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# Absolute Love



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*The following message is based on the sermon Hyung-jin nim delivered (in Korean) at Cheon Bok Gung in Seoul on Sunday, October 30, with some parts added from the testimony he gave on a similar theme to the continental directors at a meeting with them on October 29.*

**T**he substance of my sermon today is about Luke 14:26 in the Bible.

“If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”

Here, Jesus used very strong expressions. Let’s analyze this quotation closely. At that time, Jesus told people, Hate your parents, the parents who’d raised you. Hate your wife, whom you love. Hate your children. Hate your siblings. If you want to become my disciple, you have to hate your own life and follow me. We tend to think that Jesus said only nice things like “Love your neighbor as yourself.” However, the historical Jesus was a very strong person. If we read the Bible carefully, we can find the strong aspects of Jesus’ character; we come to see that Jesus lived according to an absolute standard. Jesus is like Father; that is the standard Christ lives at.

When Christians in the early days saw this quotation from Luke 14:26, they would have known the word, in classical Greek, as *miseo*. In the Korean language, “hate” can be a strong expression, but in some cases, it can be mild. For example, a little kid might say, I hate you, Mom! However, the word *miseo* is stronger than that. The word means “abhorrence.” It refers to extreme hate. Therefore, two thousand years ago, with Jerusalem as the background, it was an extreme word for not only the Jews but also the Greeks next to them.

Many feelings came to me while thinking of these statements by Jesus while I have been staying by Father’s side. Observing Father, I can imagine what kind of person Jesus was. Jesus wasn’t like a Hollywood actor with a soft smile, a soft voice, long blond hair and blue eyes, as we have seen him depicted in the world of imagery. Jesus was actually a revolutionary. He began a revolution and brought forth God’s wrath. As Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.”<sup>1</sup>

He also said, two thousand years ago, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”<sup>2</sup> If someone said that to you when your parents had just passed away, it would be a very cutting remark. I cannot imagine any leader telling that to his disciples, but Jesus said it and so has Father. Mrs. Lan-young Moon, president of WFWP International, wrote in her testimony that she had been in Alaska with Father just before her mother died. She heard that her mother was in critical condition, so she reported this to Father and expressed her intent to return to Korea. But Father ordered her to stay with him, much as Jesus had instructed his disciple. Then, however, Father didn’t say anything to her or instruct her on anything in particular but was on a boat at sea all day long for several days. During this time, her mother passed away. Mrs. Moon testified that she anguished over the question of why Father had seized her like that and had not allowed her to be with her mother during the last moments of her mother’s life. But after that, Father appointed her to her important position. How high the standard of Jesus Christ is! How great is the passion of Christ! We can gain a perspective on our situation through the Bible.

It is very hard on our bodies when we attend Father. Often we cannot keep up. Father led a twenty-two-hour hoondokhae, took an hour of rest, led hoondokhae again, went out to sea for more than twelve hours, came ashore, boarded a helicopter to go somewhere else, arrived at his destination and held a meeting. Those who take care of and follow Father are at the point of collapse. Actually, because I attend Father like this, I realize that I cannot always monitor myself well enough. Because I must follow Father—however and whenever he moves and acts—and run after him in an instant, I was not monitoring myself. I reached the point of being unable to

<sup>1</sup> Mt 10:34

<sup>2</sup> Mt 8:22b





The Ilhwa Cheonma Football Club won the Korean Football Association (FA) Cup on October 15 with a 1–0 win over Suwon Samsung. The FA Cup is a knock-out competition.

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**Back Cover:** True Parents, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim in front of a statue of the Four Great Saints recently installed in front of Cheon Bok Gung

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## The Garden of Our Original Hometown

*At the joint ceremony for the 52<sup>nd</sup> True Children's Day and the 24<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth, True Father spoke for just four minutes. Here is his speech in full.*

Whenever you gather for a day like this, the question for you all is whether this gathering is a central gathering in the eyes of the nation and world. For what purpose have we gathered? It is not just for the sake of this nation or for the world. I always think about how the world that is not united with God—the world of the past, the distant past, or the world that we live in today, or even the future world—forever remains a task, or the homework, to be resolved by completing the building of a unified world in that other kingdom.<sup>1</sup>

Nobody is aware that we, a small group of people who confront issues concerning this great universe, have the responsibility to go beyond national borders, beyond villages, beyond townships, beyond provinces, beyond nations, and even to digest and transcend the world's borderlines by uniting in mind and body around a common cause and heart. We are the only ones who know this. People do not know that the time for carrying out such responsibility—that we who tread this path must fulfill—has passed by.

When we consider the fact that ordinary people are born then go to join their ancestors, there is no one who would say that those people know that to be the case and go knowing what this time signifies. Ask yourselves whether you know about and are prepared for such times. You will know for a fact that you are not prepared. Thus, those who are not prepared

are always miserable. Whenever you are busy preparing for this, you can show how great the value of that preparation is beyond the purpose of that preparation. You can possess this value and clear a path for generations to come and for brothers and sisters who are unable to go to that place in the heavenly world. If the rest of the people of the world cannot resolve to display their utmost loyalty, they will never find the path that enables them to cross over to that world.

During this meeting let us resolve that we must become a single group of people belonging to such a universe, on this joyful day that can pass on greater joy to tomorrow, and thus leave behind days of greater joy for our descendants to come. I hope that that determination and the flowers of your heart can fully blossom, that they can grow from within, and spill over to the nation, world and cosmos. Please do not forget that it is possible to live within the temporal realm of both heaven and earth where you can experience the sound of God's joyful laughter together with the scenes of your daily life.

I hope that this hour can be one where you further strengthen your resolve and pledge to spend the next days with greater loyalty. I earnestly wish to see the world of the unified kingdom of heaven in which we can live together with God in the garden of our original hometown. I wish the flower of this gathering to bloom brightly, if for a short while, allowing God to visit us here. Aju. **TW**

<sup>1</sup> That is, the spirit world.



# An Elucidation of Words

*In recent weeks True Father has asked us to change the Chinese characters we use when we write certain Korean words. This extract from Father's discourse at hoondokhae on 9.20 (October 16) gives us a glimpse into his thought process. True Father formally studied the Chinese Classics as a child and his concern for the implementation of heavenly ways extends to the syntactic level.*

None of us knows what lies in our background. If the appropriate systematic philosophy and practical outlook are not recognized as having equal value centering on one standard, a certain level, there cannot be a stable world. That standard must be sought.

What do you think the world will be like after everything is concluded? It will either completely disappear or it will continue to exist. If it continues, the question is in what manner it will exist. The truth is that it cannot end. God's work cannot end. In that case, in what manner will we establish a point that permits a providential change of direction at that time? That is our homework.

Where, then, do you think the God of Night and God of Day are perfected? This sounds like the kind of talk you'd hear in a dream. What is being perfected and how? True love is an amazing term. Who is the subject being that has experienced true love? In the presence of that subject being, the important issue is the person—whether he is capable or not—who can relate to and digest that Lord in the flesh.

We are unable to resolve the problems we face today. In that light, we cannot criticize things. Keeping quiet, studying and developing are the only ways to become a being that is motivated and analogous to raw resources needed in the new world in the future. When you think about this, you should come to realize the fact that the only way that remains is working hard without saying a word.

Everyone, a few days ago I corrected some words.... The Chinese character *hwa* (化) meaning "to become," that includes the Chinese character *in* (人) meaning "person" should be discarded. This character does not allow for the meaning of settlement or happiness.... [Senior member: Father instructed that we use the Chinese character *hwa* (和) that is used in the word *pyeong-hwa* meaning "peace" instead of the *hwa* meaning "change" used in *jin-hwa*, meaning "evolution." Father instructed that we use that *hwa* [from *pyeong-hwa*], which incorporates the character *do* (禾) meaning "rice." That character *hwa* (和) on its own means "even" or "regular."

The Chinese character *hwa* (化) [to become] which incorporates the character *in* (人) mean-



Seongnam Ilhwa's 2011 Football Association (FA) Cup champions' trophy is presented to True Parents during hoondokhae on October 16.

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



ing “person” leads to frequent divisions. The concept of safe settlement can never exist [in that *hwa*]. If you could compare the way that rice plants today grow with how those of a thousand or even ten thousand years ago grew, you could tell that they have not changed. When the time comes for the stalks to bear grain, they do; when it is time for the flowers to bloom, they bloom. When it is time to bloom and there is a change in the environment, a rice plant maintains its form. The only thing that changes is its orientation; its essence does not change.

Regardless of the external form, the essence does not change.<sup>1</sup>

*Seonghwa*<sup>2</sup> Ceremony (聖和式) consists of the Chinese characters *seong* (聖) meaning holy and *hwa* (和) meaning harmony. What would happen if it consisted of the Chinese character *hwa* meaning to become? The next day other people might alter its meaning.

The food chain does not change. The world may develop, sovereigns may change, the policy and direction of history may diverge but the food chain must always exist. The smaller beings must assist the larger beings while the larger beings must help the smaller beings. How can they help? It cannot be done using the character *hwa* meaning “to become.” The only

plished and telling you to do something with it amongst yourselves. I am telling you to expand it if you are a better person than I. Then, in turn, the second generation should say the same to the next. If a man has children, he should tell them, You have to become a better person than I.

On that basis development will occur. They will not perish but will survive and grow....

I must follow the Principle as it is. Something good will be added later. If you do not know, you must remain silent. The time has come....

Then comes harmony, development and creation. What is evolution and development? The character *hwa* (化) meaning “to become” cannot exist in world history. Why does the phrase “food chain” exist? Even small fish lay tens of thousands of eggs. Yet, less than 0.3 percent of the eggs survive. The rest disappear. If the mother fish thinks about this, her worst sworn enemy is the being that kills all her babies. She would surely say, I don’t like this. Yet, the smaller fish follow this formula in order to become the food of larger fish. It is not development. It is reduction; it disappears. Without doing this, the universe cannot exist.

That is why the smaller beings must give life to the larger beings. The larger beings must (also do the same) for the smaller being. ... If there is something that ten people fed on and it was made into food for a thousand, and considering the fact that 990 out of a thousand is left after subtracting the ten, you will have something to be proud of before your ancestors....

We should remove the character *hwa* (化) meaning “to become” from the word *moonhwa* (文化) meaning “culture.” It would have been better if it used the character *hwa* (和) meaning “to be equal.” If there are ten members in a family and only one dish of food, they would not be enemies even if all ten were only to eat one spoonful. If you refrained from eating your spoonful, and instead gave it to another, that person would be on your side....

When you are in prison and when you are hungry in prison, you have no need for a bank account with billions of dollars in it. When you are hungry, that spoonful of rice in your mouth... That bank account is not yours. You may fall asleep today and misplace it. Yet, that rice you’ve eaten is already yours. You can live a few more days....

How will you go and live in the spirit world? If a being needs you, you should be able to adapt to it. If you need that being, it should adapt to you. That is how the universe operates. The gold in a poor man’s house is the same as gold in a rich man’s house. A gram is a gram. All the elements of life are the same. If they are all the same, how can you say one person is better than another?

Two people may like each other but if that couple is unable to produce offspring their lineage will disappear. It is an obvious conclusion....

Should I go to Las Vegas again or not? If I don’t, I have to send you in my place. If I don’t go, what will you do there? Don’t you know how much there is to do? Are you saying that you are incapable? You have to work and eat until you die. The practice of just playing and eating will disappear. Countries will perish.

I sacrificed my children for the sake of the world. I probably have the record of having sent the most children to the spirit world during my lifetime. What, then, becomes of the Republic of Korea and the world? Who would want such a parent? The satanic world would not want such a parent. The heavenly world desires such a person. That world will not disappear. It is eternal. You go to that world because it is eternal. **JW**



**On November 15, True Parents visited Naksansa, a Buddhist temple overlooking the sea on the east coast of Korea.**

way is to use *hwa* (和) meaning “harmonize.”...

That which can become more solid than iron becomes the core and can establish the pillar of the universe. A being that is capable of changing cannot become that foundation. The phrase “true love” refers to that single unchanging parent body. It is eternal.

A man who has true love!.. This cannot be explained even if one tries. A single, unique woman who has true love... When these two become one, they would only form a single couple. From there, multiplication occurs.

The mother and father together can become a foundation on the prepared earth. Parents tell their children to become greater than both their mother and father. The foundation enabling infinite growth of the future core is contained in that concept. Any person who becomes a parent or king that wishes for his children or subordinate to be less than himself would be finished right there.

I’m here with you. I’m conveying to you what I have accom-

1 That is, the character for rice plant can represent safe settlement.

2 Readers might benefit from asking a Korean for the correct pronunciation of this important word.



# Fighting Evil, Promoting Goodness

*This, the thirty-sixth installment in our series on Father's life, is based on the book series True Parents' Life Course, published in Korean in twelve volumes. This installment features the first Blessing Ceremonies for non-Koreans, the second world tour, and the continuation of the work in both Korea and Japan to counter communist expansionism.*

## **First God's Day, January 1, 1968 (proclaimed by True Parents at 3:00 AM)**

You must know that now that your first seven-year course and my twenty-one-year course are over, with the establishment of God's Day, a new age has begun in which God can directly guide us, centering on Heaven's family, in the second seven-year course in this country and in the world. To save a people, the tribe is established. This is God's mission.

January 1, 1968 is a joyous day, because God can come down to earth based on the love emanating from Adam and Eve's God-centered oneness, for the first time in history; this has been God's hope according to the ideal He held at the Creation.

## **Thwarted assassination attempt**

The so-called "Shin-jo Kim incident,"<sup>1</sup> the infiltration of armed North Korean commandos on January 21, 1968 was as an opportunity for South Korea to pull itself together and to reach a new level. Shin-jo Kim belonged to North Korean Army Unit 124. You all heard the kind of training the commandos were made to go through. It was rigorous—ordinary people would have fallen down and given up, on the verge of death. By having gone through that training process, which gradually grew more severe, they would later be able to overcome situations that are even more difficult.

Nevertheless, why did North Korea attack the South Korean president's residence? The numbers actually add up. It was January 21. The Unit consisted of thirty-one soldiers. January refers to a new beginning. The twenty-first signifies three times seven, and the thirty-one soldiers symbolize the number four. It is all based on the Divine Principle. The fact that they attacked the external president signifies that Cain attacked Abel externally. From the viewpoint of God's side, we are Abel whereas North Koreans are Cain, so it is almost as if Cain struck at Abel. However, because the time has come, Cain could not kill Abel. Through the incident, the Korean people united. When faced with an attack from Cain, you need to unite with Abel.

## **Winning (sometimes reluctant) respect**

It seems that Christian ministers now tell their believers that even if they think the Unification Church teachings are wrong they should nevertheless model their activities on our members' work. Why would they say that? We do things that members of other churches could not even dream of doing. Having carried out our activities in the rural districts, counties and provinces, we are now moving them into the central city areas.

Our Nongdowon<sup>2</sup> won a 5.16 Citizen Award.<sup>3</sup> A great number of our church members have received individual awards. The world probably did not imagine that the Unification Church would do so well. We love our country more than anyone else does, and we work harder than anyone else to stop the communists.

## **Working to drive out communism**

The people know they need Unification Church lecturers, so they come to us in their cars<sup>4</sup>

1 North Koreans in South Korean Army uniforms infiltrated on January 17. The South Korean military learned of their presence the following night. The commandos entered Seoul on January 21 intent on killing President Park. An alert policeman confronted them, and a running firefight erupted. Four were killed in Seoul and two captured. The others split up and fled north. Twenty-three were tracked down and killed. One was later discovered frozen to death. Only one soldier escaped into North Korea. Of the two captured in Seoul, one killed himself with a concealed hand grenade. The other was Shin-jo Kim.

2 The name indicates a rural learning center. It was a church-run program in the southern South Korean provinces that taught modern farming techniques, literacy, etc. Nongdowon was a forerunner to the New Village Movement, a government initiative begun in the early 1970s that developed rural South Korea.

3 5.16 (May 16) brazenly refers to the coup d'état that brought Chung-hee Park to power in 1961. The government bestowed the award in recognition of contributions to the nation.

4 These apparently were wealthy civic leaders. In 1968, South Korea had fewer than 1,450 cars; the figure today exceeds 18,000,000.





**Dow-soon Lim gives an outdoor VOC lecture in the late 1960s**

to invite our lecturers to their halls. They have learned that the Unification Church wants to win against communism, so they have given us the name "Victory over Communism Enlightenment Group"....<sup>5</sup>

Our church has many anecdotes to share. One church leader went to a village as an anti-communism lecturer. Everyone of importance came to listen to him, including government officials ranging from the police chief to the county magistrate. They had heard that an anti-communism lecturer was coming, but the only person they saw was a young man with unkempt hair walking toward them. At first, they thought he was the lecturers assistant, so they asked him, "Where did you come from? When is the lecturer coming?" The lecturer hesitated to answer. They said, "We heard that Mr. Kim from the Unification Church was coming today to give a lecture, and we want to know where he is."

<sup>5</sup> The teams of members that this casual name refers to had been working throughout Korea for several years before joining forces and registering with the government as the International Federation for Victory Over Communism on January 13, 1968.

He replied, "I am Mr. Kim," They hadn't realized that the young man with disheveled hair was the lecturer and began to mutter among themselves. No doubt, they were embarrassed to learn that a man young enough to be their son was the lecturer. Nevertheless, they had no choice but to give him the podium because they had officially invited him. He gave a two-and-a-half-hour lecture. By the time he finished, their way of looking at him had completely changed.

Our anti-communism lecturers are all young people in their twenties. They are friends with county magistrates and police chiefs, so you could say they have gone up in the world after joining the church. Has listening to and putting my instructions into practice ever destroyed anyone? No matter how great an ideology is, if you fail to practice it and your results do not reach the standard, the ideology will not properly manifest its value.

### **The founding of IFVOC in Japan**

In 1965, I visited forty countries and reexamined the problem of communism. I examined to what extent it was expanding. I thought then that we did not have much time. Therefore, I made a plan to send forty-seven leaders to Japan in January 1967, but the South Korean intelligence agency blocked it. Behind the government were prominent members of Christian churches, who said "Moon, with his Unification Church foundation, will disgrace our country." As a result, I had to postpone implementing the plan.

We had no alternative to working quietly behind the scenes. Finally, on April 1, 1968, the Japanese chapter of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism was founded. I held a meeting with the Japanese leaders and said, "From now on, we must promote anti-communism, VOC activities, here in Japan, which is a free land." In the beginning, none of them welcomed what I said. I had to persuade them by explaining why it was historically necessary.

I armed them with theoretical weapons. I trained Japanese



**Left: True Father with church officials at a factory operated by our church members, January 11, 1969; Right: Father writes in calligraphy to mark the founding of International Federation for Victory Over Communism in January 1968.**



members so that they could give VOC lectures and sent them out. They went to areas where many communists could be found. I sent them to Chosun University.

I prepared one bold Japanese woman and commanded her, "You are to stand in front of Chosun University<sup>6</sup> and give VOC lectures for three years, at the risk of your life! You could be shot, or run over by a truck; death will follow you wherever you go, no matter what. You must still go!" I could tell you many stories about that. Chosun University tried to put pressure on us through the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We, however, continued to fight them at the risk of our lives. We carried out an active campaign against communism in famous areas throughout Japan, including Tokyo Station.<sup>7</sup>

#### **The 430-Couple Blessing Ceremony (February 22, 1968)**

When I blessed the couples, I told them to become tribal messiahs. I meant that they should not live in comfort by themselves.... I want them to become tribal messiahs and as the embodiments of the resurrected Jesus and of the Holy Spirit save their clans.... The date of the Blessing Ceremony marks the twentieth anniversary of my imprisonment in Hungnam Special Labor Camp....

Church president Osami Kuboki<sup>8</sup> represented Japan. I had originally wanted to bless him when I visited Japan in 1967, but I could not do it. For that reason, when I blessed the 430 couples in 1968, I invited Kuboki to come to Korea as Japan's representative and I blessed him.

I invited Ryoichi Sasakawa, a rich Japanese, to our large wedding ceremony. I sent him an invitation that read, "Sir, I believe you should come and offer your congratulations this time." Rev. Kuboki and his wife were blessed in the ceremony, and Mr. Sasakawa actually came. In other words, Adam, Eve and the Japanese archangel have been restored. When you think about Sasakawa being the Japanese archangel, you realize that this year's Blessing Ceremony served as a good starting point. At the end of the seven years, people such as Osami

6 North Korea funds the university, which is in Tokyo. The Japanese government neither funds nor recognizes it. The woman was Mrs. Yasue Erikawa, who recently explained that Father had told her, "Even if you die, it's okay." After about forty days, Father was again in Japan and asked her how it was progressing. She said, "Well, I am still alive." Father reminded her that she had to continue for three years, which she did. She now heads the Witnessing Department at Cheon Bok Gung.

7 To Koreans in those days, Tokyo Station was a tourist draw. In Korea, the old Seoul Station, built under the Japanese in 1925, was based on the design of old the Tokyo Station, built in 1914.

8 1931–1998, president of the church in Japan 1964–1991



**In 1968, 436 couples took part in the 430-Couple Blessing Ceremony in Seoul.**

Kuboki were restored, which served as an important turning point in Japan's restoration. Sasakawa came to the ceremony and thus established a standard on which we could begin to carry out our plan to put an end to communism.

#### **Continuing to reach out**

You must make your best effort. Israel defeated a coalition of nations that had fifteen times more military power within the space of a week.<sup>9</sup> By the same token, you should arm yourselves internally and externally and make and carry out plans to achieve your goals in a short time even if you are small in number. The time has come when the Unification Church must implement that kind of operation. The purpose of the one-

9 The Six-day War in June 1967



**Victory Over Communism activities in Shizuoka, Japan in August 1969**



**A Japanese university student giving a VOC lecture in 1969**



hundred-day prayer condition this time is to bring us to have the heart to fight a spiritual war.

If I announce that all of you will be sent to out to provincial areas from July 20 and push you to go, will you go? Are you going to run off and go home, or are you going out to the world?

Our final battle has come. Since it is time for the final showdown, all of you must mobilize. You must realize that you should shed tears today not because you are sad over your opponents' ridiculing you, as in the past, but because you represent the sorrowful nation from the position of chief priests....

President Kuboki came to me saying, "How about concentrating the forty-day witnessing campaign on the Tokyo area this time?" I replied, "Tokyo is not the issue. Tokyo is only one part of Japan. If you want to be loyal and faithful to God's will, you must train your members by sending them all over Japan." I told him that it is necessary to revive the entire population of nearly 100 million Japanese people, and I instructed him to expand the campaign across the nation.

### **The twentieth training session April 5–May 18**

In this training session, unlike past ones, many lecturers were invited to speak to you. I thought it was necessary to show that the Unification Church is worthy to be publicly recognized by the outside world.

By listening to lectures by people regarded as prominent leaders in Korea, I am sure you had an opportunity to make comparisons, to criticize their lectures, to observe and to examine them. As a result, you learned many things. Another benefit was that we were able to inform them about Unification Church activities. Before they spoke at the training session, they must have regarded the young people of the Unification Church as good for nothing. When they came, however, they must have been impressed by the quality of the questions raised by our members. They told themselves, These young people are well educated and disciplined. When I think of these things, I can say that this time we were able to give these leaders clear information.

### **The quality of Japanese members**

I have brought foreigners to this land that have shed tears, standing where their teacher was born. They miss this nation more than their own fatherland or hometown.... When I see these people studying the Divine Principle, I perceive that many of them have memorized the Divine Principle book. I was amazed when I saw them studying our *New Counter-Proposal to Communism*. When they ask questions, it is always about the critical factors that troubled the writer the most. That shows that their knowledge is more extensive than yours. The Unification Church members I would wish for are different from the members you dream of becoming.

### **Nationwide movement for the unity of the churches**

We are carrying out interreligious outreach to set the condition of Abel becoming one with Cain.... Some time ago, we had a week-long prayer meeting centered on our nationwide church-unification campaign. The campaign was centered on the Roman Catholic Church, but I guided the entire campaign, and all churches in Korea followed along. Now we are closer to the Catholic Church than to anyone else. A famous Catholic priest is actually listening to our lectures now. In this way, I

plan to win all the young Koreans, especially Seoul University students, to our side. That is why I spend more time on the inter-religious movement's development than on our church's.

### **Research Meeting on New Religions September 9–10**

I have tried to fulfill God's will by uniting, centered on Jesus, all the Christian denominations, which are now all separate from one another, but they refused to unite. However, I was not discouraged. Instead, I created a new denomination that is more than equal to them all. Thus, I built a foundation on which people can receive and carry out God's providence. That is, I founded the Unification Church in Korea.

In September 1968, we had a chance to hold an official dialogue with other churches at the Christian Academy House.<sup>10</sup> Some forty leaders from other churches, including famous scholars, participated. They had all opposed Rev. Moon of the Unification Church. When I walked boldly into the hall filled with such prominent people, I didn't feel bad at all.

To them, I might have looked insignificant, as if a whiff of wind could blow me away, but as the times change they come to realize that I am not who they thought I was. Now, in fact, I was in a position where I could feel sympathy for them. The fact that they received me and are now even recommending the truth of the Unification Church to others shows that they have as good as bowed their heads before us.



**The Sunhwa Children's Dance Troupe (later known as the Little Angels) during their tour of Japan in 1969**

### **Little Angels' performances in Japan**

**January 4–February 3, 1969**

It was an adventure for the Sunhwa Children Dance Group<sup>11</sup> to give performances in Japan. I made the arrangements and gave detailed instructions. Even Bo-hi Pak, who was in charge, did not know what to do. I pushed this project along so that there would be nationwide performances within two months.

In the beginning, they had to sell 45,000 tickets but one week before the performance they had only sold 4,000. The other day, President Kuboki of the Japanese church came to me and proposed to reduce the number of performances in Japan to a minimum. I told him, "President Kuboki, even in Sumo

<sup>10</sup> A hotel and conference center

<sup>11</sup> Later known as the Little Angels





**True Father attended a conference, Research Meeting on New Religions, at Academy House in Seoul in September 1968, at which he spoke and spent time with other religious leaders.**

wrestling, victory or defeat is decided only after the match is actually held, isn't it? Retreating without even having a match is a defeat. You are making this proposal because you are not strong enough." In that way, I suppressed all his pessimistic feelings. He seemed very weighed down, perhaps because there were many problems. He must have been very worried.

They came again and asked how much they should sell the admission tickets for. They felt that the hall might not be filled, but that if the admission tickets were cheap we would have a large audience. Yet, I felt that we would not be disgraced even if we ended up saying that not that many people could come because the tickets were expensive....

President Kuboki had to follow my instructions. I told him to mobilize all CARP members to sell the tickets. If there were ten thousand tickets for three performances, all of them had to be sold. Struggles should erupt among those who want to get the tickets.... Actually, everything went all right. The performances were very successful.... By sending the Little Angels, we have been able to influence prominent leaders in business and political circles of Japan.

### **The second world tour — instructions before departing<sup>12</sup>**

Before I leave, I will sing a song for you so that you may sing it often until I come back. It's a song for unity. You must sing it in order to promote our work. All Unification Church members must pray at the holy ground. I hope you will pray at the church headquarters when it rains and at the holy ground when it does not rain. Please pray about unification.

### **The blessing of forty-three couples**

During my world tour, I blessed many couples in America, Germany and Japan. Why did I give the blessing during my tour in my second seven-year course? I did it in order to indemnify the failure of Jesus, who could not fulfill his world-wide mission even though he came as the second Adam. So, I established forty-three blessed families representing the world. The number forty-three includes the number forty, which symbolizes the standard of four thousand years, the period prior to the time of Jesus.... Forty-three couples correspond to the four hundred and thirty couples. In other words, I connected

<sup>12</sup> February 2–May 2, 1969, to twenty-one countries, accompanied by Mrs. Won-pok Choi, Rev. Hyo-won Eu and Pres. Osami Kuboki

the four hundred and thirty couples with the forty-three couples from ten countries. By doing that, the environmental foundation corresponding to the world was established.

For the blessing this time, I had married almost everyone as international couples. Americans were matched to Germans, French people to British people. I married the couples in that way. I did not match people of the same nationality. In order to restore the world, people must have a global sentiment that transcends love for a particular race. That is why I made them international couples this time. They all were happy and I was happy seeing them happy.

Women over forty-two years old are usually already married. Yet, a thirty-three-year-old bachelor volunteered to marry one woman that age. Western members cherish honor and achievement very much. He is that type of man. To him, a person's personality depends on how much honor and achievement he or she has. They differ from people in the Orient in that respect.

This man, Teddy,<sup>13</sup> pioneered the Netherlands. He used to be a lathe engineer who graduated from a technical school that is famous in America. After he joined our church, he went to the Netherlands for pioneer witnessing. He established a church center there and became the spiritual ancestor of the Netherlands.

When I asked him, "With whom do you wish to be blessed?" He said, "When I was in America, I worked with a woman truly faithful to God's will. I want to be blessed with her." He told me her name was Pauline. She had joined the church eight years before, when she was thirty-two years old. She was in a trinity with a woman named Doris. To establish the Unification family tradition in the Netherlands, Teddy insisted that he would need a woman like his mother, who would genuinely love the country and could embrace everything, good and bad, internal and external. When I held the first holy Blessing Ceremony in Europe, I told [one couple], "Make effort to live an interesting life, and you will surely have good sons and daughters." The next time I visited England, the woman brought her baby to me. As I predicted, the baby looked so smart and cute that I would have liked to take him for myself.

<sup>13</sup> Teddy Verheyen



**The thirteen couples blessed on February 28, 1969, in Washington DC in the 3-stage, 43-Couple Blessing Ceremony—which included 22 couples blessed in Japan and 8 in Germany.**





**True Father riding a camel in Egypt, True Mother by his side, during the second world tour in 1969**

#### **Instructions during a visit to Japan April 18–May 2, 1969**

When I visited Japan in 1965, I spoke with a high-ranking government official. I strongly asserted, “If you continue to have a feeble attitude, as you do now, in the end you will not be able to stand up to the communists.” In fact, with the beginning of the 1970s, the communists will begin preparing for a revolution centering on university campuses across the nation. Even as we speak, they are creating confusion, not only on the campuses but also in the Japanese society, with the university students at the front of their activities. This fact tells you plainly that they are aiming for more than just creating confusion on campuses.

Places like Osaka, Nagoya and Kyoto are now under communist influence. Our CARP students have risked their lives in carrying out desperate activities in these cities. As a result, all Japanese economists have come to realize that they need to fight against the communists. Thus, they have formed a nationwide supporters’ organization, remaining in the background, but providing funds for CARP activities. There is a world of difference between the activities of communists and of CARP, which both take place on university campuses in Japan. Indeed, God’s work and Satan’s work are being carried out simultaneously. Therefore, we need to confront communists, even if it means sacrificing ourselves in the process.

Considering this, we need to realize the urgency of the situation. If Japan is communized, no matter how much Korea may boast of being an anti-communist kingdom, Korea would be no better than a rat in a trap....

I visited a diplomat in charge of public information at the Korean Embassy in Japan and told him, “I know that you



Photo courtesy of Crystal Werner

**True Parents in Vienna, Austria, during the same world tour**

have criticized the Unification Church, but Japan is now in need of us. Nevertheless, you are still opposed to our church, aren’t you?”

He replied, “That will not be the case from now on.” We are now preparing to organize nearly 60,000 to 70,000 healthy young people into a strong organization to fight the Japanese Communist Party. During my stay in Japan this time, I talked with prominent leaders and exchanged opinions on how to bring down the Communist Party. I made plans for that purpose and came home....

The United States cannot even think about retreating in the fight against communism. I have emphasized the need to work in every way possible to defend the battle line in America. It is up to CARP and the Federation for Victory over Communism to carry out this work.



**Welcoming Father back to Korea from the second world tour, May 2, 1969**



### In Israel

When I visited Jerusalem during my recent tour, I went up the Mount of Olives and saw a three-thousand year old olive tree. Two-thousand years ago, Jesus took three disciples, Peter, John and James, with him to the garden of Gethsemane and prayed three times. It is most likely under that very tree that the three slept while Jesus prayed. This is an incredible place. Jesus rebuked his disciples there, and there Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus. Yet, the people who come there simply think that the lord came in order to die, that he came to die for my sake and that his death was a victory. I was at a loss for words at seeing that site.

### Overcoming hardship

I went through major battles and struggles during this world tour. I could not be more exhausted. Since most members met me for the first time after longing to see me for many years, they had no time limit. No matter how late at night, whether it was midnight or 1 o'clock in the morning, they wanted to be with me for as long as possible. Since I knew what they had in mind, I could not neglect them and go to bed even though I was exhausted. I visited the United States, Germany and other countries in Europe. I visited Asia and ended in Japan. I was able to complete the tour because I was supported by spiritual forces. Otherwise, I would have collapsed in the midst of it all.

### A global prayer condition June 1–September 30, 1969

Currently, the Unification Church is in Abel's position facing a danger of being struck. So, we must invest all our sincere heart into our work before being struck. Accordingly, you must understand that it is urgently necessary for you to offer special prayers, bearing responsibility for this nation's destiny, with the heart of praying for Cain's good fortune. That is why I came back in a hurry as soon as I had completed the world tour.

For four months, from the first day of June, you must invest your sincere heart for Korea's sake, which is the fatherland of faith for our members around the world....

You should also know that our Japanese members in CARP and the IFVOC are fighting at the risk of their lives. You must pray and begin anti-communism activities in Seoul from June. We cannot avoid doing these two kinds of activities.

### Everyone should witness

If you are a Unification Church member, what kind of responsibility should you bear? You must bring one new person each month. Do not bring in two. Just focus on bringing in one person a month and set conditions. Don't go to other houses, just focus on one house. Set conditions daily and convey the Principle every day to restore one person a month. If you can do that, how many will that be in a year? Isn't it twelve? I am saying you should bring in just twelve people. I will prevent anybody who fails to bring in one person a month from coming here. Some may say that they are in



Won-pok Choi, Father and Mother, Hyo-won Eu and Osami Kuboki on the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, during the second world tour

charge of a company and therefore are unable to do this, but I will not accept that. Managers here today are no exception. You all must take responsibility and do this. Rev. Yo-han Lee must also do this. You can sit here and give sermons but you should make time to witness. I have already given the order worldwide to witness to one person a month. I will collect statistics to see what percentage of its goal Korea achieves. **YW**



President Osami Kuboki speaks at the Asia Christian Anti-Communism Convention, November 3, 1969, in Japan



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continue, and became sick. Once I recovered, I realized the degree to which I am unable to adequately follow True Parents.

Now, notably, Father has a problem with his knees. His legs are in the process of recovering and he is not meant to stand because his knees are in supports. However, a few days ago he spoke at Sun Moon University. He said he had to be at the UPF event there. He stood up for the entire three and a half hours that he spoke. The assembled ambassadors for peace saw him pushing himself to the extreme. His whole body was sweating. Father is the body attending God without a moment of rest. If God wants to speak for three hours through Father, Father must overcome the pain and endure three hours at the podium.

The event was to commemorate the twenty-year anniversary of True Parents visiting Kim Il-sung,<sup>3</sup> then the leader of North Korea. Twenty years ago, Father met Kim Il-Sung; they shared ideas, and formed a brotherly relationship. Father did things that no one else in Korean history could have done.

Based on the fact that this was the theme of the event, many peace ambassadors and others had come. After the welcoming speeches and an introduction, Father came to the podium. He began talking about absolute sexual ethics and the sexual organs. He even used expressions that from the viewpoint of society were somewhat vulgar. But he didn't say one word about the reunification of North Korea and South Korea! Father speaks about shocking topics. It was not only this event; he does so at many official events. If we look honestly into our

at Satan. Also if you look at Martin Luther's writings, he was attacking the Roman Catholic Pope and the Catholic organization which were corrupt and declining at that time. Therefore, Luther cursed them because Satan had entered them. One part of the Lutheran school said it was the Lutheran theology to repel Satan through curses.

Brothers and sisters, as you know, Martin Luther was the central theologian in the history of God's providence to prepare for the advent of True Parents on earth. He was the central figure who laid the global foundation within Christianity for the second advent of the Lord, the True Parents. That central figure used very strong curse words, extreme expressions that shocked ordinary people.

When Father says shocking things in public, I wonder if Father is using the same method Luther used. There are occasions on which Father speaks especially strongly to women; he used very strong expressions, strong language, about the sexual organs. When you see that, you have to look from God's perspective. That was the area of the body where Satan has obtained his greatest victories in fallen history. Therefore, from God's viewpoint, that part of the body is the most important place in chasing Satan out. Therefore, Father uses this method of cursing from a theological basis and perspective. He shocks people because he uses curses that chase away Satan. In so doing he can reclaim God's ownership and dominion over the world. This is how I see it.

When I studied Buddhism, especially Zen Buddhism, I found many stories like that. One Buddhist monk was trying to become spiritually awakened, so he asked a senior monk about what the mind of a Buddha is. This is a question for Buddhist meditation and contains many philosophical connotations. However, the elderly monk answered, "Buddha is excrement." You may think that monk was very strange—Was he actually spiritually enlightened, or was he just getting old?

In the world of the spiritually enlightened, enlightened monks say extreme things to their disciples in order to awaken them spiritually. One great, famous Buddhist priest often hit his disciples with a stick when they asked questions. It was not because he was upset, but to bring enlightenment to them. He struck them in order to awaken them spiritually. A history exists of such methods being used over hundreds of years. When I hear a story like this it makes me think about Father.

For example, we were traveling from Geomun Island to Yeosu by helicopter. I was talking with one leader about China. Father was sitting right next to me. He said, "China is not the problem..." and immediately started speaking about the sexual organs. Then he began speaking about numbers. Our guest, who is not a member of our church, may have wondered how this related to China! Using the same method as those venerable Buddhist priests, Father does this to awaken us. I gave much thought to this and to what I have learned in past years.

When 172 American faith leaders came to Korea, they went around the nation and testified to many people about True Parents for two weeks. They left their own churches and responsibilities behind, and came, responding to instructions True Parents had given just a week earlier. This is no ordinary thing for such people to do.

True Parents spent three weeks here in Korea and then went back to Las Vegas. Then, Father mentioned that he had to teach the faith leaders something further. So, some of the ministers met in Las Vegas again. They participated in hoondokhae. But on that day, Father got very angry, stood up, threw books, and even slapped some faces.

Americans are different from Koreans. When Father gets upset and stands up, Koreans lower their eyes. That is the way



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department

**Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim pray during Pledge Service at the Pine Ridge Resort on November 1 (Ahn Shi Il)**

own hearts, we may admit to feeling embarrassed by this.

As you know if you look at the history of Christianity, Martin Luther launched the Reformation. He completely changed Europe with a new revolution that began Protestantism, which continues to the present day. You may know of Martin Luther, but there is a hidden story about him that many people do not know. Martin Luther wrote in German; if you look at his original writings in German, you'll see strong, indecent, and profane expressions—and many of them!

Martin Luther started out as a priest and later became a minister.<sup>4</sup> When he was giving spiritual counsel to Christians, he educated them to use strong curse words. He said that you have to be able to shoot the worst curses that you can think of

<sup>3</sup> 1912–1994; Leader of North Korea from 1945 until his death

<sup>4</sup> That is, he was a priest before his excommunication from the Catholic Church in 1521, and a minister either thereafter or beginning with the founding of the Lutheran Church in 1530.



in the Orient. However, Americans look into the eyes of the person speaking to them.<sup>5</sup> They don't look down. But because they were looking straight at Father, he became even angrier. As I observed the situation, books were flying. I was sitting at the front, so all the religious leaders were looking at me. In their eyes I could see them asking me, "Can you please help us comprehend this? We went to your country and toured around for your father for two weeks. The work at our own churches, mosques and temples is piling up but we came here, yet there is no word of thanks...."

Korea has an oriental culture and Koreans have vertical relationships, so Koreans may understand these things. In these modern times, however, even great religious leaders, great politicians or someone with a lot of power cannot behave like this, even in Korean society where such actions are more widely understood. But in American society this is something that would be almost impossible to comprehend. Because Father was using strong language that day, I actually became very worried that some of the faith leaders might talk back in strong language themselves.

However, after the religious leaders talked about this seriously, they understood Father's urgent providential timetable and passionate heart, and that Father has things he must absolutely get done for God. These ministers know the Bible very well. Jesus moved from Galilee to the Jordan River, from the Jordan River to this city, from this city to that city. He would



**Julia H. Moon, director of Universal Ballet, was awarded the Kyung Ahm Academic Award on November 4 for her contribution to the development of ballet in Korea. It is considered the most prestigious prize in Korea and comes with a sizable monetary award.**

move around urgently from here to there, suddenly giving instructions, suddenly speaking in extreme terms.... When they consider the life these disciples lived as they followed Jesus, some of the faith leaders understood that Jesus and Father might well behave similarly. There were ministers who were very mature in heart, and I truly appreciated seeing that. Actually, after we talked together with the faith leaders, all the tension was eased and the stress diminished. It was indeed a precious time together.

Father meets us truly as the God of love, but at the same time, he meets us as the God of wrath. From the theological

<sup>5</sup> It is the custom in Korea to deferentially avoid direct eye contact with an older person; conversely, in America, avoiding eye contact can be seen as disrespectful or evasive.

point of view, God's wrath is of crucial importance. We give pain to True Parents. In such circumstances, God judges us and He has to pour out His wrath on us. The Messiah is someone who must convey God's wrath and judgment to humankind. I always focus on the fact that these people are not just my dad and mom, these are perfected Adam and Eve. I am the one who must abundantly receive the judgment and wrath of God. I must repent for the things I do not accomplish properly.

Moreover, True Mother has attended True Father for fifty years. I feel how tremendous True Mother's love is. Father has given her a lot of tough training, and she has endured.

Generally when I meet people, I tell them, "My father is not just a human being. He is the living God. He transcends human limitations. When we try to keep up with Father, we collapse." You cannot imagine how great the staff members attending Father are. They attend Father in rotation because Father transcends all human limits. Because Father can do that, if we don't take good care of our own mind and body, in such situations we may misunderstand Father. There may be times when we resent him or even are tempted to deny him.

As we saw in Luke 14:26, Jesus made extreme statements and demanded absolute love from all his disciples. Jesus didn't do so in order to control his disciples, or to take advantage of them. He did so to save them (and all of us) and to sever their relationship with Satan. He did so to bring them into a relationship with God instead. This is Christ's unique role. He has no recourse but to demand absolute love.

I say that I attend and follow Father, but we are actually laboring to do so. We attend Father all day long. Even though we may be scolded at certain times, our conscience demands that we do things for him joyfully, smile, and express our thanks. This is not just something we do once or twice, but over and over again. When we look at this fact, we are drawn to reflect on how much we really love God.

We say that we love God, but Father said, "You must love me as much as I love God." As you know when Father holds hoondokhae for three hours, four hours, six hours, or more, we are already struggling. If hoondokhae continues after noon, people become very tired, and they hope it will end soon so they can return home.

Even though we say that we want to love God forever, if loving God for only six hours is difficult, we cannot say that we love God. You may think this is an extreme expression but sometimes I feel as if in reality I don't love God; rather, it could be said that I hate Him. Spending even six hours with God through hoondokhae is challenging enough. But when Father held hoondokhae for twenty-two and a half hours, we all were completely exhausted. The faces of those attending that session were completely pale. Just to love God for one day is that difficult! How can I, who cannot love God for a few hours, love God forever?

Father gave me a huge responsibility. Walking alongside Father, I continue to strive to be victorious in the training Father has given me. Nothing is more precious than accomplishing that, I feel. This is not only my personal training. We are also learning who Christ is. When the living substantial self of God, Christ, who has a physical body, walks on earth, we are learning what kind of person he is. We are observing this with our own eyes. We can experience this all together with Christ on earth. It is not easy. It is, however, important training for which we can be grateful.

Brothers and sisters, let us put the same heart and absolute love that Jesus demanded, that Christ demanded, and that True Parents demand of us into practice from today! **TW**





# We Have Not Forgotten

## An Interview with Dr. Bo-hi Pak

*Dr. Bo-hi Pak kindly consented to speak to us about his personal experience leading the Little Angels' Korean War 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Global Tour, which concludes with their visit to India this month. (Here, Dr. Pak is pictured speaking to the audience at the Little Angels performance in England.)*

**Today's World:** Could you please explain True Father's motivation for making this tour happen?

**Dr. Bo-hi Pak:** Last year, 2010, was the sixtieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War. The Korean War has two meanings. One is that our country was virtually wiped off the map and thrown into the ocean; yet, because of the UN it survived, revived, and—within fifty years—prospered. That is the significance of the war to the South Korean people. But for us, as Unificationists, the Korean War has a different meaning. The Korean War was a holy war because it saved the life of the Messiah.

Hungnam Special Labor Camp was operated as a killing chamber. Hard labor combined with starvation meant people could not survive. For Father to have survived two years and eight months was itself heroic.

I was a freshman cadet at the military academy when the Korean War broke out on June 25, 1950. I had been at the academy for just twenty-five days. We were sent out to fight that very first day. I keep a list of my classmates with me, 330 names. Beside each name of those who died is written the date. Eighty-six young men from my freshman year were killed in action on June 25 alone.

[Dr. Pak related General MacArthur's daring Incheon landing of UN troops, the subsequent northerly advance of the UN and ROK forces, the systematic execution of political prisoners at Hungnam Special Labor Camp as these forces approached the city, and how they ultimately liberated the prison, thus preventing Father's execution and enabling him to continue his mission.]

So the Korean War has special meaning for us. That is why Father created the UN Peace Forces of the Korean War Memorial Federation (UPKMF) to take care of Korean War veterans and their families. Shortly before the sixtieth anniversary of the start of the Korean War, I was made president of this organization.

When Father asked us to have the Little Angels visit all sixteen countries that had sent troops to Korea during the Korean War, we created the Korean War 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Committee. I became co-chairman together with J. Dennis Hastert, the former speaker of the House in the United States. As executive director of the organization I was preparing for the Little Angels' tour from day one.

Before we departed for the tour, Father gave us a slogan: "Korea must not forget what we owe to these UN nations whose soldiers put their lives on the line in order to save our country."

We planned the tour in several segments, because we could not visit all the countries in one trip. Also, the Little Angels are school children and they couldn't be absent from school for too long. So we divided them into two groups. The first leg of the tour took us to the United States, Canada and then Colombia. Performances in the United States included Norfolk—where we visited the memorial for General Douglas MacArthur—and Fort Benning, Georgia, where I had trained for military service,<sup>1</sup> five venues in all.

To each performance we invited the Korean War veterans and their families, and also prominent members of society.



**The Little Angels visit a veterans home in Canada**

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Pak was sent to the U.S. for officer's training in 1952, during the Korean War.



Every auditorium that we performed in was jam-packed—and in some places, several hundred people could not come in because of lack of space.

In each country, too, we held a commemorative ceremony at the Korean War memorial, attended by the Korean War veterans and their family members. We laid wreaths and prayed silently.

**These gestures must have touched people as much as the performances.**

Yes, many people were moved to tears.

One meaningful experience in Canada happened at a military veterans' hospital that treated long-term illnesses. Almost all the veterans there were in wheelchairs; everyone was eighty years old or more.

Several hundred patients were waiting for us. After I gave the introductory remarks, the children sang. That was truly the most heart-warming experience for me. The patients' mouths were wide open, and they continuously wiped away tears as they listened and tapped in time with the music. I asked the children to go into the crowd and give a hug and a kiss to each veteran. The veterans were crying. That, for me, was one of the finest experiences of this tour.

There was one American veteran who had lost both his legs during the Korean War. Yet he felt that his family had never respected his sacrifice. A feeling of uselessness consumed him and he was just waiting to die. During our tour in the U.S., he and his family received an invitation to attend a Little Angels performance. He came with his wife, son, and grandchildren. They were very moved by the performance and were so amazed to hear of True Parents' financial support for this tour. This veteran's family soon realized that his legs were sacrificed to save Korea, and the grandchildren understood that their grandfather was a hero. From then, the family's attitude toward him changed dramatically.

We must realize clearly that all of these soldiers came and sacrificed themselves in a small country that many of them had never even heard of before. Even though they were unaware of it, they fought a holy war.

We wanted to show that the Korean people are deeply appreciative. We gave the veterans a special hero's medal with "The Little Angels" inscribed on it. On the reverse side, the words "Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the Founders" is embossed. Not so many people noticed it, but that was the way we did it. I wanted everyone who received the medal to have a special blessing from Father. The children hung the medals around their necks, kissed them and embraced them. At that moment, I believe the veterans forgot all the difficult times they had endured in the Korean War, and those memories were replaced with ones of the Little Angels' beautiful voices and dancing.

**For you also, as a veteran of the same conflict, these must have been very meaningful moments.**

I said to myself, Thank You Heavenly Father and True Parents. Sending the Little Angels to comfort Korean War veterans was a stroke of genius because nobody could do a better job than the Little Angels. This is my conviction. No symphony orchestra or great opera singer could have moved audiences as they did. The Little Angels are very tiny, tender, and so pure. The veterans were touched by their pure voices and delicate dance steps.

**Was the Korean government supportive of this initiative?**

Initially, the Korean government was not supportive of the idea that Rev. Moon's group, the Little Angels, was going around the world, dancing and singing for the Korean War veterans. But what happened? After the first leg of the tour, the governments



**Veterans and their families attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the Korean War Memorial at the Parnell Rose Gardens in Auckland, New Zealand.**



**Dr. Pak with Dr. Thomas Walsh and Admiral and Mrs. J. Robert Lunney. Robert Lunney was a staff officer on the SS *Meredith Victory* when it evacuated 14,000 refugees from the besieged city of Hungnam just before Christmas 1950, at the height of the Korean War.**



**Dr. Bo-hi Pak and Mrs. Pak, boonbongwangs to Mongolia, accompanied by the Little Angels, lay a wreath in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, earlier this month.**





**Turkish Korean War veterans at the performance in Istanbul**



**The Little Angels tend war graves at Arlington National Cemetery, the United States, on June 24, 2010.**



**Wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Heroes in Manila, December 13, 2010; with Dr. Pak are General Carolina of the Philippines Veterans Affairs Office; Dr. Chung-shik Yong of the Universal Peace Federation; and Korean Consul-general Young-ho Kim.**

of those countries contacted the Korean ambassadors, saying that sending the Little Angels was the finest thing that they had ever done for the sake of their diplomatic mission—even though the Korean government hadn't done anything! They said that years' worth of diplomacy had been achieved in one night.

The second leg of the tour was to nine nations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Paris was the first city we visited in Europe. There we met the Korean ambassador to France. He recommended a theater that had a capacity of five hundred people for the Little Angels to perform in. When he later learned that we had booked the Palais de Congrès, the best theater in Paris, which can accommodate three thousand seven hundred people, he asked, "Are you sure you can fill it? If not, it will be an embarrassment not just for you, but for all of Korea."

On the day of the performance the ambassador entered the theater and all three thousand seven hundred seats were filled.

After that, news traveled throughout Europe and Korean embassies in the countries we performed in gave us their full support. The Korean diplomatic personnel, witnessing the tears flowing because of the love and appreciation shown to the heroes of the past, sent glowing reports to the Korean government in Seoul, and the Korean government's view of the Little Angels' tour changed dramatically.

In Seoul, the officers of the Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans' Affairs were astonished by the accounts they were reading. The minister himself came to London to witness the event there first-hand. He attended the performance, and even delivered the congratulatory speech. Afterwards, he shook hands with all the veterans. Later, he spoke to the Little Angels, praising them, "This is a wonderful thing you are doing; there is no better gift you could have given."

At the outset, the veterans' affairs ministry had strongly told us that they would not contribute one penny to this project. After hearing about the impact the Little Angels performances was having on the veterans and their families, however, during the second leg of the tour they gave a supplemental budget<sup>2</sup> of ₩400 million (\$360,000) in two equal amounts. This was a miracle.

**Please could you share some memories and thoughts related with the tour?**

Africa was where I cried the most. South Africa supported with its Air Force. The United States provided the airplanes, and the South Africans flew them. Thirty-four of their pilots were killed in action. One pilot is as effective as one hundred ground troops. And they were well-trained pilots. Why were there so many casualties among the pilots? Because they really supported the ground troops, using the most daring tactics such as flying at very low altitudes over the mountainous terrain.

At the time of the Korean War, the president of Ethiopia was Haile Selassie, a hardcore anti-communist and a great friend of Korea. He gave the best battalion in his country, selected from among his own security forces, his Imperial Guard. He said to them, You have to win or die. There is no middle ground.

The Ethiopian soldiers engaged in about 250 battles, and never once retreated. They would rather kill themselves than be taken prisoner. They received 750 or more decorations and a unit citation from the president of the Republic of Korea. Even more amazingly, they received one from the president of the United States.

In 1974, a coup d'état in Ethiopia brought in a communist government. The Korean War veterans were treated like crimi-

<sup>2</sup> True Parents also supported the tour with a considerable amount of funding.





**Performances included Korean traditional dance and touching renditions of native songs of each country visited.**

nals because they had fought against communists. Some committed suicide, some hid in the mountains, and others changed their names. To survive, these Ethiopian soldiers had to sell their medals. Do you know how much they could get for one medal? A dollar. That was the miserable situation they faced. We hadn't known about this. I wept together with them.

Wherever we went, there were many lonely, seemingly forgotten, elderly veterans. I believe that through this tour, these lonesome veterans felt loved and embraced by True Parents.

The performance in Istanbul brought together many war veterans. The event had been almost impossible to arrange because we have almost no church presence in that country. Despite these obstacles, through the work of the continental director and missionaries who came from overseas, Istanbul's best theater was filled with 2,500 people. We were even invited to visit the president of Turkey at his office.<sup>3</sup>

Our final wreath-laying ceremony of the second leg was in Ankara. We travelled five hours each way to reach the National Korean War Veterans Memorial, and we arrived back in our hotel at three o'clock the following morning. Through the Seunghwa Ceremonies for the fallen heroes of the Korean War, Father has brightened the spiritual realm for them. How wonderfully blessed and happy they must be!

The third leg of the tour was to the Pacific region. There were four countries that sent troops to South Korea. Thailand, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

In Thailand, we visited the king's mansion. The king was unwell at that time, so we prayed for him and offered flowers. We also met with the nation's commanding general, who absolutely loved the Little Angels. After the performance, he left the auditorium, but then returned with a basket of Thai money for the children!

The former president of the Philippines, Ferdinand Ramos, was away on a trip, but when he heard that the Little Angels were coming, he came straight back. He came onstage and was jumping with joy. The president of the Veterans' Association even said to us, "You don't belong to Korea; you belong to the peace-loving people of the world." I was amazed to hear this statement.

True Parents had assigned three committee vice-chairmen for this project, Dr. Dae-o Son, General Sun-min Lee, and Rev. No-hi Pak. These vice-chairmen worked very hard to explain True Parents' work to government officials, embassy officials, and the Korean War veterans in every country. Dr. Son is

<sup>3</sup> Please see the November–December 2010 issue for more on that story.

famous for being tough, but on this tour I saw him cry for the first time. He said of the Little Angels, "They have a miracle key that can open any heart and break down any barrier. No earthly key can do this."

Thus we covered the sixteen nations that had sent troops to Korea plus the five others that gave medical support during the war. Overall, more than twenty thousand people saw the Little Angels perform.

Germany had also helped South Korea with medical supplies after the war ended. They treated tens of thousands of the wounded. We included Germany in the tour, therefore. It happened that Father and Mother were in Germany at the time, on their world speaking tour, so we performed in front of True Parents and 3,500 guests.

In my whole life, I have never done any more meaningful thing than this visit to twenty-one countries. I made it very clear that without their support, we would not be here today. I did not just say, Thank you for your help. No, I said, "You saved our lives! Because of you, we have prosperity, and we want to thank you. But even though we thank you and give these performances, we owe our debt to you eternally, the debt of blood and the debt of life, which we will never be able to repay for the rest of eternity." In every country we visited, I made it very clear during my opening speech that Father had founded the Little Angels for the sake of world peace.

What is more, the Unification Church members gained a deeper understanding of True Parents' deep conviction and love for humankind. Our members were uplifted, delighted, and re-charged with a burning desire to share their faith again, to witness to True Parents' unending commitment to world peace, and to save every single person on earth. **TW**



**Inscription: This tree was planted by the Little Angels Korean Folk Ballet during their Australian tour to honor the sacrifice and bravery of the Australian forces who fought to defend a people they never met and a nation they never knew.**





# Farewell to a Pioneer

Dr. and Mrs. Kim at their home in  
Poughkeepsie, New York, in March 1999

When True Father heard of Dr. David Kim's ascension, he immediately stopped what he was doing and wrote, in Chinese calligraphy, "Congratulations! Dr. David Sang-chul Kim entered the Garden of Heaven as a representative of loyalty and filial piety for the establishment of the Fatherland, centering on True Parents." Father also announced that the *Seunghwa* Ceremony (昇華式, 승화식) that has been held for ascended blessed members was being renamed the *Seonghwa*<sup>1</sup> Ceremony (聖和式, 성화식) and instructed that a national Seonghwa Ceremony be held for Dr. Kim. At a leaders meeting at the Hannam-dong training center the following day, Father said, "The Seunghwa Ceremony no longer exists.... The concept of True Parents' homeland does not exist in the Seunghwa Ceremony. Only when the Seonghwa Ceremony exists can the True Parents be completed as if before the Fall. I will bring things to a conclusion."

Dr. Kim (1915-2011) passed into the spirit world on 10.13 by the heavenly calendar (November 8) at the age of ninety-six. His wife of sixty-eight years, Mrs. Eui-hong Kang, ascended last year on 11.13 (December 18) at the age of ninety-three. Dr. and Mrs. Kim had already been married for more than a decade when they met our church. In 1961, they were blessed

1 Readers might benefit from asking a Korean for the correct pronunciation of this important word.

among the thirty-six couples. They have a daughter and four sons, and ten grandchildren.

Sang-chul Kim, one of True Father's very earliest disciples, met our church even before it was officially established.

In his testimony, he explains how he had visited a spiritual group on the recommendation of a friend. Dr. Kim wrote: "When I arrived on schedule to visit the group with great expectations, the leader [Father] was absent. Only Mrs. Sehyun Ok was in the house. In Korea it is very unusual to break a previously arranged appointment. Of course, I was very annoyed and extremely upset. I, a third-tier rank official of the Korean national government, highly educated, well-to-do even in the days of Japanese occupation, had been "stood up" after traveling all that way.... However, my anger and indignation softened when Mrs. Ok talked about visions seen in her early morning prayer. She had seen a vision in which a young man speaking a foreign language was talking to her, but she was unable to understand him. When I arrived at her home, she realized that the young man in her vision was I."

That same day, in that small house, Sang-chul Kim himself had a spiritual experience that would determine the course of his life. "I heard God's voice solemnly say, 'Listen, dear Sang-chul! I have been training you for thirty years, since the age of nine, in your search for the truth through various religious



Dr. David Sang-chul Kim's sons Sung-soo (applauding), Young-soo and Joon-soo and their families attended the Seonghwa Ceremony along with a large number of church members. Heartfelt testimony to Dr. Kim's life and work was heard.



experiences and groups. The time has now come and this is the place I wanted to lead you to. Unconditionally surrender. From now on your name is David, after King David who destroyed Goliath in the Old Testament. You will be going overseas for pioneer missionary work for this group. You must go overseas and fight as a general, like King David did in Biblical days.”

This prophecy came true the very same year. In August, David Kim left Korea to study at the University of Wales, U.K, under Korean government sponsorship. He was the first Unificationist to travel outside Korea on a mission. Three months earlier, on May 1, he had been one of five signatory members at the founding of HSAUWC in Seoul.

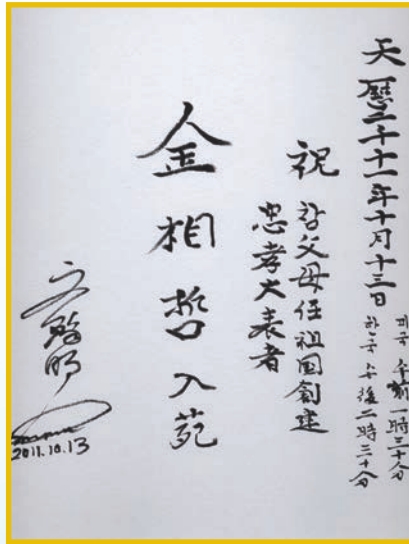
While in the UK, he worked hard to forge connections with Christian churches. Based on these efforts the Apostolic Church sent Pastor Joshua McCabe from Australia to observe the fledgling Unification Church in 1956.

Back in Korea, Dr. Kim worked full time at the church headquarters until September 1959 when he became one of three pioneer missionaries True Father sent to the United States. Dr. Kim would make the United States his home for the remainder of his life. He deeply involved himself with the movement's providential work.

He later recounted, “It excited me to be involved in the war between God's side and Satan's side. As a heavenly general, I led our heavenly troops, marching through all fifty states of the United States during the 1970s. I felt like David smiting Goliath, the enemy of the Israelites, when we proclaimed Divine Principle in each state and city.”

Church historian Dr. Michael Mickler recalls that “At his 90th birthday celebration in 2005, President Kim said his leadership style was ‘to figure out what Rev. Moon wanted ahead of time.’ He said he was “not a leader waiting for instruction” because then it was ‘too late.’ He advised others to ‘be thinking leaders, not blindly-following leaders.’”

Dr. Kim demonstrated this with the establishment of the Unification Theological Seminary, which he saw as essential for training leaders. True Parents invested in the idea, and Dr. Kim became the first UTS president in 1975, only retiring in 1994, at



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the age of seventy-nine.

Despite his advanced years, Dr. Kim remained active in church life, and maintained close connections with the seminary and its interfaith work, continuing as president emeritus on the UTS Board until just a few months ago. He was also holding monthly hoondokhae meetings at his home, the “hoondokhae clubhouse.” Dr. Kim closed the November 6 meeting proclaiming the word “hoondokhae.” Shortly afterwards he rested. Dr. Kim awoke the next day but never spoke, and when he fell asleep again in the late evening, it was for the last time in this earthly life.

At the Seonghwa Ceremony, held fittingly in the UTS chapel, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, also a former UTS president, testified about Dr. Kim's final days. “His mind was clear,” he said, but it was hard for him to vocalize. Yet his handshake was very strong. He held onto my hand for a long time as I sang holy songs, prayed and read Father's words to him. The atmosphere in his room then became so peaceful.”

In the UTS *Cornerstone* newsletter, Robin Graham described how Dr. Kim's oldest son, Sung-soo, spoke on behalf of the family at the Seonghwa Ceremony:

Sung-soo acknowledged that his father had dedicated his whole life to be in alignment with True Parents and that that had been at the expense of family life.... However, in a style and voice reminiscent of the great old general himself, Sung-soo continued, “We, David Kim's children and grandchildren, are proud; proud to have him as our father.” His words resonated throughout the chapel and brought the gathered crowd to its feet in a round of long and loud applause.... We too are proud, proud to have known David Kim and proud to see his nobility and grace inherited and present within his family.”

We await the arrival of Dr. Kim's body here in Korea, where he will be interred at the section of the Wonjeon reserved for the thirty-six couples and people with unique roles in the early providence.

David Sang-chul Kim was certainly both of these. **9W**



**The Seonghwa Ceremony was held in the chapel at UTS, which Dr. David Kim led as its president for two decades.**



**In the bright sunshine, everyone says farewell to Dr. Kim, whose body was flown to Korea for interment at the Wonjeon**



# Preparing for Foundation Day

By Dr. Joon-ho Seuk



The following is excerpted from articles the international vice-president has prepared for recent issues of the Korean monthly *Tongil Segye*.

Through 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, True Parents have completed, perfected and concluded all aspects of the providence of salvation, and now they are free to rest. However, they are still managing many providential projects and offering strong conditions in order to lighten our load and responsibility and to victoriously prepare for and welcome Foundation Day.

Among several points that True Parents emphasize, the hoondokhae tradition is primary. To establish the hoondokhae tradition, True Parents have held many hoondokhae sessions, the longest of which ran to twenty-three and a half hours.

At a recent hoondokhae session at Cheon Jeong Gung that lasted sixteen and a half hours, True Father did not take even one sip of water. He did not go to the bathroom even once. On that occasion, I thought I would offer the same kind of condition as True Father was offering, so I also did not go to the bathroom. I did not have an easy time of it at all. It was physically very difficult. True Father, however, commonly holds such long hoondokhae sessions, and sometimes he endures even longer ones. True Father, who is now over ninety years of age, spares no effort when it comes to hoondokhae. This is so that True Parents can establish the hoondokhae tradition and establish strong conditions.

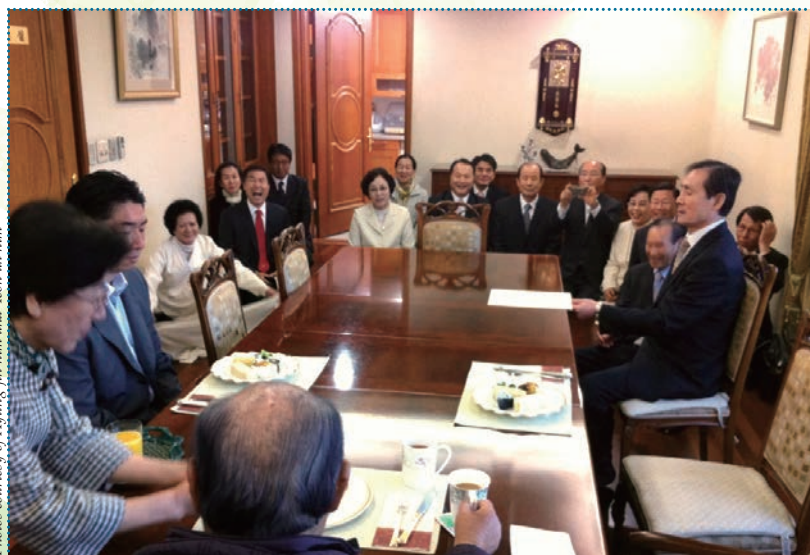
True Parents have told us that the most precious and yet most fearsome thing of all is offering conditions. In this regard, True Parents have taken it upon themselves to follow a path of suffering, living each day as if to accomplish what might take a thousand years, for the sake of God's providence. They are persevering through indescribable throes of anguish, hardship and suffering, and they are struggling forward on their path. They are doing their utmost to lay the foundation so that Foundation Day can be celebrated triumphantly.

In the course of this, they have opened the way to the Original Divine Principle (ODP) workshop. Father has mentioned that we need to attend the workshop at least five times. True Parents have instructed that thirteen thousand ambassadors for peace from all parts of the world be brought together in Las Vegas so that they can attend the ODP workshop, and they have even prepared educational facilities for this. A few days before they left for Korea, True Parents also instructed that three thousand American clergymen be brought to Las Vegas to attend the workshop.

True Parents have also bestowed on us great blessings by permitting us to liberate and bless our ancestors in the spirit world to the 210<sup>th</sup> generation. Following the Unification Seunghwa Festival and Rally held in Hawaii on 2.25 [April 9] last year,<sup>1</sup> True Parents permitted the special grace of the liberation

and returning resurrection of all in the spirit world since Adam, and gave the order for the total mobilization of all spirits in preparation for Foundation Day. The declaration made on that day was based on many decades of True Parents' providential work. The

<sup>1</sup> If clarification is needed on the form of these dates, please see our note on the bottom of page 3.



Dr. Seuk (right) and senior church headquarters staff members at a meeting on November 9 (Photo was taken from behind Father; Kook-jin nim is to Father's left.)

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



grace of the liberation and the blessing of the 210 generations bestowed on us by True Parents will take place through the spiritual work being done under Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim at the Cheongpyeong training center. On 9.27 [October 23] Blessing Ceremonies for our ancestors belonging to the final group, 204–210 generations, began.

In addition, the Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will be held in preparation for Foundation Day. True God's Day is now the first day of the first month by the heavenly calendar. This will also be True Parents' birthday;<sup>2</sup> when True Mother will celebrate her seventieth birthday. On that day our True Parents will also perform the completion-stage Holy Wedding. The formation-stage Holy Wedding was performed in 1960, the growth-stage ceremony on February 6, 2003. True Parents will complete the Holy Wedding as the embodiments of God, and therefore it will also be God's Holy Wedding. True Parents have said that if God's Holy Wedding is held, blessed couples should also receive the blessing again.<sup>3</sup>

When True Parents visited Nigeria, True Father admonished President Jonathan to inherit the heavenly tradition, inherit the heavenly lineage and to resemble God, for the sake of his people. These are not points that Father would emphasize only to the president of a nation. Indeed he has reemphasized these many times during hoondokhae since then. That inheritance includes True Parents' tradition of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. It means the traditions of loyalty, of keeping the traditions of Ahn Shi Il and hoondokhae.

We must then inherit Heaven's lineage and preserve it in its entirety. Heaven's lineage can only be inherited through the blessing. More than their own lives, our blessed members must protect the pure lineage Heaven has given them.

We must also resemble God. God is a God of heart. It was because of His heart that God was motivated to begin creation. That is why we must first resemble God's heart. We must stand in a position of having perfecting the four great realms of heart, inheriting God's heart and practicing true love.

We must return to God's and True Parents' realm of heart. We are not living in the era of restoration but the era of returning. True Parents have spoken about this concept of "returning." It means living in interdependence with our brothers and sisters while sharing bonds of true love. I am talking about an altruistic concept of interdependence, a world of interdependence where each is motivated by true love to go to the other.

To enter this new era, True Parents have told us that we should discard our old "clothes" of the past and wear new ones. We should get rid of all the narrow-minded habits and ways of thinking embedded in the inertia of the past, and arm ourselves with new habits, a new way of thinking, new concepts based on the tradition established by True Parents.

True Parents have also said that we must convert the right of ownership. Everything has been under Satan's ownership. It is nothing more than stolen property. Therefore, the right of ownership should revert back to Heaven.

Furthermore, blessed members need to fulfill the last mission given us by God while we are still on earth; that is, we need to fulfill our mission as tribal messiahs. We must always maintain a humble attitude and model conduct in front of the

2 True Parents' actual birthday falls on the sixth day of the first month by the lunar calendar, but last year, True Parents celebrated their birthday on the first day of the first month of the heavenly calendar, along with True God's Day.  
3 As we go to print, whether the blessed couples will be invited to receive the blessing again at the time of True Parents' Holy Wedding on 1.1. (January 23, 2012), or whether that special blessing ceremony will be held on Foundation Day, 1.13 (February 22, 2013), is unclear.

members of our clan. We must pray for them sincerely and serve them. True Parents have told us repeatedly that we need to witness to 430 couples. Recently they said that we need to guide at least forty couples to the blessing. We should work hard to fulfill this responsibility and receive the blessing again with nothing but joy and pride in our hearts.<sup>4</sup>

Some time ago, True Mother visited the Korean church headquarters. Among the few things she said on her visit was a point central to us, "Our Unification Church needs people." In other words, she meant that we needed to witness. One of the things most emphasized by True Parents is the restoration of sovereignty. Ultimately this will only be possible when we have large numbers of members who are mature in their character. Therefore, our task is witnessing. Accordingly, we should focus on witnessing to others to fulfill our mission as tribal messiahs, which God gives us as our greatest grace and responsibility.

Nowadays in hoondokhae with True Parents, we are reading speeches that Father gave in the early 1970s. Father gave those speeches about forty years ago, but they don't seem at all dated, because they fit the present situation so perfectly. True Father has pointed out several times during hoondokhae, "This is what you need to hear right now." The gist of those speeches read at hoondokhae is "Let us go through this final stage with conviction, faith and courage." At present, our Unification Church family is preparing for the most important celebration of all history; yet, at the same time, it is facing a great internal crisis that has plunged members into confusion and indecision. We need to overcome all the problems and hardships in front of us with firm conviction, faith and courage under Heaven.

Brothers and sisters, we have lived our lives serving True Parents and working for the providence. However, when we look back on our record and achievements, we cannot help feeling sorry and small in front of True Parents. Therefore, we need to make the best use of time that Heaven permits us before Foundation Day.

In the case of an Olympic athlete, even if he fails to set a new world record, he will have another opportunity to try again. For us, however, there will be no second chance. This is our only opportunity. It will never be given to us again.

My beloved church leaders and church members, Foundation Day will come only once in human history. Do you understand how serious our situation is, how it is a cross between a blessing and a curse? We cannot take any step lightly. During this preparation for Foundation Day, everything we do—the vows we make to Heaven, the prayers we offer, and the activities we carry out—will go down in history. During the remaining period, we should do our utmost to set the best record of our lives. Let us give encouragement to one another and march forward together to attain the best achievements in history.

We can do it! Let us become proud Unification Church members, strong blessed families, devoted and loyal sons and daughters who can stake our lives and give everything we have to bring this providence to a successful conclusion.

May the blessings and love of God and True Parents be with your families and churches. *STW*

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4 According to a recent memo the international president sent to leaders around the world, True Parents expressed that "All members of the Unification community should devote themselves to witnessing for the sake of the restoration of their tribes until Foundation Day in 2013." The memo clarified that "witnessing efforts should be directed toward members of one's tribe and ambassadors for peace."





## An Interview

# The Significance of Korea as God's Homeland

**Today's World:** You've been giving these "Strong Korea?" talks for more than a year now, not just to our members but to people in society in Korea and in Japan. How do you see this in relation to the overall providence?

**Kook-jin nim:** It's very interesting if you listen to what Father has said. U.S. power has preserved peace in Asia. America has been protecting the Free World, the Christian world. But the age has changed and Father is assigning providential titles to these countries, such as saying God's providential Fatherland is Korea, the motherland is Japan, and America has been in the eldest son's position. But now you see America—as Father recently is making these announcements about Korea being God's fatherland—going down. In effect, the world's security umbrella, which was being preserved by one nation, a strong America, now has a big question mark over it. For example, for some time now, America has been drawing down its forces in Korea. The number of troops has dropped over the years.<sup>1</sup> They used to keep nuclear weapons here; they don't anymore.<sup>2</sup> The amount of military equipment they keep stationed in Korea has been reduced every year. America has been retreating from Korea. That's a fact.

From a practical point of view you have to ask the question, How will world security, or world peace be maintained? The striking thing you'll find is that what Father has been saying is the formula by which world peace can be maintained. Because as U.S. military and economic power decline, world peace can no longer be maintained by one country. It has to be maintained by a group of countries who share common values having both understanding and love for all humanity. It's significant that Father has made it very clear that the mission of the messiah is not just an individual mission. He comes to fulfill the four-position foundation on the family level as well. Similarly, at this time when we approach D-Day, world peace can't be secured any longer by one nation. It requires a father nation, a mother nation and a child nation to work together centered on God in order to create the power structure necessary for the preservation of world peace.

1 In 2004, the two nations agreed that U.S. military personnel would be reduced from 37,500 to 25,000 by 2008.

2 On December 18, 1991, President Tae-woo Roh announced that all U. S. nuclear missiles had been removed from South Korea. In March 2011, South Korean Defense Minister Kwan-jin Kim ruled out the possibility of U.S. nuclear weapons being redeployed.

**Kook-jin nim during the interview in his office**





When we come to an understanding in this context—in the context of the Principle and of the Messiah’s mission—you see that at the world level you have this four-position foundation. Moreover, unless that four-position foundation centered on God stands strong, there is a severe danger that we may not be able to fulfill our responsibility and keep peace in the world. That’s the main point. You can see the Principle working in a very substantial way. If these conditions are not satisfied, there are consequences.

#### **So the Korean military has to become stronger.**

If Korea is not strong, it will be in a very difficult position to maintain peace. Unfortunately, in the real world, peace is not maintained by weakness; it’s maintained by strength. In order for peace to occur, there has to be a balance of power. If there is one nation that is trying to upset that balance of power and is very aggressive and there isn’t a countervailing power, the unfortunate reality of history is often war.

#### **Like at the beginning of the Second World War.**

And the First. There are some unfortunate consequences to an imbalance of power. If you look at history, it’s not power parity that creates war; it’s power disparity. When one side feels that



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**At the Hannam-dong residence with True Father, November 9**

it has enough power to take advantage of the other side you have war, more often than when both sides are strong. When you get a power balance, you actually have peace. And the problem now is that we are going from a situation of power balance to one of imbalance. This is the real danger, the real practical danger. But, you can look at it from the providential point of view and what Father has been saying and you see this convergence. For example, Father saying that Korea is the fatherland; Japan has to fulfill the responsibility of the motherland and centered on the eldest son, these two establish a structure that gives the chance for peace.

#### **Are you presenting “Strong Korea?” to civic groups because this is a providential mission from True Parents, or is it based on your knowledge of the Principle and of Korea’s role in the world?**

Father has made many statements about the time that is coming. If you read what Father’s said after the fall of the Berlin Wall, sometime after communism had collapsed, you’ll find he said that communism is still a problem, and in the future, there will be a big problem centered on China.

#### **Father does still mention communism as if it’s a continuing reality. On Geomun Island<sup>3</sup> he predicted that something quite dire could happen in the near future on a global scale.**

In the near future, the population could be reduced by 50 percent or more. Father has been making many predictions. When we look at the Principle and it talks about the necessity of the third world war, no one wants to think about that because we know how devastating it would be. It does not say in the Principle that it will be only an ideological war. That’s more the hope or the wish of [Divine Principle] lecturers.

#### **You talk about American isolationism,<sup>4</sup> nevertheless, the war in Afghanistan has now passed Vietnam as the longest war that the U.S. has been involved in.**

America wants to retreat from having to be the world’s policeman. They really do not want to pay for the world’s security any more. This is true. But it seems as if history moves in accordance with the providential trend. In the past, it was okay for America to be the dominant nation but as the providence changes and you have the establishment of the father and mother nations, those nations now have providential responsibility. In that context, with the emergence of the mother and father nations, you can’t have one power dominating the world. This is a danger, because Father has made this announcement, the providence is moving and history must move in the same direction.

#### **So there is a certain imbalance in military contribution between Korea, Japan and the United States.**

Providentially, the father nation should be a nation that can take care of all the nations of the world. But now it’s weak. If it wants to take care of other nations, it has to be strong—the mother nation too. If you look geopolitically, this makes sense. In order to preserve peace in Asia, Korea and Japan are strategic countries. If you look at China’s history, it has always been an aggressive, expansionist power. Either it expands by conquering people or it collapses. In times when China can be contained, peace can be achieved, but the only time you can contain China is when Korea and Japan are strong. Now, if Korea and Japan can be united—husband and wife, father and mother can become one—together their strength with America is sufficient to contain the expansionism of China.

And if Chinese expansionism can be contained, peace can be achieved, but that’s not going to be done through weakness. You know, Cain tends to be more aggressive, more opportunistic. So, if Abel becomes weak, he goes, Okay, so that guy’s a bit weak, so I can kill him and take everything he has. This is exactly what happened in the Garden of Eden. Why did Cain kill Abel? Because he could.

Father has said that the Cain-type world, Satan’s world, is now centered clearly on China.

#### **You mentioned containing China, but in the end if the mission of the Messiah and those who follow him is to save the world, we have to save Cain.**

Sure! That’s the way to save Cain, by containing him, preventing him from killing Abel.

<sup>3</sup> The pertinent excerpt of the speech that Father gave at the dedication of the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel on Geomun Island is on p. 11 of our last issue and reads as follows: “The question is how hundreds of thousands, even millions, could be sustained on this small island in the middle of the sea. A terrible time will come upon us, similar to the time of Sodom and Gomorrah’s destruction.”

<sup>4</sup> His “Strong Korea?” presentation includes a graph showing a trend in U.S. public opinion toward isolationism over a forty-five year period.



### **From a position of strength.**

It's very simple when you look at the Principle, at what happened in the family unit multiplied to the entire world. When you want to know what the world has to do in the process of wanting to restore itself, you need to condense it back into the family—the family of Adam and Eve and Cain, Abel, and Seth. It's very clear. Abel was more God-centered. He was a good guy. He's peace loving; he loves other people. He prays a lot, so he doesn't get much exercise. Cain is more opportunistic. He's running around, hunting and catching animals. So, he's big and strong and he knows how to throw a rock. He sees that God loves Abel a bit more, and He keeps on blessing Abel. He gets a bit jealous and he thinks, Hey if that guy wasn't here, I'd be getting everything. Maybe I'll just kill him. And he does. Then, we have this terrible history of restoration, the suffering of humanity for the last six thousand biblical years. This is the problem. But what if while Abel is doing all that good stuff—praying, receiving God's blessing—Abel spends some designing and developing a gun. This time, when Cain comes to kill him, he takes out his gun and he says, Don't move or I'll shoot you. Then, what happens? Cain's not stupid. He says, Okay, I see that gun; I'm not that dumb. He backs down. They both live. Since they're both alive, now the opportunity for dialog exists, because Cain understands the strength and power of Abel—that he can't take advantage of him. That's the grounds on which they can set the foundation for the coming of the Messiah and restoration can be completed in that generation, in that family.

### **How can we as, church members, respond to your presentations? What can we do to influence others?**

One person can do a lot more than they think if they work sincerely for the sake of this providence. You've got to believe that if you start acting, doing what you can, God and the spirit world are going to help you. If you think you're just a member by yourself who can't do anything, then nothing gets done.

### **That is a remarkable aspect of the Strong Korea speaking tour. You're advocating changes in the Korean government's foreign relations.**

Not only in the Korean government's foreign relations, but in its military and domestic policy.<sup>5</sup>

### **I understand Japan has been beefing up its military for quite a while and is worried about China.**

We want Korea to enter into a defense alliance with Japan, for Japan and Korea to “get married.” That's what Father says and that's what the Principle says.

### **When you met the Korean defense minister in July, how did he respond?**

When I sat down with the minister of defense, he was very positive. Actually, the defense minister is starting to try to take some steps in that direction, but of course if they could move more quickly, it would better for the country.

### **It must be difficult because Korea still has the memory of Imperialist Japan.**

Yeah, that's a problem. Korea always remembers Imperialist Japan, but actually China invaded Korea<sup>6</sup> sixty years ago dur-

<sup>5</sup> It should be noted that Kook-jin nim is the chairman of one of the thirty largest business groups in Korea and the son of a prominent Korean citizen.

<sup>6</sup> On October 13 or 14, 1950 they entered Korea; UN Forces first clashed with Chinese troops on October 25.



**Kook-jin nim and Ji-ye nim singing at an outdoor lunch True Parents hosted for leaders of providential organizations in Korea, September 1**

ing the Korean War. This was more recent than Japan's colonization of Korea. The reason Korea is divided today is because of the Chinese invasion of North Korea. General MacArthur beat the North Korean Army. He drove them right up to the Yalu River;<sup>7</sup> Korea was unified. It was the Chinese invasion that actually divided the country.

### **Koreans don't seem to have focused on that.**

The reason sin dominates the world is because Abel is such a nice guy. He becomes weak and puts Cain in the position of opportunity where he can sin and take advantage of weakness. Don't you want to create the ideal world? Then, the good guy has to be strong. This is where we go wrong all the time.

### **We are too idealistic. Too unrealistic.**

It's not an issue of idealism. You've got to understand that everything in the world is not independent of the spirit world. There is a spiritual battle between God's side and Satan's side every day. Evil spirits, Cain, try to influence Abel to become weak. Unfortunately, many good people are influenced by spiritual power. And even though they love God and want to serve God, they unfortunately serve Satan's will. That's why the road of good intentions leads to hell.

I think we have to get the word out that because of America's weakness, world peace cannot be maintained by America alone. We need the other nations of the world to carry their weight, in collective security arrangements. We've got to get realistic. We can't have peace unless the good people are stronger than those who want to do evil. It takes two to make peace; it only takes one to make war.

### **So, is the “Strong Korea?” presentation you're giving aimed at changing public opinion?**

Well, we have to do our responsibility before God. Otherwise, there are consequences. My hope is that we'll avoid the consequences of not fulfilling our responsibility toward God.

<sup>7</sup> The river at the border between China and North Korea; “Yalu” is the Chinese pronunciation of characters Koreans pronounce “Amnok.”



**People for the most part don't feel there is much they can do about their government. Yet you are going around and speaking to sometimes small groups, or to our church members; you're continually speaking, pushing forward.**

What choice do I have? There are things that need to be done. If somebody doesn't get up and do it, we know for sure what will happen. We won't fulfill our responsibility. You know when I was assigned to this job in Korea, this was not a job I asked for or even wanted. And every job I've done since I came here has been pretty near impossible. I mean, how many years had our group here been losing money? Forty, fifty years. Just look at the [Segye Times] newspaper—twenty-two years of continuous losses.

Even Yongpyong Resort: before we bought it, Ssangyong<sup>8</sup> held it for forty years, always losing money. Il Hwa too. In less than two years, we pretty much solved most of the problems. And within three or four, all the rest were headed in the direction to make a profit.

We had some major setbacks along the way. Like the landslide at Yongpyong, which did millions of dollars in damage, and still we were able to recover.

The Korean church for the last twenty years has been in decline. In less than two and a half years, it's completely resurrected. We're at a historical high in terms of Sunday service

God's plan, and they always struggle.

**Do you have a particular way that you discern God's voice in your life?**

I just do my job, and what happens happens. We all follow True Father, and if you believe True Father is the Messiah, of course God has a plan for the Messiah. We can do only do our best to serve God's plan in the best way we know how.

**You recently visited a company that makes military vehicles. Do you plan to go into something to do with the defense industry?**

Oh, absolutely. If we can help in the defense of the nation, for God's will and to make this a strong country, I think it's our responsibility to do so. Every Korean, everyone who believes in God and every Christian should be doing what he can do to make Christianity and the free world strong so that we can defend this world against atheism and Satan.

**I know a Korean non-member who said he didn't know Father as a religious figure but as a great patriot, because at a time when the U.S. Army said Korean companies shouldn't make a particular machine gun (implying they were incapable) Father had Tongil Heavy Industries make it.**

Yeah, we made the vulcan cannon.<sup>9</sup> We actually started with air rifles. Then the M1 carbine. We've made the vulcan cannon, the 400 mm cannon; Father did a lot to establish the defense industry in Korea. The technology, the machining and metal-working skills that Father was able to nurture through our companies were actually the foundation for the manufacturing strength of Korea today.

**That's how this man saw Father as well.**

Well, Father is doing what God has directed him to do....

God has a different plan for everybody's life. You need to figure out God's plan in your life and find the way to go along with that plan harmoniously. Because that's the thing about life: if God has a plan for you and you don't like the way His plan is running, and you just get mad about it, it's not going to change God's plan, it's just going to mean that you're going to be very frustrated. But if you can just accept what happens and the plan for what it is and be

grateful for whatever happens, you might not be successful but at least you won't be frustrated. And in your gratitude, you may actually find a way to be happy.

**It would be great if you could come to Cheon Bok Gung more often to give a sermon!**

I have no desire to be a minister who gives sermons. It was never one of my ambitions in life. Actually, I don't even like talking, or giving public speeches. But it seems that I've been doing quite a lot of it. That's the point. Sometimes, God's plan requires you to do things you don't like. What are you going to do, grouch about it? Just do it. [Kook-jin nim laughs.] You're not going to win anyway. Go ahead, go fight God; see who wins. I mean, at some point, you have to be practical. **TW**

<sup>9</sup> A gun with multiple rotating barrels, based on the design of the Gatling Gun, firing six thousand rounds per minute.



**Kook-jin nim has taken his "Strong Korea?" message to the public. Here, he presents to local leaders of society in the city of Kimhae.**

attendance and registered membership. All the work of the media, working with government ministers, ministerial level diplomats; and the persecution of our members in Japan—we're out to solve that problem too. We're actually having to fight the national government to save our church. Yeah, if you think about it, what can one person do? What kind of idiot am I to have taken on these problems, which had not been solved in forty years? If you put it in man's hands, it's not going to get done, so you might as well put it in God's hands.

**Hyung-jin nim once said in a sermon that if you're 70 percent sure about doing something, you should go ahead.**

Well, I think God has a plan for everybody and everything, and the best way to live your life is not to fight His plan, to go with the flow. That's the problem for many people is that they fight

<sup>8</sup> Ssangyong, mainly an automobile manufacturer, was founded in 1954.



# Confession, Forgiveness and the Search for Hope

*The complex circumstances found in Nigeria, a nation with more than 250 ethnic groups, cannot be expressed adequately in a short article. We do hope that the following inspires prayer for our Nigerian members' success and for the liberation of all Nigerians from their nation's current burdens. This article was adapted from a report and a subsequent submission by Rev. Olaleye Alao, national leader in Nigeria.*

The United Nations International Day of Peace was observed in Nigeria, as elsewhere, on September 21. This was less than a week after a memorial service for victims of a bomb explosion at the United Nations House, the UN building in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. The bombing itself occurred on August 26, killing twenty-five and injuring more than a hundred. The perpetrator was a Nigerian man in his twenties who drove an explosives-laden Honda Accord, smashing it into the building and setting off the deadly blast. An Islamic militant group that has been especially active in the last half year in northeastern Nigeria has claimed responsibility.

With a population of 150 million people, Nigeria is Africa's most populous nation, accounting for nearly 15 percent of the continent's people. Around 10 percent of Nigerians are Animists, the remainder are nearly equally divided between mostly northern based Muslims and mainly southern dwelling Christians. The area where the two populations overlap, and where abrasive relations between Christians and Muslims has sparked sudden eruptions of violence, is known as the middle belt.

Religion and geography are not the only differentials. Most Nigerian Muslims are either herders or merchants and most Nigerian Christians are urbanites or farmers. Nigeria suffers from a shortage of both arable land and potable water. Meanwhile the northern desert inexorably expands southward. Competition for land either for grazing or for planting has increased friction.

A concatenation of horrific killings sprees and reprisal attacks has been taking place in middle belt towns between adherents of the two religions, leaving an estimated 13,000 dead since 1998. One place notorious for sudden outbreaks of deadly violence is the middle belt town of Jos in Plateau State. A U.S. government report states that the violence around Jos, and indeed in Nigeria generally, "is not purely religious in nature. Religion and religious identity are intertwined in ethnic, political, economic and social controversies, and can be misused by politicians, religious leaders, or others to rouse their constituencies for political gain or other purposes. Yet, because of years of recurring sectarian violence, Jos is becoming segregated along religious lines."

It was to Jos that the Rev. Olaleye Alao, the Unification Church national leader of Nigeria, went for the September 21 observance of the International Day of Peace. The theme for this year's celebration, "Make Your Voice Heard," had inspired ambassadors for peace in Plateau State to kick-start a peace process there. The working committee set up several weeks before had sought collaboration from organs of government, religious institutions, private individuals and other civic organizations.

For Nigerian members, hearing about the proposed visit to Jos was somewhat unsettling. This is understandable since Jos was the site of massacres in September 2001, November 2008, January 2010, March 2010, December 2010 and January–April 2011. Rev. Alao explained:

Going to Jos, a city that has recently recorded several religious riots and fighting between Christians and Muslims, in the company of my wife Mrs. Takako Alao,

**A Muslim and a Christian embrace in forgiveness, in Jos, the frequent scene of interreligious violence.**



Photos courtesy of Rev. Alao



was indeed a brave effort. There were security concerns expressed by some of our members who were worried for my safety when they heard we planned to hold a special interfaith meeting in Jos, because it is usually difficult to ascertain when riots or any kind of fighting could start. However, with faith and determination toward God and True Parents we forged ahead.

The program started on a very sober note with representatives of the Christian and Islamic faiths called upon to offer opening prayers. Bishop Mrs. Iwuk Asuamah prayed with tears rolling down her face. Alhaji (Dr.) Yusuf Sarami, a millionaire bankrupted as a result of the Jos riots, also offered a sincere, tearful prayer.

Mr. Kingsley Okoruwa, the public relations officer for the National Organization for Police Community Relations Committee, and Mr. E. G. Danboyi, of the National Unity and Peace Corps of Nigeria spoke on several topics related to security and personal safety.

Two UPF videos were shown, before Mr. Eras Darlington Eguaoje, president of our Youth Federation for World Peace, summarized True Father's efforts for lasting peace in the world and named some of the numerous organizations he has founded other than UPF. In enumerating the various projects, we emphasized the need to promote family values. We invited and encouraged participants to share in the inter-religious, intertribal, and international Blessing Ceremony to be held in December in Nigeria.

The high point of the event was the time of confession and forgiveness. "It was a touching experience for me," Rev. Alao reflected, "to see how a Divine Principle presentation during the event cleared the tense spiritual atmosphere and made a foundation for reconciliation and harmony between the religious groups and tribes."

The YFWP president called out ten volunteer youths from both Christian and Islamic faiths to join him and called out six volunteers Christian and Islamic leaders. The youths pledged to play a unifying role from now on, and repented on behalf of all young people in Nigeria and in Jos in particular for participating in religious killings and mayhem.

Led by the YFWP president, everyone then knelt down asking forgiveness from both the Muslims and Christians. Rev. Olaleye Alao and his wife came forward to join the religious leaders in a repentance and forgiveness ceremony.



Rev. Olaleye Alao speaking with the press during the event

Everyone in the audience, numbering over two hundred, embraced one another and pledged to continue to forgive each other and work together for peace.

Mr. Kalil, a Lebanese who has become a nationalized Nigerian citizen, described the Christian-Muslim war in Lebanon, in which neither side won a victory and which left Lebanon indebted to the World Bank to the tune of several billion dollars. He asked Nigerians not to wait to be attacked externally before finding their center of harmony as one people.

Alhaji Yusuf Sarami, who had earlier prayed with tears, told the audience that what he had witnessed that day had greatly moved him and that although he had entertained deep resentment until then, "today I am greatly moved to forgive my enemies who rendered me bankrupt and penniless though I did nothing wrong to them."

Several traditional rulers who attended the forum have invited UPF and YFWP to their kingdoms to promote similar healing and reconciliation. Sixteen media organizations were on hand and carried the news nationwide.

In attendance were many traditional rulers, members of the Christian Association of Nigeria, and NGO leaders. We had announced the start of a three-month peace process that we hope eventually brings lasting peace to Plateau State. *TW*



Rev. Olaleye Alao (left) and his wife Takako with the leader of a traditional community and a youth leader



Christian and Muslim leaders exchanging contact information and making friends



# Blessed Children Are the Power of a True Community

*When something is done out of a heartfelt desire to elevate the lives of others, the forces of goodness rally round, and people with like intent are drawn in. The Blessed Teens Academy, a privately run program that is attempting to create a genuine community of faith and love, is based on such a mindset. This article is the testimony of those involved, from the project director to young students who found the power to transform their lives.*

## **Mrs. Jeri Tamayo, Director of the Blessed Teens Academy**

The Blessed Teens Academy was established as an alternative to the public school environment for Blessed Children. As Unificationists, we teach our children to love and to live for the sake of others. They grow up with these concepts and ideas, yet they are still fighting with a humanistic, self-centered environment, which has had a big influence on them. The Blessed Teens Academy tries to create an environment that encourages a strong parent-child relationship, where children are able to be open and honest with their parents. Here, they can learn more about their faith, how to apply it and to become confident in it.

Unificationist children do have a fundamental standard inside them, because we have raised them centered on True Parents' tradition and the Divine Principle. As parents, we try to prepare our children well, but honestly we are not always aware enough about the negative effect the environment is having on our children. By the time we do realize what's happening, some of our children may already have had some serious negative influences. Even though we as parents strive to instill within our children our True Parents' traditions and spirit, we are still fighting an uphill battle against the fallen culture of the world. Our children are immersed in this culture.

Father has taught us the value of a different culture centered on vertical alignment; that is, the parent-child relationship. When we are able to understand that concept and embody it in our hearts, that's actually when we begin to grow, when we begin to develop healthy relationships. It's in that vertical relationship between a parent and child and an older and a younger person that we learn to truly love and care for each other. This is why we use vertical alignment as the root of our fundamental internal education. From that root, students are taught the value of attendance, the value of True Parents and True Children, the relationship they have with their parents and Abel figures, the foundations of faith and substance, how to make good conditions, how to overcome the four fallen natures, and how to relate with one another from a heavenly point of view.

## **Male BTA student, aged fifteen**

I came to the BTA when I was thirteen; I am now fifteen. I had a bit of a hard time in middle school. I found it hard to respect my teachers and also my parents, because I thought my friends knew better than they did. My parents thought I would not do well in a public high school environment, and I actually felt the same. I was depressed. I didn't like the way things were going. I wanted something different, even though I didn't know what that was. I wanted to check BTA out, in pursuit of trying to find something better in my life.

I arrived, and I began to hear many things that I had heard my whole life, but in a new way—through my peers in the second generation. Not just from my teachers, not just from my parents, not just from my camp leaders, but from people of my own generation that had gone through experiences similar to mine. They shared how they got through these issues. They expressed the concepts of Divine Principle in a new way, and because I was looking for something, I wanted to hear what they had to say. I wasn't here just to have fun, I wanted something more. So hearing it from my peers was really beneficial for me. I felt so much more inspired because I was hearing it from those who had gone through the same things I had. They had broken through, were now in a way better place than before and were advising me.

At first I was still very, very lazy and it was not easy... you know, very basic things like serving others, respecting my elders, loving my teachers, etc. I started with simple things, getting a glass of water or a plate of dinner for others, visiting them and

**Big smiles at a Blessed Teens Academy internal workshop**



Photos courtesy of BTA



massaging their feet, asking how their day was going. With these simple things, I began to develop the heart to attend, to offer something to them, not thinking of myself as I usually did, but thinking about others for once, looking at things from their point of view.

That was how my first year went. It was really hard to all of sudden have a lot of respect for the elders. I was trying to find out who I was and how I wanted to develop my character. Everyone else was trying to do the same. I was now in an environment where I had room to grow without being judged, where I could learn about my faith. I could just open myself up to the brothers and sisters and the teachers because that's what they were there for. I really appreciated that.

In my second year, things became more substantial. I would read Father's speeches in the prayer room, try to understand them, and then put what he said into practice during the day. Even though I often felt it was too hard or I was too lazy, I just decided to put it into practice, even if a little bit.

By the third year—this year—I had an opportunity to share with other people, to be an example for other people, and it allowed me to have to check myself every second of the day. Now I'm not just somebody who is listening. I'm now somebody who is teaching the younger ones, the newer students. And this was really a great experience because I had so many struggles. I would ask myself, Wait, why am I in a position to teach somebody? I don't even know who I am, so why do I have to teach other people?

It was hard. Also, because I have a very arrogant nature, everything I said seemed to come out as, You have to do this and you have to do that, but I don't have to do anything.

Kind of like that. That's how I felt I was coming across to others. It was hard for me to humble myself, to be in an Abel position but also to be in a Cain position, humbly. It was hard not to think that if I say these words maybe they will accept



**Neil Rischl shares internal guidance with the younger students**

me, but instead to think that maybe I could help them.

The first year was very hard because I was just beginning, but as time progressed more and more my parents really felt my change of heart; they began to trust me more. I had faith in what they said and had more of a child-like heart again—uniting with what they said no matter what, whether I liked it or not, whether I thought they were wrong or not; just having that heart of being there for them and caring for them; letting my mom sit down and have a glass of milk while watching a movie, as I go do the dishes.

It was a beginning for me to have a totally different mind-set, where I could see that what I was doing before was wrong and now what I'm striving to do is correct—the life-style, reading Father's speeches, and so forth. Still, there are lots and lots and lots to learn. It doesn't mean I have the right to stop learning it, but I feel as though I have a foundation. I can go home now and not be

swayed by things that I was seduced by before, like wanting to have girlfriends and doing stupid things and not caring about how my parents feel, but instead having the motivation to be better, and not just for myself, but for God and True Parents.

#### **Female BTA student, aged seventeen**

I came last year; I was fifteen years old. It was the worst stage of my life.

I had rebelled a lot. My parents were always working late. I would go to school in the morning, so I would not see them until late at night. Often it was difficult for me to feel connected to my family because of that, so I would do my own thing and most of the time I would go to friends' homes.

If I had a question, my mother would always just say, Read the Divine Principle. She wouldn't explain anything; that was her answer for everything. It was very hard for me to accept and understand that. There were many misconceptions. It



**Blessed Teens Academy staff and students greeting In-jin nim at Lovin' Life in Las Vegas last May; BTA director Jeri Tamayo is next to In-jin nim, holding her grandson. Michael Hentrich and his wife are next to Jeri, holding their children.**





**Washing each other's feet to experience the value of serving**

didn't help that my parents were Japanese and I was growing up in America, a culture which was foreign to them.

Most of my high school life was quite challenging. Before I met the Blessed Teens Academy, I felt as if I had hit rock bottom. By the time I came to BTA, I was open to receive anything.

When I came to BTA, I discovered I had to live a public life with a bunch of brothers and sisters, and I had parental figures that I had to learn to respect and create relationships with. Having to be around many brothers and sisters was hard to accept, because I am the only child in my family. Learning to communicate with the mother figures of the house helped me to open myself to my mom and talk to her from a whole new perspective.

Especially coming from a Japanese family, I noticed how Americans and Europeans are kissy and huggy, but my family was never like that. As Japanese, we don't really express ourselves through hugging and kissing. Now, if I express myself to my mom, even if I am crying, she receives it and responds how I imagine True Mother would respond; she says something simple but profound. It's amazing.

If I had to choose one thing that I learned in BTA above the rest, it would be the value of my relationship with my parents. There is still a lot to work on, but now I have a deeper relationship with my parents.

#### **Male BTA student, aged 16**

During a BTA workshop I met some BTA students. They were strong, confident about their faith, and they were genuine people, not fake in any way. At first I thought it was a crazy idea for me to come to BTA; I had my high school and college years planned out, I knew what classes to take, what I wanted to do with my life. People with a high education are hard to come by so I respect them. But people with good character, good morals, and drive are even harder to come by, so naturally I respect them more.

I thought about the kind of person I was growing into. I didn't like my own personality, so at that point I decided to go to BTA.

From my experiences here at BTA, I've learned some things: I am very immature. I have a small heart. I'm ungrateful and insensitive. But I've also gained a love and respect for True Parents and a basic understanding of the Principle. You grow at BTA, but growing is tough and it hurts. I'm going to come back to BTA next year because I still have a lot to work on, and a lot I want to learn.

#### **Michael Hentrich, Chief finance officer for BTA**

Some students come from a background where they had a very difficult relationship with their parents and their peers, and we have students who don't have a difficult relationship with their parents and who have not lived a rebellious life. Regardless of the circumstance, all those in the second generation who come to the Blessed Teens Academy do so to get an education that is the opposite of the "pop culture" education. As we know, in the pop culture, peers will teach you to not listen to your parents, and the media teaches you to act a certain way. We make effort to do the opposite. We proactively teach the children how to have that relationship with their parents and to find their true, original selves.

Even though children are away from home when they come to the BTA, it doesn't mean they cannot create or deepen a relationship with their parents. We are always encouraging the children to make contact with their parents, to write them, to call them at least once a week; some children call their parents every day.

We educate students about True Parents and the True Children. We have had many opportunities to be with True Children because of all the events in Las Vegas, Lovin' Life, and True Parents' going to Las Vegas. Last year, we went seven times. This was such a blessing for us, because we got to spend time with different members of the True Family, and we got to see True Parents.

Many of us in the second generation may not necessarily have a dysfunctional relationship with our parents, but we may not know the way that Father has taught us, the way of attendance and filial piety. This is very different from, "Oh, hey, dad. Hey, mom. I'm doing fine," or something like that. The relationship might not be bad, but it could also be too casual, lacking much depth or heart. The parents may try to reach out to the children but often the children don't know how to respond, or maybe they just don't know why they should respond. What we teach is "Why"—why you should love your parents, why you should attend your parents. Because it's loving your parents (or even loving your Abel) that allows them to love you with a parental heart. Everyone is looking for this.

That's what we at BTA are here for, the staff and teachers and the students that end up staying longer. Their purpose is to stay and pass on to others what they have learned. Everything is oriented in that direction. We have kind of a "village" concept. We have two grandmothers living in the house; we have parental figures. We have both first- and second-generation members. My wife and I (from the second generation) are



**An intense game of yute on God's Day**



here with our twin babies, and there are other second-generation couples with their babies. If you choose to take advantage of it, it's a real opportunity to experience the four great realms of heart.

### **Sanniel Ogawa, staff member**

There's one point I want to share from my life of faith. I came here as a student. I had a breakthrough in my own life of faith, and I am realizing every year more deeply what it means to be in our second generation. Who is God to me? Who are True Parents? Like any other relationship, these are ongoing. The more I come to understand about the Principle and about a life of faith and my relationships, the more I come to realize how much I don't know. The deeper in you go, the more you realize how much deeper it is. Hyung-jin nim once said, "If at any time in your life you consider yourself a teacher, that's where you get stuck and put a cap on yourself." We talk about always being a student. I think Father has that same heart.

In this kind of environment, though we might be doing different things individually, everyone has this encompassing purpose, which is to improve themselves, from the parental figures down to the youngest child. I see the staff investing themselves to raise the children, not just like in a school where it's your job, but as if they are caring for their own children or for their own nieces and nephews. If there are many personalities, it's not going to be easy. We struggle with our own family, which may be three to six people. Sometimes that is so difficult. Just multiply the number. At the same time, I see that as long as everyone's heading in the same direction, people can overcome. They grow so deeply.

In this community, you are being confronted all the time, internally, whether you are a younger student or a parental figure. I have seen the central figures grow so much! The program this year is not the same as the one last year, or the year before. And for each person, one year is not the same as the year before, because it's not a static system. It's living and growing, internally organic. We are always growing, learning from mistakes, improving, and moving forward. It really did have a big impact on my life, and changed the course of my life. I stayed here because I wanted to share what I had experienced with others who are looking for something more as well. Maybe I didn't do anything to deserve it, but I feel that I was blessed and even though it was difficult at times, I wanted to keep investing and be a part of this community.

I feel this is just the beginning. It's like the blueprint for something bigger. I remember True Mother saying, "Why do you take care of the world? Because the world is your family." I caught it intellectually but I never experienced it. My experience has been that going to church we may say hi to the other families, but then we go home and go our separate ways—maybe we meet at a weekend barbecue—but that's it.

Here was the first time that I caught what Father was talking about when he said that a child needs a whole village to raise him. In the end, whether you are STF (GPA),<sup>1</sup> BTA, NGA<sup>2</sup>

1 In the U.S., Special Task Force is now the Generation Peace Academy.  
2 Next Generation Academy, a leadership training program for young members based in Seattle, Washington, in the U.S.

or whatever acronym, we are all doing the same thing, we are all trying to study the Principle, understand God's heart. That's the point of everything we've been doing. For me this place is not what it is but what I see it becoming. That's why I have spent almost eight years of my life here. I feel that this is not so much because of what is immediately going on, or who I am immediately interacting with, but because I believe this place is not so much a program, but more a model community for future generations.

Being an uncle to the children of staff members, feeling so much love for their children, is something I haven't experienced before. I feel it prepares me to become a better father and educator to my children, to their children and to all my nieces and nephews. I believe that the greatest thing I can give to my children is the feeling that the world is their family.

### **Jeri Tamayo**

From the beginning, we always tell parents that are thinking of sending their children here, "We are not doing this alone; we are doing it together. These are your children, and we are going to raise them together. We are not here to raise them for you." So they are very much involved with their children. Also we will send a letter to the parents of all the group members to let them know who is taking care of their child. We always keep the parents

involved as much as possible.

All of our children are good children. For example, this young lady just had the wrong kind of peer group. Her heart is good, and her desire is to be good. She hit the bottom at the age of fifteen. She listened when she was told "You've got to get your head together."

Our children love and they want to be loved. They do want to understand True Parents, and their faith; they want to know why their parents continue to go this way even though it can often seem so difficult for them.

Even this young lady has become closer to her mom and dad since she discovered her responsibility as their daughter to love them and to attend them. It empowered them and gave them energy—"Isn't this why we got blessed? This is why we received the blessing, to have this kind of relationship with our children."

This is also why this young man's relationship has improved, because of his relationship with them, validating them as his parents, loving them as his parents, accepting decisions they make. Through that filial heart, parents gain energy.

It's an understatement to say that we know that God wants to be a part of our lives. Our own hearts are not big enough to love anyone. God comes first. No matter how difficult life gets, God comes first. No matter what, all of us want our children to know God and True Parents. We want them to know who they are, and know their relationship to Heaven—so that they can become the true people that they have the potential to become. **STW**

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**Sanniel Ogawa speaking to the students about Cain and Abel relationships**



# Prayer, Pure Love and Coming of Age

By Li-sonne Kang

*A first-year university student in Korea writes on awakening to deeper aspects of spiritual life, and about a ceremony held to mark her passage into adulthood*

**H**i! This is Li-sonne Kang. I'm half Korean, half Welsh. I have lived in Korea my whole life. Now I want to share about my life, which became happy and brightened because of Cheongpyeong.

## **My dream from God**

In my final year in high school, I had to decide on a major and a university. My mother thought that studying Pure Love Culture at Sun Moon University would be a good choice for me. But she also said that it was my decision, something between God and myself and with which nobody could interfere. On her suggestion, I did a forty-day prayer condition but could not find a clear answer. She then suggested that I attend a workshop in Cheongpyeong for three days and pray about my future. But I did not go. I thought I didn't have time to do more, and that if I studied hard to go to a better university it would make God happy. I discussed this with many people, listened to many viewpoints and finally decided to enter Dongguk University to study Social Science.

After one semester, my mother suggested I go to Cheongpyeong for the 2010 forty-day International Summer Workshop to work as a staff member and to pray about my life. I thought it would take up a huge part of my summer vacation and did not want to go. However, my oldest sister also recommended the workshop very deeply, and, fortunately, I went.

During the workshop, I knew I needed to make myself center more on God, find myself, and know God's plan for my future. I approached this by asking fundamental questions in the Jeongshimwon prayer hall, along with offering some small conditions. One day in the middle of the prayer, I received a strong answer: the words "pure love" echoed throughout the entire prayer hall over and over again.

So, I said to God. "Okay God, if You want me to keep purity forever, I will do that. But God, what's Your plan for me for Your great work? For what did You create me? I want to know Your thinking. I don't know what to do in the future. Please tell me... and show me."

Surprisingly, the same words "pure love" echoed again around the prayer hall. I realized that God wanted me to be a pure love missionary. Furthermore, I could see an image above my head. In the image was a lecture room filled with people listening to a speech I was giving. At that moment, I naturally felt that was me giving a "pure love" lecture someday in the future.

On that basis, I decided to change my major from Social Science at Dongguk University to the Department of Pure Love Culture in the Family, at Sun Moon University. It was the strongest answer I had ever received from God.

Even after I had received such a strong answer from God, back at home my mind was swayed by what many people said. Some said to just stay in Dongguk, which is a well-known university, or alternatively to take an exam to get into an even more famous university. Fortunately I had my mom and big sister who cared about me much more than I cared about myself. They had also received inspiration from God that I should change to the Pure Love major.

So I transferred to the Department of Pure Love Culture in the Family and now I am so happy studying here. I'm enjoying my current studies much more than my former major. I feel it is just right for me. Whenever I study, I want to quickly learn many things for the sake of those who don't know these precious values, about keeping absolute purity. I want to be able to give a lot of love through my lectures. I want to move people's hearts so that they change their lives to center on absolute love.

## **Let me expand the capacity of my loving heart**

In the summer of 2011 I was on the staff for the Korean middle and high school students at their fourteen-day workshop. I wasn't fully convinced about my leadership ability, or

Li-sonne (left) with her two sisters



Photo courtesy of Li-sonne Kang



that I could give lots of sincere love to the brothers and sisters at the workshop. That's because I never had any younger brothers or sisters myself. So I went to the Jeongshimwon prayer hall when I felt unable to guide the second-generation trainees well with my ability. One prayer theme struck my mind. This was expanding the capacity of my loving heart in order to truly love all people, so that I could become closer to being an ideal person. I learned this in my pure love major class. I deeply wanted to have relationships with the trainees and other staff members that are based on heart, so I asked God to make me more sincere and able to see other people's original minds.

Praying in the prayer hall had led me to have an amazing experience. There were almost thirty students on my team and I didn't know how to speak to them, how to have confidence, because on the inside I am really so shy. Nevertheless, when I stood in front of the trainees my voice was strong. Sometimes I even made them laugh so they would feel more relaxed.

There were a few students whose countenance and thinking were negative. As you know, inside I am not really that strong and my heart is not broad enough to bear all the negative expressions or attitudes other people might have. But thanks to prayer—my prayer for my team, especially for those negative trainees—the negative faces changed bit by bit. One such student even opened her heart to me, and one day we could talk deeply about our dreams, our families and our characters.

From that day on, in my heart I realized how much Dae-mo nim, Heung-jin nim and Hoon-mo nim love all the trainees and forgive them with a deep, deep heart.

### Coming of age

The words that the Blessing is not for me alone, but for God, for our spouses, and for our descendants were deeply engraved in my heart at the Cheongpyeong training center. With this in mind, I participated in a "Coming of Age Ceremony" for second- and third-generation members. I think there are several reasons the tears never stopped flowing down my cheeks during the ceremony.

The Holy Song Session that I attended before the ceremony was a spiritually powerful one. Almost for the first time I felt strongly that spiritual beings were moving about and helping

us to rid ourselves of bad spirits. With each new part of the program, I felt gratitude and inspiration, and tears came to my eyes.

When we sang the Korean song *Sarang Hae* [I love you] together, the words "You don't know how many tears I shed when you left me" seemed as if they were spoken by True Parents to us and to me in particular. I had wandered around trying to find myself as a second-generation member and had been stained by the secular world and culture. I thought to myself that I had really hurt True Parents' hearts. I also thought about how much True Parents had had to endure as they waited for me to grow up; and unexpectedly, I shed tears of gratitude and remorse.

Dae-mo nim said to us during the ceremony: "Forget all the wrongdoings you have committed. You have been reborn today as adults," When I reflected on these words, I thought about how many devotions had been offered and how much had been forgiven to make this significant ceremony possible. I was filled with gratitude and emotion once again for the love and devotion of God and True Parents, for the Cheongpyeong work carried out by Dae-mo nim, Heung-jin nim and Hoon-mo nim, and for my beloved parents for giving birth to me. Hoon-mo nim said, "Do not go to places for drinking, smoking or taking drugs. Do not look at or touch<sup>1</sup> someone of the opposite sex." She also emphasized that second generation members do not have the root of sin; and that to see this with one's spiritual eyes is an amazing thing. Because, the root of sin is the cause of illness and of the difficulties that make people miserable, we of the second (and third) generation should try very hard to get rid of our fallen nature. If we don't, God will be so sad.

I renewed my resolution to overcome Satan's temptations, even if it meant denying myself completely, and to bring him to voluntary submission.

I came to the realization that I was no longer so young that I could live in an easy and carefree manner. I realized that I should pull myself together! And when the poem "The Crown of Glory," which True Father wrote at the age of sixteen, was recited, I thought to myself that I would inherit the heart of living for others and the heart of true love as a daughter, laborer and elite soldier of God. **TW**

<sup>1</sup> In the sense of having romantic or sexual interest.

The Coming of Age ceremony held at the Cheongpyeong training center was attended by seven hundred young members.





