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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

SINCE THE FOUNDING OF PWPA IN THE EARLY 1970s, Father has served scholars in many ways. His heartfelt concern has always been that scholars be able to use their knowledge for the greatest benefit of the whole. He has worked to encourage them to focus their efforts with wisdom and righteousness on building the future world of peace and happiness. Father's desire is that those university professors who share such ideals not only continue to deepen their knowledge of the Unification movement's vision, but also actively reach out to teach, lead, and guide others. Rather than isolating themselves like hermits in an ivory tower, he hopes they will take positive action to realize the great ideals that they intellectually embrace.

As you know, Father established the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (CFUF) on May 15 of this year. He expects that much of the work of the Federation will be done by professors. To achieve this great task of unification, the professors need to be able to instill in their university students a true vision of the future and a deeper understanding of God. With the foundation of their understanding of Godism, they can also help guide and inspire civic leaders and citizens, directly or indirectly, to work toward the accomplishment of unity. Father clearly explained his hope to the 144 professors who recently completed the first Korean Professors World Tour and Seminar [see article, p. 24].

These professors gained confidence and the courage to fulfill Father's desire by seeing the enormous scope of our movement's efforts here in America. In Alaska, they experienced our work in developing the ocean as a resource for the future. In the Washington DC area, they were amazed by our accomplishments in the media field and in other outreach projects. In New York, they came to understand more about the root, or *sung sang* aspect, underlying our activities through listening to Father speak at East Garden and Belvedere and attending Principle lectures.

When I read some of their reflections on the seminar, I could see that the professors were most impressed by three things:

First, they deeply appreciated the straightforward and unreserved way that our philosophy and all of our projects were presented. Our openness with them about Father, our thinking, and our work helped them understand the amazing depth and breadth of what we are doing.

Secondly, they realized that Father is not just another famous person but is actually a historical person needed by the world for God's providence at this time. Many of the professors wrote that they knew he could never have accomplished what he has without God's help.

Thirdly, the professors were happy to experience how warm and personable True Parents are. Some of them had imagined Father as unapproachable, aloof, perhaps even arrogant. But Father and Mother were completely open and embracing. While fishing with Father, the professors were amazed to see his totally giving personality and lifestyle. Father woke up before them, prepared their equipment for them, and personally taught them fishing techniques. Through their intimate experience with him, they gained an understanding of his heart and I believe came to profoundly respect and appreciate Father and Mother.

Toward the end of this very meaningful and direct experience with our movement in America, Father asked each professor to take responsibility to actively support the work of the CFUF in their particular communities in Korea—and they joyfully agreed. Father would like to have a total of 1000 Korean professors come to America to participate in an ongoing series of these seminars.

Another recent project involving professors was a scholars' speaking tour through Korea and Japan sponsored by ACUMI (Advisory Council for the Unification Movement International), held August 10-24. Thirty Western and 30 Japanese professors joined with 60 Korean professors to create 60 teams, and each team spent one week in Korea and six days in Japan, lecturing in a total of 180 places. They spoke about their experiences with the Unification movement centering on the theme "Rev. Moon's Vision and Its Significance for Modern Society."

Most people find it difficult to grasp Father's profound view of our human destiny. Therefore, Father sincerely hopes that as respected scholars all over the world have an opportunity to solidify their understanding of this vision through their own experience and scholarly research, they will become more and more excited to testify about our movement to others.

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FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 8,000 COUPLES' BLESSING

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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Belvedere

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WHAT DID I HAVE IN MIND WHEN I GAVE THE BLESSING to you? Did I just match you and marry you and feel that I was done with you? No. I have to raise and educate you all throughout your life, through all the persecution. No one likes to live this difficult kind of lifestyle. For whom do you do this? For God and mankind. Likewise, I do not live for myself—but for God and mankind.

No matter how much fallen man tries, he cannot reach God's side without God's help. Therefore, God has been desperately trying to help His children return to Him through the foundation of religion, crying out in anguish, "How can I liberate my sons and daughters?" But the many religions that have evolved are fighting each other instead of working together to bring everyone back to God. What is the purpose of the Unification Church? To



Father's visit was an unexpected delight for everyone who came to Belvedere for the 8,000 Couples' Anniversary Celebration.

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unify the world so that the tradition of all people becomes one. However, all the billions of people living today are going their separate ways, and religions are disunited. To bring them together is not easy at all.

International marriage is very difficult, but Moonies gladly take on this kind of challenge. Why? Because we know God's situation and the situation of humanity. Anyone who can unite cultures on an individual level can help liberate this world. The person who refuses to try will never find himself in the ideal world.

LIBERATING GOD

Because you know God's heart and situation, you internationally blessed couples can make the decision: "I will do this—with love. I will accept and succeed in this difficult marriage for the sake of true love and all of humanity." You must make that choice yourself. Why? Because God wants you, through your own portion of responsibility, to liberate mankind, and then God Himself, from the barriers blocking the flow of love. Your circumstances are difficult, I know, but by willingly choosing this way of life, you can help liberate God.

We Moonies are different from other people. We cannot ignore God's predicament. We have to break out of Satan's trap for the sake of God's liberation, no matter how difficult our situation is. The difficult situation I am talking about now is international marriage. Whose decision was it to undertake such a marriage? It wasn't my decision, or God's decision, but yours. That you chose this marriage endows it with precious value. You can keep that value, knowing that through your marriage, you will have helped God and mankind. But since you made the choice, you cannot complain.

If a man marries a woman from another country and truly loves her, God's territory is expanded two times. Thus, one person with true love can connect two countries. What if the husband is an American whose ancestors are strong Germans and his wife's ancestors are equally strong Japanese samurais? If the couple knows God's desperate situation, they can persevere to create a harmonious marriage, no matter what.

Uniting your countries for the sake of God and humanity through success in your international marriage is indeed an achievement to be proud of. Such a historical accomplishment gives you the authority to receive God. If you had never met me, you would never be able to do such a valuable thing in all of eternity. The true person wants—and creates—no boundaries. Satan is the originator of the barriers of culture. A marriage in which you successfully break through these barriers is your most prized possession.

Because I represent true love, you want to connect with and follow me. In the physical world, if energy is not replenished, it is soon exhausted. Generally, if people sacrifice

themselves for others, very soon they have nothing more to give. But with true love it is different: When we sacrifice for the sake of others with true love, our love just grows and grows, and we become bigger and bigger. This is the very reason God wanted to have dominion over all things through His sons and daughters, because with true love the power can never be exhausted. The more we love our children in the sacrificial way of true love, the more love will come back. So the more children we have, the more energy will fill all the corners of the universe.

At the dawn of history, the children of God revolted against and betrayed their Parent. Because of this tragedy, God, in terms of love, is still fettered in prison. Therefore, without giving true love to God, and to each other, mankind cannot liberate Him. My most important historical mission is to demonstrate my filial love for God and thus liberate Him.

THE IDEAL BASED ON LOVE

God sent me to this world to make it possible for every person to liberate other families, other nations, and the whole world with true love. Only after we do that can God be liberated. From the individual level, you must progress step by step by first creating a truly loving family; then you can connect to the true love tribe. Upon creating the true love tribe, you can reach the true love nation, and upon the true love nation, you can reach the true love world. You have to clearly understand that you cannot liberate God just on the individual level alone, or just by making noise. I myself am also in this situation.

God is the subject, and His object is mankind. When both combine, centering on true love, they can create unity. Anything centered on true love can be successful; but without it, there can be no perfected individual, no ideal family, no true nation or world; nor can we reach God. The ideal is based on love, and love always takes two. Many couples complain about their spouse, but both the husband and wife have to become perfect objects to God first; then the couple can unite. God doesn't want couples to just try to enjoy being together without first being perfect objects to Him in true love.

Have you ever thought, "I must sacrifice my family so that I can liberate America"? My own children had to go through unbelievable suffering in school; they were called terrible names. But I always gave more attention to America than to my family. When the nation is liberated, the family and the individual will automatically be liberated too. When God is liberated, the world will follow. Therefore, we must work up to the level of God, always sacrificing the smaller level, in the moment, for the sake of the next higher level. To God it makes sense to sacrifice and work not just for the sake of today, or even tomorrow, but for 1,000 years from now. How wonderful it is to make such a glorious investment!



It is really wise for the present-day American woman, instead of choosing an American man of the same race, with customs and a background similar to hers, to choose a Japanese husband. Such a choice is closer to God's heart. How special it is for the American woman to say, "I will open the gate of the love of the Japanese man and all of Japan. Together we can open up the spiritual world gate." Ultimately they can help liberate God, too.

Your international marriage is no doubt difficult now—in fact, you may say it stinks! Fertilizer also stinks, but it is necessary in order to guarantee a good harvest. In the future, you will get back 1,000 times more than what you put in. I do everything, like encouraging international marriages, for the purpose of liberating God and mankind, even though in the moment people may not understand what I am doing.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

If you are having severe problems, both you and your spouse should get together hand in hand and pray to God with tears, saying, "We are really going through difficulty!" Then there is a way for heaven to give you a blessing. You may be feeling that your situation is miserable; however, you know that God's situation is even more miserable than yours. You can comfort God by saying, "We are all in this misery together. Even in the midst of His own difficulty, God is trying to liberate us, so we absolutely must pray to liberate God."

Think of a Japanese woman who marries into an Ameri-

can family. She may have nothing in common with that family and will no doubt be continually misunderstood. Often she feels terribly lonely because she has no one to share her heart with. How can she bear living in such an uncomfortable and strange environment? If she has difficulties in loving her husband, the only thing she can do is digest everything alone, crying and praying to God. Think about how serious her situation is! If you were to live in the Orient with your spouse's parents for one year, you would understand how difficult it is for your Oriental wife or husband.

But still that Japanese woman tries to think, "Father blessed me. Since I have decided to sacrifice myself in this way, I will take full responsibility to try to create a God-centered, harmonious marriage." Therefore, you American men should care for your Oriental wives with utmost sensitivity and gratitude. You should say to yourself, "This is Father's most beloved sister, his most beloved daughter. Father has given his most precious one to me. Why would an Oriental woman willingly marry an American like me? If my wife had married a man of the same nationality, she wouldn't have to go through this living hell. She must be enduring this for my sake and for the sake of America." You should try to understand and help her as much as you can.

Whenever I visit another country, I am always drawn to visit the internationally blessed couples first, particularly those in which one spouse is Korean or Japanese. International couples are often lonesome people. My heart goes out to those who are lonely and suffering, especially in

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their course of trying to fulfill God's desire.

Though I knew these Oriental women would suffer, I still suggested Western husbands for them. Why? For the sake of God and mankind. Without these marriages we cannot unite the world. Blessed couples should think about this. When you are in a difficult situation, thank God for the opportunity you have to substantially advance the salvation of the world and to receive additional eternal benefit. In the spirit world, the internationally blessed couples will be treated in a special way.

YOUR ETERNAL PRIDE

I am speaking this way so that you can grasp very deeply that your goal is to liberate God and mankind by successfully uniting your family. I know that to create such harmony entails suffering and sacrifice, but when you succeed, you will receive every blessing. However, if we don't liberate God and the world, nothing else, including our family, has any value or meaning. In other words—it's all or nothing.

That you, by your own choice and power, can complete the foundation through all levels to liberate God is your eternal pride as a blessed couple. God didn't fall; man did. Therefore, *your* decision and your *family's* decision to endure the difficulties and go a way different from the rest of the world are of supreme importance. The family is the unit that does everything.

International marriages are not at all easy; however, you couples are able to say, "Yes, this will work. I will make it work." For you to think this way is a miracle in itself. Your original mind is pulling you in the true direction.

Being willing to take on this level of challenge is the standard. Those who do not have an international Blessing have the easiest of all marriages, so no matter what their circumstances, they can never complain that their lives and relationships are difficult, compared to that of an international couple. If they do complain, they will have the significance of an ant from the spirit world's point of view.

The only truly legitimate marriage is a marriage given by God through the True Parents. It took God endless sacrifices throughout history to create the foundation upon which a legitimate marriage could finally take place. After millions of years of human history, at last the moment arrived when everything was set so that you could receive the Blessing. Your marriage is *not* the result of my whimsical idea, but rather is given on the foundation of countless years of suffering. The whole plan of the Unification movement is centered upon the creation of God-centered marriages.

Blessed couples could one day say to all the non-blessed married couples, "How you have made God's heart and the heart of all mankind suffer! While you two were having a so-called happy marriage, how much pain you have caused God!" But on the other hand, all these couples may turn

against the blessed couples and say, "You were in the historical position, but you were only concerned about your own family's happiness. You never cared about us!" Can you escape the spirit world's fearful accusation?

This opportunity comes only once to your generation and your lineage. Therefore, your actions at this supremely critical and precious time have eternal consequences. You will inevitably leave some sort of legacy to your descendants; if you create a bad tradition, they will inherit it and will accuse you. You should do everything you possibly can during True Parents' lifetime on earth. This is *not* the time to just create happiness for yourself.

From the Principle we learn to make conditional offerings. For this you need a subject, a time period, and an offering. If you don't make your offering until after the conditional time period, God cannot use it; it has no value. If you say, "I will get well-established now, and in the future I will be able to help the Unification Church more," you will lose your incredible historical opportunity. You blessed couples should deeply realize your precious value. This time in history will never come again.

You are the first in your lineage to have received the Blessing. In the spirit world you must follow True Parents' family, because you are in their direct lineage. The new lineage root begins with True Parents, centering on God and true love, and all your ancestors and your descendants will be connected into True Parents' lineage through you. You must separate from your old lineage temporarily and become engrafted to the True Parents, and then your ancestors can come into the lineage of True Parents as your spiritual descendants.

But first you have to cut yourself off from the old vine tree. You have to give up the habitual behavior that you inherited from Satan. As the Bible says, you should become like children with no concepts. Realize that you need to recreate a family, a tribe, and a nation from scratch, centering on True Parents, with God's blessing.

You blessed couples should be immensely proud of your families because the root of your family is not from you or the world—but from God. You don't know how valuable that is. Those who broke this precious Blessing on their own have blocked the way for up to 70 generations of good ancestors; now they don't know where to go in the spirit world. Think about how serious I have been during my lifetime—it's because I understand the paramount significance of your marriage. Never forget that there will be no more Blessings given by True Parents directly once we are gone from this earth.

THREE STAGES IN HISTORY

Through the fall, false love came in right at the beginning. If Satan had attacked later and had only influenced a few people, it would have been a different story; but he came into the very root. God has had to work within the fallen

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world, striving to bring new parents and a restored ancestry to mankind. To do this He has interceded in human history at several critical points.

In Jesus' time, the two aspects of the world—right and left, or internal and external—were to have come together under one common set of Parents. The right side was represented by the Jewish religion and the left side by the nation of Israel. If the people at that time had united to welcome Jesus, within 40 years the whole world would have come into unity, centering on Rome. A restored nation would have been created. But that did not happen.

Therefore, the Lord of the Second Advent had to come to indemnify what was not accomplished in Jesus' time. A second situation had to be set up on the world level. At the end of World War II, established Christianity, in the place of Judaism, was on the right side, and the Christian nation of the United States, in the position of Israel, was on the left side. Thus we can say that Americans are the second Israelites.

However, because established Christianity and the nation of America did not recognize the Second Advent at the time, the Unification Church had to be established, and now Korea has come into the position as the nation of the third Israelites.

into unity. For this purpose, the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland was established. Before this was established, the incumbent party and the opposition party in South Korea were constantly fighting. But now it has become apparent to both parties that there is no point in fighting any more. Korea's direction will be set depending upon which direction I move.

RECOVERING THE FOUNDATION

The last 40 years have been the period for the third Israelites to grow to maturity. I have been leading you through the wilderness, like the original Israelites, but so far we have had no nation—no settling place. Starting with nothing, we have had to indemnify and bring everything to fruition in 40 years.

The third Israelites must restore the second Israel—America; otherwise there is no way that the United States, which failed 40 years ago, can regain its position. That is why I have been working here in America, bringing back all that scattered-out spiritual fortune and thereby indemnifying conditions around the whole world, because America represents the world. We have to recover that foundation and then firmly implant it in Korea.

When North and South Korea are unified, the unity of the family, the tribe, and the nation will finally be restored. Once North and South Korea achieve unity, the problem between East and West Germany can be solved. Likewise, the division between communism and the free world will be healed. Soon the whole world will come into God's realm. The differences between communism and democracy will completely fade—even now more and more communist countries are adopting free-enterprise activities, and the governments of democratic nations are becoming more centralized.

Without question, Korea is the most religious country in the world today. Buddhism has flourished there more strongly than in the country where it originated, India. Likewise, though China has virtually neglected Confucianism, Korea adheres faithfully to its precepts. When evangelist Billy Graham visited Korea, he said he found there the most fervent Christians in the world.

Providentially, there is great similarity between Korea and Italy. They are both peninsulas, their climate is about the same, and their national character is strikingly similar. At one time the Roman Catholic Church in Italy held the promise of an ideal religion for the world. However, a materialistic worldview and ultimately communist thought came about in part as a result of the corruption of the church. This failure must be indemnified by Korea. The Unification Church must offer the remedy. We must replace secular humanism with Godism.

Korea is small, but it is the most strategically critical country. America senses spiritually that if it loses Korea, it loses everything. That is why the Reagan Administration



Robert Morton, 8,000 BFA vice-chairman from 1985-1987, offers a gift to Father.

If Jesus' goal had been achieved, within 40 years Jesus would have reigned over the whole world; but instead it took 400 years to indemnify the rejection of Jesus. When the second Israelites failed, I indemnified that failure in 40 years.

Korea, divided into two, is now at the crux of the situation. What is the Unification Church? We are the third Israel church. We must focus on the restoration of the Korean nation; North and South Korea must be brought

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Before Father began his speech, True Parents listened to testimonies from three of the blessed wives.

is trying everything possible to help Korea's situation. If America continues to help Korea, America itself will be restored. For the successful culmination of God's dispensation, both the first and second Israels must work together at this time, centering on Korea. This is why we are taking so many pains to bring the Jewish religion into one and the Christian religion into one. We have been inviting rabbis and ministers to Korea. They are returning with this understanding clearly in their minds: Korea is the religious hub of the world.

ONE IDEAL COUNTRY

Because Korea has this central role, and because the third Israelites are the microcosm representing the entire world family, the blessed couples in Korea can be said to have the position of Abel, and those outside of Korea can be called Cain. But both Cain and Abel are the children of the same God and True Parents. When the Cain couples from all around the world come to Korea, they will create enough weight on God's side to counterbalance all the satanic elements in Korea. Then the actual unity of North and South Korea will begin to occur.

The first Israel had a country—Israel. The second Israel had America. But the third Israel—the Unification Church—has no country. What is the purpose of the blessed couples? To build the third Israel country. We must go and build our own Fatherland. God wants to see one ideal country, and mankind wants the same thing. Our ideal can build that country—the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Once that is achieved, God can finally reign over this world.

All the blessed couples in Korea have already been mobilized for this purpose. The blessed couples from around the world must also go to build the Fatherland, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You are going there to fight a spiritual war.

All blessed families are standing on the world level. We are all connected to True Parents' family and are of the same lineage, so from this point on, the family, the clan, the race, the nation, and the world—everything—will be connected. From this time we can make a new world completely ruled by God and totally free from Satan!

This is what I have been working for all these years since I came to America. I have fulfilled 95 percent of the foundation; the rest is yours. We will build the Fatherland

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LIVING FAITH

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak
June 28, 1987
Belvedere

A meeting of the Planning Committee of the next Assembly of the World's Religions was held from June 17-20 at the Sterling Forest Convention Center in Tuxedo, NY. Thirteen religious leaders and scholars representing the major religions and regions of the world met to discuss plans for the second Assembly, scheduled for 1989.

ON JUNE 19 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF ADDRESSING THE Planning Committee of the next Assembly of the World's Religions as a representative of True Parents. Through my experience there, I felt even more proud of our True Parents and of Father's insight and vision for the future. Today I want to share some excerpts from my comments at that meeting and, in addition, give you deeper guidance concerning the main points.

Distinguished scholars and religious leaders: Thank you for coming to this first meeting of the Planning Committee for the Second Assembly of the World's Religions, scheduled for 1989.

The International Religious Foundation is sponsoring these Assemblies in order to promote the cause of world peace through interreligious dialogue and harmony. Rev. Moon referred to this in his Founder's Address at the 1985 Assembly:

As far as I know, God is not sectarian; He is not obsessed with minor details of doctrine. We should quickly liberate ourselves from theological conflicts which result from blind attachment to doctrines and rituals, and instead focus on living communication with God. I think we urgently need to purify the religious atmosphere into one in which believers can have living faith and every soul can communicate with God. In God's parental heart and His great love there's no discrimination based on color or nationality. There are no barriers between countries or cultural traditions, between East and West, or North and South. Today God is trying to embrace the whole of humankind as His children. Through interreligious dialogue and harmony we should realize one ideal world of peace, which is God's purpose of creation and the common ideal of humankind.

Vital to our future

Obviously, this goal will not be realized in just a few short years. Although the third Assembly, scheduled for 1993, will coincide with the centennial of the 1893 World Parliament of Religions, these Assemblies have a far greater role to play than merely commemorating a past event. Rev. Moon considers the Assemblies vital to the future of our planet.

Rev. Moon's hopes for these Assemblies, as he explained in 1985, are:

First, that world religious traditions respect each other and at least work to keep in check any interreligious conflicts and wars. Second, that the Assembly serve the world by becoming a cooperative community of religions. It will hopefully agree upon and make resolutions calling religious people to practical action, encouraging all people to live by God-centered values and fostering the development of the human mind and spirit. Third, that the Assembly develop into an organization in which the major leadership of all religions participate. The Assembly has to lift up the highest values and purposes of life and offer them to all religious people, all groups, and all nations.

These are great hopes, and their realization will obviously require not only God's guidance, but also our extended effort. In Rev. Moon's thinking, the major responsibility for solving the world's problems lies with religious leaders. It is reasonable, after all, to expect great things from those who pray to, meditate upon, and act in humble obedience to the Ultimate. It is our hope that the Assembly of the World's Religions may lead to cooperation among the world religious leaders in overcoming obstacles to world peace and human happiness.

It is reasonable, after all, to expect great things from those who pray to, meditate upon, and act in humble obedience to the Ultimate.

Who has the best plan to overcome these obstacles and establish world peace and human happiness? Of course, God. In our planning for the second Assembly, we must seek the Divine will, not just our own knowledge or wisdom. As religious people, it is important that we renew our experience of the power and love of the living God and revive our faith that God acts in the affairs of hu-



Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

mankind. We find our feelings within the Divine will; we find our thoughts within the Divine will. We must base our decisions upon the Divine will.

Actually, this advice is not only relevant for the members of this Planning Committee. Every one of us, as Unification Church members, must focus on finding the Divine will as we make choices in our daily lives.

Those prepared by God

A true assembly of world faiths can never be the property of any single religion or the work of any finite number of individuals. It belongs to God and to all humankind, and we can only assist in some small way toward its realization.

From among those with whom God is working in the world, you will select the participants for the next Assembly. Perhaps there are only a few people in the world who are able to lead millions. We must try to find such people prepared by God. When we make our selections and invitations with Divine guidance, we will be able to choose the ones who are already prepared.

Because the task of discovering those people that God has prepared is not at all easy for the Planning Committee, I shared with them how Father trained us in the early days of our movement to be able to do what seemed impossible.

I can remember in the early years of my own dedication to the Unification Church, Rev. Moon taught his first followers three basic points. First, he trained us to get along with less sleep and to take full advantage of our time every day.

Father once shared with me how and why he trained himself to go without a full night's sleep. After he received his initial revelation from Jesus and God, he spent the next few years researching how to accomplish this seemingly impossible mission. He told me that Heavenly Father directed him only about fundamental points, not details; to figure out how to actually accomplish God's will on earth remained primarily his own portion of responsibility. Father realized that a lifetime of less than 100 years would not give him enough time, but he didn't ask God to extend his life because he already realized that our physical lives are limited. The only way was to reduce the time he spent sleeping or relaxing, thereby being able to focus the maximum amount of his precious time on earth toward fulfilling God's will.

Every one of us, as Unification Church members, must focus on finding the Divine will as we make choices in our daily lives.

Thus he began to train himself. Before the age of 20 he reached his current standard of sleeping not more than three hours a night. From then until now, at age 67, he has unwaveringly kept this standard.

24 hours a day

In the early days, Father's family lived upstairs in the Chung Pa Dong church, which is a very small building. The church was overcrowded 365 days a year with people coming to workshops and meetings. Since Father's rooms and our rooms were not too distant, he spent almost 24 hours a day with us. Every night after dinner we sat in the main room surrounding him, and he spoke to us about principles for living. We were always amazed at his words. Sometimes he would ask a member, "Please share with everybody the vision you had last night." Father's spiritual senses were completely open at that time, so he knew, even though that member hadn't told him he had had a vision. Or Father would ask a sister, "Please share how you were severely persecuted by your husband," even though she hadn't complained. He would ask members to give their testimonies and then use that content to give us guidance for our lives. He often asked members to sing a song or even to dance.

At that time, most Korean Christians were very conservative and strict, and only hymns were allowed to be sung



True Father leads a song at a prayer meeting in the rain with his early followers.

in church. However, Father would explain that sometimes human beings created very narrow church laws and regulations under the name of God. Since God's heart is broad, he said, God would not make a law against popular songs. He taught us that most important is our motivation for singing a song and who it is directed to. Most popular songs are about love—horizontal love. But why not imagine the words are relating to vertical love, our love for God? Because we sang such songs, we were persecuted by the conservative Christians. Father didn't care if we weren't following the traditional way. "They don't fully know God's heart," he would say.

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Father would speak to us sometimes until 2 am, and our morning prayer meeting was at 4:00 or 4:30 am in those days! We had five official services during the week—Sunday morning prayer meeting, Sunday 11 am service, Sunday evening service, Wednesday evening service, and Friday evening service, not including our early morning prayer meeting every day. Because of this, we had no escape from Father! I must confess to you it was really hard for me to

sleep so little, and still my standard is far below Father's standard. When Father was speaking, we sometimes dozed off, but Father usually didn't say anything; he just went on teaching. Why did he train us in this way? Because he felt God's great urgency—there were only a small number of Unification Church members on earth to accomplish God's will in a short amount of time. He exemplified to us that even more than 100 percent dedication and determination are needed to achieve God's ideal.

With this explanation I wanted to encourage the Planning Committee members to determine themselves to absolutely overcome their own limitations and the many kinds of obstacles on the path toward achieving religious harmony.

Controlling physical desires

Secondly, Rev. Moon taught us to control our physical appetite for food, and so we had many fasting conditions—three days, seven days, ten days, or 21 days. Some members even fasted 40 days.

The way of righteousness is not an easy task for fallen man, even with strong determination. Of the many kinds of temptations and challenges confronting us, the most serious are related to our physical desires. To try to control the fundamental desire for food is not easy, especially for those who never have enough food. But Father himself set the standard and asked his early followers to do the same.

When I joined the church it was a big challenge for me to do a seven-day fast, but fasting conditions turned out to be much easier for me than sacrificing sleep. Father's standard for himself and for all leaders was to fast every Sunday so that we could focus completely on praying for members

and our public mission with a purified spirit. One year I fasted not only every Sunday but also did one 21-day fast and many one-week and two-week fasts.

Sometimes we would fast even without drinking water. The easiest way to lay indemnity conditions is to fast. Fasting can also be beneficial to your health, but after fasting make sure to treat your stomach well. There is an almost 40-year-old tradition in our church for all Unification Church members to do a seven-day fast. This helps us overcome the fear most people have of going without food.

Thirdly, he trained us to take control of our sexual desires as a key to overcoming fallen nature.

After joining the church, we come to understand the fall of man and how original sin is related to false love, so we voluntarily decide to control our sexual desires. One of the most important conditions for achieving a God-centered personality is to properly direct this desire, which we practice through a period of celibacy before being blessed.

Incredible gift of grace

Think about the situation today in most Western societies. Unwanted pregnancies, divorce, AIDS—these things reflect severe internal problems in our society. Our Unification Church lifestyle, however, protects us from such tragedies. So, if Unification Church members follow Father's direction, we are automatically protected from these terrible situations. This is God's incredible grace.

Father always emphasized the absolute, primary importance of developing an elevated, God-centered personality before trying to achieve any material gain.

These three points are the basic content of Father's education. Please focus on them. Overcoming the desire for sleep in essence means training ourselves to be fully dedicated to doing God's will every day. If we sleep less than three hours a night but during the day take time to sleep or are not completely focused, what is the point of making a condition to sleep less? So don't interpret such a standard only literally. Remember that God and True Parents desire all Unification Church members to *choose* to completely dedicate themselves. Fasting helps us master our physical desires. And controlling our sexual desires trains us to focus on true, eternal love, not on false love or false relationships.

Because we have so many different activities and projects, you might be interested to know where all the funds to finance them come from. Since the early days, Rev. Moon has had a special philosophy about funding. After the Korean War, Korea's economic situation was miserable, and our church members' situation was very difficult. Every day beggars would come to our church for food. We would always share our meal with them, but they never came twice.

Do you know why? Because our food was so bad. We gave the beggars the same food that Father and all of us ate, but sometimes I saw the beggars throw the food into the garbage just before they left our yard! Often we had no money and had to buy rice or barley on credit. Sometimes it got to the point where, if we received a donation, we could eat, but if there were no donations, we fasted. So we not only made fasting conditions for certain reasons, we also fasted out of necessity.

A financial foundation based on God

Some people outside of our church as well as inside were concerned about this situation and advised Rev. Moon to start a business to provide a financial foundation for the movement. But Rev. Moon said always no. It is his belief that God created all things for man, and that when a man achieves a certain level of God-centered personality, all things will naturally come to him. If a man who has not yet reached this level seeks material things or money, he goes against God's law. So, although our church started in the early 1950s, it was only in the late 1960s that Rev. Moon approved of businesses being established to support our work.

Father always emphasized to his early followers the absolute, primary importance of developing an elevated, God-centered personality before trying to achieve any material gain.

Because of inexperience, these businesses lost money in the first couple of years. They only started gaining some profit in the early 1970s.

Not until Father came to America in late 1971 could he and his family live in a separate house. Until 1974 church leaders and their families lived in only one or two rented rooms. Several times I was kicked out because I had six children and the landlord didn't want so many people living in such a small house.

The present worldwide financial foundation of the Unification movement is the result of only 15 years of effort. Father has always stressed that the goal of all businesses our members start should be to use the profit for God's will. He teaches that if they use the profit for God's purpose, then God's blessing will come to their business, but if they use the profit primarily for self-maintenance, God's blessing will cease.

The most important church

No matter how small or how big our budget, Rev. Moon taught us to divide it properly. One unit of budget is for the maintenance of the Unification Church, i.e., self-maintenance; three times that amount is to be used for interreligious activities; and ten times that amount is to be spent for social, educational, and relief projects.

Please understand Father's heart and his policy regarding our church money. If Father were to stop all our social and interreligious projects for one month, he could use that money to buy buildings for every state and city church center in all 50 states. Many regional directors or local leaders have asked Father for money to buy church buildings. Father understands the need, but he always emphasizes the greater importance of our social and interfaith projects. He stresses that the most important "church" is home

church, and the most important temple is the individual temple—ourselves.

The income of the Unification Church in America comes from three sources—individual donations, business donations, and fundraising. The biggest part comes from donations, the smallest from fundraising. Most of the donations come from donors in Japan and Korea.

Actually, what our movement spends annually in the United States is 100 times more than the amount raised by our members' fundraising efforts on the street. I urged the theologians to recognize that Father's focus is to serve others, not himself. From reading about God's chosen people in the Bible, we know that God does not want to extend His grace only to them. After He chooses them, His desire is for those righteous men and women to spread God's love to the non-believers, through the chosen people's sacrificial conditions. Father's desire for our budget policy is exactly the same.

With God's help, I'm confident we can succeed in making the next Assembly a landmark event in the history of human progress toward God's ideal. It's ours to be makers of history and not merely followers of it.

Cultivate excitement

As I have been meeting with religious scholars recently, I've found that more and more they are interested in Father himself. This is completely different from the past. These days I spend most of my time with them testifying about Father and his ideas and lifestyle. Because of their heartistic development and increasingly close relationship to Father, I can now encourage them to take more personal responsibility for the accomplishment of our many world-wide projects.

How does my guidance to these theologians and professors relate to us? I want to emphasize several points about our spiritual lives and daily discipline. We must always check ourselves to see whether we are stuck in routine habits or making ongoing progress in our life of faith. Our accomplishments will be fewer if our life is guided only by habit rather than motivated by genuine excitement and zeal.

Because of the weight of inherited bad habits under Satan's dominion, it is very difficult for a person to break out of fallen ways of thinking, acting, and feeling. After you join the church, Satan initially loses you as you enthusiastically lay indemnity conditions and begin to make progress toward perfection on the individual level. But Satan never gives up. He is still waiting to tempt you on the family, society, and national levels. Therefore, if you are not constantly excited and actively growing in faith all the time, your habits may actually endanger your eternal life. You can easily recognize the difference between those members who follow their daily schedule just by habit and those who follow the same schedule but are enthusiastic and always challenging and elevating their faith.

Because Father understands how difficult it is to consistently live a genuine life of faith, he taught us to always check our level of enthusiasm. You may become very inspired when you hear, for example, about religious leaders appreciating Father more and more, but whether you are able to build upon that inspiration depends on your basic

attitude toward Father and God's will. If your heart is not growing, then you are not staying in the same place; you are in fact regressing.

All of us long for stimulation and benefit from whatever we do. However, if you center on yourself rather than on God and True Parents, you will always feel emotionally hungry and may lack the power to move ahead. At these times, please remind yourself of the amazing grace and benefit you have already received. Remember the times when you joyfully laid indemnity conditions with strong determination, and realize that Heavenly Father wants to give you His grace eternally based on the relatively small conditions you make now.

For the sake of your lineage

As your blessed children grow up, you blessed couples are probably thinking more and more seriously about how to impart eternal faith, heart, and True Parents' tradition to the next generation. Your children actually belong to God! Therefore, you have to carefully lay indemnity conditions not only to help them fulfill God's expectation, but also to prepare a good foundation for your future eternal lineage. You absolutely need God's protection and grace for your children and their descendants. Most important is helping your child develop faith in True Parents, True Family, and God's purpose. Perhaps you find it difficult to absolutely

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follow Father's and your central figure's direction, but you must be careful not to avoid the sacrificial way. Remember that Heavenly Father wants to bless you and your family for eternity.

The most precious attribute to cultivate in your children and grandchildren is not any external ability, but rather their internal faith and a close relationship with True Parents. Sometimes when young Western blessed children see me in the elevator at the World Mission Center, they say, "Oh, True Father!" I am very touched, but it's evident that it's difficult for Western children, as well as adults, to distinguish Oriental faces. Oriental children, however, easily recognize Father's face. Easterners, in turn, have difficulty recognizing Western faces.

This is an external point, but Westerners may also be at a disadvantage heartistically in feeling close to True Parents, and therefore they may need to make special effort—by laying conditions. Please don't think of them as "indemnity" conditions, but rather as "blessing" conditions—the chance to be able to receive Heavenly Father's acceptance and eternal grace.

Your priceless advantage

In the future, your children need to maintain a faithful and deep relationship with True Parents. How can they develop this? Exposing them to the Principle and Father's speeches



A butterfly perches delicately on the flowering branch Father is holding.

is important, but more essential is that, beginning as a small baby, they observe and take part in their parents' own life of attendance. They should see your dedication in holding morning service and prayer meetings with True Parents' photograph on your altar and should learn from you a life-style of attendance toward the True Family.

When you first enter your home, your children should see that it is your family's normal tradition to gather and bow in front of True Parents' picture and pray—not just sometimes but every day. If someone brings a gift or even just one cookie, your children should see that you first offer it to heaven by putting it in a particular place or in a special dish. As they experience your own daily attitude of attendance, they can easily learn Father's tradition and Principle. Without being exposed early to this kind of life-style, they may follow the more convenient ways of the secular world.

Actually, if your living environment is very small and humble, you have an advantage. Then it is easier to demonstrate a simple and sincere attitude of service to True Parents. A small area of your room can be made the prayer area, and with just a small dish of three cookies you can spiritually attend True Parents. If you have a comfortable, more luxurious environment, how can you sufficiently attend Father and Mother with only three cookies?

Why did I share with you my address to the theologians? In the future, more and more famous people will want to attend Father. They may support Father in many excellent ways, but still you have an amazingly important advantage: your opportunity to develop a heartistic relationship with True Parents by laying precious indemnity conditions in miserable situations. If you recognize the dignity of your

dedication to God and the value of your life of faith, your spirit can become much more excited and elevated. But if you don't recognize this priceless advantage and only compare your lifestyle with others on an external level, you will lose the precious value and meaning of your life.

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Without maintaining the heavenly tradition, we cannot offer a beautiful future to our children or to all the people who will come to follow our True Parents. We should always seek to find the precious content of our life and educate our children to understand heavenly priorities.

Never be ashamed of your present humble, sometimes miserable environment. In the future, your children will be proud of the sacrificial lifestyle they experienced, compared to other children, and of the way of attendance and tradition they learned.

The time has come when we will see more and more development in our external environment, so we must take great care to maintain the internal preciousness of our life.

God bless you all. □

INDEMNITY

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THE FIRST THING I WANT TO SAY ABOUT indemnity is that it does not equate to suffering. This thought comes to the minds of many brothers and sisters when they think of indemnity. Indemnity does *not* equal suffering.

Another thing that indemnity is not is "punishment." God is not really a "hellfire and brimstone" God. He does not have a desire to punish His children. Satan wants you to believe God is punitive so that you will think you won't ever be able to go back to Him.

What would you do if you were shown the door to a room and were told that in that room was God Almighty and He was waiting to see you? Many of you would be scared to death to go in that room, wouldn't you? You would probably think, "Now I'm really going to get it."

The heart of a parent

From the Principle you should realize that Heavenly Father is not like that. You should not be afraid of Him. He's your father. He wants to help you. So why are you afraid? Satan has made you afraid of God. You have inherited Satan's fear since the fall.

The parent/child relationship is very different from the master/servant relationship. Think about it. If the servant does something wrong, the master will punish him in some way. Or in the case of something really bad, the master will kick the servant out altogether. Now think about the parent/child relationship. If the child does something wrong, the parent is not going to kick the child out. The parent is going to try to restore the original relationship and bring out the original good nature of the child. The parent, in his heart, takes full responsibility for the mistakes of the child because the parent raised the child. Since the parent is the cause and the child is the result, the parent automatically has to take responsibility.

If your child does something wrong, what do you want to see happen? You want to get back to the original relationship before the bad action occurred. But you can't just ignore the bad action. You can't let it continue to happen either. Something's got to change.

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First, you would want your child to realize that he did something wrong. Next, you would want him to apologize for the mistake he made and then change his behavior. If he demonstrates thoroughly that he understands what he did wrong and then acts in a good way from then on, your trust and faith in the child will be reestablished.

You would not want just a shallow apology from your child and then see him repeat the same mistake or in some way show that he doesn't sincerely care or understand what he is doing.

As long as the child is making progress in his understanding of what is right and in the sincerity of his heart, you can be satisfied with his growth. In other words, you can forgive immaturity as long as it is growing into maturity. You can also forgive ignorance or even wrong actions as long as you can see that he is sincere and that his motivation is to do the right thing.

God knows you completely

If that's what you would do for your own children, wouldn't you expect God to have even greater love for you? God's understanding of your ancestors and of the spiritual forces acting on you is complete, whereas yours is not. God can understand why you do what you do better than anyone else. He also knows the amount of effort you are making compared to your level of capability at each stage of your growth.

God knows that He's putting a lot of pressure on you to do bigger things than anyone in history has ever been able to do. He wants you—one person at the culmination of thousands of generations of fallen humanity—to be able to rise above all historical sins in only one generation, your own lifetime. It's not easy to restore all of history in one generation! God knows that. He knows it better than you!

So the real key to God and the secret to paying indemnity is your sincerity. If you have pure motivation and you sincerely want to know the truth and do the right thing, you never have to be afraid of God. He will always want to embrace you and help you to understand the truth and do the right thing. All things were made to grow to perfection over a certain time period. Every one of your skills

was developed with a lot of practice and many mistakes on your part over a long time. Heavenly Father knows this very well. He created it that way. He is aware that you are going to make many, many mistakes.

"If you make a mistake, you are going to have to pay indemnity." You hear this a lot in the church. It is a threat of punishment to scare you into doing something. There is actually truth in this statement, but the understanding of "indemnity" as something to be feared comes from Satan, not from God. If you think of indemnity as punishment, then every time you make a mistake you will feel that still more punishment will be added on to your total. After a while it may seem futile to you to do anything, because however hard you try, you are bound to make mistakes. You finally conclude that each mistake you make adds more punishment to your pile of indemnity, which must already be a mountain, so the smartest thing to do is to just do nothing. "Then at least my punishment won't get any greater," you say. Satan likes you to think in this way.

Indemnity equals love

But indemnity is not like this. Indemnity is actually a gift from God. Indemnity is grace from God. You can even think that indemnity equals love from God. God is the source of love, not torture; therefore, indemnity must be an expression of God's love. When you experience indemnity, you should at the same time (or as a result of indemnity) experience God's love. If all you experience is personal suffering, you are not "paying indemnity." If you experience that your suffering is for God, then the result will be that you will grow closer to God and feel more of His love.

The purpose of indemnity is restoration. Restoration of what? Restoration of your relationship with God. Therefore, if true indemnity has been paid, the net result will be that you feel closer to God. If you feel farther away from God's love, then indemnity has not been paid. In fact, Satan has gotten the victory. It is Satan's will to separate you from God. Remember: If you feel closer to God, indemnity has been paid; if you feel farther away from God, indemnity has not been paid.

Many times a person will get a physical injury and others will say, "You're paying indemnity." But please don't think that physical suffering is indemnity. It might be, but then again it might not be. Heartistic indemnity is spiritual only. Unless you gain some spiritual benefit as a result of the physical suffering, no indemnity has been paid. A small amount of heartistic indemnity can be far, far superior to a great amount of physical suffering. It is all decided by how much closer you are to God as a result.



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Let me also clear up some of the confusion about "lesser, equal, and greater" indemnity. Lesser indemnity is always the case in the Unification Church. You never have to pay the full amount. Because of the foundation of the total sacrifice of Jesus and True Parents, our indemnity is always a lesser amount. You never even have to pay equal indemnity. That is an Old Testament concept from back before Jesus came and back before anyone knew anything about the parental heart of God.

A sincere heart

Greater indemnity will never have to be paid as long as you maintain a sincere heart. When Abraham had to sacrifice his son Isaac, he was not paying greater indemnity. Sure, it was greater than the sacrifice of the animals, but it was not greater than all of his past sins and the sins of all his ancestors, which he was paying for. Through it all, Abraham was sincere in wanting to do God's will, so he was actually paying lesser indemnity. He did not have to kill his son in the end. He only had to offer him, which in itself was tremendous heartistic indemnity.

Greater indemnity only applies if a person remains insincere and unrepentant. Greater indemnity should be thought of like this: If someone hurts you or wrongs you, then you cannot feel love for him. As long as he remains insincere or unrepentant, you cannot love him. You may be able to love him only if you see him suffering. If you see that he is suffering more than he has made you suffer, then you have a condition to forgive him and begin loving him. This is an example in which that person has paid "greater indemnity." Your heart wants to love him now because he has suffered. You are just waiting for him to turn to you to seek a relationship again.

If a person has hurt you, your heart will become closed. But as soon as a person expresses sincere repentance, your heart automatically wants to open up to him. It could be a long time before you see a person's sincerity, but when you finally see it, your heart begins to open. At such a point, "lesser indemnity" is operating. The relationship is in the process of being restored, and neither party wants to needlessly delay the reunion.

Tremendous spiritual benefit

Heavenly Father is always seeking a reunion with you. As soon as He sees your sincerity and repentance, He will rush toward you. He will then give you some physical act to do to symbolically restore the physical wrongs that have been committed. The act can be relatively simple, but it represents all your sincere desire to restore the past. The simple physical act is the key, but the tremendous benefit is entirely spiritual. A small physical act can represent an incredible spiritual breakthrough on your part.

Therefore, physical acts of indemnity that you perform are almost insignificant compared to the spiritual and heartistic realities of what they represent. Once our hearts have made certain conditions, then the grace of God

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brings about tremendous restoration.

This misconception that greater indemnity equals greater punishment has been hung over a lot of members' heads by Satan, causing many of them intense spiritual anguish and even causing some of them to leave the church. They lost all hope of being able to climb out of the big hole they were digging for themselves and their descendants every day.

It is important for everyone to think about indemnity and the other concepts in the Principle in terms of how they express God's love for man. God has no other motivation but love. If for any reason you cannot understand or feel God's love behind every concept and aspect of the Principle, then please realize that your understanding is not yet big enough. Pray to better understand God's point of view and how God's love is being expressed through everything He does.

Thank you for reading all of this. It's a long comment, but Satan is really trying to confuse our members; therefore, deeply understanding the true meaning of indemnity is extremely important. □

Love,
Heung Jin Nim

Spiritual Dictation Received From Jesus through Carl Redmond, national leader of Barbados

"LET NOT YOUR DAYS BE WASTED"

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Barbados Holy Ground

THERE IS A TIME COMING IN THE AFFAIRS OF men when all things shall be recompensed. Render not evil for evil. Let your light so shine before men that they may see the glory of the Father who is behind you. I am with you always, even to the end of the world. I am Jesus, who suffered for you, who died for you. No man has greater love than this, to give his life for his friends.

Can you understand God's heart, Carl, His anxious, aching heart? Since the beginning of time He has been walking the bloody pathway of thorns and broken dreams, searching for His children. Those of us who are faithful fail to realize the precious value of such faith. Love is not just an ideal or a goal to strive towards, but a reality that needs to be lived.

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Do not take lightly the path that you tread or give way to the cares of the material world. You know how people like to shop and buy things, but when they bring their purchases home, they feel empty again and all their money is spent. It is a false reality, an illusion, but they fall into it again and again.

Then God looks at His children, the ones who are dedicated to changing all this. How much are *they* dedicated? Do they witness and have courage to speak to people? Inasmuch as you do it for my brethren, you do it for me.

Like thieves before God

What about God's children, the ones whom He is counting on? If their mouths are shut and their hearts are empty, then what possible hope can God have for this world, considering the corruption of minds already ravaged by decadence and fallen standards? Ways that

seem right to the people of this world often are, in fact, the ways of death. How much I strove during my life on earth to awaken people to righteousness! Now God looks at His children again and sees how feeble their efforts are. They lack courage to witness and zeal to spread this tremendous message, the Principle.

We are like thieves before God, Carl, not honest men. We want the blessings, the spiritual feedback, but we don't want to carry the cross. Do you remember Simon of Cyrene? When my cross got too heavy, he carried it for me. If you don't carry the cross, you will never meet the person God has prepared to assist you. Day follows day, sunup after sundown, but there is no change, no real substantial change. The world is dying, falling down, and God's children don't have the strength to lift it up. We are all too concerned with keeping our noses clean, and not concerned enough with living for the sake of others. In my life, I tried to set the highest standard, knowing that my life was to be a historical one. God's children, the ones He has chosen for this time, don't know, don't realize their potential and their responsibility.

The longer you wait, the more the work piles up—mountains of it—that faith alone simply cannot move. Father has taught you often enough about human responsibility; now it's up to you. Every day God is looking, watching His children, hoping to see some signs of progress. Yet how feeble His hope is, because His own children don't connect and are not sensitive to or in tune with His feelings!



Sunup follows sundown, and honestly speaking, what have we done? If we continue this way, the world will surely perish. Wake up my children, wake up from your sleep! Look around you and get busy with what God has given you to do. As much as you turn away from it and shove it aside, it will come back

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again. It will never go away until you tackle it responsibly.

We will not leave you

I am Jesus who carried the cross. It was a heavy cross, Carl. What are you doing with yours? We will not leave you alone to perish. We care for you and we died for you, my brother Heung Jin Nim and I. We will not leave you to waste your own lives. We will not permit it! Remember my seriousness, and do not continue in ignorance of spirit-world intervention at this time, made possible through Heung Jin Nim's ascension.

Are there any of you listening to this whose eyes and ears are open? Listen and repent, renew and rededicate yourselves while there is still time. Listen to those who know these things, who understand—your elder brothers in faith, Jesus and Heung Jin Nim. We cannot leave you to continue blindly in ignorance. You may try to forget, but we will remind you again. The work you have to do will not go away simply because you do not wish to do it. We are watching, Carl, watching you all.

This is not the time for your own way; this is the time for Father's way, to do the things he has taught you. We will come again. Do you think we will forget? We cannot leave you to just go your own private ways, with your own private interpretation of the precious truth from God. This is Father's Principle, and you must all go Father's way, not your own.

It is truly tragic to see those who have let go after so many years. Where is your faith, the faith to kindle God's love in others? Do not walk the streets expecting some handout or blessing. This is a serious time. We have to witness. To break through the coldness, we have to speak. So speak, all of you! Open your hearts and speak to your people if you love them. There is no other way to go. Please listen to this message and let not your days be wasted.

Pray for a witnessing spirit. Get down on your knees, all of you, in humbleness to God. Pray that He can use you, that your lives may not be lived in vain. You must surely pray so that you can witness, so that you can teach. From that base alone, God will begin to work with you.

What other words do you possibly expect? You don't know your own shortcomings. Do not be looking for sweet words at this time. When the job is done, we will surely rejoice together. Until then, it is a long, hard road; you cannot expect it to be any other way than the way of the cross. Pray! Get down on your knees in humbleness before God. Repent for your sins and pray that He can use you. □

In the name of God and True Parents,
Your elder brother Jesus

Recently, Father again encouraged all members to make renewed effort to witness as we work in our home church areas. The following excerpts from the book *Home Church* pertain directly to how we can fulfill our fundamental, on-going mission of helping God and True Parents give life to others.

Service and Education

Some of you may feel that you are Abel and other people are Cain, particularly in your home church area. But Abel must always suffer himself. You must serve others. In the Old Testament we see that the Israelites, the Abel nation that was chosen, were the servants of servants to God. I don't like to see anyone, especially a leader, thinking that he is Abel and trying to command other members. I will never allow that. The typical Abel is Jesus, who lived to serve Cain. Then Cain could come back to Jesus and serve him. Jesus spent his whole life serving, even unto death.

Father Speaks to the Crusade
9/5/78, London

In your home church area, put into practice what you have been taught this morning. Don't worry about whether other people love you or not. If no one loves you, don't complain, but realize it is because your own love has not been sufficient. You must love more and give more service. God never asked to be loved first. No, God's way is to give love first.

Restored Family
1/21/79, Belvedere

In order to be victorious in home church, should you seek out the beautiful places where everything smells sweet? Should you go to disco dances for your home church work? No, you must go to the ugly, smelly places and make them beautiful and sweet-smelling. You must go to the suffering people and make them feel happy—that is your home church work. If you do this kind of work, then you won't have to make an effort to elevate yourself; the people will try to push you into a beautiful, high place, even though you resist and say you want to stay in a low place.

Victory of Home Church (Midnight Address)
1/1/82, World Mission Center

When you are in your area trying to perform a service and you drop a dish and break it, the homeowner will not be angry with you, because you are manifesting true love.

Victory of Home Church (Morning Address)
1/1/82, World Mission Center

Serve your 360 homes. Go there every day and serve. Then the people will like you. If you have served them and they like you, then they will listen to you. They will come to trust you. They will ask you, "What can I do in return?" Maybe they are thinking about giving money, but money is not the main thing, of course, and they know that. So then you can say, "You can really help me by coming to a two-day workshop. Come for just one weekend." Finally they will say: "All right, I will come for one weekend and listen."

Reprinted from Home Church, pp. 335-337.

What is difficult about bringing everyone to a two-day workshop? The Japanese members don't even have to speak English. Just go there and serve the family. You don't have to speak one word of the Principle; just work and pray for them. Then they will say, "What can I do for you?" You can say "Please come to a workshop, because the Unification Church has a very good and important message, especially for your children. You must go first to find out if it is good; then you can send your sons and daughters."

Father Speaks to the Crusade
9/5/78, London

This is the only way you can win. This is the formula. No country can succeed apart from this formula. Korea, Japan, and America all need to use the same formula. If you make up your mind that you are going to be America's President Eu and lecture 18 hours a day every day for three years and eight months, and if you fulfill that determination, then the entire spirit world will come down and help you create a spiritual atmosphere. The spirit world had to sympathize with President Eu because he was working so hard. Angels would be sent to push people into coming to hear President Eu, simply because he was working himself to death. Heaven had to sympathize with him....

The first three 7-year courses are over. Now the momentous day has begun; we have started the second three 7-year courses. This is your era, your age. You will be the star. You must begin now. I have gone through my three 7-year courses. You should feel that you can do a little better than the late President Eu, and that you can go forward further than me. □

Conference
5/19/80, World Mission Center

To express God's concern for each of His children, we must tangibly help those we meet in our daily lives. Through reading popular literature we learn about people and programs that are also trying to help today's families. Each month, if possible, Today's World would like to let you know about some of them. This column is not meant to endorse any program or organization mentioned.

This month we would like to bring to your attention the existence of "Families Anonymous," a group that offers help to the families of those with drug- and alcohol-abuse and related behavioral problems. The group ac-

knowledges the reality of God and offers practical suggestions and support for the members of the troubled person's family. You may obtain further information from a group in your area (check the phone book or call information) or by phoning or writing:

Families Anonymous
P.O. Box 528
Van Nuys, CA 91408
(818) 989-7841

If you have any suggestions and ideas for practical ways to help people, please let us at Today's World know. Such ideas may inspire members in their efforts to help others through the Principle.

OFFERING WITH LOVE

by Rev. Byung Ho Kim

Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

(Matt.13:31-32)

WHenever our members come home from a long day of fundraising, I am so happy and grateful to see their pure attitude and faith. They sincerely count every penny. Some have been fundraising over the course of 10 or 12 years or more, but they are still happy to raise money for God's providence. It's beautiful to see them willing to sacrifice their own comfort for the sake of others and live an extremely simple lifestyle for years and years.

A few days ago at a ministers' meeting introducing the ICC, one of the clergymen raised the question of who was paying for their trip to Korea and Japan. "Is the money coming from what you Moonies fundraise on the street?" he asked. That question made me think about people's concepts concerning our fundraising activities. Some people think that Rev. Moon asks the members to work hard but then uses the funds for himself, leaving the members with almost nothing.

So when I came up to the microphone I answered, "Yes, money we raise from fundraising on the street is used to help support the ministers' conferences. By doing so we feel we are serving Christianity and America." Then I added, "Fundraising is indeed very difficult, but we are happy to raise money for such an important purpose. We try to uphold the original Christian ideal to be sacrificial and serve others before ourselves. This is the way Rev. Moon has taught us." I believe the ministers understood that we were not being forced into doing this but were simply glad to give our best for the larger purpose.

Like food to chickens

This reminded me of an experience I had near the end of the Korean War,

when I was about 13 or 14. I was a country boy living in a small town about 30 miles from Seoul. One day some American soldiers drove into my hometown in a jeep. Dozens of kids came up and surrounded them. We were so curious to see people of a different color—people with white skin and blue eyes and golden hair and big noses, and even some with black skin. At that time all of us were poor and hungry, and we had heard that the Americans were very rich, so we crowded around the jeep. The soldiers took some of the leftover chocolates and biscuits from their army rations and threw them into the crowd. All the children and even the old men scrambled frantically to get the food because they were so hungry, but I felt very ashamed. I couldn't take even one piece of what they threw to us.

In Korean tradition, when you give something to someone else, it is most important *how* you give it.

My pride was hurt—it could have been personal pride or national pride, but in any case I felt very ashamed. It's true that we were extremely hungry, so we were in a position to grab anything, but how could those Americans give food to us like that?

I was so shocked. I thought, "That's how you give food to chickens—just throwing it on the ground. We are not animals. How can they give food to us in such a heartless way?" This shameful feeling built up in me a resentment toward the American soldiers.

In Korean tradition, when you give something to someone else, it is most important how you give it. You have to have an attitude of politeness and humility. Even when you give a glass of water, for example, you bring it on a plate or a tray and use two hands. The Japanese kneel when serving others. In Korea, if a child serving his parents uses only one hand, his parents will get very upset. That is not the proper attitude. An elder may serve the younger using one hand, but still with respect and gentleness.

I didn't expect those American soldiers to give out food with two hands, but to see them throw food into the crowd like scraps to chickens made me very angry. After that, I made up my mind not to have anything to do with Americans. In school, when I had to study English, I was always reminded of those soldiers, and my resentment came out: "Why do I have to study English?" I never opened my English book, so my grades were terrible, and finally I gave up trying to learn.

In 1975 Father said to me, "I'm going to give you a mission that will take you all over the world." I said to Father, "I don't know any English. How can I travel all over the world?" But that same year I came to America for the first time. When I first arrived, just saying "Hello" or "How do you do" was very difficult for me. I had to study hard. Practicing English was not easy, and I am still not comfortable speaking it.

Doing the complete opposite

The point is, if those soldiers had given out the food in a respectful way, I think they would have been much more loved and respected by

us. On their way home those soldiers must have thought, "Oh, we did something good today. We gave food to those starving children," not realizing how much resentment their way of giving caused me. Throughout history, many Christians have had the same attitude. They serve, but too often for the sake of their own image. They pride themselves in being generous but actually lack a heart of offering with love. Many Americans feel good serving third world countries, thinking that their generosity will gain them respect. But on the contrary, the poor can easily feel that rich people are arrogant, even when they are not.

So when I heard that some of the ministers wonder why poor Moonies are supporting American clergymen, I realized how difficult it is for them to understand. We are doing the complete opposite of what usually happens in the world. Even though we are a persecuted minority group with very little ourselves, we offer our best to more established ministers with the deepest respect and love. This is almost incomprehensible to them.

The early Christians couldn't see anything sprouting from the seed, but after 400 years of keeping the faith, Christianity was finally accepted.

Many people have wrong concepts about the Unification Church. They think that Rev. Moon is rich. Well, I also believe that he is rich—rich with love. The Unification Church is always giving generously for the sake of the society, the nation, and the



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Rev. Byung Ho Kim

whole world. Father's only concern is to save all people and restore the world. This is his great desire, which is also God's desire. How can we, practically speaking, fulfill this great desire of God? We must support these projects ourselves, on a practical level. Father asks the Japanese members to support the ministers while they are in Japan and the Korean members to support them while they are in Korea—and they do it willingly.

But what about America? Our foundation here is very small, but Father cannot stop his loving restoration work. So even though our church here doesn't have much money, we members must be responsible for helping to restore America. We do this in part by fundraising.

Why we gladly fundraise

From the money that we raise, we use for ourselves only the minimum needed to live. We save even our pennies to try to support the projects of our movement, especially the American ministers' conferences, because we believe that in this way we can help the ministers become a stronger force for God. We believe that if they know the Principle, they can become closer to God. If they can understand God's plan for America, they will become more responsible to help this

country. Therefore, we gladly go out fundraising and offer the money we raise, counting even down to the last penny, humbly for the sake of God.

Some of the ministers are astounded by this kind of generosity, because usually when people give, they make sure they have enough for themselves first before donating the rest. But the ministers see that we raise money on the street not for ourselves but to support them! We're giving our souls and our hearts and our spirits because this is what Jesus taught—to give yourself completely for the sake of your brothers and sisters.

Most of the ministers are grateful for their experiences in Japan and Korea, but some may not know how they are supported or clearly realize how much we have sacrificed. As long as we maintain our pure, sincere desire to support others, I think we can be proud. When people begin to understand what we have done, they will be deeply moved.

Even though we are a persecuted minority group with very little ourselves, we offer our best to more established ministers with the deepest respect and love.

Think about the early Christians 2,000 years ago. They were persecuted so much that they couldn't fundraise or witness. They believed Jesus was right, yet they weren't able to practice his teachings in daily life. Even just believing in Jesus was a condition for them to be persecuted and killed, but they persevered in their faith anyway. Since they had to hide in the catacombs, they couldn't practice Jesus' commandment to love their enemies in a substantial way. They couldn't actually do anything practical for society; all they could do was pray and be willing to give their lives, faithfully believing in Jesus Christ and the truth to the end.

The potential of the seed

Those early Christians couldn't see anything sprouting from the seed, but after 400 years of keeping the faith, Christianity was finally accepted. Christian culture and influence began to spread quickly all over the globe. This is incredible, because the seed they started with was very small, like the mustard seed of Jesus' parable. That seed was underground for

400 years. They couldn't see if the truth was working in society until 400 years later; they just believed. This is Christian history.

What about the Unification Church? Where did we begin? The seed was planted by Father a little over 40 years ago. For 40 years we Moonies have been trying to practice the truth, and by now we have seen many branches sprouting from that seed. We see Father's vision being

realized substantially in the society, the nation, and the world.

Yet we are still living sacrificially, almost like the early Christians. Someday, established American Christianity and the leaders of the whole world will say about us, "Those Moonies were truly sincere and pure. They really practiced truth and love. Through all the persecution, they remained faithful." Someday people will realize what we have been doing. I hope that soon, because of our worldwide foundation, we won't have to rely so much on fundraising on the street. Soon we will develop more efficient ways of funding our church, not for our sake but in order to save the nation as quickly as possible.

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I hope that at that time, even when we have millions of dollars, our attitude will still be to use every penny for the sake of the world. When most people become rich, they stop counting pennies. But since we Moonies are working for God and the world, we must remember to dedicate every cent for God's purpose. Father is desperate to spend that money for the sake of building God's Kingdom.

God knows that Father is using the money for an entirely selfless purpose. That is why He keeps giving blessing upon blessing to the Unification Church. As long as we keep this pure and beautiful tradition of giving our best for the sake of the world, I believe God will continue to bless us beyond our dreams. □

Taken from a sermon given to members in Atlanta, Georgia.



A French engraving dated 1539 depicting the parable of the sower (Matthew 13).

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARS IN THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE

The First Korean Professors World Tour and Seminar

July 11-24, 1987

by Thomas Walsh



Father warmly welcomes the Korean professors to Kodiak, Alaska, the first stop of their trip.

THE FIRST KOREAN PROFESSORS World Tour and Seminar, sponsored by the International Cultural Foundation (ICF), was held July 11-24, 1987, bringing together a group of 144 professors from major universities throughout Korea for a program that took them to Kodiak, Alaska, Washington DC, and the

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New York City area. Dr. Se Won Yoon, president of Sung Hwa Theological Seminary in Korea, served as convenor of the seminar, which had as its central theme the responsibility of scholars in the quest for world peace.

The participants were chosen from among professors and scholars associated with PWPA, ICPA, Unification Thought Institute, and IFVOC in Korea. All had some acquaintance with the Principle prior to this trip.

Of particular importance for this group of professors was the current situation in Korea. In their group discussions throughout their two-week stay in the United States, they expressed special enthusiasm about working with the association initiated in Korea by Father on May 15—the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (CFUF).

CFUF was established in order to create responsive and scholarly leadership and a popular base for moving



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Father's boat comes back with a big halibut. With Father are Hyo Jin Nim (in bright yellow rain gear) and Jin Whi Nim (in front, in orange rain gear).

Korean Professors Experience Fishing in Alaska with Father

FROM JULY 11-14, THE PARTICIPANTS IN the first Korean Professors World Tour and Seminar were introduced to the wonders of fishing in the extraordinarily beautiful and exciting wilderness of Alaska in the area of Kodiak Island. The Korean professors, hosted by Mr. Joo Chan Chai and International Seafoods of Alaska (ISA), experienced the adventure of an Alaskan "Ocean Challenge."

The professors' schedule was almost non-stop. After arriving in Anchorage at 12:30 am from Seoul and passing through customs and immigration, they again boarded planes and reached the island of Kodiak by 5:00 am. From there they were taken to the ISA guest house—North Garden—where they were warmly greeted by True Parents and outfitted right away with wet-weather gear, fishing licenses, boots, and gloves. By midday, all were headed out to the halibut grounds near Whale Island.

Days are long during the summer months in Alaska, and everybody tried to make the most of their time. The Ocean Church vessels and their captains returned their guests to the docks between 9:00 pm and midnight—a very long and exciting day out at sea. Needless to say, a memorable experience had been shared by these men. Good food hastened deep, welcome sleep for all.

The remaining four days were full. Every day they went out fishing. Some stayed on land and fished for salmon in the Pasagshak River. Two professors caught halibut weighing over 200 pounds, which warranted them certificates or wall trophies from the state of Alaska.

The final day of fishing ended relatively early, around 8:00 pm. After clean-up and a delicious dinner of seafood delights—sushi, sashimi, crab, kimchee, and many other tasty dishes—Father spoke to the professors until midnight. Mr. Chai then

gave his testimony, after which the entertainment began. There were traditional Japanese dances, Korean songs accompanied by drum and *kaya keum* [a Korean stringed instrument], juggling, jokes, and more songs. The entertainment came to an end around 2:30 am, at which time the professors prepared their luggage for the next part of their journey. By 3:30 am, most of them were headed to the airport on their way to Washington DC for the next part of the tour and seminar.

Their tightly-packed schedule will surely be a source of many exciting memories for the professors. Through their time out on the water they could experience something of the power and grandeur of creation, the beauty of the Alaskan wilderness, and the excitement of life out on the ocean. Professor Yoon, the convenor of the seminar, said it had been for many of them a "miracle experience."

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—Karen Smith

Korea toward democratization and unification through such things as the establishment of free elections and the opening of channels of exchange between North and South Korea. CFUF provides an opportunity for scholars to take a significant role in leading the nation into a new era of unity. Unlike associations that may be guided too much by political partisanship or commercial interests alone, CFUF aims to provide a theoretically sound and practical program for effecting a unification based on democratic values and not compromised by North Korean intimidation.

KODIAK, ALASKA

The professors arrived in Kodiak, Alaska, on July 11 and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Joo Chan Chai, president of International Seafoods of Alaska (ISA) until July 15. During four days amidst the awesome beauty of Alaska [see box, p. 26], the professors went on several fishing expeditions, personally led by Father, which harvested both halibut and salmon. They were introduced to Father's deep love for the ocean and his understanding of its role and potential for the future of our world. Father explained to them the reasoning behind our movement's investments in the fishing and boat-building industries. His explanation essentially articulated a well-developed Theology of Nature,



Mr. Joo Chan Chai directs the professors on a tour of the Kodiak fish processing plant.

having particular emphasis on the ocean and humanity's relationship to the ocean.

Father also spoke to them about his vision for CFUF and his ideal for the involvement of scholars. He said he decided to found an association that would be led not by politicians or business leaders but by scholars, who he hopes are not as likely to abandon their commitment to ideals in the way that others have tended to do. Political and business leaders are often dis-

trusted by ordinary citizens, who recognize that many such leaders have had their ideals corrupted by selfish interests. Scholars, on the other hand, are generally respected for their objectivity and their desire to transcend personal prejudices and self-interest in preference for the pursuit of truth and the illumination of human minds. As always, Father emphasized that political and economic solutions to global problems have never been adequate, and that the consciousness and hearts of human beings need to be transformed if true freedom and peace are to be attained.

WASHINGTON DC

On July 15 the professors flew to Washington DC, where the program convened at the Mayflower Hotel. The theme of the seminar in Washington, moderated by Mr. Neil Salonen, president of ICF, was "The Future of the University." Presentations were made by Dr. Morton Kaplan, a political science professor at the University of Chicago and publisher of *The World & I*; Professor Richard Rubenstein, a historian of religion at Florida State University and president of the Washington Institute for Values in Public Policy; Professor Nicholas Kittrie, a legal scholar at American University and president of PWPA in the United States; and Professor Frederick Son-tag, professor of philosophy at Pomona College and chairman of the Advisory Council to the Unification



In Washington DC, Mr. Neil Salonen delivers a talk on the responsibility of scholars. To his right sits Dr. Se Won Yoon, the seminar convenor. To the left of his translator sit Dr. Nicholas Kittrie and Dr. Richard Rubenstein.



At the facilities of *The World & I* magazine in Washington DC.

Movement International (ACUMI). The speakers contributed to the development of the seminar theme of the responsibility of scholars in today's world, and they each indicated ways in which the various activities sponsored by the Unification move-

ment have contributed to the goal of peace in our world.

On the morning of July 17, the scholars were introduced to the work of CAUSA International and the Washington Times Corporation. Dr. Bo Hi Pak, president of both, con-

cluded the session with an inspirational testimony about the work of the Unification movement in America.

The scholars also visited many famous landmarks in Washington, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institute. They were royally hosted at numerous banquets during their stay. Their hosts included Rev. Joon Shik Yoon and Revs. Dennis and Doris Orme of the Unification Church of Washington DC.

Dr. Bo Hi Pak directed a tour and introduction to the Atlantic Video Company as well as *The Washington Times*. At a luncheon banquet on the premises of *The Washington Times*, the guests were treated to presentations by Dr. Pak, Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-in-chief, and Mr. Ronald Godwin, senior vice-president. Mr. Dong Moon Joo presented an introduction and tour of *The World & I* facilities and then hosted an evening banquet and addressed the group.



Mr. Arnaud de Borchgrave speaks about his experience as editor-in-chief of *The Washington Times*.

NEW YORK

On July 19 the scholars traveled to New York City, where they were graciously welcomed at the World Mission Center. The program in New York was mainly devoted to a series of lectures on Unification Theology, presented by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, chairman of the board of ICF. Dr. Mose Durst, president of the Unification Church of America, also spoke to the group.

On Tuesday, July 21, the scholars visited the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, where they were addressed by President David S. C. Kim. After a picnic luncheon on the seminary grounds, the professors were driven to Belvedere, where Father shared with them once again. During his talk, Father gave them various regions of responsibility related to the development of CFUF in Korea. Everybody then enjoyed a delightful evening of dinner and entertainment at East Garden—capped with a song from Father and Mother.

On the evening of July 22 the scholars attended the Broadway play *42nd Street*, for a taste of contemporary American culture. The next day a luncheon was hosted by Dr. Eun Woo Kim of the *Sae Gae Times* newspaper, followed by a trip to the Statue of Liberty. The closing banquet was held at the Tiffany Building on Fifth



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▲ Father and Mother offer a song at the banquet at East Garden.

◀ At the World Mission Center, the professors hear a lecture on Unification Theology by Rev. Kwak.

Avenue, highlighted by entertainment, testimonies from participants, and a slide program giving an overview of Father's life and work.

On July 24 the professors departed for Korea. The two weeks spent in America will no doubt be a source of many warm and encouraging memories for all of them. The time for training, reflection, and inspiration they experienced served to renew their confidence and commitment toward taking an active role in bringing about a viable and peaceful transformation of Korea.

This is the first in a series of seminars for Korean scholars. The second begins August 20, and the third, September 2. □



Testimonies from the Korean Professors

"A REALITY BEYOND OUR IMAGINATIONS"

Professor Yeon Hwan Oh Junnam University

The vast sea of Alaska! The beautiful natural environment! Experiencing all of this was very fresh and wonderful, but especially inspiring was seeing those young people working diligently at that gigantic factory with the most updated facilities [the fish-processing plant in Kodiak]. Some of them were separated from their spouses but were happily working for a great purpose and preparing to create "true families." What made them leave their parents and siblings and come to Alaska?

They said they had come because of the words of truth taught by Rev. Moon. As I looked out to sea toward the North Pole, I couldn't help thinking about this man named Rev. Moon and his teaching.

New York—the capital city of the world! I felt in this city that America is becoming ill and the world is becoming ill. I think the solution for those who have turned away from morality and philosophy might be a fresh new thought—namely, the Principle of Unification. I don't know too much about the Principle, but it seems to me that Rev. Moon is trying to inspire people to become "true" human beings and that this system of thought came to give birth to a great new reality. This thought is not just a single current that will disappear with time; it is already forming a big river—even an ocean—and becoming a reality beyond our imagination, forming a world of "newness." I sincerely hope this "newness" will lead to a Nobel Prize for Rev. Moon. I deeply bow my head at the greatness of Rev. Moon, who has gone beyond the limit of human abilities.

I reflect on the idea that Unificationists do not spend their time thinking about how to live but rather about how to give up their life for the sake of something eternal. I extend my thanks to all of you.

Professor In Hwan Goo Seoul University

I couldn't help but be amazed and full of the deepest respect when I saw the work being done by Rev. Moon in Washington DC and in New York to create a paradise on earth. I was shockingly moved by the fact that Rev. Sun Myung Moon's thought,

that won't easily be forgotten. The experiences that unfolded themselves before me went far beyond my imagination. The reality of what I saw was very attractive and compelling to my mind. It may take a while for me to clearly sort out and understand all that I experienced.

It certainly was a great achievement to get over 130 professors—many well-respected in their universities and some quite old—to become involved in a tour with such a tight schedule.

I don't think I can adequately talk about a religion that stands firmly upon strong principles of faith without personally having a religious experience in that faith. This may be even more true in the case of the Unification Church. It would be not only reckless but even dangerous for a person to try to analyze the Unification religion

without having had an experience of the spirit world.

The dynamic power of Rev. Moon's work, which is rapidly expanding into many fields, surely deserves our praise. To me, all of his projects seem to combine centrifugal and centripetal forces [moving away from and toward the center], as expressed in the Unification Church symbol. I see his work as an energy force that can counteract the tendency toward narrow-mindedness and stagnancy.

Creating bonds of friendship based on faith is the work of a truly religious people. I earnestly hope that the 20th century is going to be the age of unification and that Rev. Moon's various activities will prosper and even earn him a Nobel Prize.

I thank you for inviting me to this seminar, and I promise that I will participate in working toward Korea's future harmony. □

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a Nobel Prize."*

centering on Christian principles, the heart, and the value of the family, is being realized in concrete ways and that, in fact, an all-out march toward the accomplishment of an earthly paradise is being made.

The banquet at East Garden Manor was an unforgettable honor for me. I was deeply touched by those members who wore Korean costumes and sang Korean songs, which brought a taste of my homeland to me.

I would be glad to see such a unique opportunity given also to high school principals and to high school, college, and graduate students as well.

Professor Dong Choon Shin Hanyang University

July 1987 has certainly been an epoch-making month for me. Our full seminar schedule from Alaska to New York gave me a lot to see and hear

EXPANDING THE LEVEL OF MESSIAHSHIP

Blessed Family Associations

by James Baughman

Father spoke on July 5 at the Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the 8,000 Couples' Blessing [see p. 4]. He gave guidance on not only the Blessing but also the importance of Blessing Associations [see p. 32 for Father's preliminary remarks]. In the following article based on an interview with Victoria Clevenger, James Baughman, who has chaired the 8,000 Blessed Family Association (8,000 BFA) for the past two years, shares his understanding of the purpose of Blessed Family Associations, his experience with the 8,000 BFA, the July 5 event, and his feelings about the responsibility of blessed couples.

IN THE SPRING OF 1985, FATHER and Mother asked Rev. Won Pil Kim, the head of the national Blessed Family Department at that time, to start Blessed Family Associations for each Blessing level represented in the United States—the 43, 777, 1800, 35, 74, and 8,000 Couple Blessings. True Parents wanted to make sure that the needs of blessed families in the United States were being met. They feel it should be the responsibility of the Associations, not the church, to deal with couples' specific concerns. These Associations had already been established in Korea and Japan for couples of earlier Blessings; in fact, the couples of each Blessing elected their Association officers the day after their wedding in many cases. These were local organizations set up in a democratic way but always closely connected to True Parents and the elder couples.

Rev. Won Pil Kim had meetings with those from each Blessing group in the New York area, but since our Blessing is so large, he met with 35 representatives chosen by department leaders. These representatives nominated candidates, cast ballots, and thus elected officers for the 8,000 BFA. Although not all members could be consulted, at least a beginning was made. Rev. Chan Kyun Kim, a 36 Blessed Couple who had served as head of the Blessed Family Department in Korea for 10 years, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Spurgin, and other elder blessed members oversaw the election process but did not get directly involved. We want to continue these

traditions initiated in Korea of democratically choosing our own officers and agenda and having elders as our advisors.

Grass-roots organizations

To clear away any confusion, the national Blessed Family Department is an official church department that sets policy under the direction and guidance of True Parents. The Blessed Family Associations, on the other hand, are more informal, grass-roots organizations, similar to alumni associations. Rev. Chan Kyun Kim told us that in Korea, when members of the same Blessing would gather, a warm, happy atmosphere would be generated, like that of a class reunion. Though BFAs don't set policies, they exist to help fulfill the needs and concerns of blessed families.

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As explained to us by Rev. Won Pil Kim and Rev. Chan Kyun Kim, the BFAs have five important spiritual and practical purposes.

The primary purpose is to help blessed members connect with True Parents and God's providence more deeply. Creating a sense of genuine friendship and shared identity among those of our own Blessing can enhance our ability to fulfill this goal. If we have to worry too much about our own situations and aren't being supported by each other enough, some of us may feel, "My family's suffering, so I've got to figure out how I'm going to pay my bills...I've got to get a job outside the movement..." and may start to pull away. But if we can support each other as a Blessing community, it will be easier for us to accomplish all our public and private responsibilities.

Secondly, our Blessing protects the True Family as well as the Blessings before us. Our united commitment creates an incredible fortress around True Parents and their family. It is vital that we develop a strong unity with those of our own and other Blessings so that we don't allow any spiritual penetrations to occur that would cause the True Family to suffer, as happened with Heung Jin Nim's sacrifice. Our unity helps protect us and our children, as well.

The third purpose is to do for each other what True Parents would like to do for us. Those of us who have, need to give. For example, couples who have found a way to get a job or a house while maintaining a church mission should show others how to do it. Those who have experience in cutting costs in the process of having a baby or in creating harmony in

their marriage should share those ideas. This Association exists to help us help each other.

A sounding board

Every brother or sister whose blessed status is intact is a member of their Association. Your position or participation in church activities doesn't affect your qualification to be a member of the BFA. Rev. Chan Kyun Kim told us of members in Korea whose only connection to the church was their Association. Some would make large donations to their BFA and become involved in its activities, because it was the only way they could participate comfortably. The BFA served as a communications link with the church for them and pro-

blessed us as a community within the greater community—or extended family—of all the Blessings. We want to serve, love, and be connected in heart and tradition with the couples of all the Blessings given by our common True Parents. That is why we

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work out solutions ourselves in ways aligned with the Principle and our tradition.

The concept of a Messiah in our church is not a static one. Messiah means True Parents, or a True Parent position. If Jesus had married, both he and his bride would have been the Messiah. The disciples were to have become clan-level Messiahs, (i.e., loving those around them with the heart of True Parents,) and Israel the national-level Messiah. Messiahship expands until finally the whole world is restored. In this age, Father and Mother have opened the way for us to fulfill a messianic role. We 8,000 Couples are, in essence, members of the family of True Parents. We have been initiated into this circle of messianic significance, and we should always keep in mind that we are a kind of extended clan Messiahship that will eventually become a nation. This perspective is my own, but is so profound in my mind that it helps me share Father's seriousness when he says, "Don't break the Blessing."

Respect for our elders

Rev. Chan Kyun Kim explained that there are three types of organizational systems within our church, each with its own role—and limitations. A member needs to be connected with all three.

First is the official department leadership system of the church. This is primarily goal-oriented. We can have all the love in the world, but if we don't achieve certain goals, we will never be able to fulfill God's and True Parents' desires within True Parents' lifetime. Therefore, connection with departmental leadership is vital. However, we shouldn't expect the church hierarchy to always be able to deal with members' personal matters.

Second, there is the spiritual parent/child, elder/younger, system within the church—the soft, internal aspect. Spiritual elder positions should always be honored. Rev. Chan Kyun Kim once shared with us that his spiritual father, who is not a 36 Blessed Couple, held the position of guard outside the Il Hwa Ginseng factory. When Rev. Kim, a national church leader at the time, was visiting the factory one day with some dignitaries, he saw his spiritual father and immediately bowed to him and paid his respects. The others were



James Baughman welcomes Father to the 8,000 Couples' Fifth Anniversary Celebration.

vided a confidential sounding board to which their concerns could be brought and heard with a sense of compassion and forgiveness. The Association helped members stay active on a certain level, and many would connect more strongly later on.

Fourth, our Blessing is not just a marriage, as we know. True Parents

always invite couples from past Blessings to come to our anniversary celebrations.

Fifth, our purpose is to take the burden of our concerns away from the church and True Parents. Instead of expecting someone else to take care of our real-life problems—such as how to educate our children and support our families—we need to

FATHER'S PRELIMINARY REMARKS

AT THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 8,000 COUPLES' BLESSING

directed to James Baughman, representing all 8,000 Couples

Translator: Col. Sang Kil Han

WHEN I HEARD ABOUT YOUR MEETING, I THOUGHT IT WOULD be a good occasion to speak to you. I was in Gloucester for the start of the fishing season, and I drove down from there this morning. But it is apparent from the late communication to me* and the small numbers of people here that many people did not realize the importance of this anniversary celebration. If people don't understand the seriousness of a meeting, they may not come. But when you can tell members that I approved it, they will make much more effort to attend.

Those families with children raise your hands. How many children of the 8,000 Couples are there now? You should keep a record of how many blessed children are born each month. At events like this, the 8,000 BFA should have prepared all the data so that if I ask, you will be able to tell me exactly how many boys and how many girls have been born as well as their ages. You should also have statistics on the number of interracial and international couples. You should have found out how many were coming to this meeting from all the different regions so that you could inform me of the preparations you have made. Then you could ask me, "Can you please come, Father?" How can I respond without the proper preparation?

Do you know the significance of the 8,000 Couples Anniversary? It is much more important than the Science Conference, any theologians' seminar, or any other meeting prepared for non-members. You must have this in mind when informing the members about the event. Unless you can help them understand the vital importance

of this gathering, they won't know how to respond. You have to plan such a meeting very well and make a strong foundation for it. Good planning takes a lot of heart. First you create the foundation, then you invite me. This is the way it should be—now and in the future.

You should not take these meetings lightly. This is a Sunday, so all couples should have come—100 percent. Make sure that everybody comes to such a meeting, whether I am scheduled to come or not. Then on top of that, if I do come, it will be an even more powerful meeting.

It looks like this multitude does not have a leader to follow. That means you are in a more inferior position than the Israelites wandering in the desert. Is that what you are? You want to belong to somebody, don't you? If you really felt that you belonged to True Parents, you would more deeply feel that other people should become a part of the same "nationality" as well.

Do you have a preference for what you would like me to do? You can see me when you like, but I would like to leave now. Do you have a right to say no? □

At this point Father asked three blessed wives in turn to share about their international marriages—their struggles and victories and their attempts to create harmony with their husbands. Their testimonies helped prepare a warm and receptive atmosphere. After this Father took a seat on stage and began his speech.

*Although much effort through various channels was made by the 8,000 BFA to inform True Parents about the July 5 meeting, they only heard about it the day before.

wondering why he, a church leader, gave such regard to one in a subordinate position. He explained that our tradition teaches us to always respect our spiritual parents no matter what their current mission or status is. Of course, we respect those in official positions in the church hierarchy, regardless of their age or Blessing, as well.

The third type of system is the family system of Blessing groups. It is important to respect those from earlier Blessings, no matter what their position in the church. Within our Blessing level, our position doesn't matter—we are all brothers and sisters and should relate to and care for each other equally.

Thus a person may be elder in terms of physical age, spiritual age,

Father's coming to speak to us demonstrated that True Parents are vitally concerned about our Blessing and each one of us.

Blessing group, or position in a mission. The more we respect and consult our elders, the richer in wisdom and heart our movement can be. It is very easy to have unrealistic expectations of church leaders. The BFA should provide personalized care and

concern—"being there" for members so that no one need harbor bitterness toward the church for not fulfilling his or her needs. Many members have difficulty balancing their priorities: Some focus only on their mission, some only on their family. Helping members learn how to deal with all their concerns helps the whole purpose, True Parents, and ultimately God's providence.

Establishing our identity

The 8,000 Couples' Blessing is by far the largest and most international, interracial, and intercultural Blessing. We have members at every stage—from those who are single to those with up to four children. (In many ways, the problems that exist in our Blessing also exist to the same degree,

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percentage-wise, in every other Blessing, but because there are so many of us, the problems are much more visible.) We are also the only group that is made up of two Blessings—the 2,000 and the 6,000. We face the challenge of helping each other identify with a group as large, widely dispersed, and diverse as we are.

Rev. Won Pil Kim explained to the BFA officers the tradition of preparing a status report for Father at every anniversary. Indeed, on July 5 Father asked us for statistics on the number of children born, those couples without children, etc. To keep track of about 4,000 incredibly mobile individuals in such a large country as the United States is almost impossible because there is not enough communication from the field. Having this information would enhance our ability to specifically extend personal care to those in the field as well as to report to True Parents.

To deal with these challenges, we started our newsletter, the *Home Front*. We decided to send it free to all members of the 8,000 Couples in the Uni-

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ted States and some overseas—whatever their status—to reinforce the principle that everybody in our Blessing is equal. On the newsletter itself is printed: "Address change requested. Return postage guaranteed." If there is any change in the address, the post office will return it to us if it did not get to the individual. We make note of that change and send it back. Thus we gain an up-to-date address list that would be much harder to maintain otherwise.

We want the *Home Front* to be a mixture of practical issues related to marriage and family life, and spiritual

guidance and inspiration, as well as ideas on how to start local Blessed Family Associations. We want to open it up to discussion of all issues, no matter how sensitive they are, but always in a constructive way. Because it is the most widely circulated publication to our membership in this country, the *Home Front* has also become a vehicle for information from the national Blessed Family Department, with whom we have close ties.

Of critical importance

An additional purpose of the newsletter is to try to nurture a sense of seriousness about our Blessing and our Association. The BFA and our Blessing have critical importance, spiritually and providentially. At this year's celebration Father's words to me as the executive director of ICUS—that the anniversary celebration was more important than ICUS—mandated this without a shadow of a doubt. In essence, he indicated that participating in the Association has at least the importance of a regular church mission, if not more, although we can't sacrifice our mission to work for the Association.

Our brothers and sisters are feeling tremendous pressure from working at a church mission and trying to deal with the practicalities of living a family life when finances are difficult and living conditions are cramped. Some couples are helping each other, but we have to do much more. Since the only way we can truly fulfill the nurturing aspect we all need is at the local level, we strongly encourage the development of local BFAs. I hope that soon representatives of all areas and concerns can contribute articles to the *Home Front* and attend meetings with the national Association officers. The founding spirit of each local association should be the same as the national one, but their natures will be different, of course, depending on the area.

Rev. Chan Kyun Kim told us that in Korea, whenever the BFAs met, the main focus was: "How can we help God's providence succeed?" The couples would gather and pray especially for True Parents. They would discuss how to help each other and would often organize programs featuring special speakers. Sometimes they would sponsor contests—with prizes awarded, for example, to those

children who served their parents best or those parents who were the best in the eyes of their children. Funds were collected to purchase gifts of appreciation for True Parents' family and to donate to the church for public purposes. Scholarship funds were set up for the blessed children. Men's and women's groups were established to help support the work of the church, and a newsletter informed members about activities and matters of personal interest.

Trust fund

These traditions are being carried out already in several local associations in this country. On a national level, a trust fund has been set up by the national 8,000 BFA to assist with certain individual family needs. Trustees collect donations and oversee this fund, which is used to help families deal with such crises as serious health problems, handicaps, disasters, or accidents, and anything else the trustees feel is appropriate. Church funds, which are non-profit funds, can only be used for things that benefit the entire group. For these expenses, the national Blessed Family Association account is used to pay for the *Home Front*, education, and anything else that benefits the whole. We want to create no burden on the members and yet be self-sufficient. It is important that people be able to contribute on the local level as well. Once Father asked the members of one BFA in Korea, "Would you cook a chicken dinner for Mother and me? Then why don't you bring a chicken to the church instead? Moreover, why don't you donate that money to the BFA at each general meeting for the sake of the world providence?!" Our national BFA funds come from departments and other church-related organizations and from individual donations for specific purposes.

Holding anniversary celebrations is another tradition from Korea and a way to generate a feeling of solidarity, identity, and commitment among those of our Blessing group. At these times we offer gifts to True Parents and the True Family on behalf of our entire 8,000 BFA. *The Tradition: Book I* explains that our Blessing anniversary actually becomes our new spiritual birthday and should be commemorated as a day of victory for God and a renewal of our commitment to



After Father's speech, the out-going officers of the 8,000 BFA cut the anniversary cake. Left to right: Jack Hagel, James Baughman, Robert Morton, and Stephen Jares.

fulfill our responsibility as the children of True Parents. Father and Mother have attended the anniversary celebrations of the different Blessings whenever possible. They want to lend strength to the BFAs because they started them. Our goal is always to get True Parents to come.

Three anniversaries

The first official anniversary celebration by the 8,000 BFA was held July 1, 1985. Father was in prison, so it was

congratulations from True Parents and a large donation, and several of the 36 Couples attended. It was not just a small get-together, but rather a vertical, uplifting experience that people took seriously.

For the following anniversary, held October 14, 1986, we had a fairly good turnout. True Parents were in Korea, but Dr. Bo Hi Pak sent a telegram extending True Parents' deepest blessings. I'm very grateful for Dr. Pak and all those leaders who have given us guidance; however, I feel it has not been clear to everyone just what kind of priority should be put on our BFA and anniversary celebrations.

This year, for example, attending the celebration was not a high priority for many leaders and members. However, Father's coming and speaking indicated without a doubt the great spiritual importance of this yearly event, and it signaled that our mission as a community of blessed families is more important than we often realize.

For the celebration, we had planned a program with speakers followed by an afternoon picnic, to bring in a spirit of fellowship as well as inspiration and renewal. Many couples came who are not centrally connected with the church. Amazingly, the day turned out to be a six-hour meeting with

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hard to celebrate, but we did, and we had a very large turnout. Jin Sung Nim gave a wonderful message from his unique position as a blessed husband in True Parents' family. He and Dr. Bo Hi Pak delivered a letter of

Father, and I was very glad that those couples who don't often see Father got to be with True Parents again.

"Are we really willing?"

We wanted to encourage members to take more personal responsibility for the success of the July 5th celebration and to help each other out. We announced on the flyers: Bring your own lunch and find your own transportation. There *was* a way for everybody to get there if they really wanted to go, yet people still complained that things hadn't been arranged conveniently enough for them. I realized painfully that it all comes down to

the question, "Are we really willing to take responsibility for ourselves and each other and the traditions we've been given?"

It is difficult for many of us to go beyond our implicit or explicit expectation that the church—or *someone*—should do things for us. I remember a leader once shared how people are always "expecting miracles." He said that in Biblical history, God had to perform miracles only because the people failed to take responsibility for something they could have done themselves. For example, if the Israelites had been determined enough to cross the Red Sea, they could have

jumped in and started swimming—thereby at least showing that they were willing to cross at the risk of their lives. They should not have just waited for Moses to perform a miracle.

After having made final preparations at Belvedere the night before the celebration, I thought about these things and began praying and crying. I understood that True Father is always in the position of Moses, being asked to do one more thing because we feel we can't do it ourselves. "Why can't we break out of this?" I wondered. I realized that Father has

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TO EACH, ONE STAR

Written on March 27, 1987,
at the occasion of the 1,031 couple matching in New York.

*Like a light piercing a stormy night,
Or a pilot being talked down through
banked fog,
All but bountiful faith flows away.*

*The Messiah's eyes rest upon each heart,
searching through the turbulent
tapestry of multitudes unseen,
Seeking, like a master weaver,
the fragmented patterns that
he must complete.*

*We, wide-eyed refugees,
crowding like the very buildings
of Manhattan,
Seek this place of sanctuary
Like the Israelites looking into Canaan
Like the Pilgrims' first view of America
Like Jesus staring into Heaven
Our departure from Satan's world
is imminent,
But only in faith can his noose be
loosened.*

*And what joy gazing upon brothers
whose lives, with my own,
form filaments of the same thread
So closely wound are they together.
And now to each, one star,
of the myriads that shine in
the heavens, is for them.*

*But which star would shine for me?
Would I see her this time?
The dove John saw with Jesus
at the Jordan
Noah's vision of the Ark
Paul's conversion on the road
to Damascus
This was my first feeling of her.
Was she a Dream?*

*Visions of a warm smile and
blushing cheeks
Fair of hair and tall (like me!)
She seemed as familiar as a fond memory
Like a sister or an old friend
Like a mysterious land fragrant
and colorful, blessed with sheltered
shores and balmy breezes
Where from every storm
I could anchor and find a home.
And for one more couple God can cease
to cry. □*



Holy Wine Ceremony, 1982

Daryl Manson



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CARP'S WORLD STUDENT SERVICE CORPS GOES TO GUATEMALA— "THE LAND OF ETERNAL SPRING"

by June Saunders

The World Student Service Corps (WSSC), launched by Hyo Jin Nim at CARP's Third Convention of World Students in 1986, got underway this summer in Guatemala. In a project led by Steve Kennett, a two-story community center was built to serve as extra classroom space for a nearby school and as a clinic for medical workers. At another site, two buildings were constructed to provide a work area and a kitchen for a widows' sewing cooperative. The construction work required close cooperation among everyone involved—the participants and staff, local Unification Church members, and many of the villagers themselves. The impact of the WSSC was immediately apparent in the positive front-page news coverage it received and in the warm reception extended to the volunteers by high officials of the government and the Catholic Church. Even the local congressman became directly involved.

In the following article, CARP member June Saunders, who participated in the project, describes some of her experiences.

FROM JUNE 30 TO JULY 30, THE CARP-inspired World Student Service Corps brought approximately 30 volunteers to Guatemala, Central America, in order to help build three community-benefit buildings. Nine countries sent representatives, mostly students: Guatemala, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, the United States, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Colombia, and Argentina.

The participants in the project ranged in age from a tender 14 to a redoubtable 50. They lived and worked in three villages surrounding beautiful Lake Atitlan in southern Guatemala.

Guatemala has been dubbed "the land of eternal spring" because of its year-round temperate climate. The sun-drenched afternoons were followed by cloudbursts that draped the volcanic mountains in mysterious white veils and made late-afternoon swimming a near-spiritual experience "I felt like I was swimming in God's lap," said one participant. Lake Atitlan is actually a volcanic crater filled with sweet, fresh water. The region surrounding it is steeped in Indian legend and lore. On one rough and windy day, the natives of the area refused to cross Lake Atitlan by boat. "Why?" they were asked. Rougher days had been seen. "The lake is upset," said the Indians.

Besides the construction work in the villages, the students participated in many cultural events, including talks on the indigenous peoples, Guatemala's economy, and its new democratic government. They also experienced bargaining with Indians for bright handicrafts in the famous marketplaces. The program ended with a journey by airplane and bus to ancient Tikal, where the mighty Mayan empire, considered by many experts to have been on a par with the ancient Egyptian and Greek civilizations, had its seat of religious worship and government. Mysteriously, Tikal was abandoned, left to be reclaimed by the alternately singing and



A cooperative spirit in an unmechanized land.

One sister felt a white light in her heart and spirit that communicated to her: "You are the saviors of Guatemala."

silent jungle, which has kept many of its secrets to this day.

Transforming experiences

Participants from outside the Unification movement were inspired to join this project through campus newspapers and video programs. For most of the volunteers, this summer's experience was a transforming one. One student of archeology found himself thrilled to be learning about an indigenous people from real life instead of from books or scientific study. The living beauty and simplicity of the Indian people dressed in their native garb, its style unchanged for centuries, intrigued him. A scientist who thought that "anthropomorphic notions" of God were ridiculous said he could not deny the presence of certain "forces" there. We know that the bold-shy, giggling, loving Indian children certainly set off some inexplicable "forces" in his heart.

One participant from the United States found her political views of Central America and her feelings toward her own country's policies undergoing major revisions. As a leftist human-rights activist, her view of the world was definitely one-sided. After a real encounter with the Guatemalan people as well as hard-won facts supplied by Carmen Zuniga (a Guatemalan church member who trooped through El Salvador and Nicaragua with Lee Shapiro in the



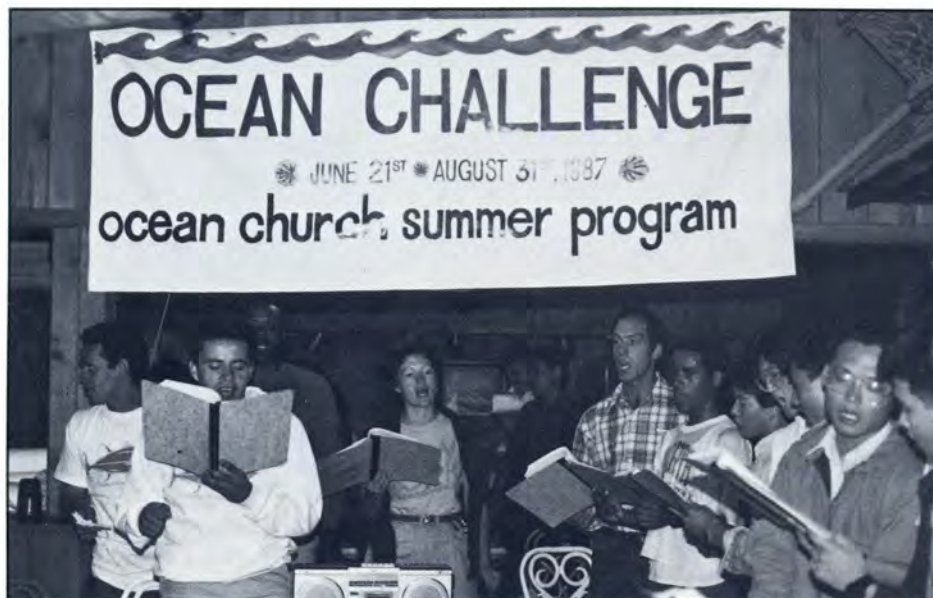
The construction of a building—using shovel, axe, and muscle.

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CREATING SIGNIFICANT MEMORIES

Ocean Challenge '87

by Karen Smith



Ocean Challenge education aims at developing internal character as well as practical skills.

OCEAN CHALLENGE IS A PROGRAM that is still growing both in size and in the extent of its programs. It grew out of Father's personal ocean-going tradition that he established in Gloucester, Massachusetts, during the mid- and late 1970s. In 1981 the first summer Ocean Challenge program was held by the fledgling Ocean Church, which had been inaugurated October 1, 1980. From the 35 vessels used in 1981, the Ocean Challenge program has grown to include 80 vessels in Gloucester, with an additional 12 in Kodiak, Alaska. The number of vessels does not adequately reflect the vast amounts of energy, knowledge, excitement, effort, and organization that are required to produce exciting programs year after year.

The Gloucester program had 260 participants this summer, including staff and instructors. Many of the blessed children over 17 years of age, as well as the recent UTS graduating class, were among the trainees.

The blessing of the fleet

On July 2, the blessing of the fleet inaugurated the beginning of the Gloucester tuna-fishing season. First we held a four-hour Il Jeung prayer vigil from midnight until 4:00 am.



The fishing season in Gloucester officially began on July 2 with the blessing of the fleet.

Later on in the morning of July 2, all the boats left the dock for the outer harbor, and as the vessels passed by the mother boat, they were blessed with prayers and holy salt. This year it was the *Sea Hope II*, since the *New Hope*, which has been the mother boat in past years, was still in New York waters. The third part of the blessing of the fleet was a ceremony held out at sea beyond the breakwater, conducted by Mrs. Shin Wook Kim (Lady Dr Kim). She prayed and made offerings of fruit, fish, nuts, and other foods on behalf of each vessel and its crew that would be going out to sea during the season.

The initial 22 days of the Ocean Challenge program were devoted to instruction and boat and equipment preparation. For the first 12 days, training was landside, consisting of lectures on navigation, seamanship, fishing techniques, basic mechanics, and boat maintenance. The training then moved seaward for the next 10 days. The trainees were drilled in anchoring, docking, boat handling, and tuna-fighting routines. During



The trainees were drilled in boat-handling techniques. Sara Dall, center, gets a turn at the wheel.



Three of the blessed children prepare tuna lines. Left to right: In Ho Pak, Jin Geun Kim, and Jin Goon Kim.

this period, the instructors observed the trainees, and at the end of the 10 days, they selected those who appeared to have what it took to be potential captains. Each selected person then went through another 10 days of hard training and, if successful, was assigned to a boat as a junior captain. Thirteen of the blessed children became junior captains. The training continued, both for the new junior captains and for the selection of additional junior captains.

Father urged the trainees to completely invest themselves in every aspect of their training.

The 80 boats currently in Gloucester are divided into groups of seven boats, each having a squadron leader. If the squadron consists mainly of junior captains, the squadron leader continues to coach them in all aspects of the task of becoming a young man or woman of the sea.

The working day usually begins at 4:00 am. Once out at sea, the crew gets busy right away with anchoring up, setting out the lines, cutting chum, and catching and preparing bait. During the day the crew has to

continually adjust the lines and the position of the boat, according to the wind and water conditions, in order to create the most favorable conditions for the tuna to strike. After a long day on the ocean, the captains and crews return to the dock for refueling, chumming up, and cleaning the boats and themselves in time for dinner at 6:30 pm.

Developing character

Each day, through early morning prayer service, general meetings, and individual squadron meetings, the educational process continues. Ocean Challenge education is aimed at de-

veloping internal character, integrity, and perseverance, as well as practical skills in boat handling and fishing.

Throughout the summer, special educational sessions led by Rev. Chang Sung Ahn were held after dinner at Morning Garden, particularly for the blessed children and the UTS graduates. The summer was definitely a full and diverse experience for all participants.

Father's concern and hope for the trainees was evident through his talks to them at Morning Garden as they began the season. He urged them all to completely invest themselves in every aspect of their training and to make memorable progress toward maturing their character while they confronted the challenges and difficulties of their days at sea. "The power of spirit and determination is great," he said. "No matter what it may take, just remember that you have to get significant memories out of this expedition."

The promise of a good season stirred the hearts of the Ocean Challenge participants. Squadrons were spread out from Montauk, Long Island, to Maine. In July we heard reports of tuna being sighted off the Grand Banks near Canada, but we were not able to explore those areas. However, we were able to catch medium bluefin tuna in Ipswich Bay. Mediums have not been seen in that area for about 15 years. The tuna

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Instructor Doug Schlageter teaches basic mechanics to the trainees.

EXPANDING THE LEVEL OF MESSIAHSHIP

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been putting up with this attitude all his life and will probably continue to do it—this is his unconditional love. He will bring that manna down tomorrow again if we ask him to, but he shouldn't have to. I am sure he is very concerned about the time when he won't be around to divide the Red Sea anymore. Who is going to take charge? Are we going to be truly responsible?

In that prayer I wept and wept and begged that Father would come to our celebration. The next morning, when Father and Mother actually did appear, the first thing I felt was, "After all these years, they finally came!" The second thing was, "Father, please don't leave!" I really wanted the members there to feel how precious True Parents' coming was. I wanted Father to feel our support. Father could perceive that we hadn't sufficiently prepared our hearts to receive him. Before he could speak, he had to create his own foundation to be received. With incredible love he instructed us in what we should have done, thought, and felt [see p. 32].

Father wants us to succeed

I was so happy that everyone could hear what Father had to say before he began his speech. For three years,

based on the understanding Rev. Kim gave to the BFA officers, I have felt very serious about this Association. Often people would come to me with their problems, looking for solutions. In many cases, our Association served as a liaison, because some members didn't feel comfortable to go directly to a church leader. Because I have become so aware of the suffering of

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our brothers and sisters, it is clear to me that finding solutions to our problems requires more than external answers; we have to connect everything to Father and Mother. But how can we instill that feeling of seriousness in all of us? On that day, only True Parents could do it. In his speech, Father gave the most wonderful guidance I have ever heard regarding not only international marriage but marriage in general in our church. Father's coming to speak to us demonstrated that True Parents are vitally concerned about our Blessing and each one of us. They really want us to suc-

ceed and become the backbone of True Parents' work in America and the world.

In summary, I feel it is important that all the traditions initiated in Korea for the BFAs be maintained in the United States. The new BFA officers should keep in mind the incredibly diverse nature and situations of our group so that everyone's needs can be met as much as possible. It is also *essential* that BFAs be started on the local level. We should always strive to maintain our vertical connection, so that everything we do has a spiritual and internal dimension; otherwise this Association will lose its meaning and function.

It's a great challenge to heal and embrace others—to transcend our own hardships and complaints and become truly parental. There is a lot of potential for us, as the 8,000 Couples, to meet these challenges, because I believe our Association has gained momentum now. I feel that wonderful things are going to happen. □

After the July 5 celebration, the newly-elected 8,000 BFA officers were installed:

*Chaircouple: Mark & Victoria Clevenger
Vice Chaircouple: Bill & Lisa Lay
Vice Chaircouple: Larry & Akemi Krishnek
Secretary: Dale & Joy Garratt
Treasurer: Richard & Georgia Lewis
General Affairs: Steve & Louise Honey*

KOREAN TEXT STUDY

Witnessing

56. Even cattle can discern poisonous grass and keep away from it. They can also sense where the slaughterhouse is. How much more should men be able to distinguish a place of life from a place of death.
57. If you cannot witness, your path will be blocked.
58. After he started on the path of the Gospel, Jesus walked the way of the cross by discarding the environment of his family life, his position as a son, and his desire.
59. Don't disregard people. If you treat your visitors carelessly, your way will be impeded.
60. He who can respond to the heart of a messenger rather than to the message itself becomes a family member of God.

60 전하는 때에 응하는 것보다 전하고자 하는 마음에 응할 수 있는 사람이 하늘의 식구이다.

59 사람을 무시하지 말라. 찾아오는 사람을 막대하면 길이 막힌다.

58 예수 그리스도 복음의 길을 출발할 때 가정적 생활환경, 자식의 입장, 나아가서는 자신의 소망까지도 버리고 십자가의 노정을 걸으셨다.

57 전도 못하면 길이 막힌다.

56 소도 독초(毒草)를 가려 먹고 도살장(屠殺場)을 알아 본다는데 하물며 영물(靈物)이라는 인간이 자기 죽을 곳과 살 길을 모를리 없다. 살려 주겠다는 간곡한 심정으로 대해주었음에도 불구하고 상대방이 받아주지 않으면 그가 쌓은 복은 다 옮겨지고 그의 공도 수고한 자의 것이 되고 만다.

전도(傳道)

CARP'S WORLD STUDENT SERVICE CORPS GOES TO GUATEMALA—

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making of the film "Nicaragua Was Our Home") she saw there was another side to the story.

Another student, who toted a copy of *The Road Less Travelled* around in his backpack, missed Kellogg's Cornflakes so much that his team leader finally tracked down a box of it for him (no mean feat in these isolated villages). Yet at the end he confessed he could have survived without the cornflakes, "but not without the love of my companions."

The students said they hope to become staff members on next year's project and to help generate more interest in the WSSC on their campuses during the school year.

Claimed by God

For the staff members themselves, this project was a time of testing, love, disappointment, victory, feelings of futility, and feelings of great hopefulness. In the midst of the heat, the hard physical work, the language and cultural barriers, the bedbugs, the unsanitary food, the diarrhea, and the inevitable frustrations of an ambitious project, the international staff members sometimes had to ask themselves whether a victory had been won or not.

But on the last day, two Unification Church sisters who worked as staff went into a cathedral in Guatemala City to say a good-bye prayer for the beautiful nation they had come to love. Standing before a life-sized statue of Jesus, they said they prayed that someday statues and pictures of the True Family would decorate the countless churches of Guatemala and stand victoriously on its 400-year tradition of Christianity.

As they stepped out into the church plaza and faced the noon-day crowds of busy Guatemalans, one sister felt a white light in her heart and spirit that communicated to her: "You are the saviors of Guatemala."

Then they knew that this first project of the World Student Service Corps had been claimed by God in the one-world spirit of our True Parents. □

I N M E M O R I A M

HITOSHI HARA



HITOSHI HARA HAD been a member of the Unification Church for less than a year when he came to the United States from Japan in 1984. He worked for over three years with our movement's food distribution program in Denver, Colorado. This summer he joined a team in New York fundraising to support the American ministers' ICC.

On July 20, greatly inspired by Father's announcement of the 40-day witnessing condition to begin that day, Hitoshi began a seven-day fast and decided to go out fundraising, even though his team had scheduled free time for the day. Later that afternoon he was found near the spotlight where he had been fundraising, with a gaping gunshot wound in his abdomen. He was taken to a hospital, where he died early the next morning. He was 23.

Apparently someone had tried to steal the bucket of roses he carried, and when he tried to get the roses back, he was shot. According to police, the type of weapon used had

a destructive capacity far beyond the legal limit of handguns. The person who shot him has not been found.

A Seung Hwa ceremony was held in New York City, led by Dr. Mose Durst, president of the Unification Church of America, and Rev. Ken Sudo, director of the

New York church. Brothers and sisters who knew him well testified to over 200 guests about Hitoshi's courage, commitment, and faith.

Hitoshi's parents came from Japan to attend the ceremony and also visited the food distribution facilities in Denver where their son had worked. In a service there, they were greatly comforted by a sermon by Rev. William Ephriam, a minister very close to our movement, who also lost a son from a gunshot wound.

Hitoshi was known as a very pure, dedicated, and hard-working brother. Regional Director Rev. Chong Bok Hong asked every center in the Denver region to honor him as an example of faith to all members. □

CREATING SIGNIFICANT MEMORIES

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started coming into the Gloucester area around early to mid-August. (The classification of bluefin tuna is as follows: Young school tuna are those up to 14 pounds; school tuna range from 14 to 135 pounds; mediums range from 135 to 310 pounds; and giants are those over 310 pounds).

Catching a giant bluefin is what gives each captain and crew a sense of success and fulfillment after their long hours of training and effort. It is impossible to know what to expect each year, but through our individual determination and the power of the spirit, we can make each season valu-

able and successful.

God is able to dramatically move the hearts of people when an appropriate opportunity, a unique focus, and a challenging environment are provided. This is one of the goals of Ocean Church and the Ocean Challenge experience: to rekindle in our lives the excitement of life and an enthusiasm for tomorrow through real experiences in the world of creation with the living God, our Heavenly Father. Then, with greater knowledge and awareness of how to live in harmony with the creation and our Creator, we can better live with one another and become wise, responsible stewards of our most precious oceans. □

Last month we invited you, our readers, to submit sincere and thoughtful articles about an aspect or aspects of your spiritual life, as historical contributions to a record of our LIFE IN THE FIRST DAYS of the ideal world. We welcome your realizations and experiences. We are primarily looking for content—so please don't worry if your English isn't good. With your contribution, include your name, address, telephone number, spiritual and physical ages, and major missions you have had. Please specify if you do not wish your name to be used. If the piece is published, you will receive a partial subscription to Today's World.

The following are examples of the precious experiences and insights that accompany our efforts to help God and True Parents actually establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

"WALLS OF SUFFERING AND WINDOWS OF JOY"

Rebuilding God's Kingdom on the American Front Line

by Maarten Meijer

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF!" HE commanded me, as he slid back in his chair and put his feet—shoes and all—on my knees. The Rev. Dr. Allen Reeves had been the pastor of the second-largest Methodist church in town for 13 years. Who was I to challenge such authority? So I obeyed! Our meetings, which from then on just deepened our friendship, were always opened and sealed with a fatherly embrace and a moist kiss on my cheek. His colleague, pastoring a church up north, would become my spiritual son a year later.

This kind of response to our outreach to Christendom, however, was unfortunately rare. Andrew, Joseph [other city leaders], and I counted the days that we gave CAUSA lectures only to each other—since our expected seminar guests somehow failed to appear—or to some little old lady in the back of the room who nodded "amen's" to our exposé of dialectical materialism. Too many clergy seemed to lack the urgency we felt to alert their congregations to the threat of atheistic ideologies. Too often we could experience something of what Jesus experienced, as his longing to express God's heart to the people was rebuffed. For example, one day when I walked through the door of Rev. Gordon's little church in the countryside, he, knowing I was a Moonie, gravely announced, "You

are an angel of light!" and asked me to leave immediately. No amount of heartfelt pleas on my part could convince him that I had no relationship to Beelzebub!

The beauty of the heart

The beauty of the truly Christian heart, however, was time and again revealed to us, reminding us why Father has urged us to unite with all of our Christian brothers and sisters. In my home church area, I visited from time to time a sincere fundamentalist woman named Beverly. She was daily challenged by an unemployed and resentful husband, a rebellious teenage son, and a younger son undergoing dialysis treatment, his skin turning

yellow as a result of his malfunctioning kidneys. She invited me to attend church with her. It was a small charismatic church, and the atmosphere was warm and welcoming. The minister preached, the people prayed, and we sang many hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty...." Then the altar call came. Suddenly I felt a hand around mine and as I looked to the side I saw her face, flushed with tears. "Please!" that face begged of me. "Please!" I was deeply moved by her profound concern for me, and by her sincere desire that I receive salvation.

Home church has, in fact, often been my Kingdom of Heaven. When I was walking through my area one



Maarten Meijer and "Hero" in the mountain wilderness of Oregon.

Maarten Meijer is currently state leader of Montana.

day, I noticed an old man balanced on a ladder. Armed with a pruning saw, he was trimming the apple tree in his front yard. As I stopped and watched, he climbed down and introduced himself as Mr. Smith, adding that his age was 94. "My wife will turn 90 in August, two days before our 60th anniversary." Hallelujah! How many movie stars might envy the longevity of his marriage! Our sister Dymphna made a huge, colorful anniversary card out of posterboard. We took it around the neighborhood and everyone happily signed it. "Mr. and Mrs. Smith? Don't know 'em, but sure, I'll sign it. It's a good idea!" People even contributed for a gift, and with the money, I bought an oversize box of See's candies. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were overwhelmed. Perhaps they tasted a bit of the Kingdom of Heaven as well.

Daily sacrifices

The servant of servants course has also become real through home church. Sally Jefferson owned 8 of the 12 houses on one block in my area. The house on the corner was the largest and least dilapidated, but the grass in the yard stood knee high. It took me six hours to cut it down. Neighbors from across the street noticed that their deliverer had arrived. They came to my aid with larger lawnmowers, scythes, rakes, and tools than I had ever seen in my life! They also came with words of advice, and with words of praise they uplifted me, while denouncing the landowner, in her absence, for such neglect. Then they returned to their homes, assured that I would complete the task. The empty cans, the scraps of plastic, and the dead possum I packed together with the grass in garbage bags. Mrs. Jefferson expressed her appreciation and endorsed me as a qualified gardener by giving five dollars as a donation for over six hours of work—and asked me when I could come again, to do the yard of the house next door. "Next week," I promised humbly. And I kept that promise.

No amount of words can do justice to the sacrifices made daily, as a matter of inevitable course, by brothers and sisters in our region braving the perennial Oregon rains or the snow and ice of Montana's arctic winters. Patiently they go from place to place



Maarten Meijer saying farewell to Rev. Joong Hyun Pak as he departs for Korea.

with the long-sought panacea, the Principle of Restoration, to cure the body of mankind, with a greater sense of urgency than a doctor who has discovered a cure for AIDS. Yet painfully often, the "afflicted" are leery of "easy answers" and "organized religion."

Challenges shared victoriously with brothers and sisters make for unbreakable bonds of heart.

Truly, our brothers and sisters are heroes. One such Japanese brother, Hero, is aptly named. He loves America—that's why he spells his name the way he does. He's a man of few words. If raising his plate toward the pot will get him another serving of rice, why waste words to ask?! For three years we unrolled our sleeping bags next to each other. "Goodnight, Hero!" "Goodnight." The next day, Hero: "We need call Mr. Jones." I: "Why don't you do it, Hero?" Hero: "My English no good." I: "He will understand you, don't worry." That was the usual extent of our conversations. Then came my spiritual birthday. After I carefully unwrapped his present, with his dark eyes following my every gesture, he took over. He unwound a long strand of bright red paper, which he then draped around my neck. At the bot-

tom of it, like an Olympic medal, hung a three-ounce bar of gold. How much "spiritual gold" is in the heart of our members!

Handle with care

Susan is always taking care of everyone. She witnesses best, fundraises best, takes your messages, and gives you your mail. She raises the young, revives the old, solves problems, and has ready answers for the media, the members, and you. And she smiles on top of all the above. Now we sit together and she, back turned, talks to me in a small voice. For all her giving, how hard it was to receive, to entrust her own burden to someone else! If a wing of a butterfly is so intricate and easily damaged, how much more so is the human spirit and heart? And with how much more caution should we handle the rare and vulnerable beauty of the people entrusted to our care by God? Too often I have realized this too little and too late. How I long to be able to transfer peace, freedom, happiness, and ideals with the heart of a father!

But in spite of all our limitations, we've brought a number of ministers to religious freedom rallies and CAUSA conferences. We gave impassioned speeches at "no-nuke" demonstrations and wrote pointed letters-to-the-editor. We collected thousands of signatures and raised thousands of dollars. We witnessed, lectured, argued, prayed. Many times we wondered what we had to show for all our effort. Yet in fact there has been great progress world-wide, and as one family of True Parents we can inherit and participate in these

victories.

For two-and-a-half years, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak was regional director in this Northwest Pacific region. Recently Father called him to work in Korea. In Seattle we bade him farewell. The testimonies about our elder brother moved both speakers and listeners to tears. I envy the boldness and sincerity of one sister who made a full bow before him, though she was gently interrupted by him: "Please, for True Parents only..." We all knew the humble circumstances in which his family lived, and how seldom his children have been able to be with him. But when his teenagers visited us, and we spent an evening bowling together, I could see in their beauty the fruit of living the Principle. Through the sacrifice and faithfulness of our elders, we can gain so much of True Parents' heart. I personally feel profoundly thankful to Rev. Pak—my teacher, my guide, my elder brother, and a man who became above all, my friend!

How I long to be able to transfer peace, freedom, happiness, and ideals with the heart of a father!

The Rev. Dr. Allen Reeves has collected hundreds of pictures of his "favorite people." They cover the space in front of his books on the many shelves in his office. I, whom he calls his "guru extraordinaire," have been included in the ranks as well. The books have become increasingly unreachable behind the pictures of the people that represent the treasure of a lifetime of loving service.

I am just a descendant of Dutch dirt farmers from below sea level behind the dikes, but the parental love and discipline I have experienced in God's family have brought me the greatest hope and joy imaginable. "In the midst of winter, I found that within me was an invincible summer," wrote Albert Camus. All of us who have been on the front line for a number of years have had the opportunity

A DREAM ABOUT TRUE MOTHER

by *Wilhelmina Claasen*

I DREAMED THAT THE POLICE came to my home one night and took me away to prison. I was surprised, shocked, and horrified. When I asked on what grounds they were arresting me and what the charge was, they said I'd find out later. Before I could believe what was happening, I was locked up in a small, barren, barred cell. I was desperate to be released, and after a few days that seemed like centuries, I was taken up to the court for my trial.

As I stood in the dock [the place where a prisoner stands during trial], I saw lots of people on my left yelling that I was an adulteress. I was very upset at this and began crying, because I couldn't understand why they were accusing me like that. There was no witness to defend me and so my case was adjourned to a later date. While the courtroom was emptying, a policeman suddenly came in from the right, shouting, "Stop! Hold it! A witness has come who says that she is Wilhelmina Claasen's mother."

I felt so surprised to hear that, and as I looked I saw True Mother enter from the right, all dressed in white with a veil over her face. She went and stood in the witness

box. She said that I was her daughter, that she knew me very well, even since before I was born, and that I wasn't an adulteress at all. I was so amazed by her testimony. I cried and cried while Mother defended me and vindicated me before the court and all my accusers.

Then I left the court with True Mother, still crying, while she held and supported me. I was overwhelmed. Through her concern and love I was freed from death and the darkness of prison and was able to enter into the light outside to begin a new life, freed from guilt and Satan's accusations.

I had this dream soon after I accepted and believed in True Parents in 1976. I began to understand my dream only when I realized that we are all fallen Eves and Adams, and that since we are descended from these original parents, we are all, in essence, adulterers and guilty of sin.

I deeply realized that we could be freed from original sin only by being recognized as True Parents' child and experiencing rebirth through their love. □

Wilhelmina Claasen is a member in South Africa.

to taste that same summer. Once truly experienced, you wouldn't want to miss it for anything in the world. True, the suffering is real and at times very substantial. But challenges shared victoriously with brothers and sisters make for unbreakable bonds of heart. And this is even more true with God.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, or crying, or pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:1-5) □

Some names in this article have been changed.



TESTIFYING TO TRUE PARENTS

A Ph.D. in Theology Is Awarded to Rev. Joong Hyun Pak

by Victoria Clevenger

REV. JOONG HYUN PAK, A 430 BLESSED Couple who recently served as regional church director in the United States, received a Ph.D. in theology from Golden State University in Los Angeles, California, on December 12, 1986. Rev. Pak, who has a B.A. in political science, submitted a 110-page dissertation entitled "The Beatitudes: Jesus' Blueprint for Re-Creation," in which he shows how God's desire to give Adam and Eve the Three Blessings (Gen. 1:28) is expanded by Jesus in the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-12) and serves as the major theme that runs throughout all 66 books of the Bible. Rev. Pak also received well-deserved credit for his life experience in "Christian Administration"—namely, his past 25 years' working as a church leader in many different areas.

Father was especially pleased to see how Rev. Pak's effort witnesses to the insight of the Principle in a way that is extremely valuable for theologians and ministers.

His motivation to write this thesis, Rev. Pak said, sprang from his desire to teach, in a real and vital way, the insights he has gleaned from the Bible based on the words of our True Father and the Principle. On the first page, the dissertation is dedicated "with deepest love and gratitude to the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, who gave me new love, new life, and a new ideal."

In his work, Rev. Pak elucidates the meaning of the nine Beatitudes as the

nine stages that man must fulfill in order to become the substantial incarnation of God's ideal. He places particular emphasis on the ninth Beatitude: "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven." He explains that the people of Jesus' day, in failing to fulfill this most crucial Beatitude—that is, failing to witness to the Messiah—completely lost the possibility of creating the Kingdom of Heaven that was promised. He stresses the absolute importance of fulfilling this Beatitude at the time of the Second Advent.

Dr. Wallace Walker, president of Golden State University, was deeply inspired by Rev. Pak's work and said he wants to have the dissertation printed in the yearly compilation of the most outstanding doctoral theses submitted in the United States.

Father and Mother were very happy and proud to learn of Rev. Pak's accomplishment. Father signed a copy of his dissertation and announced the award at a leaders' meeting. Father was especially pleased to see how Rev. Pak's effort witnesses to the insight of the Principle in a way that is extremely valuable for theologians and ministers. He noted that Rev. Pak achieved his degree without taking time from his church work to study at a university. Rev. Pak said that to be able to write it, he had to pray very deeply and make a strong connection to the spirit world, as well



Rev. Joong Hyun Pak receives his Ph.D. from Dr. Walker.

as use his time—while traveling, for example—to its fullest advantage.

Rev. Pak, who has served as director of the Performing Arts Department in New York and as regional leader in Boston, Denver, and Seattle, is now working in Korea. He plans to do more research and exposition on how the Principle can illuminate the Bible. He is an excellent example of how all of us, even though we may be engaged in full-time church activities, can constantly stretch ourselves to apply and witness to Father's ideas in many creative ways. Such testimony to the value of True Parents helps us fulfill the ninth Beatitude in our own lives. □

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—our own country—with our own hands.

Originally Satan lured Eve, and then Adam and their children were corrupted and fell into hell. Each third Israel family, as a representative of the whole world, must indemnify the original family's failure. Because Satan began the fall with Eve, I am asking the wives to go out to begin restoration on the world level.

Other Korean families will also be mobilized—not just Unification Church families. The blessed wives represent Rachel and the other wives represent Leah. We must make these two into one and restore both families. Because women are so influential in their families, when the women say, "Let us march forward to liberate North Korea," everyone will want to follow.

To all the women of the world I represent all men and the elder brother who has not fallen, as well as father and Adam. You Americans stand in the position of my children but also in the position of the archangel on the heavenly side. Thus, if you support the blessed wives who are following the true Adam, you are reversing the fall and will be able to reap the harvest. This is God's strategy.

In the future, if someone asks you when you accomplished world-level indemnity, you will want to be able to say, "I helped restore Korea, which represents the whole world. I fulfilled my five percent." This is an incredibly precious, one-time opportunity to indemnify everything in a very short period of time.

Everything is fitting together. In Elijah's time God prepared 7,000 righteous men. Seven thousand ministers were reached while I was in Danbury. We are well on our way to hosting 7,000 American ministers in Korea. Now, 7,000 wives will connect

with the families in Korea. Then the Unification Church and established Christianity will come into unity. This unity will then expand to the whole world.

Husbands will no doubt have a difficult time without your wives; but such sacrifice is necessary. You should support your wives working far away in Korea, fighting their lonely battle. They could be there for up to three



years, or at least until October or November of 1988.

This time comes at the terminal point of fallen history. We will create a beautiful land, a third Israel—our Fatherland. Many patriotic Jews have dedicated their entire lives toward making a beautiful homeland out of a desert. And we know how the first Americans built this nation. The Unification Church members can surpass these good examples.

In restoring the third Israel, we should work harder than any other people from the first or second Israels. I want to begin building more schools in all the different states in Korea so that you can all send your blessed children there. This country won't be just for Koreans but for everyone. You may have had difficulty achieving unity in America, but Korea will be the place where you will achieve unity. All five colors of skin will come together there.

When you get there, you women may fight amongst yourselves, but please don't fight against me! Because a woman disobeyed Adam, the entire tragedy took place. Please control yourselves and don't go against Adam.

If I ask you to fast, for example, all of you women should absolutely obey.

We are still fortunate to have a preparation period. Each woman must plan and pray: "When I go to Korea, I will indemnify all my previous mistakes. In Korea I will do much better."

Geopolitically, the world can never abandon Korea. Turmoil in Korea causes problems in the United States, Japan, and China. All democratic countries would like to see Korea hold a fair, democratic general election for both North and South. Eventually it will come to that.

We will have training programs so that you can learn how to reach the people in North Korea. We want to educate the people there about God's will. Don't ever think that the North Koreans are wicked people. They are very pure people who have just been taught the wrong things. You can explain precisely,

"Do you know that Rev. Moon has made a foundation for a peaceful, loving family of man around the whole world? The free world is so much more wonderful than the communist world." Every Korean must know about Godism and Unification Thought.

Until now, the North Koreans have been like slaves under communism. But when you come and tell them the truth, they will be amazed, and the country will completely change. We will take 10 million North Koreans on tours around South Korea. When they see how different it is there, they will definitely want to unify under the ideals of Godism.

So all you women, prepare yourselves for that day of mobilization. Discuss what you should do with your husbands, your families, your relatives, and your tribe. The Korean women already went out on June 1. Your turn is next. You know what you should do, so you must act on your own now. Make your own decision. Don't wait for me. Do what you need to do. □

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