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# Keeping Up With True Parents

**Hyung-jin nim gave this testimony to the members who came to attend the Holy Spirit Healing Service at Cheon Bok Gung in Seoul on Friday, June 3.**

**B**rothers and sisters, it's a pleasure to see you all again. It's been quite some time since we last met. We've been trying to keep up with True Parents these days, and only today were we able to pull ourselves away. I have felt many things through this opportunity to attend True Parents. In particular, there are many points for me to repent over.

While attending True Parents I was able to poignantly feel how True Parents are truly transcending time and space. Physically, it is tremendously exhausting. It's difficult to imagine how they can carry on with such tremendous power. We are young and striving to exercise every day. We do jeongseong yet end up collapsing, unable to keep up with True Parents. When I consider this reality, and having gone through such hardships, and also seeing the young people around True Parents—including the men who take turns massaging True Father—becoming physically exhausted, I come to feel that our True Mother is so amazing. To be able to do that for fifty years... When I was in Europe I asked the members this: Brothers and sisters, if you were married to God, that would not be easy, right? Truly, there is no other who has loved Father as Mother has.

After taking part in a sixteen-hour hoondokhae our back hurts, our legs hurt; our entire body is in pain. Once in Las Vegas, Father asked me to sit by his feet so I sat there for twelve or thirteen hours and was unable to leave. I was sitting by the wall and so could not move an inch. My back hurt, my stomach hurt and my legs hurt. Once it was over, we could return to our rooms to rest. Yet, True Mother cannot rest.

Even after hoondokhae, or an event, she has to attend True Father twenty-four hours a day. We suffered pain in our backs just from attending one long hoondokhae. Yet True Mother has been doing this for more than fifty years—twenty-four hours every day, loving True Father, unable to rest for a moment. She has had to attend Father. In so doing, she goes beyond herself as a human being. The True Mother who transcends being human was revealed. Let's send our heartfelt applause to True Mother!

While we were trying to keep up with True Parents in

Europe, I wondered how we can attain true peace within. Can we attain true peace by having kindly thoughts within our mind? No we cannot. We may experience provisional or momentary peace or a peaceful state of mind. Yet, fundamental peace cannot emanate from us. Genuine peace can be created only by that person who can eliminate the bitter resentment, pain, and suffering that has separated humankind from God. There is a difference between true peace and simply having a tranquil or peaceful heart.

To be honest with you, when I followed True Father, remaining at his side for the whole day, I did not have a peaceful heart, even when I went up those high mountains or viewed the calm waters of the ocean. During hoondokhae, we are not listening with a carefree heart to comforting words from True Father. We are actually tense as we listen to what he says. And we do listen intensely.

When I am going around with True Parents, I do not know when I might be scolded. That is why in some way I am constantly feeling tension. Fundamental peace—not just a peaceful mind—is created from the context of our relationship with God, from the context of our life, and the purpose of our eternal life. It is Christ who gives us that fundamental peace.

When we go in front of God we do not just find peace in our hearts. We may also tremble and experience fear. We will be very tense. Now I know why all the angels have white hair. [Laughter] They feel tension, even in heaven. Even in the heavenly world, I'm sure we will feel some stress. [Laughter] There will still be much to do in heaven. Yes or no? Yet, fundamentally, you will find peace, love, grace and blessing flowing forth from God's heart. It's a paradox. You feel that when you attend True Parents.

A couple of days ago, many of our members endured sixteen hours of hoondokhae. There was also one Christian pastor that day and he said, Rev. Moon is God. [Hyung-jin nim laughs] For him to say that is remarkable. God's existence can be felt through True Parents who are in the flesh. We have to repent when we hear such words....

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**Left:** Father and Hyung-jin nim are welcomed by forty-day workshop participants in Yeosu **Right:** Father leads a song about rowing a boat that includes stock gestures that many Korean members know, during hoondokhae in Yeosu.

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*Correction for the May issue: We miscaptioned the back page photograph. It was taken on the River Thames, in London, England. Our apologies.*

**Cover Photo:** True Parents with sons Kook-jin and Hyung-jin at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on the Day of All True Things, June 2;  
**Back Cover:** At the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Farm in Kona, Hawaii, on June 12

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# Our True Dwelling Place

Excerpts from what Father said during hoondokhae on June 4, 5, and 6 in Yeosu, Korea

## June 4

True love will always reside in that person who knows true love, a person who knows its principles. You have to know that.... A few days ago, I reached the conclusion that people are unable to trust the God of Night or the God of Day. Because the false parent came into being, and created all that, people have been unable to trust the person known as the true God. What was missing? The original Principle had been missing. There had been no object partners to God who could explain the Principle in such a way as to claim it as their own.

The True Parents cannot be known. Even the God of Night is seen as false. The God of Day is also seen as false. The Fall in the Garden of Eden was that they did not unite centering on the Principle. That is the Fall. You have to understand that....

You would not dislike the person who, centering on true love, is your wife, even if you remained with her for eternity. You should never leave her. You must be with her forever. In terms of the principles of true love and the rules and principles related with the person whom you call your wife, that wife is the one and only person that is fit to be your wife. It would be the same for your father and for your sons and daughters.

A couple of days ago, I talked all day long before concluding. What have I been centered on in my life up to this day? It is the Principle. Before my original mind can talk about eternal love, it must only know one thing—that love. It is the Principle that will remain with that love forever and remain as yours and mine for all eternity, wherever we may go. Those Principle rules—the principles and laws of creation that God applied in His creation—still remain. Yet, the substance of the Principle, the subject partner in the Principle and the object partner in the Principle have all been distorted. If there are true sons, true daughters, or parents, they should be together for eternity. They should not leave one another's side. Do you understand? [Yes.] I have been able to survive to this day in this chaotic, disorderly world because the Principle is unchanging.

Even in a world of hell, the original substance of the Principle can exist everywhere. Wherever it is, it is one. It cannot exist as two. In my eyes, the Principle rule is one. One who relates with another person and unites with his or her counterpart will not grow weary of that person even if one has to look upon him or her for eternity. If we are talking about a

university, that principle applies when loving that university. You must explain this according to the Principle. There is no way to explain the Principle just centering on oneself. The Principle existed from the outset. Do you understand? It originally existed. The quality of "trueness" existed from the outset....

Even if you looked at the Principle for tens of millions of years or for hundreds of billions of years, you would want to see it again, to be its embodiment. You can never be separated from it. If you are separated, your own being will become a dark hell. Whatever you try to foresee, there is the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self. I left out the words "cosmic assembly," but all these words are included in the title. Is the "Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind" there? They are the owners who dwell inside the Principle itself, those who can be the owner of the Principle....

The Principled way and non-Principled way cannot exist together. A non-Principled way cannot even become the shadow of a model for existence....

God became the father but did not have a wife or children. How can they be together? There was no day when the God of Night, the God of Day and True Parents could be at that place where countless families and monarchs died....

If there is an incarnation [substantiation] of the Principle, it must be eternal, but it is not yet eternal until that embodiment appears. We can conclude that no matter how hard we work in our life, we will all die. Where is our dwelling place? It is in heaven. The homeland and hometown wherein God resides. God, His wife and children had been unable to find that dwelling place. The Principle must first be there if it is to be substantiated. The God of Night was unable to see the Principle actualized.

The history of creation has never once seen the perfection or completion of the laws of the Principle. I know that if I am unable to manage this before I reach the age of 104, I will be considered a failure....

A day or two ago, Hoon-mo nim visited me with Shin-gil.<sup>1</sup> She was teaching him. Such a time has come. I have eliminated

<sup>1</sup> Hyo-jin nim's first son with Nan-sook Hong. He ascended to the spirit world in December 2005.



the boundaries within the spirit world. The spirits can come and live on the earth instead of living in heaven. You can only give your children, grandchildren, sons and daughters in marriage on the earth. You cannot do so in the spirit world. You cannot multiply in the spirit world. That is why your ancestors are all watching the earth. If all those who went to the other world could return to the earth they should hold their marriage ceremony again. People who already received the blessing in the past can just go to the spirit world and live there. When spirits come to earth, they should be given the blessing and engrafted to True Parents' lineage. By doing so, those among your ancestors who lived alone can become in-laws with their sons and daughters that are even several thousand generations apart. It's possible.

What's the age difference between Hyun-shil Kang and her husband? Its 1,560 and something years. She is leading a married life with someone who is more than 1,560 years older than she! Now those people who did not marry and are without child living in that kingdom can return to earth, and receive the blessing again. We now will enter an age when such people can adopt a child here and then return to the other world to truly become someone's ancestor. You have to know this. That is why the question is this: Are you united with the substantiation of the Principle or not? That position<sup>2</sup> of relating with the subject in the Principle will remain even after thousands and billions of years have passed, for eternity.

## June 5

...The well-known Little Angels and the Universal Ballet, whose standard is world renowned, should convey the tradition to our children who are receiving their education.... The Little Angels' school will increase in fame. A time will come when parents who have children enrolled at the Little Angels' school<sup>3</sup> will promote the school while going on a historic tour of the world with their children—with those children being educated there. Those children will, from now, learn from my teaching materials and textbooks. If their parents do not know this, they will become pitiable parents. It is the tradition that is used to raise the people of one's nation and the world—the tradition of the history of heaven shall be connected from the individual to the family, tribe, and nation....

Now you should all become tribal messiahs. There is nothing else you need to do. There is no need to do witnessing somewhere else....

I connected and blessed everything—from such issues as the world, to heaven and earth and the spirit world—in order to align all of the history of heaven and earth and bring it beyond all obstacles. Everything has been finished.

## June 6

Looking back now, the past has been terrible. Yet, without that, if you were unable to become those who can measure that against the terrible things of today, there would be no path in front of you or protective fence on your way. There would be no path. You would be alone. What would you do? Has God, the True Parent, or the Messiah come? Who will help them? Your mothers and fathers are standing behind. I must stand in the front. There is nobody who will set up a protective fence in front of me and hold the keys to open the gates. Even if I want to do more than that, no one has taught me how. I have already shown you the path that leads to the nation after you overcome your personal challenges. I've done the cosmic assemblies for the safe settlement. You have to climb over the obstacles. There

2 That is, as an object partner

3 The colloquial name for the Sunhwa Arts Middle and High School

is no need to stay in the rear.

Ladies and gentlemen, as the master of the spiritual and physical worlds, and a founder of a religion, I have dedicated my entire life to attaining the final accomplishment. Yet, the world of religion and the physical world have yet to be united. The spirit world and physical world are divided. I will tell you the comprehensive conclusion that I made effort to reach in order to bring fulfillment and conclusion through the assemblies for the sake of the Cain-type and Abel-type worlds. That is the final conclusion. There is no error. Such work could not be done until now in the course of history. Until now, everything remained symbolic, like drawing pictures or dancing, and the fundamental and historical background behind it could not be seen. Such content has never been known before....

There have never been tribal messiahs or their federation on the world level before. We need to have them....

[Reading some parts from his speech:] "The ongoing project to build undersea tunnels between Korea and Japan and across the Bering Strait, which I have proclaimed to all the world, will be spearheaded by religious leaders on a worldwide scale and completed in attendance to our liberated God." World peace? There might have been a world UN in history but it is all a fallacy. "In this world, atheism and communism, which deny God's existence, will be discarded...." Communism must be eliminated. It must be discarded. I am saying we should not keep it. It must be discarded, and we must build "the world that God originally envisioned, where all people can freely communicate in harmony."

Communication between individuals will grow into a massive network in harmony, where all peoples will be connected. Thus, they will be able to work together to build a world of harmonious communication where they become one with me. Did anybody know that everything would be brought to an end through this single concept of "harmonious communication"? Communicate in harmony. God originally envisioned a world where all people can freely communicate in harmony. But that path of communication was severed. Well? God was there and before the Fall Adam and Eve could communicate with Him. Centering on God, a world would have been created where all people could freely communicate in harmony, and the world would have been complete. Did anybody know that? These are the concluding words of my speech....

Did you know about the God of Night? Did you know or not? You dunces. You were not aware of the God of Night or the God of day. You didn't know that the God of Day and Night were divided from that fallen evil parent. "The historical conflict and strife experienced by the four great representative kings—that is to say, the God of Night, the God of Day, the King of Kings, and the True Parent—which arose because the first ancestors fell, has finally been completely resolved by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind." The process of liberation has been concluded. There is nothing more to do. It has finally been completely resolved by the True Parents of Heaven, earth and Humankind.

Is everything completed by just holding onto the True Parent? If you become the children of the True Parent, you wouldn't worry about your homework, but you would call God "Father" as you guide Him along. If you do, even God will follow you. The Father of the ideal of creation has been unable to practice the things that the children like to do. In a position of having completed the creation,<sup>4</sup> the son takes the lead in doing things that even God does not know about. **STW**

4 This refers to Adam and Eve perfecting their love and fulfilling the purpose of creation.



# From Korea to the World

*This is the thirty-second installment in our series. It continues coverage, begun in our last issue, of the first world tour, which True Father carried out in 1965. Drawn almost exclusively from True Parents' Life Course (참부모님 생애 노정) these snippets from Father's speeches from or about that time permit insights into the providential significance of the undertaking and his experiences on his travels.*

**W**hy did I carry out a global tour? You know about the holy grounds, don't you? I did the tour in order to distribute worldwide the standard of success that I have established so far. The mission I have accomplished in Korea is the standard I have set up centering on Korea, and I needed to convey that to the world's people.

When I select a holy ground, it is to be in a condition similar to that of heaven and earth before the Fall. It is also similar to the condition of all things during the period before the creation of humankind. If there is a holy ground, the angels can cooperate with God in the creation of Adam, which is how the foundation on which the spirit world can work on earth can be established. When the children of God, who have the victorious realm of Adam in the position of Abel and the standard of heart before the Fall, are sent to those holy grounds, the re-creation of the substance of the word and the beginning of the standard of heart can be achieved centering on them. That is why I am trying to send out missionaries worldwide as quickly as possible.

The holy grounds were established between December 31, 1964 and January 4, 1966. The establishment of the holy grounds had to involve three different years. The selection and establishment of a holy ground is done according to the principle of restoration through indemnity, based on God's laws of creation. After God created the universe, He created Adam and Eve. Through Adam and Eve, He connected everything that He had created to Himself.

## **People who accompanied True Father**

When I established the holy grounds, Ms. Won-pok Choi,<sup>1</sup> Miss Young-oon Kim<sup>2</sup> and Mr. Bong-choon Choi were with me. From the point of view of God's will, Mr. Choi represented the Eve country, Japan, and Miss Kim represented the United States, the world-level archangel nation.<sup>3</sup> Because this made a four-position foundation centering on the Adam nation, these four people<sup>4</sup> did the global tour together. A man represented the Eve country, and a woman represented the archangel country. Everything seemed to be the wrong way around. But when you look, this is symbolically aligned with the internal Adam and Eve.

Later, when you go to the spirit world, you will have a chance to feel what I felt during the world tour. What I did mostly at the time was visit the nation's government buildings and museums, to try to observe the connection between their history and their current sovereignty. As I toured around the world, I mainly visited such places, choosing the holy grounds. I placed the stones and earth I had brought from Korea at the corners of the holy grounds and I brought back stones and earth from those nations.

What do the earth and stones signify? God did not lose only Adam through the Fall; the whole world was seized by Satan. However, now the base for God to recover the world exists; the age when we can recover the earth has arrived. Because of this, the earth and the stones at the holy grounds have become the foundation God needs to dwell on earth. You need to understand that this is why I proclaimed the holy grounds.

We are connecting Korean earth to these holy grounds. We are planting Korean earth and stones in them. These symbolize the human mind and body. The earth represents the body;

1 The mother of the current Korean church president, Joon-ho Seuk

2 Our first missionary to the United States; she and Choi Won-pok were Ewha University professors fired for joining our church.

3 Before becoming the eldest-son nation, the U.S. was the archangel nation.

4 Father is apparently including himself in this number.





**After creating the holy ground on Mount Nebo in Jordan; As did Moses of old, Father is looking toward the biblical land of Canaan. In the 46 years since that day, True Parents have opened the way to the Promised Land for all humankind.**

the stone represents the bone. (The rock is also the symbol of Jesus.) They symbolize heaven and earth.

#### **Ceremony dedicating holy stones**

Summary of the Prayer:<sup>5</sup> I dedicate to You the stones and earth brought from a hundred and twenty holy grounds in forty nations, symbolizing heaven and earth, so please accept them as the condition of dedicating those forty nations. Through this ceremony, please let all authority come to the side of Heaven, and let the power of the satanic world crumble.

<sup>5</sup> This ceremony was conducted on January 27, 1966, after Father returned to Korea from the world tour. Our Korean source book has only a summary of the prayer.

[Afterward, True Father gave a thousand won to each of the districts in Seoul.] Put this money in a bank, as if you were saving it in my name. Every month, at least twelve people should add something to this bank account, and no one should take anything out.

You cannot go past this stage without putting aside some money in the bank. If no one else is there, the church leader should do it. By doing that, you set the condition of restoring sacrificial offerings on the world level. I began this global movement from the time of the world tour.

#### **Seventeen European countries**

**(July 9–August 24)**

I prayed in front of the Vatican Palace.<sup>6</sup> “God, after two thousand years, here is a church with over 600 million members. However, when I think about what will become of them, I cannot but feel anxious. Let the countless separate denominations be united, as is Your wish, Heavenly Father.”

#### **The Middle East leg**

During the world tour, I travelled through the Middle East region—through Jordan, Israel and Syria and took a good look at them because I wanted to find out how the spirit world had been moving in the background in those nations.

When I visited Egypt, which at the time was under military authority under Nasser.<sup>7</sup>... Because I could not discover how much they had developed industrially in their capital city, Cairo, I visited Alexandria, which was about a hundred miles from Cairo. Based on my observations there, I thought to myself that they had nothing to boast of. At the time, Egypt was ten or twenty years behind Israel.

#### **The Jerusalem holy ground (August 31, 1965)**

At Jesus’ tomb, you will see people from all races visiting and starting to cry, quite unexpectedly, and you will feel in your heart, “Oh, this is why he is so great.” Though history passes by, leaving no traces, as you try to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, you will find that your very bone marrow resonates. You will shed oily sweat from deep within you, and you will face him with a very serious heart that fills your very being. In light of this, we cannot

deny that Jesus is indeed a great figure and the son of God.

In Jerusalem, I found plaques marking the points where Jesus stumbled and fell on his way up Golgotha. As I walked up that hill and saw the twelve places where Jesus had stumbled, I thought, So this is the path of indemnity Jesus walked.

At those places I prayed, “How heartbreaking Jesus’ situation was at that bleak time, two thousand years ago, when he was starting out on his new heavenly mission in the middle of a desert wilderness! I understand that Heaven disregarded the larger, richer nations and came to this insignificant and exceedingly dry land of Israel in order to dispel, even a day more

<sup>6</sup> The papal residence in the Vatican

<sup>7</sup> Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of Egypt 1956–1970





**Left: August 31, 1965: Father arrives in Jordan. Khosrof Abdallah Mudabber (in uniform, with his family) met the church in the U.S. just before Father arrived there. He recognized Father as Christ and prepared everything for him in Jordan. Right: In Rome at the Circus Maximus (Roman sports arena); at back is Barbara Burrowes, who had joined the church in Italy earlier that year.**



quickly, the bitter resentment that impedes the restoration of this people, because You had no alternative." Anyone who visits that place feels naturally compelled to comfort Jesus.

Half the land there is desert. Israeli grape vines are only about an arm's span in height. The heat of the sun in the day-time shrivels about a third of the vines. However, as hot as it is in the day, heavy dew falls both at night and in the morning, which revives the plants. Just as the plants that grow in Israel wait for the early morning dew, the Jewish people are waiting for dawn. I could clearly feel that they are a people that cry out in prayer to God in the silent hours of the early morning. If you look carefully into their eyes, you'll see that they are full of emotion. The songs they sing with deep emotion are great cries to Heaven, prayers that contain the soul. I felt that this is why history had to start anew from there.

For those Jewish immigrants who have just arrived there, there is temporary housing, which could be called a camp. These people have returned to the land where Abraham was blessed all those years ago, with their ideology of restoration, to restore their sovereignty. When I saw that, I felt that no one could take that ideology away from the people of Israel. Their belief in themselves as the chosen people is strong and complete, regardless of what difficult situations they might find themselves in.

#### **The Syrian holy ground (September 3, 1965)**

It took me over seven hours to choose and establish a holy ground in Syria, which is why the most memorable holy ground in the world is in Syria. When I went there, they were opening an international trade exposition for countries in the East European Bloc, and all the Soviet satellite countries were exhibiting their products. I will never forget the impression I got when I entered the Soviet exhibition center.

We could not select the holy ground during the day, so as I had to select the holy ground at night, it took more time. If a Christian were to stand and pray in the daytime, it would attract too much attention. So I chose to establish the holy ground with the help of a man from Serbia who was sitting next to me. The choosing of that holy ground seems like only yesterday to me. I did it this way because I wanted to find out at what spiritual level the Islamic culture was.

At the time, I prayed, "I will remember this holy ground the most; it is the most impressive and the most wretched one. I am sorry that we could not do this during the day and have had to do it in stealth at night, but I hope that it will bring greater blessings, in the end, to this nation." The Muslim world began to move after that.



**After visiting the Dome of the Rock, built (688–691) by Muslim caliph Abd el-Malik, Father and his entourage with the imam. Kneeling is Mr. Mudabber.**





**Feeding ducks in Germany, where Father created holy grounds in Berlin, Frankfurt and Essen.**

#### **The Asian leg of the tour**

When I travelled around the various countries, if I stayed at one place for two days, I would get a sudden and strong urge to give them everything I had. Once you are connected in heart, everyone becomes a child of God. The value of a human being is not determined by his or her cultural background, historical environment or current status. Such things cannot be deciding factors in the value of a human being. People's value can only be determined when they know heaven and earth, the purpose of heaven, the purpose of earth and their own purpose.

The greatest difficulty I faced in South Asia was the heat. The greatest obstacle to my mission work was the hot weather. I stayed for a week in Calcutta, India, and the temperature topped 41° C. I had to sleep with a fan on, and though I had



**In Venice, Italy; Father created holy grounds in Rome and in the Vatican.**

heard that you can get sick if you do that, I didn't get sick at all. You feel better after taking a nap with the fan on.... Would anyone here volunteer to go there?

#### **In Japan on the return trip**

What is the mission that Japan needs to fulfill on the world level as the Eve nation? No matter what anyone may say, the way for them to succeed is to obey. When they obey completely, they will subjugate completely. When they are won over 100 percent, they will win 100 percent. At that point, we will be able to make a move.

If you love Japan, you need to begin working there immediately. How can you possibly overcome the three great problems facing you, namely the problems of young people, communism and religion? You are in a more difficult situation than if you were in Korea. Koreans are absolutely against communism, so it will be more difficult in Japan than in Korea.

I have no choice but to leave you and go back. Rev. Nishigawa<sup>8</sup> has to go to America. Once he leaves, Mr. Kuboki will need to take full responsibility. In light of this, I want to place great emphasis on the need to strengthen your organization and form closer relationships with one another. Therefore, the most important thing is for you to establish strong communications and good administration within the organization, and to follow well. In short, you first need organization, second solidarity and third action. These are the three factors needed to move the world centering on Japan.<sup>9</sup>

#### **Establishing holy grounds in Korea**

I sent the 124 couples all over Korea and I selected holy



**Mr. Bong-choon Choi and Mrs. Won-pok Choi listen to Father speaking to German members. Young-oon Kim is interpreting.**

<sup>8</sup> This is the Bong-choon Choi mentioned earlier. He was the first missionary to Japan, where he was known as Masaru Nishigawa.

<sup>9</sup> The last holy ground Father established outside Korea was in Taiwan on September 28. Father then travelled to Japan the following day and stayed there for ten days or so before returning to Korea on October 10. He made the last fifteen of the one hundred and twenty holy grounds in Korea between December 8, 1965 and January 1, 1966.





Preparing to bless the holy ground near Brussels, Belgium on August 9; Father is holding red poppies, the country's national flower. At right is Paul Werner.

tries can protect the realm of God's chosen people. Even if they cannot protect people still in the flesh on earth, they give protection to those in the spirit world. We have driven in a marker that enables God to work with us, and made the base from which we are able to fight, in order to establish the starting point for the fight that could bring about success in restoring a people. Like blessed couples, the holy grounds are sanctified, and the spiritual world is able to help in those places.

Since the headquarters church is the central holy ground of the world, it is most effective to pray here. The headquarters church, as the central holy ground, is connected to the holy grounds in forty nations. Even with a history of five thousand years, Korea is yet to have a stable sovereignty, which is why I am ultimately trying to establish a stable Heavenly sovereignty.

Every time I go where we have a church, I pray for the future restoration of the Abel-like foundation. I have chosen the holy grounds based on a providential plan to realize this.

grounds in each location. I told them to focus on the holy ground, unite as a group and go out to fulfill their missions....

I established four large holy grounds in the Seoul area. Including the east, west, south, north, and the central holy ground, plus the holy ground at the headquarters, I made seven in all. In order to connect this victory to the world, I took earth and stones from these seven holy grounds on December 31, 1965 and January 1, 1965 and prepared to travel overseas.... For what reason would I engraft the Korean holy grounds to the whole world? In order to make the world's land into Korean land.

In order to expand this to a new level, I established holy grounds in forty nations during my travels. Although we incurred high expenses, I established holy grounds in those countries and brought earth and stones from them back to Korea. This was required according to God's providence. Nothing like this has been done before in history.

Those one hundred and twenty holy grounds in forty coun-

That is, the establishment of the holy grounds is also laying a base for the restoration of the economy. In each area, we have to give Abel-like financial aid. That's why, in all the countries I went to, I gave a donation in my name. That is becoming an important foundation for making an altar for the restoration of all things.

At the age of forty-five, I travelled around forty nations to select a hundred and twenty holy grounds. Other travelers were laden with cameras, and made a fuss of taking as many pictures as possible when they visited other nations, but I was laden with trunks packed with stones and earth. I travelled around forty nations in search of holy grounds [Father laughs].

Whenever I passed through immigration on my way to and from airplanes, people thought I was a strange man because I carried around stones. Others also carried around heavy luggage, but I was the only one carrying nothing but heavy stones.

Who could have fathomed the real reason for them? They all thought I was crazy. Those holy grounds were selected after undergoing such difficulty, and now they have become the bases whereon all people can offer devotions together in front of Heaven.

When I toured around those nations, it was not an easy time for the Unification Church. In fact, it was a time of trouble and woe. Now, however, they have become the cornerstones and the bases of a new history, haven't they?

The fire must not die out in the one hundred and twenty holy grounds in forty countries. According to the changing seasons you should also take care of these holy grounds. Korea has to become like a broadcasting station and send out spiritual waves to the world. If the waves are sent out from Korea, the holy grounds of the world will receive them and send thanks to Heaven. God has a deep love for these holy grounds; how sorrowful His heart will be if His children don't appear there. **9W**



In Germany. Note that Mr. Bong-choon Choi is holding a home movie camera, used to record the Messiah's historic first global tour.



We all have sin. Even without original sin we commit personal sin or collective sin every day. A person with sin is a sinner. Yet, when they hear this, many people think that because they are sinners they cannot dream, they cannot entertain a vision for their life, and that they have to go through life concealing that. They make the grave mistake of thinking that they must live in hatred of themselves. This is the wrong interpretation.

Self-satisfaction, loving only oneself and hating oneself, all of these are the same thing. If you just love yourself, that is a sin. That was Satan's sin. At the same time if we hate ourselves, that is also a sin. If I love myself and only myself who is my center? It is me. If I hate myself who is the center? It is me. It's the same result. The same person is at the center.

Repentance is not about only loving or hating yourself. That is not repentance. If you are repenting in that way you are mistaken. Repentance does not equal hating yourself. Repentance equals being honest. To be honest with yourself is repentance.

If we are honest with ourselves, what will we discover? We will discover a self-centered person. We will discover a self-centered person who sometimes does good deeds, right? We will discover a jealous person, a person filled with hatred, a person whose mind and body are divided—we will discover all these people within us. Repentance is being honest with ourselves and knowing that we are not perfect.

When we repent we are not focusing the spotlight on ourselves but on God and the son He has sent. Repentance is honesty. It is acknowledging the fact that you are not perfect, that you are capable of hurting God and that you have sin. Yet, you focus the spotlight away from yourself and onto God.

People who repent well, those who do it the right way instead of the wrong way, should not be in despair or in darkness. Once we repent in the true sense we can become brighter people. We become more honest people.

When you participate in the Holy Spirit Healing Service, when you enter this chapel, brothers and sisters, you must come here to die. If we wish to be resurrected we must first die. We do not come here to receive grace; we must come here to die.

That is why Father scolds us, telling us to die. His words are truly profound. Jesus said those who seek to gain their lives will lose them and those who seek to lose their lives shall live.

The reason we can go in the presence of the True Parent, the son sent by God, and to God, even as we die, is not because of our good deeds. It is because of the victory True Parents have attained by paying indemnity throughout their course. When we realize this and truly die for that sake, God can live with us. True Parents can dwell within us. I should say it the other way around: We can dwell within True Parents.

If we die like that and enter into True Parents, when we look at ourselves from God's point of view, God will not see us because we are inside True Parents; God will see True Parents.

Even if we have our shortcomings, sin or anything else, True Parents will embrace us. Thus, God will forgive us and will see us within True Parents' love.

Brothers and sisters, with that mind we must send our vibrations. We must send strength to True Parents, our strength and our energy with a pure mind, pure motivation, and pure heart and with that kind of mind-set.

If we die in that way and are resurrected by the grace of True Parents, God and the Holy Spirit, I believe that we can live an amazing dream, and an amazing life for an amazing purpose. Aju! **TW**

## From Hyung-jin Nim to Hyun-jin Nim

This April, in his position as international president of our church, Hyung-jin nim wrote a letter to his older brother Hyun-jin nim as part of the legal process aimed at resolving misunderstanding and putting things to right. *Today's World* asked for and received permission to include some parts of the letter in this issue.

April 8, 2011

My dear brother Hyun Jin (*hyung*)<sup>1</sup> Moon:

It is heart wrenching to write to you under these circumstances. When I was in high school you were my role model and father figure. The treasures of love that you shared with me then, I still hold dear to my heart. Much has happened since I was a teenager and presently it grieves me to see us, as a family and a church, in so much suffering. As you always taught us as your younger brothers, we must be "vertically aligned" with God and our True Parents. This teaching is principled and true. It torments my heart to see a brother who provided such precious teachings forget that core. You and I are nothing without our True Parents and I believe with all my might that you know this to be true, deep in your heart. Please heed the cries of that conscience.

I am in no way perfect. I never claim to be and never will make such a claim. We are all sinners before the glory of God and our True Parents. We are allowed to come before God not because of our deeds, actions or accomplishments, but rather because of the indemnity, suffering, and tortures that our True Parents endured for such unworthy souls as us. Let us repent together as brothers recognizing our unworthiness before our perfect Father in Heaven and our True Parents and end this anguish. Let us tearfully kneel down in humility, repentance and in desperation call out for forgiveness and grace. Let us turn from our self-love and love the only one worthy of being loved—God and his substantial representatives, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, your and my parents and saviors.

According to the direction of our True Parents, I am writing again to follow up on the August 11, 2010 letter sent to you by the leaders of the Unification Church, including myself. In that letter, among other requests, we asked you to refrain from diverting the assets of Unification Church International to your own projects and recognize that those assets are held in trust for the Unification Church.

*[Hyung-jin nim then itemized some of the actions that were not approved by True Parents, and requests that the UCI board of directors, including its chairman, resign. In conclusion he wrote:]*

I long for the day when we can praise God and the True Parents together, weep together, forgive one another and joyfully repent, in the awe of God's grace which we do not deserve. I pray that we all may remember the teachings of a great brother who taught the world to be "vertically aligned" to God and our True Parents and to be filial children of a proud tradition. I end, sending praise and love to God and the True Parents with a heartfelt cry of "Chambumonim Okmansai!" and pray this heart spreads throughout the entire universe.

I love you always and you are in my prayers.

Your brother,

Hyung Jin Moon

1 Meaning "older brother"



# Mother of Heaven and Earth: My Mother

By Yeon-ah Lee

*Yeon-ah nim is the wife of  
International President Hyung-jin Moon*

**B**rothers and sisters, good morning! I am very happy and pleased to see our members again after so many months. I was just outside and saw that a charity bazaar is being held. I hope that everyone enjoys it.

As you all already know, True Parents were victorious in concluding the Cosmic Assemblies for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self in Europe and the United States and are scheduled to return to Korea this afternoon along with the international president. I arrived a couple of days ago. It is a great honor for me, unworthy as I am, to stand before our members today.

Through the tour in Europe, I had the opportunity to attend True Parents at their side with Rev. Hyung-jin Moon. Being at their side I was able to see how much jeongseong True Parents offered in preparing for each event. Once True Father brought his speech and read it to us and said, "You two, do you know how many times I have read this speech? Yet, when I read it again I always discover something new in it." True Father offers jeongseong on a daily basis and regards the word as precious. I was repeatedly made to reflect on how much and with how much appreciation I have accepted that speech.

True Father did not even sleep at night and continued to push himself in a superhuman way. I have often thought that he travels between the spirit world and physical world and transcends time and space.

Through this opportunity I was able to reflect deeply about True Mother, who lives in attendance of Father. With the idea of being able to share a brief testimony about True Mother, though it will have its limitations, I have prepared my sermon under the theme, "Mother of Heaven and Earth, My Mother."

True Mother is introduced in True Father's autobiography. But I think it would be impossible to testify about True Mother's life in just the thirty minutes that I have. That is why I would like to limit my testimony to three themes. We have seen True Mother at events many times. I hope that by my sharing a number of anecdotes with you today, we can think about True Mother's internal life.

These are my three topics: I will talk about True Mother who attends True Father with utmost sincerity. I will talk about how much Mother loves the True Children, and I will talk about how much she loves our members.



Photos courtesy of Korean Culture Department



One elderly lady member gave a testimony about a time when she was in her thirties. On seeing True Mother from a distance she had vaguely thought "I envy True Mother. I wish I were in her place." This member said that she thought about this over several years as she attended the church. Then one day she had a dream in which True Father was presiding over a large meeting. Father was speaking his words of grace to a room packed with women. The meeting came to an end and people began to leave one at a time. This member was also about to leave when she saw True Mother waving to her, beckoning her to come. Thinking that True Mother was calling her, she approached True Mother. True Mother grabbed her hand and told her, "I'm actually very lonely. I am going through a very difficult time." The member said that this dream served as a turning point for her in thinking about True Mother's course. She said that she realized that she should not perceive True Mother just externally but that she should consider what kind of course True Mother must have gone through internally.

I would like to first talk about how much True Mother loves and attends True Father. Let us read from page 44<sup>1</sup> of Cheon Seong Gyeong. "Suppose that God, who is omnipotent, all-knowing, and controls all of heaven and earth, were here. With His power, He could blow away Mt. Taebek and put a hole through the earth. Do you think you could survive watching such a God? So it is good that God is invisible. If He were visible, you would have a nervous breakdown and you could not survive for even an hour." If this is the case, how do you think True Mother feels as she attends True Father, who lives as God's vessel? When we take part in hoondokhae with True Parents, we are so exhausted throughout the day. Yet, True Mother has lived at True Father's side for more than fifty years while maintaining the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

True Mother was prepared by Heaven and came from a household that had been Christian for three generations. On that foundation of jeongseong, she was married to True Father at the young, lovely age of seventeen. In following the path of God's will, True Mother submitted completely to True Father's guidance. She cut all her ties with her relatives and thought only of True Father and God's providence. Thus, in the early years, Soon-ae Hong, Dae-mo nim,<sup>2</sup> was prohibited from using the main door to True Parents' residence. In the early years of our church, after the Holy Wedding, True Mother had to go through a three-year indemnity course by living at a member's house away from True Father. After delivering a baby, she had to warm her frigid body in a cold room. This aspect of True Mother's history is mentioned in True Father's autobiography.

When True Parents are in their living room, I sometimes see True Mother clip True Father's nails as he lays in her lap when he is tired. In True Father's autobiography



there is the part where Father says that although his toenails are his own, he can't see them very well.

Since the early years of our church, we have seen how much affection True Parents have for each other. We have also seen True Mother take the role of True Father's life-long hairdresser, taking it upon herself to dye and trim True Father's hair. Isn't that such a beautiful image?

Next, I have seen True Mother expressing deep love toward the True Children. In True Father's autobiography, he briefly explains that True Mother has given birth to fourteen children. "While it was difficult for her to raise fourteen children over the course of over forty years, she never complained.... Once a member wrote

me about her [Mother's] difficult financial situation. There was concern over whether she was getting sufficient nutrition. Even then, my wife never complained about her difficulty."

The story of how the last four True Children were born within five years, and through cesarean section, is quite well known. In those days, if you gave birth to a child through cesarean section, you would have to have the same operation for any children you gave birth to after that. Under those circumstances, True Mother put her life on the line in order to give birth to enough children to match the providential number of children that should be born. In those later days, True Mother's doctor said that having any more babies was too dangerous. He was not a member and was not Korean. The physician said that Father was like a barbarian and strongly objected to True Father about Mother giving birth to more children. Yet, True Mother's strong resolve changed the physician's mind and thus she was able to complete her providential responsibility as True Mother, even at the risk of her life.

Even though Mother was very busy while she was overseas in other countries, she would take the time to buy postcards and write letters to each of the True Children. When it was one of the children's birthdays, True Mother would always remember to write a message of blessing in the card, bring it to Father and have him write the date and the child's name in Chinese characters on the envelope before sending it. When she was away, she would always remember to call the True Children and ask them how they were doing.

True Parents had to send off to the spirit world four of those dear children that Mother had given birth to. Three sons and one daughter have passed away. Even when they had to bear that cross, True Father made it clear that they could not blemish the seunghwa with their tears. Thus, True Mother was in the position of never being able to fully express her tears, to disclose or show her innermost heart to others. Once when True Mother saw a photo of a child that had passed away hanging on the wall, she comforted the parent saying "When Heung-jin passed away, I packed away all his photos and personal belongings within a few days. You should do the same."

Our international president recalled, "I lost my beloved older brother Young-jin.



**Yeon-ah nim gave this talk for Sunday service at Cheon Bok Gung, on May 29**

1 Page 52 in the English version

2 Mother's mother: her earthly name and the title Father bestowed on her after her ascension.





**HAWAII, JUNE 12** Left: True Parents at the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Farm in Kona. Father said that this coffee from Kona should be exported worldwide; Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim are managing the business; Right: Hyung-jin nim, Sun-jin nim, senior staffer Bu-tae Kim and others look on as Mother puts a necklace with five turtle pendants (signifying long life) around Father's neck.

I will never forget the day that True Mother called me and Kook-jin hyung to her room to inform us of Young-jin hyung's death, saying in a composed manner 'Young-jin is gone. You should brace yourselves to deal with this in your hearts.'

Many of the True Children gathered for the recent Hoover Dam-Las Vegas proclamation rally in the United States. I think it was the first time in recent years that so many of the children had been together. I remember how moved I was when I saw all of them in a small room discussing True Parents' wellbeing and how the church might attain healthy growth in the future. I sat in the back of the room by myself looking at each of the True Children and thinking what a blessed day had come. I was truly grateful that they could be with True Parents.

Finally, I would like to speak about how, while being at her side, I was able to see how much True Mother loves the mem-

bers.

In Father's autobiography, he mentions that Mother remembered the name of each missionary for whom she was packing goods to send. Observing her at her side, I have found that she has not changed at all in that respect. Sometimes she calls over her daughters-in-law or leaders and asks, "Who is working hard these days?" She gives us something for the hard-working member and says, "Take care of that person." I have seen how she can be so considerate of others. When Father was in Danbury, she visited Father every day with the heart of entering the prison with True Father. During that time, she led the members in hoondok reading and received reports and encouraged members. Many of the members in the United States even now testify that they were able to revive in their lives of faith because they saw True Mother offering jeong-seong for True Father while he was in prison.

There were a lot of memorable incidents during the speaking tour. I will share one with you. We had been unable to prepare a proclamation event in Greece. When Father arrived and came to know about this, he instructed that an event should be prepared even though there were only two blessed families. Father gave instructions to organize a rally in just one day! Our members in Europe began preparations under those hectic circumstances.

Father was actually at a restaurant when he gave these instructions. We had already ordered food and it was being served but Father left without eating it, saying that eating was not important at this time. He then gathered the leaders and gave instructions. At that time, Father was very angry. True Mother absorbed the brunt of his providential wrath. Nobody was able to say anything to Father. Despite the circumstances, I saw True Mother embracing the church leaders and other members. After the event concluded successfully, Father explained that he had had to hold a rally in Greece, which was the origin of Greek religions.<sup>3</sup> Father blessed Greece, saying that in the future, hundreds and thousands of people would join there. As I was reminded again, I believe that before Father gives a great blessing, he always gives trials and tests us in order to strengthen us.

<sup>3</sup> Father also mentioned that Greece was at the root of European culture.



**Hoondokhae in Hawaii, June 12; next to Father is Sun-jin nim.**



Sometimes certain people that I know of would tell True Mother that she must provide them with a lot of material goods, saying that they were going to hold a joint prayer for True Father. Some elder members would say in a threatening voice that if Mother didn't provide this, they might die. I have seen Mother with such members, facing that kind of difficult situation, but unable to express anger or reject them. Though she is not seen, Mother takes care of members. She invited members to visit her who had been imprisoned in a Southeast Asian country due to religious persecution and listened to their stories. I have seen True Mother going to places, taking care of the members where Father had wished to give even more, being like a bridge, so that Father's love could travel farther distances and be expressed more fully.

In 1960, when she was seventeen years old, she married Father in their Holy Wedding. They were in the position of father and daughter. Since that time, Mother has upheld the purity of her faith. On April 10, 1992, through the Women's Federation for World Peace Inaugural Rally, Mother was elevated to the position of True Mother, at True Father's side. It was in 2003 that she was officially allowed to rise from the position of offering a full bow to True Father to one of receiving people's full bows alongside him. Throughout her life, and until she ultimately fulfills her providential responsibility, True Mother, who will be seventy next year, has shown us how she has trod this turbulent path and brought victory.

In the proclamation in 1999, True Father presented an award to True Mother that says, True Mother "fulfilled the mission of a true child in front of Heaven, the mission of a true wife in front of her husband and the mission of a true parent in front of her children."

Dear brothers and sisters, one thing is clear. True Mother's authority comes from True Father. True Mother retains the value of the restored Eve and has been victorious on the course of paying indemnity to resolve, and liberate people from, the bitter resentment that has been held by all women for six thousand years. Somebody who once attended Mother at Cheongpa-dong told me, "The True Mother that I have seen up close is someone who has endured and has been victorious over all kinds of sorrow and grief in her heart, and trials, tribulations and threats which all the women of the world have had to endure." On April 29, 2010, at the Coronation for the Establishment of the Abel UN and Golden Wedding Anniversary, True Parents held a Holy Wedding in the position of God's substantial self. Thus, True Mother is in the position of simultaneously being True Father's wife and God's wife.

If we truly love True Father, we should surely value and love True Mother, because according to Heaven's providential program, the two are one as the True Parents. True Mother is the mother of heaven and earth; she is also our mother—my mother, who has enabled all of us to be reborn through the Holy Spirit. Since we are all True Mother's children, anything that pains her heart and hurts her would cause even greater pain in our hearts. We must love, value and respect our mother. We should not forget that True Mother is the mother of heaven and earth and at the same time our own mother from whom we were born.



Closely linked in Switzerland during the speaking tour in mid-May

I find that I must hold back tears when I reflect on a brief conversation I had with True Mother during the magnificent celebration of True Parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary. Having the opportunity to spend some time alone with Mother, I asked her, "Mother, there is something of a group of daughters-in-law to which I belong, but who do *you* talk to and find comfort from when you go through hard times, when your heart is in pain, and when you are in a situation where you cannot even share that with Father?" I watched as Mother began to cry, her tears flowing at hearing these words from such a young daughter-in-law. Seeing her crying like that was so much in contrast with the Mother we see at magnificent celebrations. I cried by myself after that incident.

Whenever True Father is lonely, angry or disappointed in us and in humanity, True Mother is always at his side. True Mother is the one who will steadfastly be at Father's side in the future and forevermore. To paraphrase from Father's autobiography, True Mother is "truly a kind and beautiful person. My wife and only True Mother, Hak Ja Han." **TW**



Yeon-ah nim's June 11 tweet: Father was eating papaya, and gave it to Mother, saying "For you, Mother!" Mother laughed as she accepted it, which made everyone else laugh. True Parents, eog mansei!

Photos courtesy of Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim





# Heralding True Parents' Providential Accomplishment

By Joon-ho Seuk

**T** rue Parents traveled across the world with hearts desiring to give rebirth to humanity, completely disregarding their physical limitations. They conveyed words of life, words of love, words of rebirth.

In the hoondokhae session held on the day after the event in Korea, right before their departure, True Father showed his boundless compassion and love for humanity by declaring that True Parents would do their utmost to establish "a world of harmonious communication and mutual understanding" as God had originally envisioned in His ideal, and that they would not give up on anyone but would educate every person on earth until each one could reach that original standard. They went on to emphasize that all human beings must be able to return to the original homeland. True Parents set out to meet the people of the world with the heart of parents yearning keenly to restore their lost children.

True Parents world tour course to ten nations began with a conference in Korea and extended over eight countries in Europe,<sup>1</sup> finally ending with the convention in Las Vegas. It was carried out with such solemn resolution and determination, and I cannot help feeling truly grateful for its successful conclusion. How difficult it must have been for True Father, who has seen more than ninety winters, to overcome long hours in airplanes, differences in time zones and climate, in addition to giving long speeches to large audiences! It is a schedule that would be challenging even for a young and healthy person.

When soccer players or other athletes are scheduled to compete in other countries, they need to arrive at the site a few days earlier to adapt themselves to the environment in order to do well in the competition. It is logical and natural to do so. As you may know, however, True Parents have lived their whole lives in anxiety and tension, counting every second, and they have always overturned ordinary ways way of thinking and behavior and worked at the forefront in spite of adverse circumstances. Theirs have been lives of sublime sacrifice that

move us to tears, and we cannot help feeling put to shame by their painful life courses.

Now, however, True Parents have completed, perfected and concluded their ultimate unity and fulfilled all of their responsibilities and missions on earth. On the foundation of having achieved everything, they have been firmly established with authority and prestige as the King of Kings and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. As the substantial embodiments of God, they are personally governing us and speaking to us. The final and ultimate declaration that can complete their great and noble work and conclude the history of the providence of restoration and establish the Cheon Il Guk ideal is the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement



True Parents at the event in Las Vegas on May 21, presenting a \$50,000 donation to the Salvation Army

of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self.

Having completely and ultimately fulfilled the providence, what remains for True Parents now is to make their declaration on January 13, 2013, Foundation Day.<sup>2</sup> They are offering jeongseong and investing all their effort for that day of hopes and dreams. We should also be doing our utmost, looking straight ahead and marching forward with all our being. **STW**

*Dr. Seuk is the international vice-president of the Unification Church. This was taken from a prepared speech he gave in Seoul not long after True Parents returned to Korea after their speaking tour.*

1 Turkey, one of the eight, is often said to straddle Europe and the Middle East. In Las Vegas, before the tour, Father said of the speech he would give in Europe, "It has everything about the spiritual and physical worlds that I will teach to the whole world." During the same hoondokhae session, Father held a ceremony to bequeath that speech to Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim.

2 In Korean, *Kiwon Jeol*, literally, Day of the Origin





# Germany Reborn

By Dieter Schmidt

A dream came true for Germany. For German brothers and sisters, it was a very intense and long struggle to overcome the Schengen ban, which had prevented True Parents from entering not only Germany but also all other European countries that had signed the Schengen treaty. I regret this very much. After a long legal battle, we were internally so desperate and determined to win; we started a national condition of heart. In every possible way we expressed to God our desire to bring True Parents back to Germany and Europe. Shortly after offering these conditions, a miracle happened: the Supreme Court fully agreed to lift the ban, applying the constitutional law for religious freedom. This year, True Parents entered Germany on May 16 without immigration even checking their passports.

Preparations to welcome the Little Angels in Berlin had started in March. When I heard about True Parents' upcoming world tour, I immediately felt that they should come at the same time to Berlin. Is there a better "John the Baptist" than the Little Angels for True Parents? I was sure that their performance could greatly help to change the negative image of True Father in Germany. The combination of a pure-hearted professional performance given by young girls would open the German people's hearts toward True Father.

True Parents stayed at the renowned Adlon Hotel, a symbol of German unity, situated on the east side of the Brandenburg Gate. In 1965, True Father had prayed on the west side of the gate for German unification. Now, he could experience the ful-

fillment of his prayer.

Heaven had prepared a very special venue for the event as well. We had signed contracts with two theaters that just a few weeks before had both been cancelled. It seemed impossible to find another place in so short a time. But then, thanks to God and the spirit world, we found the Tempodrom, which is much bigger in size and was available not only for the performance of the Little Angels but also for True Father's address, which we wanted to have the following day. When I saw the venue from the outside, my heart was moved and inspired. The roof looks like a crown. This is the crown God wants to give the True Parents at the end of the European tour, I thought.

In 1987, many European brothers and sisters came to Berlin to demonstrate against the Berlin Wall. Under Hyo-jin nim's leadership, we held the largest demonstration against the wall in the history of Germany. The persecution at that time was immense from all political parties, from communists as well as from Christians and the media. This time we did not have any persecution. To the contrary, we received congratulatory messages from the mayor of Berlin, from former chancellor (1982–1998) Dr. Helmut Kohl and from acting President Christian Wulff. All of them praised the Little Angels and wished them much success, knowing that Rev. Sun Myung Moon is their founder. What a miracle!

The biggest challenge for us was to fill the hall, which holds three thousand seats, on two consecutive days. We announced

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The amphitheater on May 19, when Father spoke; the Little Angels had performed at the same venue the day before.



# Walking With True Parents

Photographic tweets by Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim

Photos courtesy of Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim



May 31: Father has no trouble using any machine; here Father uses an iPhone to view photographic reports on worldwide distribution of his autobiography. Dear members, thanks for all your hard work! True Parents, Eog-mansei!

May 22 [Hyung-jin nim tweets:] Yeon hugging TF! Beautiful! Love you Yeon!



May 31: Father, Hyung-jin nim and the little creature; it would be wonderful if I [Yeon-ah nim] were that creature. It's a great picture!

May 23: True Children's support during the world tour—Sun-jin nim gives Father a shoulder massage



May 31: Father feeling happy, looking at his grandson Shin-pyun (the youngest son of Kook-jin nim and Ji-ye nim). Father's joy warms our hearts.

June 8: Wow! Today [in Yeosu] father caught a big fish, we are all happier than father!



# 49<sup>th</sup> Day of All True Things



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department



Father has directed that the number of the month and the date of church holidays that followed the Gregorian calendar be directly transferred to the heavenly calendar. For example our church's founding, May 1, is to be celebrated on 5.1 on the heavenly calendar rather than 3.29, its lunar date in 1954. It now shares 5.1 with the Day of All True Things. The official celebration of this joint holiday was held at Cheon Jeong Gung. Korean Church president Dr. Joon-ho Seuk opened the occasion with an explanation of the history and meaning of these holy days. Father spoke little, but called on a number of people to give testimonies. Dr. Peter Kim read for hoondokhae; Dr. Chang-shik Yang reported on his attending the inauguration of the new Nigerian president as True Parents' representative and about the expanding Las Vegas providence; Dr. Sun-jo Hwang (UPF-Korea) spoke on UPF's role in God's providence, notably in relation to the political realm; Rev. Yu Jeong-ok spoke about the original Divine Principle workshop and becoming God's true children; and Hoonmo-nim spoke about meeting Hyo-jin nim and Shin-gil nim in the spirit world.



# Q and A and the Breaking News

By Julie K. Heires



Julie Heires is a 38-year member of our church who is working to educate the public about True Parents' vision.

**T**True Father has directed us to distribute his autobiography all over America by January 13, 2013. What would you do if it were possible to tell hundreds of people at one time about his book and his global programs?

Over the last few years, the question and answer (Q and A) portion of educational conferences sponsored by colleges and community organizations has provided me with the opportunity to speak about True Parents to well over one thousand seven hundred audience members.

My approach for each event varies depending on the sponsors, the conference theme and my purpose for attending, which is to inform the audience about True Parents work for world peace, to read quotations from or give away True Father's autobiography. The Q and A presentations are designed around the hope that the knowledge gained from them will be seen as a valuable part of everyone's experience.

I feel that over many years, a media largely antagonistic to our church seemed to have affected the majority of the American public; people apparently grew tired of thinking for themselves, deciding instead to believe false media coverage directed at our organizations. Following on from the damage done to our church's reputation in the early days, the media appears to have ignored us for many years and to be unwilling to publish anything related to our continual and largely unnoticed efforts to save America. The result is that the older generation has been left with its original false assumptions and the younger generation is unaware of our movement's existence.

What is the solution to the inaccurate information and America's adverse view of our church, largely fueled by the media? As many members as possible must find various ways to showcase our church movement in a positive light. We need to do this repeatedly for as long as it takes to turn public opinion around. After all, the only way to widen the narrow path of righteousness is for more people to walk on it.

Providing the public with information that accurately portrays our church movement is one way to change society's view of us. How can this be done? One possibility is to use public speaking events at which the audience is allowed to ask questions as a forum to share the breaking news<sup>1</sup> about True Parents.

Closer examination shows that frequently Q and A participants do more than just ask a question—they make a statement and then ask a question. Within reason, of course, this is a practice that everyone accepts, providing us an opportunity to incorporate passages from True Father's autobiography or speeches or descriptions of global projects to both reinforce any conference theme and to demonstrate True Parents' efforts to create one family under God.

Like anyone else, Unificationists can speak during any program's Q and A session. There is no more powerful testimony to our church than for the public to observe that we are normal people on a mission with True Parents to create a better world.

## How to begin

The theme of any conference that I attend must align itself in some way with the Principle. The key is to find topics Father has spoken about or global projects that support the focal point of the conference program. The purpose of my Q and A presentation is to use this information to show the organizers of the event and the audience that they share something in common with True Parents—a common base—the first step toward sharing the breaking

1 A pun on the term, "good news," a literal translation of the word "gospel," "breaking news" is a report of something that occurred recently and is usually vital information. Thus, the return of Christ as True Parents is breaking news.



news. What is said during those few moments may be the only thing they have ever heard about True Parents and is more important than what is said by any guest lecturer because it is said on behalf of True Father and True Mother.

Even with the best of intentions, will responses from the sponsoring organization or members of the audience always be positive? Of course not; but I try to keep in mind what Oliver Goldsmith said, "He who seeks only for applause from without has all his happiness in another's keeping." So far, no one—sympathetic or hostile—has ever approached me, once I have given my short Q and A speech.

At first glance, it might seem as if little opportunity exists to make a significant impression. On the contrary, the more you say, the less people recall. Think about this: the Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-Third Psalm<sup>2</sup> and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, are three great literary treasures that will be remembered forever; yet not one of them is as long as three hundred words. The best test of a talk is depth—not length. These striking illustrations of the power of brevity show us that a powerful message can be delivered in very few words, especially if they are True Father's words.

### How to prepare

Look in the local newspaper or at college web sites for opportunities to attend public talks focusing on topics related to True Father's mission. Learn about the guest speakers; if possible, read whatever book or paper they have written. Check news publications or credible web sites for information on the speakers themselves.

Look up anything that True Father has said in his autobiography or speeches that are in alignment with the focal point of the conference and use this information as the basis of a Q and A presentation.

Over four years, an audience-tested methodology has evolved that will help ensure a positive Q and A experience using a three-step approach. First, make a comment supporting the conference theme or its speakers. Next, announce what you are about to do and do it: Emphasize True Father's global initiatives, or quote from his autobiography, or give the autobiography to a prominent person. Finally, ask a pertinent question related to the theme of the program.

Keep whatever you are planning to say very short, get the main points across in as few words as possible. Type notes and plan to read them to the audience. This helps calm the nerves. Plan and practice ahead of time, making sure not to go over two minutes.

### One Q and A experience to help illustrate the process

Allow me to describe an event with a professor from Boston University, who was the guest speaker at a diversity conference hosted by the local community college. The main point of his message was that we cannot understand the world's peoples without understanding the religions that have shaped their cultures.

According to the professor, understanding world religions can be a matter of life and death. For example, how do we make sense out of Islamic hot spots of the world if we know nothing about what Muslims believe and cannot hold an intelligent conversation with believers of the faith? History shows that without understanding the differences and similarities of faiths, war is unavoidable. Americans must educate themselves about global religions through the comprehensive study of each faith. He surprised the audience by saying that it is not

2 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures....

illegal to teach religion in public schools as long as the focus is not on theology or proselytization.

Before the program, I prepared for the Q and A session by purchasing one of the professor's books to ascertain the main point of his lecture. Then I reviewed True Father's book and found just the right passages complementing the topic of that night's program. My plan was to stand up during the Q and A session and read these quotations to the audience.

During the Q and A session, I said, "Sir, I truly applaud your efforts, professor, to teach about the great faiths of the world. These types of lectures will help inspire interreligious understanding and cooperation. Before asking my question, I want to read a couple of excerpts from a book that supports many of the ideas spoken about tonight and then ask a question for your comments. I will be brief."<sup>3</sup>

"If we continue the era of people congregating together only by religion or race, then humanity cannot avoid a repetition of war. The age of peace absolutely cannot come unless we transcend cultural customs and traditions. No ideology, philosophy or religion that has influenced humanity in the past is capable of bringing about the peace and unification that is needed for the future... It is urgent that the struggles of modern ideologies, cultures, and races be overcome through interreligious understanding and spiritual harmony...."

"[How is this to take place?] 'First, respect the traditions of other religions and do everything [possible]<sup>4</sup> to prevent conflict and discord among religions. Second, all religious communities should cooperate with each other to serve the world. Third, the leaders of all religions should work together to develop a structure that will let us accomplish our mutual mission of establishing world peace.'<sup>5</sup>

I continued by saying that the author states that these goals can be achieved through (among other things) public education that includes religious education as part of its core curriculum, and I concluded with "These quotations are from the book *As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen* by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church. Question: Sir, can you explain why you believe it is important to teach world religions in public schools or universities and how this could help build bridges to world peace?"<sup>6</sup>

Mission accomplished! I had gotten my point across to the hundreds of people who were there, namely, the profundity of True Father's words related to interreligious cooperation now included in a book he had written.

My Q and A presentation was a total two hundred and eighty words, which took me about two minutes to say. The religious scholar did not miss the fact that I withheld the name of the book and its author until the end of my presentation. He mentioned while signing his book for me that doing so was a clever idea.

Later, I e-mailed him suggesting he make disciples out of his students and encourage them to get the word out that religious literacy should be taught as a part of public school education.

### At the program

Arrive early and make sure to sit as close as possible to the

3 Explain everything you plan to do, so no one will have a need to question your intentions.

4 Material in square brackets is Julie Heires' insertions.

5 From pages 287–288 of Father's autobiography

6 Note the use of the three-step approach: 1. Comment favorably on the conference theme or what a speaker has said; 2. Announce what you will do, and then speak of Father's initiatives, quote from his book or give the autobiography to a prominent person; 3. Ask a question that helps enhance understanding of the conference topic.



public microphone, usually located at the front of the aisle. Once the Q and A session is announced, try to be the first or second person up to the microphone to ensure time to speak, because a moderator can cut Q and A off at any moment.

Remember to serve as the mediator between God, True Parents and the audience by praying for help from the spirit world. Prayer has inspired last minute changes that definitely improve delivery, as well as add to the confidence to stand up in front of many people.

Remember the words of Dale Carnegie, "[When] you are speaking, forget everything but the subject. Never mind what others are thinking of you and your delivery; just forget yourself and go ahead."

Always bring water to drink in case you need it just before standing up at the microphone. Make sure to sound confident while speaking, which will add credibility to what is being said. Yes, fear will always be an aspect of public speaking; however, the time to worry is when fear is replaced with complacency. Complacent speakers bore an audience.

Remember to use heavenly wisdom; if the atmosphere at an event is obviously unfriendly, just ask a purposeful, thought-provoking question.

Mention True Father's name at the end of any comments, otherwise, the audience will be distracted before there is a chance to quote him.

If necessary, when attending events frequently sponsored by the same college or community group, vary the routine, so that actions cannot be anticipated and circumvented by event organizers.

Bring copies of the autobiography for distribution to guest speakers and members of the audience.

#### After the event

Be open to other opportunities to recontact guest speakers, such as e-mailing them to let them know how much their efforts were appreciated and the valuable lessons learned from them. The possibilities are endless, if we are open to them.

In conclusion, Q and A is one way to get the breaking news out to the world by using it as an opportunity to establish a "personal ministry of sharing with others about our True Parents,"<sup>7</sup> as mentioned in the suggested points for our prayer condition for national unity. **TW**

7 That every member develops such a ministry was one aim of a forty-day condition done by American members.

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the performance less than a month in advance. However after three weeks all the tickets, more than three thousand five hundred, were already ordered. We had not even started our poster campaign. We could not give out any more tickets but started to explain that ticket holders had a chance not only to see the Little Angels but also to listen to the Founder's Address directly the following day. In the end, the hall was completely packed on both evenings. The first evening, True Parents were in the front row watching the Little Angels performance. "This is the first time in forty-seven years that True Parents have watched the program from beginning to end," Dr. Bo-hi Pak shared with us later. True Father did not leave the hall even during the intermission. He wanted to stay there. For me this was the most moving moment: to see Father sitting there, radiating his love with a full crowd behind him. We had all hoped for such an appropriate audience to welcome the Messiah.

The feeling of unity, respect, trust and harmony was always

present during our mobilization in Berlin. First and second generation members worked together, reaching out to religious, cultural and public institutions, as well as to embassies. From the heart, everyone was willing to do anything. Members of staff at the hotel and the Tempodrom said they were deeply impressed by our church members.

What True Father did in his short time in Berlin was the biggest miracle. He demonstrated to us the joy of living in Cheon Il Guk during hoondokhae, when he started dancing and singing with other True Family members and with all of us. It felt as if the whole German spiritual world was dancing with us.

We experienced his determination and seriousness when we heard that he had been speaking all night long to Korean elders. We sensed his love for nature while strolling with the True Family through the beautiful Castle Charlottenburg park, where Father enjoyed the beautiful spring flowers. All of us experienced the power of God when True Father spoke with authority to the German people in the Tempodrom. Our ambassadors for peace appeared deeply impressed and said that the German people are serious and they need such a strong speech. Mrs. Gudrun Botembe, who received a plaque of honor the day before, had read almost the whole autobiography during the night. She said that she prayed through the whole of Father's speech, anxiously wishing that Father would finish well, aware that at his age it is difficult to stand for so long. Even a formerly antagonistic journalist commented in an article that one could not gauge Father's age, he spoke with such power.

Father suggested we change the German flag by removing the black from the top, symbolizing that the dark German history is behind us, and a new bright future lies ahead. Twenty-one years after the peaceful reunification of East Germany and West Germany, the Messiah came to open a new era for Germany. A new history can begin now and we will be victorious, as Father promised us at the end of his speech. **TW**



True Family members and local church members at Charlottenburg Palace, May 18



# Bringing the Blessing to My Homeland

By Ram Prasad Gyawali

I lived with my Japanese wife in Saitama, Japan, for twelve years after our blessing, returning to Nepal with my family in January 2008. As one of the first blessed families from Nepal, we wanted to do something for the nation and to do tribal messiah work.

Many things have been happening in my hometown, Chitwan, in the three years since my return. Among them, I would like to describe some remarkable occurrences.

We were the only blessed family when we arrived. Only young, single CARP members were living in the church center. At the end of 2008, I was asked to become an FFWPU-Nepal regional director; my mission was to witness to and to teach married couples. Whenever I met people, I would talk to them about True Parents and the blessing. In February 2009, we held a Blessing Ceremony in our church center for twelve married couples including my older brother and his wife and my younger sister and her husband.

The next Blessing Ceremony was in November of that year and our center's goal was to bring a hundred and twenty married couples to it. It seemed such a high goal for us, but I believed that God and those working from the spiritual world had already prepared that number of couples in Chitwan.

I encouraged our core blessed couples to witness. One blessed wife tried hard to witness, but for months it didn't go well. She then prayed seriously and later dreamed of some friends of hers. This did little to raise her expectations, but she visited each of their homes and spoke to them about the blessing. What happened was astonishing; effortlessly and with pleasure, seven couples agreed to participate.

One blessed husband helped me greatly. He would come to the center and work from early morning until late at night. Nevertheless, reaching our goal seemed difficult in the beginning. In fact, though, we succeeded in persuading a hundred and forty-five couples to attend the Blessing Ceremony.

The Original Divine Principle seminar came to Nepal in April 2010. Television broadcasts of the lectures began in December.<sup>1</sup> One peace ambassador, who is the president of his district council, brought twenty people to his home to watch the televised lectures. Afterward, he testified to them that True Father is the Messiah.

I called another peace ambassador, who is the principal of Crystal College, and requested that he introduce the Original Divine Principle seminar in his college. We talked about the seminar and he said that he had happily watched it on television and thought it was excellent material for students. A hundred and sixty people—students, teachers and parents—attended. At the conclusion of the seminar, one mother read a poem she had written that repeatedly included the sentiment “Thank you, True Parents.”

Through these experiences, the feeling developed in me that God actually wants to witness more than we do. God and those in the spiritual world intensely want to support us, and they do in fact assist us in witnessing.

I am deeply grateful to be here. I feel that Heaven had prepared me for this. I believe that only when we have strong faith in Heavenly Father and True Parents can we be strong and robust and live purposeful lives. **JP**

<sup>1</sup> For more on this, see “Live National Telecast of Original Divine Principle,” in our January 2011 issue.



The author, in a suit, at this year's celebration of True Parents Day. His wife is visible just over his left shoulder.



Healthy attendance at workshops in Nepal owes much to the members' hard work and perseverance.

Photos courtesy of Ram Prasad Gyawali



# Acting on Faith in the Power of Divine Principle

*Arcanjo Espindola did a twenty-one year hoondokhae condition that began before Father introduced the hoondokhae tradition. He has focused his life on helping people in his native Brazil extricate themselves from a wide range of difficulties by having them interact very seriously with God's word. True Parents, having heard about Arcanjo's efforts, invited him to Korea for the Day of All True Things. The following Sunday, June 5, at Mother's request, Arcanjo gave the sermon at the two main Sunday services at Cheon Bok Gung. We present here a portion of Arcanjo's sermon that day, followed by testimonies from the vice-president of our church in Brazil and from some of Arcanjo's spiritual children.*

**I** joined the church at the age of thirty-three. I was a businessman and owned a construction company, which I gave up after a seven-day workshop in order to follow True Parents. I became a full time member. I have been a missionary, and a state leader of Santa Catarina in Brazil.

When I met the church, I had a heart problem, and the doctors said I would only live a short time. Four years later, after dedicating myself to God's providence, I passed by the hospital where I had been treated. The doctor found I no longer had the heart problem. He said he didn't believe in God, but that he was forced to believe that this was a miracle because I was completely cured. I testified that I was following True Parents and that they had transformed not only my life but also my health.

I have been doing tribal messiah work for twenty-one years. For seven years, I offered special conditions of jeongseong by fasting every Friday and eating only one meal, after 5 PM, on the other days. I also took a cold shower every day. Understanding that I am a sinner, I made these special conditions to remove these sins. Through doing twenty-one years of hoondokhae for ninety minutes day, I changed my life completely.

I made conditions to help people, and I kept studying and praying. I asked True Parents to show me how to help people restore themselves more quickly. True Father appeared to me in a dream. He told me to read the Divine Principle for seventy-two minutes a day. I found that I could change people so they would become better and solve their own problems. And when Father changed hoondokhae to ninety minutes, I also changed to ninety minutes.

I had financial difficulties and began to sell the Divine Principle book. I had been giving it away, but people did not read it or take it seriously. When I began selling it, people began to read it and then change their lives, because they had made a condition to restore themselves. I sold four thousand Divine Principle books. One day, a company bought a hundred. I started selling the book for \$20, but now I sell it for \$35. I do a condition of hoondokhae with people first and then I sell them a copy of the book.

We read together aloud. Everybody reads, and I explain whatever people don't understand. As they start understanding the Principle, they become members of the movement.

I give people conditions to read Divine Principle for ninety minutes every day for between one and fifteen years. When they do the conditions, old people become younger; people become healthier and more prosperous in everything they do. In twenty years, more than a hundred people have gotten off drugs and they still do hoondokhae.

I have seven hundred and twenty families in my tribe. One hundred and twenty among these believe in True Parents and in the Principle.

One city councilor did a reading condition for fifteen years. He read Divine Principle three hundred and sixty times. I did a condition for twenty-one years and I con-

**Arcanjo, a doctor whom he helped and her husband with Rio De Janeiro and Guanabara Bay in the background**



*Photos courtesy of Arcanjo Espindola*



tinue to read Divine Principle. The more we read Principle, the more we understand the value of True Parents, and the more victory we will have. True Father says that if we change, everything around us changes.

Father went through a lot of suffering to reach the level he is at. He has opened an extraordinary path for us.... We have a tendency to want our brother, our wife, our child to change. But through the Divine Principle I learned that I have to change, to perfect myself, to become a better brother, better husband, better family, better friend. When you change, you become an example so that others can change. You can become an example so that others can follow True Parents, and you can be an example of someone who has changed the world.

#### **Brazil Church vice-president Koichi Sasaki testifies**

Arcanjo wakes up at 4:30 every morning and usually holds a hoondokhae session with his family and two other church members. Sometimes, guests or new members come to join the session and more than ten people may be present. From 5 AM to 7 AM, they read the Divine Principle and Arcanjo gives explanations about what they have read. At 7 AM, others come to his home and he holds another Divine Principle hoondokhae session lasting one to two hours in a similar fashion, and afterward, he gives guidance about leading a life of faith or advice on life in general when they ask for it.

These hoondokhae sessions are not exclusively for mornings; some people come during the day while others come in the evening. Some come so late that hoondokhae goes on until



**After hearing of Arcanjo's work, True Parents invited Arcanjo and Jennifer Espindola to Korea for the Day of All True Things; (pictured here) they also met personally with True Parents on June 3.**

2 AM. The guests have experienced having their problems in life solved through hoondokhae and have had surprising results. A blind person had her sight restored. A woman that had frequently been admitted to mental hospitals has now not been in a hospital for more than ten years. Other people have become free of drugs or alcohol. Conjugal, physical or financial problems have been solved in ways that surprised even Arcanjo. These people bring new people to his home, and sometimes as many as thirty people congregate there. Because so many people wanting advice on life visit him or call him from other cities, he is busy all day long in his witnessing work.

Arcanjo deeply understands others' difficulties in life. He counsels them with patience and nurtures them, one by one, with love. At the same time, he makes them set a strict condition of reading the Divine Principle. He thus helps them resolve their own problems. Those who have accepted True Parents include people from all backgrounds, religions and ideologies, from shop assistants and housewives to politicians, judges, journalists, lawyers, professors, public prosecutors, bankers, councilors, a senator, a state governor, businessmen, federal policemen, doctors, engineers, army officers and so on. All of them have set the indemnity condition strictly of reading the Divine Principle for one and a half hours every day for their ancestors, because they are experiencing many positive changes in their lives. These people have continued to read the Divine Principle for several years, and some have attended the seven-day workshop in São Paulo. Arcanjo also guides those suffering from cancer or that desire to solve other problems to think of the people they have felt



**Mr. Espindola giving a sermon at Cheon Bok Gung; Mr. Koichi Sasaki, vice-president of the church in Brazil, is translating from Portuguese into Korean. Mrs. Espindola (not visible in this photograph) is in a booth interpreting simultaneously into English.**

Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department





Hoondokhae with Arcanjo in their family's prayer room

**Jennifer Espindola, Arcanjo's Wife: My husband has an incredible gift to live for the sake of others. He accepts and loves people for who they are, rather than fighting with them over points they might not accept. He allows them to discover for themselves what is right about Divine Principle.**

hatred for in their lives, and to forgive them.

In a recent sermon [in Brazil] he said, "I began my work based on what True Father said to me in a dream. Now I find that I have witnessed to hundreds of families without my knowing it. Among those, I will continue to teach a core group more thoroughly, to prepare them for the era of registration and return glory to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Human-kind. Now that I have reached the end of my twenty-one-year course as a tribal messiah, I find it has been a time of gratitude and nothing else, where I loved each and every one of my guests and experienced personal growth in the process."



Clarisséia and Fernanda (at left), two young women who are living with the Espindolas, with Mrs. Hyun-soon Lim, a national messiah to Brazil and another Brazilian member

#### Gelásio de Sousa

Everything started in 1995, when I heard about Mr. Espindola and his work with Divine Principle through a neighbor. I had been married for five years but my life had not taken off; everything had gone wrong. I did not have my own house and could barely support myself and my wife. I believed in what Pastor Arcanjo was saying and began to read the Divine Principle every day. I started to understand how much my life was changing, financially and professionally. Today I am on my third mandate as a city councilor in my city and I am Health Secretary for the second time. I never imagined that I would reach these positions and would be considered as a candidate for mayor. For me it is a great happiness that God has put this man in my path. I have received all possible blessings.

#### Sueli Herclano Elizio

I have been on this path for eleven years, reading the Divine Principle for ninety minutes every day, and I still have a lot of work to do. On this journey, I have had many experiences and feel that the Principle has helped me and those around me. My nephew had a serious illness in the intestines and the doctors had given up hope. The daughter of a friend was lost in drugs but our prayer and reading of Divine Principle helped these people completely, my nephew is growing up strong and healthy, and my friend's daughter is completely free of drugs.

#### Clarisséia

I met the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace through my sister Fernanda. Her joy and willingness to read the Divine Principle made me feel the desire to meet Pastor Arcanjo and learn about his religion. I learned many things about the Divine Principle through his style of educating people in his simple and humble way.

I made an effort to maintain discipline every day, dedicating myself more to my responsibility toward God through the Divine Principle and learning more from True Parents' wise teachings about the family and the world. Because I have let God's love enter my heart, the empty space which was there has disappeared.

I am living in Arcanjo's house. I do hoondokhae every day and read the Divine Principle for ninety minutes a day. I am grateful for the dedication they have to helping me and the people who visit us every day. **TW**



Andre and Luciane's life together was disintegrating when she met Arcanjo, who promised her she could "rescue peace in her family through Divine Principle." They are now at peace (here, pictured with their children) and they have participated in the blessing.



# A Presidential Approach

By Jessica ChungTo

**T**hree weeks before his arrival, I read in the papers that the Mauritian government had invited the president of Singapore to visit Mauritius. Being a Singaporean married to a Mauritian and having lived here for the past twenty years, I deeply felt that I had to meet President Sellapan Ramanathan Nathan and give him Father's autobiography. How was I to do this, though, bearing in mind his tight schedule?

Would it be possible or not? I had many thoughts, both hopeful and fearful ones, that it might be possible. I did not get much sleep.... I was making spiritual conditions. What our international president, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, said about sincerity had touched my heart, and my desire to give this precious book to the president gave me faith and also courage to take action.

The president had made no plans to meet the Singaporeans living in Mauritius, who are very few in number. Yet recognizing how important his position is and his importance to the Singapore providence, I wanted to meet him.

Knowing also that a Singaporean had recently become CEO of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Mauritius, I prayed for courage to meet her at her office, taking with me a copy of True Father's book. Her secretary arranged a date and I met the CEO on behalf of the Women's Federation for World Peace a week before the president was to arrive. I asked her if members of the Singaporean community could meet the president when he comes, even just to welcome him with a handshake at his hotel or at the airport.

She said she would check with Singapore, but that it might not be possible as he would be very busy. I offered her the book and left, not knowing how she would react to True Father's autobiography. I think we should always grab whatever opportunity we have to reach out, because there may not be the chance to meet again. I say to myself, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done; *Que sera sera*.

For a week no communication came from her. Then, the day before the president was to arrive (June 4) I received a call from her in the late afternoon asking me to contact everyone in the Singaporean community because the president would be inviting us all to lunch on the last day of his visit, June 7.

That day, we collectively offered him a model ship as a gift, and I took the opportunity to offer him the precious autobiography. He accepted the book gladly.

I always pray that all those who receive True Father's book will read it sincerely and deeply understand Father's



Photos courtesy of Jessica ChungTo

**Mrs. ChungTo arranged for the president of Singapore to meet expatriate Singaporeans in Mauritius. Her husband Marc is standing fourth from the right.**



**Monsignor Maurice Piat heads the Catholic Church in Mauritius, 23 percent of whose 1.3 million people are Roman Catholic.**

ideas and vision and work hand in hand to make Cheon Il Guk a reality in every family, society and nation. **TW**

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# What Small Groups Can Do for You

By June Saunders



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**W**e have all heard that one person can “make a difference” and be a game-changer. We have seen examples of great individuals in history—George Washington, Martin Luther King, Mohandas K. Gandhi, Mother Teresa and others—who catalyzed change in ways we could not imagine without them. Our own tradition pivots primarily upon the life and teachings of one man—the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

Yet it is also true, as John C. Maxwell writes in *The Power of Partnership in the Church*, that “few people are successful unless a lot of other people want them to be.”<sup>1</sup> In other words, even the greatest individuals need the support of others to succeed in their endeavors.

Over the last twenty years, more than a dozen large international studies have shown that isolation is detrimental to one's well being. This lesson is also the message of the recent movie *127 Hours*, where mountain climber Aron Ralston realizes that all his life has led him to a tragic point because of his own isolationism.

The idea of a self-made man is a myth. Every one of us had parents. Every one of us is nurtured by the efforts of others, the earth, and the universe. We exist in interdependence with others. Yet, how often do people feel isolated and alone even when they are part of larger entities—churches, political parties, universities, corporations or apartment complexes?

One antidote to isolation and powerlessness is small groups, or support groups, where people get to know and understand one another on an individual basis. Small groups generate a feeling of belonging and solidarity. In a support group, the power of the whole is always greater than the sum of its individual parts.

In his book *Bowling Alone*, which depicts the decline of social and civic bonding in the United States, author Robert Putnam says that people with support networks cope better with illness and recover better from trauma than people who are isolated. Research has shown that the more bound we are into a community, the less likely we are to experience such ill effects as colds, heart attacks, cancer, and premature death. Such protective health effects exist not only for those who have close family and friendship ties; they exist also for those who are affiliated with religious and civic associations.

Social connections also decrease depression and other psychological disorders. People who have close friends and confidantes, friendly neighbors or supportive coworkers are less likely to experience sadness, loneliness, low self-esteem and problems with eating and sleeping.<sup>2</sup>

Jesus, another individual who changed history, endorsed small groups when he said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” From the original small group of marriage to larger groups and congregations, God seems never to have taken back His decision at the creation that it was not good for a man to be alone.

## **A small group that did a world of good**

In the 1930s, stockbroker Bill Wilson was happily married and financially successful. There was only one problem in his life. He loved alcohol. His attachment to alcohol eventually led to poverty, the loss of his career and the loss of his self-respect.

Bill sensed there was only one way out for him: to band together with other alcoholics who wanted to change. When he found just one like-minded friend, Alcoholics Anonymous—the largest, most successful support group in existence, recognized and recommended by therapists all over the world—was born.

What can we learn from this globally successful small group? Let's briefly examine some of its prominent features:

1 Maxwell attributes this to advertising executive and author Charlie Brower

2 Robert D. Putnam, *Bowling Alone* (New York, Simon & Schuster, a Touchstone Book, 2000), page 332

The Alcoholics  
Anonymous logo







**Bill Wilson with his wife in 1953**

A higher power is invited. Members are enjoined to turn their lives and affairs over to that higher power. Meetings begin and end with the Serenity Prayer,<sup>3</sup> invoking God.

Obligations to the group are manageable. Membership is free; costs are kept low. Attendance and participation while attending are voluntary. The duration of the meetings—one hour—is carefully respected.

There is a body of literature and principles that are normative for the group. The literature draws on wisdom from many different religious and philosophical sources.

Privacy is respected. No last names are used. No one is allowed to tell another person “So-and-So belongs to AA” or “Guess what So-and-So shared at the meeting.”<sup>4</sup>

Alcoholics Anonymous has helped literally millions of alcoholics through utilizing the power of the small group, expanding from two men to thousands of small groups in a hundred and thirty countries. Sociologists cite it as the premier example of a successful small group that eventually reached the global level.

#### **Focusing on an achievable purpose**

Sometimes huge goals like saving the world, changing society and culture, witnessing and bringing many new members to our faith can become diffuse, causing a small group centered upon them to lose focus and disband.

Members may wish to establish small groups that focus on specific challenges, such as loss of a

family member, dealing with rebellious children, raising children who have disabilities, unemployment, debt, cancer or other life-changing illnesses, difficult marriages, adultery, loss of faith, issues that block church participation, and so on. As long as the focus of the group is to heal and support members in facing their challenges and there is a confidential, non-judgmental atmosphere, people helping each other overcome the challenges of life can be a powerful source of therapy, spiritual enlightenment and even public good.

A powerful small group that grew out of challenging circumstances is Mothers Against Drunk Driving. MADD was started by a woman who had lost her thirteen-year-old daughter in a car crash caused by a drunk driver.<sup>5</sup> MADD is credited with a steady decrease in alcohol-related car crashes in the United States since its inception in the 1980s—something that benefits everyone who lives and drives there.

In our church in the United States, In-jin nim has encouraged people to form small groups based upon personal passions they can share with others. There are hiking groups, knitting groups, Reiki groups, table tennis groups, horticultural groups and others. In his September 13, 2008 sermon, “Returning to Our Safe Haven,” Hyung-jin nim spoke of small groups as safe havens where people should be able to experience “the encouragement, friendship, fellowship and support that give us the strength, courage and confidence we need to be truly successful in our lives.”

#### **An example of an interest-focused small group**

One small group that has been successful in terms of its longevity and member satisfaction (three years old and still going strong) as well as attracting the interest of people outside the church, is a small group I belong to myself—the Writers’ Haven, formed by members in the U.S. state of New Jersey.

Obligations to the group are manageable; we meet once every other week, on a Sunday afternoon, for two hours. That time period is respected. There are no membership fees and costs are low. Members rotate hosting meetings in their homes so the burden does not fall on just one or two people. The host or hostess is expected to provide refreshments, but they need not be elaborate.

Members take turns showcasing their own work and critiquing each other’s work. Everyone reads the same piece before coming to the meeting in order to comment helpfully to the author. There is an atmosphere of respect and non-judgment. Although members sometimes question one another or give cogent advice for change, there are never any put-downs, negativity or hurtful criticisms.

The group drafted a mission statement that is normative for the group: “We have come together as writers to form a group for the purpose of creating literature appropriate to God’s kingdom. In



**The Writers' Haven small group**

3 God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference....

4 An overt policy not to repeat what one hears in the group can put members’ minds at ease.

5 In May 1980, Cari Lightner was killed by a drunk driver as she walked on the sidewalk in her Sacramento neighborhood.





**Christl Brunkhorst**

whatever form, our writing shall be for the purpose of inspiring children and adults to celebrate God's love and truth, ourselves as His sons and daughters, our families as schools of love, nature as God's gift to us, and the world as one family under God, our Heavenly Parent." This mission statement is the touchstone of the group.

The group has a clearly defined focus. As such, it is a natural thing to share with people outside the church who share a similar interest. Guests have come and continue to come to meetings. Robert Beebe, who initiated the group, observes, "Those who are involved are in it not so much to fulfill a direction

from above to do small groups, but because they believe in it and actually enjoy meeting together."

Focused small groups are harbingers and precursors of a future "hobby culture" with people spending the majority of their time doing things that they love. Joy and fulfillment, centered on activities that people genuinely love, cannot help being attractive to others outside the group as its members enthusiastically talk to others in a natural way about the groups to which they belong.

#### **A group with a second-generation focus**

The principal of Jin-A Child Care Center, Christl Brunkhorst, has been part of a small group that started fifteen years ago, when hoondokhae began. The group's focus is to pass their faith down to their children.

The group keeps their commitments manageable—they meet every two weeks and food is potluck. They do enjoyable things together—barbecues, hikes, bagel breakfasts in the woods and Easter sunrise services. Manageability remains a watchword. "Sometimes people are busy and have other things to do, and we respect that," says Christl. "It doesn't have to be something forced or pushed. People come when they can make it, and they enjoy it so much more. The heart pulls you together."

**Christl's group focuses on children inheriting their parents' faith.**



As an educator, Christl realized the importance of making the readings manageable for the children in the families, aged eleven to twenty. The group did age-appropriate, short readings followed up by activities to make the concepts meaningful to the children. They washed one another's feet, had communion ceremonies with bread and talked about Jesus' life, always interspersed with readings from Father's speeches. Candles were lit to demonstrate the four-position foundation, giving the children a vivid visual of the concept.

Christl made the point that children hear a great deal from women—their mothers and many teachers. The small group deliberately gave the fathers a platform to talk about their lives and faith. This masculine element was particularly impressive to the children.

The children have age-appropriate responsibilities. When they were young, they were asked to make drawings, say a prayer or choose a song. When they entered high school, they were asked to create the program. As young adults, they continue to come when they can and share testimonies about their matching, their Blessing Ceremony, international missionary work, STF work, or to give a Divine Principle lecture in front of the group. They know the group has been praying for them and supporting them in their lives and activities. Now some of the second-generation members in the group want to pass the tradition of this small group on to the third generation.

It is work, Christl confesses, but it is worth the effort. "It is so profound, all the love we have. Our lives would be very different if we hadn't done that. You go to church and you have the official service and a large group meeting, but in a small group, it becomes very intimate, particularly if you do it consistently and long-term."

The public-minded adults of the group found the small group nourishing in a way that helped them sustain their mission responsibilities. It was a safe haven. "A nice shelter," Christl reflected.

#### **Conclusion**

One of the most beautiful examples of a small group in nature is geese flying in a V-formation. As each bird in a V-formation flaps its wings, it sends air power or "uplift" to the geese behind it. The point of the V cuts down headwinds, allowing the geese to fly 70 percent farther than a single goose could manage alone. When the head goose gets tired, he or she rotates to the back of the formation and a less tired goose assumes the lead.

If a goose in a formation becomes sick or is wounded and falls to the ground, two other geese from the formation go down to help and protect the fallen goose until he or she either recovers or dies. A goose is never alone. He or she will always have a small support group, in life and in death.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we human beings could say the same? **TW**



# Goodluck, Patience and God's Blessings for Nigeria

By David Beard

**D**r. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan invited True Parents to attend his May 29 inauguration as president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Unfortunately, Father and Mother were returning to Korea from their world tour on that date, so they dispatched Dr. Chang-shik Yang as their special emissary.

True Mother first visited Nigeria in 1993 after the establishment of WFWP. Both Father and Mother came to Nigeria in 2005 after the launching of UPF. In July 2006, Mother and Hyo-jin nim both spoke in Abuja, the nation's capital, to an audience of over a thousand people during True Mother's 120-city world tour. In describing that event, Thomas Walsh quoted then governor of Bayelsa State Goodluck Jonathan saying, "This vision will surely help us reach peace. The newspapers and television portray so much conflict and hate. That is why I am so elated to be an ambassador for peace and to be a part of UPF. After today, I only want to do more for peace." Dr. Jonathan and his wife received the blessing from Mother and Hyo-jin nim that day.

President Jonathan was born in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria in 1957, a year after oil was discovered there. The fedora he's fond of wearing marks him as a man from that area, on the southwest coast of the country, where Nigeria juts into the Bay of Guinea.

In reading news articles from Nigeria, it seems that among Nigerians the president's given name rarely elicits comments. Apparently, non-Muslim Nigerians not infrequently give their children non-traditional English names. In fact, in the president's own administration, one can find a Peter Godsdan Orubebe. Nevertheless, foreign correspondents do point out that key events in Goodluck Jonathan's political career have been unusually fortunate.

President Jonathan comes from a family of canoe-makers, but he pursued an academic career before entering politics. He earned a master's degree in fisheries biology and a PhD in zoology. He has worked as an environmental protection officer, a schoolteacher, a college lecturer and as science inspector in the Ministry of Education. In 1993, he began working as an assistant director on a commission created to redress the grievances of people in oil producing states that felt the federal government, which controls oil revenues, had done little to develop the oil producing areas. Dr. Jonathan's focus was on environmental protection and pollution control.

## Chosen to serve in politics

In May 1999, the state leaders of a political party approached the elders of Otuike, Dr. Jonathan's hometown, and asked them to suggest a candidate to be the running mate of their party's choice, Chief Diepreye Alamieyeseigha, in the Bayelsa State gubernatorial election. The elders put forward Dr. Jonathan as a candidate for deputy governor, which Chief Alamieyeseigha accepted. The pair won the election, and in 2002 Dr. Jonathan justified his hometown elders' faith in him by earning an award as the best performing state deputy governor. The following year, the voters returned the pair to office for a second term.

In September 2005, while in London, Governor Alamieyeseigha was arrested on charges of

**Left:** Dr. Chang-shik Yang with Katherine Rigney speaking to Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. **Right:** Dr. Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, an adviser to Nigerian presidents going back decades and a business evangelist to all of Africa, with Dr. Yang





money laundering. He returned to Nigeria on a private chartered plane in November only to have his state's assembly impeach him less than a month later. Dr. Jonathan automatically assumed the position of governor of the state for the remainder of the term.

Before his term as governor ended in May 2007, the retiring two-time president of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo, selected Dr. Jonathan as the running mate for their party's presidential candidate, Mr. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua. Once again, Dr. Jonathan made up half of a winning pair. Eight years after entering politics, he was his nation's vice-president.

President Yar'Adua, a former governor of northern Katsina State, entered office with a persistent kidney ailment. Nigerians faced a number of critical problems during his presidency. President Yar'Adua made some progress in some areas but he left the country on three occasions for emergency treatment, once for several months, and died before completing his third year in office. Thus, his vice president, Goodluck Jonathan, was elevated to president of Nigeria to finish out late President Yar'Adua's term.

On learning that Dr. Jonathan had become president, Chief Alamiyeseigha declared, "He was divinely prepared; I was only used as an instrument to bring him. I am glad the choice was perfected by God's grace. He is an embodiment of leadership qualities. He is unassuming but I tell you he combines intellect with wisdom. This country has made a good choice; I am glad to have been a part of it."

His inauguration after the death of Yar'Adua was simply

where no white man's foot ever trod; we have been giving away mountains and rivers and lakes to each other, only hindered by the small impediment that we never knew exactly where the mountains and rivers and lakes were."

Bargaining statesmen and diplomats were mostly unaware of traditional kingdoms, so though some existing kingdoms remained intact, the situations of most were not taken into consideration. Sometimes, ancient peoples were divided. The Bakongo people found themselves citizens of either French Congo, Belgian Congo or Portuguese Angola. Sometimes peoples with no cultural ties or common language were enclosed within a single nation. When a count was finally taken, Nigeria was found to have corralled two hundred and fifty discrete groups.

When it came time to negotiate Nigeria's independence, the complexities of its mix of ethnicities came to bear. In the northern, desert area of Nigeria were mainly Hausa speaking Muslims under Fulani feudal lords. In those days, the northerners were the least educated in Nigeria. Though they accounted for 54 percent of the population, they constituted only 5 percent of primary school students and 10 percent of secondary students. In the west, which included Lagos, then the capital city, were mainly Yoruba people. They arranged themselves in traditional states under local monarchic chiefs. The Yoruba had attained a good level of education under the British and were skilled workers. In the east, across the Niger River, were the Igbo, who were generally the best educated and most highly skilled, though they lived in the poorest, most crowded region. The



**Left:** Dr. Yang appeared often on television during an inaugural event; **Middle:** Dr. Yang with Chief Kanu Godwin Agabi, former attorney general and justice minister, now a special advisor to the president; **Right:** President Goodluck Jonathan with his wife Patience holding Independent National Electoral Commission certification that the election was fair and he is the winner.

done. President Jonathan concentrated on the job at hand and worked hard to win the people's respect. In September 2010, he announced that he would run in the next presidential election.

### A bit about Nigeria

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, in what has become known as "the scramble for Africa,"<sup>1</sup> a few European powers colonized the entire African continent with the exceptions of Ethiopia and Liberia. Decisions as to what colonies would be formed and what shape they would take were made at conferences in European capitals using inadequate maps. More than half the lines that demarcate African nations are straight, often following lines of latitude and longitude, because national borders were decided with little knowledge of Africa beyond her coastline. At one meeting with French negotiators, Britain Prime Minister Robert Gascoyne-Cecil III joked, "We have been engaged in drawing lines upon maps

Igbo tended to migrate in search of better living conditions. They formed Igbo enclaves in other's territories, producing tension with the local majority ethnic group. Though the other societies were highly structured and centrally controlled, Igbo communities sprang up autonomously as a result of individual risk taking and efforts to get ahead. Meanwhile, two hundred and fifty minority groups naturally resented lack of access to goods, money and power and longed to set up their own autonomous territory within Nigeria.

### Modern issues

Nigeria today has to grapple with serious conflicts between northern, desert dwelling Hausa-Fulani Islamic herders and southern jungle-dwelling Yoruba and Igbo Christian farmers in an area known as the middle belt, where their territories overlap. It's said to be less a religious and more an economic conflict, a fight for survival over limited resources. Desertification has reduced grazing land for the herders' cattle. They have encroached on farmland. The herders are much wealthier than the farmers. Christian women marrying Islamic herders,

<sup>1</sup> Data in this section is drawn from *The Fate of Africa*, by Martin Meredith. On factors motivating colonization see <http://africanhistory.about.com/od/eracolonialism/a/ScrambleWhy.htm>



perhaps for economic security, is seen by the Christian community as an attempt to annihilate their faith group. Whatever the cause of individual incidents, news of recurring massacres and counter-massacres in the middle belt cast a pall over the whole nation.

Nigeria is the eighth largest exporter of petroleum in the world, yet UNICEF, quoting a 2006 UN report, states that 92.4 percent of Nigerians are living on less than two dollars a day. The country lacks sufficient potable water and electric power. Nigeria faces a host of problems, but being home to one sixth of all Africans, progress made there (like the gears on a bicycle turning the much larger wheel) could transform the continent.

### Dr. Yang comes to Abuja

On May 27, Dr. Yang flew to Abuja,<sup>2</sup> the Nigerian capital, where he was to join twenty-eight heads of state and hundreds of foreign dignitaries in celebrating the election victory of Dr. Goodluck Jonathan. "Because I came as True Parents' special emissary," he said, "I also received the same reception and welcome as a head of state and sat alongside heads of state." He was met at the airport by a Ministry of Foreign Affairs representative, a protocol officer and Senator Ibrahim Nasiru Mantu, who had met Dr. Yang in Las Vegas when the senator attended a Divine Principle seminar there for prominent members of society. Senator Ibrahim took Dr. Yang in his own car to his hotel, had dinner with him later and took him on a personal tour of Abuja. While in Nigeria, Dr. Yang stayed in a luxury suite reserved in the name Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The following morning, the permanent secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Martin L. Uhomobhi, greeted Dr. Yang at his hotel. Dr. Uhomobhi told him, "Today, we need Father Moon's blessing for our nation."

Later that day, Dr. Yang went with Mrs. Katherine Rigney, the blessing itinerant worker for Africa, who in Nigeria works closely with Mrs. Evelyn Winter, a national messiah to Niger; Nigerian national leader Olaleye Alao and his deputy Una Smart. Dr. Yang and Mrs. Rigney went to pay a courtesy call on Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, who is the president of the African Union's African Business Roundtable. He is also an ambassador for peace and a member of UPF-Nigeria's board of trustees. According to local reports, Alhaji Tukur is seventy-six years old and "is still shuttling round the continent preaching his gospel of business emancipation to African presidents with so much vigor that he is the envy of his generation."

"Alhaji Tukur helped receive True Mother and Hyo-jin nim in 2006," Kathy Rigney wrote, "He was deeply moved when he read True Father's autobiography and he told President Jonathan to pay close attention to what True Father's representatives have to say. He told Dr. Yang he believes that every sentence of the autobiography has a deep message. Alhaji Tukur said he was pleased to receive Dr. Yang as True Parent's representative and promised to work for the success of the eventual visit of our True Parents to Nigeria in person."

They also called on Dr. Kanu Godwin Agabi, who is sixty-five years old and is also an adviser to President Jonathan. He has served Nigeria as the minister of justice, as attorney general and as the minister for solid minerals development. Dr. Yang, who noted that Dr. Agabi has visited Korea and has read Father's autobiography, said of him, "He is a special leader, chosen by God. He told me, 'In order for Africa to be transformed, we need blessings from people like Father Moon.' He takes pride that he is an ambassador for peace and said, 'The

teachings of Rev. Moon are necessary for this nation and will transform the nation.'"

Because Dr. Yang believes that Nigeria is a central nation in Africa that will be able to exert a positive influence throughout the continent, he gave True Father's autobiography and *World Scripture* to many people that he met.

### Inaugural events

It is a Nigerian tradition for a newly elected president to attend a religious service of thanksgiving at both the National Cathedral and the National Mosque. As a Christian, the president went to the mosque first. In the afternoon, he went to the cathedral, where he, his wife Patience and their two children sat on the dais, to the side of the pulpit. "Our True Parents were offered seats among visiting presidents and diplomats at the front and center of the cathedral for the two-hour service conducted by several of Nigeria's most famous Christian leaders," Mrs. Rigney stated. Their emissary Dr. Yang—who said that because he was the only non-African in the front row, television cameras lingered on him—occupied that seat.

The guest list to the inaugural banquet that evening was limited to four hundred. Afterward, Mrs. Rigney reports, "Dr. Yang found himself swept up in a group of about thirty presidents, vice-presidents and prime ministers who filed past President Jonathan and his wife, who greeted each one in turn. Other guests were channeled off toward a different exit. In the middle of this distinguished group, Dr. Yang met President Jonathan and offered him greetings and blessings from our True Parents."

The following day, at the inauguration, Africa Regional President Hee-sun Ji joined Dr. Yang in seats reserved for True Parents. In the inauguration program Dr. Yang found the president's curriculum vitae, which indicated the day he was appointed an ambassador for peace and proudly included his UPF good governance award among his honors.

In his inaugural address, the president and ambassador for peace echoed his comments during True Mother's visit when he said, "This is the era of transformation. This is the time for action. But Nigeria can only be transformed if we all play our parts with commitment and sincerity. Cynicism and skepticism will not help our journey to greatness. Let us all believe in a new Nigeria. Let us work together to build a great country that we will all be proud of. This is our hour."

### Face to face with Nigeria's future

The following morning, Dr. Yang, Rev. Ji, Mrs. Rigney and Mrs. Winter met President Jonathan privately on behalf of True Parents. As he had to others, Dr. Yang presented *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* and *World Scripture*, a book that Kathy Rigney explained "contains many quotations from traditional Yoruba, Igbo and Hausa religious teachings."

Dr. Yang conveyed True Parents' love and greetings to the president, who asked about Father's health. The president expressed humility and said that he is in awe at how God has been guiding his life. As Dr. Yang later explained to Father, ten African nations are anxious to receive True Parents. President Jonathan asked that he be the first to be told when True Parents schedule is clear and that he would welcome the opportunity to officially welcome them to his nation. So much effort is being made to break through pressing difficulties in Africa that people recognize a need for more than human effort, so as Dr. Yang heard several times in his few days in Nigeria, a cry arises for True Parents blessings on their nations. **FW**

2 This account of Dr. Yang's experience is based on a report by Mrs. Katherine Rigney and Dr. Yang's report to the audience, at Father's request, on the Day of All True Things.



# Some Thoughts on the Holy Spirit Healing Service



*Dr. Anthony J. Guerra began working as an assistant to the international president, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, toward the end of last year. We are pleased to present here some of his comments from a recent interview with Today's World.*

**Today's World:** You have said that you feel the Holy Spirit Healing Service is a significant development.

**Anthony Guerra:** I feel strongly that the Holy Spirit Healing Service is a gift that God has given to our movement through Hyung-jin nim, through True Parents, at a critical time. By Hyung-jin nim being able to convey that gift to our members, it allowed him, as international president, to move to his higher responsibility, which is to serve True Parents directly. Even though he had been working on it somewhat earlier, the Holy Spirit Healing Service came to fruition at the Yeosu workshop at the end of last year,<sup>1</sup> because there was the opportunity to do it together with hundreds of brothers and sisters.

People experienced the power of love, comfort and the chastisement of the Holy Spirit together. It created a unity among us. This Hyung-jin nim saw, and it allowed him to feel that giving this kind of love to True Parents through the Holy Spirit service was going to heal all of us. That spiritual foundation was the foundation on which Hyung-jin nim could then substantially go and directly serve True Parents.

We can connect with him in a real way through the Holy Spirit Healing Service, giving energy to True Parents, while he is there directly, physically as well as spiritually, caring for True Parents. I think the timing is not accidental that this Holy Spirit Healing Service was given by God through True Parents, through Hyung-jin nim, to us.

**Why did Hyung-jin nim choose the words "Cham Bumo nim Eog-mansei"?**

*Cham Bumo nim* (True Parents) is obvious, because they are the center, in the original four-position foundation, the culmination of God's true love, the center of our church, the center of the providence; it must be that. *Eog-mansei* we have said for decades when we are trying to express our commitment, celebrate a great victory or look forward to a great providential victory with True Parents. There are probably many reasons.

<sup>1</sup> A twenty-one day workshop at the end of last year, to which True Parents called a thousand members to participate as a condition to protect South Korea from war

One reason, Hyung-jin nim said, is that no matter who you are or how poor your Korean is, these are probably the few words that everyone in our movement knows and can pronounce. The issue of having a service that can be universal is one factor, because even though they are Korean words they have become Unificationist words.

**The potential effects of this service seem profound.**

Hyung-jin nim liked Rohan Durant's testimony about the Holy Spirit Healing Service.<sup>2</sup> He sent it to me and said to share it with members... Two points Rohan made were helpful for all of us. One is that in chanting "Cham Bumo nim Eog-mansei," we create a spiritual Noah's Ark, and when we're on that ark—that spiritual, vibrational ark—we have the same protection from the fallen world, from the chastisement of that world, as Noah's family had in those Last Days. So, in these Last Days, the Holy Spirit Healing Service creates that vibrational ark that saves the community and saves anyone who is willing step on to it.

The second insight—although this is exactly the point that Hyung-jin nim has been talking about from the very beginning—is that through our purely and fully centering our hearts on True Parents and on giving True Parents our love, our devotion and our sincerity, we ourselves are renewed (those that seek to lose their life will gain it). Of course, the external words "Cham Bumo nim Eog-mansei" together demand, in order for those words to be fully operationalized, spiritually, our pure intention, our pure devotion, our full devotion. When we give that, the vibrational ark is realized.

Hyung-jin nim recognized the power of the Holy Spirit Healing Service, and he immediately became aware that he had to be humble in front of that power. That's why he immediately developed the confession at the beginning of the healing service.<sup>3</sup> The essence of this came very quickly because of

<sup>2</sup> The national leader of our church in Barbados; his testimony is posted on our web site, [www.todayworld.org](http://www.todayworld.org)

<sup>3</sup> The congregation asks the leader of the Holy Spirit Healing Service to ensure that his motivation is God-centered, and that any healings that



# Pure Motivation and Clean Outreach

Adapted from an account By Nina Persson, an STF member visiting Vlora, Albania

Ownership is about being a leader of yourself, setting a good example that can inspire others to take on a leadership role. Knowing the purpose behind something provides the motivation to take action—even though there might be things you don't want to do. That's how I explained it to the people who took part in a clean-up project we organized in Vlora, Albania. With cleaning activity, people have to know its purpose and thus find their motivation. I wanted them to know that it's not only about taking ownership in one project, but in life in general. The project was also an opportunity for people to think about the environment and nature.

Everyone on the team was given different responsibilities in preparation for the project. We made banners and signs with some phrases such as "Take the step to make a change. Keep Vlora clean." We prepared T-shirts printed with a CARP logo, which turned out very nice.

We made leaflets explaining the project and CARP, and also a map showing the location of our center. These were to give to people who expressed an interest in coming and learning more about us. We also called our witnessing contacts to see if they were interested in participating.

We divided into two groups and we made a plan for one group to march on each side of the street. We marched with the banners, giving out leaflets and cleaning at the same time. We went all the way to the beach. The participants were so excited and inspired that they started to clean as soon as we



The cleanup project participants ready to go

got outside. I think they could see that we were making an impression on passers-by, because some of them were saying thank you and some were picking up trash themselves. Curious people asked us questions. A few people even promised not to throw trash on the street, and to pass that idea on to their friends and classmates. As was our intention, it was like witnessing while cleaning.

We could see how doing something for others makes them happy and that you become happy yourself. I think the Vlora members, STF members and participants could learn something valuable from this street-cleaning project.

The question now is whether we can keep it up. **STW**

Hyung-jin nim's sensitivity that God is God, True Parents are True Parents and we are sinners.

Because of his realization of that truth, he was so quick to add that confessional call and develop it, so that not only the Holy Spirit Healing Service leader but all of us have the opportunity to acknowledge at the beginning of the service that it is not coming from us, it is beyond us and we are simply the instruments through which God's spirit and power are being manifested.

I believe the Holy Spirit Healing Service is guided by the Holy Spirit. I have to say that the foundation is all those thousands of *kyungbaes* Hyung-jin nim and others with him have done over the last several years, that sincerity. The earlier ceremony to commemorate the seven deaths and resurrections allowed us to fully appreciate what True Parents have done for us, giving their lives again and again in order for us to be reborn. That service set the foundation for us to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit Healing Service.

take place are God's work, not his own. He responds by asking for God's guidance and offering the service to Heaven.

I think it's very important to realize Hyung-jin nim's concern that Korean Christians and Christians worldwide be given the opportunity to meet True Parents, serve True Parents and fulfill their God-given mission to work with the Returning Lord. That heart was also part of the foundation that allowed Hyung-jin nim to receive the revelation about the Holy Spirit Healing Service.

**How does this relate to the spiritual work that is going on at the Cheongpyeong training center?**

The form and purpose of it may be different because ancestor liberation is for the past—our ancestors—and it's appropriately done in that most holy place, Cheongpyeong, where True Parents reside.

The Holy Spirit Healing Service, revealed from the same spirit, has a purpose directed more toward the public, to witness to Christians and others, to take up the call to serve and to follow True Parents, as well as to strengthen us, who are aware of and are already following True Parents. **STW**



