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A Principle Model for the Health of a Nation

Hyung-jin nim spoke at a meeting for church regional presidents held at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on the Day of All True Things, June 20. Speaking in Korean, he gave the following broad summary of an application of the Principle to the relationship of a people and their government, thus alerting his audience to a significant potential development in our movement's focus. The following is a translation of some of his major points.

I would like to say something about the extension of the life of faith into the realm of politics and economics. This is something that we've not fully developed in our movement. In earlier days, our church grew quickly in certain countries; there were many prophecies and many expectations. Over a few years, there was a remarkable revolution. The Divine Principle gave people clear answers about God, clear answers to issues Christianity could not solve, including about how the Lord would return. Many people at that time found great hope through the Principle.

Yet for various reasons, the hoped-for results did not come. Even though True Father accomplished great things, including fighting against and winning over communism, we have not been able to clearly provide the answer to the question of what should happen in the future. But now with the coming of Foundation Day, I truly feel that a turning point for the world is coming—and not just spiritually.

My brother Kook-jin has been studying the Principle deeply. He began his own business, and within the free market system he has been very successful. Through his business work, he has made investments in several countries. To do this successfully, you have to understand the political situation in different parts of the world. Combined with such a background, he is also a person of strong faith.

Kook-jin nim has provided us with a significant insight into the Divine Principle and its application in society. I believe it is a revolutionary understanding.¹ From the Principle's perspective, we divide the world into its Cain and Abel spheres, internationally. In the First World War and the Second World War, for example, we distinguish the nations that stood on the Cain and Abel sides, on Satan's and God's side. But we have not applied the same analysis much within nations.

Looking at the role of government through the lens of Divine Principle

What Kook-jin nim is saying is quite simple. In the Principle, we read about Adam, Eve and the archangel Lucifer in the Garden of Eden with God. Lucifer was the servant of Adam and Eve. He was to serve them. God gave three blessings to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden: To perfect themselves as individuals, to raise a family and to have dominion over the

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¹ He calls it "Freedom Society," and it is what Hyung-jin nim is outlining here.





Left: True Parents' youngest great-grandchild, Shim-mi nim—Ye-jin nim's first grandchild—visited them at Cheon Hwa Gung in Las Vegas recently. **Right:** Shim-mi nim with her parents, Shin-hwa nim (Ye-jin nim's daughter) and Young-ung Alexander nim. (Shin-mi nim's paternal grandmother is German.)

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Enlightenment of the Homeland

Extracts from Father's comments during hoondokhae on leap month 3.5 (April 25) at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace (Leap month: This year's third heavenly calendar month was repeated. A month is added to the heavenly calendar in some years in the same way that a day is added to the Gregorian calendar.)

Father speaks to thirty-day workshop participants, soon after his arrival in Korea on June 11.

Now we have to establish a third homeland. Thinking of it, we understand it's a desperate effort, at the cost of any sacrifice and with complete investment. This is a mission we are called to fulfill. Since we know our calling, we must *replace* the past time when we couldn't become owners of our calling. "Everything should be renewed through me." That should be our determination.

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To welcome the liberation of the homeland, a person should have participated in the fulfillment of God's will in the past—at least in one tenth, or one hundredth of that work. Everybody stands in unknown, unclear or indeterminate positions in relation to the accomplishment of the homeland's liberation. This is a huge problem, if you think of it. When I represent a hundred, a thousand, ten thousand people, or eight thousand people from one nation, I have to be a flag-bearer flying the flag; my determination has to be greater than theirs.

One point our Unification Church can be proud of is that I have already left you textbooks and teaching materials. Who do these textbook and teaching materials belong to? To True Parents, the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind; they are masters of settlement who compiled these works, and can say "The light of the homeland, pass by us." They have done all the work, so there is no persecution. No one can persecute us.

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I said, "Homeland, shine brightly!" and then I took responsibility for this and walked forward hoisting the flag at every pinnacle of victory. Had I not done so, the age of the safe arrival of True Parents would never have come. Now, I'm talking not about the safe arrival of True Parents, but about firm settlement. We have reached the age of settlement.

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have therefore overcome everything that was blocking the liberation of the homeland. How great this is!

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Centering on the overall purpose of the creation of the universe, the bloodline unites with the tradition.¹ Tradition and the bloodline cannot exist separately. They need to be united.

And it is not just the mother and the father who need to be one; the children they give birth to need to follow in their footsteps. They need to give birth to children who become devoted sons and daughters, and they must form blessed families. When they have their families, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind must be able to firmly establish themselves, beyond having appeared. In any place, in any of the four directions—east, west, north or south—they need to go beyond just safely appearing and firmly settle in, until they can say there is no need to go back and repeat things.

Then what is next for them as the True Parents? Firmly settling in concludes something, but within this what more is there to be done? It is the proclamation of the word by God's substantial self! Have True Parents achieved the proclamation of the word as God's substantial self? Answer me! [They have.] They did not need to leave it for you to proclaim. Why? Because when the family of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind is perfected everything is to be completed.

What came next? The Cosmic Assemblies. I did not ask you to do those. The Cosmic Assemblies have all been concluded. The settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind has been achieved, the proclamation of the word by God's substantial self has been achieved, and the realm of the perfection of heaven, earth and the universe has also been achieved. The pressure of the demands based on the textbooks and teaching materials written by True Parents and expressed through our church has passed.



I had sons and daughters, thus giving birth to twelve tribes. Myriads of tribes will live and follow me as if tied to me by a rope.

True Parents have surmounted all the pinnacles, but you don't act and align yourselves. The foundation is already there; trees have been planted and grown. Give them water so that they grow branches and you will be able to reap new fruit a thousand and ten thousandfold. So, should you forget that you're standing on the ground of such victory that gives you the opportunity of harvest? What's your answer? [We should not forget it.]



So, when True Parents come out and you are asked, "Did you live with True Parents?," suppose you say, "No, I didn't." And when you're asked "Did you work with them?," suppose you say, "No, I didn't." Can a person who never lived or worked with True Parents participate in their wedding banquet? No, that's preposterous. What is it about in the end? Since a millennium was lost, we created D-day to make it up. When 144,000 heavenly brides are complete, the heavenly banquet of the joint wedding of 144,000 will come down to earth. True Parents will become substantial masters of settlement, masters of proclamation of the word, masters of completion of the universal world, but you have no foundation to be able to come back to earth. If you don't prepare for the pinnacle of the Feast of the Lamb, no chance for you to follow me or live with me

1 Father appears to use the word tradition to express continuation through time, most likely indicating the successive generations.

will arise. You will pass True Parents by.

Where is your nation? If your nation is complete, you should help complete True Parents' nation. But did you help restore even a fraction of a percent of Father's land? I don't have land even of the size of the palm of my hand. You cannot abandon those raggedy belongings of yours, yet you're still saying that you attend True Parents?...

You own property, don't you? True Parents lived all their lives without any property. The environment is so different, but you should be able to be similar fruit and have the same attitude: "The Unification Church is my church and its victory is my victory!" Remember that clearly.



We are teaching tribal messiahs in all parts of the world at this time, but the time for the family messiahs, tribal messiahs and messiahs for the people of different nations is almost over. The Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop for the tribal messiahs, through which they can inherit the position of the representative of the Returned Lord, is the final one. It is the final mobilization.

That is why this workshop should not end with just the mobilized participants. Before Foundation Day comes, you need to do your best to hold these workshops in your own nations, even if it means taking out a loan or borrowing money from others. If nothing else avails, you should ask those who have attended the workshop to come and serve as lecturers in the place of Jeong-ok Yu. In any event, you should carry them out before Foundation Day. Do you understand? [Yes.]



If you bring [groups of] fifty people, enough to form twelve tribes, six hundred people would come every month for the workshop. And if those six hundred people brought fifty other people each, per month, you would mobilize more than enough people for the workshop.

Why? They are your clan, and you are tribal messiahs! You may not be able to finish the task all at once, but you need to finish it by Foundation Day. Then, when everyone has attended an Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop, they cannot be sent to hell. This is until D-day. What that means is that they will not be sent to hell. Do you understand? [Yes.] This has already all been done in Korea.² When you try hard enough you can achieve what you set out to achieve.

When you visit someone's house and ask, "Do you know Rev. Moon? Have you heard his teachings?" and they say that they haven't, you should ask, "Why not?" and tell them to attend the workshop before Foundation Day. When they have a set date by which they need to attend the workshop, they will attend it, and our training center will always be full. By Foundation Day, all 70 million Korean people should pay the workshop fee, attend it and be registered.



What will happen if you are not registered in the nation? Give me your answer. Should you attend this workshop and be registered, or not? [We should.] That is the matter in question, and it cannot be postponed to a later date. I have given you clear instructions and clear answers, so let us now conclude with a prayer. **TW**

2 OSDP workshops are ongoing in Korea but not all members have attended one.

Two Recent Declarations Given by True Parents

Declaration of the Perfect and Complete Unity and Oneness of True Parents and the Era of the Unity of the Cain and Abel Worlds, 3.5 (March 26, 2012) King Garden, Hawaii¹

True Mother flew to Hawaii as soon as she had completed the initial Global Women's Peace Network Assembly in Korea on 3.5 (March 26). (For more on the GWPN, see page 26.) Father met her at the airport in Hawaii. Because of the time difference between Korea and Hawaii, Mother left Korea in the evening and True Parents arrived at King Garden at 11:30 in the morning of the same day. As soon as they had alighted from the car, True Father called the international president, Hyung-jin Moon, and his son Shin-joon nim to come to them and asked Rev. Gi-hoon Kim to offer three cheers of Eog Mansei there.

Once in the King Garden house, True Parents stood hand-in-hand, and Hyung-jin nim, Shin-joon nim (Hyung-jin nim's fourth child) and Yeon-ah nim stood in a line, hand-in-hand, facing True Parents. Shin-deuk nim, Hyung-jin nim's fifth child, stood behind True Parents. Father then declared the following:

In that this is the time to proclaim the unification of the divided Cain and Abel worlds by uniting and perfecting Adam and Eve on the foundation of the unified heaven and earth....

1. Mansei for the unity of the Cain and Abel worlds centering on the True Parents and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.
2. Mansei for the victorious True Parents and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.
3. Mansei for the unified oneness of heaven and earth that Eve can attain after accomplishing the ideal oneness between heaven and earth blessed by God.
4. True Parents will be established and firmly settled eternally. Mansei for the liberation of God, the liberation of the God of Night, and for the perfect and complete unity and oneness of True Parents.

Declaration of the Perfect, Firm Settlement of True Parents and the Heavenly True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and, at the Same Time, the Oneness of Cain and Abel, 4.16 (June 5, 2012) Cheon Hwa Gung, Las Vegas

Before beginning, after 5 AM hoondokhae, Father said:

"Only when you fulfill the remaining 4 percent based on the victorious foundation of the 96 percent accomplished by God and True Parents, a total of 100 percent, will the liberated kingdom, heavenly nation and the heavenly people who uphold the Principle in their lives be established. I hope you will not forget what I have said here."

Father instructed the hoondokhae participants to stand up, and then True Parents stood up. Father said:

"In the name of True Parents, we declare and proclaim that this is the moment when the True Parents and Heavenly True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind fulfill the ceremony of firm settlement. [Aju!]

Restoring one, two, three and four, this will be eternally passed on through the tradition of the four-position foundation. [Aju!] Please welcome this with applause. True Parents and all members standing here today know that we, who are eternally attending Heavenly Father, are entering the four-dimensional world centering on the first, second, third and fourth ancestors by fulfilling the remaining 4 percent of the portion of responsibility together with True Parents, and so this must inevitably take place. Aju! May You be eternal! We shall eternally prosper through the countless generations. Aju!"

Father then explained that after the declaration ceremony in Hawaii, Cain and Abel had become one. He added:

"In my family, who is the owner, Sung-jin [Father's son born in 1946] or Hyung-jin? Who gave birth to Sung-jin? True Mother? Sung-jin's mother [Sun-gil Choi, Father's first wife]? Another? Hyung-jin, the father the son... Kook-jin and Hyung-jin, these two sons, became one as Cain and Abel!" **TW**

¹ Our April issue (page 7) included True Parents' Special Declaration, which occurred between these two, on 3.24 (April 14) at Cheon Hwa Gung in Las Vegas.

True Mother Encourages Alignment with Father's Way

Following the reading at hoondokhae at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on 5.5 (June 24) True Mother spoke about the focus of our thought and action in the current time. Father gave concluding remarks. The following is a translation of what True Parents said.



This could be the last opportunity in our lives, and from the viewpoint of the providence this is the final point in time when we must establish true faith. I think all of you are blessed members; that is the blessed families' responsibility on the earth? What is it? What is it that you have to achieve while you are on earth? What is God's desire?

Just yesterday I heard that the 72 couples celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Many blessed families have followed God's will over for fifty years or more, beginning from the 36 couples.¹

What can you say you have accomplished? These days Father often says "everything is completed. Now we are on the last stretch." What do you all think? The truth is that when we look around us, the world is full of imperfect accomplishments.

It is time to put things in order and tie them to one center; however, each of you thinks and acts too individually. It seems to me that you are primarily concerned with what you want to be and what you have to do before you consider whether what you are doing is aligned with the center. If that is the case, we will not be able to realize one world. You have been unable to unite centered on Heaven, and though you should live, think, act and practice a lifestyle that helps connect everything in your lives to the center with every breath you take and with each new day, this is regrettably not yet coming to pass.

So what I am asking of you, since Foundation Day is not far away now, is to achieve results as blessed families who live in this era and attend True Parents. How many times True Father has emphasized that you need to carry out your responsibilities as tribal messiahs and that "You must fulfill your mission!"

Father has also permitted us the grace of ancestral liberation, through which the spiritual world and the physical world can be united. He has thus opened the path in front of us. When we consider whether you have met his expectations and achieved satisfactory results, however, we are sorry to find that you are still far from reaching the standard set by Heaven. Henceforth, you should stop thinking only about yourselves

and endeavor to become one with the providence centered on True Parents. You should create an environment extending to your surroundings that reveals what your center is. After all, isn't it our ultimate responsibility to build the kingdom of heaven on earth in which we attend God?

It is true that this is a rather difficult time for the Unification Church. Nevertheless, I am sure that you have clearly learned what the will of God and True Parents is in the Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop you attended recently. You need to do your very best in the positions you have been given. This is the final stage. If you are standing on the edge of a cliff and your next move will determine whether you live or die, how will you act?

From this standpoint, we also need to think about this hoondokhae session. Hoondokhae should be about how we, our surroundings, our church and our nation can grow. There are many occasions when Father continues speaking for ten hours or more, be it night or day, because sometimes you are not in the right level of relationship with him.

He does this more often when he comes to Korea. He is surely doing so because he anguishes over you. With Foundation Day only a few months away, I hope and pray that you will do your best and become blessed families, leaders and members that can achieve great results in front of Heaven.

True Father's concluding words

I hope, when you leave, that you will leave everything behind and go completely cleansed, with a resolution to fulfill your responsibility as the owners of your nations with the authority of the beloved and hopeful son of God. Mother! The difficult world will soon end. It must come to an end sometime. You should all remember that it must inevitably come to an end, and that although you may hear reports and see things that touch your heart, you should fulfill your responsibilities first and wait. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Now, then, let us bring this morning session to a close. Have a safe trip back home. **TW**

¹ The 36 couples were blessed in 1961, the 72 couples in 1962

Trainees in Embodying God's Word



A thirty-day Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop was held at True Father's bidding from mid-May to mid-June. A few hours after it ended, in an exclusive Today's World interview, OSDP lecturer Rev. Byeong-yeol Lee (inset photo) director of the Central Training Center where the workshop was held, helped clarify the significance of the workshop in relation to Foundation Day.



Today's World: Why did True Parents hold such a large Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop?

Rev. Byeong-yeol Lee: True Parents have now become perfected as the God of Day, and they have prepared for God to perform His Holy Wedding at the time of True Parents' Holy Wedding, through their physical selves. However, we, the people who are in the position of True Parents' children, are not ready. At the moment when True Parents are given the royal seal as the God of Day, they need to take us with them, but none of us has fulfilled his or her portion of responsibility.

For this reason, True Father recently called all Korean church leaders to Cheon Jeong Gung and said that he had a request to make, because True Parents couldn't take even one person with them to Cheon Il Guk on Foundation Day, as things now stand.

Father told us this beseechingly, beginning with "I am asking this of you. I am asking this of you." He said that for us to prepare to enter Cheon Il Guk with True Parents, we need to become "new tribal messiahs" and participate in the Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop five times over thirty days. At the time of God's Holy Wedding performed through True Parents on Foundation Day, if blessed members have made this new beginning as new tribal messiahs, True Parents will be able to take blessed families (in the position of children) with them as they ascend to the position of the God of Day with His royal seal. To prepare us for this, True Parents instructed that the special thirty-day Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop be held at this time.

Of all that True Parents have recently told us, the most important is "Let's live together." That is why they speak of our "return" to the original state before Adam and Eve fell and of living with God and True Parents....

When Father instructed that these OSDP workshops be held, he said two important things: One, to cast off our clothes, which means to rid ourselves of what we've been carrying around like satanic rags—our fallen nature and the like. Two, to serve God. We need to learn about the original substance of God through the OSDP workshop and rid ourselves of all the wrongdoings we have committed. After we learn about God and True Parents, we need to resemble them.

To resemble them, we should attend the workshop five

times, as a means of climbing up the five stages by ourselves—from the individual, through the family, tribe (clan), race (ethnic group) and nation. Based on that condition True Parents can take us with them into Cheon Il Guk.

Foundation Day is the day of God's Holy Wedding and the day on which God's first family begins. At the same time, it is the day on which we blessed families, in the position of True Parents' children, ascend to their position with them and begin God's homeland. Because, it cannot begin without citizens....

True Father also said that we needed to take a test at the end of each workshop to check whether we had paid attention diligently. He clarified that all the participants should learn how to give lectures, and that at least two hundred of us should become lecturers. Since we are messiahs, we need to take our tribes with us, which is why we were trained as lecturers. During this workshop, our lecture skills greatly improved.

What will those who complete the workshop focus on?

The fact is that the blessed families are all tribal messiahs, but we have failed. That is why we have now become new tribal messiahs who before Foundation Day need to educate our tribes and bring them to the Blessing Ceremony and teach them to practice hoondokhae as a part of their lives of learning about True Parents' traditions, to inherit True Parents' bloodline and model their lives on True Parents' lives.

When True Father wrote the text of the original Divine Principle¹ in the early 1950s, he could not reveal these things, because it wasn't the time to do so. Had he revealed it publicly he would have been persecuted to the point of being killed. The OSDP teaches that God has sexual organs. We had not been teaching that. If someone had said forty or fifty years ago that God has reproductive organs and that He needed to get married, who would have believed it? People would have thought that Father was crazy and persecuted him even more.

True Parents could not previously reveal certain things about God, but now they have filled in the well of indemnity and ascended to the position of the God of Day having triumphed over everything. The time has come for them to reveal the original substance of God and they have done so. **TW**

¹ Father wrote a draft of Divine Principle himself in 1951 in Busan.

The 58th Anniversary of the Founding of Our Church and the 50th Day of All True Things

Photo courtesy of the Korean Culture Department



As True Father spoke to the two thousand members marking the joint holy day at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, he began calling out his grandchildren and various leaders to sing, creating a very informal atmosphere. During their own concluding song, True Parents walked up and down among the members. After lunch, Hyung-jin nim and In-jin nim hosted a meeting for church regional presidents. It began with Hyung-jin nim conferring awards from True Parents on a number of leaders for lengthy service as missionaries, as is traditionally done on the church anniversary. The church regional presidents and five members designated as martyrs also received awards. Hyung-jin nim spoke at length to the leaders (see page 2) and In-jin nim encouraged everyone to work with hearts united, because then "there will be nothing we cannot accomplish."



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Mobilizing Teams and Other Resources

This is the forty-first installment in our series on Father's life. The series is based on the book series True Parents' Life Course, which was compiled from Father's speeches and published in Korean in twelve volumes. This installment continues with Father's outlining his first commitments in the United States forty years ago in 1972. He also describes developments in Korea and Japan where he spent much of the second half of that year.

True Father's first public speeches in Germany were given in Essen on March 28, 29 and 30, 1972

God chose America to take the main role in building the kingdom of heaven on earth. However, the Christian spirit is collapsing and waves of worldliness are rising here. Without a great spiritual change or reform, America will not be able to complete her mission. I have come to set alight a new fire in the heart of this country's withering spirit, and I intend to bring about reform that will revive the Christian spirit. I arrived in Washington on December 18, 1971, the same day that we actively started to expand our movement in America. The day you awakened to the reason I came to America will be the day of true hope for America. I came by God's order and with God's word.

In order to spread God's word, I intend to hold large public lectures in the major cities in America. I plan to do this in at least seven cities. This is the start of my course of publicly proclaiming God's word. I also plan to hold such meetings in Germany and England. This is my third global tour, so I must speak in person. I have been waiting eagerly for this day.

A mobile team in Japan

We have to make a Japanese mobile team. At least four hundred people have to mobilize before I go back. Four hundred and eighty people. And they have to master the Divine Principle over the next six months. I mean actual training. They'll do street witnessing every day. They should witness on the streets, and they should go house to house, too. They should be trained in every area. They should spend two months studying each section of Divine Principle. It should be divided into three sections, and they should learn each section. If they don't get more than a 70 percent average, they shouldn't be allowed to go to the next section. The people who don't go through this course cannot become central leaders in the future. I'm making the top leaders, Mr. Oyamada and Mr. Kuboki, go through this course, too. You should also go out to raise funds sometimes.

Japanese and European members working in the United States

A hundred and twenty members this year, and a total of four hundred members over the next three years are to be mobilized to America. Four hundred members. What will they do during this time of mobilization? They can't speak the language. The Japanese members have gone to America and started doing cleaning work. That's why we are operating a real estate business. We buy a house cheaply and completely renovate it. They clean it up and paint it and then sell it again. Since Japan is the Eve country, it has to fulfill its mission as the mother and work for the people of the world. That's why they are responsible to feed the world. My plan is to set up the Japanese to represent Asia and establish a tradition. England, which has only fifty members, promised to send a hundred



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Left: In France, with Reiner Vincenz interpreting into French; **Right:** Norbert Boland, pioneer missionary to Iran, in Teheran with True Father in April 1972. The fifteen countries visited during the third world tour were the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Austria, Italy, Greece, Israel, Iran, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan.

members to America. So, since there are 150 members in Germany, you have to send three hundred. If that happens, it will become quite interesting. The European and American teams will compete.

A mobile team in Korea (June 1, 1972)

Three hundred and how many are on the first mobile team? [It's 360.] Those people represent the days in a year. If you think of it in this way, you all have a common responsibility. The mobile teams will spend a week in each area. They should continue even if there is no one left behind in the churches. They do not come under the Unification Church administration. They're directly connected to me. I am declaring that the mobile teams are in Abel's position. It is the mobile teams that will determine victory or defeat in a nation, such is the authority I am bestowing on them. The week-long revival mobilization of the mobile team is our main force.

Then, what should the mobile team members do? You have

to sell books. You have to sell our Divine Principle book or *Communism: a New Critique and Counterproposal*. You have to sell as many Divine Principle books as possible. Buy thirty and distribute them to thirty people. You can give them to thirty people once a month; you can lend them the books for a month.

The threat of communism

When we look at the world's current situation, we can sense that the democratic world is facing quite a pressing crisis. We are well aware that communism threatens to sweep the entire world away. Moreover, we know all too well that today's Christianity does not have a system to surmount the communist threat, practically speaking, and that Christianity is not actually working to defend society or the world.

Founding of the Unification Thought Institute (October 1, 1972)

We have already laid a foundation to move our global teams,



Photo courtesy of Gertraude Koch

Left: Father in New Delhi in mid-April. Father spent just a day or two in most of the countries he visited; **Right:** Father speaking with Austrian members during True Parents' stop in Vienna.



A mobile IOWC team of Japanese members braving the winter elements in their native land in December 1972

so whenever they are given the order, they can carry out whatever they are told to do, even if it means going to the ends of the earth....

That's why I am doing things now that you cannot understand. As a part of that, I have established the Unification Thought Institute. Unification Thought is a systematic exposition of the Principle, by which we can deeply analyze all the false philosophies and ideologies that shape the world today.

Ninety Little Angels' performances in Europe and America (October 7, 1972–February 8, 1973)

Since Little Angels is now well-known, they are performing at the White House, currently the home of the Nixon administration. They have performed in front of the Queen in England, too. In Japan, the Little Angels are also scheduled to give a performance. This time on their tour in Europe, England made a special request for a period of two months. We also visited Germany, Spain (briefly) and France. People involved in booking acts in those countries made requests knowing that they wouldn't suffer a loss if they welcomed us.

We will go to Las Vegas when the performances in Hawaii are concluded. Las Vegas is famous worldwide as a gambling city. The city brings in world-famous entertainers and gives performances in order to draw the plutocrats of the world. It thus absorbs enormous resources, with entertainment as the

bait. Therefore, to appear on a Las Vegas stage is set as the highest hope and dream of entertainers. People in charge of entertainment in that famous place asked the Little Angels to perform for a month.

Second Little Angels team in Japan gives 200 performances (November 9, 1972–March 4, 1973)

It takes vast amounts of resources to put on the Little Angels' shows. Before giving a performance, an enormous amount of funds must be invested. The media needs to be alerted on a wide scale. A large number of people are required for tasks of different kinds.

Why do we need to do this, despite the difficulties? I am not doing it through ignorance of the situation. In the future, the Unification Church in Japan and the International Federation for Victory over Communism should open new doors in the field of culture. With this in mind, we rented the Nichigeki Theatre in Tokyo for forty days, the like of which has never been seen before or since. By renting a theatre for forty days and nights and putting on performances, we have set a record never seen before in history.

Seeing this, people in the Japanese entertainment field called us insane. From their professional view, it is hard to have the theater fully packed for just a week. So, they concluded that people who would perform day and night for forty days are daydreamers and abnormal people.

We need to establish our foundation not only in Japan but also in Asia. In Tokyo alone, we need to sell 170,000 tickets, and 320,000 in the entire nation. How many times the number of tickets we sold the year before last do we have to sell? We need to sell eight times the number we sold then.

Recently, the Shanghai Ballet Troupe of Communist China visited Japan, and the *Yomiuri Daily* and the *Asahi Daily* carried pro-China articles. The *Sankei Daily*, however, has maintained an anti-communism attitude until now, and it cannot change its course suddenly. That's why it wished to invite a performance team that has an anti-communism stance. That was none other than the Little Angels. The Federation for Victory over Communism is connected to it. Thus, the *Sankei Daily* will take full responsibility.

Why are we doing this? It is for Korea. That is to say, Korean residents in Japan are getting involved in Chochongnyon¹ and in propagating Kim Il-sung's *Juche*² ideology. So, at a time like this, it's clear that Korea is a cultural nation and an ancient culture that even the Japanese are impressed by.



The first ICUS was held in November 1972 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Buying the Korea Titanium Co. Ltd. (October 19, 1972)

I suppose you may not know about titanium. It is an absolute necessity in everyday life. There is almost nothing in which this material is not present. It is added when making rubber shoes, good books, paints and other items.

Was it a good thing or a bad thing that we bought the Korea Titanium Co.? [It was good that we bought it.] When everybody was stepping back.... Well, in the beginning, the company put it up for ₩280 million in cash. About eight months to a year later, we offered to pay ₩120 million.

1 The pro-Pyongyang Federation of Korean Residents in Japan

2 The autarkic ideology Father refuted on his 1991 visit to North Korea.



Father joins participants in marking the completion of the first national workshop for the Korean mobile team, May 31, 1972.

They said, "Pay ₩150 million." In about six months, they said, "Then, take it at just ₩120 million."

We said, "We are afraid that it won't work out, so we are now unable to buy it." [Laughter] So, the price went down again. "We can't offer more than ₩60 million." [Laughter] So, a company worth ₩1.2 billion was bargained down to ₩60 million. [Laughter] Isn't that wonderful? Time bargained it down.

They wanted the ₩60 million in one cash payment. We said that since we can't give the ₩60 million in cash all at once, we will pay ₩10 million in installments. In this way, we paid six ₩10 million installments. So, without having even a cent, and by just handing over one piece of paper a month and still taking possession of the whole company, within six months we went into the black.

Founding the science conference

This autumn, I have to go to America again. I am going to hold a science conference³ and make a global scientists' association

³ ICUS was first called the International Conference on Unified Science; the first was November 23–26, 1972. Some twenty scientists participated.

and then a global economists' association. I am going to select two of the greatest experts in Korea to go there. I also instructed that someone be selected from Japan. At this seminar with participants from ten nations, I should give the keynote address. I've paid most of the expenses.

What was I like when ICUS started? Dr. Yoon, do you remember? [Yes.] I was like an office boy in a town office and Dr. Yoon was shining like the sun. It was not so bad, though. I accepted it all.

You know, after I gave my keynote address, the participant named Wigner⁴ shouted out something against me and left the room. Did you know that? I received such contemptuous treatment. I said what I had to say. Still, I didn't mind, and I forgot about it. If you want to achieve something significant...

If one becomes a high mountain, one has to expose oneself to wind and shoulder snow, even in the summer. **JW**

⁴ Nobel Laureate Eugene P. Wigner (physics, 1963) attended several ICUS conferences after the first one.



Left: Father visiting a factory in the southern provinces of Korea in June 1972; Right: Consistent with Father's efforts to support Korea's industrial development, the church business foundation purchased this titanium producing company in October 1972.

creation. Over the years since I was a child, I have thought a lot about this. All of us have. We've dealt with it in our mind-body relationship training, in taking care of our family members so that they grow up relating with God's will, and in taking care of the creation.

Through the teaching about the Fall, we learn about Satan's way of doing things. Father has revealed how Satan led Adam and Eve to fall. The story of Adam, Eve and the archangel that we see in the Principle is very important. It is not just a theological story. There is more to the conclusion than that we should live morally; there is a secret within the story.

One day, Kook-jin nim asked me, "Within a country, what position does the government hold among Adam, Eve and the archangel?" The answer is very simple isn't it? The government is naturally in the archangel position. The archangel was meant to help Adam and Eve as they grew up, to help them take the position of Lord and owner. The government is the same. We use the word "public servant." This is someone who takes care of the citizens and works for their benefit. Of course, if we visit a local government office, the people working there are probably all very kind. Kook-jin nim is not speaking of whether government employees are good people or not, but referring to the position that government itself holds within a certain model.

Kook-jin nim goes on to explain how nations in the free world can end up under tyranny if a particular scenario plays out. He identifies four stages in this course.

When we think of the free world, we think of democratic countries. We begin with the first stage, a free country that strives to maintain freedom for all its people. But as time passes, politicians have to be elected, so they speak about things that are attractive to the people and win their votes—such as social security, free education and free health care. This becomes *populism*. This is the second stage. These programs are then adopted as government policy. As more programs are demanded, and offered, the economy begins to decline as the government struggles to pay for the increasing number of social welfare initiatives. Where does it get the money to pay for them? It must come from the people, as the government has no money of its own. Taxes therefore increase. Eventually the country runs out of money and must borrow, which creates national debt. This is the third stage. The economy begins to collapse. When this happens, who is it that has a plan to help the nation? A tyrant has a plan. He comes into power, renouncing democracy, and says, "Everyone must follow my policies. Under this scenario, a country can change from a free society into a dictatorship in four stages."

In a dictatorship, the government effectively owns everything and the citizens own nothing. In the Garden of Eden, Satan seized everything from Adam and Eve. He took away all ownership, he stole the three great blessings.

In the United States, the social welfare state was gradually set up in the 1940s. If a wife or mother wants, for example, to receive social welfare benefits, the husband (the father) must be outside her home. Then, the more children you have, the more welfare assistance you can receive for them from the government. This leads to two problems. The first is that many more divorces occur. Secondly, it creates a culture of promiscuity, because no matter how many men you have children with, or how many children you have, regardless of who the fathers are, you can receive financial support.

Nice, sweet words come from the government: We will take care of you. Especially if you don't have a husband. We will help you and your children, even if you have many. In other words, "Don't marry your husband, marry me, Lucifer." Marry the government. It's the same thing. Precisely what happened in the Garden of

Eden is occurring in democratic countries, and this is the means by which freedom disappears.

If we look, we can see who has caused the breakdown of the American family, even the Christian family in America. It is "Lucifer." The government, acting in the position of an archangel and using the social welfare system, has provided incentives for people to divorce or to be sexually promiscuous. You may already know that President Obama is supporting homosexual marriage. The UN has also said that it will support same-sex marriage. This attacks the four-position foundation. Father has been fighting to save the family.

Lessons of history

Religions have supported tyrannical kings in order to ensure the primacy of the position held by their faith within their country. Religions have not actually given freedom to people. They have given support to social welfare, to socialist systems. The Protestant churches in America, for example, have supported the government social welfare system to a high degree. They continue to do so today, and the Catholics have joined them.

Although most African American leaders have been strong advocates of government welfare, these people's ancestors were brought to America from Africa to be slaves. Abolitionists began a movement to liberate the slaves. A well-known leader in that movement was a former slave, Frederick Douglass; he told his people not to receive even one dollar from the government. He was concerned about their falling into slavery of another kind. In its demands for government support, American society today exhibits the diametric opposite of Douglass' ideal. Lucifer is stealing a nation's freedom—Adam and Eve's freedom.

On the national level, in Europe for example, many countries are facing the reality of decline. Democratic countries are declining through the impossible economics of populism. Parallel to the Fall, democratic countries are accepting Satan's sovereignty and falling into dictatorship. This course is the same as that seen in the Garden of Eden. This hasn't just happened in ancient democracies such as Greece and Rome. It happened in Argentina fifty years ago. And Adolf Hitler changed a German democratic government into a tyranny.

Avoiding the pitfalls and choosing a Principled path

Adam and Eve had freedom of choice. They could choose to love. Without freedom, you cannot love. You would just be a robot, and you would be unable to make the choice to love God. Freedom is so important in the Principle. Without freedom, people cannot become God's object partners. They can only be robots. Of course, if you have freedom, you can choose to do wrong, that is true. But because you have freedom, you can also choose true love. Without freedom, you cannot choose love. In the Garden of Eden, Lucifer spoke sweet words to Adam and Eve in order to snatch away their freedom.

No one has known this secret. It is contained within the Divine Principle. This leaves us, as Unificationists, spellbound. We hold in our hands a secret that can protect freedom. If we know for sure that the government is in the position of an archangel, we know that we should not be gradually increasing the size of the government, but rather decreasing its size; that is, decreasing the power of the archangel, and giving the people greater freedom.

When the government takes ownership of everything, the citizens own nothing, and the citizens in the end can only be in the servant position. Conversely, if the citizens have ownership of everything, and the government has ownership of nothing, the government can only be in the servant position.

Think about the ideal world that True Father looks toward. He looks toward a world without national borders, without laws,



A new baby for Kook-jin nim and Je-yea nim's family: Their new son, born 4.14 (June 3), is named Shin-ju. In this photograph, True Parents hold their new grandchild for the first time during a recent visit to the Hannam-dong residence in Seoul.

without lawyers, without judges, without police.... Surely such a world is impossible? Yet it is possible.

America in its early days was a nation after that pattern. It had the greatest freedom. And the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution recognizes American citizens' right to bear arms. With the right to bear arms, if the government becomes bad, it gives Americans the responsibility to fight against the tyranny of even their own government. The early presidents spoke of the citizens' responsibility to revolt against the government if it went wrong. America's constitution freeing its citizens to own guns means they can play a role in policing their country.

Then, if the government is not going to be the main support, who is responsible to sustain me if I stumble in life? Who will help me? There are two primary organizations. The first is family and the second is religion. These two institutions are much better than the government at this task.

The government gives money based more on secular thinking than on family values. It may even send the message "you need to be divorced in order to receive our help." In contrast, if a religious organization is going to help someone, it first teaches values and ethics, and instills the word of God. So you can only receive help if you respond by changing yourself. You receive help little by little and that enables you to regain your independence.

It's the same system with the family. It's not unconditional. There is responsibility, one person for another. So if one person falls into ruin and comes humbly, rather than with an arrogant attitude, of course his family will help him. That family will help their family member continue on his path of growth. That's why we need to act maturely and to appreciate and value our familial relationships. In a free society, accountability is created.

It is not the same if the government gets involved. Governments usually don't impart a system of values or give a moral imperative. They can bring you into a state of dependency and into a state of virtual servitude. This is how Satan has worked since the Garden of Eden. If we watch how democratic countries lose ground, it is precisely in the order I have described. People are tempted by free education, free healthcare and the like. "If you believe in our government, we will take care of everything for you." Do Americans want to go to live in a place like Cuba? Absolutely not.

Through sweet promises, a nation's citizens give up their freedom to the archangel. And if they want to regain it, they don't have guns, or other weapons with which to fight back. That's the end of it; they are reduced to being servants.

The primacy of freedom

God trusts people. God trusted Adam and Eve and gave them

freedom. He told them in plain words not to eat the fruit, but at the same time He gave them freedom. He didn't say, Oh Adam and Eve are going to go wrong, so I should create the police and the army and build a brick wall around the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He gave them freedom. In this regard, those who believe in people stand on God's side.

In his or her heart, every person in the world pursues freedom. But freedom is not free. Responsibility is actually a heavy burden. In a free society, people understand that responsibility. They know the government is not going to take care of them. That's why we have to be responsible for our actions, become mature, build good relationships, and raise our children well.

All religions have an explanation for how peace will be established. Religions with a tradition of meditation say that peace will come through that method. Christians talk about peace centering on the teachings of the Bible, and Muslims talk about peace through obedience to the holy Koran. In True Father's Original Divine Principle,² Father definitively explains how he is going to realize the ideal world of peace.

In the Original Divine Principle, Father's teaching is very clear. There must be freedom; before peace can come, freedom must exist. In pledge four, we pledge to "perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness." Freedom comes first. Without freedom, only those with power, those who are strong and despotic, can climb to the top. They never wish to give up their power. They will not give freedom to their people. But without freedom, there can never be happiness. Only with freedom can we find the path to peace.

Why did True Father have to come as a religious man? There is an important reason. Religion is different. It has teachings that are unchanging even over many generations. Religion can teach difficult concepts through simple means. And when people learn that protecting freedom is God's will, they will make it a priority. As a generation passes and a new generation arises, new fighters for freedom will also come into being. New owners of Cheon Il Guk, global citizens who protect freedom, will appear.

The words "ideal world of freedom" are in fact Father's very own; they are his prophecy, and his belief. The Original Divine Principle book tells us about the heart, the knowledge and the emotions of the Returning Lord in 1951 as it explains the importance of freedom from the perspective of the Principle of Creation.

When we understand about the "freedom society" and those who fight for freedom, we will clearly understand that True Father is indeed the founder of the ideal world of freedom. **TW**

2 The text Father personally wrote in 1951 in Busan



What Your Parents Mean to God

We are pleased to present an excerpt of Rev. In-jin Moon's message to members in Fukuoka on June 9. The senior pastor of Lovin' Life Ministries spent five days in Japan. Among other activities, she attended two Youth Concerts for World Peace and Ideal Families, which raise funds in Japan to support the performing arts education of those in our second generation.

Left: Audience members tell In-jin nim their dreams or suggests ways to improve the church.

Right: Rev. Moon speaks to a very young member during an autograph session.

We must not forget the original intention of God, our Heavenly Parent. When God created Adam and Eve, He wanted to experience happiness. He wanted to experience joy. He wanted to experience what it meant to be a parent. In a way, God wanted to experience a parental heart—that's why He created His children, Adam and Eve. So, for those of us who have children... (There are many beautiful second-generation members seated here in the front.) When we think and when we pray and when we truly love our children, what do we want most as a parent? We want our children to be happy. We want them to be successful at everything that they do. We want them to go through the Blessing Ceremony and have the opportunity—as we did—to build an ideal family. This is what we want for our children. In a way, that's what God wanted for all of us, too.

But because God's first children, Adam and Eve, fell away from God, humanity was thrust into a period of restoration and indemnity and we've had to suffer a great deal. The last forty or fifty years for the Unification Church has been an incredibly difficult time. I know many in the first generation gave of their blood, sweat and tears—everything—for the sake of the providence.

But we realize what you have done—and this is why we in the second generation have to have incredible pride in our parents. Though I'm sure that many of you are looking at your parents and wondering, What are they doing? Maybe they're crazy—crazy about God, crazy about the providence, crazy about True Parents. They don't think about anything else. So maybe some of us might feel as if we don't want to be like our parents. They're not rich. They're not like the CEO of Honda Motors Corporation. They have no money. They're strug-



gling every day. They can't wear the best clothes. They look so tired. Maybe sometimes we're not proud of our parents. But it is important for us to understand them not just as our parents but as people who were moving providential history along. Without your parents, in a way, True Parents would not be with us today.

The beauty of it, the real reason we have to respect our parents, though they may not be powerful, be the most handsome, be the most beautiful... They may not look like "winners" in society's terms, but we have to honor our tradition and be proud of their sacrifice, because they did something that Jesus' disciples could not do two thousand years ago. They were committed to True Parents. They were devoted to True Parents. They stood by True Parents. They were loyal to True Parents, and it is because of this foundation that they protected True Parents. When the world persecuted our True Parents, your parents were there. When the world spat at our True Parents, they were there. Even though they may not look as if they are great giants of providential history, a hundred and two hundred and three hundred years from now, theirs will be the stories that people hear over and over and over again. In a way, it is their sacrifice and their dedication and their love for True Parents that allowed True Parents to continue the work as the Messiah and the True Parents of all mankind.

This is the reason we honor our parents and our tradition, and this is the reason we in the second generation have a responsibility to not think we are just like anybody else. They've laid a firm foundation for all of us. If you want to build a beautiful house, or a beautiful building, the higher you want to build it, the deeper you have to dig the foundation. Our parents were busy digging the foundation—you know, many times it was dark, many times it was uncomfortable, many times there was unbearable suffering, and they could not lift their heads because they were so busy digging that foundation. But who did they dig that foundation for? They did it for all of us. We in the second generation can see that we are more than mere families; we are history in the making. Then we come to realize, Wow, our parents really did sacrifice so much! But there is meaning to



The first of the two concerts In-jin nim attended this year attracted 1,400 people and was held in Tokyo on June 8. The second concert, which drew 1,600, was held two days later in Fukuoka.

their sacrifice—their sacrifice protected our True Parents. At the same time, they built an incredible foundation for us, the second generation, to fulfill our own destiny and create something beautiful.

So, here we are coming out of the wilderness age, when our parents were busy building that foundation. The wilderness age was actually about mere survival. No matter what, True Parents had to survive! No matter what! We had to survive as a movement. Many times we were like an army unit. You know, you receive a command and carry it out, execute it. We were not thinking about anything else—only mission, mission, mission. We had a job to complete; we had to successfully accomplish it, and then move on to the next job. We didn't have time to build a real home, or take root.

But still, God's desire to move us forward into that ideal world—one world family under God—never loses steam. Even as we're building the foundation, even as we're trying our best, we were given the opportunity to try to build families to the best of our abilities. Now that the second generation is coming into its own, its members are getting into positions of leadership, taking on more and more responsibility. This is the time to bring God's original blueprint for all of us into fruition. We need to

realize that no matter how wonderful, how powerful, how strong the foundation is, if we do not build anything on it—a beautiful house or a beautiful building—all the effort that has gone into digging the foundation will be lost. It will not be appreciated unless those in second and the third generations receive the baton—realize that our parents accomplished something absolutely incredible, something that's never been done in history, what the disciples of Jesus Christ could not do—and then build upon their foundation. You realize that we manifest the beauty of the profound message God wants to share with all the world—or what I call "the breaking news." We are coming into the era of the settlement, the time to substantiate it, or to make it real, and God is giving us the space and the room to build these ideal families that we have been talking about.

One of the reasons I stressed the re-branding of our movement, making our image over, doing lots of public relations work, is to help people realize that we are not that crazy. Yes, we're crazy in a good way, but



In-jin nim enjoys the entertainment at a meeting for international blessed families at the training center in Urayasu (just outside Tokyo), on June 9.

not crazy in the way that people thought we were. We are very logical people. We know what we know, and we believe in what we believe, because we feel and we know that it's the truth. We just need to somehow apply the truth in our daily lives so that we become the living Principle. Each one of us, walking around, is representing our True Parents to the world. It's not that we just become teachers of the Divine Principle, but that we become a living Divine Principle, so that naturally, when people look at you, they will want to ask questions: Your family is so beautiful! Your children are so respectful. What is your secret?"

This is the perfect position for natural witnessing, because you can naturally testify about God. We can naturally testify about True Parents. We can naturally testify about our entire community. I always say to my friends, "You know the beautiful thing about our community is that we are an international community. It doesn't matter if you are Korean or Japanese or German or French or African. Everybody is a child of God."...

In a way, when we are young adults truly appreciating our parents, liberating our parents, means that we, as the children, become responsible for our lives, that we take ownership of our lives, and tell our parents, "Please rest!" When Father says this is the year when True Parents need to be liberated, Father is hinting that this is the time when he wants his children to be responsible. During the wilderness era we were eternal chil-

cut the umbilical cord, so that they can walk and love and thrive and grow independent of us. They will be a part of us forever, but we want them to be healthy, independent beings that can grow into families of their own. This is what we wish for all our children.

True Parents are no different. In some respects, we've done an incredible job. We've laid an incredible foundation of unity and of following, but this is the time, this time of settlement when our True Parents are saying, "You know, you did a really good job being a student. Now you have graduated—you went to elementary school, you went to high school, you went to college, you got your masters' degree, and you got your Ph.D.—now start sharing with the rest of the world the truth that God wants to share with everybody."

We, as parents, have tent to twenty years when we can really invest and make a difference in our children's lives, to help them feel inspired and empowered to feel as if they can accomplish anything. I think if we can do that as a movement, our movement will be unstoppable. There is nobody more pure and kind-hearted than the people we find in the Unification Church. All of us are precious. We are, in a way, growing with the providence and are in the transitioning mode of preparing for the next phase of life. It's just like a rocket. Rockets come in three stages; the first stage of the rocket is always the most brutal and dif-



Left: The 130-strong Chiba Sunhak Choir performing in Tokyo on June 8. **Right:** In-jin nim presents a scholarship to a promising young musician; raising money for these scholarships is one purpose of the annual concerts.

dren—following, following, following, always saying, "Father, please tell us what to do. Please direct us. Mother, please direct us, please guide us." But in this time, when True Parents are saying it's time for True Parents to be liberated, they're asking all of us to be responsible. Be owners. Take ownership of your lives. Take care of your families. Do incredible public missions, and at the same time, say, "True Parents, please, please rest. Please take a little time off and we will take care of things."

This is what all parents want from their children. I have five children—I don't want my five children to follow me forever! I love them very much, but I don't want them to always call me and say, Tell me what to do, Mother. Guide me." As a mother, when I think about my children, I want them to grow up, to be owners of their own destinies, to able to say, "Mother, I feel a strong calling to perhaps study political science and perhaps go into government." You want your child to have clear goals. You want your child to understand their own passions, and to be able to set short-term and long-term goals, and accomplish them. We want to love our children forever, but we also want to

difficult—you have to break through the atmosphere. But once you break through the atmosphere, the rocket prepares for the next leg of the journey. Then you have the second-stage booster that takes the rocket to a different place, one that the first generation never experienced.

If we continue to be united and work one in heart with our True Parents, the second generation will prepare for the third generation, and the third generation will take our movement to a place that we've only dreamed about. We need to understand that life is a series of cycles and stages.

Instead of thinking that we have no hope because of the difficult past, we have to realize that God has prepared the foundation for the next boost of the rocket. If we remain united, committed and loyal to our True Parents, our True Parents will take this movement and this world to a place that we've only dreamed about. Instead of dreaming about the kingdom of heaven on earth and ideal families, they want us to experience it in our lives by becoming the living Principle ourselves. **TW**

Interview

The Women of WFWP Embrace the World



Mrs. Lan-young Moon, president of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), spoke to us about her work as the head of the major women's organization True Parents founded and in which they have placed much hope for the healing of the world.

Today's World: You are the head of an international women's organization that has done truly good work. What will the Global Women's Peace Network Assembly add to that?

WFWP International President Lan-young Moon: The Women's Federation has done a lot of work over its twenty years. We have come into contact with and built good relationships with many good women. Father is asking us to go one step higher. He is asking us to go out and network with woman leaders all over the world.

Although WFWP representatives are active the world over in support of the UN's Millennium Development Goals, some people believe (and say) "Oh, WFWP is just an organization of Unification Church women." So we are aiming to go beyond that and hold occasional assemblies that will allow woman leaders to network globally. A network of global woman leaders can accomplish the work of a women's "United Nations."

We are just at the beginning. The March 26 assembly in Muchangpo¹ was the first GWPAN Assembly. We would like to hold an assembly annually in each region or continent, ideally.

Dr. Annette Lu, the former vice-president of Taiwan who participated in the March 26 assembly, was interviewed by the *Chosun Ilbo*, a national daily newspaper. She told them, "I came to speak at the Global Women's Peace Network Assembly," rather than at a WFWP conference. I thought, Oh that's good!

We invited the chief of the NGO Branch under UN DESA,² Mr. Andrei Abramov, and he came. In that position he is our main point of contact with the UN. Six hundred delegates came from all parts of the world. Seventeen came from Africa, even. We didn't provide even one penny for their expenses. I introduced all the delegations from the world's regions. Mr. Abramov was surprised.

I saw he gave a detailed keynote speech, not just welcoming remarks.

Yes, what he said was very helpful in letting delegates understand the challenges women face in times of conflict and how organizations such as ours can work together with the UN to help empower women globally. We asked if he would speak for thirty minutes but he spoke for more than forty.

Every four years, WFWP is reevaluated on its NGO consultative status. We first received general consultative status in 1997. Since then, the Women's Federation has been evaluated a number of times and each time that status has been renewed.³

Mrs. Moon (her nameplate includes her husband's name "Park") at the UN, with Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama who heads the WFWP UN Office, and (right) Mrs. Hanifa D. Mezoui, then head of the NGO Office under UN DESA, at a UN forum on the eradication of poverty.



So it appears WFWP is supporting the UN's priorities worldwide in manner that is appreciated.

We have volunteer workers active in some 120 nations, working very hard for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). The WFWP UN Office makes a full report to the UN every four years. Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama, formerly president of WFWP Japan, is leading the WFWP UN office in New York. Mrs. Carolyn Handschin is vice-director of the WFWP UN Office and is based in Geneva. Both she and Mrs. Sugiyama are doing excellent work and have built very good relationships.

Incidentally, after the GWPAN Assembly,

1 A man-made beach on Korea's west coast. The venue was Beaché Palace Hotel and Spa, a resort owned by the Tongil Group.

2 United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

3 The first paragraph of Mrs. Sugiyama's article on page 22 explains this rare status in detail.



The WFWP 1% Love Share Project sending food to North Korea in September 2010; Last December a similar donation was sent to institutions in the vicinity of True Mother's hometown.

Mr. Abramov suggested that our organization could translate the official UN NGO Handbook into Korean and Japanese, which we accepted to do. The translations will be used by the UN, including on their web site. Several hundred copies will be printed in each language.

In your inaugural statement for GWPN Assembly, you mention becoming "true daughters, true wives, true mothers and true woman leaders." Is there not opposition over your looking at women in terms of roles in the nuclear family (even if you also include "true leaders")? Moreover, doesn't including the word "true" imply a standard of behavior that some women might disagree with?

Even if some have questions about this ideal, this is God's original plan for human beings; it expresses people's original nature. We must go this way. Women intuit that this perspective is right.

As people, we have two purposes, the individual purpose and the purpose of the whole. We must harmonize maintaining our individual self with the purpose of contributing to the whole. I find almost all woman leaders agree with this. We must also make a beautiful, true family. This is most important. Next is becoming a good leader. But without a family, a core value of our life, it is impossible to become a good leader. Amazingly, women agree. Even feminists understand and approve of the idea.

Through developments in IT we are gradually becoming a global village. Women must take on leadership roles with a mother's love. Mothers must do this. Not just loving our

own children, but transcending our own family and loving all people. Since we have to have that kind of leadership, this is the kind of leadership education we are giving.

I think you're emphasizing the supremacy of motherly love.

A mother's love is one of tears. A mother must have a compassionate heart, and then children will feel the love of their mother. We need that kind of leadership and we are educating people to develop it. We also have to change the politics of the future.

Some politicians criticize and judge. I tell them that people are tired of the critical nature of politics. I say to woman politicians, "Please try motherly leadership." A mother does not keep an account of the love she has given; a mother never says, "I have given so much! Why don't you give back?" True Father always emphasizes giving and forgetting.

I teach the leaders of local Women's Federation chapters



The first Global Women's Peace Network Assembly, held in Korea on March 26: Fourth from left is Mr. Andrei Abramov, current head of the NGO Office under UN DESA. Mrs. Lan-young Moon, president of WFWP International, is in yellow, and between them is Annette Lu, former vice-president of Taiwan.





True Mother visits the WFWP International Headquarters in Seoul. With her are (Choi) Yeon-ah nim, Mrs. Moon and members of the Women's Federation staff.

in the provinces to embrace and forgive the members, and to serve them. If you want to be a great leader you have to be humble, with a motherly heart, and then everyone—not just those who are younger and less experienced—will respect you.

You have built relationships with woman leaders in North Korea. In these times when the relationship between North and South Korea is strained, are you still keeping in touch?

When I first went to North Korea and met the woman leaders, it was very difficult for us to share and communicate freely. Over the ten years we have been in contact, their hearts have opened more and it has become easier. They say they miss us. I miss them. The trust has deepened.

We are working with the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation (between North and South Korea; known in Korean as *Min Hwa Hyup*). This organization also exists in North Korea and people are working with it from both sides. The group is an umbrella for about two hundred NGOs, of which the WFWP is a major one. The common objective is

North-South reconciliation.

We have gained the trust of certain women's organizations in the North, for example the Choson Women's Association and North Korean representatives of the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation. In 2007, we held our annual International WFWP convention at the Mt. Kumgang Resort. It went very well. Because of True Parents' work for peace in North Korea—for example the joint business venture of Pyeonghwa Motors—they like us. We are also continuing the "1% Love Share Project,"⁴ and they are grateful for that. WFWP is one of many NGOs that have worked hard to support North Korean women and children. They trust us more because they feel our hearts.

I would like to hold a second international woman leaders convention in North Korea. After some years with no communication, the North Korean

women's association sent me a fax last August 15. "We still remember the beautiful conference in Mt. Kumgang and we would like to continue that relationship." I showed their letter to the South Korean government and on that basis they gave me permission meet them in Gaeseong.⁵

So a small group from the WFWP offices visited Gaeseong in October last year. They were so happy to see us again. I was very happy to see them. We discussed the idea of a second conference, and the North Koreans would have welcomed us. But then our [South Korean] government would not give permission. I have great hopes, but the relationship between the governments of the North and South is not easy at present.

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4 Mrs. Moon has described this as "a pledge to set aside about one U.S. dollar a month to aid North Korean women and children." Goods are donated, such as children's blankets. Notably, materials were sent to a nursery school in Pyongyang. The 1% Love Share Project is now expanding its reach to other countries.

5 A town just inside North Korea where South Korean manufacturers operate joint economic ventures with North Korean workers.



Left: At the Women's Federation's twentieth anniversary celebration, Mother presented awards for excellence to regional representatives; Right: The outstanding WFWP chapters in Japan, Korea and the UN Office also received Mother's recognition.

WFWP International and the United Nations

By Motoko Sugiyama

Working within the United Nations in New York City provides the author a clear view of the value of the Women's Federation's work in relation to that international organization.

Left: WFWPI UN representatives at a civil society interactive hearing in the UN General Assembly Hall. **Right:** African national economies have shown recent sharp improvement, but the poor still need the support of groups such as WFWP. Here, a medical clinic draws hundreds of locals.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is one of the six main components of the United Nations as described in the UN's founding charter. ECOSOC's work focuses on alleviating the world's economic, social and environmental problems. Currently, more than 3,400 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) work with ECOSOC. These are classified into three categories based on a combination of how much overlap exists between the NGOs' scope of activities and the activities of the UN and how large a geographical area the NGOs are active in. Only those NGOs that work across a wide geographical area and whose work covers most of the issues on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies qualify for "general consultative status." Worldwide, only 141 NGOs qualify and WFWP International is one of them. It was granted general consultative status and association with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI)¹ in 1997. This high-level status both reflects the quality of work being done on the ground and affords WFWP International greater opportunities to express its views to the UN and to offer advice on areas WFWPI specializes in.

The ECOSOC Committee on NGOs monitors contributions made by NGOs to the work of ECOSOC through a quadrennial report system. In the report, NGOs are required to provide a brief description of all activities that contribute to the work of the UN, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)² and other internationally agreed goals. WFWPI's status has been successfully renewed every four years since achieving general consultative status in 1997.

My testimony on the keys to our success

WFWPI attained ECOSOC general consultative status (and have kept it) based on continuity in maintaining our international service projects.

During my tenure as president of WFWP Japan (1992–1998) I traveled to the Middle East and Africa to promote international service activities during 1993 and 1994. There, I witnessed the grim consequences of civil wars and conflicts and the effects of poverty on people's lives.

When WFWP volunteers from Japan went to 160 nations in 1994, True Parents had asked

1 For more on DPI, see <http://www.un.org/en/hq/dpi/about.shtml>

2 <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>





Left: A WFWP class on morality for young women; **Right:** *Fédération des Femmes pour la Paix Mondiale* (WFWP in French) providing medical aid, via a mobile clinic, to the needy in Niger.



them to find a thousand WFWP members and to meet leaders in each country. Once in their mission countries, the volunteers also witnessed the sad and unfortunate human costs of wars and conflicts. Many people in developing countries are in desperate situations, struggling for basic survival, and Japan is a wealthy and well-developed country. People automatically sought our help. Women and children were the most vulnerable and had suffered tremendously. We witnessed women living on the street, unable to find decent work, and children without a school to study in because of the vast destruction.

These dire situations moved our hearts. As members of the same human family, we were willing to do anything we could to help these victims. We could not forget that living for the sake of others is our founders' guiding principle and WFWP's founding spirit. So as the president of WFWP Japan, I approved of the sisters taking action to serve the people as a first step. On that basis, we would be able to reach leaders in the nations later.

In order for WFWP Japan's volunteers to initiate service projects as quickly as possible, we established guidelines on how the overseas volunteers and WFWP Japan could work together. First, WFWP-Japan's headquarters established the Committee on Overseas Service Projects. Those that had volunteered to work overseas visited their appointed countries to conduct needs assessments. They had been instructed to bring back concrete ideas and proposals for projects to be launched

in their mission countries. The committee created a system whereby the mission countries were divided among the different WFWP prefectural branches in Japan, through which they would receive financial support. In the beginning, each of Japan's forty-seven prefectures had three or four countries to support. Within some prefectures that have large cities, projects were supported at the city level.

WFWP-Japan is a bit reduced in size now. It's still the largest among all our national chapters, including Korea, but some sisters withdrew from the mission to begin family life in Korea or elsewhere and some of them became so immersed in church life that they could not continue their projects. That's why we now have forty-five projects.

When I was in Japan, though, WFWP-Japan was very large, twenty thousand members, and each member was paying ¥3,000 monthly dues. Everything was run according to the bylaws; thus, those funds were distributed for use by the headquarters and the prefectural chapters.

The WFWP headquarters' committee and the prefectural committees reviewed proposals and chose which projects to fund. Fund-raising activities were planned and conducted. Though the needs were great—much greater than our grassroots efforts could address—we focused on educational projects with our limited abilities and resources because we believed in the importance of not only giving fish but also teaching how to fish. This is essential to empowering the peo-



Left: Training in a tailor's shop run by Jamoo, a WFWP project to help Senegalese women help themselves. *Jamoo* means "bringing peace" in the local Wolof language. **Right:** Students at Jamoo begin by learning the basics of dressmaking.





Left: WFWP, working with a sister organization, to provide goods in Nairobi, Kenya; Right: A doctor teaching women how to prevent Malaria; 90 percent of deaths from Malaria occur in sub-Saharan Africa.

ple we committed ourselves to serve.

Those who began their journey to live for sake of others in 1994, far from their native country, made some remarkable accomplishments possible. Many of these original volunteers are still travelling on this great journey. WFWPI has around ninety chapters in the world. Some WFWPI chapters focus on domestic issues such as AIDS prevention or hold seminars on topics such as family and education. Others raise funds for community service. Some chapters have their own service projects and some cooperate with the Japanese chapter. For more information on ongoing service projects, please see the 2011 Biennial Report, which is based on the report from our Japanese chapter, which is the major chapter doing overseas service projects.³

This is to show that when WFWPI applied to the UN for ECOSOC general consultative status in 1997, it was already a large international NGO operating many service projects such as building and managing schools—including vocational schools for women and children—mobile medical service clinics and more in developing nations around the world. These projects target most of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)⁴ introduced after the adoption of the Millen-

³ See the report at www.wfwp.org under the heading Eradication of Poverty. For a greater range of their work, see http://wfwp.org/wfwp/library/unNewYork/2010/WFWPI_Quadrennial_Report_2005-2008.pdf

⁴ For the full list, see <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>

nium Declaration⁵ during the UN General Assembly in 2000. The overarching target of the goals is to halve extreme poverty by 2015.

WFWP activities contribute especially toward the second Millennium Development Goal, to achieve universal primary education; the third goal, to promote gender equality and empower women; and the sixth goal, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Here are a few examples of projects supporting those three goals. Goal 2: Sun of Mozambique Secondary (Junior and Senior High) School in the Republic of Mozambique, founded in 1995. The total number of graduates through 2010 was 7,062, having begun with an enrollment of forty-four in 1995.

Goal 3: New Hope Technical Institute (a vocational training school founded in 1996) provides self-help support for women in the Republic of Rwanda. The school offers a one-year course of classes in four trades—dressmaking, hairdresser and beautician, cooking and embroidery—in addition to compulsory classes in English, French, Ethics and Business Administration. The total number of graduates through 2010 was 1,368.

Goal 6: Medical Assistance Projects (mobile clinics, medicine boxes and hygiene instruction) in Niger, founded in 1997. Malaria ranks top among major causes of death in Niger.

WFWP focused its service on distribution of mosquito nets

⁵ The declaration is online at:

<http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.htm>



Left: WFWP donating mosquito nets; the World Health Organization recommends long-lasting insecticidal mosquito nets to help combat malaria; Right: WFWP South Africa working with a women's human rights group that began in 1986 in Botswana

for malaria prevention in three villages, Kankare Kochina, Kaba Dakura and Gomozi. Seventeen hundred people have received medical exams via a mobile clinic. Twelve hundred mosquito nets were distributed in 2009–2010.

It is not difficult to start a service project, or to perform even one activity. The most important and most difficult part is sustaining the project consistently. This takes massive commitment and sacrifice by those who are directing the projects and those providing physical and financial support over the years.

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

As I reflect, I know that I was very lucky. In other words, God guided me to meet the chief of the UN NGO branch when I opened the WFWPI UN office in New York in 1998. Both of us were beginning new assignments and looking for ways to build good partnerships between NGOs and the NGO branch of DESA, which oversees all ECOSOC affiliated NGOs. The chief needed an NGO sponsor for their workshops for NGOs that wished to be affiliated with the UN. I needed guidance

from a UN insider, so that WFWPI could be a good and trusted UN NGO. WFWPI provided sponsorship for the NGO workshops and the DESA chief guided us to collaborate well with the UN. WFWPI and the NGO branch cosponsored several conferences, as partners, on important UN agendas. This good cooperation and partnership with the NGO branch continues. The current chief attended WFWP's twentieth anniversary commemoration in Korea this year to offer congratulations on this milestone.

If we work and live according to our founders' guiding principle and spirit, literally and exactly, I believe we will realize the UN has been trying to achieve the same goal and ideal. We experience a great deal of joy and true happiness when we witness the joy and happiness of other people as their lives develop and improve for the better through our humble yet sincere handmade offering and service to them. *TW*

Mrs. Sugiyama is WFWPI's international vice-president in charge of United Nations relations.

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But at least we were able to send some aid to the Anju⁶ area. I was actually due to go to Anju in December last year but on December 17 Kim Jong-il⁷ passed away and the visit was postponed. Even so, the Women's Federation is working to improve relations between the North and the South.

Can you say something about being with True Mother, WFWP's cofounder?

I joined the movement when I was thirteen years old, with my mother. I received lots of fatherly love from True Father. When I entered university, Father gave money to support my education. When True Mother joined True Father, at first I did not find it easy to relate to Mother, because she was so young. Calling her "Mother" was at first very difficult, frankly speaking. But Mother related with me so naturally, calling me by my given name, as if I were her daughter, so it became very easy to be with her.

I have had many chances to attend True Parents; I feel so happy that we have such a wonderful mother—graceful, beautiful and warm-hearted. Even if I make a mistake, she talks with me quietly without others knowing. Because I am doing activities overseas, I have the chance to report to True Parents regularly. She is so supportive and encouraging.

They say that a mother who gave birth to three children is different from a woman who has given birth to one. True Mother has given birth to so many children, fourteen in all. She has such a warm heart, but she has also suffered greatly. She has so much love. For example, when I received an invitation from the Choson Women's Association in North Korea in February 2001, I visited North Korea for the first time.⁸ I felt I was going to a dangerous place. True Mother called me and

gave me a ring as a good luck charm.

Since the 1990s, Women's Federation members in the region, notably Japanese volunteers for the Middle East, have been organizing a Middle East women's conference on issues to do with that region. The Japanese members had been organizing the conference each year. One day, when the fourth Middle East conference was in preparation, Mother said to me very naturally, "Please go and participate, and see the situation." So I went. At that time I was the WFWPI secretary-general. I was able to explain True Parents' founding vision and ideology for the Women's Federation and explain the role of the WFWP International headquarters in Korea. I was very grateful to True Mother for her intuition and wisdom in sending me to contribute this understanding.

Would you say a concluding word for our global readers?

Women have had the burden of indemnity for so long, and have been on the periphery rather than in the mainstream of history. Feminists coined the phrase "herstory," which is seeing history from a woman's perspective. But we must combine "his story" and "her story" as the "whole story." Not men and women competing, but cooperating. If there is no woman, a man cannot be a man. But with a woman, a man can become perfected. And vice versa.

Why do we encourage intercultural exchange marriage? To break down barriers. To balance and equalize culture. This is Father's desire. Women must be involved with this. So this is a role the Women's Federation can play.

According to the Gospel of John (chapter 4) Jesus stayed two days in the village in Samaria, and taught there. Many came to believe in him. He exemplified that we must bridge the gap between rich and poor, upper and lower class, and so on, if we are going to build God's kingdom. Jesus invited people to come!

The Seoul Women's Association recently invited me to speak to more than six hundred woman leaders representing the twenty-five boroughs in the city of Seoul. The organizers said to me quietly, "Don't talk too much about Rev. Moon!" Well, I did tell them that Rev. Moon is far beyond being just a religious leader, and I spoke about the real work that we are doing. "Without action," I said, "our words are without value." *TW*

6 Mother's hometown, to which a hundred tons of wheat flour and powdered milk was sent through the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation last December 19. This is in addition to donations in November and December made via South Korean ambassadors for peace.

7 North Korean leader 1994–2011

8 Mrs. Moon's family fled their North Korean home when she was a young girl at the outset of the Korean War. During the risky journey south by boat, her father went ashore to find food but did not return. Suspecting he had been captured by North Korean soldiers, they had to continue on to South Korea without him.

Building Real Relationships with the Media

By Simon Cooper and Richard Biddlecombe

How a conscious and long-term effort to build relationships with the people of the media so they can understand our movement is bearing fruit.

In Britain, the Unification Movement so often finds itself in a paradoxical situation. On the one hand, it works with heads of state, politicians and prominent religious leaders; yet it has to operate against a backdrop of hysteria and bad argument put out primarily by small pressure groups of self-appointed, fanatical “cult-watchers” that actively campaign against new religious movements. To help clarify who we are and correct that situation, much of the work of the British movement’s media outreach has been to encourage constructive communication with editors and journalists in order to update them on the way in which the movement has evolved and to help familiarize them with its current activities and developments. To that end, it aims to bridge the gap between the movement and the media, develop good working relationships, exploit any media opportunities and ensure impartial coverage of church-related matters.

Media workshops were held to help equip members with the skills required to deal with the media in a professional manner. Press packs were compiled and distributed to major newsrooms. As a natural follow-on from that, a series of face-to-face meetings began with journalists and broadcasters. Many of the meetings were with religious affairs correspondents. Others involved media executives, news reporters and television producers.

Little by little, some quite favorable news reports began to appear. A meeting and dinner with the managing editor of the *Daily Mail* represented a major turning point in the movement’s turbulent thirty-year history with that particular publication¹ and the start of a far more healthy relationship. The *Daily Mail*’s coverage of the Blessing Ceremony in Korea the following year was particularly good and it didn’t even include the term “Moonie.”

Negotiations led to the BBC World Service being able to interview Rev. Hyung-jin Moon in

1. Our church lost, in a fashion that left a lasting impression on our members if not the wider British public, a libel case we brought against the *Daily Mail* in the early 1980s.

The Firecracker Films crew filming for their documentary “Married to the Moonies” at the March 24 Blessing Ceremony in the Cheongshim Peace World Center.



Photo courtesy of the Unification Church UK

Korea, which resulted in an excellent piece on the radio and on the BBC web site. The popular tabloid newspaper the *Sun* ran a feature article about the process of matching and the Blessing Ceremony that included the input of couples from the Unification Movement in Britain. Meetings with television producers to explore the possibilities of programs about the Unification Movement were taking place at regular intervals and one was already at an advanced stage of research.

Arousing interest

In November 2010, an interesting letter arrived from a television production company called Firecracker Films. Its development producer described the company as one that made sensitive and objective documentaries.²

One of its recent productions was about the gypsy³ community, which the media has often demonized. It won an award as a show that was seen to have changed public perceptions. The production company thought the film went a long way to removing some of the suspicion and prejudices that people in the United Kingdom have about the gypsy community. The success of the documentary, they felt, was due to the fact that they'd made the film in collaboration with the community and that it was not just a film done about them.

They went on to say that they'd be interested in meeting us to discuss the potential for making a documentary about the Unification Church. They were aware that media portrayals done over the years had not been a fair reflection of the church's religious community and they welcomed an opportunity to discuss how we could work together to produce one that is. An initial meeting was set up for the following week at their London office.

Interacting with the media, UK style

For most of our media work in the United Kingdom, two is the ideal team. Any more than that and there's a danger of ending up with a committee that spins its wheels and accomplishes nothing. Ideally, the people that team up should have skills and thought processes that complement each other. In this instance, one of them was the national leader and the other a member who feels completely at home with the media, because of his professional background in television broadcasting. The combination works well and did so throughout the eighteen months that followed. Both understood that as far as the making of a television program about aspects of the movement was concerned, certain risks might be involved.

Firecracker Films is located in a modern building in a redeveloped part of Chelsea⁴ known as Imperial Wharf, near the River Thames. During the mandatory cup of tea in their conference room, we were introduced to the development producer and another staff member. The company's head of program then joined us and there was instant recognition between him and Simon Cooper, the church national leader. They had been at university together in Newcastle. It was an interesting coincidence and they reminisced for a while about how they used to play football together and about what their various friends were now doing.

We then got down to the business of discussing a potential television program about the movement. We had a good chat in which we outlined how the movement has evolved and its current activities. For their part, they assured us that they were

interested in making a program that gave fresh insight into the Unification Movement as expressed by its members. Although Firecracker Films would have editorial control, as is the case for any production company, the program's merit would depend upon those who appeared in it.

We all went into the project with a spirit of trust and cooperation. Our agendas were of course not identical. They did not see their role as conveying God's message, and we are not in the business of providing factual entertainment for the masses on their television screens. However, we needed to hit upon an aspect of the Unification Movement that would make compelling viewing. Arguably, the Blessing Ceremony is one of the movement's most impressive spectacles, but it has occasionally featured on television before, so there would need to be a different approach. Various ideas were bounced around, and it was agreed that we would keep in touch and meet again soon to agree on the program's intended content.



British member Elisa Brann and her Czech husband Andre Uhnak, one of three second-generation couples who agreed to be followed by a documentary film crew as they prepared for and participated in the Blessing Ceremony in March.

Deciding on a specific direction

E-mails went back and forth as did a fair amount of reference material. One new angle identified was the fact that in recent years much of the matching of second-generation members was being carried out by their parents. Could this interesting new twist be the central theme for a program?

At the next meeting with Firecracker Films, the idea was expanded on. Ideally they'd be interested in tracking three recently matched couples right through to their Blessing Ceremony. The overall style of the program would be to allow the individuals to tell their experiences on their own terms and in their own way. As some additional reassurance, the production company agreed to provide a written statement to the effect that it would not include input from critics or so-called experts. All the indications were that the production was likely to break new ground and that this would be an opportunity to portray the movement in a favorable light.

As a television producer and director, Richard is well aware that if one shoots sufficient footage on any given topic, one can string together selected extracts in a variety of different ways and then write the voice-over commentary with whatever slant one chooses. An element of risk is always involved when somebody else has editorial control. Nevertheless, we felt that the program's planned content far outweighed such fears and we could see that both Firecracker Films and our media team

² Samples of their work can be viewed at: www.firecrackerfilms.com/documentaries

³ A traditionally itinerant people who originated in northern India and now live chiefly in Asia, Europe and North America

⁴ A mainly residential district of London



Sean Greaves, a student from London and his bride Jessica from New York, were also tracked for the documentary. Sean's mother Sharon spoke on camera about matching her son.

were working together toward the same thing.

So far, so good, but now we had to work out how we would be able to make things happen. We knew of some recently matched couples but how many of them would be willing to be tracked by a television camera crew over several months? Would those they were matched to also be willing to be featured in the program? Would their parents welcome such media intrusion and would they consider taking part? The best we could do was to draw up a list of potential families and start contacting them to find out.

Working out the details

Other practicalities were involved, such as granting access for a camera crew to the movement's premises. And what about the Blessing Ceremony itself in South Korea? How would they react to the presence of a foreign television production crew in their midst? We were aware that in recent years, such events had been covered by the international news media but this was an entire documentary program on the blessing process. We'd



Kazuhiro Fukushima and Naomi Davies, who'd been matched by True Parents a few days earlier. Naomi said, "The Messiah matched me. That's been my dream since—forever."

need to go through the right channels to ensure that the production would go ahead smoothly.

We also had to believe in ourselves and in our ability to deliver. It is one thing to tell a production company at initial planning meetings that we could probably get them access to this, that or the other—but we knew in the backs of our minds that it might take a fair bit of convincing for the movement to be willing to cooperate. Based on unfortunate experiences of the past, some members remain highly suspicious of the media. Could they be persuaded that the times were changing and that this represented an opportunity?

Fortunately, in our own ways, we are both risk-takers—not in a reckless way but after weighing up the pros and cons of a situation. Because of the nature of the program and that the couples' being able to tell their own stories in their own way had been negotiated, we felt we were on to a winner. We believed in the product ourselves and had to sell the idea to the movement in order to deliver appropriate program participants and access to the various locations.

Eventually the three second-generation couples willing to be the central contributors to the program were settled upon—Sean Greaves, Reamonn Bateman and Elisa Brann and those they had been matched to.

Because most of the UK filming was carried out in the London area, Simon was able to be on hand to oversee much of it. We were also in regular contact with the production team regarding progress and things such as dates, arrangements and availability and for any questions they had or any points that required clarification.

We had been in on the program's development from its initial conception and were developing a healthy working relationship with the production team. Some initial filming took place for Firecracker Films to make a short DVD "taster" of the program. They showed it to us in May 2011. It was good, fast moving, slick, informative and entertaining. The production company now had the task of pitching the program idea to various UK television stations to see which of them would be prepared to broadcast it. Within a matter of weeks, national broadcaster Channel 4 had commissioned it.

The program's storyline would essentially consist of tracking the couples through to their Blessing Ceremony, then scheduled for October, and the various situations that occur along the way. Yet the production company had no first-hand experience of the Blessing Ceremony and didn't quite know what to expect. Firecracker Films was starting from scratch and would need to progress along a steep learning curve. Fortunately, they brought in a Scottish female director, Barbie Maclaurin, who had an excellent record in documentary programs. She was able to grasp the essential storyline and put things into context, although even she didn't fully understand, at that stage, the enormity of the event that would take place in Korea.

Then the news came through that the Blessing Ceremony had been postponed several months and would most likely take place in March 2012. That threw off the production schedule.

Firecracker Films had already gathered a fair bit of filmed material with all three of the couples. They'd also filmed at the London headquarters and even at True Father's talk in London where they had interviewed Rev. Hyung-jin Moon. Every year in late summer, the Unification Movement in the United Kingdom holds a get-together and picnic for all members on the grounds of one of its premises in the Wiltshire countryside. The film crew was also invited to that.

Preparing for Korea

Because of the postponed ceremony, the program's director took time out to work on an entirely different project for a couple of months. We were then back on course. Although the date for the ceremony hadn't been finalized, indications pointed toward March 2012.

A formal request had been made to Korean church's public relation's department. With regard to filming the Blessing Ceremony, we were advised to make the request for permission at a high level. European President Song made the request on our behalf and it was approved. That it would involve the presence of a small documentary crew used to filming observationally at live events was emphasized. They would have minimum equipment and at all times be as unobtrusive as possible. The production team was very aware of how important a day it is for all the couples and of the need to make sure they didn't disturb the proceedings in any way. A full outline of the project was provided and eventually it received a nod of approval. The production company's request for a written permit took a little longer but we got there in the end.

A bonus of sorts

Another development was that the program had sparked interest in an American broadcaster called the Learning Channel. They wanted to know if Firecracker Films would be able to also make a modified version of the program that had more American subject matter for viewers in the United States. We liaised with our counterparts in New York on that and provided a detailed explanation, once again, of the entire production thus far. Fortunately, they were sufficiently intrigued by the idea and arrangements were soon underway for the British film crew to fly to America, where they gathered material at the Manhattan Center and did some filming with a recently matched American couple who would be attending the Blessing Ceremony in Korea.

The main event

Saturday, March 24, was announced as the date for the Blessing Ceremony. As the participants were booking their flights for Korea, so too was the Firecracker Films production team, complete with its cameras. They planned to be there a few days beforehand to get a feel for the place. With some foresight, it was arranged that Simon would accompany them to Korea to act as their main point of contact.

On arrival, the Korean PR department was very helpful in enabling access to locations and coordinating the various production requirements. All went well for several days until 11 PM the night before the Blessing Ceremony, when the PR department informed Simon that unless he could provide written assurance that the word "Moonie" would not be used in the title of the program, they could not continue to grant access for filming at the stadium during the ceremony. It was the hardest moment of the entire production. It wasn't the best time to be having such a debate. It caused considerable panic among the production crew.

In Britain, although the term "Moonie" is derogatory, it doesn't carry anywhere near the same negative connotation as it does in some other countries. In fact, many British journalists and broadcasters are genuinely surprised when we inform them that the word is considered to be contemptuous. We

discourage its use, but it's a slow educational process in which some section of the media (notably print media) have gradually opted to cease using it.

Although safeguards about the content of the program had been negotiated, a question mark had always been over the program's title. In fact, the choice of the program's title rested with the broadcaster, not the production company.

Frantic phone calls took place between Korea and the United Kingdom throughout the night. Finally, at 4 AM—despite it not being possible for the production company to give any assurances regarding the title—the Korean PR department granted the full access as had previously been agreed. Everyone breathed a huge sigh of relief.

Once the production company had returned to the United Kingdom, editing took place, after which the program was viewed by us for fact-checking purposes prior to its transmission. The UK broadcaster, Channel 4, is notoriously over-the-top in many of its commissions and its insistence of the title "Married to the Moonies"⁵ was clearly to attract attention and



"Thousands of couples... are about to be married by the ninety-two-year-old Korean man they believe is the Messiah." The documentary was straightforward and the Blessing Ceremony looked spectacular on film.

to pull in a larger number of viewers.

The program was well-received by members and non-members alike and the young couples who appeared in it certainly shone through. It is a compelling human-interest story. Although what works in one country doesn't necessarily work in another, the UK media team now enjoys considerable cooperation with America and South Korea in its media outreach. There's a common desire for the movement to develop a healthy relationship with the media rather than being caught up in an endless cycle of simply waiting to respond to the next instance of poor press coverage. There's also agreement that the desired relationship can best be achieved through endeavoring to keep the momentum up through an ongoing series of face-to-face meetings with producers, editors and journalists. The hope is that sooner or later this will lead to opportunities for the kind of media coverage that accurately portray aspects of the movement in a way that's also sufficiently intriguing to the audience. **TW**

⁵ The full documentary has been uploaded by the European Office and can be accessed at <http://vimeo.com/43248078>

Angels Protected Rev. and Mrs. Moon

An Interview with a Korean Movie Producer

On July 19, 2008, as our readers are likely aware, a helicopter with (among others) True Parents and three of their grandchildren aboard crash-landed in the hills near Cheongpyeong. Although some were injured, all survived. On that day, Young-ho Kim, who was then chairman of the Korea Film Producers Association, happened to be fishing at Cheongpyeong Lake with some of his colleagues. After he saw angels supporting the helicopter as it descended, Mr. Kim decided to approach our church to describe his vision. Subsequently, he became a Unificationist. Mr. Mamoru Kamono, director of the Public Information Department of our church in Japan, and Mr. Kunihiro Ogino, editor of Today's World Japan, conducted the interview below in Korea on January 22.

Mr. Kim, did you have a religion previously?

Mr. Young-ho Kim: For twenty years, I was a Christian. In the Christian church, I worked as head of the department that produced the services. In those days, I even took part in activities to oppose the Unification Church.

Please tell us about your experience at the time of the helicopter crash.

On that day, I was surprised to see a helicopter and surprised to see a rainbow. I was so surprised to see people who looked like angels with wings appear from under the rainbow that I couldn't stand up.

The following morning, when I saw the newspaper, the miraculous story of sixteen survivors, beginning with Rev. Sun Myung Moon, was in the news. I turned on the television, and all channels were airing this news every hour. Even on the internet, the news was covered in a big way by every station. The crash site was the place that I had witnessed.

That afternoon, I went to attend the Pucheon International Fantastic Film Festival. At the

Mr. Kim was fishing at Cheongpyeong Lake at the time of crash.



time, I was chairman of the Korea Film Producers Association. So I had been invited to attend, and I sat up front as one of the guests.

Following the Pucheon Film Festival, it was time for the banquet. There were twelve large dining tables set up in a big dining hall. There, before I knew it, I found myself standing up and saying in a loud voice, "You may all know that Chairman Moon had an accident yesterday. Do you know how he was able to survive?" Without any embarrassment, I was just moved to stand up and speak.

I said, "God helped him. Angels helped him, a rainbow helped him...." I astonished the people that were there. They were all taken aback. Some yelled at me to sit down, and there was a big commotion. At the time, I was a public figure under the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism. However, because all of a sudden I had stood up to say these things, the place was in chaos. After the banquet, inside the sightseeing bus headed back to Seoul, I grabbed the microphone and started again in a loud voice. "Do you know the reason Chairman Moon and his group of sixteen were able to survive? The angels helped him, and God helped him...." I cried out, "You all need to know this!" So, there was another big uproar, and people said that I had gone insane.

Where did you witness the helicopter crash?

At the time of Father's helicopter accident, I was fishing at Cheongpyeong Lake. There is a naturally formed fishpond where I go to fish a number of times a year. There is an embankment with a sturdy bungalow. We would hold film production seminars there.

That day, five of us went fishing. It rained in the morning, so I thought about not going, but everyone said, "Let's go," so I ended up joining them. In the car on the way there, a younger friend gave me a call, saying, "What are your plans there today? Why don't you come to our house across the river. You can fish, drink a glass of soju,¹ and we can analyze movie scripts." So we all got on a boat and went across the river.

We got to the shore on the other side and set up our fishing poles nearby. Over some soju, we were discussing this and that. "It's an action film, so who should be the lead actor? Who would be good, who, not good?" and so on. Then, I went over to check the fishing poles, when I heard a helicopter.

I looked up in the direction of the sound, and to my surprise angels appeared, together with a rainbow that looked as if children had colored it with crayons. I was astounded. The colors of the rainbow were vivid, and I saw a cloud shaped like a lotus flower. You know, the kind that looks like a lotus flower that you see in Buddhist paintings, the flower that Buddha sits on. That kind of a cloud was firmly supporting the helicopter. People that appeared to be angels spread their wings while following the helicopter. As far as I saw, there were fifty to sixty angels.

This was what I spoke about at the Pucheon Film Festival. I myself am not sure why I got up at the festival, crowded with people, and cried out as if I were mad. What reason is there for me to promote Chairman Sun Myung Moon? It was strange. However, later after I joined the Unification Church, as I prayed about it and studied, I came to know why.

How did you come to join the Unification Church?

I had no intention of joining the Unification Church. So, how did I end up doing so?

When I raised my voice on that bus, someone who knew the church was onboard. He called the Unification Church

1 Korean vodka distilled usually from rice or sweet potatoes



This painting by Young-joon Choi is an impression of what Young-ho Kim described seeing on the day of the fateful helicopter flight.

headquarters, telling them that I was talking about the incident. Following that, Dr. Chang-shik Yang called about meeting me. I told him I would not. I said I was a public figure, and that it would create a big ruckus, so I refused. For three months, I did not meet him.

Then, a funny thing happened. People in the film industry like to drink. I was no exception. One evening, I went to sleep very drunk. The following day was a Sunday, and I woke up early. Before I knew it, I'd put on my clothes and had gone looking for a Unification Church. This was truly strange. I called Information, 114, but they couldn't locate a Unification Church. In those days, it was the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

So then, I went to the Dowon Building² in Mapo. Being a Sunday, however, the shutters were closed. "Strange, this should be a church...." I thought, and I next took a taxi to Pil-dong in Joong-gu.³ I had lived before in Pil-dong for twenty-four years. When I got there, I found the local Unification Church. I went in, prayed and attended the service. The minister there at the time was Rev. Nam. I attended for three weeks, without even speaking to him.

People in the entertainment business are busy on Sundays. But for some strange reason, nothing came up on my schedule during those Sundays, and that is how I attended the service three weeks in a row. When I went for the third time, the minister asked me to fill something out and then encouraged me

2 An office building that is home to the World Mission Headquarters, *Today's World* magazine and the Tongil Foundation.

3 A district of central Seoul

to greet the congregation from the front of the chapel.

When I picked up the microphone, my testimony about True Parents' helicopter accident flowed out. There was a big uproar, and a report went to the headquarters right away. One interesting thing: For the past two weeks, I had just quietly attended the church service, but on that Sunday, I'd offered a donation of gratitude for the first time. On the day I made an offering, I was asked to greet the congregation and had a chance to speak.

In this way, I decided to meet Dr. Chang-shik Yang. I met him first in front of the Dangseong-sa Theater⁴ in Jongro, and we had a meal together. After the meal, Dr. Yang said, "Let's go," so I asked, Where? It turned out that there was a church behind the theater. I was suddenly asked to give a testimony there.

About five hundred people were on hand. I could hardly find my way to the podium. When I saw the crowd, I was surprised and started shaking. Dr. Yang told me, "Once you get onstage, you'll be all right." So I went up, said hello and after that the words just kept coming. I was being guided. Members that were listening were in tears. I spoke in a frenzy, crying together with them.

We heard that you offered devotions at the crash site; please tell us about that.

At first, I offered prayer in the basement of the Family Federation headquarters, before Cheon Bok Gung was built. If you go there, there's a place where Father prayed, right? I offered prayer there with a minister. I prayed in tears, asking, "Why do you hold on to me and not let me go? Let me go, so that I can run around and do as I please." I cried out to Heavenly Father in a loud voice. I shouted with tears, saying, "Why do you bother me?"

Following that, I visited the helicopter crash site for the first time to pray. You need permission to enter that area. I decided I wanted to pitch a tent there, bring a copy of *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, and stay there for twenty-one days. However, the headquarters asked me not to do that, but to stay at the Cheongpyeong training center and commute from there.

⁴ In the heart of Seoul; a movie theater has existed at that location since 1918.

I was doing that, walking to the site and praying there, and in ten days, I had lost quite a lot of weight. The director of the training center was worried that if I kept doing this, I might collapse, but I continued in the hot summer to walk there daily from the training center. It takes about an hour and twenty minutes on foot, but after studying Father's course, I thought that it was nothing.

When I got there, I read *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Exposition of Divine Principle* and prayed. One day, as I opened my eyes after praying, a butterfly was resting on Father's autobiography. I knelt down and got close, but it didn't fly away. I thought I'd take a picture and approached the butterfly with my mobile phone, and it was still there. I took a picture of it, and it was still there. I stuck out my hand like this, and the butterfly came onto my hand. I took a picture of that as well.

While I was doing the condition, members came up to see the site and to ask me to share just a little. I spoke for about five minutes. Hearing me speak, they were soon in tears. We held hands and I was in tears, too.

I have raised children. When they ride in a bus, little kids trip and fall if the bus sways. The helicopter fell to the ground, but the grandchildren were not hurt at all. This cannot be explained in a scientific way. It is truly impossible that the small children, Shin-goong nim, Shin-whul nim and Shin-joon nim did not have one scratch on them.

The helicopter was on its side, and when the pilot opened the door, he said it opened as if someone had opened it from the outside. If the door hadn't opened, they would all have died. I asked, "What were the children doing?" I heard that the children were under the seats and that they asked for their mothers. When I think about this, I get cold with fear for them.

How much fuel would there have been in such a large helicopter? Immediately after Father got out of it, didn't it explode? I heard that the insurance company avoided dealing with this accident for a whole year. Later, they tried to extract a propeller from the site, but it was embedded deeply in the ground and wouldn't move easily, so they finally had to use a crane to pull it out.

Ten years ago, we were filming a scene over the Han River using a helicopter, and in a sudden accident, four people,

Remains of the helicopter that crash landed while carrying True Parents, Hyung-jin nim's daughter and one of his sons, Hoon-sook nim's daughter and eleven others





True Family helicopter crash survivors on the day of True Mother's release from the hospital: True Parents, Shin-whul nim (with a gift she painted for Mother) Shin-joon nim and Shin-goong nim

including actors and a movie director died. It was a wedding scene, and the groom was to descend on a helicopter. The cameraman kept saying, "Come down just a bit more, a bit more...." so the pilot came down but the propeller struck the water. The helicopter went down, and tragically all of them died. Even over water, people aboard a helicopter die, but in the case of Chairman Moon's accident, the vehicle's body, weighing fourteen tons, became embedded in the ground.... This is something that just cannot be understood by science.

There has never been an incident like this in the history of religion. This has to be made known quickly. We must show people that this was possible because Father is the Messiah. It has to be shown to the whole world. Just talking about it won't do it. There has to be or credibility, and there has to be devotion.

Have you experienced opposition or been persecuted?

I taught many people in the film industry. I brought them to Cheongpyeong Training Center, and had them receive much education. Then, people around me started to say, "Young-ho Kim has gone mad. He'll make you go through the Unification Church education. This is a big problem." Therefore, I did receive incredible persecution from the film industry. They bashed me on the internet also.

One day when I got home, there was a knife stuck in my front gate. I went in and told my wife, who was shocked, and asked me to quickly toss it out. I took the knife out, and saw what was written on the handle in small letters, "X Tongilgyo." I brought that to church with me. The minister saw it and was also shocked.



Photo courtesy of Kimbino Ogawa

Young-ho Kim at the interview; he holds Hyo-jin nim in high regard.

I had a three-year term as chairman of the Korea Film Producers Association. However, someone sued me on a charge of embezzlement so that I wouldn't remain chairman. They said that I had embezzled the association's money. For two months, I had to go back and forth to the police station. I showed them my wife's bankbooks as well as mine. They couldn't find any evidence of such acts. While being charged with embezzlement, things took six to seven months until the case went to the prosecutor's office, and then the charge was withdrawn.

Because of this, I lost a lot of ground in the film industry. Some people had accused me, and while I was caught up with the police, they elected another chairman. I suffered serious financial damage too.

Please tell us about when you met with True Father.

I met True Father for the first time at hoondokhae. Father knew my name. I offered a bow. Father looked at me as if to pierce a hole through me and then said, "You cherish your ancestors." He said, "You're a lonely guy. You grew up alone, didn't you? You've lived life on your own. Isn't that so?" Then he said, "You value your ancestors, so things will go well with your children, too."

I was astonished. When I heard what Father said, tears welled up in my eyes and wouldn't stop. As I had expected, they are the True Parents. Father knew everything. Soon after I was born, I lost my parents in the Korean War.

It's now been three years since I started attending the Unification Church, and I still don't know what kind of person Father is. That is why I study, to try to inherit Father's will. I hope to study well. I heard the other day that True Father was looking for me. During hoondokhae, he called out in a loud voice, "Is that producer, Young-ho Kim, doing well?" And someone replied, "Yes, he is doing well," to which Father said, "All right." Many people who heard this gave me a call to let me know.

I've heard from some members, that Hyo-jin nim had a strong desire to testify to True Parents through film. They say that I was guided to come to the church to do what Hyo-jin nim was unable to do. Didn't Hyo-jin nim ascend in March 2008? The helicopter incident took place that same year, on July 19. I always carry Hyo-jin nim's picture with me. I listened to his music. He's a genius.

When I make my next film, I plan to include Hyo-jin nim's music. It will go in the most decisive moments of the movie. There are truly many wonderful songs. I will include his music at two points. One would be somewhere in the final scene, and in another decisive scene. The lyrics are fantastic. He has

written many lyrics about the kingdom of heaven. He's truly a genius. Our members must not forget this. We need to let the world know. There are so many people who don't know what the spirit world is like. Even today, there are many who have no idea of who True Father is.

God showed me that scene, in order to tell me to create a film that will testify to True Parents. Otherwise, at that time, I would have been fishing at my usual spot. The question is, Why was I guided to go across the river that day?

True Father instructed me, "Give this testimony where there are many people." He encouraged me strongly, to testify boldly, in a big place. **YW**

I'll Walk With You:

Reach out to a friend; share your faith; be part of their journey
Lovin' Life's New Guide to Spiritual Mentoring

Many of us are indebted to others for helping us find our path. Outreach and mentoring are at the heart of any group seeking to communicate its ideals and grow. Heather Thalheimer responded by mail to questions about a new guidebook that can help make that happen.

***I'll Walk With You* coauthor Heather Thalheimer (right) in discussion with U.S. CARP president Victoria Roomet.**

What were the main reasons for writing the booklet *I'll Walk With You*?

The need for a booklet like *I'll Walk With You* has been on my mind for a long time. Several years ago, True Mother was in Chicago, attending a conference. She was surrounded by many VIPs and ACLC ministers; she surveyed the packed auditorium and quietly lamented that True Parents have many friends but what they really need is disciples—people who understand who True Parents are.

The heart to witness is at the very core of who we are as children of True Parents, but while we all want to share our faith, we often lack confidence to do so. This easy-to-read booklet is both motivational and practical, combining internal preparation with external practices. Spiritual mentors first need the inspiration that comes from connecting in heart with God and True Parents and then clear guidance and tools to successfully reach out to friends and colleagues. Now, thanks to In-jin nim's leadership and Lovin' Life, we have access to everything we need and witnessing has never been easier.

What does the booklet set out to achieve and how does it do it?

Our desire in offering *I'll Walk With You* is to empower brothers and sisters and introduce them to the process we use at Lovin' Life to take those we care about from guest to member. We want to find the disciples True Parents long for.

The booklet begins by reflecting on the tradition that our True Parents established in the early days of our church as a way of empowering brothers and sisters to go beyond the things that hold them back. Reading what True Parents' have said about witnessing deepens our love and appreciation for them. When I encounter such guidance, I am filled with the desire to find that heart within myself and embrace what it means to love someone to that degree. The booklet includes many inspirational quotes:

I have had many sleepless nights, particularly in the 1950s. How could I humanly continue to do that? My sense of joy and happiness was so great that in talking to new members around me, I wanted to continue, hour after hour, even until three o'clock in the morning. If one of them had to leave because he had something to do in the morning, I felt very sorry to see him go, wishing that he could stay longer. You must experience these feelings also. When I missed him that much, I knew that he would return in the shortest possible time because he could not bear the separation either....
— Rev. Sun Myung Moon, "How to Witness: A Speech to State Leaders"

Getting in touch with True Parents' hearts stimulates a natural desire to witness. The booklet encourages people to establish daily devotion that can power their journey as spiritual mentors.

The booklet's subtitle, *Reach out to a friend; share your faith; be part of their journey*, sends a strong message—that witnessing isn't impossibly difficult; it's something everyone can do because it's simply about being there for friends and accompanying them on their journeys. With that mind-set, it's not so difficult to reach out. Sharing our faith can be a



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natural part of our day-to-day lives.

This natural aspect of witnessing is emphasized in the section entitled, "The Whole Church is a Witness." In the past, in the face of many different instructions for ACLC, UPF and other projects, we have sometimes relegated the task of witnessing to a special team. This was never our True Parents' intention. Even though we have to respond to various providential directions, it was always True Parents' assumption that we continue to prioritize witnessing. It seems that we are not the only church that has to confront such issues. The authors of a wonderfully stimulating book, *The U-Turn Church*, found that successful churches emphasize that everyone is called to witness!

As we embrace the truth that every believer carries the good news in their heart and on their lips, a church begins to change. Outreach is not seen as a quarterly or yearly excursion to some remote place where we perform a religious duty and then check that off our list until the next official event. Evangelism becomes a lifestyle, and the whole church becomes a missionary movement right in the community where God has planted it.

— Kevin Harney and Bob Bouwer, *The U-Turn Church*

Thanks to In-jin nim's visionary leadership and the efforts of our brothers and sisters, we have a church we can be proud of and feel confident to bring our friends to. Witnessing has never been easier! True Children are leading the way in creating an environment where we can be proud Unificationists. In America, In-jin nim is ensuring that our church is relevant and culturally accessible to young adults and those seeking a church home. Having said that, we recognize that programs and activities, by themselves, are not enough, and to succeed in growing our church, we need to ignite a culture of mentoring. An excerpt from the booklet speaks to this through an all-too-familiar example of a young man named David:

After church one Sunday, David, a young member, approached his pastor and said, "I'm sad to say this but I feel like I want to move on." Concerned and surprised, his pastor asked, "Why? Did something happen?" David answered, "There's just too much going on here. I feel like I am bothering someone if I need to talk. If just one person would sit down with me for an hour once a month for a cup of coffee and ask me how I was doing, I would feel like I belong here."

The pastor asked himself, "What's missing?" His church had Sunday Service, youth ministry, growth groups, affinity groups, prayer groups and every other kind of group they could think of, but it still wasn't enough.

David was looking for a mentor—someone who could spend valuable time with him, listen to his problems and offer support and guidance. He needed someone to give him feedback so he could grow and see how God was



Young people can mentor each other too.

working in his life; he needed to feel like he belonged and that he mattered. David wanted to be involved in the church community but didn't know how, and everyone seemed too busy to notice.

David's story is the heart of *I'll Walk With You* and the reason why this booklet is needed. When we all step up to be mentors to others, we build a loving community—a community that cares, listens and is invested in others. In short, we build a community that reflects our True Parents' hearts. True Parents' teachings point the way and our efforts build the spiritual family that we call home.

What specific areas does the booklet cover?

Wow, that's a hard question to respond to, because although *I'll Walk With You* is packed with spiritual inspiration, it also has a lot of practical wisdom.

One of the most difficult things in reaching out is simply getting started. *I'll Walk With You* emphasizes the importance of starting any mentoring activity with prayer. True Parents have taught us that everything meaningful begins with devotion, the ongoing process of cultivating our own relationship of love with our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents. Through a beautiful quote in the booklet, True Father reminds us, "People will come, desiring to have their lives connected to your life when they feel that God is present with you. You have to feel God's presence in your centers [or families]."

I'll Walk With You encourages readers to discover their "why"—what attracted them to our church and motivates them. It also helps readers understand their own personal witnessing style—our Heavenly Parent works through each of us in a unique way, using our distinctive talents and gifts.



"Natural witnessing means to build relationships with friends... based on a life we love." —*I'll Walk With You*

One of the most useful sections, in my opinion, is the one that describes the journey from guest to member. If we want to help someone on their spiritual journey, it's important to have a clear picture of where they are headed and the steps needed to get there. We need to be able to describe the path guests and new members can choose to take, turning the "road less traveled" into a super highway!

I'll Walk With You outlines certain milestones in a person's journey to inherit the true love of God and to meet True Parents in the person's heart. As Hyung-jin nim reminds us, we can only understand True Parents when we are able to see them with our spiritual eyes. The discussion of milestones helps us realize there are concrete steps that must be taken in our spiritual journey. The mentor's role is to be aware of these important milestones and help their mentee transition through them.

For example, the transition to a more trusting relationship with a mentee is a key milestone along the path of spiritual growth. The guests and new members say to themselves "I love the people here" and on that foundation, they are motivated to share more deeply about what they are going through. When they realize that the Divine Principle makes sense to them, and that they want to study more, they will trust you enough to ask any nagging questions with a sincere desire for answers and begin to shift from a skeptical attitude to receptivity. Moved by the love and wisdom they receive, and growing in desire for a personal relationship with a loving Heavenly Parent, they become ready to be guided by the mentor to make the next key step—a commitment to grow

How to get the most out of this handbook

- Study it with others and discuss your insights.
- Talk with your pastor about witnessing and mentoring in your community.
- Identify whom you are already mentoring or being mentored by.
- Use it as a reference as you reach out to friends and family.

spiritually. Understanding the milestones helps mentors guide their mentees toward membership and a real and trusting relationship with True Parents.

Witnessing is very much about being prepared and about knowing how to navigate the obstacles, both internal and external, along the way.

One section reminds us of the importance of being in a mentoring relationship throughout our lives. You don't always have to be physically present with the person mentoring you. We can be personally mentored, on a daily basis, by True Parents as we read hoondokhae and receive the guidance that we need. If we think about it—True Parents are so accessible to us.

How did you put this booklet together?

At Lovin' Life, we do everything through teamwork. I enjoy working on teams that are diverse and include those from the first and second generations, because this always results in a better product! Camia Gavin a second-generation member of our national education team, Christine Froehlich, who leads the Guest Care Team in New York and has many years of experience leading witnessing initiatives, and I coauthored the book. Dr. Tyler Hendricks contributed insights and wisdom and Jonathan Gullery assisted with layout and design. It was such a great project to work on. We read a lot about mentoring and church growth, talked to countless people about their witnessing experiences—what worked and didn't work—and spent hours in discussion about how we could distill our combined thoughts and ideas into an easy-to-read handbook that is both inspirational and informative; the end result was *I'll Walk With You*.

Is the booklet currently in use in any of the Lovin' Life churches?

I'll Walk With You has just been published, so it's beginning to be used by brothers and sisters around the nation and we are getting some great feedback.

Last month at the Lovin' Life Learning Center in Manhattan,¹ Christine Froehlich gathered a group of people that are interested in witnessing to read and discuss the book. Like the rest of us, they wanted to share their faith, but often found themselves stuck. One member of the group said, "I found that [the booklet] stimulated wonderful discussion about each person's experience in outreach and mentoring their guests. Through our review of the contents, we could support one another in that process."

The group was very grateful for a clear and simple diagram and explanation of the educational track called From Guest to Member in the mentoring guidebook, which provides goals and directions, as well as identifiable steps in the process of mentoring. Every person in the group has since stepped up to volunteer as "connectors" on Sunday

The cover of the booklet, and the obverse and reverse of tickets Lovin' Life created to invite people to services



1 One of New York City's five boroughs

and at weekly programs, as a result of having become more empowered through the booklet.

The Lovin' Life Vision Class, a membership class, lays out the basics of Lovin' Life, sharing the value of making a commitment to membership and the five practices that fuel our spiritual growth.

Making a promise to God and themselves to Inspire, Empower, Connect, Contribute and Inherit is fuel for the journey.²

One sister shared about her practice of going out each day to hand out tickets to invite people to church. She and her husband have taught and mentored contacts in their home for years. She commented, "I sometimes find that guests can be drawn to me for the wrong reasons, or with an unclear motivation. This can be so awkward! I found the section in the guidebook on boundaries to be very helpful in clarifying my thoughts and approach toward mentoring my guests. Our discussion as a group about these issues was also a great help in this exciting challenge of witnessing and mentoring our spiritual children.

"I think a resource like this is a great support in developing our potential as spiritual mentors. Meeting as a small

"Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." —Hebrews 11:12

With each person we love, listen to, teach and believe in, a new family is created, children are born and a tradition unfolds. Our work as mentors leaves behind a legacy in the world that God can claim; one that we may never know the impact of, but one that we can be proud to have built.

group to discuss the contents has been inspiring and encouraging for my own efforts in teaching Divine Principle to a group of about ten to twelve guests and contacts. We all need support in this journey and guidelines to set a clear direction for study with guests."

Another group member expressed that the thing that inspired her the most were the quotes from True Father:

To connect to the early days of our church and Father's own experience in witnessing and raising spiritual children enabled me to get in touch with my own desire to love and raise others with such a heart.

Reaching out and sharing our faith should not feel like a burden; rather, it is a natural process of finding God's heart within ourselves and being willing to invest in others. *I'll Walk With You* helps you get in touch with your desire to be a friend of faith to someone and keep them company on their journey to inherit the true love of God. Along the way, you'll be amazed at what our Heavenly Parent will show you! **TW**

2 Lovin' Life Ministries uses these terms for spiritual practices that help develop the four realms of heart: Inspire (attend church services) Empower (study the word) Connect (develop sincere relationships) Contribute (tithe, donate, volunteer) and Inherit (make a place in your heart for God's love).

Copies of the booklet are available at www.hsabooks.com, or order directly from Heather at hthalheimer@unification.org. Mrs. Thalheimer is director of education at Lovin' Life Ministries.

True Father's grandfather Chi-gook Moon had two younger brothers. The youngest, Yoon-gook, was the famous patriot about whom we have heard True Father speak. The middle brother, Shin-gook, was the grandfather of Seung-ryong Moon, True Father's second cousin. Just fourteen months younger than True Father, the two played together as children and attended the same schools, even studying together in Seoul in the late 1930s (see photo right: Father at right, Seung-ryong Moon holding the lid of the pot, and a mutual friend cook a meal together at their lodgings in Seoul, around 1939). Seung-ryong Moon ascended to the spirit world on 4.15 (June 4) at the age of 91. He was one of five or six close relatives of True Father who ended up in South Korea following the Korean War. The Korean War scattered people across the peninsula; it was fortuitous that Seung-ryong rediscovered his older cousin in the mid-1950s in Seoul—and eventually joined his church. By that time, our church and its founder were already targets of persecution, and to associate with them was to risk everything. Seung-ryong Moon was already a deacon in his own Christian church and had a stable professional position. Even so, as he later testified to his son Jin-ho, he felt the atmosphere at the Unification Church was different and the prayers had a very different quality. Whereas at his own church, prayers were mainly for God to grant favors or bestow material blessing, in Sun Myung Moon's church, prayers were mainly for the nation, the world and for the relief of human suffering. He took the leap and joined in 1957. In 1961 he was blessed among the 36 couples. At that time, Father was developing our church's businesses in earnest. He asked his cousin to help him run the new ventures and Seung-ryong Moon devoted his life in their service. Their closeness of heart is reflected in the message True Father wrote: Congratulations on your Seonghwa and entry into the heavenly nation, blood brother of heavenly heart Chairman Seung-ryong Moon.

Seung-ryong Moon's Ascension



Unificationists around the World

What's happening in your nation? Please send photographs and an explanation of successful projects in your country or hometown to news@todaysworld.org.

Niger

Under the patronage of Mrs. Maikibi Kadidiatou Dandobi, Niger's minister of population, promotion of women and protection of children, a celebration, arranged by UPF, of the International Day of the Family was held at the Sani Bako Auditorium at the Niger Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*photo right*). A hundred and twenty people attended the May 27 event, at which the minister spoke about the family. The occasion was supported by well-known speakers that included former government ministers and both Muslim and Christian leaders.



Photos courtesy of the Unification Church-Niger



Mauritius

Jessica ChungTo, who is involved with interfaith and pure love activities in this African island nation, was the invited UPF representative at a presentation of the findings of a study entitled "Interfaith dialogue in Mauritius—A Myth or Reality?" on Saturday May 12. Jessica has known the main presenter, Mrs. Allia Gooljar (*right*), who heads a spiritual women's group, for many years. On this occasion she presented Mrs. Gooljar, and all the main speakers, with a copy of Father's autobiography.



Photos courtesy of the Unification Church-Mauritius

France

Rev. Jin-hun Yong of the World Mission Headquarters has been travelling the world speaking of new insights into Father's and Mother's lives, and God's providence. This month, June, he has been in Europe. His tour began with presentations to more than 230 people in London over the weekend of June 2 and 3. He followed that with four evenings of lectures in Paris (*pictured*).

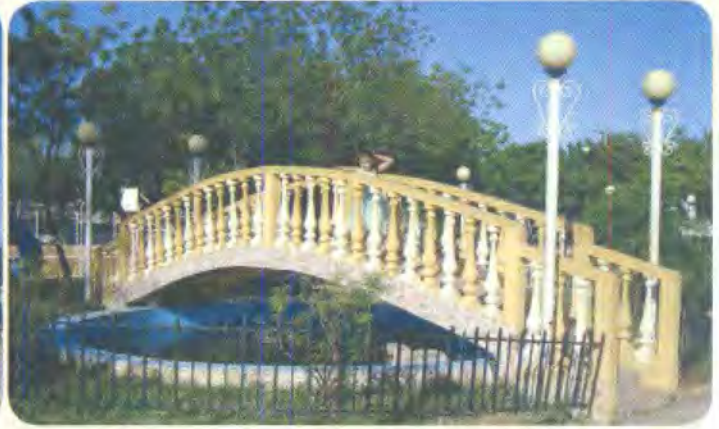


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Honduras

The mayor of the small town of Choluteca in Honduras, whose administration is well known for its public spiritedness, was at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace a few years ago for a UPF-related event. To him, the palace represented an inspiring vision for interreligious unity and the revival of traditional values. And so, when he remodeled the park in his town, he based some of the designs on architecture he had seen at the palace. Seeing people of faith treating each other with great respect at the events in Korea also moved him to implement the revival of old traditions of respectful relationships in the youth programs in his town.



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Australia

On the Day of Victory of Love, True Parents created Holy Candles for the Establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom. In ceremonies around the world, these candles—which members light for prayer and hoondokhae—have been gradually passed on. Here in Sydney, Australia, a hundred members, including national leaders, receive theirs from Dr. Kim Dong-woo's seed candle.



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Haiti

Our movement in Haiti is rebounding. On April 14, a number of new youth ambassadors for peace were inaugurated at the headquarters in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital city. With the city, and the entire nation, still struggling to recover from the earthquake two years ago, these public-minded young people will be a valuable resource for their country.



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