac as an offering to God, God accepted Abraham's condition as a genuine one and saved Isaac's life. By going through the crash, God already accepted the condition set by True Parents and gave their lives back to us. I firmly believe that because of this helicopter accident, the providence will make a quantum leap and move on toward a higher dimension for the realization of God's ideal.

Even today, I went through a physical therapy regimen twice to ease my back pain. This has become part of my routine since I was discharged from the hospital a few days ago. I also went to see a Chinese herbal medicine doctor today. Lying on a hospital bed with dozens of acupuncture needles in me, I shed tears of "thanks to God and True Parents." *STW*

The Business Family Meets

As the reader may be aware, Father asked Kook-jin nim to guide the business foundation in Korea, and this requires him to oversee a number of separate corporations, including the Segye Times, Il Hwa pharmaceutical company, the Seil travel company, and Yong Pyong Resort.

From July 2-4, he held a meeting for the presidents of these companies, which he called partly to discuss how to manage the effects of rising costs of materials, and unfavorable exchange rates, on their business. The first day of the meeting featured reports by some of the company presidents, and one about the media interest in the new church Hyung-jin nim is developing in Seoul. The occasion gave Kook-jin nim the opportunity to speak directly to the top leaders about his hopes and expectations for their work.

One concept emphasized was that a great company must have the capacity to develop its distinctive strong points in times of adversity.

The second day of the meeting was devoted to a "Six Sigma Champion Workshop," to develop the use of the mathematical system by which companies strive for maximum efficiency and quality in their products and services.

The final day gave the company presidents the enjoyable experience of seeing the Yong Pyong Resort—the venue of the meeting—open a new facility, the Peak Island Water Park.

The company leaders concluded their time together by expressing their united resolve to develop their organizations. JW



Left: Ribbon cutting for Peak Island Water Park, July 4, attended by company representatives (and some Korean celebrities); *Right:* The Beaché Palace, vacation apartments in coastal Boryeong (famous for its mud festival), opened on July 8

Settling in My Husband's Homeland

By Eydie G. Hamada

I am here today to give a brief talk about aspects of my life in Japan and about how I have been able to adapt to living here. I am pleased today to have my husband by my side. In a marriage such as ours, communication, flexibility and being able to unite are critical factors. It's like making an origami box—if all the parts are not identical, they do not fit when you try to put them together.

I was born in British Guiana (now Guyana), a tropical country in the northern part of South America. We have a multiracial society, a land of six races—African, Amerindian, Chinese, European, Indian and Portuguese. I am a blend of three of those. Guyana is also religiously multifaceted. I attended Catholic, Hindu and Muslim schools. At a very early age I managed to find my spiritual path, which I have continued on to this day. The most significant decisions I have made are based on the principles that define that path. The writer John Irving once stated, "If you are lucky enough to find the way of life you love, you have to find the courage to live it."

I had a diverse childhood, which helped cultivate my sense of responsibility, tolerance, open-mindedness and willingness to change. I took my life in stride, as I absorbed my education, faced challenges and enjoyed the benefits of a performing arts career and social activities. I thanked God every day for the good fortune of my existence and faith. For my family, faith is based on a belief in sometimes-unexplainable things that come with acceptance of a religious doctrine. However, knowing that sometimes reality and our beliefs are in opposition, we lived by the notion that life should be a balance of the two.

Throughout my life, I have always considered every encounter a challenge.



Eydie, with her husband, speaks of her life in Japan

This was my attitude when I decided it was time for me to get married. I was introduced to my husband in 1992. We became engaged and were married that same year. Until that point, I had never considered the possibility that I would have to make the major decision of moving to Japan to live. Not that it was a problem; I had already lived in three countries and visited many others. Yet, this particular move felt permanent, which was unsettling.

After visiting on a number of occasions, and meeting my husband's family, I eventually moved to Japan. I discovered immediately why my Japanese

friends back in New York thought I was crazy to move here. I became fully aware that I had to start a process of assimilation, but I was very careful to maintain some sense of my own tradition. I was not aware, however, of how difficult it would be. Most of the challenges I faced here in Japan were new. I had never experienced this level of alienation when I was living in Europe or America. I had to understand basic components of the Japanese language and traditions that influence the Japanese lifestyle. I was not totally ignorant of these things, but they were more significant than I had realized from speaking with my friends or reading about Japan before moving here.

For a considerable amount of time, I experienced stress, anger and frustration. I visited my family in Guyana once a year and felt better. I started studying the Japanese language almost immediately. I felt that was the logical thing to do in order to get around. At the same time, I signed on at Berlitz School of Languages as an English instructor. I viewed this as an opportunity to connect with Japanese people and Japanese personalities. At the same time, studying the Japanese language became exciting. However, my knowledge of Japanese, as I soon discovered, was not a cure for instances I experienced of people stopping to glare at me as I passed by, of bringing home what I thought I needed from the supermarket and subsequently having to throw it out because I had bought the wrong thing, or of being shunned and given the response "Wakarimasen" (I don't understand) even though I was asking a question in Japanese. Many times, I wanted to get on a plane and go back home.

I recall one encounter that has helped me to see the positive side of situations

Osaka Castle



and motivated me since then. It has led me to become more tolerant. I was going home from work late one evening on the train. I was seven months pregnant with my first child and usually squatted down on the train whenever I happened not to get a seat. In this instance, as I was preparing to crouch down, a voice behind me said in hesitant English, "You should not be doing this in your condition; take my seat." Here was a Japanese businessman giving up his seat to a strange, pregnant lady. I had never before had the good fortune of being offered a seat. I realized then that there is always a ray of hope if we can cultivate the right mindset.

I had harbored negative feelings and a sense that everyone was out to get me. This seemingly insignificant encounter was the point at which I became aware that I had the responsibility of making my life either miserable or productive in Japan. I wanted to study aspects of the Japanese traditions that would help me to understand some characteristics of the Japanese personality. I decided to go to kimono school to learn to wear the kimono. I studied the tea ceremony; the story of why in olden days the door of the teahouse was so small¹ fascinated me. Continually making origami boxes taught me patience. I tuned in to my favorite *jidaigeki* shows,² and not least of all, I developed the habit of politely greeting people even when I was in a bad mood. These activities opened up a wellspring of knowledge for me, as it related to the Japanese people and their culture.

I then began to experience a different facet of my married life—the world of my children. As the children multiplied and grew, various problems appeared and needed solving; situations had to be balanced and lessons learned. I found myself facing different challenges, trying to understand my own children and later trying to understand their teachers. I also had to keep up

1 In the 16th century, wealthy merchant Sen-no-Rikyu elevated the tea ceremony to an art form. He designed the door so that whoever entered the ceremony room, which was like a universe or a mother's womb, would have to bow and in passing through the narrow opening shed all status and become "as we are."

2 Televised plays, performed in front of a live theater audience, in which actors portray characters from the samurai days of Japanese history



A typical teahouse with a small (brown) door

with their different activities.

I felt compelled to teach my children the importance of traditions other than the ones that were becoming their own. I found myself teaching them about differences in manners and traditions, such as when it is okay to slurp food and when it is not okay. My husband and I are on different ends of a spectrum, culturally and traditionally. When it came to raising our children, we had to find a way for the children to understand us both.

The most important points of the unity between my husband and me became communication and respect—respect for each other's time, space, work, thoughts and opinions. We had to agree on ways to discipline our children



The Hamada family

without alienating them. We felt it necessary to motivate them not only with references to our faith but also through example and practical means. My husband and I discovered that focusing on common goals enables us to reach a point of togetherness necessary to find solutions. By adapting, and coming up with answers, we have been able to maintain civility and cooperation with each other and for the sake of the children.

As a mother, I have accepted the necessary responsibilities of taking my turn being on call in case of emergency at bas-

ketball practices and occasionally attending the children's basketball games, class observations, PTA meetings, one-on-one meetings with teachers as well as the children's occasional check-ups. These activities have allowed me to feel more a part of the Japanese community. Recently I was elected to the *kodomokai* [children's activities committee] for my community. I never thought this would be possible, given the fact that I am not Japanese. I can read *hiragana* and some *katakana*, but I am unable to understand some of the communications that come my way. Nevertheless, my input during committee meetings is treated with respect.

I have always believed in people taking responsibility for their own lives and in being allowed to make choices. These choices have led me to this point in my life. The value of my life is reflected in the relationships I've developed with people around me and with those with whom I work. It is also reflected in the daily lives of the members of my family. My four children are now the motivational aspects of my life here in Japan.

In conclusion, I'd like to quote a line from a favorite song of mine, "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world." And as an influential figure in my life once said on the subject of individuals and the family, "It is easy to live as you wish. It is more than twice as difficult to live for the sake of the conscience, for the sake of others and for the sake of God." Thank you very much. *JW*

Mrs. Hamada gave this talk at an *International Leadership Conference*, in Osaka, Japan, earlier this year.

Birth

and Rebirth

By Beatrice Yoshioka



Here is my story. It all started in 1997, the year I went to Cheongpyeong for the first time. After returning to Japan from Cheongpyeong, I felt the desire to make a new start in my life of faith. A couple of months later, Mrs. Oyamada, wife of the then Japanese church president, invited my husband and me to see a Korean spiritualist who was working in Japan. The spiritualist asked me what I wanted to know. I replied, "I want to know God's will for me." She answered, "God's wish for you is to have a baby boy!"

Her answer was like a curse on me. I wanted to do God's will, not have a fourth child. It was not what I had come to ask for. I had wanted to hear that God's will for me was to go somewhere and do mission work. Besides, what guarantee did I have that my fourth child would be a boy? My heart was broken.

In March 1999, I moved from Japan to the U.S. with our three daughters. For the sake of his job, my husband stayed in Japan, though he visited occasionally. At that point, my husband and I both felt we should have a fourth child. I felt that time was passing by and that we should have this baby before the end of 2000. Well, God truly hears our prayers! At the end of 1999, I became pregnant. At the first ultrasound test, the doctor told me it was a boy. Joy overwhelmed my heart, but that joy was short-lived. The doctor looked at the screen for a long time. After a while, a professor came and told me he wanted to talk to me. Obviously, there was something wrong with the baby. According to the doctors, our unborn baby was suffering from a congenital diaphragmatic hernia.¹ Since I was only eleven weeks pregnant, they

¹ A malformation of the diaphragm (the muscle separating the abdomen from the rib cage) allowing the organs inside the abdomen to pop up inside the rib cage, preventing the expansion of the lungs at birth (when the baby first cries) and thereafter.



Enjoying a picnic with friends, no longer in need of medical supervision

could not tell whether the baby's lungs would be able to develop.

On that same day, a doctor showed me the N.I.C.U. (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). He told me what the baby would face at birth. Our baby could be brain damaged because of a lack of oxygen during the birth. He might need oxygen support for life. His lungs might not develop. He would have to undergo surgery at birth.

He didn't make any hopeful statement about what we were facing. The

doctors also told me that I could terminate the pregnancy for medical reasons, in which case I only had two weeks to decide.

I came back home in tears, unable to think properly. I called all the friends that I knew—Mormons, Muslims, Christians—to ask for their prayer support. I thought prayer was our only hope.

My husband and I decided not to keep the baby. We didn't want to take the risk of giving birth to an abnormal child. Friends and neighbors gave us all manner of advice, to the point that I could not listen anymore. I wanted to have a clear mind about the decision we had made. Terminating the pregnancy was my option. I was too afraid of having a disabled child. When I reported my intention to our church pastor, Catherine Ono, she suggested I go to Cheongpyeong and discuss it with Dae-mo nim. As for me, I thought, "Why bother? I am not that good. I haven't done that much for God's providence; I should not use up Dae-mo nim's time."

Nevertheless, since I had asked my central figure's help, I felt I should follow her advice. We e-mailed the Cheongpyeong training center the next day. The answer from Mrs. Richardson,



Beatrice is confident that "Dae-mo nim and Cheongpyeong had made the difference" in her son's unexpectedly healthy entrance into the world.

then responsible for Western members, was that if I wanted help, I should come to Cheongpyeong quickly.

Two days later, I was on an airplane heading for Korea. On my arrival, a dear French sister, Colette, helped me find my way to Cheongpyeong from the airport. God truly worked through her to calm me; not knowing whether it was right for me to ask Dae-mo nim's help, I was full of fears.

When I arrived at the training center, staff members asked me if I had come for two days, ten days or forty days. I could not answer their questions. I was there because I was bearing a child, and I wanted to be sure that his life would be in God's hands. Unable to make any decision on my own, I was there to get a clear answer. I had left my three daughters in the U.S.; my husband was in Japan. I was ready for anything. Some people had told me it was my fate to have a handicapped child; some said I would not be able to see Dae-mo nim; others predicted I would have to stay in Cheongpyeong for forty days. My life was in turmoil. I needed peace and reassurance. I was ready to be patient and stay in Cheongpyeong for a long time if that would guarantee my child would be healthy. God knew I was determined to find a solution.

I was put in the Western forty-day-workshop group. I decided to remain faithful, but at the same time I was worried about my other three children—eleven, seven and five years old—left under the care of Hori san, a dear Japanese missionary sister.

The next day, because I had not paid the fee for my stay yet, I was going to the office when Mrs. Richardson stopped me and told me that Dae-mo nim wanted to see me. "When?" I asked. "Right now!" I burst into tears but faithfully followed her to Dae-mo nim's room. As soon as I entered, Dae-mo nim asked me, "Why are you crying?" I told her my worries. She urged me to stop crying, and then immediately started anointing my body. She said, "You came here very fast." I didn't have to say anything. She knew already what I was going through. I was amazed. She did a little more anointing. After a while, she asked me if I felt anything. I hadn't. Actually, I am not very spiritual; I am more a believer-type. She told me that very big, very dark spirits had come out of my womb. I had not felt anything. Those bad spirits were destroying my baby's abdomen.



Dae-mo nim giving prizes to families during the Azalea Festival this May

Dae-mo nim told me that I would be fine and my baby would, too. When I asked her if I should stay longer in Cheongpyeong, she told me I could go home. I left her room internally free. All my worries and my fears were gone. I felt an open sky over my head. I felt peace, joy and gratitude. From that day on, I relied only on what Dae-mo nim had said. The baby would be well. I felt like a person reborn. When I reported my experience to my husband on the phone, he trusted me completely.

From that day on, life was different. The baby still needed to have surgery at birth but his chances of survival were greatly increased. The doctors didn't

understand my trip to Cheongpyeong, however, when the baby was in the N.I.C.U, I put True Parents' and Dae-mo nim's pictures in his crib, even though—even to me—it looked a bit fanatical. Isaac stayed in N.I.C.U for three weeks. The doctors were amazed at the speed of his recovery. I knew Dae-mo nim and Cheongpyeong had made the difference.

I had gone to Cheongpyeong clear about what I wanted and had been ready to do anything for the sake of my baby's wellbeing. Cheongpyeong for me is the place where Dae-mo nim shows the path of healing physically and spiritually. It is also the place I made up my mind to renew my spiritual life. After I came back home, I changed my lifestyle in terms of prayer and spiritual conditions.

Wow! Miracles do happen. Isaac came out of the hospital and was under medical supervision for two years. He had another operation when he was eighteen months old. All this time, I have remembered what Dae-mo nim said. I truly felt he was protected. Since returning from Cheongpyeong, I also maintained daily hoondokhwae with my children.

Since 2003, Isaac has never had to see the doctor again. He is now in the first grade of elementary school. I am grateful to Dae-mo nim for giving me vision, a new direction and strength in my life and to all the brothers and sisters who prayed for us and made this journey with God possible. Cheongpyeong is the very place where I could experience rebirth. It is a place to start on a new course with God and True Parents. The new conditions I made after I returned home have also helped me to become a new person. TW



Isaac surrounded by his loving family

