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Inaugural Address as UPF Chairman



On November 18, Moon Hyung-jin was inaugurated as International Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). Following is a translation of his inaugural speech, which he delivered in Korean:

First, I would like to first express my deepest gratitude to God and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. I would also like to sincerely thank, especially, my older brother Hyun-jin *hyung* and Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan for the efforts they have made in the development of UPF. I am also grateful to Dr. Thomas Walsh, secretary-general of UPF, to Mr. Taj Hamad, secretary-general of WANGO, and to the UPF staff members representing each nation who are working so hard. Please let's offer them a warm round of applause! [Applause]

To tell the truth, Father instructing me to take responsibility and lead UPF was a shock for me. I feel sorry in front of True Parents that I am to take this position because I am still quite young, and lacking in many ways.

I am the seventh son and the eleventh child in the True Family. I had older brothers and sisters attending college while I was still a toddler. For those reasons, I had never entertained the thought that I would be given a public responsibility to fulfill. Nevertheless, one day Father began assigning me to public positions. I feel sorry and that I still lack the necessary maturity, but I will submit to God's will. As I step into this precious position, I would like to tell you my honest thoughts from the bottom of my heart.

Up this point, UPF's global activities and the dedicated efforts of its leaders have brought many leaders to connect with us and a network has been built. In leading the providence, True Parents have prepared such a foundation in order that we would not be like frogs in a well but so that we could go forward with glorious hearts.

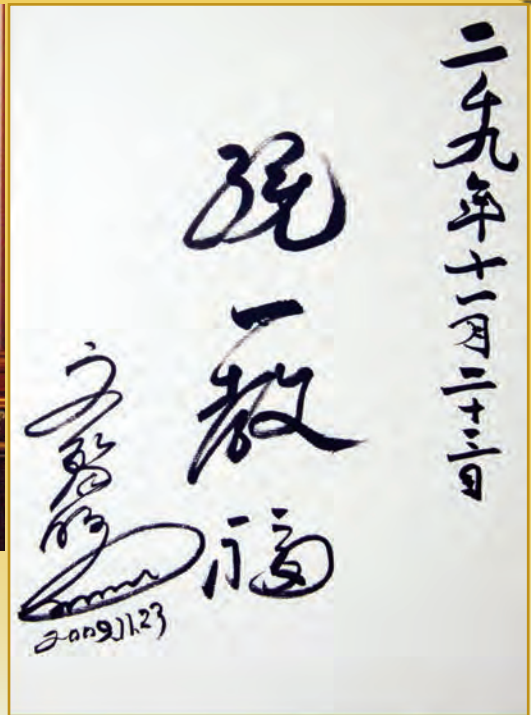
As you know, we began from faith. At the age of sixteen, Father received, directly from Jesus, the mission to save humanity. Since then he has endeavored to fulfill his mission as the Messiah, the Savior and the Lord at his Second Coming. With this conviction, he has marched out into the world.

I majored in religion at Harvard University, where, in introducing new religions, they also taught about Unificationism in detail, considering it relatively important. Their explanation included an introduction to Father and to our fundamental beliefs. There has never before been a religion that has grown into a worldwide faith in the lifetime of its founder. Jesus went the way of the cross, and although Buddha lived for eighty years, he was persecuted and did not spread his faith worldwide. Even when Mohammed entered Mecca, Islam had not yet spread worldwide. Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and

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On November 23, True Father wrote a calligraphic inscription of the characters *Tongil Gyo Bok*, meaning "Unificationism Blessing." Father has said that we should make the name *Tongil Gyo* (Unificationism) grow in prominence in the new era. With True Parents are (left to right) Moon Lan-young and Choi Yeon-ah nim (WWFP international president and vice-president); Lee Yeon-ah nim, Hyung-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Ji-yea nim and Korean Church President Seuk Joon-ho.



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The Center of the Universe

A luncheon celebration for the 10.14 True Parents' Cosmic Blessing Ceremony was held the following day, October 15, at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. Father spoke extemporaneously to the assembled guests for six hours before lunch was served. Here, we present edited excerpts of Father's speech on that occasion.



Henceforth Cheon Il Guk will begin throughout the world. The rally for the peaceful settlement of the cosmic parent UN (Rally to Establish the Truly Peaceful World of the True Parent UN) was held on June 1.¹ In other words, we have gone beyond the UN. That is why from the first day of October, it is the Nation of the Peaceful Settlement of the Parent UN. The kingdom of peace has begun.

Though there have been many kings in many nations, from now on there will only be

¹ The June 1 event was the launch of Father's autobiography in Korea, but it had the significance of launching the True Parent UN. Father's speech that day was entitled, *Establishing the Truly Peaceful World of the True Parent UN*.

one king of kings. The question is in which country the name of that one king will be established. Ever since the beginning of history, there has only been one people that have used the name Hananim,² referring to God as a unique being, as the one master. That nation is Korea.

This year's motto is "The era of proclaiming the victory of absolute sexual ethics, the right of true love, true life and true lineage in the realm of the cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth." In the realm of rest [Sabbath], it is absolute sexual ethics that come first. That is to say, in the era of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth,³ the era of rest, absolute sexual ethics come first.

What is absolute sexual ethics? The reproductive organs of a father and mother are concave and convex. The convex gives and the concave receives, but until now there has never been a case of the reproductive organs of the mother and father coming together in unity as one vessel centering on God. This is because of the Fall.

Because of the Fall, Cain and Abel (the older brother and the younger brother), and also God the Parent (the invisible Parent) and the visible Parents were all cut off from one another. God and the [potential] True Parents⁴ were cut off from each other, the soul and the body of the [potential] True Parents, and the spiritual world and the physical world were cut off from each other, the vessel wherein the sperm and ovum of the father and mother could enter together and remain was broken, and the sperm and ovum that should have become the seed of the love of the father and mother could not become one. Everything was cut off. That is why everything is wayward. There is no center.

All people of the world are in confusion and so they do not know the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, any more than they know the process. There is no hope, no path, in the fallen world. Who made it like that? Satan did. People from sixty-five nations are here, but which nation is the center? Everything has become so complicated.

God is not in such countries like these. There is no God, no father, no mother, no family, no tribe, and no nation. How can we possibly return to the original world centered on the one homeland, the one mother-tongue, and the one tradition? The settlement of the Abel UN, begun the first day of October, marks our setting out towards such a world. You need to know that.

That is why the homeland of the Abel UN was begun on the first day of October. Counting from the first day of October, the time left for us is three years and three months. If we say three years and three months, that's three times three, nine (3×3=9). Everything needs to be completed during this period. That is why everything should be done by January 13, 2013.

From now on, those countries that join the Abel UN should speak in Korean, and conduct important events in Korean. They should use the language that is the origin of the homeland centered on God and True Parents. Since the invisible God, the Creator, and the visible God need to unite Cain and Abel, and everything in heaven and on earth that has been polarized in the directions of up and down, front and back, and left and right,

2 In Korean, *hana* means one.

3 Father proclaimed the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth on August 9, 1997.

4 That is, Adam and Eve

they need to speak, but how are things turning out?

Henceforth, I will know no other language but Korean. When I try to speak in English or Japanese, without my being aware of it I get tongue-tied. I cannot get the words out. This⁵ is the beginning and the destination of the world of culture centered on God. We have already passed our destination and a new era of Heaven has commenced. Therefore, we need to establish the traditions of the world of a new culture; for the first time in history a new culture is being begun.

Thus, by not only using the mother-tongue but also enacting laws centered on the culture and traditions of the fatherland, and abiding by those very laws, we can advance towards the ideal world of God.

So what is it that I talked about on July 7? I'm referring to what I said at the celebration for the 233rd anniversary of American Independence Day. The speech given on that day was entitled *Owner of Peace, Owner of Lineage*. The owner of peace who is at the same time the ancestor of peace, and the owner of lineage who is simultaneously the ancestor of lineage, are not two but



Sun-jin nim and her husband In-sup nim

only one. The owner of peace and the owner of lineage are not two but one. God resides at the center of the sphere formed through the unity of the interior, the exterior and the center, the unity of the body, mind and spirit. The center of the universe is the True Parent, the True Teacher, and the True King, the King of Kings.

Though there are many kings in many nations, there is only one king of kings. What is the organization upon which the king of kings will later be safely established? It is the association.⁶ What do those characters represent? Our association signifies the coming together of God, Cain and Abel in oneness under the cross. The Chinese character for *hae* (會) can be broken up into

5 Father seems to be referring to the Korean language.

6 He used the word our Korean members use as a short form for HSAUWC, thereby implying our movement as a whole.

human being (人) under which is the one (一) four-position foundation (四) over the character 日 meaning day. Everything has fulfilled the contents of the providence.

Formation, growth and completion are also one. The center cannot be seen. Everything is accomplished through three stages. At the place where one has reached completion after passing through the three stages, there is only one concept, one ideal and one happiness. Only such a family of absoluteness can become the center of everything in the ideal world. That is why we need to use the Korean language from now on. Henceforth, you need to use the Korean language in the spirit world as well as the earthly world.

Everything is done through 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.⁷ We need to complete everything in seven years. This is not something that I am making up. If you don't know this, then you cannot be a servant in the kingdom of heaven, let alone a citizen of heaven. You cannot even be the archangel. You need to learn because you want to. Everything is accomplished only through absolute obedience; you cannot have your own thinking. Can you be thinking differently from God? No.

Knowing this, the Blessing Ceremony should also be conducted in Korean, the original language. If others don't know Korean, then the Korean people should go and teach them.

I came, gave the blessing, and received a gift. This was a blessing of three generations. Grandfather, grandmother, yourself, plus Cain and Abel is a blessing of five generations. If you add God and True Parents, then it is seven generations receiving the blessing. The seven generations are all in one domain.

This year's motto is the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. We have finally reached the realm of the Sabbath and absolute sexual ethics. When a man and a woman get married and their sperm and ovum meet, what happens? Heaven and earth, and the universe, are blended and brought to a boil, but to do so the temperature must rise above a hundred degrees. Eighty or ninety degrees are warm and so suit the body, but it must go above 100 degrees and reach 104 degrees, 110 degrees, or 120 degrees, until the water turns into

steam and become invisible, that is to say, until the water floats in midair.

To understand all this, you need to understand about the homeland, the True Parents, the True King and the True God, and what else? Behind God there are the True Parents, the king of kings of the spiritual world. You did not know about the king of kings or the True Parents, but now you know that "There is only one God. He is the True Parent, the True Teacher, and the True King, the King of Kings. Everything that was separated comes to fruition right here."

Cheon Il Guk is the homeland and hometown of God. The hometown of God becomes His homeland. The Chinese character *Cheon* (天) [meaning Heaven] can be broken up into two (二) human beings (人). The oneness (一) of two people is what Rev. Moon of the Unification Church refers to as Cheon Il Guk. In short, Cheon Il Guk is the nation where Cain and Abel, up and down, and front and back are united.

God is the owner of the empty space between Western culture and Eastern culture. There is only one owner; there cannot be two....

Everything has to pass through the three stages. You too need to pass through the eras of the womb, the physical world and the spiritual world. Coming out of the womb into the physical world, you do not know your mother and father.

You don't know heaven, earth, hell or the heavenly kingdom. Do you know the citizens of heaven? You don't. This is something you learn. It is certainly true to say that someone who is unperfected cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

That is why from now on, I need to prepare a new system. We only have three years and three months. Multiplying the two numbers (3x3), you get nine, and we will perfect that number. Numbers six, seven, eight, nine, and ten! You don't know them. You don't even know why the Sabbath day is number seven. Why is it number seven? You need to know all this. Only when you know this can you be liberated.

Henceforth, you need to know the traditions I have established. Only when you know those traditions can the kingdom of heaven begin.

God is the owner of the realm of space. He is also the owner

⁷ Father uses the word for *age* here but it seems likely that he is referring to the years 2007 to 2013.



After playing matches in a number of Asian countries, including North Korea, the Sorocaba football team and its staff were guests of True Parents at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace (November 12). It was a joyful occasion, and Father asked many people to sing, including Hyung-jin nim's children Shin-joon nim and Shin-deuk nim (inset).

of time. This is also true for the transition points in time. Oriental philosophy talks about space and time above the world. God created the day (日), the earth (土) and the transition points [joints] (寸). These come together to form the character for time (時). Time is a combination of day, earth and the transition points. In Oriental philosophy can be found time, and in time can be found transition points. There are transition points between the periods of childhood, youth, middle age and old age.

How many letters, beginning with A, B, C, are there in the English alphabet? In Korean, it goes *Ga, Na, Da, Ra, Ma, Ba, Sa, Ah, Ja, Cha, Ka, Ta, Pa, and Ha!*⁸ There are fourteen consonants in the Korean alphabet....

You don't know why the letters look like that, but I have come forward to teach you, so you can now understand what heaven is like, what the earth is like, what the East, West, South and North are like, what the sun and the moon are like, what the meteors and fixed stars are like, and what the universe is like. They can all be found in this face. [Father points to various points on his face and body.] Here they are: one, two, three, four, five, six and seven! The eighth is the breast, the ninth is the bellybutton, and this is the tenth. Then there is the eleventh and the twelfth. You didn't know that there are twelve summits.

In the Korean song "Arirang" the twelve summits are mentioned. Its lyrics say that one will become footsore and die before going ten *ri* (4 km), that is to say, before crossing the number ten. One will get footsore before going ten *ri*. In other words, your feet will have no place to stand. Even the lyrics of a popular song talk about the providence of God.

To make the owners of peace and lineage, the True Parent, the True Teacher, the True King.... Rev. Moon has braved even death as the son of the one and only God yearned for jointly by the kings of all nations, to erase the history of conflict in which Cain and Abel bled and killed each other and to establish the correct bloodline and make only one world in the heavenly world and the physical world.

Absolute sexual ethics, the absolute concave and the absolute convex vessel refers to the Won-gu Peace Cup. Isn't a cup a vessel? The Peace Cup signifies the coming together in oneness of the concave of the mother and the convex of the father, and the sperm and the ovum dancing for joy together. Then what happens? They should be shot forth as the sperm and ovum of love that can reach the heavens as clouds....

Whether you like it or not, or whether you'd rather die or not, we need to make a textbook and teaching materials by which the tradition of the heavenly kingdom can be established.

We have already made an encyclopedia. Why are there so many encyclopedias? There is an encyclopedia of the American Indians, another of the white race, another of the communists, and even one opposing religion. There should be only one encyclopedia. I made⁹ a Russian dictionary. I also made a Chinese

⁸ Father is reciting part of the Korean alphabet, which is each consonant plus the vowel "ㅏ". Thus: 가, 나, 다, 라, 마, 바, 사, 아, 자, 차, 카, 타, 파, 하.

⁹ Father supported the making of Chinese-Korean and Russian-Korean dictionaries to help with relations between these nations' people.



True Father shared his heart and his concerns with the guests, many of whom were ambassadors for peace who had taken part in the Blessing Ceremony the day before.

dictionary that has more than 380,000 words. Why? If a civilized nation does not refer to the encyclopedia of an enemy nation on its border them, then that nation will disappear.

Since the encyclopedias of religion, politics, culture, and sperm and ovum have all been made, what is this about the assertion of the philosophy of love? There is no one other than Rev. Moon who has the materials and the original design to build that house.¹⁰ No one, regardless of which country they may be from, has ever helped build that house by adding a tile, a brick, a patch of soil or a piece of wood.

I am not an untrustworthy and reckless person. I can't live as I please. I may be able to predict dates accurately. What date is today? It is the 15th, isn't it? We are crossing the summit. We are crossing the borderline, but we can do so only when we know about it; we cannot if we don't....

There must have been thousands and tens of thousands of kings in many nations of the past, but they were all false kings; there is only one being who can be the King of Kings, the King of all races, and He is the invisible God. God is invisible.

Next, the visible God is the True Parent. God is the True Parent, the True Teacher is the True Parent, and the True King is the True Teacher. The invisible God split the one Being who can become the True King, the True Teacher and the True Parent into the spiritual and the physical aspects in order to bring him to perfection. To unite them into one again, God too has persevered. Unless everything is resolved so that the True Parent can come forth and set everything right—that is, unless a solution can be reached on earth—its substantiation cannot be brought about in the heavenly world.

Saying this, God has been working on earth through the four great saints, and what has He done amongst the followers of True Parents? The only logical and reasonable conclusion we can reach is that, unless the substantial realm is established in the four civilizations of East, West, South and North, and the original standard—before heaven and earth were separated—is put in place, there can be no foundation upon which God can work and the True Parents can stand. It is the one and only root of the tradition. There cannot be two roots or two traditions. There cannot be two cultures.

Have you become the owners of peace? Have you become

¹⁰ Father sometimes uses the metaphor of a house for God's kingdom.

the owners of the bloodline? No, you haven't. The invisible God and the visible, substantial True Parents need to come before the one and only God in the position of the True Teacher and True King, and establish the absolute sexual ethics of Cain and Abel in the realm of the cosmic Sabbath through the Won-gu Peace Cup. And this Blessing Ceremony¹¹ of the three generations is the marriage ceremony carried out at this moment in time, when the sperm of the absolute father and the ovum of the absolute mother should meet anew.

Quickly bring me the speech, *Establishing the Truly Peaceful World of the True Parent UN*. I carry this with me wherever I go. I cannot forget it. The number of pages is – and I tell you I didn't know about it I was surprised when I did find out – it has 33 pages.

I cried and wailed before heaven. It was 33, the same number as Jesus' age. There are only 3 years and 3 months—33 again—until January 13, 2013. We need to complete the course during this time. That is why we are in a position to always refer to the words of this book.

Since this is such a book, in the five lines of this first page of the introduction, I have put in the entire world. I revealed the history of Cain and Abel. The script for this speech was revised six times. This contains no traces of any other person; it only contains what I have revealed from my own head. This is the first speech I have put so much effort into. This is the only one...

"Our family members, who are receiving Heaven's love anew." The words "family members" appear here. You are our family members, who can enter the kingdom of heaven together, and who have shared meals together.

"He is blessing us to blossom beautifully like flowers and to live lives that are as bright as the sun and as clear as the waters of a stream. Our family members, who are receiving Heaven's love anew!" You are family members who can enter the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore, "On three occasions, once on January 15 and twice on January 31, we held the historic Coronation for the New Authority of the Liberation of God, the King of Kings, and our golden anniversary celebration. January 31 saw one such

11 A reference to the ceremony of the previous day, October 14

ceremony held at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace in Korea, representing the East, and another held in New York City, in the U.S., representing the West."¹²

I inserted the third venue. I wrote this three days ago. The third venue refers to the gathering held in Las Vegas. That is why I said, "In this way, we set the record of offering this historically unprecedented and never to be repeated providential event to Heaven in *three* different locations on the same day." I indicated that the ceremony was held in three locations though I originally mentioned that it was held in two locations on the same day: at Cheon Jeong Gung and in New York, USA, representing the western world. Las Vegas was omitted. It was omitted although it had providential significance. That is why I inserted Las Vegas as the third location.

Some people say, "Rev. Moon is now old and can't work, so he has forgotten about the church and does not recognize God, the nations of the earthly world, or the citizens of heaven, and now he visits the gambling places he likes and keeps company with satanic people, so it looks like he will end up in hell!" But that's not how it is at all.

I am the only person who can open the gates of hell, so I cannot avoid going there. I have taken on the most difficult task. My legs weigh me down so much; I have been limping with the sheer effort to move my legs one after the other. Even my sons and daughters think I enjoy visiting that place. When I tell them to come and visit me, they say "I can't go. You are going to an evil place, so I can't go there."

Yes, it is a bad place now, but see if it will still be like that after three or four years and a few months. Who came here and opened the gates, and who walked around shedding tears without having breakfast, lunch or dinner to save others? You need to know that this valley is stained with my tears....

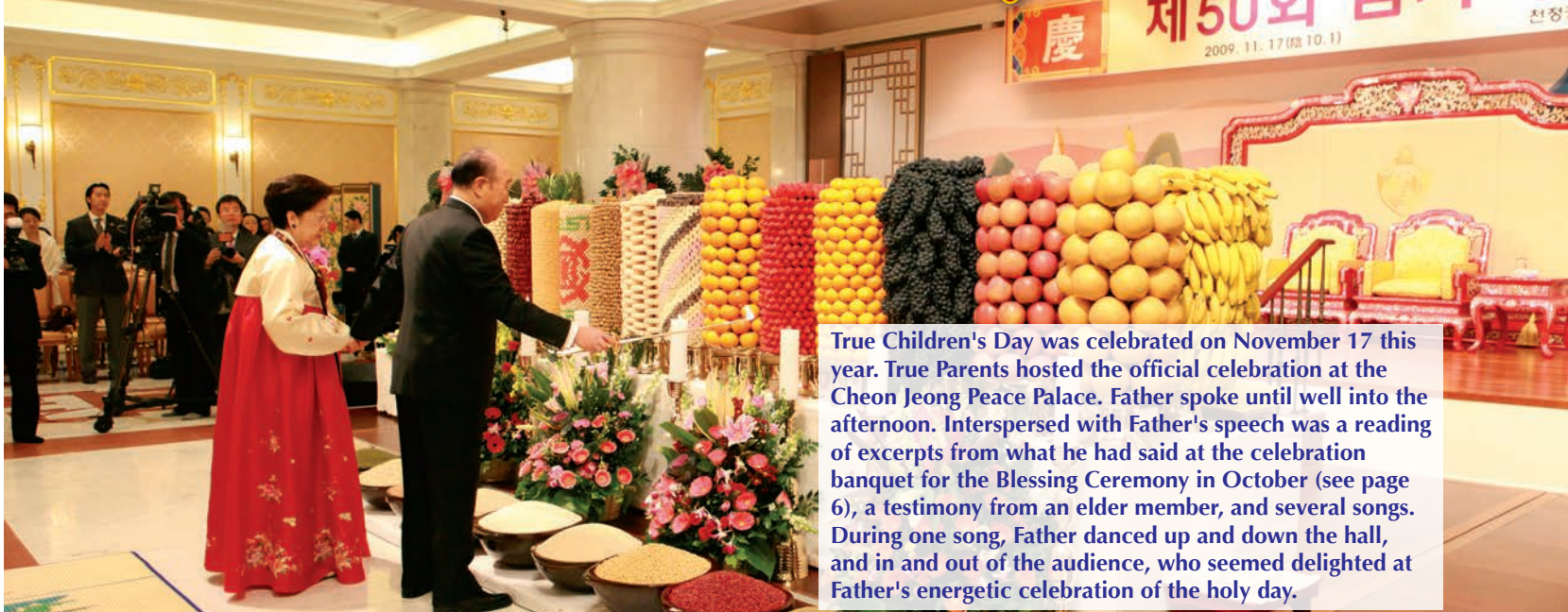
You have three years and three months to work on my behalf. How fearsome is that? Everything is contained in this book. It is a mirror. **TW**

12 Father is quoting from a version of Peace Message 17, which was the original coronation speech from January this year plus content added for the June 1 and October 1 events commemorating Father's autobiography.



True Parents, representative *boon bong wangs* and ambassadors for peace at the Cheongshim Youth Center during the "Special Seminar for Peace Leaders: Bringing about a True World of Peace and the True Parent UN," held from November 8 to 11

The 50th True Children's Day Celebration



True Children's Day was celebrated on November 17 this year. True Parents hosted the official celebration at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. Father spoke until well into the afternoon. Interspersed with Father's speech was a reading of excerpts from what he had said at the celebration banquet for the Blessing Ceremony in October (see page 6), a testimony from an elder member, and several songs. During one song, Father danced up and down the hall, and in and out of the audience, who seemed delighted at Father's energetic celebration of the holy day.



A Global Mission's Humble Beginnings



May 1, 1954

This installment, the eighteenth to appear in Today's World, covers the time around the official founding and registering of HSA-UWC in Seoul in 1954.

In this compilation of excerpts from his speeches going back over many years, Father often refers to the Unification Church (Tongil Gyohae: 통일교회). Father has recently emphasized (see page 3) Tongil Gyo (통일교), Unificationism, which does not have the narrow connotation associated with "church."

I established our church in Seoul in 1954. With a few members, notably President Eu,¹ we began by hanging the sign on a little house in Bukhak District. I was not trying to start another denomination. The name was the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, but I hadn't intended to create that. I wanted to create a movement that was beyond sectarianism, transcending religious denomination, but that was not going to work. That is why I had no choice but to found the Unification Church.

From the point of view of God's overall will, the fact that our church was established amidst trials and suffering is sad. However, if we look back at it from the point of view of historical tradition, the establishment of the church under such difficult circumstances is all the more impressive. Not everyone welcomed the church's existence. I declared it one day under lonely circumstances, a few people meeting together and shedding tears. We can pass by good things without knowing they are there; yet it is always our task to overcome difficulties in order to find something good. Therein lies the promise of a new day.

Sae Dae Mun Jip (The House of Three Doors)

I put up the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity sign. I didn't put the sign up on some magnificent building like the Tower Hotel—that would have been

¹ Eu Hyo-won, who was the first president of our church in Korea



The House of Three Doors entrance; The HSAUWC and Seoul Church (HSA) signs with the English above the Chinese characters; this indicates that our international movement was launched from this hut in 1954.





True Father with early members on May 3, 1954, after the ceremony to hang up the sign for the newly established HSAUWC

nice—but on the House of Three Doors in Seoul's Bukhak District.

Because it has three doors, it has all that is required! [Laughter] When you go in, you can't help greeting people with a bow (because the door is so low) and when you go out, you bow to say thank you. [Laughter] What does this mean? Because humans are imperfect and God doesn't want to see us ruined, He makes us bow our heads. We should bow our heads in the formation stage, in the growth stage and in the perfection stage.

That was probably the smallest house in Seoul. You couldn't even think about lying down across the width of the room, you had to lie lengthwise, or your feet would touch the wall. Even then, you could barely stretch out. There were two rooms about the same size. How high was the ceiling? If somebody like me stood up straight, the ceiling would be pushed up. The paper ceiling would tear! Only six or seven people, certainly not more than ten, could fit in the room. If we held a meeting, people in the neighborhood would noisily scold us. The local people called us "those crazy people." They looked at the sign and said, "Ha ha ha! The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity?" It was hard to believe, wasn't it?

Our church started from that small hut [in Busan] and developed into a worldwide movement. In line with the principle of restoration, the representative needs to appear who can pray on the world level from the smallest house. That's my ideology. The representative then needs to pray on the world level from a slightly larger house. The history of the Unifica-

tion Church shows such upward development through all the stages.

Since I could reach up and touch the eaves of the house with my hand, the sign was at a height where even children could touch it. We hung up this incredible sign on this incredible house. Who would take any notice of it? Have you any idea how contemptuously it was treated? The local children used to take it down and play on it. You have no idea how scratched it was. People who opposed the church used to come and say, "What? They're going to unify Christianity? What heretics!" They took the sign and smashed it. Things like that happened. Because it was a historic sign, we couldn't throw it away, so we nailed it back together.

The sign was treated with contempt and so the house was treated with contempt and therefore the founder, "Moon so-and-so," was also treated with contempt. That stands to reason, doesn't it?

The Early Days in Seoul

The Unification Church is also a church but I don't like the word "church." I had no choice but to put up a sign with "church" on it. When I established the church, I did not think, "Heavenly Father, I have made the Unification Church. I am so proud." I put up the sign, but I have always wondered when I will be able to take it down again. The sign was for the sake of the country. In order to recover the country I am also willing to remove the Unification Church sign. In order to enable the country to live, I can take the Unification Church sign down.

Who would be against that? Who would be against exchanging it for something bigger and better?

At that time, I didn't have any money at all. If I lay down in the room, my feet touched the walls. That house was rented. At the time, I didn't even have barley rice to eat, which even in those days a beggar wouldn't receive thankfully. If you gave barley rice to a beggar, he would throw it in the garbage. Seen in this light, I endured all types of things, saying to myself, "The day will come when we must widen this path. According to the way of heavenly fortune, you will advance to higher dimensions, progressing from you as an individual to the family, society, nation and world. That day will surely come."

At that time, I was in a desolate state. I wore an old jacket and army work jeans with most of the color faded, and rubber shoes. Who could say who the leader was, or who was a follower in the Unification Church? Going in and out of the house, we all looked the same.

It wouldn't have been so bad if more people visited the church but this same situation went on month after month for a whole year with just the church sign hanging on the door of the house. Sometimes men with a topknot [of hair]² and a *gat*³ visited the church. At that time who could believe that the Unification Church would develop into a global movement?

Be that as it may, it doesn't mean that I was a poor, unworthy leader. Day or night, I would go up into the mountains to pray. At that time I felt that if I were to strangle Satan, his head would come off in my hands; if I were to hold on to heaven, I would drag it down to where I was; if I were to hit the earth I would drive a hole through it. I felt so confident and courageous. I said to the world and heaven, "Wait and see!"

Chaos in the service of God's will

If Christianity had become one with me in 1945, I wouldn't have had to suffer so much in treading this path. However, when Christianity opposed me, I had to endure extreme suffering and overcome it all by myself. I had to set up the Unification Church in place of Christianity and establish the foundation to restore the world through indemnity.... The Unification Church was established in the seventh year counting from 1948; that period had the significance of indemnifying the Old Testament Age. So, on the foundation of these seven years, humankind could enter the New Testament Age for the first time. That's why I established the Unification Church on this new foundation, before 1960. The period until 1960 indemnified the failure of Christianity. You have to know that I had to go through courses representative of all the suffering courses in God's will in the Old and the New Testaments because of this. I had to lay the foundation, indemnifying not only everything the Israelites had failed to do and everything the Christians had failed to do but also everything that had Jesus failed to do.

So who stood up for God's will? It was not all the spiritual Christian organizations. It was I who stood in front of God. It was from that time that I began to receive opposition, and so I stood alone.

2. Here used to emphasize that the guest was extremely old-fashioned; in an effort to modernize Korea, King Kojong banned the topknot in the 1890s.

3. A traditional black hat with a wide brim and an often semi-transparent stove-pipe sideband and crown

At that time, South Korea was torn asunder. The Korean government had been completely swept away. Those with money wanted to escape; Christian ministers sent all their children overseas for their studies. Within the country it was a time of great confusion.

It was from this point that I laid the foundation for the Unification Church. Following the foundation that was laid for the Unification Church, the form of the new [Korean] government became settled. That is the viewpoint of the providence.

Using the satanic side, Heaven prepared a chaotic society as an environment that enabled God's will to advance. So I established our church in 1954 and expanded upon this new foundation within the chaos of the time. The Unification Church developed in confrontation with the government and the established Christian churches. The Unification Church had to occupy the mainstream and be able to change the social and national environment.

The drive behind the establishment of the church

I didn't start the Unification Church based on human thinking. Heaven provided the motivation for starting it. If I had established the Unification Church only according to human



Nakwon-dong in Chongro, central Seoul, in 1954: an image of the South Korean capital in the year HSAUWC was officially incorporated.

will, I wouldn't be able to contribute to the flow of history or to building the coming new world. Therefore, I founded a new religion grounded in God's will.

I did not act on a whim, or do just as I pleased. The Unification movement has deeply spiritual origins. It was formed based on the God's instructions, and it appeared in this special age. I am constantly receiving God's guidance. Many people think I do things my own way, but that's not true. From its beginnings, the Unification Church has taken the path it has not for the sake of particular individuals but only for the sake of God's will. Because my original motivation was caught up with God, the church took the path it has for God's sake. If the Unification Church began on God's account, the church will not wander. From one starting point, it must follow one path. Its final destination, absolutely, without doubt, is God; because the starting point was God, we cannot take it in another direction based on our own ideas.

We can therefore say that Unificationism has the longest

history of any religion. What does having the longest history mean? It means we have uncovered the history of God's love, the world that no one has known. The world of love transcends time and space.

The historical origins of Unificationism

Although the Unification faith began in 1954, we know it originally began immediately after Korea's liberation⁴ and, going back beyond that, it originated soon after the Fall. Unificationism has its origin at the beginning of history. Its beginning coincides with God's launch of the providence of restoration. This is how I view it.

We are connected to the Creation, to God's heart as He witnessed the Fall, to the grieving God who had to deal with all the problems of restoration after the Fall from an abyss of deep sorrow. We cannot deny that the Unification Church has inherited the tradition God established through all the ages, while resolving all historical problems, as He worked to make a world in which He is liberated. The Unification Church is a product of history. Unificationism is connected to the countless religions in history, going back beyond Christianity to Adam, the beginning point. Because God could not just leave Adam,



Cutting out Han River ice, January 1954. In those days, men hauled ice ashore for use in summer. It was stored in Seobinggo, a district of Seoul's Yongsan Borough.

the seed of the human race, after he fell, He has conducted His providence of salvation throughout all of history. Providential history has a destination. It has to be brought to its conclusion by a special religion. Unificationism has the mission, as a representative, to bring to a conclusion the whole of God's providence.

The perfection stage religion

Four cultural spheres remain in the world today—the Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Confucian–Buddhist cultural spheres. In what direction are these headed? Relative to God's will, which is that the world receives salvation, these four cultural spheres have to unite to fulfill the last remaining tasks. In other words, as one body they have to pay the final indemnity.

There are many different religions in the world; among these, the formation stage religions are all those other than Christianity. The growth stage religion is Christianity and the perfection stage religion is Unificationism. I am saying this

⁴ From Japan, in 1945, concomitant with the end of World War II

from the historical point of view.

Judaism is the first Israel, Christianity the second and Unificationism the third. The Unification Church has the mission of paying indemnity for all of history and to offer the universe to God. Accordingly, the Unification Church has to take responsibility for Judaism and Christianity, and on the bases of the physical and spiritual worlds, expand the foundation for the kingdom of heaven to the world level.

Christianity is in the child position; The Unification faith is in the parental position, and the Old Testament⁵ is in the position of all things. We have indemnified this horizontally now. Until now, having one master has been the norm in many religions. If a man were the leader, they served one man, but Unificationism advocates serving parents. This is a very special phenomenon in the history of religion....

With regard to the past and present, what is the name of the church that God formed from the fruit of countless other religions' sacrifices in order to pay overall, global indemnity so as to unite all their histories? The Unification Church!

Teaching a new truth

In Korean, "church" [*gyohae*] comprises "teaching" [*gyo*] and "meeting" [*hae*]. Religion in Korea [*jonggyo*] comprises "root" [*jong*] and "teaching" [*gyo*]. That means that religious teaching is the central teaching, the foundational teaching. What I have been teaching to this day does not exist in any other scripture. I am the first to reveal these things.

The Unification faith teaches the history of God's providence. It explains in detail how God initiated the providence of Creation and how He has worked until today. Man is not the only force behind history. Even though we have been unaware of it, God has been guiding history. This is why the Last Days will unavoidably conclude in the world that God wants. We know this and have been preparing for it. This is why the views and principles that Unificationism advocates surpass those of any previous philosophy or religion.

The Unification Church started on the foundation of having God in our daily lives; our teachings have a scientific aspect and are in touch with modern reality. This is what

makes Unificationism different from the other religions. The New Testament, on the base of the Old Testament, concludes with meeting the Messiah, but Unificationism introduces the Messiah and teaches the right way to live.

Unificationism

Unification [*tongil*] means two become one. The Chinese character "*tong*" means "to rule, govern," thereby expressing subject character. "Unification" does not mean [merely] a combination. What is the origin of that subjective character? It flows from the spring of the heart of the absolute God and remains for eternity. You cannot bring about unification with fists or by force. The truth and true love are the only ways to bring unification. Truth is necessary. So our teaching is not conveyed by force or by restricting people. It teaches the way for people to become one naturally.

In order to govern, the subject partner must have the sub-

⁵ Father may be indicating Judaism here, consistent with the other two religions he names.

stance of leadership within himself. The subject partner has to have all the necessary qualities and has to take responsibility for, protect and nourish others. He has to lead as if he were an absolute servant. If he doesn't have the standard of a servant how will you make unity?

The character for *tong* means to govern. Leading in this way promotes unity. You lead individuals, families, clans and tribes, peoples, nations and the world, and in this way, which is able to liberate heaven and earth, even hell, you cry out for the liberation of God and True Parents' for the sake of the liberation of truth.

Because it has such a purpose, it must start a movement for unity among the churches, a movement to bring the churches together. Christianity should unite first within itself, and then beyond Christianity, if Christianity is the mainstream religion, it should unite other religions around itself and organize a movement for the unity of all humankind. After that, humankind should become one with God.

The Unification Church is an excellent name. I searched heaven and earth and chose the name, because such an organization was essential to realizing God's will. A monk met Kwak Chung-hwan and said, "It would not be worth it for you to eliminate all the persecution you have ever had if it meant giving up the name 'Unification Church.' It is a wonderful name, the Unification Church! If it had only appeared sooner, the world would have become one by now. You cannot even compare all the opposition to the church with the value of its name." This is true.

The "Holy Spirit" Association

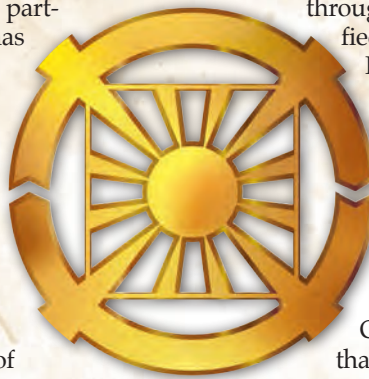
A holy spirit brings unity.⁶ Parent and child are united by a holy spirit. What is this "holy spirit"? Through true love, the divine spirit can bring about harmony between the spiritual and physical worlds. If this harmony comes to exist, even if it spreads only a little on earth, its ripple effect will be cosmic. You have to know that although the realm of the harmony of love may be small, its substance enables it to connect to the universe.

In order to unify the world, we should receive the cooperation of not only the Christian spirits who follow Jesus but of spirits from all religions. Of course, you receive the cooperation of your good ancestors and of all deserving heroines in Korean history, but you should receive the cooperation of all the world's saints. The Unification Church has to prepare a foundation in this way through the workings of divine spirits and establish the substantial truth.

When we say "The Holy Spirit Association for Unification..." it refers to the original, unfallen world. It is an association that can realize the unified original world. In the future, when we go toward a new world, it will not be for World Christianity but for family churches. Only the family-based churches will remain. Families focused on True Parents. God and True Parents are the center.

Families will focus on the True Parents' traditions and

6 "Holy spirit" in HSAUWC is not the same words as "The Holy Spirit" referred to in the New Testament of the Bible.



through a connection of love will form the ideal unified world, which is like a big family tree. The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity is an association that will unify the heavenly spiritual world and the Christian spiritual world and the unified realm of the Unification Church. "Association" means "organization." I did not use the word "church."

The church symbol

Our Unification Church symbol has four parts that jut out. It gives the impression that it is revolving around the whole universe. When it revolves it forms a four-position foundation under God. The whole universe was created to be engaging in giving and receiving relationships.

The symbol shows man living within the universe, just as the sun is the center of the solar system. It represents the cosmos being constructed centered on God. The central part of the symbol connotes our ideal, which connects all things. From that center, twelve lines radiate outward; the four thick lines represent the four directions. In order for a being to stand upright, firmly on its center, the four directions have to be established. That is the four-position foundation.

Next, the twelve lines, centered on East, West, South, North, represent the months of the year. It all revolves in a giving-receiving relationship.

Looked at as a whole, the symbol represents a ship's helm and indicates that we must steer the cosmos. In this way, everything of our ideal, from the principle of creation onward is included. Originally, a flag with a symbol represents a nation. At present this symbol represents our Unification Church, but our ideal is not only for our church; the symbol represents the hope of history, the unique realm that represents the hope for the present and the future, the realm connected to God's heart, the one world realizing God's purpose of creation and that glorious day.

Accordingly, always keep this symbol in your heart. It also connotes that the person who is living with God's heart has the strength to overcome all of Satan's trials and treacherous forces. Therefore, if you believe and go forward with courage, wherever you go together with this symbol, God will work to support you.



Father in 1954

The way of the family members

Today, for those in the Unification Church, we use "family members," just as we do in our families. What are we focused on that leads us to call each other family members? Our focus on the love of God and on the ideal God has been seeking since the time of the Creation inspires us to describe one another as family members.

You have to be a family member to have a brother-sister connection, and it is only through the phrase "family member" that the original base for the kingdom of heaven can be formed. What a holy phrase! Even if all of heaven and earth were to disappear, this phrase must not. This phrase and the substantial beings it refers to have to remain.

Jesus had a younger brother but he wasn't able to love him; he had parents but he wasn't able to love them; he had relatives but he wasn't able to love them. We have to relieve Jesus' sorrow. He had a church, a country and his people, so he couldn't give his love to his relatives.

We use the name Unification Church but it is not a church; it is a unified family. The Communist bloc also can be included in this unified family, and so can the Democratic countries, as can black people, Muslims, Buddhists and Christians. Everyone must be able to become one.

If we ask, "What is the Unification Church? What concepts does the Unification Church hold dear?" The first such concept is unity, the second is true love and the third is the philosophy of living for others. It is that simple. If you only live like this, you will receive a visa for the kingdom of heaven, which you can take with you when your earthly life ends. You don't need a ticket. If you live like this, you will have a nation and it will be one unified nation, with one sovereignty, one people, one set of parents and one bloodline. If you live like this, all things are possible.

The road of sacrifice through true love

What is a true religion? A religion that exists only for its own denomination is not true. A true religion must be willing to sacrifice itself to save the nation, willing to sacrifice the nation to save the world and willing to sacrifice the world to save all humankind. God has made this way possible. I know that clearly. [Applause] That is why I have remained silent even though I have a mouth. I have eyes, but I have closed them. I have ears but I have shut them off.⁷ I have come along this way thinking that the most important task left on the earth is how to approach the highest peak of God's will. The last remaining task on earth is discovering how to live one's life for the sake of others.

Where is the absolute principle of goodness, the ideal origin of all existence? In living for others you can realize the ideal. Living for oneself is closer to living in hell. That is the way to ruin. Whether the Unification Church will be destroyed or prosper depends on this. If the Unification Church lives only for the Unification Church, it will be destroyed; it will prosper if it lives for the country, for the world, for heaven and earth

⁷ That is, to distractions from the right path



Left: After the Korean War, recovery was slow. Small farms and simple farming methods meant shortages of food and deep poverty for much of the country. Against this backdrop, Father launched HSAUWC with its vision for global unity.
Right: Children prepared to study in 1954 in devastated, postwar Seoul. Like the city, their elementary school was rebuilt and is still running today.

and for God. If it exists for something bigger than itself, it will prosper.

So what course should Unification Church members take? They have to seek the true love way. You have to understand that the Unification Church is saying, "Let's go the way of love the individual seeks. Let's go the way of love the family seeks. Let's go the way of love the race seeks for, the way of love the nation seeks for, the way of love the world seeks, the way of love the world seeks and the way of love that God seeks."

Let us work so that humankind, God and the Messiah can dance on the earth. Let us work so that finally even Satan can receive the blessing. This is the way of the Unification Church.

The way of overcoming persecution

When the Unification movement first started in Korea, everyone was skeptical about it. All churches and denomination were skeptical. But that didn't concern us. There was persecution and we just accepted it.

We were ostracized by individuals and families, by many different religions and by the government, but I never once tried to defend myself or make excuses. Why? Because I knew God, who sacrifices the one He loves most without asking for compensation and without making excuses. In order to become a person who can follow God, who exists for others, you have endure what has to be endured in silence. Because there are so many things to do along the way, you don't have any time to worry about the commotion that surrounds you. Even though you have to endure all types of insults and plots, you are just too busy: "I am too busy. I have no time to worry about such things."

Religion has to overcome things. It has to go beyond the family, beyond the society and beyond the nation. Because God wants to set up the path to the kingdom of heaven, all the forces in the satanic realm will be mobilized for an all out attack. The day we succumb to that attack, we will become the losers, and the day we overcome the attack, we will be the winners.

This is the path that religion is to take. Since the Unification Church is no exception to this, it is the path we have been walking until now. When all the people of Korea truly come to understand Rev. Moon of the Unification Church, there will be many scenes of people weeping. **JW**





A Christian Pastor Helps Spread the Word

by Kim Heung-tae

One of our elder sisters runs a small *tokpokki* [boiled rice cake in hot sauce] shop. Among her regular customers is a Mrs. Lee Hyeong-gyu, who is a Christian. Mrs. Lee usually buys tokpokki and passes it out to children in that neighborhood.

One day when Mrs. Lee visited the shop, our sister wanted to give her Father's biography but was somewhat hesitant because she knew that Mrs. Lee is a Christian. Father's photo is on the cover, you know. Nevertheless, she showed Mrs. Lee the book and explained about it.

As soon as Mrs. Lee looked at the cover she asked, "Wait, isn't this Rev. Sun Myung Moon's book?"

Our member answered, "Yes, it is."

Then Mrs. Lee explained that on the second Sunday in August, the pastor of her church, Rev. Kim Sang-gook, was giving the sermon. During the sermon, he suddenly showed the congregation Father's autobiography, and said, "You know, honestly, I'm impressed by this book. Setting aside our religious differences, my conscience as a pastor compels me to say that you can scarcely find anyone who has lived his life in this way. To live like that is almost impossible. Christians should repent for how we've spent the last ninety years, during the time he has been living. I highly recommend that you buy this book and read it."

The book had impressed that Christian pastor, Rev. Kim. Since we couldn't give the books to all the pastors directly, we had mailed it to them. There are three hundred pastors and three hundred other ministers in this city alone. We sent books to all of them. Each book had the name and phone number of one of our church members' on the back. Just sixteen were sent back to us.

Later I heard more news about that pastor. He is just thirty-five. His church belongs to the Korean Association of Presbyterian Churches, which is very conservative. They say he personally went to a bookstore, bought twelve copies of the book and put them in the most prominent place in his church's reading room. He encouraged the members of the congregation to read the book and even to write reflections on it. Mrs. Lee Hyeong-gyu said that she was writing one. *STW*



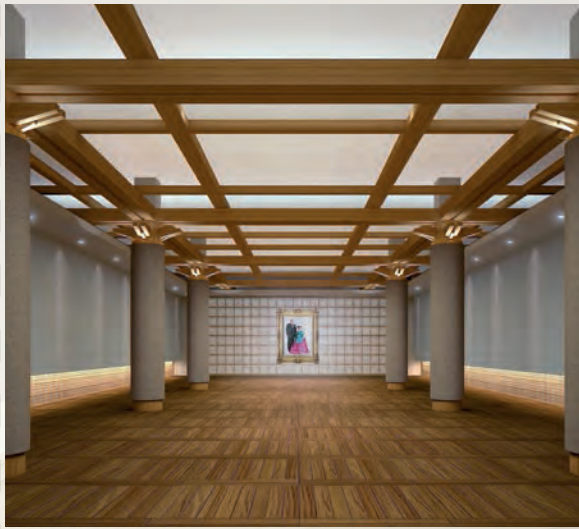
The Jae-il Church in Euijeongbu, where the pastor asked his congregation to read True Father's book



Euijeongbu Church Leader Rev. Kim Heung-tae and members of his church preparing to witness with Father's memoirs



Father's memoirs in Japanese hit the number one spot on online bookseller, <http://www.amazon.co.jp>



A Cheon Bok Gung Update

Cheon Bok Gung is scheduled to open on or about the time of True Parents' birthday, in mid-February next year. The remodeling of the former Yongsan Citizens' Hall into the growth stage Temple for World Peace and Unity is a total renewal, stripping the building back to its basic structure and beginning again. By the beginning of December, half of the building's new outer wall was visible, with the rest of the building still covered in scaffolding and tarpaulin.

We hear that our church's timing in purchasing the building was excellent in that it was acquired when the market was at its lowest due to the global economic crisis. Today the value of the site has already increased markedly from a year ago when the price was negotiated.

A call has gone out in the countries where four major faiths (Christianity,

Buddhism, Islam and Confucianism) were founded for artists in the founders' hometowns to offer a painting representing their faith to Cheon Bok Gung. The paintings will be displayed in the prayer room, which will be available for people from all faiths to pray in. The first floor also includes amenities such as a play and education center for young children (where parents attending a service will be able to leave children for Sunday school) and a coffee shop.

The second floor will include a special room where members can offer prayers or bows, and where other forms of spiritual training can be undertaken. There will be rooms where guests and dignitaries can be welcomed and cared for. A room for True Parents is also being prepared on the second floor.

The main sanctuary, which will have space for fifteen hundred, is on the third

floor. A glass portion of the roof, with the Unificationism symbol etched into it, will allow sunlight to enter the sanctuary directly above the altar. The non-glassed area of the roof will include a garden.

The Temple for World Peace and Unity will not only be a spiritual center, but also the worldwide movement's administrative center. Members in Korea are deeply aware of the responsibility that comes with the creation of the temple. The task of bringing twenty-one thousand new members has begun and is challenging members greatly to put renewed faith into practice.

Members around the world are continuing to send donations. These will be invested in the building of the completion stage temple. **TW**

Prepared by a TW staff member with assistance from the Cheon Bok Gung project office

Invocation of the Blessing



11.16 Second-Generation Blessing Ceremony by True Parents

Beloved Heavenly Father! If we were to stop the flow of time and ask ourselves where we can find true sons and daughters and the true parents, we come to realize that the 6.5 billion people of the world live in a time in history when there are no parents, sons or daughters anywhere on earth. So, Father, we ask You to take hold of them. We know that we have failed to become the firstborn sons and daughters of the heavenly kingdom, inheriting the unchanging, everlasting bloodline of God for all generations to come, and so have failed to become the true sons and daughters continuing an ancestral lineage that is centered on peace, with the heart of true fathers and true mothers burning with a loving and true heart.

Father, You have been unable to fulfill the providence of the ideal You held at the time of the Creation, by which You desired to love Your children who were brought into the world through the blessing of heaven with a heart of true love never before seen in history, and to give birth to children who are not inadequate—as people in the heavenly kingdom related by blood—to inherit the historical tradition of the right of the elder son. You have been unable to stand in the position of the true parent, and You could not love Your true children with a heart connected to them through the bloodline; this has been our lamentable history since the Fall. We are also aware that we thus lost the owner of the entire universe, the eternal and unique owner.

Amid such a history, You chose the pitiable Korean people living in the land of Korea to know about God, to think about God, and to ponder God's will and God's high and noble family, nation and world, and You allowed them to have traditions as a people and to be centered on a core ideology by which they can continuously yearn only for the One who is unique. Though

there have been many nations and many peoples, Your son is aware of the fact that the Heavenly Parent endeavored to have only the Korean people know God as the unique being.

Therefore, You searched and searched with an anxious heart to find the path through which You could manifest on earth, so that You could come down to earth and establish an ideal world that can live in the liberated and completely freed kingdom of heaven that brings unreserved freedom to the cosmos. And since then I have spent many years to pioneer the path to attend You.

Now, I have reached the age of ninety, and in these Last Days I will go to the spiritual world in the end and serve God, leaving behind incomplete achievements and results. But standing here before You are the second-generation members whom You have raised and whose blood has been purified through Your beloved blessed couples. Through True Parents, the tradition of the blessing has been newly established so that these young people are eligible to inherit the traditions of the heavenly kingdom, carrying on the virtuous lineage, pure blood and pure love. Clearing away Your sorrowful history, wherein the authority of the firstborn son and firstborn daughter could not be inherited, standing here are the children who were born of the blessed couples serving the Heavenly Parent, raised and nurtured to be distinguished as the chosen people in the midst of the world of heaven, earth and the liberation and freedom of Your triumph and glorious supremacy.

These are Your proud children who are seventeen to twenty-four years of age and who have inherited the virtuous bloodline, pure blood and pure love. They have gathered here to receive the blessing as those of the second generation. They were raised in the bosom of parents who received the blessing with nothing



to be ashamed of in front of the original heart that watched over Adam and Eve as they grew in the original Garden of Eden, and they are participating in this incredible grace of the blessing of the second-generation children. Therefore, Heavenly Father, please love these young children even more, doubling the heart of love You wanted to give but were unable to give to their parents, and establish in them the traditions of goodness and peace that they should follow as the ancestors of thousands of generations. Please establish in them the substantial bloodline centered on Your life and eternal love and stepping beyond the fact that Your firstborn son and daughter could not be blessed, please embrace them with an even higher, wider and deeper love!

Please bestow Your grace of the blessing here, and now that You have opened new gates through which the tradition of the blessing of second-generation children from seventeen to twenty-four years of age emerges, please uphold it so that, passing through the love of the first and second generations, not only the third generation but thousands of generations to come may inherit the traditions of Your only sons and daughters who can carry on the traditions True Parents have established as the ancestors of peace and ancestors of the lineage.

Please guide them to embrace that path within the seven years between the ages of seventeen and twenty-four and to receive Your holy blessing and stand in the place nearest to True Parents.

Though many brothers and sisters have received the blessing before, at this time the seven-year period between the ages of seventeen and twenty-four for second-generation members has been set apart, so Father, please sanctify this period. True Parents' Birthday is approaching, as is the anniversary of their

Holy Wedding, so please embrace, through the blessing, with a higher, deeper, wider and brighter love, their hearts that embody their original nature as they stand on this liberated occasion that stands in place of the Holy Wedding and the Golden Wedding of the True Parents.

The day of a new tradition in the blessing of second-generation members, receiving the blessing with the authority of the eternally liberated firstborn sons and daughters, has been opened, so please allow them to embrace their elders and show the results of their union as the fruit that can be set up as a textbook of the heavenly kingdom with which to instruct others. I hope and pray that You will permit those in this Blessing Ceremony to march forward to establish families—which for generations to come, will embody the tradition of the heavenly kingdom—and to establish the original tradition. Please bless them with greater blessing than ever before, and allow them to uphold the blessing even more than True Parents do, so that they can become the ancestors of thousands of generations who are permitted to have true authority over all things.

I report this earnestly, earnestly and even more earnestly in the name of True Parents. Aju! [Aju!]

Please receive glory and watch over us with love! Thank You, thank You so much. Aju! [Aju!]

At the conclusion of the Blessing Ceremony, True Father led all present in three cheers:

Heavenly Father *Mansei!* [Mansei!] True Parents, *Mansei!* [Mansei!] The one hundred and ninety couples blessed today, *Man Mansei!* [Man Mansei!] Be happy and live a good life. **TW**



11.16 Second-Generation Blessing





Blessing Ceremony by True Parents

True Parents blessed a hundred and ninety couples on November 16 at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. Two days earlier Father had personally matched them, just as he had matched many of their parents decades before. Many were introduced to someone from across the cultural divide. One young sister dreamed she would be matched to a blond Korean. The young man she was introduced to had dark hair. His Father is Korean but his mother is British, and blond. (See photo at bottom of p. 20)

Father spoke of this Blessing Ceremony as being especially meaningful. Several times during his True Children's Day speech he spoke to those who had been blessed the previous day about the seriousness of the standard of purity.

The Korean Blessed Family Department director, Mr. Hong Seong-bok, told us this was the blessing as God had wanted to give it to Adam and Eve in the original Garden of Eden, based on the absolute standard of pure love; it is establishing a new tradition of second-generation blessing with the couples that participated. Furthermore, the regional presidents and other leaders should cooperate in watching over the new couples, protecting and nurturing them.



Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i faith, both passed away while imprisoned. The Unification Church could not have grown to the extent it has if it had not received its mission from God, and if God had not been guiding it. It could not have come so far.

The stages of our movement

The Unification Church began as HSA-UWC. The world called us the Unification Church, but our official name was the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. In 1994, Father founded the Family Federation. In other words, he began the Family Federation era, wherein we can go out into the world and connect to not only the Christian realm but with all the world's people. In that era, we carried out many activities, events and educational programs. And many people made connections with us.

However, recently True Father has instructed that we carry out our activities under the name Unificationism. We have passed through the era of HSA-UWC (formation period) and the era of the Family Federation (growth period), and have entered the era of Unificationism (completion period) during which we can establish Cheon Il Guk. Father has given us the mission of uniting all religions into one family serving God and True Parents.

Many of us here, including those who have worked in support of UPF, are Unificationists, and as such have served True Parents as the Messiah, and received the blessing through them. We have given birth to our children. Such have been the lives we have led.

Father is saying to us, "Do not forget who I am." In the Family Federation era, we introduced Father and his activities for promoting peace, education and patriotism to many quarters. Many people have connected with us and have come to respect True Parents. However, we need to let the world know that True Parents are more than patriots, champions of world peace and religious leaders; we need to let the world know their true iden-



Left: Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF secretary-general, was master of ceremonies (Mr. Koh Kunduk interpreted); Right: Mr. Taj Hamad, WANGO secretary-general, read Hyung-jin nim's education and work experience (as customarily done); he also spoke of he and his wife visiting Hyung-jin and Yeon-ah nim's home in the past.



tity as the Messiah, Savior and True Parents. To do this, we need to look with spiritual eyes.

Those who looked at Jesus Christ merely with their physical eyes saw only another Jewish leader active in society. They did not recognize that Jesus came as the Son of God with the mission of the Messiah. They would not be able to sense the salvation and new life that came from him. Similarly, if we see True Parents with only our physical eyes, we see the founders of a widespread religion, patriots and leaders in the pursuit of world peace.

If we can see True Parents with our spiritual eyes, we can understand who they really are and why Father acts in ways some people do not understand or feel comfortable with. We would realize why Father speaks for eight, ten or even twelve hours at events, with sweat running down his face. Only when we look at them with our spiritual eyes can we perceive the hearts of True Parents, who died, died and died again for us, and who are still willing to die for us. Only then can we know them correctly, as the True Parents who have inherited the essence of the true love of God, triumphed, and completed the mission of Jesus.

True Parents have taught us how to create one family under God. It is recorded in the Peace Messages. They have taught us that the key is to serve True Parents as our parents based on faith, to receive the blessing through them, and then to form an ideal family that revolves around the true love of God. Without faith, the substantial foundation cannot be laid. As the Divine Principle tells us, only on the foundation of faith can we establish the foundation of substance. Similarly, without faith we cannot establish Cheon Il Guk. If we want to establish Cheon Il Guk while True Parents are still with us, we need faith.

Father has said, "Make the name Unificationism grow in prominence



Left: Ambassadors for Peace Association president Kim Min-ha giving his congratulatory address; he was a little late coming to the podium because his eyes had welled with tears from Hyung-jin nim's description of Japanese members' lifestyle; Right: Dr. Hwang Sun-jo leading cheers of Mansei

in the new era. Everyone needs to attend the Original Divine Principle lectures.” The Divine Principle is our sacred teaching. It is not a school textbook, but scripture. Divine Principle is our scripture that declares True Parents are the Messiah. Why is Father having us listen to Divine Principle lectures again and testify to him as the Messiah? Why do we need to repent and begin anew? Father is saying, “Do not forget who I am. I am not just a patriot, or a peace advocate, but the Son of God, the Parent of all humankind, who has come to accomplish Jesus’ unfulfilled mission.” This is what he is saying.

Our Japanese members’ lifestyle

We have carried out many activities, but how have the global providence and the church been carried out in 189 countries of the world? Who has been supporting them? It wasn’t people in society. It was people of faith. Especially our members in Japan have shed blood, sweat and tears to provide a financial foundation for all the work being carried out. This includes the work of UPF. Where does such a foundation come from? It comes from faith. Our Japanese members are serving True Parents by sacrificing themselves, working hard for True Parents and for the sake of the world. They have championed the cause of our church and all of our organizations.

For three years I have been visiting Japan almost every



True Family members sitting with Hyung-jin nim at his inauguration as the Universal Peace Federation's new international chairman: his older sister In-jin nim, his wife Lee Yeon-ah nim, and his sister-in-law Choi Yeon-ah nim

month. Even before I had any official position, I was going to Japan. Whenever I go there, I visit the homes of church members, to spend time personally with the Japanese members. They have all sacrificed themselves for the global providence. Many Unificationists have forgotten this. They have forgotten that the Japanese members are also human beings. We have sinned greatly. Looking at the Japanese members giving their tears, sweat and

blood, we have said that Japanese members like this kind of sacrifice. That is not the reality! They also find it difficult to sacrifice.

I cannot help feeling astonished when I visit their homes. They raise three to four children in one room. They have sacrificed by selling their cars and their homes, and other basics, in order to support the providence for the entire world—to support you! And it is not just one or two members who have done so, but thousands. We need to see the reality for what it is: because of faith such as theirs, the Unification movement has been able to come so far. The Japanese members, who have shown such faith and such heart, are truly the brave soldiers of our church.

All church-related institutions and organizations, and even the church itself, should offer them infinite gratitude and bow to them. It is time for us to sacrifice on their behalf. For more than three decades the Japanese brothers and sisters have supported the churches and the providential activities carried out in your own nations. This came from faith. In particular, from Japanese members’ faith.

If we understand this, we can realize how precious their faith is, and how great is the true standard of faith in the Unification Church, which they have demonstrated.



Archbishop Milingo speaking with Hyung-jin nim immediately after the inauguration; at back, In-jin nim greeting audience members



In this group photograph, the four UPF vice-presidents are seated next to Dr. Kim Min-ha, the white-haired gentleman directly behind In-jin nim. They are (right to left) Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, Dr. Yang Chang-shik and Dr. Kim Ki-hoon.

The truth is that the Korean church and the American church have not reached such a level. The Korean church had been relying on financial support from the Japanese church. Even the American church has been supported.

In order for the church to develop, we have had to make difficult decisions and face difficult challenges. We need to show that we are working with dignity, responsibility and a sense of mission and thus liberate the Japanese members from their burden. For the first time in its history, this year the Korean church did not receive even one cent from the Japanese church.

However, we still have a long way to go. The Korean church has yet to fulfill its duties as the father nation. Japan is still shouldering the heaviest burden. The American church is developing under the leadership of In-jin *nuna* and is cultivating the ability to become financially independent. No matter what circumstances we face, we need to remember this: We were able to carry out all those activities because of faith, and come this far because of the root of our faith.

The root of all branches of our movement

The Unification Church and all providential organizations share the same purpose. Our purpose is to glorify our True Parents. True Parents are not ordinary people. We need to elevate our faith to a higher level and serve them appropriately. We need to look at them through spiritual eyes and be able to sacrifice for their sake. That is how we can become the owners of the providence.

Only when the sons and daughters sacrifice themselves and work hard when their father is in need can they be called devoted. If the father is elderly, feeling weary, and in trouble, and the sons and daughters say, "You caused this problem; you solve it," they are not showing filial piety.

I have heard it said that we don't need religion and that Rev. Moon did not come to create a religion. But Father did not even come for the purpose of creating organizations and educational institutions such as Sun Moon University or UPF. He has estab-

lished them in their various fields only because they were necessary in creating the ideal world as envisaged by God.

Of course, religion would not be necessary in the Garden of Eden; neither would be politics or education. All we need to do is live in the realm of God's direct dominion. However, since we are not living in the Garden of Eden at present, we need organizations such as the Unification Church, the Universal Peace Federation and Sun Moon University.

Please remember that all of these organizations are rooted in faith. People who are serving True Parents as the Christ, the Lord at his Second Coming, are working in these organizations worldwide. It would be shameful for us to say, in front of such faith, that we don't need faith or religion. Rather we should be grateful to them, follow their way, make sacrifices ourselves through a greater faith. [Applause]

Change within the Korean church

I was greatly shocked when I came to Korea and was given the responsibility of running the Korean church. Many people thought that working in an office from nine to six was practicing a life of faith and attending True Parents. They did not attend Sunday service and did not even tithe to the church or invest in the second generation. They did not do any church-related service work and did not participate in witnessing.

This was truly shameful. In contrast, the Japanese members work from nine to six wherever they work, but after that, they come to church every day and participate in witnessing and educational activities, and they make donations. They dedicate themselves every day without missing a day. That's the reality.

After coming to know their standard of faith, I could not help feeling shocked at people who thought working from nine to five was equivalent to leading a life of faith. The Japanese members were toiling and sacrificing themselves for the Unification Church, walking such a path of hardship, but what was the standard of our faith? Weren't we making them shoulder all the responsibility, and weren't we living comfortably, rather than

sacrificing ourselves for True Parents? This was not a life of faith.

Nowadays, however, all the church leaders and regional leaders in Korea are striving harder, carrying out activities until late at night. They are sacrificing for their members in this way. All the officials of the church are also working hard and sacrificing for the church. I am so proud to see that such changes have taken place.

We still have a long way to go, even so. We have to work hard to accomplish the global providential objectives. We need to work for the Abel UN and the crucial missions of unifying all people and bringing religions together.

All of you have studied the Principle. Without the foundation of faith, the foundation of substance cannot be laid, and consequently Satan inevitably continues to get in. That is why we are continuing with the Original Divine Principle lectures centering on Rev. Yu. All of us need to return to the original faith and see True Parents with our spiritual eyes.

This is our internal aspect and our faith. As a result of expressing such faith, of being true, faithful followers, the Japanese members' human rights have been severely violated. Protestant church ministers and leftist lawyers opposed to us systematically instigated kidnapping and they have tried to break the faith of four thousand three hundred Japanese members, violating their human rights.

The Japanese members are shedding their blood for our sakes—struggling, even perishing for the providence—and to support all providential organizations. If we then say that we do not need a life of faith, it is disrespectful of the Japanese members' lives of faith. Faith holds the greatest value. Because of that faith, we came to know True Parents, we received the blessing, and we were blessed and gave birth to a second and a third generation.

Know that your faith is your right, and march forward proudly. True Parents came with such a sense of their mission, with such faith, and they have changed the world. Through their mission they have shown us that all of us can reach a higher dimension of love.

The decision-making process

Ladies and gentlemen! In this era Father, therefore, is saying, "Don't forget who I am." We are not serving an ordinary person. Someone like him comes only once. He is such a precious person.

The individual missions of the children are comparatively

easy. Though we may have our own individual dreams and interests, our mission is very clear. We need to live our lives for the glory of True Parents. When we go to the spiritual world, the matter of whether we have been children devoted to True Parents or not will be of great importance. To speak frankly, anything else, including what position we held in the world, is of no importance at all.

In my case, I was engaged in spiritual training even before I was given responsibilities. Even afterward, I have continued to train myself. I will continue with the training even if Father dismisses me. I believe our lives should not change based on whether we have been given responsibilities or not. If our purpose is to return glory to True Parents, we should do our best for them.

I apologize for having spoken so frankly. I'm still very young. Father is clearly telling us, "We need to return to our faith." We need to remember this if we desire to realize Cheon Il Guk. Cheon Il Guk cannot be established just by bringing people together. It requires faith and belief in True Parents.

I am truly grateful to be able to speak to you on this occasion on behalf of True Parents. No matter what position I am assigned to, only True Parents are the final decision makers in everything. Whether it is for the development of the church, or Kook-jin hyung's work with the businesses, or In-jin nuna's work for the American movement, our plans are first reported to True Parents and are carried out only with their permission.

There are missions Father wishes UPF to fulfill. UPF needs to build the Abel UN and build a substantiation foundation. In the process of fulfilling those missions, everything must be done based on what Father decides. This is the right way and the filial way.

True Parents are our eternal True Parents who come once in the course of history. When we look at them with our spiritual eyes, and elevate them, serve them, testify to them and sacrifice for their sake, Cheon Il Guk can be established substantially on that foundation of faith.

I offer infinite gratitude to True Parents.

I would like to end by expressing my deepest gratitude to all the leaders and other members—especially the sacrificial Japanese members, the ambassadors for peace, and all those connected with us. *STW*

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Introducing True Parents in the Segye Times' New Home

Moon Kook-jin introduced True Father at the inauguration of the new Segye Times Building in Seoul on November 11. He later explained that he is intentionally frank about True Parents' mission; if we don't clearly say who Father is when we introduce him, some in the audience may not take him seriously when he speaks from his messianic position.

Respected True Parents of Heaven and Earth, distinguished guests from Korea and abroad, employees of the Tongil Group and the Foundation to Support HSAUWC, ladies and gentlemen:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your attendance today despite the chilly weather at this ceremony marking the opening of the new Segye Times Building in the Kasang District of the City of Seoul. The *Segye Times* was founded in 1989 based on the basic publishing philosophy bequeathed by the True Parents, Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, expressed in the words, "Love for Heaven, love for humankind and love for country." It also received from the True Parents a three-part mission to promote the spirit of the Korean people, bring about a world of righteousness and represent the judicious position for unifying the homeland. Having celebrated its twentieth anniversary earlier this year, the newspaper has reached the years of its young adulthood.

Now, with the full-fledged support and love of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, the *Segye Times* has completed this new corporate building in the Kasang District, equipped for a fully automated printing process and having other advanced equipment, enabling it to provide a high quality newspaper and printing services. At the same time, the *Segye Times*, since 2005, has made continuous efforts to improve its management performance. As a result, its annual deficit has been reduced by some \$20 million, and it is making its best efforts to reach breakeven by 2013. The company could not have done this had it not been for Unification Church members who responded to the teachings of the True Parents—who are called by God to bring salvation to the world—by offering both physical and spiritual support for the homeland of our faith through the donation of funds and the practice of absolute faith.

Respected guests, one person has been preparing since long ago for today's precious occasion. He is a person I have respected throughout my life, and someone I am most privileged to introduce to you today. He is the returning Lord who has come for the sake of humankind. He is the True Parent who resolves original sin, the owner of true love, true life and true lineage. He is the owner of peace, who has established the tradition of dedication, service and love for the sake of peace. He is the owner of truth who transcends religion and ideology, race and nationality, culture and the arts, politics and finance; and he comes before us today in true love. In fact, the reason we are here today is to inherit his true love and put it into practice. It is my great pleasure to introduce to you the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth and victorious King of Peace. Please join me in welcoming him with a great round of applause. Thank you.

I pray that the True Parents' love and grace will be with you and your families. **TW**



True Parents and dignitaries cut the ribbon to open the new Segye Times Building.



Leaders in government and business greet Father in the VIP room prior to the ceremony



Kook-jin nim speaks with senior Congressman Song Kwang-ho, who offered congratulatory remarks at the ceremony



The Challenges and Joys of Loving a Nation



What is a life of true love? True love is the spirit of public service. It brings the peace that is at the root of happiness. Selfish love is a mask of the desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake; true love is free from that corruption. Rather, its essence is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love is to give and to keep giving joyfully, without expecting anything in return.

— From the first Peace Message

By Cliff Yasutake

At the National Messiah Workshop in August 1996 in Cheongpyeong, my wife and I, through a lottery, chose Guinea Bissau in West Africa as our mission country. Rev. Kim Ki-hoon¹ and his wife are our Korean-leader couple. At that time, we were living in Hawaii, and I worked for the church's fish company in Honolulu. On the way to Guinea Bissau for the first time, I stopped in Washington DC to get a visa at the office of the ambassador to the U.S. from Guinea Bissau, Rufino Mendes, whom I was able to meet. In Bissau during that trip, I was introduced to Arafam Mane, who was a minister and a member of President Vieira's cabinet.

At the time of the 1997 Blessing Ceremony at RFK Stadium² in Washington DC, Mr. Mane was invited to attend the ceremony and the international meeting that accompanied it. I met him at JFK Airport and escorted him to Washington. Ambassador Mendes came to greet Mr. Mane, and they both attended a banquet. Mr. Mane was there for perhaps five days, and I was able to escort him around, attend meetings and see the sights of Washington. We visited the Washington Times Building where we were shown the operations of the newspaper business. Rev. Kim toured with us, although he was busy with True Parents at the time. I spoke of the church and our theology to both of our guests, especially to Ambassador Mendes, since his English was better.

In June of 1998, there was revolt by the army and people of Guinea Bissau against President Vieira, who had been in power for a long time. Everything changed when this set off a civil war. I tried to go to Guinea Bissau after the war started but could not enter the country. I had to stay in Dakar, Senegal. Ambassador Mendes left his post in Washington. I heard that he went to Brazil and I have not seen him since. Arafam Mane passed away in 2005.

Creating something where there was nothing

On my first visit to Guinea Bissau in November 1996, I was introduced to Mrs. Kikuyo Baba, one of ten Japanese missionary sisters who had been assigned to the country in 1994.³ The Japanese sisters were amazing. They had quickly learned Creole, the language of the common people, and were working hard in the country while part of the group stayed in Japan to raise funds for the mission. Through Mrs. Baba and other Japanese missionaries, local Guineans have

¹ Now, also the regional president of North America 1 and a vice-president of UPF

² Named after Robert Francis Kennedy (1925–1968), a U.S. senator and the brother of thirty-fifth U.S. president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917–1963), after whom the city's airport was named

³ That year, Father assigned 1,600 Japanese women to be missionaries in 160 nations; some are still in their countries.



Top: School break time
Bottom Left: Mrs. Kikuyo Baba at the opening ceremony for the new school; Right: Students singing the Guinea Bissau national anthem





Left: At the meeting with Guinea Bissau's interim president (left to right) Manuel Fernando Ié (Guinea Bissau national leader); Mr. Cliff Yasutake (national messiah); President Raimundo Pereira; and Mrs. Akiko Isebaba (Japanese missionary); **Middle:** One of the elementary school classes in progress **Right:** Outside the hotel after the Global Peace Festival on April 11, 2009

become church members. Eight committed Guinean blessed couples also do witnessing on their own.

Over the years as I visited Guinea Bissau with the dream and hope of meeting the president of the country, witnessing to him and getting the country to follow our True Parents, Mrs. Baba and the Japanese missionary sisters kept working with the local people and witnessing to local Guineans.

Guinea Bissau is one of the poorest countries in Africa and a high percentage of the population live on less than a dollar a day. Even primary school education is not possible for many children. One of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals is to make at least primary school education available for all children throughout the world by 2015. To this end, in 2003, Mrs. Baba, supported by the other Japanese missionary sisters and with some help from the national messiah couples, built a school with three classrooms on the land next to the church center. The school, named *Escola Sunac* [Sunac School] offers primary school education for two hundred students from extremely poor families.

Some older people who have had no education have also come to our school as students. This reminds me of my own father who came to Hawaii when he was twelve years old and at that age began studying in the first grade of an English-language elementary school. He attended school until the eighth grade.

Through programs and outreach in Japan, the Japanese sisters were able to convince their fellow countrymen (who are not our church members) to pay the tuition and fees for "foster students." These students then exchange photographs and letters with their "foster parents." Over the years, some of the contributors have visited Guinea Bissau to see the school and to meet their foster students. They see the poverty firsthand but also the effect their contributions are having on the lives of the

children they are supporting.

Service as a means to convey principles

Establishing our primary school and successfully operating it gave us credibility with the government and also with many other people of influence.

Having meetings and just talking to people about ideas to help the country is not enough. I feel that leaders of countries such as Guinea Bissau are suspicious of anyone who approaches them without any foundation of helping the country. "Sweat equity," and commitment—living for the sake of others and practicing true love in a practical and substantial way—show a desire to help the people without any hidden agenda.

When we put into action Fathers words, "live for the sake of others," the spiritual world is there to help and miracles happen. Education is only one way to do this. Other ways include micro-finance projects, personal hygiene instruction, digging wells for fresh water, fixing and building homes, starting fish farms, raising animals and farming. Any effort to help these impoverished people will be welcomed and appreciated.

In April this year, I went to Guinea Bissau to give a speech at a small Global Peace Festival we had. Perhaps fifty people were in the audience, mostly religious and political leaders and peace ambassadors. The local television company filmed it for the news broadcast that evening.

During that visit, we were able to meet with the interim president of Guinea Bissau, Raimundo Pereira. The director of one of our West African sub-regions, Rev. Adama Doumbia, had invited and gone with President Pereira to True Parents' birthday celebration and conference in New York in January. Rev. Doumbia and the events made a good impression on the interim president, and on that foundation, he met us.

Of course in our conversation with the

president, our school was the dominant topic, since it is our most visible contribution to the country. We also spoke of world peace and one family under God, the importance of the family as the starting point to build peace in the nation and the intercultural blessing, which is part of our hope to bring peace in families, communities, nations and to the world. The president said that he supported UPF events in his country and he sent one of his closest advisors to the GPF.

Meeting the president was a significant event and has given us, the Unification Church, WFWP, UPF, IRFF, etc., more credibility in the country. We also met members of his cabinet at his personal residence during a birthday party for his wife, to which he had invited us. As we move forward, these contacts will prove to be very helpful.

In July, there was a presidential election⁴ and Malam Bacai Sanhá was elected president. With Mr. Pereira's friendship and support, we hope to meet the new president in the future. One of our Guinean blessed couples is a high-ranking member of the new president's political party.

A place where the Principle dwells

In October, we opened a junior high school where the children who have graduated from the primary school can continue their education. Many dignitaries, including a member of the Ministry of Education, participated in a ribbon cutting at the school's dedication ceremony. Our schools have been officially recognized by the Guinea Bissau government.

A long segment of the ceremony, including the speech I gave, was shown on the local evening news. In the speech, I said that students of the Sunac schools would become the future leaders of the

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⁴ Raimundo Pereira did not participate in that election.

Young People Lead the Way to the Blessing

Testimonies about witnessing in preparation for a Blessing Ceremony in Nepal



Nepali newspapers cover the event



Rev. and Mrs. Yong officiate the Blessing Ceremony

MISS JAMUNA BAN, SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD BROUGHT SEVENTEEN COUPLES

I had a dream of True Mother. She was standing and smiling radiantly. In front of her I did a full bow. When I stood up, she simply said, "Best of luck." I felt that True Mother was blessing me as her true daughter in order to bring blessing to Nepal.

I offered a condition of forty full bows for twenty-one days.

I went to schools, colleges and NGOs. I'm young and unmarried, so many people rejected me and did not trust me when I told them about this special marriage blessing. I told them if they received this blessing, good fortune would come to them. Even more, I said that the relationship with their spouse would be better. But it was not easy for them to believe me.

Therefore, my main focus was to get them to come to the blessing seminar. Once they came to the seminar, it was easy for them to come to the Blessing Ceremony itself.

MR. MAHESH PARAJULI, NINETEEN YEARS OLD BROUGHT FIFTY-ONE COUPLES

I went home to home and office to office; I also went to my village. My main witnessing tool was the sixteen-page booklet our national headquarters prepared about the blessing. I told people, 'Our families are not perfect. We need education in order to make our families better.' People could not disagree with me. I was bold and fearless. I would witness even to groups of people, I'd just go up and start talking to them.

The main opposition came from Christian groups who would persecute me. But it just made me stronger.

I talked with some of the couples after the Blessing. They had a good experience. But they were asking for more education and about how they can become a core member.



On November 24, 1,395 couples participated in the Blessing Ceremony at the United World Trade Center, Kathmandu, Nepal; Left: Dr. Milendra Rijal, a government minister, offers congratulations; Right: Religious representatives give their blessing

MR. ROBERT KITTEL (ASIA EDUCATION DIRECTOR)
HOW THE CANDIDATES ARE BEING EDUCATED

Everyone attended a Divine Principle-based blessing workshop. In the beginning, it was two days long, but because there is only one day off a week in Nepal, Saturday, we made it a one-day workshop with all the content of a two-day workshop (five lectures in all: the Principle of Creation, the Fall of Man, the Providence of Restoration, the Meaning of the Blessing, and finally, Father's Life).

We did have ninety couples come and register at the door. This was not expected and it was not our method of bringing people. In Nepal, though, people naturally bring brothers, sisters, cousins, nephews, aunts or uncles along—even though they were not "invited." For example, I invited one lady to a blessing workshop, my physiotherapist doctor, but she came with her cousin. She didn't ask or inform me, they just came together. It's very natural. So we could not turn guests away; we had to accept them. In fact, we wanted to accept them; they helped create a family-like atmosphere with people dressed in their finest.

Everyone could experience the blessing and we will follow up with education. Already our members, and I too, have started educating newly blessed couples about the indemnity condition between husband and wife, the forty-day separation, and the Three-Day Ceremony. Our regional president Dr. Yong



Left to right: Pukar Kamal, Maheesh Parajuli, and Jamuna Ban, three young members who brought many couples to attend the Blessing Ceremony, and whose testimonies appear on these pages.

MR. PUKAR KAMAL, TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OLD
BROUGHT TWENTY-SIX COUPLES

I was confident about the program, about the Principle, as well as the value and significance of the blessing. With this confidence, I knew people would not doubt me either. I just worked hard. I wanted to share our teachings with them, the highest, universal truth. My goal was to bring them to a blessing workshop because then they would understand more fully.

I spoke with several of my guests. They were most impressed about the inter-religious prayer at the time of the Blessing. Never in their lives had they seen all the religions together on the same stage. They were there to give their blessing to the couples getting married or renewing their marriage vows.

Earlier, some of them had thought we were a Christian group trying to convert them. But after they attend an education program and then saw all the religions leaders [at the event], they realized our movement is really family-centered. They understood that we are helping them to make better families.

Chung-sik is very serious about this. He says it will make them feel closer to us and more sincere about the Principle, True Parents and their life of faith. We have just translated Exposition of Divine Principle into Nepali and couples are reading this during their separation period.

You may ask how such young people can witness in schools. These young people (our members) witnessed to adults—the principal, staff and teachers. That's why it was such a challenge for them. We were instructed by the national leader not to invite single people to the blessing, only couples. (My doctor friend is single, so I did not invite her to the blessing, but she could come to the blessing workshop.) We already have a long-standing relationship with more than a thousand colleges and schools nationwide. On this foundation, we could invite these couples.

We also held a blessing education program at our Peace Embassy every Saturday for about a month and a half. In other centers outside the capital, Kathmandu, regular education programs started more than two months before the blessing.

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Republic of Guinea Bissau. This was received with loud applause. It seemed to give the people a vision of their country emerging from the poverty and suffering they had endured through the slave trade and four hundred years of being dominated as a colony of a European nation.

At the new school, the school principal, Manuel Fernando Ié, who is also the Guinea Bissau church national leader, is teaching an elective class in ethics and morality including abstinence and AIDS education from a Principle viewpoint. While I was there for the school opening, we had a two-day Divine Principle workshop, attended by seventy people, many of them students from our schools between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. About

twenty older people who have attended various workshops also attend our Sunday service.

In 1994 when the Japanese sisters and one Korean arrived, there was no foundation in the country. Yet by 1996, they had blessed around thirty couples. Only eight couples are active now, but through the school, many doors opened allowing them to meet influential people. A few hundred ambassadors for peace have been recognized, and a few of these are active supporters.

Father's teaching has been actualized in what Mrs. Baba has accomplished in building the first and then the second school. With all of our support, but especially through her own efforts, Mrs. Baba has worked for all of these years, unselfishly, in such a humble way to make the lives of

her students better and to help put an end to illiteracy and extreme poverty. It is so beautiful to see that hope has now come to the children attending our schools.

Mrs. Baba is truly a Unification Church saint, sacrificing and dedicating her life for others without any thought of reward or return. She is an inspiration to me and I hope others who can see her sacrificial, true love. Truly, there is hope in the world when people who are inspired by Reverend Moon's teachings, substantiate the concepts of living for the sake of others and living a life of true love and put them into action. **YW**

I acknowledge and appreciate the support of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) for the schools in Guinea Bissau and other countries. Thank you to all of our supporters.

Faith in Hell

Submerged in an Ocean of Lies



Mr. Goto Toru, president of the Japanese Victim's Association against Religious Kidnapping and Forced Conversion, continues to speak to members about his ordeal.

In recent sermons at the Headquarters Church in Seoul, he explained more about the internal battle he faced and how he was able to maintain his faith during the vilification of True Parents, which he was forced to listen to over and over again.

Mr. Goto spoke to the English-language service on November 21. The transcript of that testimony is available at <http://hyungjinmoon.iunificationist.org>.

What follows is a translation, from Mr. Goto's Japanese, of parts of the testimony he gave at the 10:00 AM service the next day to Korean members. It contains mainly extra material that Mr. Goto did not express at the English-language service.

By Mr. Goto Toru

The physical abuse was horrible, but what was more severe was the spiritual battle while confined. The sole goal of the “deprogrammers” is to destroy Unificationists’ faith. To accomplish this, in a room completely sealed off from outside information, they continuously feed you every possible piece of biased, fabricated, evil misinformation having to do with True Parents, other True Family members and the Unification Church. You want to cover your ears.

Even if you believe that content has been fabricated, it is so very specific and graphic. They know that members will not pick up such material and read it during their confinement, so they continuously read it aloud in your ears. Without being able to leave, you are forced to hear it every day. If it were just one day, it might be endurable, but they make you listen to this day after day.

True Parents are truly the beloved focus of our faith, but I couldn’t help feeling as if that image was gradually being eroded by the day. When you hear these things, you feel as if your spirit body is being stabbed with a knife, as if your spirit body can’t help but scream in pain. Eventually, the image you have of Father is compromised.

Out of every ten who are confined, seven end up leaving the church, and the reason for this can only be that in places of confinement such forced conversion is persistently carried out. In this way, the “deprogrammers” are destroying members’ faith. True Parents are the life of our members. Thus, members even resolve, “If I am going to end up losing faith in True Parents, let me die here.” However, they know that committing suicide will become an even greater grief for God and True Parents. They can’t commit suicide, yet they feel that if this goes on, they might betray True Parents. Numerous brothers and sisters who’ve been abducted and confined go through this terrible suffering.

At times I was so tormented that I prayed before sleeping, “God, I am really at my limit. If possible, please send me to the spirit world so that I won’t have to wake up as I am tomorrow morning.” What was awful was that I was alone, but the opponents came in groups of as many as ten people. Among them were many ex-members who had left the church after being confined and coerced into disbelief. Brothers and sisters who had followed God and True Parents with me in the past, with a pure heart and faith, came to the apartment to persuade me to leave the church. One sister who was a team leader in a workshop I attended also visited. She was a wonderful sister who really loved me and guided me at that workshop. She had been in the 30,000-couple Blessing Ceremony and was abducted after that. During her first confinement, she was able to somehow escape and return to the church. However, once you are confined, and a relationship has formed between your family and the opposition, the probability of repeated abductions until they successfully badger you into giving up your faith rises very much. So this sister had kidnapped again and ended up leaving the church, and now

appeared in front of me.

She said to me, with tears trickling down her face, "Brother Goto, it's been a long time. Do you realize you're making an awful mistake? Why can't you understand?"

I replied, "Well, even if you say such things..."

Then she yelled, "Are you listening to what I'm saying?" and became enraged. She took the hot tea that was in front of her and threw it in my face. My clothes were soaking wet. When this sister had taken care of me at the workshop, she was not the kind of person who would do that sort of thing. I have met several dozen ex-members who had been kidnapped and forced to give up their beliefs, and each and every one of them has changed so much. They've become secularized, having a *carpe diem* outlook on life and are without hope. There are so many brothers and sisters like that.

I was thirty-one when I was locked up. By the time I was about forty, of course, I began to feel desperation. I knew that screaming and yelling would not be of any benefit, so I began a hunger strike. After thirty days of fasting, I was at my physical limit and told my family I would stop. However, the next day, I was given no food.... [Mr. Goto describes how for seventy days he was given only water rice had soaked in before cooking and a sports drink; he hunted in the kitchen for condiments and peelings; eventually he survived on raw rice alone.... After this, he was given a little rice and pickled plums or roots until his release.]

For two years after that, my family curtailed my meals. In the photo you see is of me, taken two days after I was freed, I am 182 cm tall and my weight at the hospital was 39 kg. This was not the result of my fast. For two years after the last fast I did, I ate at the same table with my family. They were eating regularly, but they gave me only seaweed,¹ pickles and sour plums on a small plate—for two years. "You did so many foolish activities in the Unification Church, but you won't even try researching the church and thinking with your own head. You don't deserve a proper meal," is what motivated them. In other words, because I was a Unification Church believer, they would not treat me as human.

In the eight years between the first time I was illegally detained and my second confinement, I had been reading True Father's speeches. I had a feeling that another time of struggle under confinement would come. According to Father, "Persecution is not a bad thing." I did not find that Father made any unfavorable criticism of persecution. I had memorized, "Persecution is to be expected for those who follow the way of Heaven. A time when you receive great persecution is a time of great development. The strategy of Heaven is to bring victory through persecution."

During my confinement, I was able to fight Satan using Father's words as my sword. Father's teachings gave me strength. [Applause] And, the contents of the life course of True Parents, who are the substantiation of those words, gave me

1 Of the type that comes in small sheets, like paper.

strength. True Parents had already gone through much more painful persecution. Father had comforted God first, rather than seeking comfort himself, no matter how severely he was mistreated, and because he had responded in this way, God had protected him.

While confined, I was forced to listen to bad information from the opposition group for four to five hours a day. After such a session, your spirit is torn to shreds. I tried to remember what Father had said and the details of his course. I tried to think about God before myself and to remember that God was looking after me. I prayed to God, "I will never betray You or True Parents. I will be sure to overcome this situation, so please watch over me." [Applause] Then, God, as a parent, truly embraced me as a son. Even amidst circumstances so difficult I wondered if I could ever rise above them, God granted me strength, and I was able to fight again the following day. [Applause] That is how I was able to overcome, from day to day.

There is more. My older brother and younger sister used to be members of our church and my older brother's wife, who was also with us in the apartment where I was being held, had been a member. She had been blessed, with the 6,500-couple

blessing group, to a Korean man. Later, she also was kidnapped, confined, and as a result left the church. This meant that my brother, his wife and my sister were all ex-members. They became Christian, influenced by the pastor who confined them and coerced them into leaving our church. Thus, they read the Bible and prayed daily in the apartment. Their thinking was that God was definitely on their side, Jesus must also be on their side, and they must "rescue their poor brother who is a captive of that devil, Sun Myung Moon, the Antichrist."

At the beginning of my confinement, they treated me rather well. As Jesus says in the Bible, "Love your enemies."

But, they never thought this

would take more than a year. Counter to their expectations, I did not yield after a year, nor after three years, five years, ten years. This began to throw their own lives into confusion. They couldn't allow me to escape, so they had to watch me in that apartment continuously. In other words, they lives were devoted to monitoring me, and they were unable to do much else for many years. Although they did not come out and say it, you could see resentment growing in their expressions, as if to say, "You're ruining our lives." In the end, they felt that because of the Unification Church, even their own lives had been destroyed. Thus, they gradually began to treat me harshly.

My brother's wife, for example, once slapped me several times, yelling, "Wake up!" She mixed water and ice cubes in a bowl and poured the ice water down my back under my clothes, again shouting, "You! Wake up!" She, who was reading the Bible daily and praying, would do things like that. It was difficult for her to put what she was reading into practice.

On the other hand, I had God and the Messiah on my side. [Applause] I was in an extremely difficult situation, but when I prayed, God truly sent me his spirit and love. That's why I



Mr. Goto with flowers from Mrs. Tanaka, president in Korea of the Victim's Association against Religious Kidnapping and Forced Conversion; Korea is home to a number of former victims.

could keep a good expression on my face in spite of the circumstances. [Applause]

But my expression irritated my family members even more. They became upset, "How can you look so refreshed, knowing the situation you're in?" and attacked me more. But the Principle is the truth. When the evil side attacks the good side, and the good side accepts that with the right heart, quietly persevering, indemnity conditions are being laid. In that way, I could feel that the more I was struck, the higher I was rising spiritually. As for the other side, the angrier they became and the more they attacked, the lower they fell spiritually. After twelve years and five months had passed, they finally could not tolerate this any longer. The members of my family were the ones who had forcibly kidnapped and imprisoned me, but in the end, they told me, "Get out!" and kicked me out. [Applause]

During those twelve years and five months, I became convinced of something. They declared that the true God and Jesus were definitely on their side and that Satan was on my side. They asserted that Sun Myung Moon was the Antichrist and the Divine Principle was absolute nonsense, using a million words to explain their grounds. Nevertheless, when



Mr. Goto joined Father and Mother for breakfast on November 23, following hoondokhae; the reunion caused Mr. Goto—and many others—to weep and weep in front of True Parents

human beings are pushed to the extreme, their true character is revealed. When I witnessed the various phenomena that appeared in the end, I understood clearly which side was genuine. The conclusion revealed to me after all that time was that the True Parents are indeed the authentic Messiah in his Second Coming. [Applause] Thanks to this understanding, I was liberated. [Applause] If Father were false, and the Divine Principle were not the truth, I would not be able to stand in front of all of you here in this way, with a calm face. [Applause] I feel grateful to God and True Parents, who protected me throughout all those years.

So, I became a free man after twelve years and five months, but after being freed, at first, I did not know what to do. [Mr. Goto told of how he decided to try to find the Japanese Church Headquarters. He approached a policeman but he was unwilling or unable to do anything to help him. Then he began to walk in the direction of the Japanese headquarters. However, he was in a weak state from lack of food and from not having walked very much over the years of confinement.]

I didn't know which road to take, but I decided to move forward even if it meant I had to crawl. I used a stick as a crutch, I asked a passerby the way to the church headquarters. The first person I approached, a man, said he didn't know the way. The second person I met was a young lady. I asked her, lean-

ing on the stick, "Excuse me, I think the headquarters of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity is around here. Do you know where it is?" The lady stopped walking and looked at this strange-looking person with surprise. She took a few steps back, and then she said, "I'm a member of the Unification Church...." [Applause]

Brothers and Sisters, God is truly alive! Without a doubt, it was God who led me to this sister. [Applause] I was able to speak with a family member for the first time in twelve years and five months! I felt our hearts were connected, centered on God and True Parents. I truly missed the fragrance of the heart of our brothers and sisters and was filled with joy. While I was locked up, I had no way of knowing how Father was doing. I was getting older, and Father was as well, so I thought perhaps he might already be in the spirit world. Yet, I'd been hoping if possible to work for God's will with Father, so I asked this sister first of all, "Is Father still well?" That sister beamed brightly, and replied, "Yes, he is still very, very well." [Applause] I was truly grateful to God. The sister found a taxi for me, even paid for it, and I was able to reach the headquarters.

There was something I had been praying continuously about

while confined. I clearly understood that Japanese brothers and sisters were working hard, and I felt that if I were to die without being able to witness or contribute anything, I would be extremely sorry. So I prayed, "I am a sinful person, but if possible, please use me as an offering. I couldn't bring results while I was confined. Please accept my heart's desire to have made results for the sake of Japan and for the world."

Having heard my talk until now, you may all have the impression that I have an awful family. My father is now in the spirit world, but I really loved my parents, and they also really loved me. Our three siblings were very close, and we trusted each other, which is why all three of us could join the move-

ment right away. However, this incredible situation followed. I would like all of you to understand why this happened.

This is the fault of the anti-Unificationist Christian ministers. They continue to feed people with one-sided, evil information only. This troubles the parents, who begin to ask, "How can we rescue our child?" The faith-breakers answer, "Kidnapping is the only way." In fact, the family never wishes to do something so extreme, but because they are told this is the only way, they feel they have no choice but to do it. In this way, money flows to the anti-Unificationist groups. They have been continuously doing these things for forty-three years. As we speak, there are at least five brothers and sisters that we know of who are being confined.

In Japan, it has become very difficult to solve this problem. However, the True Children have now stood up to confront it. One of the things that astonished me after twelve years is that the True Children have grown so wonderfully and have become so committed. [Applause] There are many brothers and sisters who live in danger and fear of being abducted and confined, but now the True Children have stood up for them in indignation. As one of the victims, I wish to thank them truly. I am determined to continue fighting to resolve this issue, as one of the victims of illegal kidnapping and confinement. Thank you very much. [Applause] **TW**

Better a Few and Proper

From the Albanian Church Headquarters

Fifteen guests, seven who came for the first time, attended our monthly three-day Divine Principle seminar at the Albanian church training center in Tirana, the capital city, from October 30–November 1. Even though the number of the participants was quite small, their quality and level of preparation was high. Lecturers also gave their maximum in presenting Divine Principle lectures, trying to convey as fully and as clearly as possible God's word to them.

We appreciated the conscientious attitude that all the participants exhibited. We recognize that the workshop staff's own investment in caring for the guests and the preparation in the centers before guests come to the seminar are contributing factors. The atmosphere was very pure and high—especially during the last two lectures on the Second Coming and True Father's life course, when most of the participants had tears in their eyes. When you see such a phenomenon, you just cannot help judging yourself for not being a greater blessing to others, knowing that thousands of God's children are waiting to be reborn through the new truth.

Let's us pray and hope that these new brothers and sisters and new brothers and sisters everywhere will become a source of joy and happiness for God and True Parents by joining us and working to bring to fruition the providence of restoration. Below are some reflections from the new guests:

I will call this the most important day of my life. Today I was faced with an incredible truth which, honestly speaking I had never thought about. With this great and very convincing message, deep in my heart I feel very good and very happy to think that everything has a meaning which is visible and is very close to me. I thank God. It is surely because He wanted me to be here and go back (to my home) as a different person. I join with the prayer of our Creator that all people can be happy.

Hyrie Daci, university student, Tirana

Although not so many people attended this workshop, still it can be considered special. "Better a few and proper" the Albanian folk saying goes. This work-

shop and my responsibility as team leader made me feel very good and full of vision for the spiritual path. I thank God for entrusting me with this responsibility.

Jorida Haziraj, child care student, Tirana

I will do my best not to waste this chance that you have given me to know this great family. This was a workshop that made me aware that I also have my role in the family, society, and world, and that I will do my best to give love to others and love others as myself. It is a great pleasure to know the True Parents and the purpose God has for His children.

Brunilda Llaha, university student, Elbasan

I spent three days of my life here experiencing a different reality, something really different from what I live everyday. I don't know how to describe what I feel. I can say that these days were blessed, special, surprising, interesting, unforgettable and thrilling. I have a pile of thoughts which are mingling in my head and I have to choose among them.

Lulzim Ndoja, high school student, Shkder

What I mostly liked in this workshop was the Messiah. I liked their great and generous spirit and how much they have done for humanity. Personally I'd like to meet them and thank with all my heart for what they have done for humanity.

Elis Qyta, high school student, Korce



Left: Participants and the workshop staff. Seated at the front (red tie) is Gani Rroshi, the Albanian national leader; **Right:** A lecturer presents the Principle during the workshop.

Photo Stories



During hoondokhae on November 23, a first birthday celebration was held for Shin-cheon nim, youngest son of Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim. During the ceremony, True Mother offered a heartfelt prayer for her grandson. True Parents, Hyo-jin nim's family, Kook-jin nim's family and Hyung-jin nim's family all joined in the celebration.



Choi Yeon-ah nim (Hyo-jin nim's widow) joins a witnessing group introducing Father's memoirs to people at the National Museum Park in Seoul (see page 16 for a more on the work to promote Father's autobiography to the Korean people)



Japanese church leaders have been coming to Korea each week to participate in the Saturday and all five Sunday services in a program to help them understand Hyung-jin nim's leadership. Here, they are pictured during the "altar call" at a service on November 7



For three months now, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim have presided over a daily 5:00 AM *Seven Deaths and Resurrections, Eight Stage Completion Inheritance Ceremony*. Appreciation for True Parents' sacrifice and inheritance of their victory is expressed through prayer, recitations and receiving Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim's personal blessing.



Left: Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim are guests in the home of a blessed family during their visit to Japan, October 30
Right: Hyung-jin nim writing a calligraphic message at the Headquarters Church in Tokyo, October 31



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Late correction: In the March 2009 issue on page 3, the photograph is the *first birthday* celebration for Soon-nam nim (not the 103rd day celebration as captioned). We sincerely apologize for this error.

