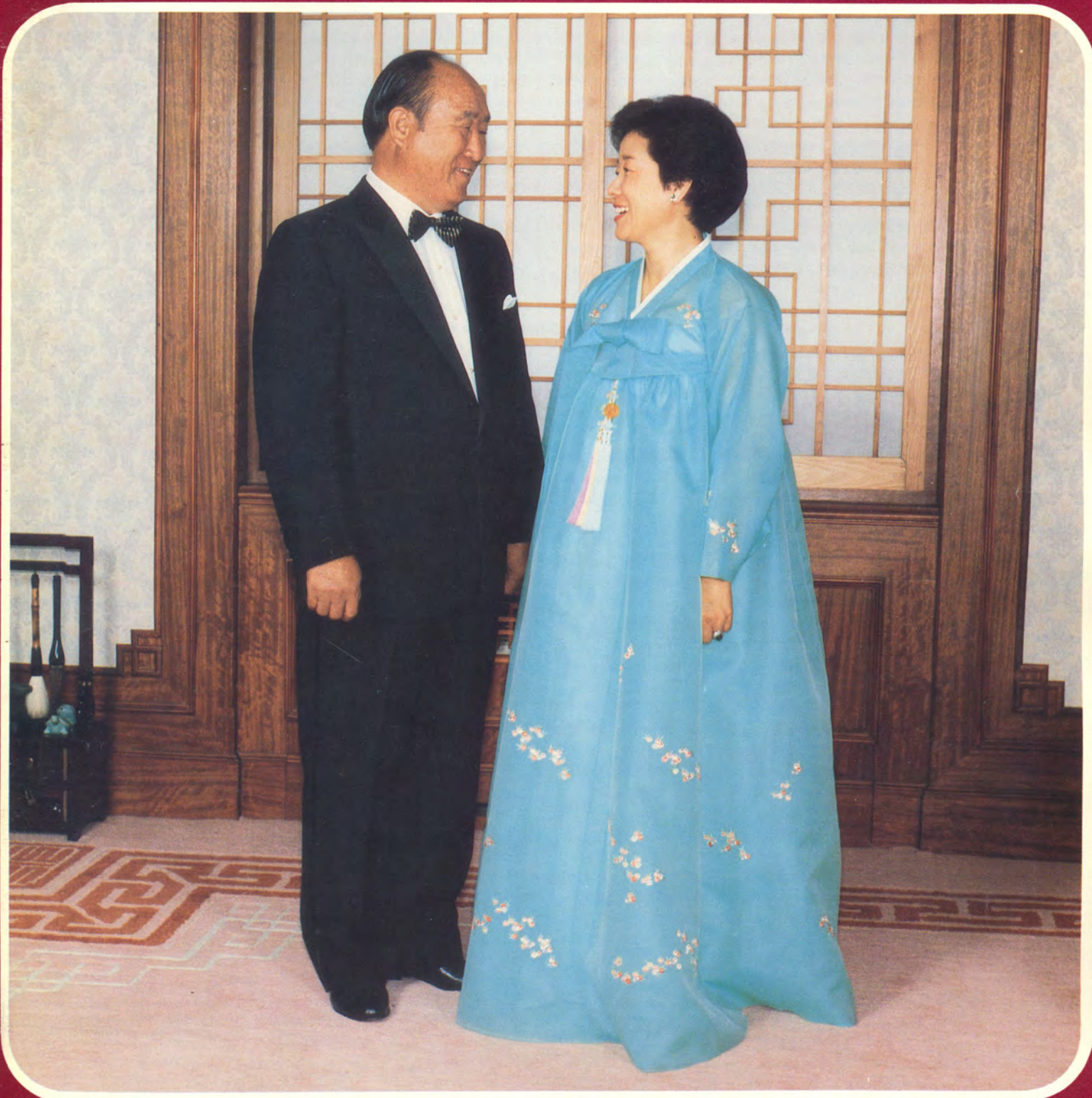


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## Letter from the Publisher

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

I KNOW ALL OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING when the matching and Blessing will come. I too want to know. But at this time Father is completely focused on and praying about other major dispensational matters, especially concerning the unification of Korea. Thus far, he has not announced a date either for the Blessing or for the mobilization of blessed couples and matched members to Korea. Until Father's direction comes, I urge each of you to please focus on your present mission. Most important is that we are ready to respond at any time to Father's request, and until then, to do our best wherever we are.

I would like to share some news about my recent experiences with Heung Jin Nim and his guidance to the world membership. I first want to thank him from my heart, because our movement has absolutely needed the kind of personal assistance he has been providing.

Several months ago, Heung Jin Nim started working 24 hours a day through a black African brother, who was especially chosen and prepared to become his embodiment. Now we can speak with Heung Jin Nim directly in a physical body! Think about how amazing this is. In 2,000 years of Christianity there have been many faithful saints and martyrs, but only a small number of Christians ever had direct spiritual experiences with Jesus. Whenever they occurred, such phenomena became topics of world news. If the news media were to focus on all the spiritual phenomena presently happening in the Unification Church, we could fill a whole newspaper! Therefore, we can see how very precious is our opportunity to be a part of the Unification Church at this time.

Many members and leaders are having spiritual experiences now. Father's teaching has not only opened the door for us to believe in the spirit world, but we also have a clear and logical understanding of it. If we sincerely and correctly apply our knowledge, we can receive great spiritual assistance in our personal growth and healing and in the accomplishment of our various responsibilities.

Generally, the best attitude we can have toward receiving spiritual guidance is to be open-minded and fully respectful. We need to have a heart of humility, especially in front of Heung Jin Nim. That was my determination when I was recently called to meet with him in Africa.

In anticipating my visit, I realized that if I were only a member and not a leader, it would be rela-

tively easy for me to observe Heung Jin Nim, attend him, and receive guidance from him. But because of my leadership responsibilities in our movement, I knew I had to not only attend him well, but also carefully observe everything I experienced with him so that I could report my experience to Father and correctly interpret it to all members. Therefore, through deep prayer, I carefully prepared my heart to meet with Heung Jin Nim in his embodiment.

Before I left for Africa to meet him, I had a wonderful dream that he was hugging me and speaking to me in Korean, completely sharing his heart. I was to meet him at the airport in Nairobi, Kenya. I had previously asked the missionary who attends him how Heung Jin Nim usually greets people. He answered that he generally shakes hands. I thought, "But in my dream he hugged me!" From a picture I had seen of him, I recognized him as soon as he came out of the customs area. Amazingly, Heung Jin Nim came up to me and hugged me exactly as in the dream, but he was speaking in English! I realized this was only natural, because his embodiment is English-speaking and knows no Korean at all. We spoke briefly with each other, and then we met with 20 missionaries from that area.

Heung Jin Nim explained to me that his embodiment was born in a Christian family for a special purpose. Jesus Christ trained him to be very pure, and he worked through him for more than 10 years in reaching out to other Christians. For Jesus, working through this brother was like a resurrection. Then 40 days after Heung Jin Nim's Seung Hwa, Jesus asked Heung Jin Nim to please use this brother for his pentecost activities. But Heung Jin Nim wanted to create his own foundation to be able to appear on the earth; he didn't want to use only Jesus' foundation. Meanwhile, this brother served the church humbly and faithfully as a member, fundraising and witnessing. But several months ago, Heung Jin Nim announced that he is now embodied in this brother.

I stayed with Heung Jin Nim for three days. Heung Jin Nim is young with only a high school education (the same as his embodiment), yet Heung Jin Nim's understanding of the Principle and all the books of the Bible is amazing, and his words of guidance are given with the deepest wisdom. In his talks with us, he frequently quoted

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# THE WAY TO GROW

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON  
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BELVEDERE

*An early photo showing Father and Mother's delight with one of their children.*



*Father addressed this speech to the leaders attending the 40-day training in New York. Here, the regional coordinators and the state leaders pose with Rev. Kwak and Rev. Ahn.*

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*Just as no one can say he is happy without someone  
of the opposite sex by his side, no one in the spirit  
world can say he is happy without God in him.*

Translator: Col. Sang Kil Han

**W**HAT DO PEOPLE LIKE MOST—BIG THINGS OR small things? Saying someone is a big person means he is a man with a big capacity to accommodate a lot of things. Even a small man can be a great and big person. Why do we like big persons? Because you can find a lot of love in a big person. A small person doesn't have that much to give—and if you try to find out what he has, he gets irritated.

Do people prefer to give or to receive? The majority of people like to receive. The fact that a person wants to receive is related to his desire to grow and become big. How much you are able to put inside yourself determines how much you grow. However, if we only receive, what happens? If we pour water into a glass that is already full to the brim, it spills over. That means it's time to give. If you don't, the water gets wasted.

## HAVE A HIGHER GOAL IN MIND

Until we are mature, we all want to receive. At a certain point, when we reach maturity, the time comes to give. So how do we give? We first have to find the right object. If you are in the East, you must find someone in the West. If you are in the North, you must give to someone in the South. If a person in the East gives to someone in the South, that is a relatively small sphere of giving. When you find the right object, you have to give straight to them, not in a zigzag way. If one is willing to give, but the other is not enthusiastic about receiving, that's a problem. If a person can receive only during the daytime but not at night, that isn't good either. We have to be ready to receive anytime and give anytime, 24 hours a day.

The giver and the receiver should both have a higher goal in mind than just each other. Otherwise, they will diminish. We should have increasingly larger aspirations in our giving and receiving; then we can continue to grow immensely without stopping.

There is no life without motion; thus, all living things tend toward a subject/object relationship and start growing into a sphere. Once a subject and object form a relationship, that new being itself becomes either a subject or an object and searches for another subject or object to relate to. It must do that or it will diminish from that point on. Everything always wants to go on and on and get bigger and bigger.

All things in the environment exist in the pair system. Then they enter into a subject/object relationship with man. What connects all these into one? It is love.

For instance, when we go out in the fresh air of nature we find the birds chirping. What is the purpose of their chirping? Are the male birds calling other male birds? No. They are signaling to the opposite sex, seeking a subject/object relationship.

It is becoming and natural to sing in praise of that which is growing. In the spring, things are freed from the long cold spell and are coming out. What do they try to find first, before anything else? Either their object or their subject. Spring is full of that atmosphere, with all things singing to find each other, in praise of growing.

## "HOME SWEET HOME"

Suppose you saw a woman dressed and made up beautifully, singing a very lovely song. If you realized she was singing to attract another woman or to proclaim her own beauty to herself, you wouldn't want to listen anymore, would you? But if she were singing in praise of a man—about what big shoulders he had and all his muscles—you would want to listen to that song forever.

What is a "home sweet home"? Is it a beautiful house with a very lovely woman in there all alone? Home sweet home is where the husband and the wife and the children and the grandparents are all doing everything they can to serve and love each other, and where they can find complete satisfaction together.

Daughters long to be with their mothers, and sons long for their fathers. Each son and daughter then finds a spouse. When everybody can find the one he or she is longing for, that is a home sweet home. Even the grandparents can stay in that home and be happy because they can find everything they cherish there. In the Unification Church we learn the ideal of the twelve objects—twelve types of relationships within the family. All the objects try to find the right subjects, and the subjects, the right objects. Without finding them, how yearning and empty we feel!

All these relationships connect at one center point. What can that center be? The point of love, which connects to God. Where does life come from? It comes from the love between our parents. Life doesn't come out of life. Life comes into being as a result of the motion of love.

On autumn evenings we can hear frogs and all kinds of insects making their noises and singing. Have you ever noticed how harmonious all that noise is? One insect sings a certain way, and then, as if to harmonize with it, other insects join in. Everything seems to stand still for a second, then some other little voice comes in and fills the gap. Do you think they are singing standing still? No, they are always in motion. Even if they're not moving around, at least one leg will be off the ground, making some kind of movement. It's like dancing. Nature dances. We all want to listen to the things of nature singing, don't we? They do it to please man—that is the purpose of their singing.

## MORE EMPHASIS ON THE VERTICAL

All the things of nature actually form one big orchestra. We perceive that music as horizontal, but in that horizontal music there is also vertical music, which connects to the



*If you continue to trust and love even though  
you are continually betrayed, one day you will be  
filled up to overflowing.*

earth from a higher place. This is expressed as literature and poetry and all artistic things. The vertical always connects the root to the new growth. That strong connection keeps everything alive and growing.

Men's tenor and bass voices are horizontal, while a woman's soprano is vertical. Yet, neither voice is pleasing to hear for too long if it is not harmonized with the other. We need that symmetry. In contemporary disco dancing, the body is always going down and down, lower and lower. But in ballet, the body is always striving to go up, always reaching vertically up to heaven. Most young people today like disco and shy away from tradition and the classics. But their music is certain to perish because it has no root.



We should place more emphasis on and be more aware of the vertical relationship. The horizontal relationship is a more temporal thing. In politics, conservatives are like the vertical, whereas liberals are like the horizontal. Conservatism stresses tradition, which connects the past with the future. Those on the liberal side are more concerned with the present. The predominant philosophy of democracy is conservative. The philosophy of materialism or communism would be liberal. Conservative philosophy stresses the spiritual nature, unlike the liberal, which instead stresses the material world. This is an oversimplification, but it is true nevertheless. If we are to make a choice between the two, we would rather have the former.

If one's mind and body are at war, how can a person stand? The conflict between mind and body on the individual level is reflected on the world level, in the battle between spiritualism and materialism. If these two sides continue to fight, both must perish in the end. However, the mind needs the body and the body needs the mind. Then how to end this war, how to make harmony, is the question and the task before us.

Communism says, "We can achieve world peace with

weapons." Do you think that's possible? Do you think the mind can be forever subdued by a strong body? No, the mind would rather die than be subjugated like that. Then how do we propose to solve the problem? It is only love that can harmonize men and nations.

## THE MOST PRECIOUS LOVE

Do we understand clearly the concept of true love? True love is love that embraces both the horizontal and the vertical. True love is not only the horizontal love of the present; it is also the love we have toward our ancestors and toward our future generations. Only with this vertical and horizontal love will we have a spherical shape, which is the true "home sweet home." This is the perfect love that satisfies in all directions.

True love is the one love that is applicable in every situation and makes everyone feel agreeable and happy. Through true love, the two spheres of East and West can be connected and become whole. What is too low, true love brings up higher. What is too high, true love brings down a little to suit the occasion. When something is indented, true love fills it up. When it protrudes, true love sucks it back in.

One's first love is indeed the most precious love. In first love, your partner looks overwhelmingly beautiful to you. A woman may happen to have what she thinks is an ugly nose, so ugly she wants to cover it up all the time. But in first love, her husband says, "No, put your hands down. I want to see that nose. It is the most beautiful nose I have ever seen!" That is what it is like in first love.

The other day I was at the Seattle airport waiting for a plane to Alaska. I started looking at the people, especially at couples. Some of the couples seemed to really cherish each other. I thought, "If it had been up to me, I would never have matched any of them together. How can those two even like each other?" Then I realized, "Oh, I see. That must be the power of first love." The sad thing is that when a person fails at first love, love never comes again so strongly after that. Is the man or woman you are living with the first love you ever had? Love that is serial and habitual is not deep and can never be the root of a lasting relationship. A commonly observed syndrome is a certain tiredness after some years of marriage. That shouldn't apply to us because it means that love is rotting at the root.

Can anyone stand up and say, "I am the happiest person, and I expect my happiness to continue"? The person who can say this must have a person of the opposite sex right beside him. He is happy because of her. Can you find a man who can say, "I am happy" without a woman next to him? Some of you women might think, "No matter what Father says, I can be happy by myself." But actually, if she doesn't have a man with her, does a woman know what she's talking about when she mentions happiness? No.





*At Shin Bok Nim's fourth birthday celebration at Han Nam Dong, Korea, Father feeds his grandson noodles, symbolizing long life.*

## THE IDEAL TEACHER

A husband might be so much in love that he pinches his wife and she gets a bruise. Would she promptly hire a lawyer? She would be happy and proud of that mark of love, wouldn't she? A woman who has never had that experience has failed in her love life. Because of love, even something offensive that needs to be changed doesn't bother you. Even nagging is an expression of love. In love, everything is agreeable. What is really horrible is indifference.

What is the definition of an ideal place? I define it as the place you want to visit 100 times more, even if you have visited it one 100 times already. Who is the ideal teacher? The ideal teacher is the one you want to see all the time. Is it what he teaches that draws you like that, or is it his love? True love is so warm that you want to go toward it again and again. You never get tired of it. You may get kicked by your teacher, but then you come back again because you simply cannot do without him.

I talk about true love almost every chance I get. You don't know what the spirit world is like, so I am trying to teach and train you so you will be able to fit in there perfectly. In the spirit world, the atmosphere is that of love. If we don't know how to love, we suffocate; we go into hell. In the spirit world God is right at the center, and everyone is competing to get closer to Him. On earth we compete

with each other and try very hard to accomplish things—but for what? What motivates people? Getting nearer to God is all we care about and strive for in the spirit world.

When we become one in love we become like God. God can dwell within us. God is like our own mind and we are like His body. We are one with God; inseparable. That is the ideal state of recreation. Our spirit man must be in complete resonance with God's love. This is what we have to grow up to be. On earth we breathe with our lungs, but when we go to the spirit world, our whole body breathes love. The rhythmic breathing of love is a completely unique experience. Since we will be connected to God, He can help us wherever we may be. Each one of you, not just myself alone, will be able to feel totally one with God. Just as no one can say he is happy without someone of the opposite sex by his side, no one in the spirit world can say he is happy without God in him. Doesn't it stand to reason? In the ideal state, you do not have to get a Ph.D. to find out whether God exists or not. You'll have God in you.

## HEAVENLY LAW

In the fallen world everyone talks about love, but we do not know what we are talking about. At best, it is a small, local love with a limited perimeter. We need major repairs and extensive training to be able to comprehend true love.

Man stands in the easterly position; woman stands in the westerly position. Man and woman have characteristics and personalities that are 180 degrees opposite. Even when we look very carefully, we cannot really find a way to harmonize these two extremes. What power can make them come together? Only true love. Men and women have that automatic kind of attraction that makes them go to each other. Don't you find that power working in you?

At puberty, that kind of power unfolds within you without your even trying. That is the process of growth. Some magnetic power draws men and women together. It is a love magnet. A woman looks at the opposite sex and thinks, "I want to catch his heart with love and receive his love." Everyone works very hard at this because this strange power is pulling them. This strange, strong power is true love.

A sphere has one axis upon which it turns. God is on one end of the axis and Adam is on the other. This is how God intended the universe to be. The man stands at the center point and the woman on the perimeter. In traditional Oriental thought, national and world affairs are considered very important, and a man can consult his sons about such things but he is not allowed to consult his wife or any woman about them. The Korean woman obeys this tradition even though she does not clearly understand why.

There are often no secrets left after you talk to a woman. America is a more feminine country because all its secrets leak out. That is the original nature of a woman and the way God intended things. This is not just my observation,



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the other person needs it.*

but it is a principle of the universe. The vertical center is one and not two. Both husband and wife cannot be the center. The Principle explains that the center point can never be held by two persons.

The final decision in a household in important matters is up to the man. He may consider his wife's opinion and may go through her to disclose and implement the decision, but he is the final decision-maker. The wife cannot directly give the inheritance to her sons or daughters, because the father is the axis. In America, people are confused; they do not understand the right order of things. They do not know who is the one to make decisions or why. I am expressing this and emphasizing it because we have blessed couples here and this is the heavenly law. Men should manage national affairs; women should manage the home.

### THE PROPER WAY OF LOVING

Sixteen, or four times four, is the minimum age of maturity. That is when a young person really begins to have an interest in the opposite sex. Any such involvement before that age is premature and false. Until 16 years of age, boys and girls should be separated. They should go as far away as possible from each other and forget about each other as

they grow up to maturity. Then they can turn around and face each other for the first time.

Before the proper time, a man and a woman should never hold hands. If they hold hands, all the electricity is discharged. All kinds of serious problems arise from premature relationships. With even a little bit of touching, the electricity discharges. They should kiss only after they have become engaged to be married. When they kiss, a high electrical charge is generated. If you are holding hands and kissing all the time, the electricity discharges itself. If you abuse love over and over, in time no sparks will come at all. There will be no electricity left. You must wait until you become an incarnation of love.

In Korea, girls before the age of 16 typically remain behind the tall hedges or fences surrounding their homes and rarely go out. After age 16, a girl begins looking over the hedge. When a certain right candidate passes by, she flushes. By that, we know she is ready. On the day the bride goes into the bridal chamber, she doesn't know whether she is floating or walking. She doesn't know what to expect. She is so overwhelmed and excited that she cannot think. Each cell in her body is thinking for her. At the right moment, when that electricity is discharged for the first time, there is a burst of lightning so great it can even destroy rocks.

In Korea it is a great disgrace when a girl under 16 is seen with a man. No one will take her as a bride after that. Which kind of marriage is more exciting and closer to the Principle—the Oriental way or the Western way?

Korean history has lasted 9,000 years. All this history has brought about a rigid discipline and tradition. Because of this long tradition, Orientals do not change very much. Americans think it is normal to be changeable. They change in a relatively short time span, year by year and even day by day.

### WE NEED TO ENVISION THE FUTURE

You have to be conscious of the proper order of things all the time. For instance, when you greet the members of your family in the morning, you should smile at them in a distinct order. First, you should smile at your father, expressing love and respect. Then you should smile at your mother, and only then should you smile at your wife. You



*Mother and Un Jin Nim on an outing in Korea.*



*In the spirit world, God is right at the center, and everyone is competing to get closer to Him. That is all we care about and strive for in the spirit world.*

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don't smile at your wife and start talking to her while ignoring your father and mother. In America, you do not even think of such things, do you? You think, "Let's just be by ourselves. We don't need our parents. And we don't want children until we've planned it all out." But this has no place in the heavenly tradition. God cannot dwell in a family like this.

Where can we find happiness? Happiness and growth come when our horizontal and vertical relationships are connected and we have hope for the future. When you say, "I am happy," that means you have a spouse by your side and children who are growing up looking forward to a good future. To be happy, we need to be able to envision the future. Without children, we have no future and we cannot be happy.

When we have an opportunity to become bigger and bigger—when we are filled with expectation and vision—only then are we happy. When an individual feels he is happy, then he must work for the sake of the happiness of his family, so that his parents and children and brothers and sisters all can share in that happiness. In order to achieve that, an individual has to sacrifice. Sacrifice means that we put more and more in so that happiness can expand, both horizontally and vertically. We have to entrust all we have for the sake of the larger happiness. Sacrifice is the second expansion of oneself. When I deny myself, actually I am expanding. God is like that too. He continuously gives and gives to an incredible degree. Then all of a sudden God starts receiving. The tide changes. When everyone is filled, all He gave comes flowing back. Thus, unless we give everything away, there can be no perfection.

If a man sacrifices 100 percent for the sake of his wife, and his wife sacrifices everything for the sake of her husband, that family will reach perfection. In marriage, the husband and wife will alternate in the subject and object positions. If one goes way up and can't go any further up, or one goes way down and can't go any further down, then the positions reverse, like a see-saw. That is harmony. If you continue to trust and love even though you are continually betrayed, one day you will be filled up to overflowing. You will find that even the worst person will come around to you repentfully and stand as an object to you.

## THE ONE WHO SERVES THE MOST

The Principle is that if I give, then I am bound to receive. But a sacrifice does not expect to receive. A sacrifice continues to give just because the other person needs it. That is how I have been living. I want to give more and more. Hour after hour, I want to give in all ways.

Who among you besides me really thinks about America and loves America and is willing to sacrifice himself for this country's sake? The person who loves and gives everything he's got to America will naturally become the center of America. What if he goes beyond that and wants to do

the same for the rest of the world? Then he will become the center of the world as well. You become the center by sacrificing the most, not by assuming authority.

The one who is willing to serve and sacrifice the most for the sake of the world will be honored as a saint. In the future, everyone will look up to him. Perhaps he will not be recognized in his own time, but later on, he will be. This particular kind of effort is needed here in America. Everyone should run the race for who can become the center.

We should not want the easiest spot or job. We should say, "I will take responsibility for the most difficult mission." For instance, the problem of communism is a most serious problem. You should want to be responsible for that. Moral problems among youth and restoring the declining Christian churches—these are very difficult problems. Without the Unification Church, there is no hope for America. Nothing will change automatically. We have to do something. This is man's portion of responsibility.

Two hundred leaders of the Unification Church are now undergoing 40-day training. After that, all of them will pour themselves out for the sake of America. Will you do your mission on an individual basis or will you do it representing God? How many years would you like to pour your heart into America? Two hundred years? Two thousand years? If someone says, "I will do for 20,000 years," then he will be the center.

Until now, these leaders have been doing things their own way, the way they thought was best. This is too inefficient. I wanted you all to come here for this training and create unity so I can send you out again. If you will resolve yourselves and say, "Yes, heaven. Yes, mankind. I will pour myself out 24 hours a day for 40,000 years," you will create an invincible power. There will be enough energy generated to go around the world 100 times and restore it 100 times over! How would you feel if that kind of determination were realized? That's the way to grow.

## THE PURPOSE OF GROWING UP

Set the tradition right: The central figure is the one who sacrifices the most. The center point does not want a selfish person in that position. You are using your members; you are taking too many privileges. If you stand in the Abel position, you have to work harder. Those with Ph.D.'s may think, "Now that I'm so highly educated, I will be the leader of America." Yes, I want you to be leaders in America, but you must go the serving way. You should say, "I may be one of hundreds or thousands of Ph.D.'s, but I will be the most sacrificial one." The one who says that will become the center.

When I first set my foot down at Kennedy Airport years ago, the first thing I thought about was the history of this country, the American Indians, and the many immigrants who came here. Many people have loved this country and

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# ON PRAYER

August 25, 1987

Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel, Seoul, Korea

## Jim prays:

Heung Jin Nim, I pray that you can come and speak. Teach me how to improve my prayers. Speak to me so that I can learn how to be the most effective in a short period of time in my prayers. How can I learn to love to pray so that I can discipline myself to spend the amount of time that I need every day in prayer? So often I get involved in all the details that I don't take the time to pray. I do the things that seem most urgent, but I don't invest myself in the time to pray that I should.

## Heung Jin Nim speaks:

**T**HE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER when you pray is that we are listening; we are hearing your prayers. It is how you speak to us that determines the effectiveness of your prayer. There is so much power available now from the spiritual world. We have a tremendous amount of power, but we cannot unleash that power unless someone on the earth allows us to unleash it, yearns for it, longs for it, and asks us every moment to unleash it.

The laws of the spiritual world must always be obeyed; we cannot disobey them. The high realms of the spiritual world cannot go against the Principle. So you must study the Principle, because through the Principle you can learn the laws of the spiritual world, and by applying those laws through your prayers, you can gain the most power, the most effectiveness. You can fine-tune your prayers to be like laser beams.

## You will see results

We can begin to show you how to be more effective in your prayer if you start doing some small experiments. Start by opening your heart, opening your mind, to situations that you see around you that need to be changed—just little things at first—and we will show you how to pray for those things. We will show you how to pray so that you can mobilize the spiritual world to help change the heart or the concepts of a member of the staff, a witnessing contact, a member of your family, or anyone you are concerned about. Through your prayer, you will be able to see results in a day or two. You will notice how that person has changed; you will see the

*It is how you speak to us that determines the effectiveness of your prayer.*

*Working with people's hearts is much more powerful than just taking care of physical reality and physical details.*

inspiration, the dreams, the visions, and the new reality that have come into his heart and mind—because you were able to zero in on that person's heart and soul through your prayer. You were able to mobilize the spiritual world to actually do something about that situation.

Many brothers and sisters are in need of your prayers and the prayers of other brothers and sisters. So many people need new guidance, new insight, and new understanding. They need to have their minds and hearts opened up. This can happen if you pray for them in the right way. Spiritually, you're just a tiny baby, Jim; you're just beginning to understand how to use your prayers. You've been a little frustrated with your old style of praying, so you need to go to a new level. You need to gain the inspiration to pray that comes as you see your prayer actually bringing results.

You will come to recognize that praying is not a waste of time at all, that praying is very powerful. Prayer is one of the most effective ways to deal with a problem, because almost every problem has some spiritual base. Almost always, some spiritual barrier is the key thing that must be removed in order for the problem to be solved. Working in the spiritual realm, working with people's hearts, is much more powerful than just taking care of physical reality and physical details.

As you begin to mobilize the spiritual world through prayer, you'll find great excitement. You'll find great pleasure and joy working in the spiritual realm. You will begin to recognize the laws of heaven that can be used to help your brothers and sisters gain new insight, hope, and vision for their own lives. Not only will you be able to help them through prayer, but even as you take them aside and speak to them, you'll be able to zero in on their situations and explode their hearts and minds with new life.

## Satan will be pushed back

This is what we want to do through you. This is the kind of mission we want to give to you for the sake of America, for the sake of brothers and sisters. There is so much to be done. There are so many places we want to send you. There are so few people with the kind of open heart and mind that you have, so few who can be a channel in the way you can be. So we pray that you can not only help broth-





**Father and Mother offer a prayer for Heung Jin Nim on his 17th birthday celebration, held in Chicago on the final day of ICUS XII, November 27, 1983.**

ers and sisters but also multiply yourself, create others like yourself who can do what you are doing. We want to quickly multiply brothers and sisters like you who can speak out all over America and teach other brothers and sisters how to be effective. And then God's power will grow stronger and stronger and Satan will be pushed back very, very quickly.

Satan is trembling in his boots now as you open up and begin to gain the power of effective prayer and the effective mobilization of the spiritual world. He knows the great power that exists in the spiritual world. He has been doing his best to block that power by preventing our brothers and sisters from understanding their own vast potential, their own abilities. But as you begin to open up to those abilities and recognize how much spiritual power you can actually unleash on the earth if you know how to, Satan will just tremble in his boots. It's so fantastic.

We must find many, many more people like you and Rev. Hose and Levy Daugherty. You must help us find such people. You will meet them. You will know them by their heart, which you will feel when you meet them. You must help all these brothers and sisters to expand to their full potential to help save America. Then America will be restored in a very short period of time.

You can also teach other Christian ministers how to develop more effective prayer, and their prayers will become a mighty force in the salvation of America. They will be able to speak to the members of their congregations and to other Christians with the authority that comes from Jesus Christ himself. No one will be able to deny their authority. No one will be able to stand against the power of Jesus Christ as it manifests itself through them to this world. Such great inspiration, such great power is coming.

### **Use the ability you have**

Please keep on this pathway. Don't ever give up. Don't ever change your direction, because

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incredible growth potential is available to you. You'll become a "messiah" for millions of people. You must teach others to be messiahs and to recognize that they already are messiahs. Teach them that it's just a matter of learning how to effectively use the ability they already have. Show them that we are God's sons and daughters. The angelic realms have so little power when we can stand up as true sons and daughters of True Parents and Heavenly Father.

This is going to be a great victory, a mighty victory. This campaign will bring incredible joy to your hearts, incredible liberation from the bondage Satan has kept mankind in all these thousands of years. It will bring tremendous joy and excitement to the heart of God. What a day, what a day is coming!

Amen.

*August 26, 1987*

**W**E WANT TO HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR prayers, Jim, so today we will discuss how to make your prayers laser sharp and effective in meeting brothers and sisters where they're at and helping them to be raised up. Your prayers can open up the horizons of their hearts and minds so they can come to new levels. Through prayer, you can help penetrate and break down the barriers so their hearts can be opened up.

When you are praying for a person, the most important thing is love; that person should spiritually be able to feel how much you love him. Every person has the ability to naturally sense what he's receiving from another person's heart, especially if it's intense. Since a person may become frightened if your feeling is too intense, you need to be sensitive. Everyone can recognize immediately whether someone is genuine or not. The heart has a lie-detector sensitivity. This aspect of a person's heart is all in the spiritual realm.

### **Your spirits are touching**

When you have give and take with a person on the physical plane, he can sense where you're coming from and what your real feelings are toward him. Your spirit is touching his spirit; thus he is sensitive to, spiritually aware, of the actual state of your spirit. In the same way, if you pray for a person, then your spirit can reach that person's spirit even though you're not in physical proximity to each other. As you pray for a person, you must imagine that you are right there in the room with him, just as much as you know you are here with me at this moment and I am with you. It's not actually imagination; it's *reality* that your spirit is touching his spirit. Our spirits are in contact with each other. As you pray for a person, you



must recognize that your spirit is actually in contact with that person's spirit. You may not understand the reality of this so deeply, but I can assure you that your spirit is able to communicate directly with another person's spirit.

To pray effectively for a person, say to him those things that come from the bottom of your heart. Try to express the love God has for that person and His tender feelings for him. That person will subconsciously begin to understand even if he doesn't understand consciously.

I know you've experienced times when you're thinking about a person and that person begins thinking about you. This is the reality of the spiritual world. Every person has spiritual senses, but usually they're so dull and so blocked we are not aware of them. We don't use them very often, and we don't often pay attention when those kind of thoughts come to us. Please recognize that if you start thinking about a person out of the blue, it can mean that that person, at that very moment, is thinking about you.

The kind of thoughts you have had about a particular person and the kind of words you have spoken about him form a substantial reality in the spiritual world and become part of your spirit. When you meet that person physically, your spirits are consciously brought in contact; your thoughts and words spoken about that person can become much more obvious through your physical body. However, your spirits can be in contact even if your physical bodies are not.

The words you express to someone may be harsh words, but if your spirit is loving, that person can sense it. For example, a Korean can run up and grab an American minister from behind, but the minister won't really be offended. He just realizes, "Oh, these Koreans are so pure, so curious, and so loving." He is touched by the gesture actually, rather than being offended, because he feels the spirit of the Korean heart and recognizes that there is no offense meant. There's no maliciousness in the Korean spirit. That's one of the great things about Korean people. They are generally ready to accept and embrace any person, no matter what he looks like.

### The key to the heart

The second key point is that the heart of the person for whom you are praying needs to be opened. You must find his heart and look for the key to opening it. Many times there are many blocks and barriers to overcome in order for that person to grow, to feel love, and develop a relationship with you. If that person is ever going to be able to change himself—then the key point is to open his heart. As you practice doing this, you will recognize its effectiveness through your experience.

*As you pray for a person, imagine in your mind that his heart is opening like a flower blossoming.*

*Try to find out how to give a person what he really needs in order that his heart can feel at ease and open.*

So how do you pray so that a person will open his heart?

As you pray for a person, imagine in your mind that his heart is opening like a flower blossoming. You can think of the things that are really precious and valuable and loved by that person and send those kinds of things to him. Esau was into material things, so when Jacob sent material things to Esau, Esau's heart was opened. As his heart began to open and he felt that his desire was being fulfilled, he could recognize and overcome his own insecurity about being able to fulfill that selfish desire. He could begin to recognize that that desire was not actually so significant and that there were much more important things in life.

If a person is really in need of food or money, then obtaining that thing is his all-consuming desire. He isn't able to open his heart to any other kinds of things that might be more valuable. Until that more external desire is fulfilled, he can't even recognize that it is not the paramount desire in his life—that there are things much more significant for his spiritual life. It is only when a person's immediate desire is being fulfilled, or he's convinced that it *will* be fulfilled, that he can then let down his defenses and open his heart.

So the two key points are (1) to be aware that your spirit is meeting the other person's spirit as you pray for him, and (2) to open the other person's heart. Try to find out how to give him what he really needs in order that his heart can feel at ease and open. Then he can begin to reckon with the truth, because truth itself is already in his heart. You don't need to tell him the truth.

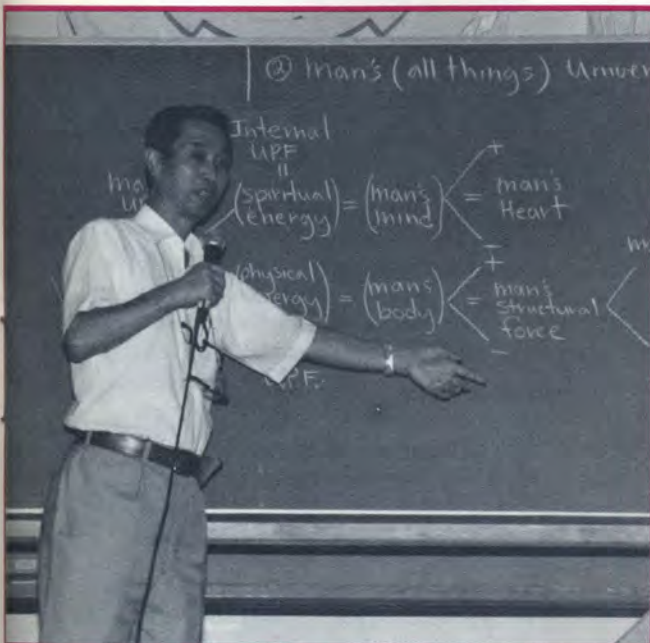
The consciousness of one's real need for happiness and how to fulfill that need is actually within every person's heart. But because of people's feelings of not being loved and their desperate desire to get love, Satan can give them a wrong concept—that the way to satisfy that desperate need for love is to get more money or something external. So the "truth" people have is wrong. They may not even recognize what kind of "truth" they are pursuing. But until that desire is being fulfilled or they can at least have confidence that it's *going* to be fulfilled, they cannot let themselves be open to the reality of looking for another, deeper way to satisfy their need for love and happiness.

Thank you so much for investing yourself, Jim, for by one person opening up to this deeper spiritual reality, we can offer it to many, many brothers and sisters. This kind of information needs to quickly get out to brothers and sisters everywhere so that their prayers can be more effective.

God bless you. In the name of True Parents, Amen. □



## The First 40-day American Leadership Training Program



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# NEW PROVIDENTIAL ERA

August 22—October 8, 1987

*Interview with Tyler Hendricks Conducted by Victoria Clevenger*

ON AUGUST 20, AT THE AFTERNOON leaders' conference in the World Mission Center, Father spoke to the leaders of the American movement about the absolute importance of knowing the Principle in depth and teaching it constantly. Living life as you have been without really knowing the Principle, he said, is like eating bananas with the skin on. Truly immersing yourself in the essence of the Principle is like discovering the joy of eating bananas without the skin—it's so sweet you don't want to stop. You have to get to the point where you would rather die than stop lecturing.

Teaching the Principle correctly is a matter of life and death, he said. Truth brings resurrection, but without shedding tears of repentance before lecturing and thus drawing a high spirit world, no one will be resurrected. If you all had been teaching the right way, he told the leaders, you would each have at least 100 people following behind you by now. Therefore, a new atmosphere of truth and purity

must be created in the Unification movement in this emergency time. To accomplish this, Father initiated a series of 40-day workshops for leaders to be intensively trained in the Principle and True Parents' standard.

Two days later, the first of these training programs began at the World Mission Center. Rev. Chang Seong Ahn, a 36 Blessed Couple who has taught the Principle for years under Father's direct guidance, gave the contents of the workshop. In attendance were all regional coordinators, all state leaders, two city leaders from each state, and all 1987 UTS graduates.

The schedule included eight hours of lectures every day and a generous amount of time for study. Four written tests and one lecture test were given and graded by five of the regional coordinators and Rev. Ahn. A high standard of seriousness, punctuality, cleanliness, service, morality, and self-control was emphasized.

Father addressed the trainees on

August 28 and then shortly afterward departed for Korea; however, from Korea Father called four times to encourage everyone and to remind the trainees to forget about the missions they had temporarily left behind and completely focus on studying the Principle.

After 40 days, the workshop was extended one week so that each person could be evaluated on the quality of his or her lecturing ability. At the graduation ceremony on the last day, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, representing True Parents, addressed the trainees [see p. 18] and gave several new assignments.

On that day, Rev. Ahn again emphasized that from now on, the standard for leaders is to have deep repentance prayer every day and teach the Principle daily, thus continually living within the realm of God's truth, forgiveness, and love.

Another workshop for leaders is scheduled to begin October 20, and a third will start December 10. □



**Victoria:** How did you feel, and how do you think most people felt, when Father requested all of you to come to the workshop?

**Tyler:** It was probably not so easy for most of us to separate from what we were doing, but I think everyone felt blessed and privileged to be chosen by Father for such a special workshop.



**Dr. Tyler Hendricks**

We all felt that since Father was holding it at a time when there were so many crucial activities going on in the field, it must be very important.

**Victoria:** What were the basic contents of the lectures?

**Tyler:** The contents were tremendously exciting—the bare-bones Principle. Rev. Ahn pinpointed the main points and took those points further, in terms of their implications, than I'd ever heard before. The deepest content had to do with the fall and the four fallen natures.

He explained that the first fallen nature is the sin of lying, disobedience, and rebellion; that is, the failure to take God's viewpoint. The second fallen nature is the sin of adultery, leaving the proper position. The third fallen nature is the sin of murder, which is reversal of dominion. The fourth is the sin of robbery, or the multiplication of evil.

He showed that making the foundation of faith means restoring the first two sins. It is not simply making some conditional offering through a specific time period, such as fasting or taking a cold shower. That is just

external. What really has to happen in the foundation of faith is: You completely receive God's word—no more lies, no more disobedience, no more rebellion against God. What is God's word? "Do not eat," which relates to the sin of adultery and fornication. Totally overcoming sexual problems in your life is the foundation of faith—in essence, self-control.

After you establish your foundation of faith, the foundation of substance is made when you go to your Cain or Esau—your enemy—and love him, which restores the sin of murder. When you love that person absolutely and give everything you have to him, this restores the sin of robbery.

Through learning these specific points, the Principle has become more concrete than ever before to me.

**Victoria:** Can you explain more about the sin of robbery?

**Tyler:** When Satan took dominion over Adam and Eve, he also took dominion over all things; he stole everything from God. Anyone who usurps the elder brother's position and takes unlawful dominion over what others need is basically robbing everything from God, multiplying evil.

**Victoria:** What are the steps toward overcoming the sin of fornication?

**Tyler:** One, reject Satan's words that you "should eat." Two, completely deny Satan's view of life—that God doesn't love you, that God is deceiv-

ing you, that you are just a material being. This viewpoint was what the serpent gave to Eve, which, taken in today's terms, means self-centeredness and materialism, leading to communism. Three, take away and completely remove self-centered thoughts, desires, and actions. How do you do this? Through confession, even public confession.

The first public confession at the workshop was intense, because the brother who volunteered had a lot to get off his chest. He confessed the sins he committed both before joining the church and after. When it was over, there was a great outpouring of love toward this brother from all of us. It was a tremendous liberation for the whole workshop, that somebody could be so honest, trusting, and courageous. It takes guts to tell people what a foul person you are; but in fact, everybody is. Everybody has sin. We had more public confessions after that, but he was the first one to challenge it. I felt liberated by listening to him, seeing someone with that kind of courage and seeing that it's possible. From Rev. Ahn there was absolutely no judgment and no accusation. We think if we reveal our sins we will get punished and accused, but the opposite is true. You are getting punished, judged, and accused by hiding them, because Satan can keep his hold on you. When you confess them, somehow that is the end of the suffering and accusation for them. Confession is the only way to get rid of your



**Every night Rev. Ahn bowed to the trainees seven times.**



own sinful history. You have to get rid of it, or you will just keep dragging it around from here to eternity.

We've got to realize that our original mind is purely good, that actually it's perfect. Our original, God-given mind doesn't have those kinds of thoughts. Those thoughts come from our fallen habits and evil character, which make a base with our evil ancestors. If we can start to restore and separate from that evil character in ourselves and control it, we can cut off those evil spirits. That is the process. Everybody has to go through it. If we don't go through it, our children will have to go through it somehow.

**Victoria:** How do you separate from your evil character?

**Tyler:** First, confession of your sins, even just one time. Get it off your chest. Then repent to God in prayer. For the first time in my life, at this workshop, I've been able to repent. I had tried many times in the past, but nothing happened.

**Victoria:** What made the difference?

**Tyler:** The spiritual foundation of the Principle that I'm hearing and the atmosphere of truth in the workshop. This is the first time in years that I've heard the Principle given so thoroughly. Rev. Ahn is uncompromising. He writes everything point by point on the board, and we write it in our notebooks. Then he drives it home again and again and again: Confess your sins, pray with repentance, separate from Satan, subjugate Satan. He uses an old-fashioned style of teaching—you learn by memorization, replacing your incorrect concepts with very clear wisdom. It's absolutely liberating because it is the truth. That was why I could repent, and repent, and repent some more. And when you really repent, you can connect to God and the high spirit world and Heung Jin Nim. You empty yourself of the junk, your fallen thoughts. You drive them out and destroy them completely, as the Israelites should have done to the seven tribes of Canaan, and then you bring in God's word.

During the workshop a brother shared that he once had a chance to ask Father a question. He asked, "What are the weapons we should have in order to accomplish our mission?" Father replied, "Separate from

Satan. That's your weapon." Rev. Ahn taught us a step-by-step method of actually accomplishing this separation.

The first step in separating from evil is confession, the second is repentance, and the third is paying indemnity. Indemnity has four levels. It can mean physical punishment (the lowest form)—suffering, torture, martyrdom. The victory of Christianity was based on the willing sacrifice of the martyrs. Second, walk willingly into the melting furnace. Let God totally melt you, destroy your fallen nature by exposing your sins to you. That's related to confession, too. Third, sacrifice for the sake of your brothers and sisters and for other people, whatever the cost. Fourth, self-denial. Deny myself, deny my loved ones. That means: Love True Parents above everything. To deny myself means to deny my own desires, my own inclinations, my own wishes. It's not that every one of our desires and inclinations is necessarily evil; but the more give and take we have with our own desires, the more base we are making for selfishness to become involved.

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The less we are connected to our own desires, the less chance there is for our own self-interest to get in. If a person is totally sacrificing himself, his interests, his wishes, everything, then Satan has to leave that person because Satan doesn't like that.

Rev. Ahn gave a very good analogy about gaining spiritual dominion. He said being in the spirit world without having dominion over Satan is analogous to most people's dreams. In your dreams things just sort of happen.

You have no say over where you go or who you run into or what happens to you. It's very difficult to overcome



**Rev. Chang Seong Ahn**

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an evil spirit in a dream; usually you don't even have a chance. But when you are awake, you have a lot more control. In the same way, when you go to the spirit world after having attained a high spiritual level, you will have incredible control over your environment, but if you are not so developed, you will easily get knocked down and dragged away by evil spirits. That's the reality of spirit world. So we absolutely have to separate from Satan in our physical life. Rev. Ahn gave us the hope that we *can* separate from Satan, that it's possible, that we should do it. Now all that is left is to start doing it.

Separating from Satan is the only way our movement is going to do anything to help the world. Father separated from Satan and subjugated Satan; on that foundation, our movement has come as far as it has. I think some of our elders have separated from Satan pretty much and to some degree subjugated Satan—that is the foundation on which they can lead the movement. But all of us have to do that.

Rev. Ahn also emphasized the importance of absolutely following True Parents. Setting an example of



humility and gratitude, he bowed to us every night seven times, and then we all bowed together before True Parents three times. Rev. Ahn put us through a very strict course, but many people in the workshop became liberated through it.

**Victoria:** I heard that Heung Jin Nim spoke often to the trainees.

**Tyler:** Yes. A small prayer group began, centered around three or four people who wanted to connect to Heung Jin Nim. I was involved with that group because I had a foundation from my experiences with him at the ICC in Korea. When Jim Stephens, the director of ICC, came here from Korea, he got the inspiration that Heung Jin Nim should be involved with this workshop and that brothers and sisters should try to connect to him. So Jim and two or three other people and I started meeting for prayer in Jim's room after lectures were over in the evening. We would talk about Heung Jin Nim and read some of the things we had received in writing through him, and then pray. Sometimes Heung Jin Nim would speak through Levy Daugherty or Jim, and sometimes we would just pray.

That went on for about two to three weeks. Then one night about 12 people showed up; our little room was jammed. Rev. Ken Sudo and Dr. Hugh Spurgin had come. Jim wasn't there, so that night I was able to channel publicly for the first time. The way it happened was, at the end of my prayer, Heung Jin Nim told me he wanted to speak through me. But I was afraid to jump into it because I feared that after I started he might leave and I would be left sitting there. It was difficult for me. It took me a long time to break through my fear and just say, "Okay, he's going to speak. This is Heung Jin Nim." I was amazed; everyone received it very well.

Suddenly a few days after that, more and more people started coming until the room was overflowing and there were people out in the hall. So we decided to meet in a larger room on the seventh floor. Word had spread throughout the whole workshop that Heung Jin Nim was speaking.

The next night the hall on the seventh floor was lined with people.



*Attending the 40-day training were all regional coordinators, all state leaders, two city leaders from each state, and all 1987 UTS graduates.*

Even *that* room was too small, so the following night we held our meeting in the Bamboo Room, and about 150 people came. Heung Jin Nim spoke through me and one other workshop member—Dirk—four times in five nights. His messages became very intense. Soon other members from many different missions started coming to our meetings. We went from a

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very intimate setting of only five or six people to this huge group in a matter of three or four days. I could realize the power of Heung Jin Nim and our members' real desire to make a relationship with him and to open up to a new spiritual reality. After an experience with Heung Jin Nim you can begin to understand that the spirit world is real and that you *can* gain dominion over the spirit world. I think people are thirsting for that. Heung Jin Nim is the access point.

**Victoria:** What was Heung Jin Nim's basic message?

**Tyler:** He began by being very comforting, saying over and over, "I'm here for you. I love you. I want you to open yourselves up to me." He encouraged everyone to develop a relationship with him and explained how our sincere desire to relate with him was the most important factor in reaching him. He also shared how essential it is for us to realize we are part of the True Family, to believe in the reality and value of our rebirth through the Blessing, and to strive to understand and live like True Parents.

He spoke about God and True Parents' need for us to become teachers who can resurrect the whole world through the Principle. He said through this workshop we can get the training we need, and through our deep repentance prayers we can receive the kind of power and fearlessness that Jesus' disciples received after the Pentecost—the power to go out and become great leaders for God.

Later on he spoke very strongly, exhorting us to defeat Satan and truly take responsibility for the Providence. He told us to try to comprehend our Father's unspeakable suffering, and to move ahead ourselves to become an inspiration to our entire movement.

**Victoria:** He was expressing his desperation?

**Tyler:** Yes, and his frustration as well. Heung Jin Nim isn't here just to inspire us or make us feel good. He wants to work closely with us every minute for the purpose of restoring the world. We have all been hanging back, not making any commitment or



taking true responsibility, avoiding the burden that Father has been carrying. He said Father knows that if he asks too much of us all at once, we will complain, freak out, or just wither and die spiritually. Heung Jin Nim is desperately hoping we can recognize that certain things have to be accomplished providentially and be willing to make the same kind of sacrifices he and many elder members have made. It's not easy, but somebody's got to do it. There isn't any easy way to build the Kingdom of Heaven.

We have to be able to bring down the good spirit world and save the people on earth, which means we have to develop in our understanding of and dominion over the spirit world. We are the mediators.

There is a great outpouring of spirit now in our movement all over the world through Heung Jin Nim, now that he has completed his first three-year course since his ascension. A lot of people are saying it's like Pentecost. It is like Pentecost to see 120-130 members just pouring their guts out every night in prayer. There's really a spiritual path now. It's up to us whether we want to follow the path, but the path is much more open now, more secure. As Heung Jin Nim says, it's like a pipeline. It's even a grand canal. If we make the effort, we can tap into that spiritual power. It will stay with us and not dissipate as it did in the past. Before, the conditions weren't there for the spirit world to stay with us, but now they can because of what Heung Jin Nim has accomplished.

If this kind of Pentecost can come centered on Heung Jin Nim, then I have some small idea about what will happen when True Father and True Mother go to the spirit world. It's going to be like the Hoover Dam bursting. The good spirit world is just going to flood down upon this earth. People should be ready for that, because if they aren't, there could be a lot of confusion both on earth and in the spirit world. If they stay confused for too long and we don't pick them up and show them where to go, they'll just get taken back by Satan.

But if people are ready to receive that outpouring from heaven when True Parents go to the spirit world, and if our church has made a strong global foundation with established

Christianity and all the world's religions through a universal, God-centered structure, then I think heaven on earth will come as a reality.

I want to give a cautionary note, though. Heung Jin Nim is not a panacea that is going to solve all our problems. He will never take away your own responsibility. He just helps you connect to True Parents' love, True Parents' lineage. Through Heung Jin Nim you can gain spiritual power to get rid of your negative character.

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an indefinite number of people simultaneously, that these messages are not just the imaginings of a bunch of members. Believe that he can relate to you at any time, that he wants to relate to you, that he loves you, that he wants to help you. And believe that you have the capacity to sustain that relationship. You have to trust yourself. I think a lot of members don't believe they are worthy enough or good enough or strong enough or spiritual enough. Everyone is; it just depends on your desire to have that relationship. Tell it to Heung Jin Nim, tell it to God, tell it to spirit world, tell it to yourself.

We tend to want to be self-sufficient and say, "I just relate to God. I don't want to get into spiritual stuff. It's not for me." But you have to surrender a little bit and realize that this teenage son of True Parents is part of the dispensation now. Believe he can do it, and just try. Pray. Pray together with someone who has a base. Pray by yourself. Have a piece of



***An opportunity for fellowship at the evening meal.***

**Victoria:** What would be the steps for people to follow to get closer to Heung Jin Nim?

**Tyler:** First, talk to someone who has a relationship with Heung Jin Nim and learn from that person. Also, read Heung Jin Nim's speeches. Pray and repent yourself, and study the Principle very seriously. It's a combination of your own prayer, your faith, and your dedication. You've got to believe that Heung Jin Nim exists, that he has the capacity to relate to

paper and a pencil ready, and try to receive something. Just believe you can do it. You can't do it unless you can believe you can do it.

Heung Jin Nim has strong spiritual power. Don't doubt. If you receive some inspiration in this direction, don't doubt that it's from Heung Jin Nim, because usually it is. People who are spiritually open should be careful, but most of our members aren't spiritually open, so if they receive something, it will probably be Heung Jin Nim. I'm convinced that



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October 8, 1987, by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak  
Excerpts

ON BEHALF OF TRUE PARENTS, I WANT to congratulate you for your wonderful achievement at this workshop. I also want to thank Rev. Ahn for his sincere hard work and dedication.

When you started this 40-day workshop, most of you were probably not completely united with it, nor could you possibly imagine how much you would achieve by the end. Despite the importance of your various missions, Father asked you to leave everything and come to this training. From this we can see that Father's concerns are much bigger than ours, and that our growth is of great significance to him.

I'm sure that throughout this training, you felt Rev. Ahn's heart of love and concern for you, and his deep desire to guide and purify each one of you. Why did Father put 200 trainees under the direct guidance of Rev. Ahn? He understood and trusted Rev. Ahn's heart; he sensed that Rev. Ahn would be able to convey to you the most important guidance you will need for your daily life—namely, how

to separate from Satan. Separation from Satan is the most vital aspect of our life of faith. Please don't forget what you have learned from Rev. Ahn, and try to apply it diligently every day.

Starting tomorrow morning, you will begin another phase of your training—life training. Before this 40-day workshop, you thought you knew the Principle and Father's teaching. Now you realize that your knowledge was very limited. However, knowing the Principle does not mean understanding it intellectually. The real test comes in your day-to-day life. We must pass the "life test" of the Principle by good achievements in our daily activities.

Being leaders, your position is not to simply follow, but lead. Any mistakes you make aren't just at the individual level—they have serious consequences. Yet, even though we determine ourselves to do the right thing, it's difficult, isn't it? We can easily make excuses for our failures by blaming something or someone

else, but the real reason is always inside of us. We must, therefore, continually compare ourselves with True Parents' lifestyle and heart, repent, and change; then we can more easily align ourselves with Father's direction.

Try to understand the taste of true life. In the beginning you need to develop strict habits, always maintaining a strong link with True Parents. You have to realize how near Satan is to you, 24 hours a day. Our standard has to be completely different from those living in the secular world; otherwise, we can easily retreat back to our past lifestyles.

Father's standard for this training is that those whose test grades are less than 70 cannot receive a diploma. State leaders must have a grade of 80 to receive a diploma. However, no matter what your grades are, the most important thing is your "life test." God and True Parents are expecting you to make high points in your daily life of faith and sacrifice. Please aim for that. God bless you. □

even your *desire* to relate to Heung Jin Nim is put there by Heung Jin Nim in some way. You have to believe that in some sense you already have a relationship with him; you just have to develop it. One time when members had gathered at Heung Jin Nim's *Won Jun* and had desperately prayed for him to come, Heung Jin Nim said: "I was already here. I was waiting for you. You don't have to pray for me to come to you. I am already here, inside your heart."

I think maybe in a couple of months or years we will begin to understand Heung Jin Nim's course in his life on earth and in the spirit world—the foundation he laid, what he went through. Father has talked about him a lot, but there is a lot more to understand about how he won total victory in the spirit world.

The final point I want to make is

about gaining salvation. Through the Blessing we are all part of the True Parents' blood lineage, which means we are part of their family. Most of us don't even feel that. We may feel they are like some distant relatives. But we have to absolutely feel: I am part of the True Parents' family, I am a son or daughter of True Parents. Our own brother, Heung Jin Nim, is a true son of True Parents, which means we are also part of that second generation. That's the source of life for us. That is the only source—True Parents' love. But there is a price for it—indemnity. If Father asks you to do something, you do it because he is your Father and you know that the time of suffering will be short. Believe that if you establish your position as True Parents' son or daughter, there is an infinite blessing awaiting you. That's where God's love is.

That's what we all want: God's love. We won't get to heaven by putting on great conferences. It's going to happen by the internal relationship we develop with Father and Mother and by our absolute oneness with them in heart, and then sharing that heart with brothers and sisters and other people, giving everything to them. That's how we get to heaven. It's all internal. Externally, you may be a bus driver, or a fundraiser, or something else, but internally, we all have the same predestination—to be totally one with True Parents' heart. We have to demolish our own selves, what we think is our own selves, and be reborn through our Parents, through our Mother's womb, like they want us to be.

**Victoria:** How do you personally balance your feelings for your own wife



# REFLECTIONS ON THE 40-DAY TRAINING

*Excerpts from a talk given by Rev. Reiner Vincenz to a Blessed Family Counselors Workshop*

WHEN I FIRST HEARD THE GOALS OF the workshop—one, separate from Satan; two, connect with the axis of life, which is True Parents; and three, learn to teach the Principle—I said to myself, “Uh huh, okay, I’ll write them down, but isn’t this what I’ve been doing for years?” However, I must admit that despite my initial skepticism, this was absolutely the most important workshop in my life. I believe that people gained insight and experiences during this workshop that truly saved their lives.

Rev. Ahn organized everything for us, including the soap and toilet paper in our rooms. He directed us about how to dress, how to take notes, and how to stand at the blackboard. It was almost as if we were in Danbury prison, and Rev. Ahn were the prison director!

Rev. Ahn has received incredible insight into the Principle in the last 33 years, particularly about Jesus’ mission, the Blessing, the elder brother’s birthright, and the fall of man. One

of many insights he shared that I had not heard concerned the Blessing. He told us that the Blessing is like a passport given by True Parents to reach the Kingdom of Heaven. But to actually get there, we need to buy a ticket—which takes our own investment, effort, and indemnity. True Parents give the passport to people with many different levels of faith—it is *not*, however, a guarantee that we will reach the Kingdom of Heaven. If we don’t work to earn our ticket, we will get stuck and not make it.

Rev. Ahn said that each person has an internal videotape of his life, and the only way to erase it is through repentance and confession. This was the central point of the workshop. Though initially I didn’t feel I had that much to repent for, by the end of the workshop, my list was quite long. After my written confession, I had one of the most tearful prayers of my life, and felt I wanted to embrace Rev. Ahn and thank him for enabling me to experience such liberation.

At the beginning Rev. Ahn told us that we had been “selected for a new providential age.” He also told us we absolutely had to separate from our evil desires. I can honestly say that we were sad to see the workshop

end, but we are definitely going out as different people, with a strong desire to help bring in this new providential era.

*Excerpts from the Graduation-Day testimony of Rev. Ken Sudo*

I HAVE TO REPENT FOR THE WORKSHOPS I have led in the past. This was truly the most beautiful workshop I have ever experienced.

I was deeply moved by the new insight into the Principle that Rev. Ahn gave us, and especially by Rev. Ahn’s heart. I was moved when Rev. Ahn said that he prayed for us day and night with tears—and that if he prayed in front of us he wouldn’t be able to stop crying. It wasn’t just theory that he gave us, but the expression of his own heart. How much he loves God, True Parents, and us is even beyond the Principle.

If we can live a pure life, eventually the whole world can change, and Father can accomplish everything he has set out to do. I feel so grateful to True Parents and Rev. Ahn and Rev. Kwak for giving us this chance. It brought a wonderful feeling of renewal and rebirth to my heart. □



**On Graduation Day, Rev. Ahn is presented with a card and a gift on behalf of all the trainees.**

and children with your mission?

**Tyler:** I have a long way to go before I can claim any kind of family-level victory. My understanding is that I must be completely consumed by my desire to accomplish God’s and True

Parents’ will so that I won’t be torn by my next highest love and desire—my family. If you sacrifice time with your family resentfully, just out of obedience or fear, then you are still more centered on your family than on God’s will, and neither you, your

family, nor God can benefit. But if you understand your relationship with your family in the context of the entire dispensation, then God can work through you and your sacrifice to bless your family, both now and in the future.

**Victoria:** Do you have a specific plan or determination for your life now?

**Tyler:** I want to become completely one with True Parents’ will and be an instrument for God to work through. I want to be at the point where I can do whatever Father wants, not just out of obedience, as I did before, but really from a sincere desire to fulfill his will. It doesn’t matter to me what my future mission is—my internal reality must always be the same: being one in heart with God and True Parents. □



# Our Standard of Devotion

The power of love is like a magnet drawing people to you. When you have that kind of mind and pray to God for the sake of a certain person, you will feel as though there are strings attaching you to that person; you are pulling him, and he comes to you in response to your prayer. If you pray about his home over and over again, when you visit him you will feel that the people there will never let you go. You will know ahead of time that you will run into this person at a certain place, and sure enough he will be there, even if you are late. I want you to have this kind of experience.

*The Burden on Our Shoulders*  
6/11/78, London

What should the Unification Church pray for? Ask God to love your home church area. Pray to God, telling Him what you are going to do in your area, asking for His support. Then at night report and tell Him everything that happened.

*Prayer*  
3/29/81, Belvedere

When I began my ministry, I needed eight hours of prayer in order to work for eight hours. Otherwise there was no balance, and the work was not produced. The American way of praying is very easy; you sit comfortably on a chair. But in the Orient, you are on your knees with your head down for hours and hours. Would you rather pray in this way for eight hours, or invest that time in working for home church? Taking the route of prayer is far more difficult. Prayer is not easy.

*Home Church and the Battle of Love*  
1/7/79, Belvedere

You must really work hard, and then, when you pray powerfully, miracles can happen in your 360 homes.

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

To express God's concern for each of His children, we must tangibly help those we meet in our daily lives. There are many programs in existence that are helping today's families, and 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.

One of our readers, Tolisa Mize Horning, wrote in to let us know about a program that directly helped her—a group called ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACA), which is a part of the Alanon (Alcoholics Anonymous) family.

Many children raised with alcoholic parents do not inherit the coping techniques needed for life because of their parents' inability to establish consistent, healthy

standards in the home. The ACA's 12-step path of spiritual growth, focusing on God and prayer, can help those people learn healthier behavior patterns and stimulate their desire for a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Tolisa writes: "I can't say enough about this God-centered organization, which has helped me develop pragmatic solutions to old problems, such as low self-esteem, depression (anger turned inward) and resentment."

To find out more about ACA, please contact your local Alanon group.

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.

## THE WAY TO GROW

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sacrificed tremendously for its sake, but I wanted to be the one who loved this country more than any person who ever lived here. I decided to sacrifice for the sake of America with more power than that of the Indians, and I will do that until my love overflows over all of America. I pledged that to heaven and earth, and that has been my life for the last 15 years.

I placed myself in the position of General Washington. How difficult, how desperate George Washington's situation was! I pledged I would do better than George Washington did. I felt strongly that if I did not do that, I could not restore this country.

What is the goal and purpose of growing up? To become the very center, the focal point of love. Once you attain that point, no one can remove you from there. I want you to occupy that position. Then you'll become a master, because that is where God stays with you. When He does that, you and God will become one.

Now we know the way to grow up and what to do to become bigger and greater and become the center. The individual sacrifices for the family, the family sacrifices for

the society, and so on. This is exactly what I have been attempting, even though you did not know it. I've been telling you, "Sacrifice more. That's not enough. Do more." I say that to the degree of offending people. Why do I do that? I want to make sure everyone gets to the center point. Whether they are conscious of that or not, it doesn't matter. What matters is that they get there.

Are we really going to do it this time? Those who say, "Yes, Father, I will sacrifice in every way, just as you explained this morning," raise your hands. If you mean that, it indicates that you don't need me as you did in the past and that you will really get results now. If I am not here, you won't mind, will you? You should say, "No problem, Father. We are already in the center. Heavenly Father, you don't need to do it. We will do it. We will do it and let our Father rest." How wonderful!

You have to work very, very hard. Those are simple words, but to work hard means to be sacrificial. Sacrifice means giving everything. That is recreation. God's purpose is recreation. You ought to say, "Yes, yes, we will follow absolutely!" You are smart, because you already know that.

Let us pray. □

*Edited for Today's World.*





by Gareth Davies

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."*  
Psalm 23

ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 26, Hyo Jin Nim, the eldest son of our True Parents, led a small group of CARP leaders across a dried-up lake bed on the floor of Death Valley, California. After walking about three miles across the crusted, salty surface, they reached the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere—282 feet below sea level. On that spot, Hyo Jin Nim asked the others to join him in prayer.

As president of World CARP, Hyo Jin Nim had come to California to speak at a four-day workshop in Santa Rosa for members in CARP from the western regions of the United States. Many of the CARP members there had never seen him before, but before he arrived, everyone watched the video of the exciting CARP rally at the Berlin Wall, which had been led courageously by Hyo Jin

Nim. The fiery spirit he showed in Berlin made a vivid impression on everyone; therefore, his arrival at the workshop generated a level of excitement too great to describe!

### The need for courage

Hyo Jin Nim spoke powerfully and passionately at the workshop, recapturing the spirit of the Berlin rally. He spoke of the need for courage and commitment in the war against evil and of his expectation for CARP members to be the example of those qualities. "You have to be totally united with True Parents, cutting off completely from Satan. True responsibility can begin only after you cut off from Satan." He talked of the desperate need for young people to find true values in their lives. "Everyone strives for excellence, and everyone wants to possess things. Why is this? What are we striving for? Ultimately, we are all meant to experience and possess the love of God. It is in the love of God that we find the true freedom that allows us to give ourselves for the greater good."

Hyo Jin Nim himself is a clear illustration of the meaning of "fighting spirit," and he urged all the CARP members to think of themselves as soldiers in a spiritual war.

We also had an opportunity to see other dimensions of Hyo Jin Nim's character—his qualities as a parent, a teacher, a brother, and a loyal son of True Parents. Following his address, Hyo Jin Nim met with a group of CARP leaders for lunch. In fact, he did not eat but asked each of the leaders to either share something or ask a question. In response, he offered guidance to them that revealed his incredible depth of understanding and perception. When one brother asked how he could be more consistent, Hyo Jin Nim replied, "You need to know that Satan is very consistent. He is always there, so you must be determined. You must have more determination than the enemy. When you truly value something, you will do anything to keep it. You have to value true love in that way and never allow Satan to steal it from you. You have to constantly seek God."



The next day, Hyo Jin Nim visited the San Francisco holy ground at Twin Peaks. This was the first holy ground to be established in America, blessed during Father's tour in 1965. After quietly offering a prayer, Hyo Jin Nim asked the church members who were present to be seated. As he sat down on the rock and began to share his heart, many members were struck by the resemblance of this scene to so many of the photographs taken during the early days of our church, showing Father as a young man talking to a few followers on a Korean hillside. Again Hyo Jin Nim spoke very movingly of the need to find God and how God's love allows us to sacrifice gladly. "I do not exist when I am inside God. If I separate from God, then I exist."

### **"I will conquer hell"**

It was after this visit to Twin Peaks that Hyo Jin Nim asked about Death Valley and how long it would take to get there. This was another indication of his desire to share Father's course and to walk, quite literally, in Father's footsteps by going where Father had also gone. He is constantly testifying to Father and attributing

hell as True Parents' representative, taking the burden from them. I will be a loyal son, returning joy and glory to True Parents. I will take responsibility for the evils of this world." For Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, the president of US CARP, and Rev. Zin Moon Kim, the regional CARP IW for California, this was a unique and profound experience; they said it was the first time they had heard Hyo Jin Nim publicly offer such a deep prayer regarding his own personal determination.

For each of us in the group, this was time to make a personal commitment of real unity with Hyo Jin Nim. After his prayer, as he began to run the three miles back to the cars, our commitment was immediately tested. We ran as fast as we could to keep up with him. By the time Hyo Jin Nim slowed to a walk, we were all coughing and gasping, but we deeply felt that unity had been forged in that desert. Hyo Jin Nim had come to a place symbolizing the depths of hell and had pledged to be personally responsible for all of hell's darkest sins. It was a declaration of war on Satan, a war that can never be fought without that total loyalty and obedience that Hyo Jin Nim himself embodies.

page], Jin Hun Nim spoke of his deep gratitude and respect for Hyo Jin Nim and of the many challenges he faces as a member of the True Family. In a moving expression of brotherhood, Hyo Jin Nim immediately returned to the podium to testify to Jin Hun Nim's faith and courage. "I always wanted him to be my brother," he said. "My sister Un Jin Nim is very strong, very stubborn, so when it came time for her to be matched, I recommended Jin Hun Nim to True Parents."

In the afternoon, Hyo Jin Nim again gave a stirring demonstration of how one voice and one acoustic guitar can fill a room with spirited sound!

The entire experience for brothers and sisters was an education in the meaning of giving 100 percent, and it went far beyond the capability of words in conveying Hyo Jin Nim's sheer courage, commitment, and his heart of filial piety.

### **A prayer for war heroes**

Before returning to New York, Hyo Jin Nim stopped to pray at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, the scene of the bitterly cold winter encampment of George Washington's army during the Revolutionary War. In his prayer, Hyo Jin Nim appealed to the revolutionary soldiers who had died there to assist in the worldwide revolution that True Father initiated for the cause of global freedom. He prayed especially for George Washington, asking him to work alongside Father in that quest.

Through these two meetings in California and Pennsylvania, the entire membership of CARP was invigorated with a common spirit. Hyo Jin Nim's words, his actions, and his music were the means by which he injected True Parents' vision, passion, courage, and love into every brother and sister's heart. The deepest impression on everyone, however, was made by the seriousness of his personal commitment to fulfill his mission and to take the burden of responsibility from the shoulders of True Parents. As Hyo Jin Nim continues to "charge bravely forward," the second generation will have to always be at peak performance in order to follow him, recognizing at the same time that this "Joshua" has the determination and the power to even raze the walls of Jericho on his own. □



*Hyo Jin Nim stands at a place marker indicating the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere. Left to right: Mrs. Joon Ho Seuk, Rev. Zin Moon Kim, Mr. Ittetsu Aoki, Gareth Davies, Hyo Jin Nim, Mr. Michio Fujii, and Dr. Joon Ho Seuk.*

every victory to him, claiming nothing for himself. It was in this spirit that a small group of us accompanied him on a journey that took us to the middle of the barren valley floor.

The prayer that Hyo Jin Nim offered there in Death Valley was a declaration to God of his personal commitment to his responsibility as True Parents' eldest son. Praying in Korean, he pledged: "I will conquer

Just a few days later, it was Eastern US CARP's turn to be energized by Hyo Jin Nim. On August 30, Hyo Jin Nim came to a three-day CARP workshop held in French Creek State Park, Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by Jin Hun Nim, the husband of Un Jin Nim and the eldest son of Chong Goo ("Tiger") Park, the first Korean president of US CARP. Following Hyo Jin Nim's powerful speech [see next



# I WANT YOU TO BE GREAT!

by Hyo Jin Moon

Excerpts from his speech at the East Coast CARP Workshop  
August 31, 1987, French Creek State Park, Pennsylvania



**I** WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE can become true CARP members.

People have an innate desire to seek challenge, to be successful, to want to possess things. We have such motivation because ultimately we hope to reach God's love. The greatest thing is God. God is the Creator of the universe and the essence of all the value that exists in the universe. But since we have been separated from God, we have lost awareness of His existence and wholeness. That's why we can easily pursue individualistic, detailed things in our lives. But, ultimately, we were created with the desire to possess the love of God. That is what we want to succeed in.

We're children of God, right? If you are children of God, you want to receive your parents' love. Without it, you won't understand what love is. Parents rarely have to bribe or punish their children in order to make them obey them. Within true love, the child wants to do what the parents say, naturally. He doesn't have to be forced.

## True excitement

We all have the greatest gift, which is that we all desire give and take. Give and take is how love grows. Through give and take, you grow spiritually and reach a standard of knowing God's existence and the essence of God, which is true love. Father said true love is not just horizontal love, nor is it just vertical love. Horizontal and vertical love together are like a roundness. The center of that is true love.

Can God be happy all alone? I don't think so. You cannot be happy all on your own. Your happiness will not just perpetuate itself. Many people may say, "I'm happy. I'm content with my lifestyle." They like going to disco-

theques, dating, and driving a fast car—that's exciting to them. But that happiness is short-lived. The only true happiness we can feel is within the domain of God, because only there can we inherit eternal love.

Natural excitement can come from looking at a star, at the Milky Way, at anything—with God's perspective. When I see powerful things, I get excited and joyful, totally exhilarated.

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As you should all know by now, God is not a happy God. He is a suffering God. In a sense, through our own suffering, we come to understand God more. If you really want to be a leader and a participant in this restorational time period, you have to grow. Growth toward becoming a better person entails many difficulties, perhaps in your relationships with your peers. You have to understand the other person, and you have to understand yourself, too. Coming to such awareness is not easy; it is real suffering. Your suffering in itself

gives you a qualification to be a leader.

CARP members have to be different from other people. We must have an absolute standard and a 100-percent connection with God and True Parents. Without that, it doesn't work. We must understand Father. In the Unification Church, it's obvious we must totally unite with Father because we are Father's body. We're not separate. We might be different organs in his body, but we are within his body. When a cell denies the whole, that's a cancer cell. You have to connect 100 percent to the absolute standard.

How can you do that? Fallen human beings have the responsibility to not only cut off from Satan; they have an *original* responsibility, too. There was responsibility in the original world, but you haven't reached that stage yet. Just cutting off from fallen desires is not the end. After you've cut off, that's when your true responsibility begins. God cannot do your responsibility for you. You have to do it. Why did God make it like that? Because you are to be His sons and daughters. You are not animals. An animal doesn't have responsibility.

## I'm here for you

We must deny ourselves totally in front of Father. This is very important. I can be a critical person, but I don't want to think like that. In a sense, "I" don't exist. I'm here for



you, in the essence of true love—unbounded love. I will not look at you with tunnel vision. I do not “expect” anything from you, because I know that in your heart and my heart, we’re already connected.

This is war. Satan is out to get us. Communism is out to get us. One brother shared with me recently that it was very hard for him to make a commitment and live up to it every day. Yet Satan is very committed. He’s out there all the time, every day. Every second, he’s committed to brainwashing you. Please understand that. We’re fighting.

The knowledge that we have is a weapon. Its value is not for our own significance or preeminence. Its only value is to be used to confront Satan.

How will people live in the ideal world? Technologically, we are at the stage where everything can be automated; soon, sufficient food, clothing, and shelter will be no problem. The value system will be harmonized because we will all be restored under God. The greatest thing every person will want to receive will be the love of God. In that sense, there will be true equality. Equality itself means that the mind and body are united and that every man and woman is receiving the love of God.

In the standard of God, there is heavenly law. We must grow to reach the perfected stage, which is out there, blueprinted in nature for us to realize. There is a law of the earth. There is a right way to serve Heavenly Father. There is a tradition. It is not based simply on equality. Children are not on an equal level with their parents. In your original mind, you want to do things for your parents, don’t you? Even if you are just eating humble food, you want to give something back to your parents. There is an order to things.

### **Absolute standard**

Why is this necessary? Because humanity has to be one body, with one absolute standard and one absolute center. Every man can come to claim God’s standard. For us to inherit the love of God we must have the foundation of learning to receive God.

In 1945, communism didn’t have much substantial physical power, and America was the strongest nation in the world. Korea was very religious. But because of the failure of man at



*Hyo Jin Nim leads the way across three miles of salt flats in Death Valley (see p. 21).*

that time, Father had to go down to the very lowest point on the individual level and work up to the world level. Because of man’s failure, God tested Father; He pushed him all the way down and tried to tell him that he was not what he set out to be. The best way to do that to someone is to torture him physically. During the Vietnam War, the communists forced people with torture to say things against their will. Many people said

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to themselves, “I’m not going to break,” but the pressure was so tremendous that even the strongest people broke. Father withstood the pressure. We must think about that—his individual standard. Are you willing to adopt that kind of standard? We are here to unite with True Parents and inherit their standard. Are you that committed? The children must understand their Father and Mother. Without doing that, you cannot call yourselves sons and

daughters of filial piety.

What kind of attitude should CARP members have? You have to be 100 percent united, absolutely one with True Parents. When I went to Berlin, I tried to put all thought of my family and myself out of my mind. I want to embrace the spirit of God in eternity more than I want to preserve my life. What is important in your physical life is achieving the right foundation and standard within yourself, being able to say “God dwells within me,” before you go to the spirit world. Then your sons’ and daughters’ lives will be easier.

What do you have to do to be valuable to God? Many people have said, “Father, I’ve followed your ways and the mission you gave me. But it didn’t work.” It didn’t work because you gave only 50 percent or maybe you gave 99.99 percent, but you didn’t give 100 percent! When there’s a hole in something, like a pressurized can, even just a needle-sized hole will cause all the gas to escape. It doesn’t matter what size the hole is. Many people see the size of the hole as significant because they were raised in the limited, fallen world. In a limited world size matters. But in the internal world, size doesn’t matter.

If I’ve restored one hundred thousand million people and another person has restored one other person, it doesn’t make any difference to me. When I go to Father, I don’t want to talk about the things I’ve done. I hate



that. You, too, have to have that kind of selfless standard. Only then can you truly understand Father. All of you here want to be with Father, so you must follow that way and commit yourself to God's ideal. I'm trying every day too. My own concepts come out, but I just try to erase them. Nothing that I do is significant to me except striving to achieve that kind of standard. Without that standard you cannot win. The enemy is totally committed to winning. Therefore, I have to be totally committed to winning, too—and more. This is the only edge that will help you win over Satan. You cannot fight within limitations. In every specific thing there exists the image of God. Everything has to be restored back to God for you to claim it.

### Be willing to give your all

We must know the enemy in order to win. If the enemy is willing to fall down and stand up and fight again, I have to do the same and more. When we were at the Berlin Wall, we confronted the communists. They are human beings, too, and they have original minds. Eventually they will recognize God. But now they're very arrogant. After we confronted them, however, they changed. Satan is like this. You must confront him. That is why Father says you have to be strong.

Of course, in your heart you cry. You weep. God is suffering. Father is suffering. He is physically suffering every day. He is a 70-year-old man. When he speaks to members, he doesn't go by the clock. He works hard to give you inspiration, to point you to God. My schedule is like that, too. Be willing to give your all for the greater good. That is what Father has taught us. I must prepare to receive from him all that he does—not just in CARP, in everything.

Do you want me to be bigger so you'll be bigger? That's the true children's attitude. When I see my younger brother getting praised by Father, I must feel happy. My brother is part of me. I am part of Father. I am the blood and cells of Father. So is he. If I don't value him, I don't value Father. Even one thought that is distracting is not right.

You must have a strong standard. You must be strong. That's why I encourage Wonhwa-do. You have to

prepare in every way, even physically, for the worst. If you expect the worst, then the only thing that can happen is that things will get better. The only thing that can come out of that situation is victory. That has to be CARP's tradition. Our tradition will become the rest of the world's tradition. You have to be proud that you are representing True Parents and becoming the ideal of God. Go out of your way to cut off and separate from Satan and begin your ideal responsibility.

**Satan is very committed. He's out there all the time, every day. Every second, he's committed to brainwashing you. Please understand that.**

Without the right spiritual foundation, the ammunition you gather will only stick in your mouth. You have to rely on spiritual power. Your essence is spirit. You have to bring your own victory. In our family, we compete to bring greater love, to do better, to serve Father more, to make Father happy. That's healthy competition. It is not for my individual pride; but as

a unit, as a family, we compete to bring happiness to our parents.

### Don't be a casualty

I want all of you to become leaders. Pretty soon, everyone will understand Father's real identity, not the false image the media has conjured up. People are coming to truly realize what he is doing. How are you going to affect those people? You must be an example to them.

In the ideal world we won't need leaders, because we will be united with God, every one of us. Having leadership is a stage. Until then, you should be proud to be a leader. The final victor is the eternal victor. This is the last battle. We're confronting Satan. This is the last great task—eliminating communism, secular humanism, and individualism. We need more leaders in this final battle. You have to be solely committed to this.

I want CARP members to bring happiness to Father. Father is not happy. What can make him happy? Bring victory over Satan and that will make Father happy. That's what Father has been doing all throughout his life. When you stand up against Satan and beat him, that's when Father is happy. Of course he understands your suffering. He knows. Father pushes me also to do so many things. He expects so much of me, but that's love. Of course he knows all the things I need, but the way of a loving parent is to push me because I am at war.



On top of Twin Peaks, the San Francisco holy ground, Hyo Jin Nim speaks to church members.



I'm doing everything that I hate. I hate to speak in front of people. I'm a very quiet person. I go and hunt alone, I play music on my own; I express my heart in a quiet way. I'm not an analytical person, although I could be. Anyone can be an Einstein. We're eternal; we can become anything. But I must be a public person because I know this is Father's way. Father does not want me to be a casualty of the war. He wants me to be a victor in the war. There are so many people dying away. You don't want to be a casualty.

So what are you going to do? Are you going to work in a 50-50 way, half and half? That's up to you. Our responsibility is not easy. Are you willing to take upon yourself Father's responsibility, take the load off his shoulders? I'll prepare myself to confront any Satan. Physical death doesn't matter to me. It is not significant. I'll prepare more, down to all the specific details and the nitty-gritty things. That's the way to bring victory.

Everyone's original mind is good. When people realize the truth, they will change. People are changing because they have something inside to change with—their original minds. Everyone seeks truth, and when they are confronted with truth, they will change. When you hear it, then it is all up to you.

### **Please unite with me**

It's because of your lack of determination that results don't come. You can change any communist. I have confidence I can change anyone. I'm preparing for this. I'll argue with them; I won't lose. You can reach any kind of level in this society; you just have to be committed. One man can change so much. Look at the foundation Father made. If we represent Father, we can bring results. How many of you are willing to die for Heavenly Father and True Parents? I am too. Please unite with me. We will bring victory.

You must treasure each other. You and your fellow warriors are truly precious. CARP members must not have conflict among themselves. Of course there will be struggles, but you have to overcome them. Without unity, you cannot win. Our standard must be much greater than Satan's. Only with the right foundation can

you confront the global Satan. That's why when I see one mistake among the blessed children, I scold them all. They have to be one. I don't want to see them separated. I want CARP members to be worthy of being heavenly soldiers. If you call yourself a Unification Church member, you must be devoting your life for the sake of Heavenly Father and True Parents and following the Principle way.

You're affecting many people. A true man admits his mistakes in order to do better. Man must not yield to what is evil. You must be unchanging under God's perspective. Our responsibility is serious business, not a game or a joke.

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The day we can relate to each other through heart, not narrow words, is the day I long for; but it is not that day yet. I'm a very quiet person and an emotional guy. I'm sorry; sometimes I might be hard on you. I'm hard on the blessed children, but I must do this. I cannot yield to Satan. I feel all your sufferings with you, but what about the sufferings of the future? If I love the human race, if I love God, I'll want all the future to be for God. If I let the future suffer for your sake, that's not loving God. That's not loving the greater purpose.

Please understand my position and your leaders' positions. They might not state it sometimes; there may be a language barrier and they may have some barriers in expressing their hearts to you, but go beyond that. Love overcomes everything. Please try with that in mind. Only then can you truly be True Parents' vanguard. That is when you can truly say, "I'm representing Father and within me dwells the love of God." With that kind of love, when you look at each other, you will see true beauty. True beauty is eternal, and it comes from seeking goodness. We have an order

and a principled way to follow.

### **Forgive and repent**

We must unite under true love. Satan wants separation and segregation. Racial tensions are getting stronger and stronger. True black Americans must go out and forgive America, forgive the white people. The white people should really, truly repent to the black people. We should show the right example. If black CARP members went out to the campuses and forgave white Americans—think about the impact that would create! Think about white CARP members going out and repenting. It would be worth 10,000 words! Together we have to restore the entire world, not just black people, white people, or yellow people. Let us restore the heavenly creed, the heavenly culture, the heavenly race.

There's a lot you can do. The campus is your home church. There are prepared people out there. When you shout out your truth, it will sink into them. Eventually, they will come. The truth will override any individual's limitations sooner or later.

You can bring about change if you give 100 percent. I want all the leaders to really connect with the members. I listen to my youngest brother. I learn from him. If my baby does the right thing, I will learn from my baby. That's the way God works. You have to have a 100-percent guaranteed commitment. I am Father's son. I am part of Father. I am not an individual "me." That's why I try to take care of my body. I will overcome any kind of sickness. This is not my body. It is Father's body; it is Heavenly Father's body. Think about the value in seeing things that way.

I know there are no arrogant CARP members, right? CARP members have a foundation of eternal spirit and true love. You have to substantialize a love foundation in your body. God will do the rest. I believe in you. Father believes in you. Believe in yourselves, too.

Please take my heart. I did not come here to give you some kind of special lecture. Love is already special. You don't need special words to describe something that is special already. □

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# THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A PURE OFFERING

by Rev. Takeru Kamiyama

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I'M SURE ALL OF YOU ARE HAVING many thoughts about the coming mobilization to Korea. Many of you are excited to go, but some of you are quite anxious about it. Of course not everyone will be going to Korea; some of you will remain in America and take responsibility for the important activities going on here. For leaders who may be losing many members, considering this impending mobilization is almost like a big tumor in their brain—it's even more than a headache!

Because I have been sensing many mixed emotions from both members and leaders, I feel I should address this issue. So this morning I would like to share about how to prepare ourselves, in this important providential moment, to be a pure offering to God.

As Father has explained, Korea has a vitally important role in God's dispensation at this time. Therefore, Father is now concentrating much effort and prayer toward the realization of God's will in this providentially significant country.

## Fishing in Alaska

During this past summer, Father invited over 200 Korean professors to come to America to learn about and experience firsthand the Unification movement. I was invited to spend some time with them in Alaska. Many of these scholars are senior professors from prestigious universities and have impressive qualifications and backgrounds. Externally they may look like simple men, but they are actually quite influential people in their communities.

Try to imagine what these famous professors experienced during the Alaska portion of their tour. They

arrived at North Garden in Kodiak at four in the morning and then two hours later were outfitted and ready to go out fishing. Even though some were over 60, they worked hard on the boats all day. I'm sure they were used to dining in nicely furnished dining rooms and sleeping in comfortable beds in Korea, but in Kodiak they had to serve themselves from a simple buffet dinner—and eat off paper plates sitting on the floor. They slept in sleeping bags and had to stand in line to use the bathroom. I'm sure they had experienced such primitive accommodations only during wartime. Yet because of Father's embracing spirit and love, they cheerfully endured the difficulties.

one of them caught a huge fish. They were thrilled!

## Father won their hearts

Father truly won the professors' hearts through their experience in Alaska. When the professors toured the ISA fish processing facilities, they could see that our movement is like an international community. They saw brothers and sisters from all over joyfully united in their work, with obvious admiration and love for Rev. Moon.

They watched the Japanese sisters doing the messy work of cutting and cleaning the fish. The professors were amazed that while many of the sisters were college graduates, they

**We must be serious about willingly sacrificing ourselves and our personal concerns for the accomplishment of this goal.**

With Father's guidance, they caught quite a few fish, some weighing 100-200 pounds. They were as excited as school kids, especially when they would catch a large fish. Some had never been fishing before. The work was very tiring, but when they saw the others catching such big fish, each was determined to try harder to catch one too.

On the last day, all the boats were supposed to start heading for shore at 4 pm so that the scholars could be back in time to catch their plane to Washington DC. But the two professors on my boat wanted to fish even longer. Reasoning that their boat was faster than the others, they said, "Let's stay out one more hour; then we can catch up with everyone else." Their special desire and determination to stay out was rewarded when

had been cleaning fish for years. In the evening, the hard-working sisters came in dressed in beautiful *chima-choguris* [Korean dresses] to greet the professors, speaking in Korean. They even sang beautiful Korean songs. The professors were deeply moved. Without a word of Principle spoken, they were transformed.

One night I had the opportunity to testify to the scholars about the church and about Father. One of the professors acted as my translator. I began by saying I couldn't call Rev. Moon "Teacher Moon" (or *Moon Son Saeng Nim*, which is the usual term in Korean). Because of my deep relationship with him, I preferred to call Rev. Moon "Father," and I hoped they would understand. So my translator had to use the word "Father" too. They were moved to see a Japanese



with so much love and respect for a Korean. In my talk I expressed my closeness to Father and my complete trust in his leadership

I told them how the words from the Bible, "Love thine enemy," were literally being practiced by Father—not just preached. I shared Father's description of his reaction to the Japanese people after the war. Father could have held tremendous resentment against the Japanese, yet he actually treated them with generous love. "The day after they lost the war," Father had said, "the Japanese were a defeated nation. Those who had done many evil things were now hiding in shame, desperate to get back to Japan. Whenever I came across any of them, they were so frightened, because I could have turned them over to the police for execution. But instead, I gave them shelter and helped them with traveling expenses so that they could go back to Japan. I turned this situation of resentment toward the enemy into love."

"Father treated us, the Japanese, 'the unforgivable enemy,' with love," I told them. "As a result of that love, we second generation Japanese want to follow him." Furthermore, I told them, although America imprisoned him, Father has never held any resentment or animosity toward this country. Even in prison, he continued to do things to love and bless America. Despite all the persecution, Father has poured his love and care, energy, money—everything—into this country. I told them that Father, an international religious leader, was treated in Danbury just like a common prisoner; nevertheless, he was always humble, grateful to God, loving, smiling, and never complaining.

### Tremendous influence

The Korean professors went on to have incredible experiences touring *The Washington Times* and *The World & I* facilities in Washington DC, visiting the Unification Theological Seminary, hearing Principle lectures in New York—in short, seeing and understanding the vast accomplishments of Father's mere 15 years in America. At the final banquet, Father didn't have to say anything more; he just urged them to go back to their universities and work for the unification of Korea.

Now that they are back in Korea, do you think the professors are keeping quiet about their experiences here? Don't you think they are talking about them everywhere? Imagine the influence that 200 renowned, top-level professors will have in Korea. Since Korea is a very homogenous, vertical society, these respected professors, besides influencing their many students, can also easily influence their relatives and clans, too. Each professor could easily reach 1,000 people. So these 200 professors alone could influence 200,000 people.

We know that the North Koreans call Kim Il Sung "Aboji" and must demonstrate their supreme loyalty to him, even though he's a false father. It is our responsibility to help Koreans

recognize our Father and Mother as the genuine True Parents, so they can become known, loved, and accepted first by the South Korean people and ultimately by the nation as a whole.

At this time in history we must understand this great, world-level goal that we are called to achieve for the sake of heaven. We must be serious about willingly sacrificing ourselves and our personal concerns for the accomplishment of this goal. Then we will be a pure offering before heaven. This is a time to move to a new, higher level of commitment and dedication.

### The 1983 rallies

From 1945 to 1985 Father went the servant of servants course to restore everything that was lost up to the world level. To successfully culminate this 40-year period, Father had to accomplish something special in 1983 centering on Korea. Right after ICUS XII, held at the end of November in Chicago, Father announced that a series of IFVOC rallies were to be held in several key cities in Korea before the end of the year.

Father asked 72 scholars who had just attended the Science Conference



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to come right away to Korea. Each represented his own country and collectively they represented the world. These scholars were already on their way home, but great efforts were made to reach them before they arrived at their home countries. When they heard Father's request, all of them turned around and flew to Korea right away, without fully understanding why or what they were being asked to do.

In Korea, Father asked the local members in each area to start organizing everything and to pay for the rallies themselves. The leaders and members began to complain: It's impossible—we don't have enough money, it's too cold in December, it's too close to Christmas, everyone's busy, it's too difficult to rent auditoriums, etc. Even though these difficult situations did exist—for example, the government of Korea did not want to let us use the auditoriums—the members failed to respond with a united and faithful desire to try to fulfill Father's direction and to challenge the very real difficulties with enthusiasm.

Father sensed this unwillingness, so he showed the leaders a little notebook he carried, where he had



written that he had received a special order from God and had promised God absolutely that he would hold these rallies. Father said, "Look. This is my promise to God. It must be done. We must do it." Father had to push them to get them to go ahead with the rallies, because there was so much initial unwillingness to unite with the direction. Because Father pushed so hard, the rallies were carried out—but this gap of disunity provided a place for Satan to invade.

had been made by the members' disunity to take his second son instead, as a ransom.

Even though Heung Jin Nim was fatally struck, he did not die right away but remained alive for about 12 days. Later I reflected that if, during that time, we—the Unification Church members all over the world—had recognized and truly repented with tears for our heartistic disunity, there might have been a way for him to recover.

**We have to watch our attitude every minute and make sure we are totally dedicated to the way of God so that Satan cannot invade.**

I am not saying the members rebelled or disobeyed, but their complaining and discouraged reports were disturbing to Father. He could sense their lack of desire to try. When you come to Father saying, "Father, how can we possibly do this?" it really means you don't want to do it. That kind of response is already evidence of disunity with God's need and desire.

### **Taken as a ransom**

It was ultimately because of our lack of unity with True Parents that Heung Jin Nim had to be sacrificed at that time. Father, even though he had no personal reason to be claimed by Satan, was being singled out as Satan's target because of the members' reluctance to embrace Father's direction. But because of the overwhelming positive response of the Korean people who attended the rallies and the incredible loyalty of those 72 professors, representing the world, Father's life was spared. At the rally in Kwon Ju, a city with a high percentage of liberal leftists, Father was actually targeted for assassination, but because so many people came in early and packed the auditorium, the leftist demonstrators couldn't make it inside. Satan's efforts there were frustrated. But at the very moment Father stood up on the platform in Kwon Ju, Heung Jin Nim's accident occurred. Though Father was protected by the extraordinary support of the Korean people, still a condition

Father felt he couldn't leave Korea until he finished all his public speaking engagements. He continued on, demonstrating public love and fulfilling the will of God. Only after the rallies were over did he fly to America and go straight from the airport to the hospital to see Heung Jin Nim. As the days passed, Father himself saw that it was no longer possible for Heung Jin Nim to remain alive. Father conducted a special unification ceremony and declared that Heung Jin Nim would go to the spirit world victoriously and that through his sacrifice, a new spirit of unity with True Parents could come about—unity among members, unity among all the

religions of the world, the unity of established Christianity with the Unification Church, and the unity of the blessed couples and the True Children with True Parents.

### **Let's change our attitude**

A victory was finally achieved, but at a tremendous price. What can we learn from this? Today, in response to Father's direction to prepare for mobilization to the Fatherland, we must examine our hearts. We know that Father won't give any directions on his own accord; whatever he asks will be from God. His response to God is absolute; therefore, when we hear directions from Father, our level of unity with Father has to be absolute. When Father gives directions, we can't harbor skepticism or complaints. We have to unite in heart and desire, and then put his words into practice.

Often we like to first consider the practical possibilities of a project. But we must first unite in desire and willingness, and only then consider how to actually accomplish what God and Father want to do. Otherwise Satan can accuse us and cause separation from Father. Reaching the level of unity I am talking about is not a casual thing, like playing on a team. It's the absolute unity of True Parents with God and True Parents with myself.

I'll share with you from my own experience. A couple days ago some leaders came to me and said, "If Father calls for a mobilization of 7,000 members, our departments will be



*December 1983: A packed crowd at one of Father's IFVOC rallies in Korea.*



destroyed. The MFT will totally collapse." I felt the wrong kind of attitude behind those words. If they had said, "Such a mobilization would create great difficulties, but if this is Father's direction, we'll do it," that would be a little bit more positive. But saying "We're finished!" is a "can't do" attitude. Let's turn around such an attitude.

We can learn from providential history. God chose Abraham to make His substantial foothold on the earth. Without Abraham's successful offering, providential history could not even start. But because Abraham

failed in his first offering, Satan had a condition to invade; thus Abraham had to be completely willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. God's desire was not to kill Isaac; God wanted to see Abraham's absolute unity with His heart and direction so that Satan could be separated out and the providence could begin again. Therefore, it was a very serious situation for God, and a crucial condition had to be successfully made.

### Unconditional unity

Abraham was given Isaac when he had no hope left of having a child.

God told Abraham that he would have descendants innumerable as the stars, a promise that was to be fulfilled through Isaac. Therefore, when God said, "Destroy him!" it seemed like an absolutely insane request! But Abraham's unity with God, no matter what He asked, was essential in order to separate from Satan.

Abraham probably went crazy for three days and nights; yet in the end, he took his son to the altar and began preparations to make of him a burnt offering. When God saw Abraham's decision to be loyal to Him, He stopped Abraham from killing his son, saying, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

I feel that each one of us is in Abraham's situation. Your mission can be your Isaac, your spouse can be your Isaac, your child can be your Isaac. If you feel you can't leave a certain person or situation when a direction is given from heaven, that's your Isaac. The point to remember is that Satan is watching you closely to see how you react on an individual, family, national, and world level. We have to watch our attitude every minute and make sure we are totally dedicated to the way of God so that Satan cannot invade.

In this crucial time, let's remember the very important lesson we learned from Father when Heung Jin Nim went to the spirit world. Father didn't shed one tear publicly. His primary desire was that the will of God be carried out. He considered this before dealing with the personal loss of his own child. First his public, official mission was done, then Heung Jin Nim was offered as a sacrifice for the sake of the salvation and unification of the whole world. Only after all the public activity was completed could Father then take the position of parent to his own child and shed tears for his son. Father set up an absolute level of commitment to God.

We are following Father's tradition and standard; therefore, we have to do our utmost to unite unconditionally with that standard. I feel I need to urge everyone to make a commitment of faith at this time. Thank you very much. □



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# HOLDING ON TO TRUE PARENTS

*My Experiences as an IRFF  
Pioneer to the Ivory Coast*

by Ruth Robinson

**B**EFORE I LEFT FOR THE IVORY COAST in June 1985 to be an IRFF pioneer, I asked Rev. Kwak for some guidance. He said to me: "Ruth, wherever you go and in whatever situation you may be, always carry our True Parents' love and spirit with you." With those words in my heart I set foot in a land that I did not yet know.

In 1975, long before I came to the Ivory Coast, our brothers and sisters had started their mission there and met the heart of our Heavenly Father under much different circumstances—they were truly the pioneers of the formation stage. By the time I arrived, I had the advantage of being able to find that God's heart was already being consoled and elevated there after 6,000 years of suffering. Also, I had the knowledge of the Principle and the privilege to know the True Parents here on earth. All this I had taken for granted many times in the past. Only now could I more deeply realize the value of what I possessed.

## **Into the stormy waters**

For our IRFF pioneering activities, there was only one available method of learning: on-the-job training. My responsibilities included:

1. witnessing and educating people—introducing them to God's heart.
2. organizing our IRFF Mobile Vaccination Team to reach out to the outlying bush villages.
3. meeting local authorities and testifying about God's viewpoint and our True Parents' work for a better world.

This was a great challenge for me, as I am a rather shy person. In my past 14 years in the church I had never had the opportunity to be trained in leadership; neither had I done any public relations work nor led a medical team. I had to learn by experience what is essential for a balanced life of faith. I truly felt our Heavenly Father accepted with a big smile my idealisti-

cally volunteering for IRFF activities and then threw me gently but directly into the stormy water of life in this new society!

Arriving in the Ivory Coast, I experienced such deep culture shock that it took me three months to overcome the feeling of being in the minority as a "white person." I adjusted with difficulty to the African tropical climate and the food. The fact that most of the native people had neither any notion of time nor an organized life-style annoyed my impatient heart. Here I was, having been raised in one of the most structured countries in the world—Switzerland! Heavenly Father truly has His own schedule in dealing with each one of us. I was determined to make the most out of it by offering Him my love, my loyalty, and my determination to succeed in my chosen mission.

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**It seems we gave  
so much, yet our work  
was small compared to  
what we gained  
ourselves! God, True  
Parents, and Africa gave  
us so much more!**

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Rev. Kwak's direction for us was to remain "mobile." Therefore, after a few months of social and medical research inside the country, we established, with the help of the Minister of Health, a comprehensive mobile vaccination program for the rural areas. In this way, IRFF in the Ivory Coast was able to contribute toward the realization of the worldwide goal of UNICEF—"Vaccination for everyone by 1990"—and also toward the Ivory Coast's own goals: to educate at

least one sector in preventive medicine and to improve their vaccination program at the national level.

I realized very quickly that in order to accomplish this mission, it was absolutely necessary for me to establish and maintain an inseparable relationship with God and True Parents. I felt this was as important as having food every day. Humanitarian aid to third world countries has almost always failed to bring long-term results—in part because it hasn't involved God. Inspiring people who are living at the survival level to help themselves and each other and not just receive is a vital factor in their advancement.

## **Our strengths were tested**

We laid a spiritual foundation for our work through prayer. I experienced how heaven provides if only we have faith and do our own five percent portion of responsibility. We were guided to someone who could help us to get to the "right people." Support came in the form of receiving free vaccines and over 20,000 needles and syringes to start our vaccination program. To complete our supply of essential medical materials, we knocked on doors of pharmacies and explained to them what we were doing in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. They were eager to help and gave us scissors, metal medical boxes, surgical cotton, alcohol, and emergency medicines. I could understand more deeply what Jesus affirmed 2,000 years ago: "Even if you have only a little bit of faith, you can move mountains!"

We were in charge of two whole districts, encompassing 50 to 60 villages. For the first month of our medical activities, in January 1986, our staff consisted of three registered nurses—from France, Germany, and Switzerland. We also had the support of two nurses from the local hospital.

Starting out was not easy; our professional abilities and organizational



know-how, as well as our spiritual strengths, were tested. During those first days, I felt that heaven was saying: "Ruth, do you still like being an IRFF pioneer? Do you still like being thrown into the rough waters?" I renewed my determination with a hearty "Yes!" and in that moment I acutely felt how essential is a trusting, deep relationship with God and True Parents, as well as an unwavering dedication to our given missions.

However, after only one month, without any previous notice, our team was reduced to only two staff members, and help from the local hospital nurses was discontinued. I felt like everything was going to break down! On top of that, both of us who were left became seriously ill, and our work was forced to stop for two weeks. I did not ask Heavenly Father for help. How could I? Was it not *my* responsibility to find spiritual children?

### Goal-oriented witnessing

I was on my knees repenting deeply when I heard a voice saying clearly, "Ruth, you must speak publicly, and don't forget about all the students in the colleges!" I was shocked. Who, me? I did not know the language very well, I was shy, and I had never been schooled in public speaking. What topic would I speak on? All of these reasons I used to justify my resistance. I prayed and struggled a lot. I even came to understand the heart of Moses and began sympathizing with his excuses!

However, I did manage to schedule a small "speaking tour." With the cooperation of our local pioneer brothers, my first IRFF speech was addressed to about 20 college students who already knew a little about our movement. Next, we arranged to speak at eight different colleges on the topic: "The Spirit of Volunteerism in the Field of Preventive Medicine."

We had three goals: (1) to introduce young people to the meaning of volunteerism based on the Principle, (2) to inspire them to participate actively in ongoing IRFF activities, and (3) to educate them in the necessity of preventive medicine.

Our speakers included a governmental staff nurse who talked about the field of preventive medicine, an HSA-UWC pioneer brother who spoke on the subject of active volunteerism, and myself explaining the internal meaning of service to society.

Through goal-oriented witnessing, we also reached out to working-class people and gave seminars on volunteerism for them in our apartment twice a week. We enrolled some of the people from the workers' group and the students' group in medical training and Principle studies. Like us, they experienced on-the-job training by coming out to the villages with us to help. For further Principle studies and workshops we relied on the help of our brothers and sisters in the church pioneer center. As a result of this training, 10 people became regularly active either in our mobile vac-

cination program, IRFF secretarial work, or public relations. Most were able to do volunteer work one or two days a week.

I could see the helping hand of our Heavenly Father, who granted us the help of at least one of those precious young people every day. Without them, our IRFF activities in the Ivory Coast could not have gone on. Our foundation is still small, and much needs to be done. There are so many courageous young people out there waiting for some direction. I feel it is my responsibility to reach out to them!

### Our vaccination program

For the first three months, we were living out in the bush villages without a car, and every day we walked one, two, or even three miles to get to our scheduled area. After greeting the village chief, we set up our tables under a shade tree. There we gave the vaccinations to the children one by one. The second year we also included a simple educational program for mothers, explaining to them through pictures about the vaccinations needed at each stage in a child's growth. There was much interest in these classes, even from men and older people.

Actual starvation is not common in this sub-Saharan zone, yet malnutrition is one of the main causes of death in children under the age of five. The children just do not survive the common childhood diseases because primary health care is not adequate. Ancient traditional medicine is practiced daily, and not all of it is bad or ineffective, but it has to be combined with modern medical discoveries for the quickest results. Some still see the help coming from the "white man" as mysterious, not in line with their own spiritual awareness, and therefore against their own "gods."

We had to deal with tropical sickness ourselves as well. I want to express my gratitude to my sister Frieda Gasser, who fought with determination and endurance through all her difficult physical conditions for an entire year as an associate Unification Church member. Despite the fact that she needed professional medical care at least twice a month, she never gave up. Her love for our True Parents and her devotion to her mission carried her through.



*The people of a bush village attend a class on primary health care, led by Ruth Robinson.*





*Ruth Robinson gives a child a tetanus vaccination, assisted by an IRFF volunteer.*

In the beginning, when we had to walk to the villages, our African volunteers resisted strongly. They preferred to just sit down on the street corner, hoping that a car would drive by and pick them up. Many times I would testify to our True Father's words: "If you were really serious about getting to your goal, you would try everything to accomplish it even if you had to walk there!" Often I would hardly be finished speaking when a car would drive up and the owner would ask if he could be of service to us. Yes, internal determination and external effort are part of our five percent responsibility!

### **Knowing our limitations**

Time is short! In order to love and guide others, we must be capable of giving the unconditional love of True Parents. To give others the possibility of believing in our Father and Mother and following them, we must become an example ourselves. Working in IRFF I could understand this more deeply and also come to know my many limitations. I know the only answer is to have an unbreakable relationship with Heavenly Father and True Parents.

In the past, I had done many conditions such as cold showers, long prayers, and fasting, yet gradually this changed because of the limitations in my situation. Instead, I learned to gain spiritual power and assistance by investing 100 percent in

our activities, by communicating our plans to Heavenly Father and True Parents, and by offering to them our determination to carry out our goals to the very end—always trusting in the spirit world to help. Exchanging ideas during our daily prayer meetings, Principle study sessions, and medical briefings became an important aspect of our work.

Despite our busy schedule, God somehow gave us the time to share parts of the Principle with the natives even in the most remote villages. One experience I had hit my small and still immature heart deeply. We all know the sentence from the Principle: "I, myself, am a product of history." I had never experienced the meaning of that statement heartistically. Then in one village I defended myself with all my pride to the simple native people; I explained that since I came from Switzerland, I had nothing to do with the French exploitation of Africa. The people seemed to be satisfied with my explanation and even welcomed our medical work more easily thereafter, but at home I could not sleep well for quite a few days. Finally, I cried bitter tears of repentance as I suddenly realized that while I might not be a native of France myself, I, too, belonged to the white race and was a "product of history." Thus I was also responsible for what had happened in the past.

This experience shook my heart so much that I went the whole 60 miles

back to that village, just to explain the reality of my discovery to the people I had spoken to previously. Only after telling them some simple aspects of the Principle and God's heart throughout history could my own heart calm down.

### **Accepting the challenges**

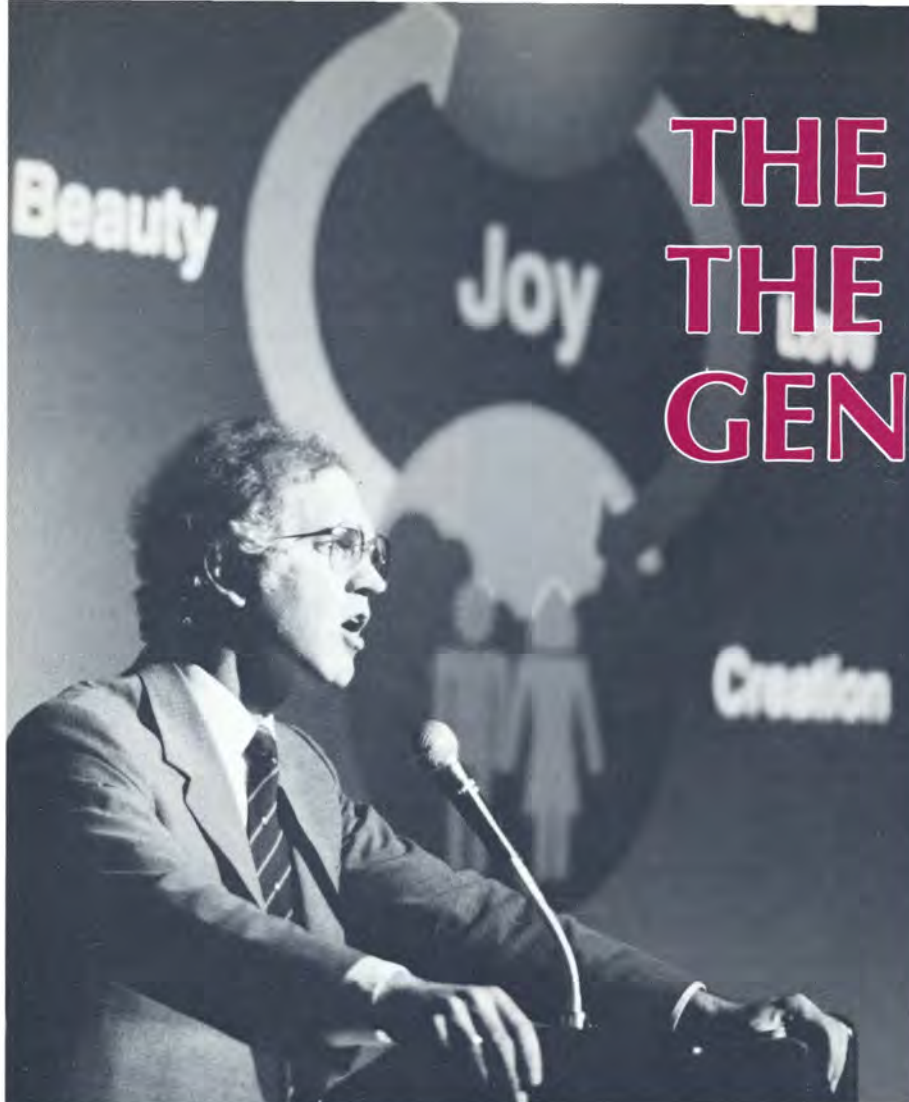
Looking back, I can clearly see the constant spiritual struggles we had. Problems are inevitable. My physical father trained me not to run away from any difficulty—but to stick it out. From my True Father, I learned to digest everything with a loving heart in my growth toward maturity.

Many times Satan came close to us, trying to stop our mission by seriously weakening our physical bodies. For the first 10 months we were without transportation (just one day before the scheduled start of our medical activities our car broke down completely). In the second 10 months, there was not one public event—a speech, a radio or newspaper interview, or an important meeting with a local contact—that my sister Frieda and I were able to do together. One or the other of us was always sick right on that important day! But we never changed our scheduled plans, and we were never late for an appointment. Under all those spiritual and physical pressures, we accepted the challenge, always knowing and feeling the loving spirit of our True Parents with us.

Yes, we gave over 80,000 children vaccinations and the chance for a better physical life. Also, we got some good newspaper coverage about our work, and we did our best to testify to our True Parents. It seems we gave so much, yet our work was small compared to what we gained ourselves! God, True Parents, and Africa gave us so much more! I know they formed and helped develop my character and heart.

Our faith in God may sometimes waver, our love for each other may be small, our struggles may be great and our victory zero, but even so, our trust in and loyalty to God and True Parents can give us the power to *never forsake* the ideals we all carry deep inside our heart. By holding on to these ideals, I want to express my gratitude and love to our True Parents through all my daily activities. □





# THE LOVE OF THE SECOND GENERATION

by Rev. David Hose

*Taken from a sermon given at the Unification Church headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, on May 31, 1987.*

**T**HIS MORNING I WOULD LIKE TO speak about the love of the second generation. More and more, the love of the True Parents' children is becoming extremely important to me. They can help teach us about love.

When I look back over my almost 20 years in the church, I recognize that I haven't yet learned how to truly love. I know it may make you feel hopeless in some way to hear an elder member say that! Since learning how to love is a step-by-step process, perhaps I should say instead that, while I thought I had taken many steps toward becoming a loving person, I now know I had only taken a few.

In the original world, Adam was first to have developed his heart; then he would have become lord of creation on the foundation of his heartis-

tic development. But in the world of restoration, first we receive the position and then we have to develop our heart. When in a leadership position, you may find that you go through a lot of suffering, because you recognize that people need your love so much. A lot of times you may feel dry, that your channel is too small to give them what they need.

## Hiding behind my work

For the last few years I have been responsible for the World Mission Department in New York, that is, overseeing our missionary work. I was involved with a lot of administrative duties—planning and organizing many large projects. Yet I found that the hardest part of my job, the part that challenged me the most, was to sit down across from a sister or a brother and truly love that person. There were times when I wanted to embrace that person, or hold that person's hand, or even give that person a kiss on the cheek, but I was

afraid to do it. I guess I was afraid that that brother or sister would reject me, or wouldn't understand, or wouldn't think it was right for a leader to do such a thing. Yet I also needed that love just as much as those brothers and sisters did.

I found it easy to sometimes hide my own heart behind my mission. I regret to say it has been my tendency over the years to get so involved with my administrative and organizational duties that I would not get down to the real issue of facing myself, facing God, or facing True Parents. I remember with a great pain in my heart that during these last couple of years, some people would come up to me and say, "Could I speak to you—oh, but I know you are very busy." That hurt me very deeply because I realized I was hiding behind my work. Many times my concern with my position and external responsibilities made me unfree internally.

But even more painful has been my process of growth within my marriage. My wife and I have a wonderful family and a good marriage. But I have to admit to you that when we were blessed in 1970, we did not know anything about the meaning of the Blessing. We knew the concept, but in our hearts we did not know what it actually meant. And over the years, although we have shared a lot of love, I have to say that we are still learning, painfully and slowly, how to love each other.

## Resentment from childhood

My wife was raised on a farm in Japan. Her father was a very good man, but from what she told me, he



would come home at night and ask for his rice, tea, and newspaper without much communication with his daughter. He did not express much affection for her. A deep feeling of loneliness in her heart resulted from this lack of relationship. My wife is a very truth-loving person; she always wants to express the truth. She likes to have intense relationships with people. So when she could not have a close relationship with her father, it hurt her very deeply. This was her situation as she entered into marriage with me.

My circumstances growing up were quite different. My father died when I was two years old. I look almost exactly like my father, so when he died, my mother poured out her love to me. Even when I was only 10 or 11 years old, I often had to be her counselor. She was like a little girl reaching out to her father for guidance. I grew up inwardly full of anger at my mother for putting that heavy burden of responsibility on my shoulders when I was not ready to carry it.

Thus, my wife and I both grew up with much resentment from childhood, and that does not easily go away. There must be millions and millions of people in the world who have inside themselves a hurt and angry little child. Ever since we were married, my wife and I have been trying to learn how to heal the hurt child inside ourselves. She was looking for me to be the kind of father she never had, I was looking for her to be the mother I never had, and neither one of us was ready to meet such expectations. We have both hurt each other by our inability to receive each other's pain or to help heal the other. This is what I mean about the many steps it takes to love one another. We not only have to go from zero to plus; we first have to go from minus to zero, and then to plus.

Learning how to translate True Parents' love into the love for another person, especially when that person is your husband or wife, is not an easy thing. So over the past 17 years both my mission and my marriage have been the biggest challenges I could ever imagine. Being a lecturer is a tough job in itself. It is not so difficult for me to speak in public; the hard part is backing up the words of your lecture with your own life. It is easy to appear to be a saint up on the

stage, but when you step off the stage, that is where the real story is written. My wife has told me that many times!

### **A need for healing**

In June 1986 I became a staff member on the ICC seminars to Japan and Korea. Just before I came on the staff, I had reached a point of real dryness in my life. I was feeling that my love channel was cut off, that I was just going through the motions in my work. When I got the mission to come to Japan and Korea, I thought, "Okay, another new mission. I will try to do my best."

But when I came to the Orient, everything exploded like a bomb, and I started to feel a tremendous need for inner healing, a tremendous need for love, as if I were a little baby. This is no doubt fitting, because providentially America is in the child's position, and Japan and Korea are in the parents' position. I felt like I was coming home to my mother and father.

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The feeling was so overwhelming that it frightened me at first. In Japan, the mother country, I started feeling great love toward Japanese women. I would look at a woman on the street and think, "Wow, she is beautiful!" Even some of the old grandmothers were lovely to me. I realized it was not a physical thing; I was experiencing something very internal.

And when I got to Korea, I would look at the mountains and just start crying, even before looking at the people. Externally my mission was to be the leader of the ICC seminars, but internally I felt as if I were a little baby lying on the floor, completely helpless. In front of those 200 ministers I appeared fine and took care of everything very well, but then I would go back to my room and fall apart.

After four months of leading these conferences, I finally realized clearly

that God wanted to heal a lot of things inside me. He wanted my heart to become as big as my mission. When you get to be over 40 years old you start to think differently than when you were 20 or 30. You think, "Well, I have this mission and these responsibilities, but what about my inner self, my internal status? In another 10 years I will be past 50, on my way to becoming an old man. What will I have actually achieved in my life by then?" I started to think that I would rather be a sincere, loving dishwasher than an insincere president.

### **Embraced by Heung Jin Nim**

Not long after that, the ICC staff members started having experiences with Heung Jin Nim. Since that time my life has completely changed. I realized that my love or my effort alone was not enough to solve the problems I was having in my marriage, in my mission, and in my life. I want to give tremendous credit to

Heung Jin Nim for helping me so profoundly to resolve these very deep questions in my heart and experience what love really is.

Of course, True Parents' love is the greatest love. But I have to admit, as I look back on my life in the church, that I had never actually made a total connection with True Parents' love. I realize now that I had been very distant from True Parents in my life. True Parents have so many burdens to carry and so many things to do that they cannot embrace each one of us personally and physically. But incredibly, in these last few months, I have been deeply and personally embraced by Heung Jin Nim and helped to resolve many of the hurts and resentments I had kept since childhood.

The first night I had an experience with Heung Jin Nim I was in Korea. He was speaking through a medium in the hotel room of another director of the ICC, and I was invited to join



the people in that room. The minute I came in and sat down on the bed, Heung Jin Nim said to me, "You have such a beautiful family." And he literally embraced me. Of course Heung Jin Nim is not physical, but I felt his deep, close, personal embrace. I was so shocked that I burst out in tears, because I could feel the reality of that love so close to me. Through this experience I could genuinely feel that

one of us. He told us that Heung Jin Nim has built a bridge from the spiritual world to the physical world that had never been there before. I used to wonder what this meant. At first I thought it meant that the spiritual and physical worlds can now communicate more deeply with each other. But I do not believe that that bridge is just from one "world" to another "world." From my own experience, I

those feelings of hurt or lack of love inside us, we harbor such a low opinion of ourselves. It is unfortunately very true that if you cannot love yourself, you cannot love True Parents, and you cannot love God.

Particularly in the last few months I have been realizing how much Heung Jin Nim has achieved. He is called "Lord Heung Jin Nim" in the spirit world, but at the same time, he is a close brother to me, like the closest friend I have. Through my relationship with him, I am starting to learn how to love my True Parents for the first time, and also how to love my wife and my brothers and sisters more deeply. Love carries us beyond position and beyond institutional structure. It melts everything and everyone down into one.

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God loves me! And also that God knows me! He knows everything about my life down to the finest detail. That is true love.

One of my difficulties had been not being able to believe that God loved me. I could not actually trust that love. I could give lectures to thousands of people on the Principle and explain how much God loves each and every one of us, but I could not really accept in my heart that God loves David Hose. As I look around our American movement, I find that there are a lot of people in the same situation. We fail to really believe and accept the love of God.

### Learning how to love

That is why people need somebody to testify to them—deeply—about that love of God. It is one thing to say to a person, "God loves you," and another thing to walk up to that person and really demonstrate the love of God. Of course love means more than just hugging somebody, but in our lives we have to daily *live* that love. That is literally what Heung Jin Nim did in my life. Someone might say, "Well, that is spiritual phenomena." But I say, "No, it's not, it's Heung Jin Nim." If I walked up to you and gave you my love, would somebody say, "Oh, that is just physical phenomena"? How would I feel? That is not just physical phenomena, that is David Hose!

I believe Father wants to share the victory of Heung Jin Nim with every

believe it means that Heung Jin Nim can come into every one of our hearts personally.

Through Heung Jin Nim I believe God wants to liberate all the pain and hurt we have carried with us—our lack of confidence and our failure to really know that "God loves me." God wants to liberate all these things from our hearts so that we can go forward, because as long as we keep

### Getting down on our knees

The coming together of America and Japan is not an easy process at all, because we have such completely different backgrounds and ways of thinking and being. In the process of restoration, there are so many hidden points of contention that we do not realize have to be overcome; it takes years and years to start to realize even a little bit of unity. In reality, there is only one way for East and



Rev. and Mrs. David Hose in Korea.



West to come together, and that is when we get down on our knees together and reach out to our Heavenly Father. Unity comes when real prayer begins.

Our Japanese brothers and sisters have been making tremendous effort over the years to become the mother or the parent for the American members, but it has been such a struggle for all of us. I feel the Japanese have been like a mother who is so worried about how to love her child that she doesn't love the child. She keeps thinking, "How can I be a mother?" while the child is just sitting on the floor! The Americans on the other hand, in the child's position, have been critical of the mother and quick to point out all her shortcomings. Even though many times we have reached out for each other, our reach has generally not been far enough.

But now I believe a real union between East and West is beginning to take place. In particular, I know one Japanese brother and one American brother who have been able to achieve something very deep and I believe very important. They both forgot about being parent and child—they just reached out for each other in prayer. They have been loving each other and loving God with no sense of "What's my position?" Heung Jin Nim is very much a part of their prayer. It's not only these two brothers, but other brothers and sisters too, who are gathering around them and praying. Hearts are being liberated and pain is being resolved.

I personally feel that Japan has a unique providential opportunity to grow tremendously at this time, even though the Japanese members have gone through very deep persecution in the last few months. Growth is not a matter of making a new strategy or a more effective plan; I don't think that's the point. I believe what those two brothers are doing is the point. We can take millions of cold showers and make many kinds of conditions, but I think all of us are being challenged right now by God to reach out and love one another.

### **Reach out beyond our fear**

A close relationship between Americans, Japanese, and Koreans is critically important for the providence. I honestly feel that up until now, this relationship has been largely concep-

tual. That is why I have so much hope when I see the unity of these two brothers. I think what Heung Jin Nim is trying to tell all of us these days is that the point is not a new plan. The point is courage to go beyond our limits in reaching out to each other. When we reach out with our hearts, beyond our fear and defenses, God's power can come in. Guarding our hearts from hurt blocks God's love. This is the gospel that Heung Jin Nim is trying to bring to us—to have the courage to reach out and to break out of the old identities we are all stuck in.

Think about Jesus going into the temple at Jerusalem. In his day, the temple was very well organized. All the rituals were being done just the way they'd always been done. Jesus walked into the temple and started

will never forget. He said, "Why do you think Father is insisting on making a library of all his speeches? Because he wants to plant each one of those words in your living heart so that it can grow and become part of your life. But if your heart is not alive or open, then all those words do not mean anything."

### **Come into the mainstream**

I am realizing that without my heart opening up to love, my life is empty. I pray deeply that our church members can have a victory of heart in this year as we face the challenges of the coming months. It is the same for brothers and sisters in Japan, America, Korea, and all over the world. It will involve each one of us reaching out beyond our own limits. This includes myself.

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tearing it apart. Sometimes the only way we can learn is to be shocked into the reality of where we are and what we are doing. When Jesus walked into the temple, he challenged the things that everybody thought were good. The main point was that the Israelites did not know the purpose of their own temple. They were not going to the most holy place. They were not finding God in their temple.

I have gone past my 40th year now, and I can testify that the heart is everything. Not position, not organization, but heart. Of course we need organization. But without hearts that are open and able to be shared, that organization becomes very cold.

It is not really the spiritual world that we are talking about; it is the true heart of one brother who is very real and who sacrificed his life for True Parents and us. I don't believe these experiences of love should just end with Heung Jin Nim. I think he wants us to develop that depth of love for each other. Something he said to me about two months ago I

We are moving into the time of the second generation. Even the old ones, like myself, want to be part of the second generation. I once heard a member say, "Well, the first generation will die in the wilderness and only the second generation will go into Canaan." I don't want to die!! I believe that that second generation is inside of me, too, and I want to see it come out.

Rev. Kwak has been very inspired about the experiences the ICC staff has been having with Heung Jin Nim. He has encouraged us to pray and to have those experiences. He told us that the mainstream of our life of faith is True Parents and the Principle and that Heung Jin Nim wants to help us to come into that mainstream, which we have not come deeply enough into yet. This is the kind of sacrificial heart that Heung Jin Nim carries: Out of his love he wants to help us heal all the hurts from our past, overcome all our difficulties, and come to God and True Parents in a deeper, closer way than ever before. □



# A SEARCH FOR MUTUAL TRUST

## The Second New ERA Christian-Marxist Dialogue

by Paul Mojzes and Jonathan Wells

**T**HE SECOND CHRISTIAN-MARXIST dialogue sponsored by New ERA took place in Igls, near Innsbruck, Austria, from August 12-15, 1987. Participants in the first conference, held in Switzerland in September 1986, had concluded that that conference was so successful they wanted New ERA to sponsor a sequel.

The theme of the second Christian-Marxist dialogue was "Christian and Marxist Views on Confidence Building in a Time of Crisis." The theme reflected the need to seek grounds for frank and open dialogue in the midst of international distrust and disagreement over fundamental issues. To discuss this theme, 22 participants came from nine countries: Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Hungary, the Netherlands, West Germany, the United States, and Yugoslavia. The conference was convened and moderated by Dr. Paul Mojzes of Pennsylvania, a veteran of many Christian-Marxist dialogues and author of several books on the subject.

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A Christian theologian from the United States and a Marxist philosopher from Hungary delivered the two main papers addressing the conference theme. Originally, the Marxist paper was to have been delivered by the Hungarian philosopher Jozsef Lukacs, a prominent and highly respected participant in Christian-Marxist dialogues, but he died suddenly a few months before the con-

ference. A colleague of the late Dr. Lukacs posthumously translated one of his last papers and delivered it at Igls together with some remarks of his own.

### Open give and take

Four respondents then commented on the two papers to initiate discussion: one Christian and one Marxist responded to the Christian paper, and one Christian and one Marxist responded to the Marxist paper.

Although conferences such as this sometimes consist of two unrelated monologues (as each side merely states its position "for the record"), this meeting, like the one last year in Switzerland, was successful in generating genuine dialogue. Open give and take characterized the discussions, as the participants frankly explored what it takes to build trust and confidence in an encounter that is often filled with animosity and suspicion.

Although the many disagreements among the participants were certainly not resolved by the meeting, it is noteworthy that the conference did not create a sense of confrontation but promoted a common search for bases of mutual trust and understanding. It was clear that both Christianity and Marxism are diverse and pluralistic: Marxists disagree among themselves at least as much as Christians disagree among themselves. Furthermore, both Christianity and Marxism find themselves in a crisis as an increasing number of people today seem bent on mere satisfaction of their material and social needs.

The discussion was so lively that at the end of the conference everyone wished they could have continued an additional day.



Left: Dr. Paul Mojzes (convenor); right: Dr. Jonathan Wells (executive director of New ERA).

It was gratifying to see a fine group of participants from the United States, a larger proportion of women delegates, and several countries represented this time that were not at the 1986 dialogue.

An important feature of these conferences is that people who disagree sharply on ideological, philosophical, and religious issues can nevertheless meet in a climate of mutual respect, and with a common desire for world peace. Since there is currently a great deal of change taking place in Eastern Europe, including an increase in religious liberty, and since there are some positive developments in East/West arms negotiations, dialogues such as this may contribute to a general improvement in East/West relations.

A third New ERA Christian-Marxist dialogue is being tentatively planned for Spain in 1988. Quite possibly, these dialogues will lead to future New ERA conferences in socialist countries; already, contacts initiated at the first (1986) dialogue led indirectly to the New ERA Introductory Seminar on Unification Theology and Lifestyle just held in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia [see following article]. □



# VANGUARD TO THE FUTURE

## Teaching Unification Thought and Lifestyle in Yugoslavia

by John Gehring

**F**ROM SEPTEMBER 14-19, 1987, the state-built Croatia Hotel in the Adriatic coastal town of Cavtat in the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia hosted the Ninth Annual New ERA Conference on "Introduction to Unification Theology and Lifestyle." The conference gathered together 42 professors, theologians, and ministers, largely from Western Europe, for the purpose of learning from Unification members aspects of their faith and lifestyle. The meeting, held just 30 miles south of the historic city of Dubrovnik, was a landmark event, as it marked the first time that the Principle was publicly taught in a communist country.

Those who study history will notice that great movements of history will often begin with seemingly insignificant events. The shooting of an Austro-Hungarian archduke in the Yugoslavian city of Sarajevo in the summer of 1914 set up a chain of events that was to lead to the collapse of empires and the deaths of millions in the bloody fighting of World War I. Seventy years later, a seemingly innocuous event has taken place near another Yugoslavian city. The public teaching of the Principle and the lifestyle of the Unification Church in this non-Soviet bloc communist country is hopefully the first step in a chain of events that will help lead to an ending of the ongoing worldwide struggle between hostile ideologies.

### A long-hoped-for dream

The bold hope that God's words would be taught throughout communist lands, unleashing the spirit of a new age, is a vision that Father has spoken about and worked for over the last four decades. Since Heung Jin Nim's Seung Hwa in January 1984, Father has pointed out that the time for the realization of this dream has come. In his speech "The Necessity for the Victory of Love," given on January 15, 1984, Father said:

Because Heung Jin Nim paved the way, we now have a wide door open to save the communist and the free worlds. He sacrificed himself on the national foundational level for the sake of the forthcoming unity between the democratic and communist worlds.

It was 44 months after this speech that this hallmark conference on our church's teachings was held in the country of Yugoslavia.

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Attending the conference were highly educated religious scholars and ministers from a wide spectrum. Their religious backgrounds included Coptic Christian, Roman Catholic, Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist, and Protestant. Most are currently living in Western Europe. They had, at various levels, been exposed to the work of the Unification Church and its related projects. Many long-time friends of the International Religious Foundation (IRF) attended to gain insight into the thought that gave birth to such varied projects as the Religious Youth Service, the Assembly for the World's Religions, the Council for the World's Religions, and the conferences on "God: The Contemporary Discussion." Others who attended had only had limited contact with the church and its membership. Among the participants were a Finnish pastor and his wife who have two sons who

have been in the Unification Church for more than a decade.

The conference took the same shape as that of many of the previous New ERA conferences, with lectures being given to the whole body and smaller discussion groups providing an opportunity for everyone to ask personal questions of the Unification representatives. Two of these groups were led by Dr. Joseph Fichter and Dr. Richard Quebedeaux, while the third, conducted in German, was moderated by Dr. Hans Schwarz.

### An intimacy that grew

The lectures began with an introduction to the work of IRF, presented by the IRF director, Dr. Jonathan Wells. After the initial presentation, the small groups served as a forum of personal introduction and inquiry into the lifestyle of members of the Unification Church. These questions helped foster an atmosphere of sharing and the beginnings of an intimacy that grew throughout the conference.

The teachings of the Unification Church were presented in six 50-minute lectures and were geared to present the basic essentials of the Principle in a format that could stimulate professors and ministers. A philosophic and scholarly approach to all aspects of the Principle was given, by Ph.D. candidate Franz Feige, Dr. Andrew Wilson, John Gehring, and Dr. Thomas Walsh. Dr. Walsh also presented a "Critique on Marxism" with power and sensitivity, while Dr. Wilson concluded with the Unificationist understanding of eschatology (the Last Days).

The conference staff, composed of Mike and Wendy Stovall, helped to take care of those organizational details that make these conferences so professionally respected. Ulrich Tuente, Liselotte Perottet, and William Chasseaud served ably as group respondents along with the

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# THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PWPA

by Gordon L. Anderson

**T**HE PROFESSORS WORLD PEACE Academy held a major international conference in Manila, the Philippines, on August 24-29, 1987. This was the third in a series of conferences initiated by Father in December 1983 when he asked that the PWPA presidents come to Seoul, Korea, for the First International Congress of PWPA.

The Professors World Peace Academy has now grown to over 90 national chapters. The International Congresses, held every two years, serve as a forum to stimulate the development of PWPA worldwide. After the First Congress, the Congresses have focused on a specific theme, and experts have been invited to present papers that will contribute to world knowledge about the topic. The title of the Second International Congress, held in 1985, was "The Fall of the Soviet Empire: Prospects for Transition to a Post-Soviet World." The Third Congress, just held, was titled "China in a New Era: Continuity and Change."

Over 265 participants attended the meeting, which convened at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel. This group included PWPA presidents and leaders from 80 countries, 105 China experts, 50 professors and dignitaries from the Philippines, and 25 secretaries-general of PWPA chapters. In addition, a number of family members of the participants attended the conference. Such a gathering

makes it very apparent that this is an important international community of scholars.

## Nationwide TV coverage

The opening plenary session was impressive. The Vice President of the Philippines, the Honorable Salvador Laurel, addressed the gathering, and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak also spoke, representing Father, the founder of PWPA. Greetings were given by Professor Morton Kaplan, president of PWPA International, Professor Alfredo V. Lagmay, president of PWPA in the Philippines, and Professor Ilpyong J. Kim, the organizing chairman of the conference. Because of Vice President Laurel's speech, the opening session received nationwide television coverage in the Philippines. The PWPA Congress and the speech of the Vice President were also noted in the English broadcast of XINHUA, Beijing, China.

A total of 80 papers on China were discussed in 16 panels. One of the main conclusions reached by the China scholars was that China's economic reforms will have tremendous social and political consequences that China will need to address. China is, indeed, in a transition period, and there are many possible directions it can take.

The conference should produce four to five excellent books on China, which can serve as a major source for China watchers.

On the afternoon of August 25, new PWPA chapter presidents had an opportunity to meet informally with Rev. Kwak and the presidents of the more established chapters. That evening Rev. Kwak spoke to all the presidents about the importance of promoting both knowledge and values. He also spoke of Father's desire to produce a new world encyclopedia and how the PWPA network can contribute to this extensive project.

The PWPA presidents spent some of their time discussing among themselves the complex China issue. The Latin American presidents focused on trade with China, the Africans looked at China as a possible model for development, and the Asians discussed the impact of China, the world's most populous nation, on the entire Asian Pacific region.

As is the case in such large conferences, a great deal of professional and PWPA organizational discussion took place. The Middle Eastern presidents focused on the conflicts in their region and planned a series of dialogues, including a Greek-Turkish dialogue in Cyprus, a dialogue on Lebanon's future, and an Arab-Jewish dialogue in Israel. In all, 17 proposals for future conference themes, some from new PWPA chapter presidents, were received at the Congress. □

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In August 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.

In this month's issue, two members who attended the CARP Convention in Berlin this August each describe their transforming experiences with the communist protesters at the Berlin Wall.

## LOVE CONQUERS ALL

by Thomas Mooney

**A**FTER THE SPEECHES AND BANNER waving, and the shouting of slogans and cheers of victory from our brothers and sisters, the throngs of people at the Wall slowly began to disappear. Only the technicians remained to pack away microphones and loud speakers.

The shouts and jeers died down as the crowd dispersed past the armored police, who seemed to be keeping a vigilant eye on the communists hanging around the square where we had just finished our rally protesting the Berlin Wall.

I could hear the brothers and sisters speaking enthusiastically of our next rally. "The Philippines!" exclaimed one brother. "Moscow!" said another excitedly. As I watched everyone return home, someone called out to me, "You'd best go back to the hostel, Tom. It's all over here." "Okay," I said, but I didn't really want to leave. I kept thinking about how happy Heavenly Father must be feeling about our victory in Berlin. I sensed that what just happened here was going to change the course of history. I felt how proud Heavenly Father and our True Parents must be of our sincerity of heart and determination to unite the German people, East and West.

### Shouting abusive questions

As I began to head back, I noticed a group of communists bunched together in a circle on the far side of the square. A few of their faces looked familiar to my eyes and to my painful back; I had been pushed off a small platform during the rally. As I started walking toward them to see what was going on, I was joined by Ray, a



At the CARP Convention, Rev. Won Pil Kim walks stalwartly with Hyo Jin Nim at the front of the march to the Berlin Wall.

brother from my center.

I pointed toward the crowd, which seemed to be growing. "I'm going over there." When Ray and I reached the group, we saw President Won Pil Kim and Mr. Masatoshi Abe. President Kim was walking around the edge of the crowd. I jumped up to get a better view, and I saw that in the very middle of the group was one of our German brothers, who seemed to be getting questions thrown at him from all angles. The communists' questions were quite abusive, and this brother was having a tough time, although he seemed to be weathering the storm pretty well.

Being a Londoner, I found it difficult to understand what they were saying, but I could tell a lot by the

expressions on people's faces. Suddenly, to my surprise I saw President Kim's white cap pressing through the crowd with President Kim underneath it. He made his way to the center. I found myself also pushing my way through, and I squeezed up to his shoulder. I stood there by him and his interpreter and tried to stop people from shoving our brothers back.

The crowd was relentless in their heckling. President Kim tried to silence them with a wave of his arm so he could say a few words. Eventually one guy, who seemed to be the leader, agreed to give himself and President Kim 10 minutes each to speak. But while President Kim was doing his best to express his feelings through his interpreter, everyone



kept on shouting.

"Gosh," I thought. "If only they knew who it was they were addressing, or rather, shouting at!" The leader of the group could not manage to even make himself heard, so finally he yelled out, "Be quiet!" "At last," I thought, "the speakers can have a discussion."

The barrage of noise suddenly stopped. I was relieved because I had already lost my voice in trying to get them to stop shouting. As President Kim began to speak, I prayed internally for the communists and their ancestors, that they might receive God's love through his words.

### Embracing the communists

I could easily relate President Kim's situation to Jesus' in front of the mocking crowd, as he tried to express God's heart to them. I also realized that this communist ideology had been able to grow because of the failure to accept Father. I was profoundly moved by President Kim's attitude towards these people who seemed so arrogant. He was unchanging, always smiling and trying to embrace these wayward children of God. He sympathized with their frustrations with capitalism and the failure of democracy. Then he explained, in a very clear way, the cause of the problems, the effects, and the solution.

Whenever the communists made a valid point, President Kim agreed with them and gave them a friendly pat on the back. It started raining heavily, so President Kim took an umbrella and covered the head of the person he was talking to so he wouldn't get wet. He was always thinking of the other person and giving of himself unselfishly.

I never once saw President Kim contradict or argue or overreact; he just gave the simple, plain truth. It was incredibly effective. After each explanation he would listen attentively to the next person's question. The change in the people's faces was noticeable. While President Kim sincerely answered their questions, they started to calm down. As time passed, many of them left, no doubt with much to dwell on and think seriously about.

## THE WALL IS WITHIN ME

by Rita Hollywood

**F**OR SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE GOING to the CARP Convention in Berlin, I asked Heavenly Father to give me a life-changing experience there. And He did. I never imagined it could be so deep.

One of the most profound moments I had was at the Berlin Wall. While everybody was singing, inside I felt something was not right, so I knelt down in the dirt by the Wall to pray. As I prayed my tears flowed freely. I realized that this wall is not just separating a nation; the wall is within me, and the way to win the other side is within me. I knew I had to break down the wall within myself.

At that point I felt I had to go out and talk to the communists who were opposing us on this side of the Wall. Looking up, I could see all our members together in a group singing.

Then I saw a line of police protecting us. Outside this line were the communists. I knew that if I made them my enemies, then there must be a wall in my own heart. So I went out to try to talk to them. I am not that brave, for I did feel fear, but I realized that as long as that fear is there and I do not challenge it, the wall will remain.

### Without any barriers

I was walking holding the banner saying, "Only through God can we find true freedom." I felt it was especially meant for me to hold. As I shouted "*Die Mauer muss weg!*" ("The Wall must go!") I knew at one point I was shouting this to myself. The wall within me must go, so I can become free to love all people, because God loves them without any barriers. The wall

There were a few stubborn ones remaining who had been there from the beginning—two and a half hours before. These were the really defiant ones. I could see they didn't want to be defeated by this small Korean man. Their leader also stayed with them. When they began shouting again, President Kim said to the leader, "You must educate your people to have self-control," patting him on the shoulder and giving him a warm smile. One by one, President Kim listened patiently to each person's question. If any person persisted strongly on a particular point, President Kim himself would go over to him, pull him into the center, and give him the opportunity to express his grievance. After about ten minutes of give and take, that person would quietly disappear out of view, probably realizing he had no basis for argument.

### "Natural subjugation"

The leader, by this time having seen all his friends crumble before him, began to study President Kim, as if he were looking for something in

particular. I felt he must be wondering: What kind of person is this? And where does he get all his education, all his knowledge? I sensed very strongly that they all felt a special aura around President Kim.

As the last ones left, some apologized for having to go, saying they had other appointments. President Kim shook their hands, and before they left he insisted on having a photograph taken. Afterwards he exchanged addresses with them.

I couldn't believe my eyes. These communists had been after blood, but President Kim just melted their hearts. It was "natural subjugation." In the end they all looked like a bunch of kids having a good time.

When all the goodbyes had ended, Ray and I wanted to make sure that President Kim and Mr. Abe left safely. As they began to walk away, President Kim turned around and shook our hands. He told us to return to the hostel together. His interpreter, accustomed to repeating whatever he said, echoed the sentiment: "Yes, go home together." They smiled and then departed.





*The Wall—with a view into East Berlin.*

in my heart must be broken.

As I began talking to the communists in my broken German, I felt how precious Father's tradition is. By witnessing directly on the street, I felt I could really love the people. Before the church, when I lived in Germany for a year, speaking to the people had been really hard for me. But this time I felt so much love for

the German people that I felt like embracing them. This is because of Father's teaching and his deep love. Father's words are so powerful. I talked to a few of them about the meaning of the family and how we are all part of one family. If someone in the family suffers, then everyone else also suffers. Even they could not argue about this. I was glad to have a

chance to talk to one person in particular, who had been opposing us every day. He looked mean and tough, but actually he didn't have a bad heart after all.

I even sang "Arirang" along with everyone and shouted "Mansei!" right in the midst of the communists. They were angry but could not stop me. By doing this so freely, I could break down another barrier within myself.

When Father talks of bringing about the unification of the Fatherland, it really means creating unity within myself, between my mind and body, between God and myself, and among all the nations of the world. The road that goes to Moscow begins right here within me. If I can conquer myself, then I can conquer Moscow. God already has the plan. I always wondered how we were going to do this, go to Moscow. Now I realize it will be through working on this side, through winning people's hearts right here.

I feel this rally marked a new beginning, a new start for me. Going to Berlin was truly historical for all of us, far more than we can yet perceive.



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## LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

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from the Principle book and Father's speeches. Primarily, he emphasized Father's heart and desire and the importance of absolutely following Father's direction.

One of Heung Jin Nim's most important missions is to help heal and purify our worldwide membership. He feels that the foundation our True Parents have laid has been invaded by Satan through our impure love and our conflicts with leaders. Because Unification Church leaders and members sometimes tend to ignore the existence of Satan, they can easily fall victim to evil temptation. Heung Jin Nim is *very* clear about Lucifer. He strongly warned that Satan is always involved in sexual temptations and difficulties, and that we absolutely must confess, repent, and strive for purity in this area. He also stressed the necessity of working within the structure of the Principle, for example, developing healthy Cain/Abel relationships. He urged the missionaries to report all his activities to the World Mission Department headquarters. I told him, "Heung Jin Nim, you don't need my approval for what you do." But he replied, "Heavenly Father created a certain order. If our members and leaders follow this principled order, Satan cannot invade."

He told us that although Satan has been defeated worldwide by True Parents, each leader and member must still gain his or her own personal victory. Each member needs *fundamental* confession and repentance in order to begin anew. We can no longer hide or lie. Now because of Heung Jin Nim's strong guidance, many missionaries have seriously repented, confessed, and made a new start.

### Sensitive, detailed guidance

He emphasized the priceless value of the Blessing: the actual transfer of our blood lineage from Satan to God, which allows us to have a lifestyle fully rooted in True Parents' tradition. In the spirit world, the most precious privilege is having a new, pure blood lineage. Blessed couples are very precious, he said. In the ideal of the Blessing, there is no such word as divorce. If blessed couples truly follow True Parents' words and heav-

enly tradition, they can overcome any problem. One night he gave very sensitive and detailed guidance about blessed couples' relationships, concerning how wives should treat their husbands and husbands their wives. How could he know?!

I was amazed by his wisdom and knowledge. Privately I said, "Heung Jin Nim, forgive me for asking this, but I am curious. Where does your amazing wisdom and comprehension of the Principle and Bible come from? Did you learn these things in the spirit world?" Of course I knew that he had knowledge of the Principle in his life on earth, but his understanding now is incomparably deeper. He also knows the 66 books of the Bible completely. He answered that he

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sometimes had to ask elders in the spirit world, but that most of his wisdom comes naturally because of his blood lineage. The most important factor is that because he is a sinless True Child and has inherited True Parents' heart directly, he has the sensitivity and heartistic foundation to quickly grow and absorb what he needs to know in the spirit world. Observing and relating with True Parents, he has automatically learned from them; as their son he deeply experiences their heart.

He asked me to deliver a message of greeting to True Parents and to ask their approval for him to meet with the True Children. I was moved by his humility and observance of heavenly order. He wants to meet with his physical brothers and sisters and explain to them their responsibility in attending True Parents and how to best keep True Parents' tradition. Through their give and take, he told

me, he will be able to help the True Children develop wisdom to his level, if they are determined. He also wants to meet the 36 Blessed Couples and to visit Korea, Japan, and America. He plans to do prayer conditions for certain countries and to meet the missionaries of every nation. Actually, he doesn't like to use the word "missionary," but rather "second self of True Parents." It's Heavenly Father's expectation that all leaders should become the "second self" of True Parents.

### A truly deep relationship

I asked him if he had a message I could bring to Hoon Sook Nim. He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked me to tell her, "Please keep hope." I felt she would like something a little more heartistic, so I asked him, "Isn't there something else you would like to say to her?" I was deeply moved by his unexpected answer. He became very serious and said, "I am completely indebted to True Parents. It was True Parents who prepared my position in the spirit world. To do this, True Father laid tremendous sacrificial conditions. After all this, how can I seek to enjoy myself on the individual and family level? True Parents even now are still on the front line, continually working hard. Must I not do the same, every minute?"

I was so moved by his answer. From my knowledge of the Principle, I had thought that if he wanted to, he could visit Hoon Sook Nim any time he liked, to comfort and encourage her. But actually Heung Jin Nim's reality is not just at the level of the Principle but rather, the level of heart. While praying hand in hand with him, I felt him tremble when he said "True Parents' heart." He understands fully True Parent's sacrifice and how his Father and Mother gave him true love. His relationship with True Parents cannot be explained logically or with words. He said that his relationship of heart with Hoon Sook Nim is also extremely profound and that she has fully accepted her course of life without the physical presence of her husband. Their relationship goes even deeper than the level of sharing in dreams or visiting each other spiritually.

When I flew back to Korea, I reported to Father and Mother what I



experienced. Father reinforced the guidance Heung Jin Nim gave. He said that before a person enters the spirit world, the most important things to strive for are:

1. to never ignore or violate the heart; in other words, to never misuse love. To violate the sanctity of the Blessing and give in to chapter two problems is extremely serious. How can these problems be solved on the earth? The most important thing is to center everything on God's heart.

2. to follow heavenly order and establish the foundation of substance. Those in both the Cain and Abel positions are responsible for creating a God-centered relationship based on the Principle.

3. to think of and treat all material things as public. We should give thanks for each thing we personally eat or wear and should always use everything for a selfless, public purpose.

### **The end of Satan's regime**

Father also explained, "Why is Heung Jin Nim in the highest position in the spirit world? He has two very special elements: True Parents' love and True Parents' lineage, which is true life. True heart and true life." Because of these two things, his activities can influence even the communist camp. Father explained that from now on, more and more good spirits will come down to us and remain on earth 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Since Heung Jin Nim is now here on this plane, the regime of Satan on earth is being defeated and will not be able to remain much longer, especially if we make the right conditions through our pure and principled attitude and lifestyle.

We must understand how True Parents laid the foundation for these incredible phenomena to occur. Even at the Seung Hwa ceremony of his young son, Father did not shed tears. What kind of parent could be like this? He proclaimed and made preparations for Heung Jin Nim's ascension, completely centering on the public purpose and God's providential will. If he had shed tears at that point because of his personal grief, Satan could have accused him. But because Father was totally dedicated to doing everything for God and mankind, Heung Jin Nim's present position, responsibility, and activities are

possible.

Father also shared an experience he had in the early days. Once he needed to fulfill a condition for God that cost a certain amount of money. The members were all extremely poor then, but unexpectedly one woman brought the exact amount of money Father needed. Father asked how she knew the exact amount. She said that

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Heavenly Father appeared to her in a dream and said, "You have a certain piece of jewelry. Rev. Moon urgently needs this amount of money (giving her the exact amount), so take the jewelry to the street and try to sell it. If the store owner offers you the correct amount of money for the jewelry, then you will recognize that I am God. If the store owner tries to give you a different amount, don't accept it, because it is Satan's direction. When you get the right amount, bring it to Rev. Moon. Don't take one penny." So she did exactly that, and Father could fulfill his condition. Many such phenomena happened in

those days. Therefore, the lesson is, don't worry if your external circumstances seem less than favorable. Have absolute confidence and follow True Father's directions precisely. That's our personal responsibility. Then we can be assured that God's dispensational goals will be carried out.

### **Be faithful to Father**

Father also urged all leaders to research and study his speeches and to quote from him directly in their sermons. He explained that although our motivation is to support God and True Parents, we may not fully understand the correct spiritual direction, so we must have confidence in Father's words, adhere faithfully to them, and absolutely follow True Parents' lifestyle. Only then can we overcome Satan's subtle but terribly destructive influence.

My conclusion is twofold. All leaders and members should recognize that we have truly entered a new providential era, centering on the spirit world's assistance. Also, all members should seriously check whether their lifestyle, belief, and conviction are centered on the Principle and on True Parents' direction. Heung Jin Nim wants to help us completely renew ourselves and make a new start. The spirit world is ready. It depends on our determination and our willingness to take responsibility. If we check ourselves, we will be able to see how close or how distant our lifestyle is from True Parents' tradition. Our original mind understands.

I hope all of you can make a new determination and a new start. May God bless you. □

## **VANGUARD TO THE FUTURE**

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lecturers.

This conference was free of the theological hostilities that were often directed at Unificationists in earlier years. At the end, the four-hour song-filled closing banquet was characterized by a spirit of indelible warmth and friendship. Testimonies and songs were offered by the guests and the Unificationists, while local Yugoslavian folk dancers and musicians filled the air with highly spirited multi-cultural music.

It is often in the final moments of a conference that the goals of fostering deeper understanding of the church and its founder are accomplished. It is in those closing moments that hearts are often opened and words not yet formed find a way to be spoken. At such a time one of our friends shared: "The character of Rev. Moon is of the depth I've been searching for, a depth I could not find among the priests in the Catholicism of my childhood nor in my fellow Buddhist monks. I must learn from him in order to deepen myself, filling something that is missing." □



# CROSSING OVER THE BORDERLINE OF DEATH

by In Ho Kim

*"Crossing over the Borderline of Death" is a survivor's account of life in the Tong Nee concentration camp at Hung Nam. Recently published in Seoul, Korea, it is a corroboration by a non-Unification Church member of the testimonies about Father's prison experience.*

**A**MONG THE PRISONERS, ONE MAN, Sun Myung Moon, stood out for his many unusual qualities. We were all dog tired when we returned from work; some of us leaned on one another or against a wall, but he would always be sitting upright except for the few hours when he slept. He was such an exemplary prisoner that even the fanatical communist jailers respected him. This was because he worked diligently and conscientiously without violating any prison rules or taking short breaks like the rest of us. He was in robust physical shape. While he was working, whenever we advised him to think of his health and take it easy, he always replied, "If I work just a little more and a little harder, won't it reduce my fellow workers' burden?"

He had been sentenced to prison on a charge about on par with being a "reactionary" and carrying with it a similar sentence. At that time [in Korea] the quarreling Christian denominations were confusing the simple lay people, and he sincerely believed that they had to be united. He had begun to develop the "home church" movement, insisting that true faith should start from the family. He preached that anyone could become a good Christian, even without attending a Sunday church service, as long as he always prayed with a sincere heart and repented daily for his transgressions.

His inspiring and convincing message soon attracted many followers. The mainline Christian churches grew jealous, however, and plotted against him. His movement was slandered and labeled a heresy. The narrow-minded judgment of those mainline Christian groups played into the

hands of the communists, who had a policy to destroy all religions. Eventually he was arrested while in the middle of a meeting and sentenced to approximately three years in prison as one guilty of "disturbing the public order."

## **An indomitable spirit**

In prison he always kept a calm composure and worked diligently without a word of complaint. As far as the work was concerned, nobody could compete with him for his strength and enthusiasm.

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One thing about him, which I found curious, was that he never seemed to wash himself. Each day after we finished work at the fertilizer factory, they allowed us to wash ourselves in the factory's waste water, but he just passed on by. Even though the water was polluted and almost unusable, all of us washed in it after work because our skin was unbearably sticky with a mixture of fertilizer dust, dirt, and sweat.

One day I discovered how he was keeping himself clean. I woke up one night and needed to use the latrine. It was very dark inside the cell. As I sat quietly, waiting for my eyes to be-

come accustomed to the darkness, I saw him sitting in a dimly lit corner. "Kim? You woke up early," he said to me, opening his eyes. It seemed to me that he had been praying. "I guess you wake up this early every day," I said. "Aren't you tired?" "It's all right," he replied. "I'm used to it, and my body begins to itch if I try to sleep longer." When I returned from the latrine I saw him without a shirt, and he was washing himself with a wet towel that he had dipped in cold water. "Mr. Moon, aren't you cold?" I asked. "I'm afraid you might catch a cold." "At least I should do this since I don't wash myself at the factory," he answered. "In this way I can survive." I understood later that instead of using that polluted and almost unusable factory water, he saved his drinking water. With that, he wet his towel and washed his whole body every day before dawn.

He would wake up, pray, wash with his cold, wet towel, and pray again. Then he would eat breakfast and go to work. He was certainly remarkable for his strong, indomitable body and spirit. It is rare enough for a man this close to death to continue to pay careful attention to his personal health, but that he would then sacrifice two hours from that most precious time for sleep in order to observe his religious rites was simply incredible to me.

## **The guards' attitude**

The fanatical communist guards would often, without reason, give a particularly hard time to those prisoners charged with being reactionaries or with disturbing the public order. But they would make an exception with Mr. Moon. I thought that was because he worked very conscientiously and never violated any of the rules. But a rumor had it that the communists dared not ill-treat him because they thought he had





*Prisoners loading bags of fertilizer at Hung Nam prison.*

supernatural powers. It was said that if anyone mistreated him unreasonably, then at night an old man like Sansilyong\* would appear in his dream and admonish him. If he were to mistreat him again, the old man would return the next night in his dream and punish him. Therefore, even the most malicious guard dared not trouble Mr. Moon. Even more amazing, it was said that Sun Myung Moon himself would know the content of the dream. He would approach the guard who had bothered him on the previous day and question him about his dream in detail in order to confirm it, as if he had dreamt it himself. That was really something incredible! Yet Sun Myung Moon never mentioned any of these rumors. In any case, I myself saw a newly arrived guard who mistreated him for a few days suddenly change his attitude. I believed that these rumors had some basis; hence I am recounting them.

I am neither a Unification Church member nor a Christian, neither in the past nor at present, but I saw these things for myself. Although years and years have passed, I cannot forget the impression he made upon

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me. He was a man of vision and principles, one who was always true to his word.

Oh! I now recall that there is one promise he has not kept. This concerns some toasted rice flour I received from my mother. She used to send me enough flour to share with many other prisoners. Once Mr. Moon said he would pay me back one pig for each bowlful of flour I shared with him. But by my rough calculation, if I recall how many bowls of flour I gave him, I think I should have received more than 100 cows. Until now, he has not paid me back even one pound of pork. This could, I suppose, be called an instance where he

didn't keep his word!

Here I should like to explain for the reader who might not catch the humor of my point. At that time, there was a saying among the prisoners that one bean in prison was as valuable as one pig in outside society. That expression described the actual pitiful situation in the camp. Then let's imagine, if one bean in prison were worth one pig, how many cows would be equivalent to a bowlful of flour? A lot of cows! In other words, in that prison, the heart to share one's food was appreciated more than anything else.

I did not hear about Mr. Moon for a long time after we departed from Hung Nam. Whatever his life afterwards may have turned out to be, the mere fact that he and I were able to survive and come out from that living hell itself is a great blessing from heaven. □

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*\*The feared guardian spirit of the mountain in Korean folklore.*



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*August 30, 1987*