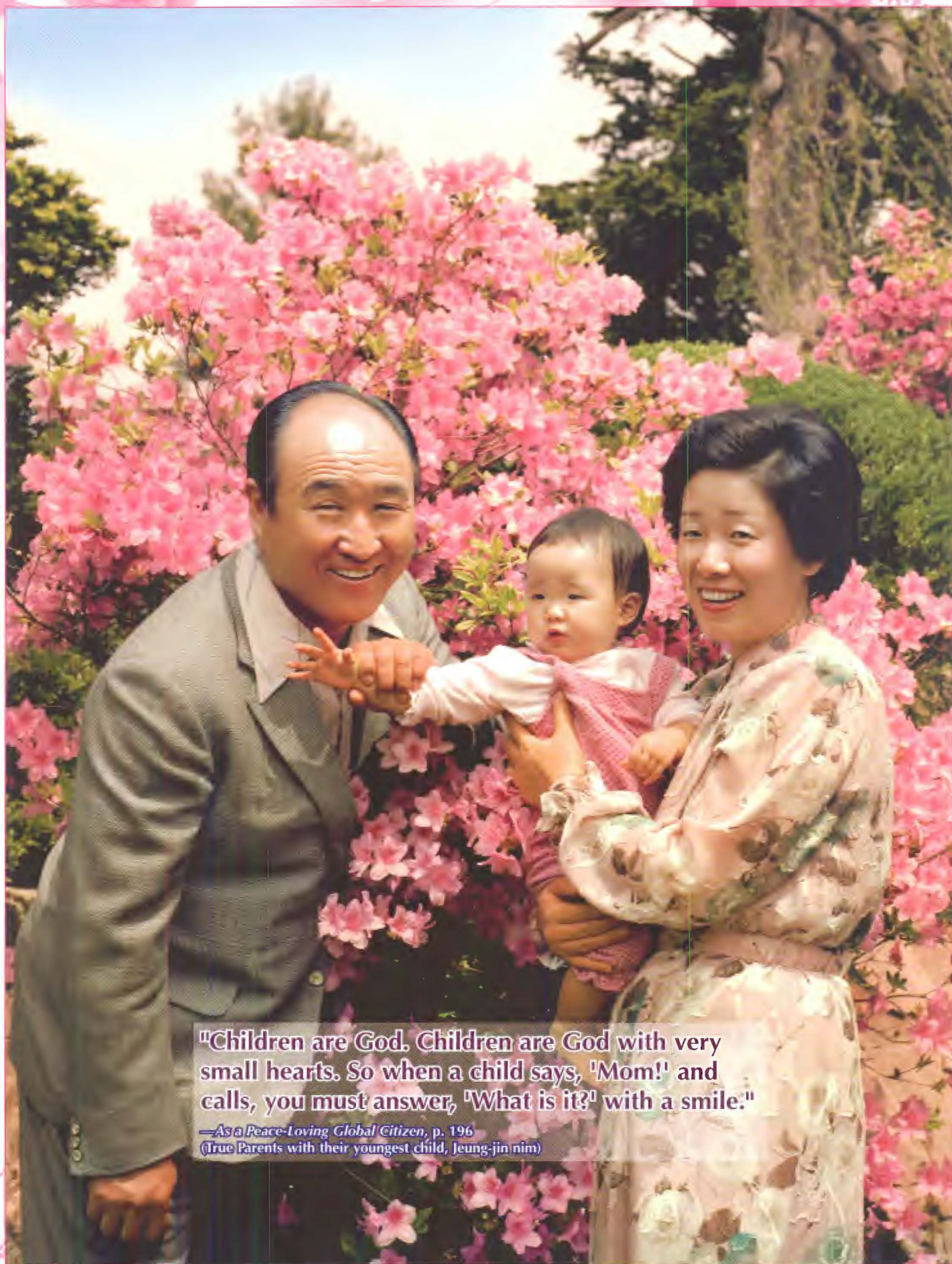


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"Children are God. Children are God with very small hearts. So when a child says, 'Mom!' and calls, you must answer, 'What is it?' with a smile."

—As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, p. 196  
(True Parents with their youngest child, Jeung-jin nim)



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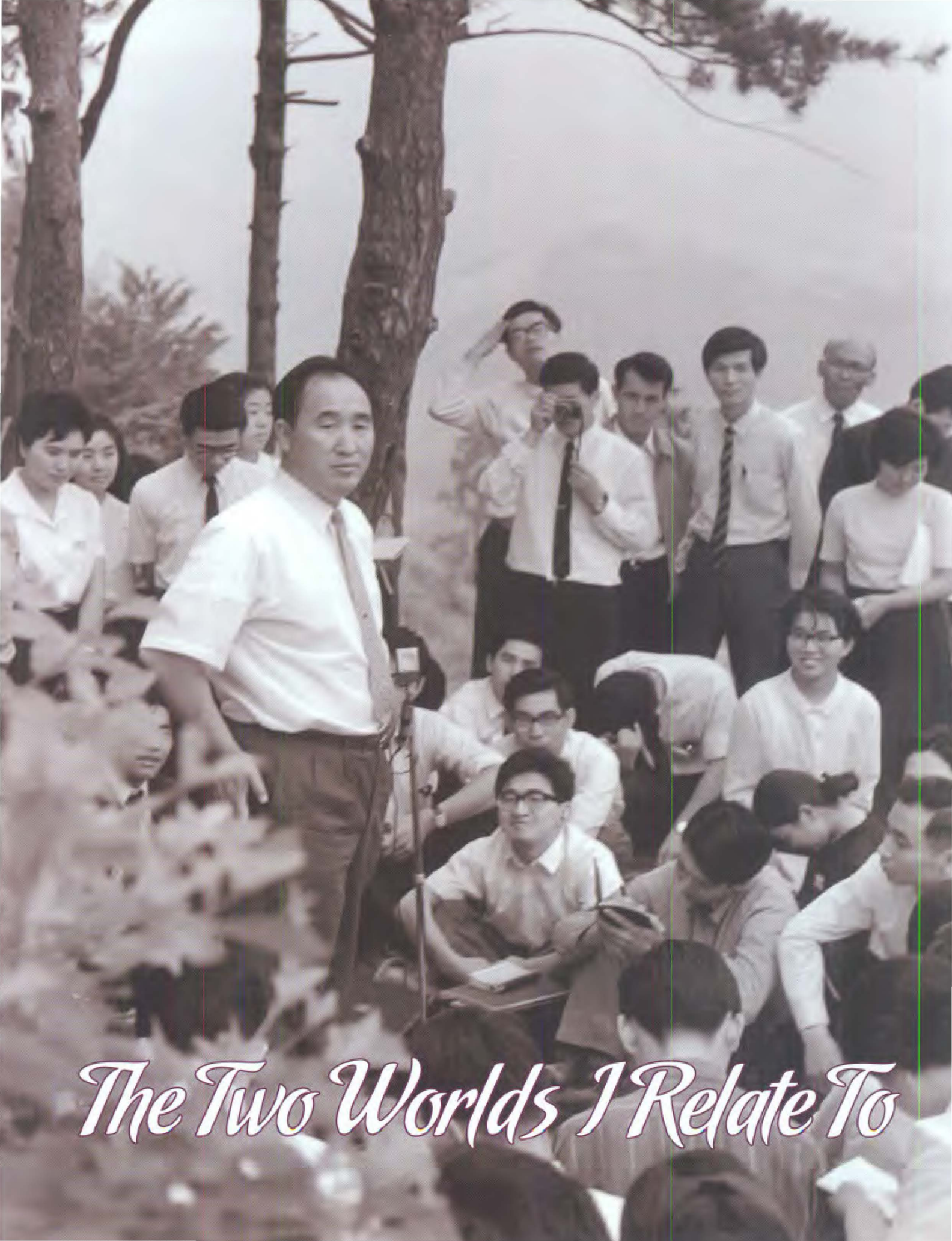
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*The Two Worlds I Relate To*



*True Father gave the following Sunday sermon on September 20, 1959 at the headquarters church in Seoul. The Korean text is in the seventh volume of The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time it has appeared in the English language. This is the second of two parts.*

**F**rom the beginning until now, humans have not been able to experience happiness. Mankind has not been able to sing of joy centered on the earth. Not once has a conscientious person, throughout the six thousand years, been able to boast about heaven or earth. Have you ever done that?

The more a person lived according to his or her conscience, the more the person lived a wretched life and was looked down on with contempt by those who ripped the person's life apart, stepped on the person's life and even killed the person. What was the hope of these people as they underwent all these hardships? They hoped for the day when they would enjoy living centered on the conscience for eternity. This is how our ancestors built this foundation of blood. Whenever they were knocked down, they stood up again.

When individuals collapsed, God rallied other individuals and connected them to the ethnic group's level. When an ethnic group<sup>1</sup> collapsed, a different ethnic group rallied and so on until the whole world rallied. This is God's providential history.

I will be clearer. When Adam failed, the providence continued centered on Cain and Abel. When Cain and Abel failed, the providence went forward centered on Noah's family and then centered on Jacob's family (having passed through the three generations that included Abraham, Isaac and Jacob). The life of the Israelites in the wilderness can be seen as following that path, starting as a family and heading toward becoming an ethnic group and world. Moses, the Israelites' representative, rallied all the Israelites and led them as an ethnic group out of Egypt, their enemy's land, to Canaan in order to form their nation.

The individual has to fight to find the family. Once the individual has found the family, the family has to fight to find an ethnic group. Once that is done, the ethnic group must fight to find a country, and the country to find the world. The range gradually expands in that manner.

For an individual to set up his or her own standard of victory is not a simple matter. For someone to become a historic individual, the person has to gain victory amidst historic pain and attacks. Look at Noah. Noah received more persecution than we have received, and that persecution continued for 120 years. Noah had to go through 120 years to discover himself as an individual.

Jacob also went through the same thing. Jacob had to fight through suffering for twenty-one years before his blessings were achieved. As he fought, he did not have even one friend, nor did not he have any siblings or parents with him. He had to realize his family alone. Based on this family foundation, the path to find the ethnic group was the course of entering Egypt. The four hundred years in Egypt was a period to marshal the Israelites as an ethnic group. Moses, who then emerged as the ethnic group's representative, had to build a national foundation through the people's foundation.

### **Jesus and the mission of the returning Lord**

What kind of person was Jesus? Based on the national foundation that was set, Jesus was supposed to discover a global foundation. Even though he came with that mission, the country and ethnic group betrayed Jesus, who then had to go through crucifixion. Hence, the path from the individual up through the family, ethnic group and nation to the world had to be conducted again.

<sup>1</sup> The Korean word rendered as "ethnic group" has often been translated in *Today's World* as "people."



To Jesus as he died on the cross, Israel was the enemy. Jews, whom God had chosen after four thousand years of hard work, were the enemies. They had the responsibility to bring restoration to the world, to restore the land of Canaan (worldwide) based on the ethnic group's foundation, but once this ethnic group's foothold collapsed, four thousand years of historical effort dissipated into thin air. Then, historical efforts from the time of Adam had to begin all over again. You must come to understand that Jesus has been setting up that foundation again for the past two thousand years.

Though, around the world today, many Christians exist, not one family centers itself on Jesus. Is there one? Jesus, himself, could not welcome the day when he could have a family after passing through the bride-and-groom position. Do you know what this bride and groom refers to? It represents the second family standard, on which one can stand in front of heaven. In order to make restitution for the failure to establish the family standard, which occurred because of the Fall, the second family standard had to be set. On this foundation, Jesus had to become the head of Heaven's household. Did he become the head of the household on earth? The most important goal for Jesus on earth was to become the head of a family. Only by becoming the head of the household could he have children and only by having children could an ethnic group emerge. Only through an ethnic group could a nation or country emerge. Isn't that correct?

The time has come for all Christians to wake up. Presently, Christians in the world do not collectively comprise a country. They are not part of a tribe or a family branch. For Jesus to become the head of the family, the twelve Apostles had to become one and form a foothold that would have made

it possible for Jesus to establish a family on earth. Unfortunately, the Apostles failed to do this. Hence, the global-level providence of salvation could not end.

For this reason, Jesus and the Holy Spirit underwent adversity, shedding tears and blood, for two thousand years. What was the purpose? To find the first standard, the family standard, was the purpose. God had to find a new Israel, a new Jacob's family and based on that family standard, set up an ethnic-group-based standard. He then had to set up a national standard and then a world foundation based on that. At that point, we must raise a heavenly-kingdom revolution and liberate even hell in the spirit world based on this global foundation. This is the returning Lord's ideology. The returning Lord does not come to enjoy glory easily or through devious means. He comes with the mission to realize a cosmic kingdom of heaven and to eradicate even hell in the spirit world based on the earthly foundation. Only after this is done can God rest too.

### **The world of the mind and of the heart**

Even though we have a mind, we do not know the direction of the mind. We are at a loss when looking for the right direction because confusing ideas bind us. Because of the biases in our lives, our minds keep changing. We do not know what is true or what is right. In the beginning, the mind moves in one direction. The mind starts in one place but divides toward the end.

This is our present state. Even if you have a normal start, your direction divides in the end. Division means it has been broken. We have been living in this way until now.

Today, communism and democracy are fighting each



What matters is not some beautiful exterior, but the secret life of tears that dwells within that building. It may not be up to a certain standard, but it embodies a tradition, and therein lies its value. —*As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, p. 138 (Father and members in front of the church in Busan)



other. The world's problems cannot be resolved between these ideologies. Our minds cannot find the right direction. Today's world is facing the same problem in reality. We see that trend today. Isn't that correct?

At what moment do you decide your mind's direction? The moment when your mind connects to the heavenly mind, through which you can experience joy for eternity. Why did God give man a mind? To unite with man through the mind and find joy were the reasons God gave it to man. With that purpose, God created man. For a mind that has not decided its direction, what it needs is to experience a joy permeating it that it cannot deny. Only by feeling undeniable happiness through the mind can a world of happiness unfold.

The body is finite. The mind, however, is infinite. Hence, the world of the mind does not have any particular outlook. If you go a bit deeper, the world of the heart is bigger than that of the mind. The world of the heart is unrestricted while the world of the mind is restricted. The mind can be restricted depending on relative conditions, but no one can restrict the world of the heart. Who can restrict a mother's heart of love flowing toward her children? Even a great wall blocking the way cannot cut the world of the heart. The world of the mind can become restricted because it is in the position of an object, while the world of the heart is in the position of the subject. The mind tends to be multi-directional and becomes restricted as a result. However, the world of the heart is different.

What do you think Heaven's hope is? When Jesus comes in the Last Days, he will say that the kingdom of heaven is in your mind, the kingdom of heaven is to be realized from your heart.

Will having only the mind be enough? You must be able to conclude that the kingdom of heaven is to be realized from the heart.

Why do you think you feel unhappy? You feel unhappy because you are in a position where you cannot harmonize with your mind. No matter how many external hardships you may face, if you were in a joyful position through having harmonized with your mind, you would be a happy person.

In light of that, why do you feel unhappiness? You feel unhappiness because you do not have an unchanging heart at the center to move your mind. The reason lies there.

### **Finding the garden of happiness**

Brothers and sisters are trying to find happiness in holding on to earthly things, but that will end one day. No matter how good a mind or heart you have, without a doubt, all earthly things are meant to end. As long as our minds do not find a clear center, they are open to both sad and happy emotions. In addition, if our bodies do not each have a clear center, we will experience joyful physical emotions alongside sad and happy emotions. All this is relative. Our minds have gone through a sad life course and have not been able to experience a happy life course. Therefore, you must clearly know that people of the Fall are unfortunate people, people that have to be cursed and people that have to receive judgment for not finding such a life course.

Hence, the time has come for us to find this path. Even if Heaven's purpose in the Last Days is not to bring judgment on man and destroy man, we need to have the owner of the original homeland, the family of the original homeland, the society of the original homeland, the country of the original homeland, the world of the original homeland and the cosmos of the original homeland. However, if we do not have these things, God will cast his judgment on us.

Even though we see in the world individuals, families, societies, nations and the world itself centered on the body, our minds cannot find satisfaction here. We need the owner, family and world where the mind can be happy for eternity, a world that our minds hope for. If that world were non-existent or unobtainable, why do our minds feel this way? Our minds head toward goodness not because they have certain creative powers. Power cannot be applied independently. Power cannot be applied if it does not have an object. We can find this even when observing chemical and physical phenomena. When you observe the state of the application of a clear conscience, you cannot deny that it tries to remove the sad aspect from it and pursue the happy aspect. Humanity hopes for a day when everyone can be happy. Therefore, all problems must be concluded there.

Today, so-called democracy and communism are fighting each other and are finding ways to strengthen policies to rule the world. However, this must not be the outcome. How should that be resolved? We must all go back to the ways prior to Adam and Eve's fall, to where they were happy, listening to God's voice and sharing joy with God at the center. We each must have the standard where God is our eternal owner, the head of our family, the owner of our ethnic group, the owner of our country and the owner of our world. This must be a standard where we can each call God "my God," whom none of us would exchange for anything in the world. Only after establishing this standard can the realization of a garden of happiness on earth occur.

### **The one that God sought for six thousand years**

The world of the mind can be joyful, can harmonize and be moved, but it cannot be forcefully obtained. Moving and agreeing with one another may be possible but they are not obtainable by force.

Love originally is not human love, but love characterized by the essence of our eternal and unchanging God. The moment I encounter God's love and start attending God as my owner is the moment I become one with God. Once I enter a stage of happiness where I can interact with God, I can conquer the world. A scene where someone shares joy with God is a scene of happiness even greater than the happiness a person feels when possessing all of heaven and earth. If man were able to experience this, all the sensations we feel through our five senses within the body would be nothing in comparison.

What then has Heaven been conducting centered on the mind? Heaven has been conducting the history of developing the universe. We have forgotten that Heaven nurtured the pioneering history of the universe and that he is guiding us. What is Heaven's goal when instructing our minds? Heaven wants us to become universal beings. Heaven wants us to become people that can embrace the universe and grow further based on everything in the universe. He has been guiding us to become such people.

That is why Heaven tells us to love evil people, good people, the creation and all of heaven and earth. How delightful would that be? We, human beings, have lost the essence of that fundamental ideology. The mind must now be able to become delighted. When our minds are happy, our cells should be happy too. When our minds become intoxicated, our cells must become intoxicated too. The sensation of this intoxication must be able to move the world that I relate to. **You must clearly understand that God has been looking for six thousand years for the one man that could realize these expectations and raise these effects.**



Imagine there is a mind. What kind of person does the mind yearn for? What kind of person does the world, nation and the entire universe hope for? A person like the one mentioned earlier. Even if the person developed into a conqueror, we would still be infinitely grateful.

Brothers and sisters, you just have to do as your mind directs. You must be delighted in infinitely sacrificing. If we have many of these people, Heaven's kingdom will come on earth. The sons and daughters of God are people that endlessly give and still want to continue giving, people that endlessly sacrifice and still want to continue doing so.

Isn't parental love that way? God's love is this parental love; only, it is a dozen or a hundred times greater. The world that your minds look for and dream of has not arrived yet. The day must come when the world of the heart and human minds on earth become connected. Based on that, once the absolute standard of judgment is set on earth, it will be the end. Judgment will take place based on this heart.

That is why Christianity transcends religions of the mind and is a religion of the heart. God is not the owner of the mind. God is the owner of the heart. No villain of any kind would be able to stop God's love from emerging from the heart. Everyone likes it when love comes in waves. Satan,

the devil, also likes this love. You must be keenly aware of this. We love God's love but stand in a dark position where we cannot receive it. Being in that position, mankind has the destiny to pioneer the mind at all costs. The question now is, How can mankind pioneer the mind?

The path you must follow has become clear. Some connections will enter through your minds, some through material things, people and the word. Some connections will also unconsciously enter through your heart. The mind is deliberately trying to avoid the world and is yearning for that place. The person that hopes, looks and yearns for this connection to appear in one place and at one time must not forget that Heaven, which has been working alongside history, will find that connection for us.

### **The course to develop the heart**

Since a person following the path of path of tao<sup>2</sup> is someone that heads toward the heavenly mind, the person does not ignore a single word. Nor can you ignore an enemy that tries to stab you with a knife. Yet, you must let it pass, thinking

<sup>2</sup> Koreans use an expression (with "tao") that refers to self-denial or doing what one would rather avoid doing. We take Father's use to mean "the heavenly path" or "the mind-set associated with the heavenly path."



They did not know what was waiting for them beyond the seas, but they risked their lives to go. As a result, Britain, a small island nation in the Atlantic, came to possess colonies on all the continents and oceans and built an empire. —*As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* p. 297 (Among a group of Korean members are Father and Anthony Brooke, the last son of the British hereditary ruler of an island in Malaysia, who came to Korea in the 1960s to meet Father.)



that you have a certain fate connecting you to the enemy. However, the person that complains is wrong. What appears as good in this erroneous world is not from Heaven, but what is from Heaven appears as bad in this erroneous world. Only a person capable of tolerating even these kinds of problems and a person capable of exploring the value of the fate hidden within these problems can take the first steps toward the development of the heart.

Hence, a person can differentiate between good and bad through the mind when one relates to people living in the neighborhood or when one weighs everything one hears, sees and feels. At times, your mind will feel a strong attraction after listening to a certain sermon or meeting a certain person. I may unconsciously be attracted to a certain truth, church or religion that I had never before considered. The mind does this naturally.

Just as a magnetic needle always points to the south and north, our minds also work in that way. Even when it comes to our minds, when a plus mind appears, it always draws a relative minus mind toward it. If you did not feel a sensation drawing you into the religion you now believe in, you are not true believers. For example, if tao does not draw one's body, mind and heart toward it, one cannot say that one believes in tao. These people will one day stop believing in tao.

In light of that, what is humanity today looking for? Modern people are looking for an ideology. How should that ideology be explained? It must base its explanation on the truth. What is the truth? It is the word. The truth is something my mind can eternally delight in. If a person finds eternal delight in a truth, he or she will always find something new in the truth no matter how many hundreds or thousands of times the person has heard it before. Brothers and sisters, the truest truth among truth is like the taste of rice. Whether I ate it yesterday or today, or eat the same rice for seventy or eighty years, it is always tasty. The same applies to the truth. You must be grateful. Now, through what I have said today, you know that a person lives in two worlds. Jesus said that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from God. Therefore, this truth must be one that intoxicates both my body and my heart.

Therefore, this is not a time for us to sit still. The time has come for us to reverse direction. We must move toward one subject and one direction. Since you will find hindrances if you look to the side or follow a side road, you must cut off everything else. You must completely reject diversions.

### **Find a universal hero's standard**

We are living in a time when we should reverse direction. Heaven will become earth and vice versa. Man must become the subject. Now is a time of change; therefore, I must become a central being in heaven and on earth and the main character of the entire universe. Heaven is not the main character of the entire universe. You must clearly understand that the purpose for which God created man was to establish man to represent Heaven's authority as the main character of the entire universe.

In order to reach this standard, I must resolve problems within my own center and must have a foundation enabling me to have experiences from the center of my heart. In order to resolve my mind and the center of my heart, I must find one direction.

What must you do once you find that one direction? Centered on that direction, you must look on every side. After exploring everything around you and familiarizing yourself with your surroundings, you must look to your heavenly

nature. By doing this, one can know his or her own status.

Today's religions and ideologies cannot become the complete standard of a person's mind, heart and philosophy. Why? Since a new era is said to be dawning, all of those will pass. The time has come for something new to become my center, because today's religion, ideology, mind, heart and philosophy have not had a complete standard. Now is such a time. You and I are all in the same position. Just as Jesus said, we are not servants but friends; we are in the same position. The universe is not something high up there. The universe and I must be able to put our arms around each other's shoulders.

Denominations are not equipped with multi-directions but are one sided. Therefore, those who want the heavenly mind as the center of their hearts must be able to criticize their own one-sidedness and become multi-directional people. Should our minds and bodies continue to fight? The mind should be able to draw the body completely to itself. Based on that, a standard with which the mind can lead the body anywhere it goes should be set. It must become this way. If not, a complete solution will never emerge.

For that reason, this is not a time for you to sit still. Just try remaining still. What do you think will come out of that? Do not brag by saying, I am great or I am some kind of scholar. Today, there are many kinds of scholars, but among them, a scientist is a bit better. The high position of scholars other than scientists will begin to decline. Do not brag because the more you become such people, the more important your responsibilities become. If anyone were to connect the human mind to some false scheme and affect Heaven's way, that person would be accused eternally when he or she entered the spirit world.

Brothers and sisters, you all want to become heroes. Nevertheless, when someone on whom the qualities of a hero were not bestowed tries to be a hero, a great calamity will befall the person. You may all want to succeed greatly in life, however, if you try to do so without Heaven's permission, you will surely fail. The descendants of that type of person will surely fail....

It is now time that we put our ambitions aside and find "me." God is yearning for the individuals whose bodies and minds are in a harmonious state, finding delight in each other and singing songs together. Have you ever felt God saying, "Hey! Let me touch your hand" and feeling so much delight as he touches your hand? Are the minds of all those present here today in such state?

God created the real world to enable our minds and bodies to be active. Become people that bet the whole creation and sing, bet all people and sing, bet the future world and sing, bet all of the spiritual and physical worlds and sing. Become people that can welcome God when he takes notice of your delightful minds and visits you. This is neither fiction nor fantasy. This is fact. I, the speaker, am young, but I have certainly felt and experienced that. Therefore, even if heaven and earth were to do a complete volte-face and oppose me, I would follow this path for that reason. What is the current era? It is the Last Days. However, as long as no one has established this standard, the last judgment will not be passed. In other words, the Day of Judgment will not come.

### **The truth and "I" that the Last Days require**

What kind of truth should a religion have? We do not need a truth that just explains things. It must be a truth the body agrees with, the mind agrees with and one that the heart agrees with. We need this kind of philosophy or ideology. If



you hear of this kind of ideology from your surroundings or become connected to this type of belief system, your mind will be drawn to it. If your body demands that you go somewhere else because of something you must attend to, even if matters of this type were facts, you must deny all of them, throw them all away and go where your mind is drawn. If there are teachings that give you a sensation transcending time and space and leading you, you must pack your things in a rucksack, put it on your back and go toward them. You will not fail. History will remember a person of this type.

You cannot become an individual like the one I just described by following your old ways. Take off your inappropriate masks. Religion must take off its religious masks. Conscientious people must take off their conscientious masks. All the different religious signs must be taken down. You are coming to the Unification Church now, but I am looking forward to the day when I will take down the Unification Church sign. The reason the Unification Church sign has been put up is because of the existing relative conditions and because opponents have appeared with intentions to fight. Brothers and sisters, do you think the world of our minds needs a sign? The world of the heart does not need a sign either. Even if you remain still, you will come to this realization and take care of matters yourselves. This is the first standard that can bring a solution.

Brothers and sisters, how have you been leading your lives until now? Where do you stand today? You must remember that you are suffering within two worlds and that the only way for you to find delight is to follow the direction taken by

your mind and not the direction of your body.

When we look at today's world, we can give a grade of nearly a hundred points to the courses led by the body and external worldly conditions. Today's world is completely equipped with them. However, the courses led by the mind cover only a few percent. When we think of the world, Heaven cannot help wanting to bring judgment to it. What can we do about Heaven's sorrow? Knowing of this sorrow, we must look for and follow the course that brings delight to the mind.

That is why those people that believed in tao in the past persevered even though they were risking their necks. That you come to the Unification Church is not my wish; if your bodies, minds and hearts submit in front of the truth and the teachings spoken here, know that that is the end. What kind of being is God? He is the eternal owner of my body. He is the eternal owner of my heart. In the original world, no matter how much a couple might have loved each other, the husband would have loved God more than he loves his wife, and his wife would not resent that. It is supposed to be like that. In the same way, the wife would have loved God more than she did her husband, and the husband would not have complained about his wife loving God more than she loved him. A world that sees this behavior and likes it is the kingdom of heaven. God who is in a subjective position transcending any love or any worldly concerns is the eternal owner of my body. Dying would be nothing if I could just be within God's embrace and within his garden. What more is there to wish for other than to be with the eternal owner of one's mind



I never complained about or felt ashamed of the small or humble church building we were using. —As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen p. 135 (Father emerging through our Daegu church gate)



and heart?

What kind of place is the world your heart dreams of? It is not a world resulting from sensations coming through from something outside through our five senses. Our heart is dreaming of a world imbued with God's love, a world of compassion and emotion. It is a world of affection where one can feel God's love even through one tiny particle. Brothers and sisters, you must understand this. Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." One cannot feel the subjective, the archetypal, world of ideology with conventional sensitivity.

### Sublime happiness

We must be able to sing through our bodies. We must also sing through our minds; our heart must be able to sing songs of praise. To whom? To our owner. Who is the owner? God is our owner. God is our father. He is our father.

We are God's sons and daughters. Therefore, when we talk about God and say—Oh! What is there in the world that we could swap for God?—we must answer Nothing in the world can make us sever our connection to God.

The love that humans like, the ambition humans like and the wealth and honor humans like do not cause a problem at all. What greater happiness is there than having God as our father, the eternal owner whom the entire creation and all living beings want to serve? Women usually make a big fuss about becoming the wife of someone important. Big fusses are made out of something little. But now, God is my father. Nothing in heaven or on earth could be exchanged for this happiness. You must understand that Heaven is looking for sons and daughters that can be comforting at this stage asking, God, since you have followed the arduous path for six thousand years just to find me, how difficult has it been?

### You must be able to judge yourself

Heaven has moved our descendants thousands and tens of thousands of times for centuries in order to produce such a son. Yet, do you know how often a member of the human

race has betrayed Heaven? You must know that we are the ones that have betrayed our human minds and heavenly minds. Furthermore, we are the ones that have betrayed heavenly law and our Father's heart. We must repent of these sins.

What has hitherto been violating the heavenly laws? Our bodies have been doing so; therefore, they are sinful bodies. The enemy is not something that will appear in front of you. Your bodies are your enemies. You must suppress your bodies. You must be able to judge yourselves. That is why those people, following the path of tao, are walking in the reverse direction. Buddhist teachings also employ counteracting methods. They are emphasizing reversal, following a reverse course and looking for a counteracting ideology.

Where, up to this point, have you been risking your necks whenever you fought? Many among our members fight in the name of the Unification Church. However, you must be able to fight in your own name. While carrying the cross, Jesus saw women wailing and lamenting the loss of Jesus. Jesus told them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."<sup>3</sup>

The problems within me must be resolved. I am the problem. One must not curse or blame someone else. One must curse oneself. One must remove one's false self and receive Jesus, our friend of the original, innermost heart, as the father of our minds, our innermost hearts and our bodies and the father of the universe. Only by following this path can you avoid judgment in the Last Days.

In order to do this, you must find the condition of happiness that can make you forget about worldly aspects of life. To follow this path, you need the teachings that can lead your mind. You must clearly understand that whether something is true or false will be decided by whether you have the truth that can move hearts or not, or whether you have such a religion or not.

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3 Lk 23:28

## Prayer

Father! How hard have you worked? It took six thousand years only to find and establish one person. You prepared everything needed in a household to establish one family. Now, even the external environment of the world is developing into a garden that you can find delight in. Principles and opinions are also in a position where one must be chosen.

In the same way, we must bring the fight between the two to one conclusion within the world of our minds. Please enable us to defeat our enemies and hold the flag of victory in our march toward the world. Enable us to boast of becoming your sons and daughters on the day that Heaven's enemies receive judgment. I sincerely pray that your grace deeply penetrates the hearts of all your children that have come here today.

Until now, our enemies have used us. Please enable us to eradicate that past, where we could not fight for the original ideal that our minds find delight in and for the original world and for the original owner. Father, I sincerely hope and pray that you let your children, from this time on, rush toward the heavenly mind.

Father, I know that the world will surely mature as a world based on one ideology. Please enable us to realize that the kingdom of heaven and the ideal garden is the place where your heart and our hearts become one and sing together. Please enable families that can sing of your heart to appear all over the world.

Please enable us to be more intoxicated by our love for you than by our love for our parents. Let us be more intoxicated by your love than by our love for our children. Enable us to sing of this love, to delight in this love and to feel happiness in this love. That this environment forms is your will and our hope. Please enable us to realize that will and hope. Please enable us to realize an everyday life environment in which you can be happy and we can be happy, before our lives end. I sincerely pray that you let us realize this from this moment on.

Please enable us to pursue and run toward that place that moves our minds and hearts, whether it is through all our connections or through the word, whether it is through people, or even any material thing; enable us to become sons and daughters that realize that we must pursue and run toward that place instead. Father, I thank you again for always being with us. I pray all of this in the Lord's name. Amen. **TW**





## *Words of Life from True Mother*

*True Mother spoke a number of times in Hawaii. She asked through Rev. Kim Ki-hoon that all she said there be included in this magazine. We are pleased to comply with this. Design considerations and the various lengths of her speeches resulted in our not placing the material in chronological order. We ask for your consideration, but feel that all Mother says has a timeless, eternal equality and relevance to our lives and families.*

*Thirty-Day Grandchildren's Workshop Completion Ceremony,  
6.5 on the heavenly calendar (July 12)*

You must consider yourselves fortunate grandchildren today because you have met True Parents, whom Heaven and humanity have waited for. How should you introduce True Parents from now on whenever you meet people in different places? Our Heavenly Parent's wish after the Creation was to become a parent. The Fall, however, caused God to become a sorrowful Heavenly Parent. Yet, Heaven continued to conduct the providence of salvation and found and anointed central figures whenever necessary. Heaven raised the Israelites based on the ideology of the chosen people. The Messiah, however, could not find a nation because of human disbelief. Heaven kept its promise, while humanity did not. As a result, Heaven has had to carry out a difficult providential history through Christianity for the past two thousand years. The preparation process for the Messiah was extremely difficult. Whenever a central figure failed to fulfill his or her responsibility, Heaven did



not work through that central figure any more. A providential indemnity course is not at all easy. Christianity was supposed to fulfill its responsibility and welcome the returning Lord. Yet, Christianity failed to do so. Before your grandparents are your True Parents, they are humanity's True Parents as you have understood through this thirty-day workshop on the Divine Principle and True Parents' life courses. True Parents' courses were difficult indemnity courses. The country where True Parents were born must become our Heavenly Parent's homeland. You are historic figures because you can attend True Parents. You are in a position that everyone will envy. You have understood and testified about how precious your grandparents are. Therefore, you must always live with grateful hearts, prepare

for every single day in excitement and conduct your lives in that manner. You must learn much more in the future. Until now, leaders have emphasized the creation of the environment to members. We must create an environment with our Heavenly Parent at the center. You must partake in its creation. In order to demonstrate to you the creation of an environment, I brought you here to participate in the thirty-day workshop. You must attend True Parents as your absolute center and aim high for the future. Next year, many Seonghwa Students will join you in a two-week educational workshop for the creation of the environment in order to spread this environment. I would like to applaud your efforts throughout the workshop once again. **9TW**



*Mother said the following on 5.27 by the heavenly calendar (July 5) at a breakfast meeting, at which three second-generation True Family members, Yeon-ah nim, Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim participated:*

**M**eeting True Parents is the purpose of our lives and the ideal of the blessing. When I invited peace ambassadors and leaders of WFWP to Cheon Jeong Gung recently, I told them that life was valueless and without hope if they do not know True Parents. Those who came for the first time were particularly moved when I explained that God was a lonely and piteous being.

Even the Divine Principle mentions meeting True Parents, the Messiah, as our hope. We have also followed this path

of faith. Have those in the first and second generations led a life of gratitude toward True Parents? There must be no complaints or grumbling on our path. The reality of both the second generation and the first generation deeply concerns me as I see a lack of the most basic element of faith—a heart of gratitude toward everything. Just as is mentioned in the Bible and the Divine Principle, being grateful to Heaven first is the standard a common person of faith holds. However, we have unconsciously strayed into a self-centered life of faith. Heaven had to undergo so many trials for four thousand years in order to educate the Israelites, establish the foundation needed in forming a nation where God could dwell and send the Messiah in their midst; yet, when the Israelites came to meet the Messiah in reality, they could not fulfill their responsibility. Indemnity is fearful and painful. We must ensure that our



descendants do not undergo any indemnity by fulfilling our missions. We must be able to feel the sorrowful history that our Heavenly Parent had to undergo. Many saints have come and gone; yet, only True Parents revealed Heaven's sorrowful heart. We also understand the term "liberation of our Heavenly Parent" because we are aware of this providential history.

Foundation Day is the start of Cheon Il Guk. Since Korea is our Heavenly Parent's homeland, all nations and peoples must come to Korea and enthusiastically cooperate in order to make Korea into God's homeland substantially.

What is the present stance of the United States? Is it in a position where it helps others or in a position where it receives help? What can we do to bring about victory in the providence? What is the stance of second-generation members?

True Father should not be seen as only the Messiah but in the context of the victorious True Parents. All people and organizations must testify about True Parents. This is a precious blessing and a shortcut in accomplishing the ideal of a true family. You must testify about True Parents while you are still alive.

I have begun a new page in history through *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Pyeonghwa Gyeong* and *Changpung Gyeong*. The rule of the thumb method no longer works today. You must not think of our church as an umbrella organization. You must clearly testify about True Parents. Though you have attended True Parents, you have not truly known them and this has caused serious problems. The biggest cause of the difference of heart between first- and second-generation members lies in the parents not being able to create the right environment for them. Though the True Children and you are still imperfect, I will work at setting matters right. Heaven has conducted the providence where the Cain world must be loved before Abel; as a result, True Parents had to leave the True Children in the care of our elder families and take the lead in advancing the heavenly providence. From such a standpoint, we can say that the True Children grew up in more pitiful circumstances than you did. Second-generation members grew up with their parents, while the True Children were always neglected. An environment could not be created. Blessed families should have protected and educated the True Children. True Parents could not love the True Children in the same way they loved Cain.

I will work toward firmly establishing Heaven's and True Parents' tradition in accordance with the Principle. In following that tradition I will love the second-generation members more than I love the True Children. I will erect the Cain children who will then educate the Abel children.

Though we say we understand the Principle, we have lived until now, ironically, without properly understanding the Principle. How do we understand the providential history of restoration through indemnity? Heaven's providential history of restoration established the Israelites as the first Israel and Christianity as the second Israel. Please deeply consider what kind of foundation would have been formed if they had met the Returning Lord, handed over all these foundations to him and attended him.

Heaven had prepared for Foundation Day for a long time. As we know, God did not work again through central figures that did not fulfill their responsibilities. We must help second-generation members and ensure that we are all victorious. We must cooperate through all possible means.

The first Israel and second Israel must cooperate with Korea, the third Israel and ensure that it is restored at all costs. Vision 2020 is our goal to find and establish True Parents' royal authority in Korea. Providential first- and second-generation members must march together to find our Heav-

enly Parent's homeland. The three providential nations, Korea, the United States and Japan, must change by investing their maximum effort and by living up to their faith at the risk of their lives at this point. Substantial changes must be visible to a certain extent within three years. Only by achieving this, can hope exist.

Kwon-jin was assigned as the person in charge of education in Las Vegas and has been conducting activities in my place, trying to yield results in the last place that Father laid a foundation. I am trying to help him stand as a son of True Parents by making him start from the very bottom and witness through the Principle and Father's teachings. Since True Parents cannot visit all 190 nations, we considered Las Vegas, where people from around the globe come, to be the best place to serve as the center for education.

At this point, you must advance with big responsibilities. Do not worry about the gap between first- and second-generation members. If the leaders that have been set up create the right environment, all of our concerns will disappear. When we look at Moses' and Abraham's courses, we understand how central figures create the right environment. We are the problem. Those in charge are the problem. The United States is like a desert. Leaders must carry out the mission of finding and feeding on grasshoppers and wild honey. In the early days of the providence in the United States, True Parents actively conducted a university-based movement. We must revive this movement.

We must save the seven billion people; however, since we cannot do it through our own efforts alone, we must look for talented people who can join us through a movement based on university campuses. Don't talented people around the world come to study in universities in the United States? Why aren't you making use of that environment? Bringing about a revival of activities on university campuses is an important mission for us. Therefore, we must push it forward. Second-generation leaders must find all second-generation members and families that are resting and educate and love them so that they fulfill their responsibilities centered on True Parents. We must all go together. Please guide them in true love. When we go to the spiritual world, we must be able to all breathe under the same heaven.

Only when we attend True Parents on earth, can humanity become one big family. Our lineage does not refer to the seeds in the fields, but refers to the precious children of a providence that is based on true love. Our mission is to gather everyone and move forward together. Let us all set up indemnity conditions through donations and voluntary activities in churches and go forward together. As people born through the blessing by True Parents, let us not fall but advance together. Education based on true love is important.

From now on, high school students, middle school students and elementary school students who desire to become future church leaders will receive education yearly with the True Children and True Grandchildren here in Kona, Hawaii, a good geographical location and the center of the Pacific Rim providence. Ten students each from Korea, Japan, and the United States and ten students from another continent will be selected to join this yearly two- or three-week workshop with the True Children and True Grandchildren.

Let us all become proud people of Cheon Il Guk. We must treat members with the heart of a parent and the heart of living for the sake of others. May the United States, which was at the center of True Parents' providential history for forty years, carry on the providence by becoming its center. **TW**





*After delivering this message to Japanese leaders at hoondokhae on 5.15 by the heavenly calendar (June 23), True Mother presented everyone with coffee harvested from the Hawaiian Queen Coffee farm.*

**W**elcome. This place is a very important providential center in Father's providential history, and a center connecting the east, west, south and north within the Pacific Rim providence. Before I start explaining this point, you need to understand that God's providence of salvation after the Fall was painful. It was a difficult historical time. According to the principles by which God conducted the Creation... Seeing humankind multiply in great numbers caused God infinite sorrow and pain.

Under those circumstances, God still chose a lonely person, set up a people and opened a way to save a nation and the world through the four-thousand-year history of the providence of salvation. Then he sent one person in charge of completing the work. However, what did the Israelites do? They could not follow him. The person that was supposed to become the center within God's providential history ended up going to the spiritual world without being able to complete what he had come for; hence, he had no alternative but to say that he was going to return.

The Israelites, however, were unaware and a tremendous indemnity came to their descendants. The act was an enormous sin among sins; yet, Jewish people were not aware of this. Their future could not be easy as a result. Presently, the total number of Jews equals only two percent of the number of

Christians. They are still unaware that their being the chosen people and the center of the providence has all come to an end. When Jesus said he was coming back, he meant that he was coming back through the foundation of Christianity. Two thousand years of providential history has passed; hence, it is now time for it to be revealed. It is time for it to be revealed. That is why Father conducted the providence, focusing on making Korea God's homeland for twelve years in the 2000s.

One must not lightly think that it will simply happen because Father said so. Because Father spoke about this, the people that are on earth, must successfully realize it at all costs. You must achieve it. You have the responsibility.

It was during the era of the Roman Empire that historically human civilization was prepared to receive the Messiah, wasn't it? If Jesus had used the Roman Empire's foundation and had appeared as humankind's parent or as the Messiah, it would have been easy to expand to a global level through the Roman territory. The history of human civilization passed through the Italian peninsula, the continent, and then an island nation; it then passed through a continent again, an island nation and finally entered a peninsula.

Hence, a path to go onto the world through the Italian peninsula opened. There's a saying that says the sun never sets on the British Empire, which was centered on an island. Right? Britain also began a path heading toward the world.

We were supposed to attend the Heavenly Parent and finish what our ancestors hadn't concluded. However, this is not possible through the power of man alone. Even though man had been shown several times that the salvation, happiness





or peace of humanity cannot come true through the power of man alone, man has not been able to understand this.

Christianity conquered the world through an island nation's civilization. However, when Christianity became corrupt, Puritans started emigrating to a new region, the Americas.

After the course returned to a continent again, America could rise to the central position through WWI and WWII. When this happened, the victorious nations helped the defeated nations for the sake of world peace. A good example is how the United States helped Japan. Instead of asking for compensation from the defeated country, the victorious country helped it instead.

In other words, because the time has come for the parents to come, all countries have become brothers and sisters. Now, as restored siblings, we must attend True Parents. True Parents must be revealed and attended. Do you understand what this means? We feel both grateful and ashamed for being in a position where we can actually fulfill this responsibility. Is this a joy or a misfortune?

If you can become ancestors who are able to accomplish joyful and grateful acts, complete everything within your generation, and enable your descendants to live in a peaceful, happy world; this is, to live in Cheon Il Guk, how honorable would that be?

What is there for you to lose from the standpoint of the individual at this precise time? Is there anything you want to hide from Heaven? It is the same with children. Children want to boast about what they consider the most valuable in front of their parents. Six of my grandchildren came here. One day, they visited a coffee farm and roasted some coffee. The next day, they attached their photographs to the coffee they each had roasted and brought it to me saying, "Grandma, please have this."

The children's hearts must become your hearts. When you have done something you want to boast about, or consider a miraculous deed, you do not want to keep it to yourself. You boast about it to your parents. You want to present it to them. With such a heart, you must be able to return everything to heaven without making any adjustments within your lives. That's the difference between you, who live in this era, and future generations. You are also different from those who lived before you.

I do not really know how deeply you have realized the preciousness of the position you are in. You must be grateful to your ancestors for your emergence at just the right time and age and for enabling you to live a life in attendance of True

Parents. In addition, if you were leaders, the days during which you worked with True Parents will become unforgettable memories and a source of pride. Isn't that correct?

You all have many varied good aspects; yet, you must not keep them to yourselves. We are born because of our parents, and when we die, we go back to our parents. Hence, you must not hide your good traits as a result of looking at them individually.

In the 1990s, the state of affairs relating to the unification of Korea was quite serious. True Father, who was conducting an anti-communist movement and a unification movement, met North Korea's Kim Il-sung for the sake of the unification of the homeland. He also met the USSR's Mikhail Gorbachev. He did that at the risk of his life. He was the central figure in all respects and the central person had to resolve those circumstances.

From now on, you must not limit yourselves to just knowing. Father invested in all these areas for you and for the salvation of humanity. Hence, if you put Heaven in a disadvantageous position, you will face difficulties in the end.

You must know this. That is why the Pacific Rim era began based on Hawaii. Regarding Hawaii, we find that it is located right in the middle between the East and West, between Asia and the United States.

That is why I plan to conduct education for second-generation members here. In the Pacific Rim era, Japan must become the center and embrace Asia and the world. Japan must educate the world.

When a strong person nurtures determination, the determination to become something, desiring to become the best in a field, that person is likely to achieve it.

Even when it comes to trivial issues, people in the world invest so much effort into them day and night. Can we let ourselves perform less well than they have?

Neither heaven nor earth can change. However, you are not just yourselves. Therefore, Japanese people must set some indemnity conditions. That is why you must liberate your ancestors and forefathers.

After you liberate your ancestors, we must make an environment free from all indemnity and witness with all our might. You must witness with maximum effort and at the risk of your lives. That is why I have made *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeonghwa Gyeong* which is like the essence.

Do not forget this. Have grateful hearts! Please become people that invest effort day and night with the determination to help people, even if it is one single person, learn more about True Parents. You must live a life of practice. Do you understand? Will you do that?

When your hearts are down, please watch the Foundation Day video and recharge yourselves. You must be able to produce descendants that are more talented than you and more capable in all aspects before your lives on earth come to an end.

This path is the only way to repay some of your debts to True Parents. Isn't that right? How can we beautifully pass down this tradition for eternity? Everything depends on you. We cannot allow any unnecessary twig in our culture. It must have no shadow. It must be transparent. You must become citizens of that type in Cheon Il Guk. Do you understand?

The kingdom of God on earth and in heaven is still a dream. However, we are in a position where we can realize it. This is how precious each one of you is; it indicates how much effort you must invest. You must live up to your faith. Do you understand? **TW**



**Day 15, 5.20 on the heavenly calendar (June 28) Kona, Hawaii**

Now that the first anniversary of Father's ascension is getting closer, you must become first- and second-generation members that prepare for the future more urgently than at any other time. If you do not prepare, your lives will become more difficult. Until now, many second-generation members have been more preoccupied with how they should live instead of how they should lead a life based on the church. It is time to educate second-generation members that can think of the future of our church and take charge of a new future. During Father's time, Father took all the responsibility. The generation that had a direct relationship with Father is now in their sixties, seventies and eighties. The gap between them and young second-generation members is too wide.

I must put everything into order and establish the tradition. During the past ten months, Father's sermons, which are the guidelines for our lives, were compiled. It was prepared in the same way an unpolished stone is trimmed into a radiant gem. All the sermons and speeches Father gave after 2000 have been organized; *Cheon Seong Gyeong* has been readied and published with *Pyeonghwa Gyeong*. *Champungo Gyeong* will be ready sometime this year.

I founded the Universal Peace Academy, being aware of the pressing need to foster middle-level leaders in their thirties, forties and fifties. Thorough preparations are necessary in everything. We must be able to settle down more as each year passes. The United States must also quickly work on fostering second-generation members that are revived and filled with youthful spirit, so that they become young leaders representative of the future. We need young second-generation members as future leaders that are dedicated and invest effort with clear goals based on God's will. True Parents conducted the providence in the United States for thirty-four years not only for the U.S. but also for the global providence. Hence, America

must take the lead and cooperate to bring salvation to nations around the world. Leaders, however, could not understand Father's intentions and put True Parents in positions where they had to overcome many adversities and face many critical moments. The United States must become a country that you can boast of in front of the world. The eldest son must embrace younger brothers. Father started this important providence at the age of forty. You must be grateful, become a hundred percent united with True Parents and be united with God's will. Leaders must treat members like their own children; only by doing so can the members become interested. You must be able to teach the tradition of living for others' sake, living for the world, to your children and grandchildren. I hope to see swift action by our American members. In the future, speaking Korean will become compulsory for leaders. Also, members' competency in using the internet must quickly improve.

**Mother asked that the following be emphasized:**

First generation members have taken the lead until now, even at the risk of having to sacrifice themselves, with True Father at their center. In the same way, second-generation members must become one with True Mother, completely invest themselves at the front line of the providence, become victorious and stand strong in glory. First-generation members must provide second-generation members with their wholehearted support, so that we all become victors in front of Heaven. First-generation members must lead. We can only go forward.

We are now the leading people in this Cheon Il Guk age, with True Parents at the center for the first time in history. If first- and second-generation members unite and lead lives of gratitude toward Heaven and True Parents at all times, the environment can also be put in order. Second-generation members' responsibility is important. I am planning to select Seonghwa Students from each of our church regions to join the True grandchildren in workshops starting from next year. **TW**

**Day 5, 5.10 on the heavenly calendar (June 18) Kona, Hawaii**

I will send high school graduates to Korea and educate them. Korea saw recent rapid development through the blessings from Heaven and True Parents. Koreans must understand this heavenly providence. They must realize the heavenly truth and be grateful. The Israelites followed an arduous course after Jesus' crucifixion, but they did not understand the reason. If Korea does not accomplish its responsibility, Korea will face difficulties. Heaven has given us everything. We must cultivate it well. We must fulfill all responsibilities assigned to us with a heart of gratitude and return honor and nobility to Heaven and True Parents. As people who live every single day in the same era as True Parents, we must clearly realize who we are and move ahead. We must be grateful to True Parents for making us true sons and daughters. Please fulfill your responsibilities. The reason Jews could preserve their tradition and maintain their identity until now lies in their family education system. After the crucifixion, the Israelites were unaware of indemnity. For one world to be achieved, languages must first be unified; therefore, all blessed families and second-gener-



ation members must thoroughly learn Korean. That is why I am planning a program to select second-generation members (high school graduates) that will be eligible for full scholarships to Sun Moon University after passing certain exams. I instructed Rev. Kim Ki-hoon to conduct a national lecture tour in Korea to educate members." **TW**



# The First Hawaiian Workshop for True Parents' Grandchildren

**By Cho Seong-tae**

*In December last year, True Mother assigned Mr. Cho as the principal of the Universal Seonghwa Sunday School, which she wishes to make a model organization in educating the True Grandchildren and members of our second generation. In this capacity, he led the workshop in Hawaii.*

**A**s True Mother had instructed, a thirty-day workshop for the third-generation of the True Family, True Parents' grandchildren, was conducted at Hawaii King Garden from 5.6 to 6.6 by the heavenly calendar (June 14–July 13).

The December 7, 1941 air raid on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, automatically provoked the United States to enter World War II. From this standpoint, the liberation of Korea, God's homeland, can be said to have its roots in Hawaii. Hawaii is also the historic place where Father offered conditions to embrace Kim Il-sung, which he did on December 6, 1991 with true love transcending even life. Hawaii is a place where the great spirit of true love is alive. Recalling this, we recognized True Parents' deep motivation for choosing Hawaii as the workshop venue. We conducted the workshop under the title, 2013 True Parents Aloha<sup>1</sup> Reunion. The workshop theme was Let us plant the seeds of gratitude and love.

The grandchildren that participated and completed the special workshop in Hawaii were Hyung-jin nim and Lee Yeon-ah nim's son Shin-joon nim, who is presently staying at Cheon Jeong Gung, and their son Shin-deuk nim and daughter Shin-goong nim, who live in the United States and joined the workshop as it entered its final stage; Hyo-jin nim and Choi Yeon-ah nim's sons Shin-chul nim, Shin-heung nim and Shin-jin nim and their daughter Shin-yuh nim, who are presently staying at the Hannam-dong residence; and Heung-jin nim and Hoon-sook nim's daughter Shin-whul nim. True Mother hoped that her grandchildren, who had started their school vacations, would inherit True Parents' heart through the lectures on Divine Principle and True Parents' life courses and naturally come to feel the heart of our Heavenly Parent at the time of the Creation when they interacted with nature in Hawaii. She also hoped that her grandchildren would be able to have great memories of being together through special activities.

<sup>1</sup> "Aloha" is from the Hawaiian language and is mainly used as a greeting or valediction. It is often added to phrases to express hospitality.





The workshop was prepared with heart-moving and interesting material in accordance with True Mother's instructions. The main programs included hoondokhae, the lectures on Divine Principle and True Parents' life courses, yoga, singing True Parents' favorite songs, doing their personal schoolwork, experiencing Hawaii and other activities.

Workshop staff members came from the three major providential countries, Korea, Japan and the United States. Our working together held special significance.

The day's schedule began at 6:30 AM. Mornings began with the grandchildren taking turns reading As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen for hoondokhae and then greeting True Mother. Mornings also included Divine Principle lectures, lectures on True Parents' life courses, yoga practice led by Sun-jin nim, learning True Parents' favorite songs in order to help the grandchildren experience Korean sentiments, and then individual time to do some of their schoolwork.

Afternoons included experiencing Hawaii and special activities. True Mother usually accompanied the grandchildren herself in true love when experiencing many beautiful places in Hawaii. Hawaii's marvelous natural environment moved the hearts of participants and staff members all throughout the workshop.

Special activities usually included art activities, such as drawing, taking photographs, ukulele lessons; sports and hobby activities, such as yoga, table tennis, swimming, fishing and snorkeling; agricultural activities such as harvesting coffee beans, planting plants tours and fun activities, such as swimming at the beach, touring a sea horse farm, horseback riding, seeing a movie, traveling around Hawaii, etc. In the evenings, the grandchildren say good night to True Mother, write a diary entry, read it in front of the other children and conclude their

day.

Midway through the workshop, the grandchildren presented the songs they had learned in Hawaii. These moved everyone including True Mother.

Taking into consideration various flight itineraries, the completion ceremony was conducted on 6.5 by the heavenly calendar at 5 p.m. True Mother asked the grandchildren that they become proud grandchildren who resemble True Parents. All the grandchildren without exception testified that they learned and realized how difficult a course True Parents had to follow. They are determined to become devoted grandchildren resembling True Parents and they expressed their gratitude to True Mother for hosting this workshop. Moon Shin-chul nim led everyone in three cheers of *eok-mansei* to conclude the completion ceremony.

True Mother has instructed that we hold a similar workshop next summer in Hawaii that will include her grandchildren and students ranging from their third year of middle school to those in their first year of high school.<sup>2</sup> True Mother said that ten students each be selected from Korea, Japan, Europe and the United States. These forty students are to participate in the scheduled fourteen-day workshop.

True Mother, in the capacity of our True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, who have reached complete unity with our Heavenly Parent, directly addressed, educated and nurtured her grandchildren, the True Family's third generation with true love on the beautiful island of Hawaii, a place that felt like the Garden of Eden, with no relationship whatsoever to the Fall. The workshop felt as though it took place in the original Garden of Eden.

2 This is according to the Korean school system and means children who are fifteen or sixteen years old.







## Songs that the True Grandchildren Learned

Children's Songs	Folk Songs	Church Songs	True Parents' Favorite Songs
Half Moon 반달	Spring Girl 봄처녀	This is my Father's World 참 아름다와라	Seoul Song 서울의 찬가
Lighthouse Keeper 등대지기	Swing 그네	Children of God 하나님의 자녀	I Love You 사랑해 당신을
Baby on an Island 섬집아이	The Song of April 사월의 노래	Created to Receive Love 당신은 사랑받기 위해 태어난 사람	Prairie Crocus 활미꽃
Spring in my Hometown 고향의 봄	To the Country of Hope 희망의 나라로	My Parents, I Love You 사랑합니다, 나의 부모님	What is Happiness? <i>Shinonette Nomdarou</i> (Japanese)
Thoughts of my Older Brother 오빠 생각	One Wonderful October Day 시월 어느 멋진 날에	For Another Fruit 또 하나의 열매를 바라시며	When You and I Were Young 애기의 추억
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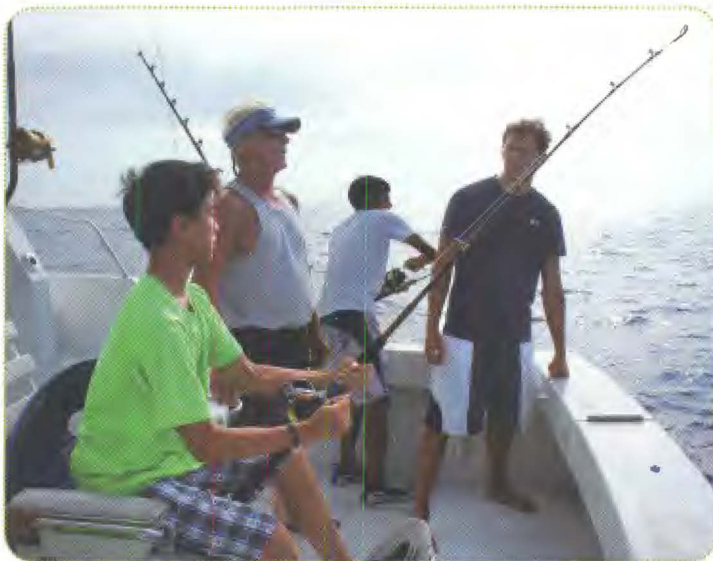
























## Reflections by True Parents' Grandchildren

1. I learned the arduous suffering the Messiah and central figures had to undergo. I liked sports the best from the special programs. I will become a better nicer child in the future.
2. I could understand the difficult course grandpa and grandma went through and how much they suffered in their efforts to achieve world peace. I came to understand how to gain peace through the yoga classes. I will become a person who helps others in the future.
3. I learned how king father and king mother conveyed their teachings and the Divine Principle, and how they had to greatly sacrifice. I liked and enjoyed the special experiential programs in Hawaii. I was deeply grateful and sorry to all those on the staff who worked hard in the workshop in the background. I wanted to apologize to them because I felt it was something we ourselves had to do. I made the determination to resemble king father and king mother even more and treat those near me with a heart of gratitude.
4. I was moved but also saddened while I listened to the lectures. I learned that I should live for the sake of others, and never give up until the end when I challenge myself to something no matter what kind of difficulties I may face in the middle. It was great spending time with my cousins in Hawaii. I loved harvesting the coffee beans and learning True Parents' favorite songs. I am determined to become a good person and be generous to others as a result of this workshop.
5. I was moved the most when I learned how king father and king mother established the church despite all the pain they received. The special experiential activities in Hawaii were interesting. I will become a good child in the future.



# The Righteous are as Bold as a Lion

## Part I



*Mrs. Kang Sun-ae was born in Seoul in 1915. She graduated from Ehwa College in 1937. She lived during a time when the role and value of women was changing in Korea. From girlhood, the issue of connubial love runs through her testimony like a red thread. She had married and had children when she joined our church without her husband in 1958. Thus, she represents one type among our early church pioneers. (The title is from Proverbs 28.1.)*

I started worrying about problems in life and my future around the time of my graduation from the girl's high school I attended. From a young age, I lived under the shadow of my father's double life and of my mother's behavior. She dedicated everything including her time and love to caring for her parents-in-law and brothers-in-law. Seeing my mother persevering through so much without saying a single word made me deeply realize how pathetic her life was. Living in an era filled with questions about life, I worried because of my being a girl.

On the days that I walked back home in the same direction as my three closest friends, who lived in the same family environment as I did, we would say to each other, "Let us all go to Mt. Kumgang and become Buddhist nuns. Why marry if we are not going to receive love from our husbands?" as we sighed, pitying ourselves. As graduation day came closer, I made up my mind to study hard and live a celibate life, dedicating myself to learning.

After graduating from the girl's high school, I hoped to study in Japan but could not do so because my father became ill. I ended up going to Ehwa College instead. I first applied to the English Department, but my former teachers advised me against it saying that I would do better in the Department of Education because I was a girl. Some said there was no need to study English because war is coming between Japan and the United States.<sup>1</sup> Influenced by that, I decided to change my major to the Department of Kindergarten Teachers' Training two days before school started.

I started feeling closer to God as I prayed every morning during chapel. As a result, I preferred sitting on the grass, looking at the sky and whispering to God instead of hanging around with friends. As time passed, I completely immersed myself in this mystique and developed a close relationship with the missionaries.<sup>2</sup> I regarded the efforts of the missionaries as noble as they transcended national barriers and sacrificed themselves to serve others. I felt myself being unconsciously attracted to them. Though I did not know a single verse of the Bible, teacher Pak Maria (the wife of Mr. Lee Ki-bong<sup>3</sup>) separately taught me and two other students the Bible. Among the things I learned, I remember the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 and hoped to live according to it.

This happened one night after graduation as I worried about finding a job: The skies were pitch dark and the North Star alone was shining. I saw a truly beautiful angel, wearing a white crown and fluttering white clothes, flying toward me. She said in my ear, "Do not worry," and then disappeared after leaving her verbal message. In those days, there were not many kindergartens, so finding a vacant position was difficult. However, God already knew about my concerns and sent his angel to let me know everything was going to be okay. This experience enabled me to realize that God exists, that he is omnipresent, loves mankind and is concerned about us. I also realized that angels are beautiful and are God's secret envoys.

I set celibate life and charity as my life mottoes and after being appointed to a kindergarten in North Hamgyong Province, I set out for Seoho. I thought that now was the start of my actual life, a time when I could practice what I had learned, and a time to practice my education as desired by Heaven. With this in mind, I washed the children's faces, clipped their nails and cut their hair. I taught them songs, dances and fairy tales, and how to fold colored paper. I played and danced with them as though I were a child myself and

1 This was during a time when Korea had been annexed as a part of Japan.

2 Mary Scranton, a missionary, founded the school as Ehwa Haktang in 1886.

3 Later, he was South Korean President Rhee Syngman's personal secretary





**It is a matter of utmost importance for me that I can lead the people who hear my words onto the path of life. —As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, p. 139**

could realize what the verse, “unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” meant. This realization added much joy to my life.

Soon after, I was instructed to take a new post at Ehwa Kindergarten. When I arrived at Ehwa Garden, I felt as though I were going back into my mother’s embrace; it was heart-warming indeed. However, I had to take extra care of the children since they all had come from the wealthiest and best-known families in Seoul.

Every single day was the continuation of a happy life. At the young age of twenty-two, I had gained so much weight that my students’ mothers would even say that I looked like a magnolia that had just bloomed.<sup>4</sup> Heaven, however, gave me an ordeal and I had to be hospitalized with dermatitis at the age of twenty-three. While being treated, an injection I received caused infiltration of bacteria and I had to undergo two operations. I groaned on my hospital bed for six months.

While in the hospital, I underwent a positive change of mind toward marriage. After my discharge from the hospital, I married a man suggested by a couple I was close to. However, marriage life was not as smooth as I had idealistically expected. Marrying into a family running a first-class business, money became the enemy. The discord between my brothers-in-law and my husband’s promiscuous life tortured me. After the birth of my first son, I tried hard to persevere and bring **harmony within the family; however, my mind could not relax and I ended up feeling an even stronger attachment to my life**

<sup>4</sup> This was an indirect way of criticizing her.

of faith.

When my son turned one, we could get our own place away from my parents-in-law, where we tried to have an ideal family life. It was during this time that the Great East Asia War<sup>5</sup> arose. Thankfully, we did not face any troubles eating or clothing ourselves because we were materially prepared, but all kinds of other ordeals came to us after that.

### **Recovery after entering the church**

At the age of forty-three, I suffered from a serious illness and was bedridden as a result. This just aggravated my pain and sorrow. While I was lying sick in bed, Kang Jeong-won’s mother and aunt came to visit our foster daughter-in-law<sup>6</sup> and saw me. They seemed concerned after seeing me but on the other hand seemed happy. Jeong-won’s aunt, Hwi-bong, used to be physically very weak too, but she now looked healthy and her face glowed. When they were about to leave, thoughts surged into my mind: I wish they could pray for me, and I should go to the Unification Church tomorrow. Hence, I sent someone to them asking them to take me with them to the Unification Church the next day. The next day, I woke up with a lighter heart in the morning and washed my face. After this, Hwi-

<sup>5</sup> This is World War II from the Japanese perspective (1931–1945) beginning with their invasion of Manchuria and attempt to conquer China. Faced with ABCD (America, Britain, China, Dutch) encirclement and near complete denial of supplies, Japan broadened its war to include the United States in 1941.

<sup>6</sup> Perhaps married to someone that Mrs. Kang treated as though he were a foster son



bong arrived and together with the foster daughter-in-law, we got ready, took a taxi and headed for Cheongpa-dong. Once we went through the gate, I saw some of my Ehwa College alumni. The beaming images of Lee So-dam and Choi Won-bok were quite beautiful.

I went up to the second floor, sat near a heater and started listening attentively to Rev. Eu Hyo-won's lecture. As I listened, I completely forgot that I was sick and started experiencing miracles. It was as though pure water were scrubbing, washing, my head. My entire body felt as though it were being cleaned in the process. My body was so light; it felt as though I were riding a cloud. As my body cried in joy, I reached a certain dimension where I experienced a saying by Confucius "If one achieves body-mind unity in the morning, one would have no regrets at all about dying, even the same evening."

After the lecture, I met Father. As soon as he saw me, he asked, "You have talents in liberal arts. What department did you major in?" I replied, "I graduated from the childcare department." Though it was the first time I had met Father, he looked familiar to me and seemed to be a man of integrity.

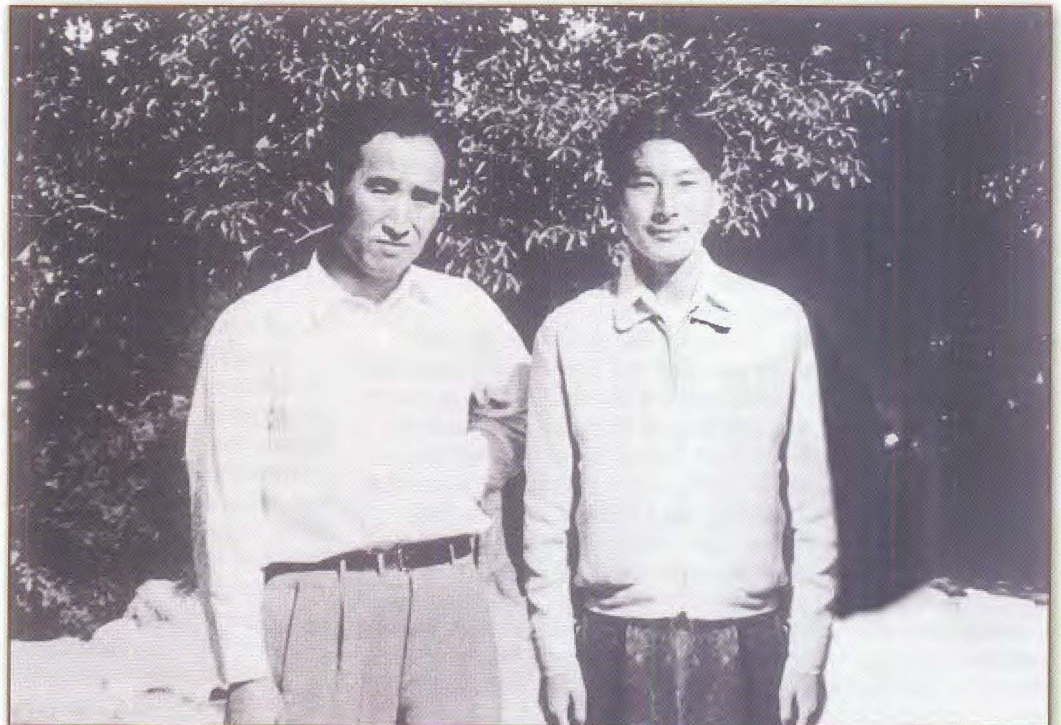
I went back home with a completely recovered body. My entire family was surprised. The next day, I went back to listen to the second half of the lecture. That was on January 29, 1957, the day of my resurrection. The lecture was about the start of history, its process and development. I realized that it is God who started history and God who has led history. I understood that history ran in accordance with a certain formula. This understanding resolved the questions I had about life and about history. My insecurities, fears and concerns disappeared, and joy completely filled me; I felt as though I were flying on a cloud.

On the fourth day, I unconsciously felt resurrected through Rev. Eu Hyo-won's lectures and made a donation to show my gratitude. Later, I went to meet Yun Bodhisattva<sup>7</sup> under Hwi-bong's guidance. Upon seeing me, Yun Bodhisattva said, "You listened to the Unification Principle through teacher Eu. You were able to join the Unification Church because your ancestor, who lived five generations ago, was a good person. You will not suffer even in the Unification Church and will only ride in cars." He told me that I would go witnessing in the southern part of South Korea first. I was quite surprised to find King Moon and teachers who had Eu and Ahn as their surnames mentioned within the Buddhist scriptures that Yun Bodhisattva was holding. I had lived in this world until the age of forty-three for my own happiness; however, I was determined to dedicate the rest of my life to Heaven and for God's will and to live my life in accordance with the church's instructions. I began dreaming of Father every day. In the dreams,

golden light always radiated around Father. He wore a golden crown and white clothes. In other dreams, I thought God had appeared to me, until I realized it was Father. Thus, I could not doubt Father at all.

### Father's messianic mission

Two months after I joined the church, a member told me that Father is the returning Lord. I prayed about it until late at night over two days. The following day, I dreamt of Father standing in front of a podium in the National Assembly Building with a man of small stature standing next to him. I sat in one of the parliamentarian's seats and noticed that the wife of a former Minister of Justice and Kim Won-gyu, the wife of a former superintendent of schools, were sitting in a more inconvenient position than I. Then the small person standing next to Father pointed to Father and emphasized, "This man is the tree of life. This man, here, is the tree of life." Since we were looking for the tree of life, we could not doubt it at all.



**Missionaries working in such extreme circumstances often received revelations through dreams and visions. —As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, p. 165 (Father with the missionary to Japan that he sent Mrs. Kang to assist, Rev. Choi Bong-chun)**

One day, everyone had decided to go to Mt. Inwang during a particular event; however, I was a bit late and since I did not know the way, I ended up taking a nap at the headquarters church. I was quite surprised late that evening when Father came back and said, "You took a nap in the church." Since there was no way Father could have seen me taking a nap with his physical eyes, I concluded that he could only have seen me with spiritual vision. At times, I would be taken aback when Father would show that he already knew what I had dreamt of on particular days by asking me questions about my dreams.

Once during Sunday service, Father was giving a sermon titled "God's deep heart," and I somehow came to feel God's painful, sorrowful heart. I felt this surprising tug or sensation as though electricity had gone through my spinal nerves. I started sobbing. I felt so hot and warm as though my heart were on fire. In those days, people used to say that they experi-

<sup>7</sup> Apparently, he was a Buddhist fortune-teller that our members favored in those days.



enced some kind of “electricity,” “fire” and many other things that I did not truly understand until I experienced them myself. I realized that miraculous things happen when one becomes united in heart with God.

### **A solitary life of faith**

After this experience, I went beyond the level of an earthly life of faith and experienced being connected directly to Heaven. I ended up neglecting my private life. My heart toward Heaven became so intense that I became intoxicated with the will, diligently conducting a life of prayer and even leading a life of sexual separation from my husband.

One day, I had a dream; I went to a royal palace in the spiritual world and peeked through the gate. I saw Father wearing a golden crown and a green-colored official robe. He was sitting. Behind him was a man wearing a colorful official robe. I saw a maid wearing a jade green top and asked her, “Please let me inside the palace.” She replied, “Go and purify yourself one more time.” Based on this, I understood that I could not get inside. I had to go away. When I told Father about this dream, he told me, “Please be careful to whom you tell these dreams.” Upon hearing this, I tried to figure things out through prayer. As usual, I slept after prayer. In my sleep, I dreamed that I heard a voice saying, “You are Heaven’s daughter. Live alone.” Upon hearing this voice, I soon realized what my dream had meant.

After that dream, I asked for my husband’s understanding in conducting a hundred-day prayer condition in order to start a solitary life. However, soon after that an issue of a magazine came out that criticized our church. My husband, started opposing and obstructing the church. Then to show him that it wasn’t true, I started sleeping with him again. A few days later, I fell on the street and could no longer use my left hand. I received electrotherapy for a few months to no avail. While suffering from this pain, I had the opportunity to be treated by a member who was an acupuncturist. My hand completely recovered after two acupuncture sessions. That is when I truly realized that I should no longer live a secular life. However, as days passed by, my husband completely refused to understand me. The situation worsened to the point that he threatened to kill me. I was so terrified that I could no longer live with him. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to go to Japan when it reached this point.

### **Conveying the word in Japan**

On May 29, 1960, I left home at five in the morning and greeted Father before leaving. Father said, “Do not worry. Leave everything in God’s hands and go.... A day will soon come when we can freely come and go. When you get there, you must first witness to your family and establish pioneering churches in four places. Please help missionary Choi Bong-



**I might be a tree that is buffeted by the wind and rain and scorched by fire, but I would never be a tree that burns and dies. —As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, p. 131**

chun<sup>8</sup> who went to Japan as a stowaway two years ago.”

I could go to Japan because my oldest son and a relative lived there. I felt that God had prepared all of this beforehand. My nephew’s wife, her four-year-old son and I departed for Busan. We waited in Busan for a week before we received a telegram concerning our trip. I sent Father a letter saying, “I am going because it is God’s will.” At five o’clock that afternoon, we got on a small fishing boat disguised as an excursion boat and took off for Japan. Those waiting for the boat totaled fifty-three, and we were told to all squash inside the fish storage area. I could not imagine how I could fit inside, so I covered myself with a black cloth and lay flat on the deck.

One fishing boat from the direction of Japan came to us around dawn and gave us two baskets of rice balls. Afterward, they took us to an island, told us that we would be picked up the next day, and left. That night, I walked all the way up to the top of a mountain and slept with a pillow made of rocks just as Jacob had. The next day, we starved for the whole day as we waited for night to come. Around nine in the evening, I went down to the coast and there heard the sound of an approaching boat. I ran down in joy toward the sound only to discover that it was a Japanese patrol boat. When an investigator from the patrol boat disembarked, he seemed surprised to see us. We were dragged to a police station, interrogated and sent to jail to await our trial. We were then tried, sentenced and sent to prison.

On the second day of my incarceration, my son paid me a visit. I was greatly disconcerted. My son was also a stowaway and was not supposed to be going around other provinces. Knowing what I was thinking, my son told me, “Mother, I reg-

<sup>8</sup> He was born in 1925 as Choi Sang-ik. At the age of two, his family moved to Japan, returning when many Koreans were forced to repatriate in 1945, at war’s end. His father gave him the name Bong-chun when he was in his twenties. He saw some significance in the name after joining our church in April 1957 and thereafter adopted it. As a missionary in Japan, he went by the name Nishigawa Masaru.





**Pour out your dedication! Pour it out, even if you are sleepy. Pour it out until you are exhausted. I kept repeating these phrases to myself.— *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, p. 136**

istered the day before yesterday.” When I heard that, I slapped the desk and burst out crying while shouting, “See! God is truly alive.” The head of the prison himself seemed confused. He was quite taken aback because it was the first that he had heard of this, since registration had not been authorized.<sup>9</sup> My son filled out documents at the Immigration Bureau, through which he guaranteed that he would first go to Tokyo two days later to register as a student, take me on a sightseeing tour and send me back home at his own expense. After filling out the needed documents, a lawyer submitted them. I was released from prison with three years’ probation. From the ordeal, I recall that whenever my handcuffs made clicking sounds, I would think of Father’s course, feel gratitude and consider it a glory.

### **A package for the emperor**

Once I went to Tokyo, I got an apartment and lived there with Choi Bong-chun, who was our missionary in Japan, and two single sisters. Members increased by the day. However, Missionary Choi had not told the members that the Principle had come from Korea. When the opportunity arose later, he confessed the truth to them. The members, in turn, replied that where the truth comes from does not matter; they would advance at the risk of their lives.

Because the members had united in heart, missionary Choi said he was invigorated a hundred-fold. As for me, I wrote down the revelations I had received until then and I sent them with the Divine Principle to the Japanese emperor. I supported the pioneering activities in four cities—Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, and Kyoto.

After printing three hundred copies of the Divine Principle, I could no longer extend my stay and had to return to Korea. I

arrived in Korea just after the 5.16 Revolution.<sup>10</sup> I was sure I would be arrested for having stowed away. Additionally, during the party’s peak days, I had been the head of Democratic Party Wives Association.<sup>11</sup> I knew that a detective would certainly be waiting for me to arrive at Gimpo Airport.

I was immediately taken to the Korean National Police, Public Order Division, where I stayed up the whole night sitting in a chair. The next morning, while being interrogated, a certain person came to me and said, “I am in a tight position and cannot help you much, but I’ll move you to the Yongsan Police Station. Go there and explain your situation well.” Soon after, I was transferred to Yongsan Police Station.

One cell there accommodated around fifteen prisoners and every single one of them was an opium addict. The next day, that same person came again and spoke with the commissioned officer. Once he had gone, I was treated completely differently and was released within three days.

### **An evangelist and lecturer**

That same year, I was assigned to lecture during the summer witnessing period in seven districts in North Jeolla Province and South Jeolla Province. I would be going to those provinces for the first time. When I went to say good-bye to Father before leaving, Mother gave me a handkerchief that Father used to wipe away perspiration. I realized her intention behind this, and set off for Geumsan [then] in North Jeolla Province. Not knowing the location of the church, I lashed my trunk to a frame and carried it on my back as I looked for the church.

The person in charge of the Geumsan church was Kim Sun-rye, who was living in a non-heated, cold room with no food at all and conducting only Sunday school. Seeing the difficult reality of pioneering life, we both cried together. I had to leave after having Sunday school with the children the next day. Each step I took felt heavy as I departed for Jinan. Among the members there, a few of the young women had joined the church through Hong Gwang-cheol. He was the pastor and he seemed trustable. I went up a mountain near Jinan and met a spiritual person that had piled up stones in the form of dual

10 This was the May 16, 1961 bloodless coup led by a military junta, the Supreme Council for National Reconstruction, out of which Park Chung-hee emerged as the chairman on July 3. Park was acting president until December 1963 and president until his assassination on October 26, 1979.

11 The head of the Democratic Party, Mr. Yun Po-sun, was the South Korean president ousted by the 5.6 coup (though he remained president as a figurehead until March 1962).

9 Apparently, rules had changed allowing him to register, which meant his mother qualified as a legal visitor.



characteristics, three disciples, twelve disciples and seventy elders. He had also received revelations from Heaven and had compiled them in a book, but no one had been able to understand those revelations.

When I went to Jeonju, I met the mayor and conveyed to him the work we were doing. Immediately, he summoned the man in charge of reconstruction promotion<sup>12</sup> and asked him to support our activities. The mayor gave us a signed pass that was of great help.

After touring the seven districts of Jeonbuk, I finally arrived in Gwangju. I went in search of the district headquarters and found it was a small makeshift wooden building. I heard that Hong Seong-pyo had used his university fees to construct the building, thus extending his college years.

I visited the mayor of Gwangju and requested his cooperation, showing him the signature of the mayor of the city of Jeonju. The mayor soon called his head of reconstruction promotion and asked him that we be given support. The mayor gave us his signature and even gave us public transportation discount coupons.

### **Camaraderie, struggles and euphoria**

I took my trunk, walked down trails in the countryside and at times had to walk over steep mountains as I visited the different centers where our young members were. Whenever members met me, they were more pleased to see me than to

<sup>12</sup> It took decades for the nation to recover from the devastation of the Korean War.

visit for their own parents; they would reduce the portion of food they ate in order to keep some for me. They spread the word to their neighbors, causing them, too, to look forward to the lecture I was going to give. Whenever I saw the hard work of our members, I completely forgot my own fatigue and would speak all night long. I would have to rush to the next church area I was to visit as a result. At times, I felt physically drained, thinking of going over a mountain in the scorching heat. I would sit on the roadside and pray, which would invigorate me with power to go over the mountain. Sometimes I would become so overheated on the way that I would put my trunk down by a riverside and jump into the river in my underwear. I cannot describe the refreshing sensation of cooling my body down in the river.

Once, I had the opportunity to accompany Father in a car as he was heading to Jeonju with the leader of the Gokseong area. The happiness and gratitude I felt while accompanying Father throughout the long distance made me feel as though I were a child again. As we approached Jeonju, District Leader Hwang had ridden his motorcycle for some distance to meet us. When we met him, Father asked me, "Sun-ae, do you want me to buy you a motorcycle?" When we arrived in Jeonju, Father gave the driver ₩2,000 as a tip. I could not hide my surprise.

Once, I visited Hwaeomsa Buddhist Temple. There, I met and spoke to the temple's chief monk. We talked about whether a celibate life was necessary and about problems that arise when couples stop having sexual relations during spiritual



People who attended [our church] called one another *shikku*, or family member. We were intoxicated with love. —As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, p. 122 (Father with Unificationist *shikku* at Tongdo Buddhist Temple in 1959)



training. We agreed on some points.

Lee Mun-won and a woman church member that I had met on the road travelled with me all the way from Gokseong to Jeju Island. Once on Jeju Island, Lee Mun-won introduced me to his nephew and we stayed at his place. When we went to the district church headquarters, the deacon was delighted to see us, prepared lunch for us and called all the members. We held a worship service with sincere prayers. Afterward, I paid visits to the mayor, the head of reconstruction promotion and the different heads of organizations. The police chief drove us in a jeep all the way to a hotel. He had called the hotel himself to request that we be well cared for. The next day, the head of reconstruction promotion picked us up in a jeep, gave us a tour of Jeju Island, explained to us the way that reconstruction promotion was being conducted and treated us to lunch.

Though I am inadequate, Heaven, out of concern for me, seemed to be sending me to places and instructing someone to come to my support so I would not suffer too much. I could experience Father's heart in this manner. Doing so immersed me completely in a hitherto unknown state of euphoria. For three years, I toured, here and there, all over Jeonnam.

### God's grace and blessings

On June 4, 1962, I helped as a staff member in the 72-Couple Blessing Ceremony and had the opportunity to read a written prayer during the event. Being a solemn event, my voice trembled as I read the prayer. My hands, which were holding the paper, shook to such an extent that I was deeply embarrassed.

On December 29, 1962, Hyo-jin was born. I was in Jeonnam when I heard the news. I was so overwhelmed that I ran to the church in tears. After writing a congratulatory message, I participated in the joyous dedication day, which we celebrated with milk and seaweed soup.<sup>13</sup>

I was later assigned to be part of the arrangement committee of the 124-Couple Blessing Ceremony, which took place on July 24, 1963. Our time was completely absorbed with preparing the ceremonial robes and bedding for the 248 brides and grooms. We had to classify the ceremonial robes and wedding veils by size, which we had to check several times. Nevertheless, two hours before the Blessing Ceremony, a bride came to us saying she did not have a veil. It was already time for the rehearsal, which Father himself was conducting. I became frantic and hastily searched for one, to no avail. I finally fashioned one from the sleeves of a hanbok jacket just in time for the Blessing Ceremony. At that moment, all the fruitful results I had obtained through the forty days<sup>14</sup> of hard work just evaporated. I felt as though I was going crazy.

After an intensive revival in downtown Daegu ended, I was instructed to stay in Daegu. Lecturers Kwak Jeong-hwan and Elder Jang and street evangelist Jeong Chan-bok also stayed in Daegu. Every single day, I went witnessing at Gyeongbuk University, Daegu University and Cheongju University. I had Jeong Han-ung, who was in his second year of studies in the Department of Veterinary Medicine at Gyeongbuk University, rent a room close to his university's main entrance. I took students there to listen to lectures from lecturer Kwak Jeong-hwan. When students would ask me to talk to them in school, we would have discussions in a classroom.

At the end of the revival period, I organized a group with around thirty university students that had become members.

13 Traditionally Korean mothers eat seaweed soup to recover their health after the trials of childbirth. Apparently, the symbolism of milk and seaweed made them proper refreshments for celebrating the new birth.

14 This may be a reference to the forty-day annual witnessing campaigns.

I decided to do a three-day fast out of concern for the group. I had hoped the group would naturally find stability. After the fast, the seaweed soup I was eating caused me great digestive problems. While I was writhing in much pain, Father suddenly paid a visit to Daegu. He was surprised to see the pain I was in and told me to go to a hospital. Later, Father was intending to give me some money through Rev. Lee Yo-han to buy a meal; however, weighing the possibility that I may not use it for food, Father instructed Rev. Lee to buy me a meal voucher instead. Having seen me eating rice porridge, a student named Kim Myeong-hwa, began making a big, boxed lunch at home that she brought to me every day.

On January 29, 1965, Father set off on his first world tour. I was planning to get some rest and to take medication during Father's absence from Korea. However, I received a request from Mrs. Ji Seng-ryeon, wife of Lee Gi-seok, who was the leader of our Gangwon District, asking me to convert into full members some people they had witnessed to that were in their prime years.<sup>15</sup> I headed to Chuncheon as soon as I received the request. The church was in a good location and was a big building. I heard about the sacrifices that were made for the building to be acquired. Rev. Lee Gi-seok purchased the building through money he had saved running a cafeteria in a girl's high school and through cutting expenses by eating only rough bran for some months even though it caused him to sometimes vomit blood. I feel that might have been why I felt so much grace and inspiration once I entered the main worship auditorium.

Every day, I met guests that had been witnessed to, conveying the word and having discussions. Seng-ryeon, Mrs. Choi Jeong-sun (the district director of the Red Cross) and I harmonized well, and we earnestly prayed to Heaven for the restoration of Gangwondo. With this earnest desire, we conducted our activities, having lunch at Choi Jeong-sun's place and two other meals of brown rice that we ate with kimchi and red pepper paste. Though our circumstances were very tough, the district leader's life was even more impoverished. Though Seng-ryeon was pregnant, she ran both a cafeteria and the church.

One day, Choi Jeong-sun and I paid a visit to the governor of Gangwondo, who had once listened to a lecture during one of our lecture tours conducted across Korea. Because he was very busy, we were allowed only three minutes to convey what we wished to do. We strongly requested permission to give a lecture to the public officials working in the Provincial Hall. We told him we felt this was very important. Fortunately, the governor easily accepted. We were completely overjoyed.

During the national revival tour, I followed Chung Su-won and Ahn Hyeong-gwan. Our Jeong-seon District in Gangwon Province was the least accessible place we had to visit. We walked up one mountainous trail that was reputed to be a dangerous trek in the winter, but I followed the trail without much difficulty. The members in that church diligently participated in activities while eating only rice mixed with corn. Their dedication moved God who was certainly dwelling with them. It was there that I witnessed to my spiritual son, Pak Won-gun.

After the difficult tour, I went back to the headquarters church. I had planned to finally take time to recuperate and begin taking medication, but Mrs. Ji Seng-ryeon came to look for me again. Once again, I had to visit our Gangwon District. *TW*

*(To be continued.)*

15 In their forties



# Further Adventures

## in True Parents' Alaskan Training Ground

By Michael P. Downey

Alaska is a sportsman's paradise. Opportunities for world class fishing for salmon, halibut and other species abound. Once you fish in Alaska's rivers, streams, lakes and surrounding waters any other place is a letdown. I suppose the same can be said for hunting. People come from around the world to hunt in the Last Frontier. Trophy species such as the legendary brown bear, moose and mountain goat attract hunters from the lower forty-eight<sup>1</sup> as well as Europe, Asia and South America. Caribou, white tail and black tail Sitka deer are prized for meat by the locals and smaller game like ducks and rabbits are taken in season. For residents of Alaska, hunting is not only a sport but a way of life. Hunting to put meat in the freezer and a familiarity with firearms is a normal part of life for most men and many women too.

When followers of Rev. Sun Myung Moon arrived in Kodiak in 1980, they were not necessarily the pioneer or outdoor types. Most of them were probably more comfortable raising funds, giving lectures, sermons or working in an office. For the most part, when they moved to Kodiak to build and operate a seafood processing plant, they took to the local ways like fish to water. Fishing and hunting became de rigueur for our members. Running a small boat, catching and cleaning a fish and shooting and then butchering a deer became our new skills.

Of course, True father's vision was much bigger than just a business. For Father, the ocean, mountains and wilderness of Alaska were ideal training grounds for members and leaders from around the world. Over the years, he brought church members and leaders from Korea, Japan and many other nations to experience the lifestyle and to train them personally. For several years, he brought Korean university professors, put them in rain gear and boots and trained them on the rivers and seas around Kodiak Island. He also brought forty Japanese women, all blessed in marriage to American husbands, to work and live the lifestyle. They sacrificed their family life for six years and brought a measure of stability and success to the operation. Later, Father sent them out to pioneer seafood businesses around the world.

Summer after summer, Father led the worldwide movement from North Garden.<sup>2</sup> In the process, those of us working in Kodiak witnessed firsthand True Father's daily life. He was at the dock every morning at oh dark thirty,<sup>3</sup> except in the most inclement, dangerous weather. From first light to last light each day, Father labored on the ocean. The marine climate around Kodiak and the sea conditions are more often than not rough, wet and cold. Father always went out in an open boat as close as possible to the sea. There was never a chance for even ten minutes shelter from the harsh environment. He ate rice balls, Hershey's chocolate bars and bit-o-honey for lunch without a pause in his fishing. He urinated in a bucket like everyone else. Father's boat almost always came back after dark. Of course, they held dinner for him. Over the evening

1 The contiguous states; that is, United States minus Alaska and Hawaii

2 The home where True Parents and other True Family members stayed while in Alaska

3 A military term meaning "extremely early in the morning," a difficult time to begin the day. Apparently, "Zero Dark Thirty," a movie title, is a nonstandard usage.





meal a lucky few were able to share a few more intimate moments with True Parents. Usually the day's events were reported and discussed. Leaders took this time to report and to seek Father's advice and direction for their activities. After dinner Father began speaking. For two, three or even four hours, Father poured out his heart and directed the worldwide movement. It was always after midnight when Father retired to his rooms for a few hours' sleep. Before long, he was up again and ready to go back to sea. Mr. Choi Joo-chan, International Seafoods of Alaska (ISA) president, took to sleeping on the floor in front of Father's door, because several times Father was up and out the front door before anyone else in the house was awake. We watched Father live this way day after day, year after year and tried to keep up.

We that were part of the permanent staff tried to live the life as much as possible. We fished, worked on boats and in the fish-processing factory. We all owned guns. It was almost required. Every year at the end of the salmon season, in late August or early September, Mr. Choi held a halibut fishing and hunting contest in appreciation of all the members' hard work. As far as I know, only men participated in the hunting but everyone fished. Misako



Whitmore won first prize by landing a 322-pound halibut one year.<sup>4</sup>

Prizes were awarded in several categories. Pistols, rifles, shotguns, knives, fishing rods and reels and the occasional so-called assault rifle were handed out to winners. Sometimes, I wonder what happened to the M-16 rifle that Masako san won.

### Coming close to an apex predator

Living in Alaska was a dream-come-true for me. I loved working on the ocean. Fishing was just an excuse to be on a boat at sea. Likewise, I enjoyed shooting. Getting out in the vast Alaskan wilderness was an added bonus. During one of the annual hunting contests, another guy and I were dropped off by skiff in a cove on the west side of Kodiak Island. We waded through the surf, crossed a narrow beach, chose a likely slope and started up the mountain. It was late August and the plan was to hightail it up to the summit and (we hoped) surprise a black tail buck when he broke cover to graze in the warm sunshine. The thick alder cover slowed us down, but we worked our way up through it knowing that it would yield to alpine meadow somewhere around the eight-hundred foot elevation. My partner was somewhat of a fireplug with two pistons for legs. Before long, he was well ahead of me and showed no sign of slowing down for me to catch up. I just let him go. By the time I got out of the alder, he was long gone. Winded from the climb, I sat down to rest and take in the view, which was spectacular. The mountains and valleys seemed to go on forever in three directions with the waters of the Shelikof Strait forming a backdrop. No sign of human habitation was visible anywhere, no buildings, vehicles or roads. It was the very definition of pristine. The higher peaks in the distance were snow-capped, even in August. The lower mountaintops were almost treeless, covered with low grasses and lichens. Vegetation covered the valley floors, mostly thick alder but interspersed with pine forest. Thick moss hung from the lower branches creating a sub-tropical feeling. High overhead, clouds drifted across the blue sky casting shadows, changing the color of the mountains, forests and the sea. Once my heavy breathing abated,



<sup>4</sup> At the time, September 1986, it was the largest fish ever caught in Alaskan waters.





Scientists believe weather triggers caribou migrations. Once they begin to move they travel as much as fifty miles (31 km) a day.

all was silent. Slowly I began to notice the sound of running water coming from a small brook about ten yards<sup>5</sup> to my left. The water was so cold it hurt my teeth when I took a drink. I thought once again that this is why people climb mountains.

For a long time, I had no inclination to move. Slowly I became aware of a sound. At first it was far off, a low grumble and a roar. I sat up, listened more closely and looked around. What was it? I scanned the skies for aircraft. The sound got louder and my eyes were drawn by it to the long narrow valley directly in front of me. As I listened, the direction of the grumbling roar became clearer. It was moving down the valley toward my observation post. Now it sounded like it was a diesel truck roaring down the valley at full throttle. I guess the valley was about three miles long. By the time the roar had gotten to the halfway point, I began to hear crashing sounds of breaking branches. Next, I could hear actual grunts. My god, was it a bear? What else could it be? I had my binoculars out by this time and focused on what I perceived as the path of this monster. There it was. I could clearly see the crashing movement of something big moving down the valley through the heavy underbrush and pine trees. Now it was more like a freight train tearing down the valley in a straight line not moving right or left to avoid brush or trees but running over them. Finally, I began to catch glimpses of the beast. It was huge. A mixture of honey brown and a darker brown with a huge head and shoulders, it galloped on all fours with its head down. Although I was high above on the hillside, in little danger of it charging me, I felt the thrill of fear grip my belly. At end of the valley where the small stream emptied into the cove, the cover became sparse and the bear was clearly visible. It turned on a dime, splashed across the shallow water, charged into the alder and up the opposite hillside from my spot. Without slowing down he climbed a third of the way up, rounded the mountain and was gone. The Kodiak Brown Bear, largest in the world with no known predators, why was he running? I have no idea; maybe he was late for lunch.

### The largest rodents in North America

On another day, I was hunting off the road system with another guy. It was a warm October afternoon and we were out for a walk and for meat. We parked off the dirt road and started up the mountain through the alder and pine forest. As always, it was rough going and by the time that we had cleared the alder, I was soaked through with sweat. As often happens, we separated and each followed our noses in different directions with a promise to meet back at the truck an hour before sunset. I could have climbed higher, but I decided to move around the

mountain. Through a large flat area, I followed a small stream amidst the thinning pines and after a short time came upon a football-field-sized<sup>6</sup> clearing with a lake in the middle of it. It was downright pretty to look at. As was my habit, I found a small rise in the sunshine and sat down for a rest. The stream that I had followed in meandered through the grass of this flatland and fed into the lake about seventy yards away. I took out my binoculars and glassed the lakeshore looking for a deer drinking. The edges of the lake looked very marshy, with knee high grass most of the way around. The far end of the lake appeared at first to be a brown mud bank devoid of grass. On closer examination, I realized it was a beaver dam. I started looking for the engineer. A short time later, I spotted two Vs in the water moving from the far side of the pond toward the dam. When they got to the dam one after the other, two beavers climbed out dragging pine boughs four inches thick and five feet long.<sup>7</sup> They moved the branches into place, trimmed them and packed them down. Then they in turn slid off the dam and dove down under the right side. A few minutes later, they reappeared under the left side of the fortress-like structure. Next, the Vs glided back across the water to the far side and they lumbered out of the water and into the pine forest. Not too long after that, they re-emerged with more building material and headed back to the construction site. I watched them for almost three hours. Back and forth, back and forth, it was fascinating. At one point, I lay back on nature's mattress, closed my eyes and napped in the warm sunshine. When I awoke, they were still at it. I clearly understand where the expression "eager beaver" comes from. Finally, I had to rouse myself, saddle up and head back to the rendezvous. On the way, I stumbled across a yearling,<sup>8</sup> dropped it and butchered it out; meat for the freezer.

### Danger multiplied by isolation

Hunting on the Alaskan Peninsula is quite different from hunting the mountains of Kodiak Island. The main reason is the terrain, which on the Alaskan Peninsula is all tundra. From the air it looks flat with a few rolling hill and is dotted with what seems like a million lakes. From the ground, the tundra is not flat at all. Due to the thawing and freezing of the ground above the permafrost, or permanently frozen soil, the earth is shoved up into moguls,<sup>9</sup> tiny hillocks anywhere from two to six feet high.<sup>10</sup> Some of the valleys created by

6 Forty-five by ninety meters

7 Ten centimeters by 1.5 meters

8 A deer, a year old or somewhat older

9 Bumps in a ski run

10 .6 to 1.8 meters

5 Nine meters





**Starkly beautiful treeless tundra (black mucky soil with a permanent frozen subsoil) and towering mountains in Alaska**

these hillocks are small enough to step into and break a leg. Some are big enough to swallow an ATV.<sup>11</sup> It is a treacherous landscape. Several species draw hunters to the area including moose, brown bear and caribou. Caribou, a large species of arctic deer, still roam the tundra as I imagine the buffalo once roamed the plains. They are big animals with magnificent velvet covered antlers. They migrate in huge herds, as many as 10,000 animals, to and from winter and summer grazing grounds. If you are there at the right time of year, you can watch the Alaskan Peninsula herd approach and swim the Egegik River several miles upriver from the village. Once I sat on hill and watched the herd cross for four hours. A trophy hunter can glass the herd and chose the bull that he wants, track it and bring it down. I was a meat hunter. I was interested in shooting an animal that was in a convenient place to get the meat out. I've shot animals a hundred yards from camp. I guess I would have been happy if a good-sized bull would have wandered right into camp. The area of the peninsula just north of the Egegik River and up to Big Creek was a known calving area. Cows would drop out of the herd, give birth and spend six months raising the calves before rejoining the herd on its way back south. So cows and calves were plentiful and are good eating.

The tundra was truly vast, and we usually used ATVs (Honda three- and four-wheelers) to hunt it. One day, I was on a three-wheeler about four miles behind Bartlett's Lodge enjoying the afternoon sun and looking for some meat. I was on a small hill and glassing the surrounding area. Seventy yards to my right, I spotted a good-sized buck with a nice rack, standing knee deep in a medium-sized lake. I was packing my Springfield Armory M1-A-1 chambered for .308 caliber. I had it loaded with full-metal-jacketed rounds, which pack a punch but does minimal damage to the meat. At seventy yards even with open iron sights, I wasn't going to miss. I got down in a sitting position with the sling around my arm for support, got a good sight picture, put the top of the front sight blade on the buck's left shoulder and squeezed off a round. I know I hit it but it did not go down. I took a quick look with the binoculars and saw blood on the flank. I fired another round and (Bam!) this time the animal staggered and began rushing into deeper water. Bam, bam, two more rounds and he went down. The problem was he was now half-submerged in the center of the lake. To kill game and fail to recover the meat is illegal in Alaska. It is known as "wanton waste." I had to get the beast out of the water. I packed up my gear and motored over to the lake, which was surrounded by alder shrub and stunted pine trees. With a little difficulty, I was able to find my way through

to a narrow sand beach. It was early October, the air was brisk and I knew the water was going to be colder. I calculated that I was going to need some dry clothes to bike back to camp, so I took off my boots and all my clothes. I put my belt between my teeth and waded and then swam out to the middle of the lake. Luckily, the caribou was only half-underwater. I had done this before with a moose that sank to the bottom and I had to dive for it.

Wrapping the belt around the beast's neck was not a problem. I slowly towed it to the beach. Once I had dragged it three feet up onto the gravel and sand, I began the process of field dressing it. The first step was to position the animal so that I could make a cut from the throat, down the sternum to the genitals. Next, I had to cut through the sternum in order to remove the heart, lungs, stomach and other organs. It was a big animal. I put it on its back with my knees spreading the rear legs and using my elbows to hold the front legs apart. I was using a K-bar (a seven-inch long knife) to break the thick bone. I struck it once, twice and on the third strike, the pointed blade glanced off the hard bone and drove an inch and a half into my thigh, six inches down from the crotch. Of course, I pulled it out and the blood pulsed out in a three-inch geyser. First came shock and then the realization that this is going to take some fast action. Still naked, I looked around to find something to stop the bleeding. The belt was still around the buck's neck and was in reach. I used it to fashion a tourniquet and cinched it tight above the wound. The bleeding slowed to an ooze, but I knew I needed to get back to Dodge (slang for "town"). I needed stitches. Before I could do that, I had to finish the field dressing, get the caribou on the three-wheeler and get it off the tundra. I put on my dry clothes and began to wrestle the carcass, which weighed in excess of two-hundred pounds,<sup>12</sup> onto the rear of the ATV. It was no easy task. After three attempts, I managed to get it balanced on the Honda and tied down with cord. It was at least four miles back to civilization; that is, Bartlett's Lodge. Under ideal conditions, I could make it in twenty minutes, but I was losing blood and trying to keep the caribou on the bike. The heavy weight over the rear wheels made it impossible to keep the front wheel on the ground. Like any tricycle, contact of the front wheel with the ground was the only way to steer the bike. Although I leaned as far forward as I could, I could only rarely coax the front wheel to kiss the earth. All I could do was go straight ahead until I came to an obstacle, dismount and wrestle the bike on to a new course. Often I had to stop and resecure the animal to the machine. I had a handheld VHF radio and used it to contact the lodge. Helen (the lodge

11 All-Terrain Vehicle

12 91 kilograms





**Mike Downey struggling with an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) over the difficult Alaskan terrain, and with a recently killed caribou that provided meat for the members working for International Seafoods of Alaska. In Europe, caribou are called reindeer. In Alaska only the semi-domesticated ones carry that name.**

owner) came up on the radio, and I told her I was on my way in with a knife wound. She said there was a spotter pilot in the bar drinking coffee. She offered to send him up in his Piper Cub<sup>13</sup> to look for me. Twenty minutes later, I heard and saw the plane circling three miles to the southwest. I couldn't get him on the handheld, so I plowed on. An hour and a half later, I pulled up behind the lodge exhausted but relieved. I went directly to the social center (the bar) and was greeted by a small crowd of whiskey drinker that were discussing sending out a search party. The first order of business was to get the tourniquet off, wash and dress the wound. Three middle-aged guys were intently interested in what had happened and the condition of the wound. One guy told me it was important to get the wound stitched up right away and said he could do it with a sewing kit he had in his pack. I asked him if they were doctors. He replied with assurance "No. We're lawyers." I said no thanks and waited for the medivac out of King Salmon (the nearest town that had a clinic with actual medical staff).

When the plane rolled to a stop at the gate in King Salmon, it was met by paramedics in an ambulance and the Alaska State Troopers. The troopers had heard that a stabbing victim was coming in from Egegik. They were there to collect evidence and to fly back to the village to arrest the perpetrator and bring him or her in. With a red face, I had to tell them that I had stabbed myself.

### **Experiences with True Children**

Over the years that True Parents came to Alaska, they often brought along one or more of their children. Beginning with Heung-jin nim in 1983, almost all of the children came at one time or another and participated in fishing or other outdoor activities. The boys were into shooting and riding ATVs. Once, Kook-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim and Young-jin nim came out to Egegik to ride ATVs. I tried to give them a safety lecture before they started out but they ignored me and tore up and down the beach like wild men. I was very worried when they headed out on the tundra. I made an attempt to follow them but couldn't keep up. They returned later on foot. It took three days to find the ATVs.

Hyo-jin nim was known as an avid deer hunter. When he

came up, he wanted to hunt for big game. The Roosevelt Elk, the largest of the North American elk, is not native to Alaska but was introduced to Afognak and Raspberry Islands in 1928. Bulls can weigh in at almost 1,300 pounds and stand as tall as six foot<sup>14</sup> at the shoulder. We figured this would be a great challenge for Hyo-jin nim. Captain Allen Hokanson was an experienced Alaskan hunter and was tapped to head up the expedition. The plan was to book the "U-Rascal," a local charter boat owned and run by Captain Chris Fiala, load it with supplies and use it as our headquarters and bunk house during the hunt. Groceries, cooking gear, ammunition and hunting licenses were all bought in advance and loaded onto the boat. When Hyo-jin nim arrived, we were ready to go. The next day, after Father had finished speaking and had gone out to fish, Hyo-jin nim sent word down that he was ready to go. He wanted to leave after lunch. We hit the dock by 2:00 PM and cast off. Onboard were Hyo-jin nim, Captain Hokanson, Captain Fiala and I. It was about two and a half hours to Afognak. The weather was overcast, with some light showers. The sea was flat calm. We arrived at Afognak Bay without incident around four-thirty. The captain motored down the bay looking for a good anchorage with easy access to the beach. We dropped anchor thirty feet off the beach and I assumed we would soon have a nice dinner and a long nap. That was not to be. Hyo-jin nim was well rested and anxious to get started.

This was late August, after five o'clock and the sun would be going down in a couple of hours. Hyo-jin nim said it would be a good condition for us to get on the beach and head up the mountain right away. He said we would be back before dark. So we grabbed rifles, ammunition and day packs and took the skiff to the beach. Allen distributed to each of us a bar of chocolate, a hunk of cheese and a hunk of bread. These, along with the tube tent in his pack, were our survival gear. With Hyo-jin nim in the lead, we started up the mountain. Afognak is a relatively low-slung island and for that reason is home to a fairly large logging operation, but we could see no sign of human habitation or activity. The slope was steep and the thick alder made for tough going. Also, Alaska is a very wet place. Sweat from exertion and the moisture from the vegetation combined to soak a climber to the skin. By the time we broke out of the

13 A small plane

14 Weight, 590 kg., Height 183 cm.



tree line at around six hundred feet of elevation, I was soaked through and through.

Above six hundred feet, the vegetation thinned out and we climbed through the grass of an alpine meadow. Another four hundred feet above us was a peak and beyond that a series of peaks that together formed a ridgeline. In the fading light, we walked the ridgeline and scouted for elk sign. Two black tail does appeared but we held off. We were elk hunting.

In the last light, we looked behind us and knew there was no way we were going to get down the mountain that night. Once the sun set, the wind picked up and being wet we became very cold very fast. We needed shelter and a fire.

Allen contacted Chris on the hand-held and told him we were spending the night. At 1,200 feet, there were no trees or other vegetation so we moved down to find a windbreak and something to make a fire with. After ten minutes, it became so dark that my hand was barely visible in front of my face. We found a slight depression that might block the wind a little. We dropped our packs and started looking for firewood. Little wood was there and most of that was nearly waterlogged. We gathered what we could and tried to start a fire. It took an hour or longer before we coaxed a small flame out of the damp pile of kindling. For the longest time we continued to feed wet sticks into the flame. Drying out the wood absorbed all the heat from the fire so precious little heat was given off to warm our frozen fingers. In particular, Hyo-jin nim was worried about his hands. He was a musician and his fingers were important for playing the guitar. The three of us hunched over that pitiful fire and tried to get warm for hour after hour. It was the longest night of my life. We walked around, stamped our numb feet and flapped our arms in a futile effort to warm up. We took turns dangling our wet socks over the flame but that merely dripped water on the flame, threatening to extinguish it. Finally Hyo-jin nim gave up on the fire and said, "Let's get some sleep."

Allen broke out his survival tent, which was like two vinyl garbage can liners with a string running through it. We set it up as best we could and crawled in. We laid in close skin touch to each other because that was all the room we had. In a short while, the three of us began to shiver. Our teeth began to chatter. This was the first stage of hypothermia. We tried for what may have been an hour but there was no way anyone of us was going to fall asleep. Hyo-jin nim decided to get up and start the fire. Another hour later and we had the same insufficient fire going again. We spent the rest of the night huddled over that fire, hoping for heat. With time on my hands and nothing else to be done, it was a good time to pray and so I prayed for daylight. I don't know how the others occupied their minds; we did not converse.

First light brought new hope and with a cold breakfast of the remains of yesterday's survival rations, we broke camp and started out along the ridgeline with our eyes peeled for the elk.

We hunted for several hours but having no sleep and little food we soon decided it was time to find our way back to the U-Rascal. By this time, we were well away from the point where we had ascended, so Allen called Chris and asked him to bring the boat around to Marker Bay with the idea that we could walk down from where we were. The way down looked straightforward. It was a steep slope

going all the way down to a stream. The slope was no problem. I slid down most of the way on my buttocks, using my rifle butt to slow down. When I got to the bottom, Hyo-jin nim and Allen were nowhere to be seen. I was on my own. I quickly found the stream and an animal trail that ran along the bank. At first, the trail seemed to be my highway out. Before long, as it descended, it became difficult to follow. It went up a hill for six or eight feet and then down six feet again—up again, again down. I realized I was running on empty. I thought then that walking in the streambed, which was strewn with boulders large and small, would be easier. The boulders were wet and slippery and I was wet to the waist. I abandoned the streambed and went back to the trail. I began stumbling. I realized I was in danger of falling and injuring myself. I kept going, wondering if the others were in front of me or behind me. Finally, the terrain began to flatten out and I found myself walking through an area of pine trees and low brush. Here, I heard two rifle shots. I knew the sound had come from in front of me and that somebody had killed an animal, probably a deer. Who would carry it out? I would be lucky to get myself out. Next, I began to hear noises, voices and animal sounds that I knew were not there. I was hallucinating.

For the first time, I began to think I might make it out. I sat down and looked up at the treetops. I had a radio but even if I could reach somebody, I was pretty sure they couldn't get a helicopter in here. I thought, "I have only two choices. I can lay here and die, or I can get up on my feet and walk out." In a second, I decided. I was not going to die here.

I rose and started putting one foot in front of the other. Down and down I walked. Several times, I stumbled and once I fell, but the crisis was over. I kept going. Eventually I came to the mouth of the stream and found the U-Rascal at anchor. I hailed the boat and they sent the skiff to get me. Of course Hyo-jin nim and Allen were back with the deer that Hyo-jin nim had bagged and Allen had carried out. All they said was "Where the hell have you been?" Back in town everyone wanted a report but I didn't say anything. Later I heard that Hyo-jin nim had told someone about the adventure emphasizing, naturally, how difficult it was and how tough we were to have survived. This eventually reached Mother who later scolded Mr. Choi. This was all a part of life in Alaska. *JW*





# 2013 Today's World Readers' Survey



We are deeply grateful to all those who took the time to fill out and return our Readers' Survey. As a source of data, the survey had some flaws. We have devised improvements so that our next survey of readers includes clearer information on which to base decisions. Nevertheless, your feedback is useful and your directly stated opinions invaluable. We present here some graphs based on responses to the survey by the respondents who made up 5.4 percent of those subscribers for whom we have an e-mail address.

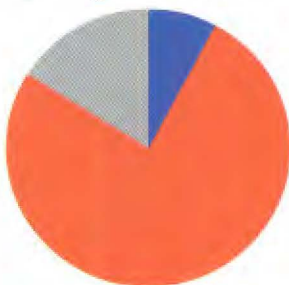
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**Age of our readers:** Range: 12–77 (One three-year-old was placed in the category “grandparents’ wishful thinking” and was not included in the overall assessment. Mean age: 45.41 (Median age: 56) The mean<sup>1</sup> differs significantly from the median<sup>2</sup> because readers mainly come from two different groups (generations).

1 A value that is computed by dividing the sum of a set of terms by the number of terms

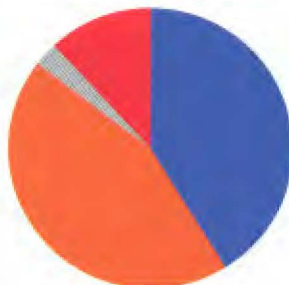
2 In a sequential list all ages, the age in the middle, with an equal number of ages above and below

## How much information do you acquire from the following sources?

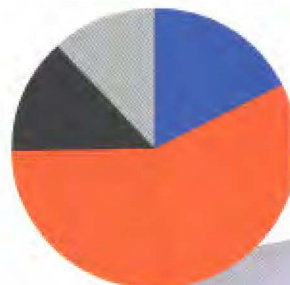
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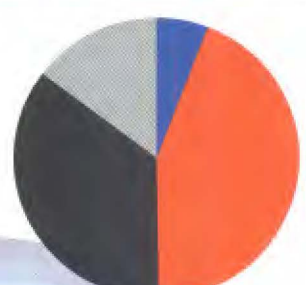
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**Sunday Service**



**Members' Internet Sites**



● Some Information

● Most Information

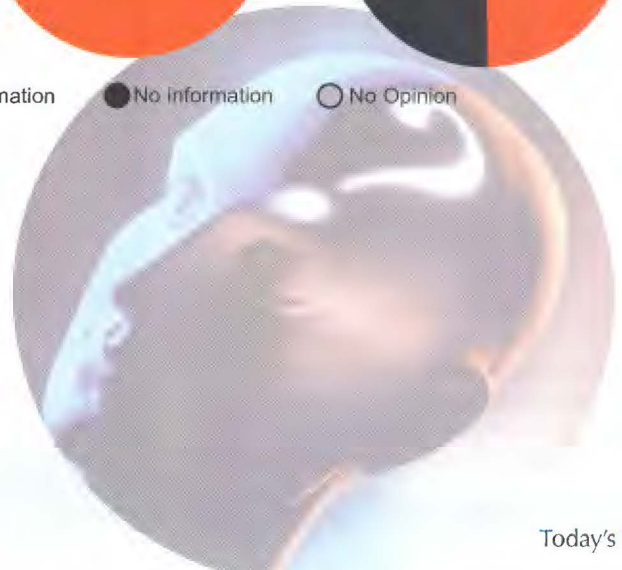
● All Information

● No Information

○ No Opinion

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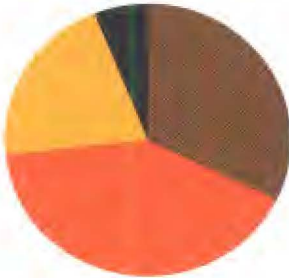
- District office e-mail
- Facebook
- Phone conversations, meeting in person
- My wife is kind of a central figure, so she usually knows what's going on, and she tells us.
- Rumors among members
- Information in newspapers
- FFWPU International HQ, European HQ, local church leader—some information from each
- Cheongpyeong





Please indicate your opinion in the following areas.

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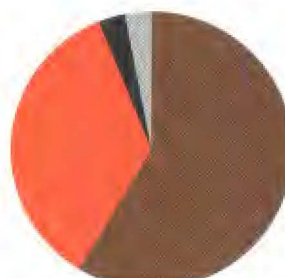
● Very  
● Moderately  
● Slightly  
● Not at all

**Likely to Read a Digital Version of Today's World**



● Very  
● Moderately  
● Slightly  
● Not at all  
● No Opinion

**Agree that the Magazine is Fairly Priced**



● Fully  
● Moderately  
● Do not  
● No Answer

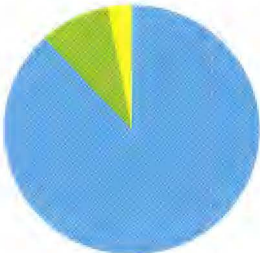
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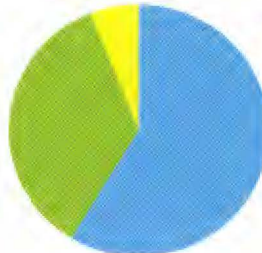
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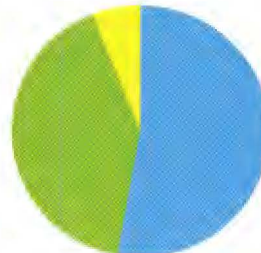
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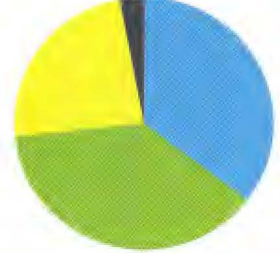
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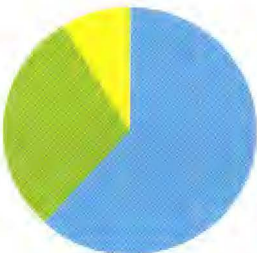
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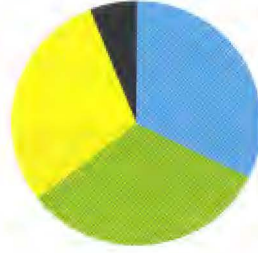
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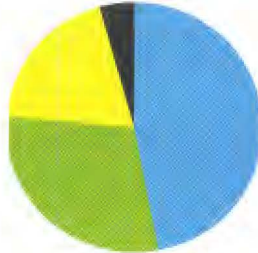
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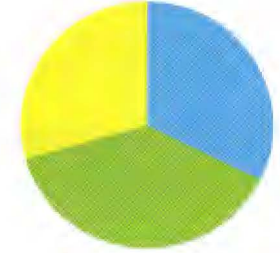
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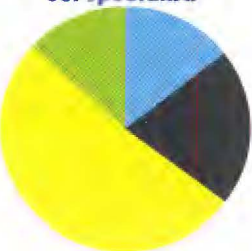
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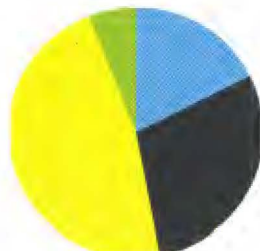
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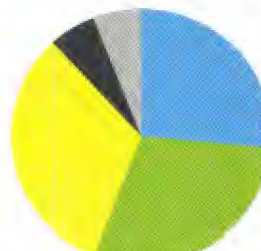
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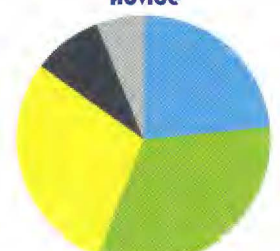
**Interfaith Work**



**Advice for Couples**



**Parenting Advice**



● Very ● Interested ● Somewhat ● Not interested ● No Opinion



## Reader-Suggested Topic Areas

- Multi-issue developmental stories like what you did with True Father's life. Perhaps topics like the providential development of all the conferences or of the Assemblies of World Religions; Perhaps you could include stories on courses like Ocean Church, or the development of other large scale UC businesses. Perhaps you could run stories on major national outreaches such as to Mongolia or on ones that led to massive blessings in Africa; perhaps stories on the brave courses followed by members witnessing and risking their lives in hostile countries. Multi-issue stories create a conscious anticipation of the next magazine arrival. Multi-issue stories don't all have to span long period, even three or four issues is good. Some could slightly overlap—carrying on that next issue anticipation.
- Some investigative journalism would be interesting, especially with respect to the internal problems within the church leadership. Exposing corruption or bad practice would be welcome, as we can learn from mistakes, rather than just always focusing on the good. An editorial or comments section would also be interesting. Perhaps you could invite letters or comments from the membership, just as any other magazine or newspaper would publish comments from their readership. Perhaps a questions page would be interesting, with someone providing advice or discussion on certain themes. A column "What do Unificationists say about..." would be interesting. Topical themes could be tackled, such as economics, ethics, politics, and opposing views could be put against each other to stimulate healthy debate informed by True Parents' teachings. A lot has been said about tribal messiahship—more examples of successful tribal messiahs would be welcome, providing details of how they did what they did, not just reporting the harvested fruit. I was very disappointed by the style of writing for True Mother's life. It felt quite dramatized, a bit like North Korean propaganda. I want the facts presented in a matter-of-fact way.
- Guidance on tradition (on adoption for example) . Testimonies about overcoming challenges, stories about adoption from perspectives of both sides (parents' and children's experiences).
- I can honestly say that because I read TW regularly, my spiritual life is and was saved. Without receiving that special magazine, I would have been dead already for a long time. Especially when the CP-Providence started, I depended so much on TW.
- I am strongly against the Church's "blackout" of not only information but even photos including the "out and out" members of the True Family like Hyun-jin nim, Un-jin nim, lately In-jin nim, and God knows who else. I love them too, and want to know what's going on with them. It smacks of organizational hypocrisy when everything is glossed over to be just what's on the "up and up."
- Activities of the True Family (does not matter what) about Peace Academy
- More interviews or articles about the True Children, what they are up to, what they are thinking, raising up their children, relationship with each other and the providence etc. We just know them through rumors, no transparency here....
- Interviews with True Family members, their personal testimonies, lives
- Please restore "in Father's own words" section that ran for a very long time that was later removed from the magazine just as Father and Mother came to America. It would be fascinating for American members to read Father's words written during that time. Why it was taken out during this crucial time period is hard to understand.
- Any testimony about True Father; Analysis of the providence by Hyung-jin nim or at this time Dr. Yang; Testimonies of brothers or sister who could achieve 430 autobiographies; or who could fulfill tribal messiah goal
- "Papers by non-member specialists" when they are related to life of faith and providential issues
- News about True Family and about the advancement in the 23 + 20 providential nations. Topic "How to witness"
- Would like to read some support/sharing of childless blessed couples. We, childless couples are suffering silently. Sometimes, we resist going to church/Sunday service to avoid the pain when seeing children.

## From Reader's E-mail Messages with Survey Responses

- Overall, we really like Today's World. It is best if it remains "Providential," focusing on True Parents - present and past. But other topics are also very good (see survey). The multi-issue story on Father was excellent, and that approach with other stories could also be very good (see last survey question). Please remain in color, that is a big part of the magazine's value. Since many members cannot be present at the large events, the magazine's color photo record is all they may ever see. Keep up the good work.
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- I think that Today's World is an excellent magazine and I rely upon it particularly for news.
- Thank you so much for your good work! Please continue.
- We are very grateful.
- Thank you for the excellent magazine. It is a precious documentary of our church's history. A very special thanks go to the two issues of True Father's Seonghwa and Foundation Day. Love and blessings to you all!
- From the e-mail message: Thank you for the opportunity to fill out this survey. We appreciate the magazine so much because we are able to learn about what is happening in our Church; information we would otherwise never know about
- Thanks for asking.



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