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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

GREETINGS TO ALL LEADERS AND MEMBERS. AS YOU know, our True Parents are in Korea, following a very busy and active schedule. Amazing developments are coming about, relating to the restoration of the Fatherland. In 1988, True Parents will link their worldwide victorious conditions to the substantial dispensation in Korea. Therefore, I believe that Father will seriously focus on Korea this year, as well as the United States.

Korea absolutely needs Father's guidance and prayers. Until now, Father has made his major substantial investment and brought the most visible results in America, not in Korea. Thus he has perfectly applied the principle of loving and serving the one in Cain's position at the sacrifice of Abel. The year 1988, however, is the year in which the foundation in America will be brought to Korea, where it will have a substantial, visible impact. And this of course occurs on the basis of True Parents' investment in deep prayer, which has been more serious over the past months than ever before.

In May 1987, Father established an organization very important to the future of Korea: the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (CFUF). Some 7,000 Korean blessed wives are now working full-time for this movement, all over Korea. On the foundation of their prayer and sacrificial commitment, all aspects of our movement in Korea are supporting the CFUF, including PWPA, IFVOC, CARP, ICSA, and the church itself. Father is educating the Korean nation to understand and fulfill its historical position and responsibility. Our members and organizations are working on the level of province, county, town, and village for the resurrection and practical guidance of the people. In this way, our CFUF is even more effective than the Korean government in preparing the way for the unification of North and South Korea. Naturally, Father's stature in Korea is rising rapidly. Many Koreans respect Father more and more, and they deeply appreciate his concern for the goal of unifying all of Korea.

Members worldwide should naturally be one with True Parents' main dispensational activities. We should support the unification of the Fatherland both spiritually and practically. This is the clear significance of this year's motto: "The Unification of the Fatherland." Related with this most

immediately and directly is the ICC providence to bring 7,000 American ministers to Korea to understand and appreciate Father's activities and thought. This has very significant meaning in relationship to the unification of the Fatherland. The 7,000 ministers are historically parallel to the 7,000 faithful Israelites that God prepared for the prophet Elijah, as the national level foundation to receive the Messiah. [See *Today's World*, February 1988.]

I want to strongly emphasize the importance of the ICC work in America. I urge each member and leader in America to try to send at least one minister to Korea. This is definitely the highest priority for regional coordinators, state leaders, and city leaders. Beyond the ICC itself, the ICC Alumni Association should help develop the seed of the dispensation that was planted through the ministers' experience at the ICC. For the sake of the renewal of America, Christians need to return more and more fervently to Jesus' original lifestyle and spirit.

The themes of the Alumni Association are two. First, openness to others—especially the ideal of Christians breaking down denominational barriers and embracing each other, and the world, in love. Second, service. The International Christians for Unity and Social Action (ICUSA) should inspire all ministers to action, not just words. We must concretely practice love, beginning on the local level, and gradually expand outward. Ministers must concern themselves with the problems of American society. ICUSA is the vehicle prepared by Father for this work.

I expect True Parents to focus equally on Korea and America this year. Because of Father's victorious conditions, Satan cannot argue with his directions at all. Satan can never challenge or attack True Parents directly. Therefore, the path of utmost wisdom for all Unification Church leaders and members is to unite perfectly with True Parents and their direction. In particular, I remind the blessed couples in America to prepare for the mobilization to Korea. Gradually make your financial foundation, putting aside a set percentage of your income for this purpose.

Why is absolute unity with True Parents the mark of utmost wisdom? It is because if we are totally united with True Parents, then we auto-

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The True Family in Korea, January 1988. Back row, left to right: Jin Sung Nim holding Shin Myung Nim, In Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Father, Mother, Sun Jin Nim, Ye Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim, and Hoon Sook Nim. Front row, left to right: Shin Bok Nim, Young Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, and Shin Goon Nim.

GOD'S DAY MORNING SPEECH

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
JANUARY 1, 1988
SEOUL, KOREA

*The love of God exists within Him, but by Himself
His love is just inert. God's love is activated only from
the moment His true object begins to appear.*

THERE ARE FOUR MAJOR HOLY DAYS IN THE UNIFICATION Church—Parents' Day, Children's Day, the Day of All Things, and God's Day. If it hadn't been for the fall, these days would never have existed. But because mankind lost the original standard, there needs to be a process for mankind to find that lost standard and substantiate it. First of all, there must be a Parents' Day, which signifies the appearance of the True Parents, the representatives of all mankind, on the earth. Secondly, a foundation is necessary for the True Children to become one with the parents. This is Children's Day. Based upon the unity of the parents and the children, there must be a Day of All Things.

The Kingdom of Heaven comes about only upon the basis of the parents, the children, and all things uniting into one, centered on the love of God. No single Holy Day alone can open the Kingdom of Heaven. The love of God can reach all men both on earth and in heaven only after absolute unity is realized among these three significant days. This is the very foundation that makes possible the restoration of the lawful standard by which mankind is entitled to heaven.

COSMIC BEAUTY

As you know, God's Day does not mean God's birthday. Then what is the true meaning of God's Day? It is a day that marks the starting point of God's love, when God finds His place of settlement. Since the declaration of God's Day, the age of the individual settlement has advanced into the age of the family settlement, the clan settlement, the tribal settlement, the national settlement, and the worldwide settlement.

If there had been no fall, Adam would have been able to represent the entire world of God's creation by the age of 20, receiving God's complete love as a perfected man. Eve could have received God's complete love as a matured woman by the same age. But even if each of them had been perfectly united with God individually, that vertical relationship alone would not have been enough to achieve the ideal. They both had to grow to maturity in their mutual relationship as well. Adam had to grow to a level at which he could love his spouse more than himself. Likewise, Eve had to reach a level of loving her spouse more than herself. After achieving that level, they would have been so united that nothing in the universe could have broken their bond of love. Then for the first time, the love of God would have been truly manifested and poured upon the creation.

After the creation of the universe, God placed man in the subject position to the rest of creation. Why did He do so? God is the possessor of everything; so wealth, knowledge, and honor mean nothing to God. He doesn't need them, because He has them all. However, if there is one hope that the almighty and omniscient God still has, it is

the hope for the fulfillment of love.

All existing beings are mutually connected in a subject/object relationship. No matter how firm an object being may be standing in its own position, without having the proper subject it cannot manifest its original value. When both the subject and the object share a common purpose and establish a harmonious relationship in absolute oneness, cosmic beauty is manifested. Without this dynamic relationship of subject and object, love is as if asleep. The love of God exists within Him, but by Himself His love is just inert. God's love is activated only from the moment His true object begins to appear.

When God, who is a gigantic plus, finds a corresponding minus that is also gigantic, His love will be in full swing. The love of a man is not to be enjoyed just among men, nor a woman's love only among women. A woman's love is meant to be given to a man, and vice versa. Only with that genuine relationship can God begin to let human beings learn through one another what true love is meant to be.

THE AXIS OF ABSOLUTE LOVE

No matter how great a love a man may have, by himself he cannot actualize true love. Likewise, no matter how elegantly a woman may adorn herself, by herself she can never generate true love. When a man and woman come together in true love, then no matter how strong a power of opposition is imposed, they keep revolving around one another. How wonderful this is! God is drawn to that unity, because it is the place where He can experience His joy. When a man and a woman are united 100 percent, and their love reaches the point of explosion, the absolute love of God immediately comes to dwell within them. Then they can never escape from the love of God. The axis that their true love creates is the same axis that every being who cherishes the love of God must revolve around in order to meet the true standard of love. A person who cannot experience this type of love is not a true person. Are you confident that you are going to experience this level of love?

Everything must be judged according to the standard of true love. Conflict within a family does not occur because there is not enough food to eat, but rather from problems of love. When the love between a couple settles so firmly that it is unchangeable for millions of years, then no matter how hard a woman may try to escape from her husband, she will always come back again after going around in a circle. When a man and woman are in love, if one side goes up, the other automatically moves downward, and this results in a circular movement. Every existence resembles a circle. You must know that the world is made to be this way.

In order to connect the eastern and western sides of a globe, you must pass through the center. The center contains all the elements—up and down, right and left, east

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and west, and north and south. While revolving around the center, each person maintains his unique position but can meet with others at 360 different angles. God, in order to experience the joy of such stimulating love, created the universe just this way, so He could share the ideal of eternal goodness with every single one of His object beings. The taste of such a harmonious relationship is unspeakably delicious.

A man and a woman can be centered on true love for more than a thousand years and beyond, yet the energy of their love never drops. True love operates upon the principle that the more you love, the greater your desire to give becomes. When this love fills up the universe, all created beings find their eternal place of existence.

SHARING A COMMON DESTINY

True love is the basis of the right of concomitance, or accompaniment. This means that once there is a relationship of love established, the object person has a right to accompany the subject wherever he or she goes. Furthermore, when the subject rises to a great height, the object has a right to share the same position and glory. Then comes the right of inheritance. A wife who goes to live with her husband's parents may often love his parents more than her husband does. In this case, who is going to have the right to inherit from the parents, their son or his wife? It is the wife who has the right, although she may not have worked for it. Why is this so? Because it is love that rules the law of inheritance.

A married man and woman were strangers to each other initially. Once joined together, however, they share the right of inheritance because of love. When true love binds them together, they start to think of each other as more precious than a nation or the world, or even the universe, and they are even willing to die for one another. This is a great truth of the universe. Why do they think in this way? It is because they were created to resemble God. God has declared His sacred right of dominion and ownership through His love, so man can stand side by side with God and claim the same rights and ownership, once he achieves true love. When we are united with true love, the entire universe becomes ours.

A wife who is determined to share a common destiny with her husband is a true wife. A husband who goes everywhere with his wife in love is a true husband. Furthermore, true men are those who are willing to share a common prosperity with others. They should be able to say, "Eternally I am yours, and you are mine. My life is for you and your life is for me. My love is your love and your love is my love." Eternal relationship and joy spring from the understanding that within true love, there is no place for the concept of possession. True love transcends the entire idea of possessing and is ready to pass on everything.



Father speaks on God's Day at the Seoul Headquarters Church.

When the parents are about to leave their life on earth, the one who loved them the most, whether he is great or small, is going to receive the inheritance from them. Here lies the origin of the harmony of the universe—it is established upon the rights that God set up—the rights of concomitance, the sharing of the positions, and the inheritance. Man is destined to live by this law. Man is endowed with a unique greatness and the right to even possess God and claim ownership, centered on God's love, over the entire cosmos.

NOT A PRISON BUT A PALACE

Ever since man lost his original value, man's life on earth has become one of a continuous search without fulfillment. This explains the miserable reality of contemporary humankind. In the midst of this confused environment, Rev. Moon has achieved the level of love by which he can take God on his back and fly through the sky!

I have been chased and imprisoned, and I have tasted every single kind of suffering. But God was right there in the prisons with me. When I used to look at my hands, I saw a spiritual radiance coming out of them. The place where I was staying was not actually a prison, but a king's palace. At the center of the prison, where resentments were whirling around, I discovered that it was nothing but love that would enable me to welcome God there; only by embracing a cosmic path of love could I honor Him as a triumphant God of joy. Love was also the reason that the other prison inmates came to show great respect toward me.

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Today is God's Day. What does God's Day signify? It is the day when mankind is resolved to live for the sake of others and uphold high the love of giving. It is the day when God finds a true place that He can graft Himself onto, and it is the day when we are connected with the path to the Kingdom of Heaven. As soon as a foundation is set for God to be engrafted to us through His true love, all mankind is stirred into life. This place, called the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, is where we dance and live together with the universe. It is a place eternally centered on God and heart in every way. God will be able to feel ultimate joy through us, and each one of us will be able to embrace the entire cosmos in our bosom. How great our happiness will be!

Because I know that such a world exists, I am living with a smile on my face in the midst of a mocking crowd. How great is the value of a man who, together with God, can stand as the subject to the universe—a man who is endowed with the right to live with God, share His glory, and inherit everything from Him. As I walked this path of suffering in the position of God's son, God, rather than abandoning me, closely dwelt within my heart in order to alleviate the sorrows of my tearful path; He transformed my sorrows and used them for the building of a new world. A person who is given an environment in which God takes a subjective role in guiding his way is truly a blessed person.

I have so many scars on my body, remaining from a countless number of beatings. Whenever I look at them, however, I offer my thanks to God. During one of those tortures, I was stabbed with the sharp edge of a hoe. But just at that moment, before I was about to feel pain, I prayed to God, "Father, let Your will be done. Let the path be shortened to fulfill Your will and to have Your dreams come true." I was never in despair even in those moments, knowing that I had God, who loved me.

THE TIME IS RIPE

Up until now, fallen mankind could never celebrate God's Day. How deeply disappointed God has been in seeing the fall of His children, who were meant to be His beloved objects! God was looking forward to the day when He could pour out His love to Adam and Eve fully. Adam and Eve were supposed to reach their maturity and be intoxicated with love as the first man and woman in whom God could dwell and claim the consummation of eternal and unchanging love. However, fallen man created a hell comparable to a waste-processing plant. Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven is still a vacant place.

In the age of the Second Advent, the time is ripe for a new Adam to restore his bride and finally meet the standard set by the fundamental principle of the universe. For this reason, Christ must return to the earth.

More than anyone else, I have understood deeply the

philosophy of love and substantiated it. Not only do I understand it, but I am capable of teaching others and passing it on. Because God loves me beyond time, space, and distance, there is a way for you to love me. Therefore, although this may be the first time some of you have seen me, you are all privileged to have the experience of being bound eternally with me in love. You already have the right of participation, the right of sharing a common position, and the right of inheritance. You are all touched by that love; thus this birthright can be given to Japanese people, American people, or anyone. This is how the Unification Church keeps expanding into the world.

This family of the Unification Church is continuously rising. Centering on Korea, even the Soviet Union will soon be engrafted into God. Thus even a whole nation will be given the privilege of entering into and participating in the sphere of True Parents and will receive the same glory and cosmic heritage. How valuable it is for us to have the opportunity to appear at this stage in history—as the dignified people of hope who are working for the sake of tomorrow and are able to have dominion over the universe!

I have been working for the reunification of Korea. God is also desperate to achieve this goal, so He comes with me wherever I go. Why doesn't the spirit world just take away Kim Il Sung? Because it is necessary that the true and the false meet face to face at one point. Through this final showdown, it will become clear who is true and who is false. The one who collapses in the final crush is false, while the true one will rise.

RECLAIMING HIS BROTHERS

Heung Jin understands my heart deeply. He must be feeling so sorry in the spirit world as he watches his parents go through such hardships. While maintaining his proper role in the spiritual world, he is pouring out his heart to reawaken the Unification Church members on earth. Why has he been doing this clean-up work? It is because, from the position of an elder brother, he understands how much patience his father exercises while carrying such a great burden of responsibility. A long time ago, Satan stole mankind and claimed the position of the elder brother. Now, on the side of God, Heung Jin is reclaiming his brothers who are destined to hell and leading them back to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Love does not originate from one person, but from a reciprocal relationship. Therefore, both men and women are meant to serve one another. According to Korean tradition, when you receive something from your elders, you must stretch both of your hands to the front. The give and take of love occurs when both stand on the same level. While embracing and loving our country, cherishing a humble life, and inheriting the heart of the saints who loved God, we must still maintain the horizontal plane of

Once He establishes a relationship of love with someone, God is prepared to take upon Himself the great providential task of restoring that person; He never ceases loving him for all eternity, no matter what.

the love of a husband and wife. Only by leading such a life of love for the sake of others with an unchanging determination will we be entitled to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

The establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven is rather simple. Three generations must unite. It is necessary for high, middle, and low to be connected vertically in order for a spherical shape to be formed. Those who have received the Blessing in the Unification Church are responsible to educate their sons and daughters. You must never lose the position of parents who are qualified to receive the heritage of true love. If you violate your position, you will simply vanish away.

Starting with the individual God's Day, the True Parents have expanded this foundation through the God's Days on the family level, the tribal level, the national level, and the worldwide level. When the whole world comes to celebrate God's Day together, the Kingdom of Heaven will be secured. Today the Unification Church is indeed about to mobilize the whole world.

LEAVE BEHIND A TRUE LINEAGE

The first article of the constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven is: You must not violate the original world of the heart. The second article is: You must not abuse the lineage of True Parents. The parents are responsible for connecting all the positions in the family—the position of the grandparents, the position of the parents, the position of the children, and the position of the grandchildren. These positions must be connected as one, centered on true love. You must leave behind a true lineage. If you violate True Parents' lineage, you will perish in the divine judgment. You should absolutely remember that you are the representatives of the True Parents and the second selves of God.

Why was man born? He was born as a precious being who is destined to receive the love of God and the love of his parents; and every man, as an agent of their love, is meant to give that love to one woman. Are you living with this understanding? You must know that you are living in a precarious time and are being given a mission to overcome the destructive forces on Satan's side. Never forget that this is the duty and the responsibility entrusted to every follower of the Unification Church.

The third article of the constitution is that you must not violate human rights. Centered on God's love, all people are brothers and sisters of one family. Those who harm their brothers and sisters or abuse another person's right to participate in true love or to receive the true heritage will be punished by this fundamental law of the universe. You must honor the original rights of man. Do not take advantage of others. We must live based upon this principle.

Food, too, was created for the sake of love. When you eat every day, you should love your food as a precious

offering from God's love. If you don't, the food will tremble as you are about to eat it. The molecules in the food will insist they don't want to enter your mouth. They will have a grudge against you. You will find this is true when your spiritual eyes are opened.

THE HEART CAN NEVER FORGET

I have no shame before the entire nation of Korea. During the time I was working in Pyongyang, before the Korean War broke out, our membership grew to about 100. All the members were very devoted. Later, when I was in Hung Nam prison, some of them came to me in spirit and said, "Father, I have such-and-such a situation now, and I have to leave the family." They couldn't stop crying, but in sorrow they left me. I never forgot them. So after my liberation from prison, while everyone else was rushing to escape to the South, I went back to meet with these members. Many of them, who once testified to me as the Son of God, said to me, "I cannot allow into my house a man who has been in prison."

This left in my heart many unforgettable feelings. Today, however, many of those who once denounced me are back in the Unification Church. The time of the first generation is past, but many of their children have joined the church, and they resemble their parents so closely. Their voices and even the way they walk remind me so much of their deceased parents. The second generation is superior in quality to the first generation. As soon as I meet them, my heart is easily moved because of the relationship of heart I once established with their parents. In observing this phenomenon, I realized that God is the absolute subject who, once He establishes a relationship of love with someone, is prepared to take upon Himself the great providential task of restoring that person; He never ceases loving him for eternity, no matter what. In order to comfort me as I walked this path, God took upon Himself a huge burden. And when I look at those of the second generation serving silently in the midst of persecution, taking up the cross that others have been reluctant to carry to support me, and always willing to go forward, any reason I have to complain just disappears.

What is true never perishes; it keeps growing. Therefore, you have no reason to despair, knowing that there is God, the subject, who will take absolute responsibility for whatever you leave behind for His sake. He will find the people who are willing to inherit the tradition of your commitment and expand it to the world.

NEVER BE PROUD OF YOURSELF

You don't need to seek praise and approval from other people nor feel bad because no one appreciates your efforts. Look at a tree that is just about to bring forth new shoots in the spring. Doesn't it look lonesome somehow? Who

would imagine that one day this lonely plant will grow to be a towering tree and that many birds will come and make their nests in it? A tree grows silently to maturity, but when the time is ripe, it naturally bears fruit, which the entire universe will then be able to appreciate. If this is true of a humble tree, how much more is it true of men and women who are laying the foundation of goodness for the future of the world?

You may not have been able to accomplish all the pledges that you made for the fulfillment of God's will; then you must say to your children, "Are you willing to take up the task that I left unaccomplished?" Who can deny that your children will come up to you and, with a heart of tears, pledge before you that they will do it? Therefore, you must always be careful to walk the right path. Never be proud of yourself. The Kingdom of Heaven expands just as I have explained. You must pray that the love of God will dwell in your family. Didn't Jesus also say so? Where there are two or three persons joining their hearts as one, there God dwells. That is where we find the right of the sharing of life, the sharing of the positions, and the sharing of the heritage. The more you give to something, the greater it grows.

If you have the determination to do anything to expand the realm of true love, do not despair if you look like a beggar. I also once lived as a beggar. At other times, I was a physical laborer. I was a peddler, pulling a cart. I lived in the mountains and made charcoal. Why did I do these things? Because I knew it was impossible to love people without understanding the human heart. Working in the factories, I became like a father or an elder brother to the laborers. Furthermore, I met prostitutes on the streets and listened to their stories in my search for a way to liberate them. I came to be where I am today only by resolutely concentrating on the path centered on God's love. If there is anything the Unification Church can be proud of, it is this very fact—that everything I accomplished has been done according to the way of love. You must inherit this tradition and keep on going, wishing every day there were no sunset.

BECOME A FRIEND TO THE PEOPLE

While doing your mission, remember that the Kingdom of Heaven expands only when you carry a fervent heart and a deep desire to give the gift of love to others. Become a person who can always give joy and generate happiness even in a miserable environment. In living and eating together day and night, you should become a friend to the people. A family where the husband and the wife serve one another as they would their elder brothers and sisters will never experience tragedy. I know this well. I am not worried about my children. You should love mankind before you love your own children. Before you love mankind, you must love God. Then, even if you don't have



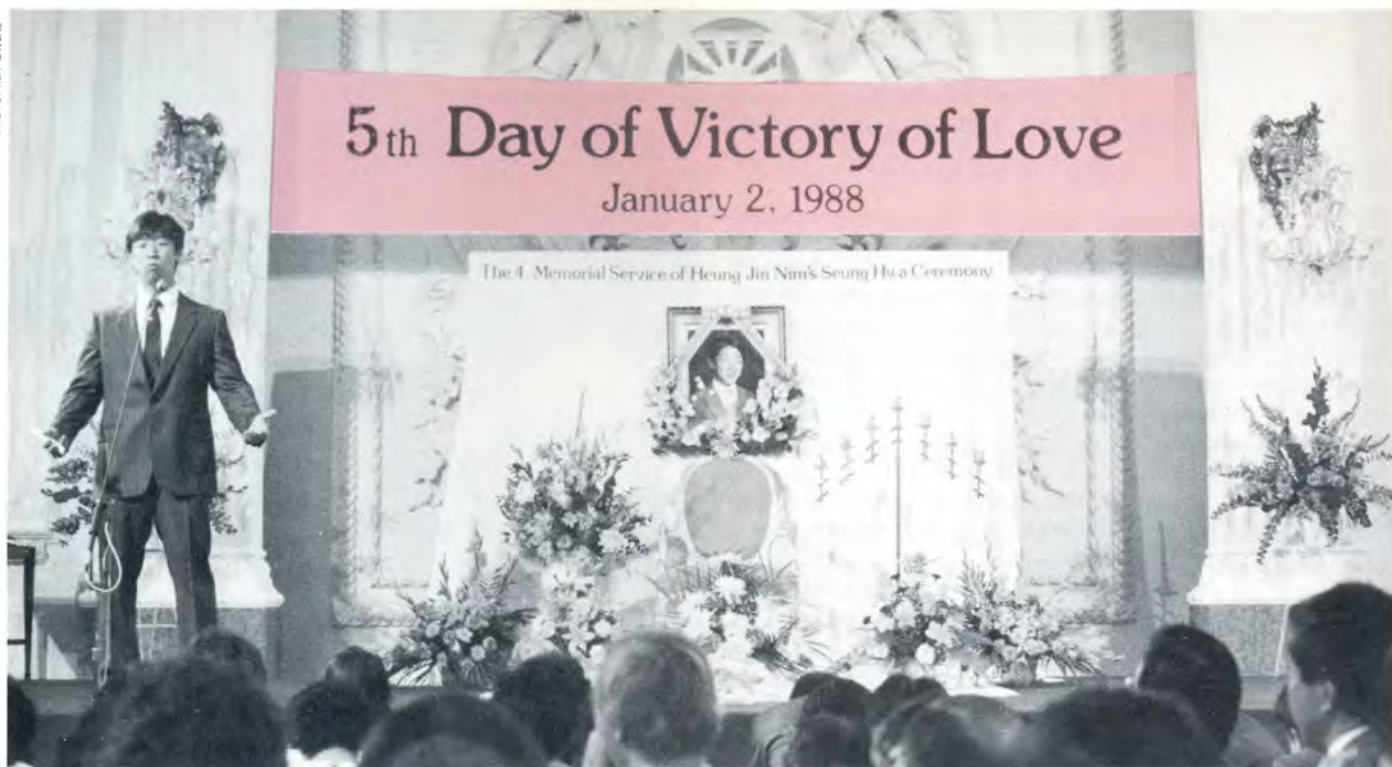
Father, Ye Jin Nim, and Mother on an outing in Korea.

time to take care of your children, the parental love of God, which protects the universe and embraces all mankind, will take care of them. Even without your intervention, your children will grow.

For over 43 years, ever since the liberation of Korea, I have received incredible ridicule and physical suffering; going in and out of various prisons, I was whipped over and over. My body became full of bruises, and I needed a container to receive the blood from the blood blisters I myself opened. Even through this kind of life, I have never once taken extra time to rest in bed. What has been protecting my body? God's love.

One day I met a person on the street who used to be a member. I showed not the slightest sign of embarrassment. I wasn't even thinking about the fact that he had left the church. I was just ready to welcome him whenever he wanted to come back. But he was crying, and he said, "Father, I am so ashamed because I am now like this." His face fell and he couldn't speak. Why was he so miserable? The one who betrays true love cannot maintain his normal posture, due to the natural effect of the cosmic forces. Therefore, those who have left the church have no power to oppose me. I pioneered a path of love that an ordinary person would never dream of. Once you sow the seeds of true love, in time they start to sprout all over the world. For this reason, there is hope for the Unification Church. There is a way to victory.

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On January 2, 1988, in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center, members gathered early in the morning to celebrate the Day of Victory of Love. The stage was converted into an altar dedicated to Heung Jin Nim, profusely decorated with flowers. To open the ceremony, Hyo Jin Nim lit the candelabra on the altar and prayed. First Hyun Jin Nim offered an impassioned tribute to his beloved brother; then Hyo Jin Nim delivered an embracing message of love to all the members. The edited speeches are printed below.

A TRIBUTE TO HEUNG JIN NIM

*by Hyun Jin Moon
January 2, 1988
World Mission Center*

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTH Day of Victory of Love and the fourth anniversary of Heung Jin's *Seung Hwa* ceremony. We need to deeply understand the meaning and value of this day.

The year 1983 was a very hard year, not only for True Parents, but for the whole movement. But in 1984, on that cold day in January, we received the Day of Victory of Love from True Parents, through Heung Jin's sacrifice.

In his speech on that day, Father revealed his absolute standard of love for God. Father has only one vision—to bring absolute fulfillment to God, whose heart has been suffering for more than 6,000 biblical years. Through Father's love and concern for the suffering heart of God, even surpassing his love for his own precious children, he was able to conquer death. On this foundation, Heung Jin's physical sacrifice could culminate in the Day of Victory of Love that we are celebrating today.

I want to testify from my heart about Heung Jin Nim and what he accomplished, not only for mankind, but also for the providence, for True Parents, and for the love of God. I feel my words are very inadequate. It's difficult, but I will try my best.

A victory for unity

Through Heung Jin's sacrifice, Father claimed an inevitable victory for unity. Actually, unity had not existed within the Unification Church. There were many different factions, which even I was able to see as I was growing up: there were American members with American standards; Japanese members with Japanese standards; and many other different standards that people brought into the church that were not Father and Mother's standards. Among the blessed children, disunity was prevalent. Even within the True Family, there wasn't a true understanding

of unity. Father declared, however, that Heung Jin Nim's sacrifice would create that unity.

As I reflect on Heung Jin's life on this earth, the first word that comes to my mind is "unity." Heung Jin's love for True Parents was absolute. None of you can doubt that, because he showed it through the sacrifice of his physical life at the promising age of 17 years. He even sacrificed his own complete establishment of a four position foundation on earth. Through my own Holy Wedding, I am able to more fully understand what a great offering this was.

Most people's impression of him was that he was very simple. He did not want much or ask much, and the blessed children who were close to him have testified that his whole demeanor was very humble.

Heung Jin Nim was very concerned about the unity of the blessed children, because he understood that without unity, the second generation could not fulfill God's hope.

At Heung Jin's *Seung Hwa* ceremony, I testified about him. At that time I said he was the most like Father. Why would I say that? Because his standard of love for True Parents was absolute. While he was on earth, I shared many experiences with him. He often came to my room and asked me, "Are you willing to die for True Parents?" When first asked this, you might say, "Yes, of course I can do that! Of course I'm capable of doing that." In 1984 many of you even made that determination. Yet I have observed that even small physical hardships have caused the people who made those commitments to change their minds in a moment. Then they would complain to Father and Mother. Is that the standard of Heung Jin? Heung Jin offered himself for the sake of an absolute standard, and you have to understand that. Even after seeing Heung Jin's sacrifice, how many of you can say you have developed an absolute standard of love for True Parents?

I take this standard very seriously, and my family also takes it very seriously, because Heung Jin lives within our hearts. You have to let Heung Jin live within yours. The reason why we're having this ceremony today is to make sure that we do not forget Heung Jin Nim and his absolute love and sacrifice for True Parents. We have to inherit that heart.

We can't be separated

Heung Jin was a very deep person. Many of you who knew Heung Jin might not have realized that. And why was that? You never took the time! You never gave him a chance to show his heart. That's why I'm standing here in front of you now. It's not Father's family who should be in the position to testify about Heung Jin Nim. It should be other people who were close to him! Why didn't you ever give him the chance? Even when he was 15 or 16, he was very

deep, and his love for True Parents was absolute. Before his death, he said, "I will die for True Parents. If some satanic person tries to shoot at Father and Mother, I will throw my body in front of them." That's the commitment he had. You weren't able to understand that, because of your shallow standard. Do you show respect only after seeing some great deed?



Hyun Jin Nim speaks strongly to the members.

Heung Jin Nim was very concerned about the unity of the blessed children, because he understood that without unity, the second generation could not fulfill God's hope. He knew that many members did not completely accept the True Family, and some even said the True Family was a failure. He felt that through his friendships with the blessed children, he could create an absolute bond of true love that would change the ways of their parents. That was his desire. Many, many times we discussed this, because we wanted to build a good foundation for God and True Parents. Father has clearly said that the perfection of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth will take three generations. That is why we are so serious about the situation of the blessed children.

Father and Mother have restored both the True Parents' position that was lost through the fall of Adam and Eve, and the True Family's position. As Father's children, what is our role then? What's the mission of the second generation? It was a puzzle for us! Father never clearly gave us

direction about this. But we knew in our hearts that we could lead the second generation to victory only if the True Family were united.

We can't be separated! You cannot separate me from Heung Jin Nim, or anyone in our family from Heung Jin Nim, because we are one! That is the meaning of Heung Jin's sacrifice. You have failed to understand that. You still see yourselves as American members or Japanese members or Korean members! Is that a true foundation for unity? What are we, after all? In 1977, Father made it very clear that the Kingdom of Heaven could only be built starting from one ideal family. We are all children of True Parents! Therefore, our love for True Parents has to be absolute. That's why you have to inherit Heung Jin's absolute standard of love.

Totally empty yourself

Do you think an ideal family means a group of 12 individuals? Through such shallow thinking you have separated and suffocated the True Family! How are you to receive Father's love? You inherited fallen standards from Satan, and you brought those into our church. With your fallen standards you even judge True Parents and the True Family.

You're armed with true love. How can you let any of Satan's puny obstacles bother you?

To really inherit Father's love, you have to do as Hyo Jin has been teaching you; you must be willing to say, "I do not exist." How can you say you exist if you don't even belong to God? You have to totally empty yourself and become a pure basin in order to receive true love from God.

Heung Jin lived this philosophy every day—it showed in the simple clothes he wore, the food he ate, and the things he owned. He lived his life according to the example of True Parents, because he wanted to become a recipient of true love. He did not have his own standards. Can you be a recipient of true love if you accept only what you want to hear, only what sounds pleasant to you? If you believe in True Parents and their vision, you should live according to their standard and receive all their directions unconditionally.

True Parents have done everything for you; they created the greatest foundation possible. True Parents are even so generous as to see value in the worst people, such as Kim Il Sung, and try to restore them into the realm of God. Until now, you have not had a sufficient foundation to receive True Parents. Many times you heard Father speak on Sunday and you got inspired for a while, but then a couple of days later you lost the inspiration! Is that an absolute standard of attendance? Something that's absolute should never change.

Do you think you can find happiness in this physical reality? History has shown that great leaders who had power, money, and everything this physical world could offer were never satisfied inside, because they knew that power and money would eventually elude them. So where can you find

happiness? Only in the realm of an absolute way of life. And where is that absolute realm? Within the mind. The mind's deepest desire is to have a give and take relationship centered on the foundation of true, absolute love. You must acquire that absolute standard of love.

The product of absolute love

Heung Jin is the second son; I am the third son. Therefore, I was very close to Heung Jin. He had a great influence on me, and on all of my brothers and sisters. My experience with Heung Jin Nim is very personal. That's why I'm burning inside when I testify about Heung Jin Nim. When I share about him, I don't want what I say to just go through your heads so that you go back the next day to your old state again!

I have 13 beautiful brothers and sisters, and we're all the product of True Parents' absolute love. We would rather not even live without absolute unity with True Parents! My brothers and sisters do not see value in themselves apart from True Parents. They only want to end True Parents' suffering path and help restore this fallen world back to God. That is their whole purpose and motive, because they come from True Parents' ideal foundation. Even if they have to suffer physically, they live only for True Parents.

Pretend you weren't Unification Church members. If I met you on the street and asked you, "Who would you say was the closest to you?" you would naturally say, "My parents, because their blood is flowing through my veins." Even with the shallow standard of the fallen world, people recognize the value of their parents. With a true standard, how much more would we see value in our parents? You have to understand this clearly. When you look at True Parents, you shouldn't see them just as great religious figures; you should see them as your parents! Then nothing will stop you from inheriting their absolute love.

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Father has said that if he had had 100 true Unification Church members, the foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven would have already been established. As I look around this room, I see more than 100 people. Why hasn't this foundation already been made? You ask yourselves. You have an original mind; you have a conscience. You are the best judge.

You have to inherit True Parents' love. I know all of my brothers and sisters would gladly give up their lives, even their own families, to help you understand this, just as Heung Jin Nim did. We would probably fight with each other to see who could sacrifice the most in order to help you understand and inherit the true standard.

How about you?

This is the beginning of a new year—1988. Father has declared the importance of the three years of 1986, 1987, and 1988. This year is the culmination of these three years. If you create a perfect, pure foundation this year, God can bestow great victories upon you, as members of the Unification Church.

Many of you have been in confession with Heung Jin Nim, right? You were cleansed of all the sins you had committed. Not only that, but Father himself clearly stated that from the beginning of this year, he has forgiven all of you for all the sins you committed. This is the foundation you

need in order to make a new beginning of total, absolute love for True Parents and for God. You should capitalize on this foundation!

As a member of True Family, I can see firsthand how Father, even in his old age, pushes himself physically to the utmost to fulfill God's providence. That shows me how much more I have to do to vindicate True Parents. How about you?

Anyway, words cannot capture the essence of what Heung Jin means to every one of us. As a member of the True Family, all I can say about him is that he was the embodiment of true love, and he lived to create the true love foundation. Thank you. □

"MAKE EVERY DAY A TRUE LOVE VICTORY DAY"

by Hyo Jin Moon
January 2, 1988
World Mission Center

WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU MUST TAKE THE FIRE OF true love with you. It should be like an enormous torch that all the human race can see. You are the children of God; you exist within God's domain, within God's love. When you love somebody, you want to embrace them, right? You want to embrace your wife, your child. Love is like that. In order for us to exist within true love, we must be living within God's embrace, not outside of it. That means we must be living within True Parents' embrace.

Whatever problems you have within your family, you can solve them with love. The more you give, the more you will see results. If you give a certain amount and you still aren't breaking through with your wife, then just give a little more. If that doesn't work, then give more! You've got eternal love, right? So there's no limit to how much you can love. How much are you going to substantiate true love in your daily life? That's what's important. That's the essence of taking responsibility.

Become people of true love

If every man and woman knew true love, there would be no problems within marriages. Your wife may be physically unattractive, but she has everything; it's just the arrangement that is kind of awkward. Because she has everything, you must be grateful! Just imagine her with no nose! True love is unlimited. When God sees that you are making true love a reality within your family, overcoming all limitations, will He be angry or ecstatic? He will be absolutely overjoyed! Every man knows what external beauty is, right? But it is not as easy to grasp the beauty of true love. It's our

responsibility to become people of true love. We need this physical body to experience true love. How close are we going to get to Heavenly Father? That depends completely on how much we can fulfill our responsibility in our life.

Many people who received revelations about the coming of True Parents actually failed Father. He was denied by the very people chosen to receive him. The Korean people put Father in jail and tortured him and even tried to kill him. He's been put into prison six times in his life, yet he came out victorious every time. You are here because of True Parents' victorious foundation. If Father had not been able to succeed in his course, I don't know how long humanity would continue to suffer. You should be grateful that you have Father, that Father established the true love victory foundation as an example for you.

Today is a happy day and a great day. So you should have a grateful heart, okay? You must know that we are all together in this. All of us in my family are absolutely united, and you must be absolutely united too. Are you going to live up to the promise that you made yesterday? [See Hyo Jin Nim's *God's Day midnight speech*, TW, February '88.] Let me see your hands.

This year we must live up to our words. If we can't live up to our words, we can't reach the standard of true love. You have promised to do this for True Parents and Heavenly Father. I am your witness today! Be a true man and be a true woman. I will believe in you, and I know that Father believes in you.

Don't let me down! If you hate me, you can hurt me. But even if you hurt me, I'm not going to be weak. That's a promise! I will give no opportunity for Satan to get the better of me. Don't allow yourself to be weak. Don't allow

Satan to take advantage of you. I'm living for the sake of true love. Am I going to let physical, external things distract me from this goal? Would I allow myself to become overwhelmed by petty limitations? You're armed with true love. How can you let any of Satan's puny obstacles bother you? Don't let anything stop you!

God will rejuvenate you

What if the ideal had been realized in the beginning? We wouldn't need Parents' Day, Children's Day, or the Day of All Things. Every day would be Heavenly Father's Day—*Hananimui Nal*. That's what Father said. Every day should be a celebration of God's Day, so every day should be a celebration of the victory of true love. Remind yourself of that every morning! I do. Sometimes I'm physically wiped out, but I tell myself, "Okay, today's another true love victory day!"

Satan has the edge over you in this physical lifetime. The only thing that can overcome Satan is true love. If you substantiate true love every day of your life, there's no way Satan can mess you up. When you've exhausted yourself for the sake of true love, God will rejuvenate you. Try to have the standard to give first, instead of first wanting to receive. Then that standard will eventually become a part of you.

Today is a very happy day. You must carry this joy and happiness throughout the rest of the year, okay? If Father

and Mother were here, they would have given you more love! I'm sorry, but I am trying my best! No, I *did* my best!

Whenever Father's speeches come out in *Today's World* or anywhere else, you should find time to read them, no matter what. Anyone who doesn't like coming to listen to Father's words or learn about true love is a fake person. You should want to read and listen to Father's words as much as possible. Having that kind of attitude is very precious to God.

If you give a certain amount and you still aren't breaking through with your wife, then just give a little more. If that doesn't work, then give more!

With true love, it doesn't matter how much of it you get, it always feels good. I'm sure you don't get tired of the love you receive from your husband or wife, right? It always fulfills you and makes you happy. So carry the spirit of true love with you all year long. You promised, right?

Thank you, and God bless you. □

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Hyo Jin Nim asks, "Are you going to live up to the promise you made yesterday?" Members raise their hands in affirmation of their pledge that they will live a life of true love.

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THE HEART OF A LEADER

by Rev. Won Pil Kim

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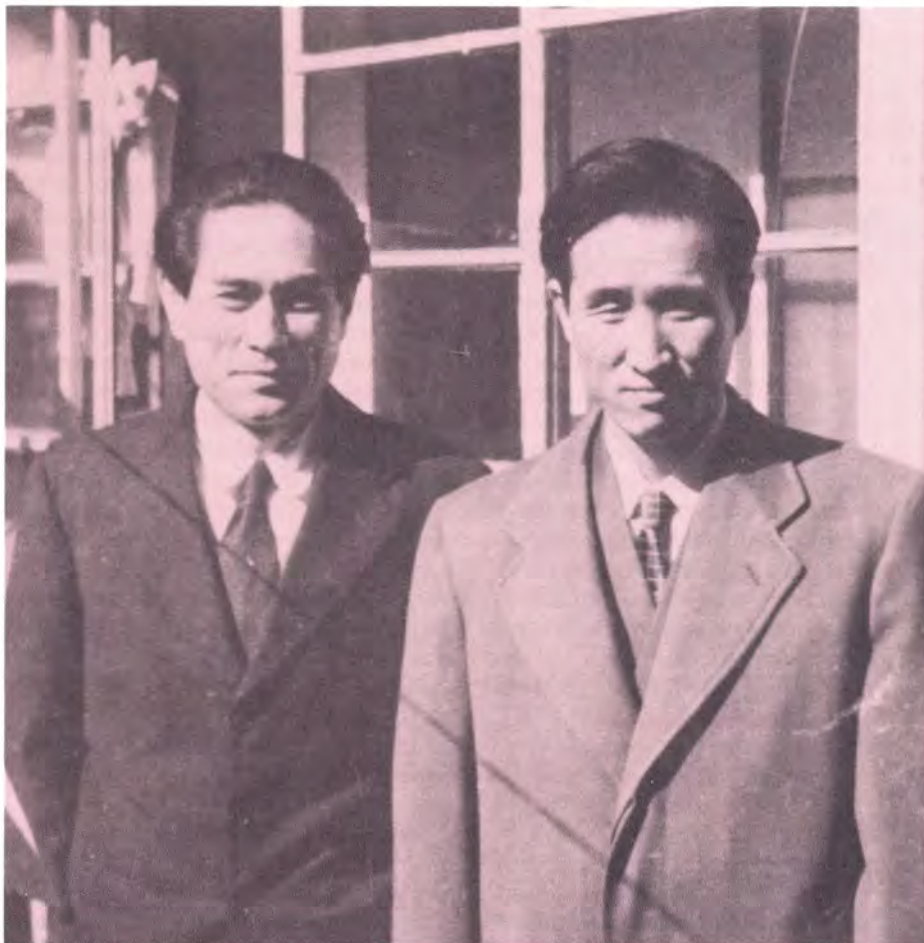
THE LATE MR. HYO WON EU, THE first president of the Unification Church of Korea, was a person of great loyalty to True Parents. He had a deep heart, but he was also very strict. When Mr. Eu saw brothers and sisters doing anything unprincipled, he would point it out to them right away. Members who had done something wrong had a difficult time with Mr. Eu.

Mr. Eu was also a sick man. He suffered from an abdominal illness that was very hard on him, especially when he had to give lectures. On one occasion he became seriously ill and had to undergo an operation. Then he had to stay in bed for a week until he was healed. After his operation I went to see him in his room, and in trying to comfort him I said, "It must be difficult for you to stay in your room for such a long time." Normally, when someone gives comforting words to a sick person, that person responds warmly with appreciation.

If a leader appointed by Father makes a mistake, Father pays the indemnity, because he feels that he himself allowed this leader to act in the wrong way.

But not Mr. Eu! He put aside my concern in a seemingly cold manner, saying, "I don't have any problem with it." He had often experienced lying in bed for long periods, so he was used to it, he said. He spent his free time in bed studying the Principle.

I myself knew him very well. He lived and spoke according to the Prin-



Mr. Hyo Won Eu and Father.

ciple. The image I have of him is actually one of a gentle, heartistic person, and this feeling about him has stayed with me even after his death. However, since he had an aspect of strictness in his character, anybody who didn't really know Mr. Eu felt that sharpness more than warmth from him.

A humble attitude

One time when Father was away from the city doing itinerary work, some staff members started talking about the strict aspect of Mr. Eu's character, wishing he would change it somewhat. Since Father was absent, they came to me to discuss this point, suggesting that we should choose

another person to be president of the Unification Church. I raised two points with them. First, I asked them if they had shared honestly about their feelings with Mr. Eu himself. Because the difficulty existed between them and Mr. Eu, it should be discussed and resolved between them. If those members had humbly gone to Mr. Eu and honestly expressed their feelings, I believe the problem could have been easily solved, especially because Mr. Eu was the type of person who could accept the words and opinions of others. Secondly, I stressed that Mr. Eu had been put in that position not by us but by God. Even if he had something wrong in his character, or if some aspect were

lacking, it was not our responsibility to remove him from his position.

I told them the story of Saul and David. In the Old Testament we learn that King Saul, the first king of Judea, became jealous of David when God's heart began moving more and more toward David. Saul sought to kill David, but David always managed to escape. David knew that God's favor was on him, yet he acknowledged that since Saul had been anointed by God, he should never fight back. One time David was hiding in a cave and Saul happened to come into that cave to relieve himself. David could have easily killed Saul right then, but instead he just cut off the edge of his cloak. Without realizing his cloak had been cut, Saul came out of the cave, and then David emerged, bowed to him, and showed him the piece of cloth he had cut. King Saul recognized that David had had the perfect opportunity to kill him, yet had refrained. Saul said, "So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day." Because David could look at Saul through God's eyes, and was willing to allow the fulfillment of God's will in God's way, God could later anoint David as king. [See 1 Samuel 24.]

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From this story we can learn that even if we feel something is lacking in a leader—for example, if we see in him too much strictness and not enough warmth—we are not the ones to change the leadership. So what should we do in such a case? We should think, "How can I help my leader mature and complete his character?"

After I gave them this advice, the staff members, instead of first thinking deeply and repenting about their

attitude, went directly to Mr. Eu. When he realized what they felt about him, his pride was hurt, and he wanted to move out right away; he started to pack his things to go out pioneering. At that moment Father returned. He wasn't happy to see what was going on, and he stopped Mr. Eu from leaving. He spoke very strongly to the staff members, telling them their hasty way of thinking was not correct.

Father feels responsible

Let us think about our own situation. Father has anointed each one of our leaders. We know that sometimes they do not take care of members in the ideal way. When leaders lack something in their character, the members suffer because of that, in the same way a patient has to suffer when an inexperienced doctor cannot treat and cure him. Even if a member comes to Father with complaints about his leader, still Father cannot take away the leader's dignity by simply removing him from his position, because he is Father's representative. If a leader appointed by Father makes a mistake or cannot fulfill his portion of responsibility, Father pays the indemnity, because he feels that he himself allowed this leader to act in the wrong way. Father takes that much responsibility for us. That's why we have to really become one with Father and respond to Father's heart. However, although Father takes responsibility for whatever we do, we cannot simply say, "Oh, Father will take all the responsibility for me so I don't care what happens afterwards." This is not the way we should think or act.

Father thinks seriously before he appoints someone to a leadership position, and he tries to keep those whom he has appointed in the same position for many years. Before he has to change a leader to some other mission, he lets the person know, even though it may be indirectly. Father may hint he is considering a change up to one or two years before the actual change—which is what happened to me. When Father tells a leader that he is going to be changed, the leader should reflect upon what he has been doing and ask himself, "Am I following Father's direction and taking care of the members well?" If he strives harder to succeed in his

mission after that, there may not be any change after all. But if he doesn't try harder, Father may indeed have to change him after a period of time.

Of course, when Father wants to bring a particular leader to a higher level, he also will let him know beforehand of a possible change. Actually, any time Father changes a leader to another responsibility, he always tries to convey a feeling that the leader is going to a better, more wonderful mission.

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Sometimes a leader may change a member's mission simply because he doesn't like that person anymore, and without letting the member know he is going to be changed. If the leader's attitude is like this, the member will not be able to understand God's heart or feel God's love through that leader, and a feeling of fear may develop. He may fear that if he says something that displeases the leader, the leader might send him away to another mission. That's why, in many cases, members are afraid to express their feelings and heart to their leaders and may close their minds completely towards them. However, we should also understand that leaders may act in this way because they are so serious about fulfilling the mission they were given. Those of us who are leaders must learn from Father so that when we have to change a member's mission, we do it with the same attitude Father has.

Who owns your happiness?

Leaders must deeply consider how they are to fulfill the will of God both in their mission and in taking care of their members. In order for leaders to fulfill the mission that is given to them, they have to work through

their members. Actually, their members are the ones who will fulfill the mission and thus fulfill the will of God. If the members start to lose their will to accomplish the goal, the mission in that center or district or nation cannot be fulfilled, and the leader cannot fulfill his responsibility either. Thus the members are in a way leaders to the leader, and of course, the leader is the leader. Everyone is a leader!

The leader, as Abel, is the one who gives comfort, happiness, and power to the members first. However, the happiness, the power, and the energy of the leader are actually not in his hands, but come from the positive response of his members. It is easy to think that the leader has the most happiness and can make the members feel happy and powerful, but it's the other way around. The members own the happiness and power and energy of the leader. We often miss this fact.



Rev. Won Pil Kim

When brothers and sisters don't really listen or follow, the leader becomes unhappy and powerless and finds it very difficult to be the leader. When this happens, the leader cannot fulfill his responsibility as a leader, and then his own Abel has to change that leader to another mission. A leader can keep his position as a leader only when he gives happiness and power to the members and the members in turn respond positively to him.

Similarly in a marriage, the power and energy of the husband is actually not in his own hands, but in the hands of his wife, and vice versa. But if I want to get happiness and power from my wife without giving it first, and my wife feels the same, neither of us will ever be happy. However, if I first give happiness to my spouse, then I will also gain. This is the same principle that applies to leaders and members.

It also applies to business relationships. In a business, the master of the manager is always the customer. Unless the manager gives happiness first to the customer, he will not get the customer's business; in other words, he won't have happiness returned to him.

Both strictness and love

The Principle is strict, and within the Principle itself there is no forgiveness. So God created the universe in such a way that love is more powerful than the Principle; because it is only with love that there can be forgiveness. In a family, there are father and mother. The father more clearly represents the Principle, while the mother more clearly represents love. If there is only softness and love in a family, there is no stability or structure. That is like an animal with flesh and no bones. Children need both discipline and love. When the father says to the children, "No, it shouldn't be this way," very strictly, the mother says to the father, "Don't be so strict with the children." Flesh and bone have to always stick together. Of course, when you speak about the Principle, you can be very strict; but afterwards you have to embrace with love.

Towards those members who have a loving or soft nature, a leader should show a more strict Principle aspect. When a member is inflexible and doesn't show much love, the leader has to treat him with a more embracing attitude. It is not good when a leader, who may be very loving, cannot really speak out when a member is doing something wrong. A leader has to be able to point that out to the member and explain very clearly what's wrong without hesitating.

Sometimes a leader may say to a particular member, "What you are doing is not good; it is very satanic." Nobody likes to be told he is satanic; everyone is trying, from their point

of view, to do good. Since Satan is the one who gives suffering to God, "satanic" means something that cannot please God's heart. Instead of saying, "You are satanic," it is better to say things like, "If you keep doing this, God won't be happy and He will suffer," or "God will cry and Father will cry because of this."

When we have difficulty in forgiving certain members, it means we still don't possess God's love.

A leader who has a complaining member may sometimes say in front of the other members, "There is someone here who is complaining. This is no good. You should not complain." If he says this only in front of the brothers and sisters, it's not that bad, but if the leader says it during a public service, it is much worse. This kind of sermon or talk will never give life or inspiration to the congregation or bring unity among the members. God can forgive or overlook both these cases, but sometimes the leader even talks about his problems with complaining members out loud in his prayer. God will never accept this kind of prayer. A man of God is one who has a heart like God and doesn't criticize when he finds somebody doing something wrong.

This is also a criterion by which we can measure if a religion is good or not. Religion starts with forgiveness toward one's enemies. If a particular religion criticizes other religions, it cannot truly lead people to God.

The capacity to forgive

In order for anyone to be able to forgive another, he must have a higher standard than the other. Suppose I have \$1,000 and I lend \$100 to someone and he loses it; then I get upset and find it very hard to forgive that person, because I am not that wealthy. But suppose I lend another person

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CHAPEL DEDICATION

by Tamara Grapek

Based on an article by Richard Lewis.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, January 10, 1988, in a moving ceremony attended by New York area members and specially invited ministers and VIPs, the renovated headquarters chapel of the Unification Church of America, located at 4 West 43rd Street in Manhattan, was newly dedicated to God.

In the spirit of his commitment to take responsibility for True Parents in their absence, Hyo Jin Nim, with Nan Sook Nim at his side, cut the ribbon to open the dedication ceremony. He then delivered a stirring and profound talk to all the members and distinguished guests [see next page].

The building was originally designed as a hotel with a large central courtyard into which horse-drawn carriages entered. Columbia University bought the property and later transformed the courtyard into a ballroom. Now it is the spacious chapel of our church.

**"Man is recreated
by the Word, and in
offering himself to God,
everywhere he goes
becomes a place where
God dwells."**

After many months of round-the-clock restoration work, the black tar roof has been replaced with a gleaming copper one, the ceiling and walls have been restored, a central air-conditioning and heating unit is now in place, and a sophisticated sound system with the capability of simultaneous translation into Spanish and Japanese is in operation.



Hyo Jin Nim delivers his speech at the dedication of the National Headquarters Chapel. To his right sit, left to right: Rev. Ken Sudo, Mr. Antonio Betancourt, Rev. Takeru Kamiyama, Rev. Lorman Lykes, and President Mose Durst. Behind him sits Nan Sook Nim.

A time of sanctification

Dr. Mose Durst, president of the Unification Church of America, gave the main sermon, entitled "Dedication, Sanctification, and Offering." Pointing out that this building stands just two blocks away from the sordid reality of Times Square, President Durst said that, although we can see the divine in nature, we do not often sense that holy presence in the city. Now "we come together this afternoon to dedicate, to sanctify, and to offer a time, a place, and a people to God." He continued:

The house of the Lord is meant to be all places, all times, in which dwell all people. All things must be set apart, made holy, and offered to God, according to His purpose and desire, if we are to dwell in His house....

People in New York often feel alone in the midst of a crowd. I don't feel a holy presence as I enter into the busy offices on Sixth Avenue. If the world is indeed meant to be—all of it—the sacred creation of God, then all places are meant to be celebrated as places where we can feel the divine presence. Rev. and Mrs. Moon teach us that every place must be

"CARRY THE SPIRIT"

by Hyo Jin Moon

*Speech at the Dedication of the Headquarters Chapel
of the Unification Church of America.*

IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO STAND TODAY IN FRONT of so many distinguished ministers and people of social importance gathered here to celebrate this occasion together with our Unification Church members.

I truly feel that the purpose of churches and places like this building is to allow people to feel the true freedom of God and the true love of God—love that is absolute, unchanging, unconditional, and eternal. Thus this place should be the most happy place, where every person who comes here can clearly see and feel what an ideal standard of love is. If every individual in this place substantiates the love of God 100 percent, then the love of God will be tangible to all who come here. This is a great occasion, because it represents a new dedication of our hearts as well as the dedication of this beautiful place. This is a time for us to dedicate and commit ourselves completely toward setting an absolute standard of love.

Heavenly Father needs people who will be committed to absolute love and will take action to embody it. He never meant the fall of man to occur, but because of His true love, He has been working desperately to save and restore the human race. He wants to change the fallen lineage of mankind back to His lineage. We have the responsibility to live up to Heavenly Father's standard. That is the only way to inherit the true love of God and receive the three blessings that we have learned about through the Principle. Only then can man and woman come together and be fruitful and have true dominion over the creation. We must set an absolute standard of love, and we must follow Heavenly Father's way absolutely, unconditionally. To make an ideal society with a value system based upon true love, we ourselves must become ideal men and women.

We have to take responsibility for our own mistakes and not blame Heavenly Father; our wrongdoings need to be indemnified. There is no such thing as unconditional forgiveness. If there were such a thing, God should have given it at the moment Adam and Eve fell. As the creator, He can do anything! But He couldn't, because we have our portion of responsibility.

We should be grateful even if Heavenly Father makes us go the path of suffering. Consider Abraham's situation. God commanded Abraham to kill Isaac and offer his beloved son to Him! Abraham was absolutely determined to carry out God's command, but at the moment he was

about to strike Isaac, an angel came and stopped him. The angel could stop him because Abraham had set an absolute standard of true love.

What about Jesus? He unconditionally gave his life on the cross, for the sake of Heavenly Father. He did it gratefully, trusting God completely. The founder of Unification Church, Rev. Moon, lives by this tradition. It is the kind of tradition that all Unification Church members must inherit, cherish, and be proud of.

Heavenly Father needs people who can live their lives unconditionally for the sake of true love and even be willing to die, if necessary. Satan has so many people who are willing to sacrifice their very blood and everything they value for the sake of the satanic ideology of communism. What shall we do as God's children? We have to be more committed to God than they are committed to Satan. That is the only way to restore them and get them to change. That's the only way to win over communism and overcome Satan. There should absolutely be only Heavenly Father, no Satan.

This is a time of new dedication for our members, so let's not complain about anything anymore! The ministers here are inspired to work for God, but we can't just sit around and let them take all the responsibility. No, we've got to do more. As we offer this place to Heavenly Father, we must make an unconditional offering of our hearts as well. From this day on, we must carry this spirit and try to do more each day, or else this dedication ceremony is meaningless.

I am very grateful for all the distinguished guests who came to this celebration. This is our time to make a change, and I believe with all my heart that we can do it. I want to take more and more responsibility upon my own shoulders for the sake of Heavenly Father and bear my parents' responsibility as much as I can. I'll try my best to be worthy to carry out Father's mission and responsibility. And you must do the same, because this is a family. Our Heavenly Father is longing to see the ideal world of one family.

As the eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, I am trying my best to convey what I believe they feel inside and want to share with you at this moment. I don't know if I did a good job or not, but you can tell my father when he comes back! Thank you very much. □

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dedicated and offered to God, because God wants His love and truth to dwell everywhere....

When I met Rev. Moon for the first time in my life, I met a man with moral passion who tried to live the ideal. He awakened my original nature. I realized that man is re-

created by the word, and in offering himself to God, everywhere he goes becomes a place where God dwells....

Today we come as people who seek restoration. We stand filled with a desire to love and to make all things holy, and a passion to overcome all obstacles.

Rev. Ken Sudo, pastor of the New York City church, explained in his remarks that "God wanted to live in man as His temple. Because of sin, God needs another temple," which are the churches and chapels of the world. He dedicated himself "to work so that

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ICUS PROGRESSES GENERATING HOPE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Interview with James Baughman

The following are excerpts from an interview Victoria Clevenger conducted with James Baughman, executive director of the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, after the 16th ICUS in Atlanta, Georgia, held November 26-29, 1987.

Victoria: How and why did ICUS start, and what is special about it?

James: In 1972 an American scholar by the name of Edward Haskell thought of holding a conference for the purpose of unifying all thought and all sciences. Father heard about his idea and decided to support him, because he seemed to be a person prepared to fulfill a goal that Father had envisioned many years earlier. At that time there was hardly any financial base in America, and the organizers had to search hard to find the funds

to support this conference. It finally took place in the prestigious and traditional Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. Twenty participants attended from eight nations. There were no other similar international projects for scholars at that time. PWPA had only just begun in Korea in 1968 or 1969 as one of Father's first initiatives to bring Korean and Japanese scholars into dialogue.

Most academic conferences are held only within one certain discipline. Father's thinking is that in order to actually solve the world's problems,

people have to look at the whole world and each problem from the perspective of every aspect of human life. For instance, an issue such as solving the problems of large cities is not just a sociological issue; it is also a religious, cultural, political, educational, technological, economic, and moral issue. At ICUS, scientists and scholars come together from different nations, different cultures, and different disciplines, and are forced to tolerate each other and listen to each other. Hopefully, they come to respect each other's point of view. With this kind of diver-



True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim at the VIP dinner at ICUS XVI.

sity, it is incredible what ideas they can come up with! Trying to understand the validity of all the others' perspectives compels each participant to be humble and to realize that he understands only a part of reality, and not the whole of it. That is why the participants are so excited about ICUS, and why it is so unique.

Father respects and appreciates scholars because, by the nature of their professions, they are searching for truth, not for money or power.

Those chosen to be committee chairpersons (there are usually about seven committees at each ICUS) create their committees in the manner they think best, within the scope of the two ICUS themes: "Science and Values" and "Unity of Knowledge." We provide the vision and the support; scholars who resonate with that vision provide the expertise, theories, and knowledge. ICUS gives the scholars an opportunity to do a project that they may have wanted to do for a long time, but for which they never had the means. In a sense, we give them a grant and a forum in order to allow them to fulfill their goals.

Victoria: Why do you think Father always attends these conferences?

James: Father respects and appreciates scholars because, by the nature of their professions, they are searching for truth, not for money or power. The ideal of academia is to seek truth for the sake of truth itself, and to

apply truth to create a better world. Scholars are on the "cutting edge" of progress. Throughout history, scholars have endured persecution from the churches, the established academic community, and society, all of which often did not like to hear about new ideas. Father wants to be at every conference so that he can nurture, inspire, and pray for the participants. Every year the scholars receive a little more insight from True Parents as to how all scholars can work together to bring about world peace and the betterment of humankind. Father really loves the scholars a lot. In fact, True Parents as well as the participants

feel that ICUS is like a large family. Father recognizes a purity in scientists and scholars that businessmen, politicians, and other "technicians" of society do not always emulate.

Scholars are also a central concern for Father because he sees them as pioneers in building the substantial, technological Kingdom on earth and as the ones who will educate the coming generations. In the future, some of them may even be invited to teach at the new international university that is being planned, a project being partially developed out of ICUS. This international university is envisioned to have campuses all over the world. The professors who will teach in these schools will be those who have been involved with ICUS and are seeking a truly interdisciplinary, international, and value-oriented approach to educating future world citizens.

We see God as the author of truth, so if these scientists are really searching for truth, one day they will logically come to a point of collision with its source and will recognize that God exists. This is especially evident in the physical sciences. Many physicists are almost willing now to accept the idea that something other than this physical world must exist. Social scientists, especially the psychologists and soci-

ologists, tend to be atheists or agnostics. Biologists also are less apt to accept the possibility of a God, since they feel that they themselves can manipulate life. Various polls and surveys lend evidence to support this. Nevertheless, Father brings scholars from all disciplines—including those in the fields of religion, philosophy, culture, and the arts—to dialogue, in the hopes that they might all discover the source and unity of truth.

Victoria: How has the size of the conference evolved?

James: When ICUS began, the organizers sent hundreds of invitations just to get a few participants to come. Now it's just the opposite; I get stacks of letters from people saying that they want to come to ICUS. From 1972 to 1981, the conferences became larger each year, although in 1974 and 1975 there was a drastic drop in attendance by Nobel laureates and key participants because of negative American publicity about the church. But some scholars, such as Eugene Wigner, Sir John Eccles, and Robert Mulliken kept coming despite the adversity. In 1981, the conference in Seoul had about 1,000 participants. After that, the scholars suggested a maximum of about 220-240 per conference. They wanted it smaller in order to have more serious work sessions. It was difficult to have a

focused discussion with 300 people sitting in a room, but now, with committees of 30-35 people, you can have a pretty decent discussion. Each conference is composed of about 50 percent new participants and 50 percent returning attendees.

A lot of key scholars still do not come to the conference because of prejudice against Father and the church. One of their excuses is that they feel they will have no academic

the internal goals of ICUS. During the first few years, Father gave us only a general goal to fulfill. Nevertheless, he consistently spoke about absolute values and the unity of the sciences in his annual Founder's Address. The theme of the first ICUS was "Moral Orientation of the Sciences." Following that, the themes were: "Modern Science and Moral Values," "Science and Absolute Values," "The Centrality of Science and Absolute

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freedom at the conference. But in fact, ICUS provides a forum for greater freedom than what is often found in their own conferences or those sponsored by other groups, which always have certain set agendas. Participants often tell me this, and I have experienced the biases myself at other professional meetings. At ICUS, no one group or stance controls the meeting.

Victoria: How did the process of organizing each conference develop?

James: In the beginning it was very difficult to clarify for the participants

Values," "The Search for Absolute Values," and "Harmony Among the Sciences." For many months, Glenn Strait and I studied Father's talks and asked Rev. Kwak a lot of questions. Based on this research, we identified the two themes that seemed to be recurring constantly throughout ICUS: "Science and Values" and "Unity of Knowledge." After that we could explain these themes to the committee chairpersons so they could develop their committees around them.

Once we had clearly established the themes, organizing the conferences became very exciting. Committee chairpersons were asked: 1) to deal with an issue not just from the perspective of a single discipline but from international and interdisciplinary perspectives; and 2) to focus on absolute values and to try to find ways of solving the world's problems based on those values.

We developed a handbook for participants, explaining their responsibilities. We made it such that everybody who was invited to ICUS had a specific role, either as a paper writer or as a discussant. It was not difficult to find participants who were committed to do their work seriously in the context of the main themes.

A relatively recent development is that we now start working on each ICUS meeting a year and a half beforehand. In the past, the organizers had less than a year to put the conference together. As a consequence, some of the best people could not always attend because they had already



Rev. C.H. Kwak gives guidance to the staff of the 16th ICUS.

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scheduled things two or three years in advance. Also those who did agree to write papers could not always produce the best quality in the short time provided.

The short preparation time also made it difficult for the core ICUS staff or secretariat, and the support staff to do anything except handle the technical details, like hotel reservations, flights, etc. There was no way we could adequately help in the internal development of the ICUS committees. But it was important for us to develop a professional relationship with the scholars so that they would look at us not just as their secretarial help but as colleagues. Fortunately, we now have a conference services department to deal with the hotel, meals, and travel, so that the secretariat can focus more on the program development of the conference.

Victoria: How are the committee topics chosen?

James: One of the most important aspects of our growth was the creation in 1985 of a Planning Board, composed of 15 scholars from past ICUS participants. The Board is chosen by the ICF Board of Directors and is designed to create an international,

interdisciplinary body that can give recommendations and pass on to the participants a clear understanding of the meaning of the ICUS themes. The Planning Board recommends the programs, committees, and topics for each conference, but the ICF Board of Directors, chaired by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, makes the final decisions.

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All Planning Board members have a three-year term, and the terms are staggered, which means that five new people come in every year. This way we create an ever-growing circle of core scholars who will support and guide the ICUS project.

The Planning Board is concerned with three areas: 1) organization of each conference; 2) publications such as the *International Journal on the Unity of the Sciences*, and 3) long-range goals and research, such as finding new participants, new sources of income, and new ways to promote ICUS. So

far we have been quite fortunate to have very good people serve on the Board.

In the late spring of every year there is a Planning Board meeting [see *Today's World*, July 1987] to plan the ICUS for the following year. This spring we will plan the 1990 ICUS, since we will now hold the conference once every two years. Before this meeting, we send out about 70 invitations to top scholars who have shown interest in being committee chairpersons, and ask them to propose a committee topic based on certain guidelines. From the responses, the Planning Board recommends the next program and the seven committee chairpersons. There is always a lot of discussion in the Planning Board meeting about what combination of topics would be best, to make each ICUS as a whole a good conference. Father has asked that every year we have one committee on the environment, one committee on ecumenical philosophy, and one committee dealing with the broad issue of "religion and science," or "spirit and science."

Father trusts the Planning Board to come up with the right people and the right program. And he trusts us, the secretariat, to give all the participants the insight and background they need to be able to fulfill his vision. At our spring meeting we discuss in depth the ICUS vision and how to advance its themes in future

meetings and projects. In order to encourage the participants to write papers and committee proposals with the two themes of ICUS in mind, the conference organizers themselves first need to recognize the importance of the two themes. Dr. Kenneth Mellanby, among others, did much to remind participants who got off on a tangent to consider how their topic contributes to the main themes. The committee chairpersons have to lead the way. We hope that by following their leads, the paper writers will not only contribute to the themes but



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will also connect in heart with Father's vision for ICUS.

When the committee chairpersons are chosen, they themselves invite the other participants. We assist in providing names in order to help them develop an international committee. We send various committee proposals to the missionaries around the world who serve as ICF representatives, and ask them to recommend PWPA contacts or other scholars from their countries.

Father always chooses the overall conference chairperson, usually someone recommended by the Planning Board. He decides what the annual theme will be, and he also chooses the conference location. The secretariat suggests several places, but Father usually comes up with another that turns out to be just right.

Every year at the end of ICUS we publish an annual report. Its purpose is to keep participants connected, especially since many are not able to attend the conference each year. It also contains a call for papers and an advertisement for the ICUS Journal and other ICUS publications.

Victoria: How do you decide when a conference is a success? What do you

do spiritually and physically to try to make it a success?

James: We had great success at the 16th ICUS in Atlanta in that a large majority of the conference papers addressed the two ICUS themes in very serious and sincere ways. Now we want to encourage everyone who participates to contribute seriously to the themes.

now more about the spiritual world and the need for the unity between religion and science.

Victoria: What does the ICUS staff pray for?

James: Every year, we pray for the success of ICUS and the protection of Father. We pray that Father will have a good experience, that he will be

It was important for us to develop a professional relationship with the scholars so that they would look at us not just as their secretarial help but as colleagues.

Many of the professors are actually taking the responsibility of ICUS upon themselves, and they are ready to work very hard to fulfill the ICUS vision. Father got very excited when he heard this! However, he said we have not done enough yet. He said that if these people just shake Father's hand and use the ICUS resources for their own purposes without knowing enough about Father, they will have deepest regrets in the future. He said that we have to dialogue with them

inspired by the environment at each ICUS location, and more so by the dedication of the participants. We also pray to find opportunities for the scholars to do something for Father, knowing that they want to express their appreciation for the Founder but are not always sure how to go about it. (We usually suggest some kind of gift or plaque, but we let them decide.) The secretariat is, among other things, in a position to present Father to the scholars and the schol-

ars to Father. Their deep regard for him and his vision is what we pray for each year.

In the early years, when the ICUS headquarters was at Belvedere, the staff would go out to the Holy Rock and pray every night. Even though our office is now in New York City, we still sometimes go to Belvedere and pray for several hours until midnight in order to connect with that tradition.

We were fortunate that Heung Jin Nim arrived in New York the weekend before this last ICUS. We had a profound experience with him that we did not expect at all. We were determined to take that spirit to ICUS, and we kept Heung Jin Nim's schedule all the way through. I believe strongly that because of that effort in prayer and in keeping the schedule, ICUS was a great success this year. Many of the scholars expressed that this year was their most beautiful experience at ICUS so far. Father also seemed very excited and happy, although he is never fully satisfied, because he knows we can always do more. Through our prayers, we paid indemnity and laid the foundation for all the participants to come into a greater harmony than they had ever experienced before. I think Father was inspired to see that we had reached a different level.

Victoria: You have been the executive director of ICUS since 1983. What has been your personal experience as director?

James: I have actually been with every ICUS since 1976, when I first worked as a driver. Since then, I've seen many miracles happen. At this year's VIP dinner I sat next to a participant with whom I had had an interesting experience during my first ICUS—as it turned out, his first ICUS as well. I reminded him that I had driven him from the airport to the hotel and he had been very critical and pessimistic about what he was about to experience. He laughed and said, "Oh, you were the one!" Later he testified to the other participants that he had grown through ICUS with me, since our courses started at the same time. It is true that we have both changed in amazing ways since that first time, and I feel very close to him now. His name is Richard Rubenstein.

On a more external level, as con-

ference director I have learned how to organize complex meetings and conferences. I would like to develop an "ICUS Handbook," a manual on how ICUS organizes conferences! Internally, I have gained an incredible amount from my experience with the professors. In ICUS I have learned what it means to love others as my own family—to love elderly people as my own parents or grandparents, and

their scientific achievements. I remember that Father told us when I was at the Seminary that our responsibility as students is to inherit our teachers' foundation and then become greater than they are. Father wants this for us so that we can enhance the lives of the next generation. This opportunity for inheriting these scholars' wisdom and knowledge is, I would say, a definite agenda of ICUS.

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to love people near my own age as my own brothers and sisters. My wife and I are developing bonds of heart with many of the participants that will never dissolve.

Some skeptical people say that ICUS has a "hidden agenda." It is true; ICUS does have an agenda, but I wouldn't say it is hidden. Father has asked the staff to not only make sure that the themes of ICUS are addressed but also to inherit the knowledge, the traditions, and the culture of these scientists—our elders—who have worked so hard for so many years for

I have learned a lot from many of the ICUS participants, by personally visiting them around the world. They have invited me into their living rooms and prepared meals for me. My purpose is to come and talk about their committees, but they often share with me their deep insights about their personal beliefs, aspirations, and concerns about life. How often do students in universities have this kind of experience with renowned professors from all over the world?

Victoria: How is Father guiding ICUS now?



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James: After each conference Father always says that we did a good job, but then he chastises us for not doing enough. Every year Father gives us one more challenge to accomplish—something that will bring us closer to his core idea for ICUS. There is always something that we had not thought of or did not quite fulfill. So with his guidance every year, Father refines and builds on our understanding of what ICUS is all about.

Victoria: Have you made any mistakes that you have learned from?

James: I am sure there are many, but there is one mistake I seem to make every year. I do not always believe 100 percent that I can fulfill Father's expectations. Every year Father asks for something that, to me, seems far beyond what the participants can

James: Our greatest blessing in ICUS is our opportunity to have some very intimate experiences with the True Family. Several times I have been invited to share a meal with Father and Mother. In such a setting Father might ask me questions, give direct advice, or ask me to report; or we may talk and sing songs. It's been an important opportunity for me to learn how to give Father a report that

that he envied me, because I know his father as the Messiah. He said, "When you are too close to the tree, you can't get the whole picture or see how valuable it is." I feel Hyo Jin Nim has now succeeded in knowing Father and Mother as both Messiah and as parents. Now we have to become as loyal, dedicated, and absolute in our love toward them as Hyo Jin Nim is, by seeing them as our own parents. I

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is inspiring yet realistic, humorous as well as serious. During ICUS I am always taking notes in preparation for meeting Father.

Our moments spent with True Parents at ICUS have a real family feeling. All human emotions are expressed and experienced when we are with them. I wish all brothers and sisters could have these experiences with Father and Mother. It was remarkable to have turkey dinner with them in their suite on Thanksgiving Day. Father had the knife and was ready to begin cutting the turkey, when Mother took the knife from his hand and began carving the turkey instead. Then she took a huge drumstick and placed it lovingly on his plate. It was really very cute.

I sense that Father wants to expand this family feeling to ICUS as a whole, which he especially tries to do at the Farewell Banquet. This last time, Kevin Pickard, David Eaton, and I planned a banquet program that would create for the participants a truly warm, congenial mood. The entire staff felt we had to do everything possible to accomplish that. In the end, the food, the environment, the music, and Father's farewell remarks proved to be the perfect combination to produce a genuine family atmosphere.

At one point I had an opportunity to tell Father and Mother that I want to understand them as parents. I told them how a few years ago I had a chance to be with Hyo Jin Nim, and that we had talked about our relationship with Father. I told Hyo Jin Nim that I envied him because he knows Father as his father. He said

told Father and Mother that I wanted to combine both aspects of knowing them and become more like a son, as Hyo Jin Nim is.

Hyo Jin Nim gave an inspiring testimony to the scholars at the VIP dinner, and he also sang a beautiful song. He told them that from his experience as a college student, he sees there is no focus or any value system for his generation, and he deeply respects the scientists at ICUS for their commitment to help provide a guiding direction for the next generation. He expressed his appreciation to them for being willing to follow and fulfill Father's vision and hope for ICUS. The participants were very moved.

Much of what I have said here seems to reinforce in my own mind that we are truly in the "children's course." This requires us to take more responsibility for our missions and to encourage those with whom we work to do the same. In many ways, this past ICUS provided evidence that many of the scholars are already doing this. Father's challenge now is for us to be determined to keep up with these scholars, who are themselves "on fire" to see that ICUS fulfills its overall goals. Father says that we may find ourselves outdone by their dedication and willingness to accomplish their responsibility! I can only say that it is a blessing to be in a position to keep up with, learn from, and even guide so many committed scholars who have become a vital part of the ICUS family. □

accept. My tendency is to be too cautious. Of course, I am always proven wrong. This year, however, I am personally determined to witness to the participants more about the Principle and the potential and vision of ICUS. The participants who have been with us a long time know basically what we believe. Many of them have expressed interest in learning more about the Principle and our lifestyle. I have to make a goal this year to teach and share with them more.

Victoria: Have you had any special experiences with True Parents?



James and Mija Baughman

A SERIOUS DESIRE TO CONVEY GOD'S HEART



Interview with Joe Willett

Joe Willett, a visual artist working in New York City, has been a member of our church for 14 years. In these excerpts from an interview conducted by Marcia de Abreu, Joe describes how he joined the church, how he later reentered the art field he had given up, and how he is currently striving to help fulfill Father's vision for the arts.

R. M. DAVIS / N.E.P.

Marcia: Did you begin doing artwork as a child?

Joe: From a very young age I felt that art was going to be my way of life. I started painting when I was 5 years old, and the recognition I received in elementary school encouraged me to continue. I continued to do artwork all through high school. After graduating I worked as a professional commercial artist with a TV station at the University of Kentucky.

Marcia: Where did you come in contact with the church, and how did you join?

Joe: While I was working at the TV station, a friend invited me to come up to Chicago. I thought I could find fame and fortune in the big city. But after working there for several years, I saw that many of my friends, even though they were becoming successful on a professional level, were internally experiencing deep moral and social conflicts. Many of them were on drugs. I myself was desperately trying to live in the real world and at the same time maintain a moral perspective. I felt that I should never use my artwork for any low purpose, that I had to keep it very pure because God had



A portrait of True Father by Joe Willett—the first in a series.

given me this talent and He wanted me to use it to serve the world. But I reached a point where my mind was in such turmoil that I threatened God, saying, "Look, God, I've done

the best that I could, but I don't know what to do anymore. Unless You do something and take care of my situation, I'm going to end up living just like the rest of them, trying to find happiness that way."

A few weeks later, I had a very unusual experience. I had arranged to meet my brother, whom I hadn't seen for a year, and spend the weekend with him. That afternoon before meeting him, I decided to go to the museum and look at some artwork. On my way to the museum, I passed a very strange-looking couple. I thought, "This is some kind of con team," because they didn't fit into the big-city scene at all. The woman looked like someone from a small Midwestern town—very conservatively dressed, no make-up, no affectations, and the guy she was with had salt-and-pepper hair that stuck out in pieces, as if he had cut it himself with the kitchen scissors. I walked by them, stopping at the corner for the light, and felt a tap on my shoulder. It

was the girl. I thought, "Oh no, what are they going to pull on me here?" But she just asked me, "Would you like to hear a lecture about the nature of mankind and the purpose of man's

life?" I said, "Yes, I would."

I found myself promising her that I would attend a lecture! I explained to her that I had to first go to the museum. She looked at me and, perhaps sensing that I was sincere, said, "All right, see you there." As I promised, I came to the center and listened to the first lecture of the Principle, which was very interesting. But I told her that I had to leave to meet my brother. Then my spiritual mother-to-be and her friend invited me several times to stay for the weekend workshop. I wondered why they kept asking me to come. I liked them, but I really had to meet my brother. Actually, half of me felt like going with them. They walked with me to the corner where I was supposed to meet my brother, and I looked all over the place but I couldn't see him anywhere. Finally I said to them, "Okay, I guess I'll go with you." The very second I said that, I turned around and found myself standing nose to nose with my brother! It seemed that he was also looking everywhere and couldn't see me. I told him that I had changed my plans and was going to spend the weekend with these people and that I would see him the next weekend.

After I heard the first few lectures and I understood what was being said, I was in tears, crying and crying. I realized that this truth was the most important thing in my life, before anything else, and I decided to join

the church immediately. This was in 1974. Looking back, I feel now that if I hadn't gone through those four or five years of internal suffering before meeting the church, I wouldn't have been able to appreciate the answers the Principle offered to my questions about life and suffering. Now I see that God was always there, preparing me.

After I had been at the Chicago center with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pepper for about a year, I was selected to go to the first 120-day training session in Barrytown. I thought I would go out afterwards as a missionary; however, because of my background of having taught karate, I went to work on the security staff at East Garden. I remained there eight and a half years. I had decided to give up my career as an artist totally when I joined the church. So I didn't do any art for about nine or ten years.

► *An unfinished lifesize portrait of Ambassador Phillip Sanchez by Joe Willett.*

▼ *Joe studies a style of realism similar to that of the American painter John Singer Sargent.*

Marcia: You had such an incredible opportunity to be close to True Parents for so long. Did you have any significant experiences with them?

Joe: I have had many incredible experiences with Father and Mother. Whenever my heart was prepared to receive an experience, God would send me one. I remember one time after I had been in East Garden for about five years, I was reflecting on the type of mission I was doing. A mission such as fundraising is extremely difficult, but at least you can see some results from your effort. Security is the kind of job where you don't see results at the end of the day. When nothing ever seems to happen, you don't really know if you're doing your job well or not. This can be a great indemnity after many years, especially if you are the active type who wants to physically and substantially build the Kingdom.



One day I was standing outside, and I began to doubt whether I was actually contributing to the providence at all. Then I realized what Father had to put up with. He had to put up with people like me who could do so little for him, while he should be surrounded by the most capable people in the world. I began to feel very sorry for Father.

Just at that moment Father stepped alone out of the kitchen door. Usually, several guests would come piling out too, and they would go off and do some activity together. Father was holding a badminton racket, and he looked at me and said, "You, I play with you." So I ran over and grabbed another racket and thought, "Heavenly Father, maybe badminton isn't something great, but if this is the only thing I can offer Father, I'm going to do it with 100 percent of my heart." Father stood and hit the birdie almost without moving, his face expressionless like stone. And I ran around like crazy, back and forth, trying to hit it back to Father right in the place where he was, so that he wouldn't have to move. I was giving everything of myself, and then Mother walked out. I only noticed Mother's presence when I heard her say from behind me, "Oh, Joe you have such a good spirit." I couldn't even turn around to acknowledge Mother, because I was so busy hitting the birdie back to Father. But when she said that, I felt as if all my ancestors were whirling around me and celebrating. Father and Mother never even took very much time for their own family, but they would sometimes personally take care of us on the staff in this way.

God gave me another wonderful experience on a day when Father and Mother were to come home after being out of the country for almost a year. I was standing quite a distance away from the house, where I could clearly see the whole house with the Hudson River and the hills in the background. I knew that the True Children would be so happy to finally see Father and Mother. But what about the creation and the house itself? Wouldn't even the creation respond to True Parents' return? Suddenly their car drove up, and Father and Mother got out and en-

tered the main house. I knew that, as they always do, they would immediately go to pray. At the moment they were probably finishing their prayer, I looked up and saw a huge double rainbow arching directly over the house. I had never seen a double rainbow before. My rational mind thought, "Well, this is a natural phenomenon. I just happen to be standing in the right place at the right time to see a double rainbow over the house." But my heartistic or original mind was thinking differently: "Look! Even the creation is responding to True Parents' return, and I happen to be in the position to witness it!" If I had not been thinking deeply before that moment, I'm certain God would never have put me in a position to see such a phenomenon. In my heart I knew it was not a coincidence.

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I did, however, do a drawing of Father's face. Mrs. Choi's deep guidance was very helpful. She explained to me about Father's features—what he had gone through and how those experiences had changed his countenance. Based on her explanations I altered the picture many times. Once, when I was working on it, Father walked in. Mrs. Choi picked it up and showed it to him. I was so nervous. After a pause, Father, with no expression on his face, said, "Good." I heard later that Father said it was the only portrait he really liked. I was told that it is in Father's bedroom, and I was also told that Father and Mother requested that I continue my artwork. However, it wasn't until I left East Garden several years later that I had the opportunity to do so.

I felt that I should never use my artwork for any low purpose, that I had to keep it very pure because God wanted me to use my talent to serve the world.

Marcia: How did you come to start working again in the visual arts field? Was it while you were at East Garden?

Joe: It happened that about three years before I had to leave East Garden due to health problems, Mrs. Won Pok Choi asked me, "Joe, why don't you do Father's portrait?" I was hesitant. I knew Father didn't like most of the portraits done of him because so far no one had really understood the essence or meaning of Father's features. One time a sculpture that someone did of him was placed in the dining room at East Garden. After a few days it disappeared, and I learned that Father had taken it out to the back porch and destroyed it. I think Father is very sensitive about what happened to Jesus—people made engravings and images of Jesus and worshiped his image rather than following what he taught. I don't think Father wants that mistake to happen again. Also Kim Il Sung has statues of himself all over North Korea. So I believe Father is very careful about this kind of

When I left East Garden I was given the mission of taking care of the church property at Mt. Kisco. There I started painting again. But I began to have a lot of difficulties and doubts: "Can I really do this?" I thought I was getting pretty old and that it was late to start this profession again. I felt a lack of self-confidence.

Then a chance came for me to move to Manhattan and attend the famous Art Students League of New York. I started going there once a week and later full time. During the last three years I've been studying there on a scholarship. I'm a class monitor now, which means I take responsibility for the class when the teacher is absent.

When I started, I could see that the students who were on drugs and doing all kinds of strange things didn't develop artistically at all, but the work of the students who had some vision about life, such as Christians and conscientious people, developed fairly well. I started to learn very quickly and to excel, and I realized that because of my providential

position, I must be getting a lot of help from the spirit world. I believe artists in the spirit world are longing to work through the artists in the Unification Church. They want to help to build God's Kingdom through us. Their help has been very evident to me. Whenever I'm struggling with some problem in my art, I make an effort to pray and renew my commitment. Then I always experience some greater clarity of perception or inspiration toward a solution.

Marcia: What kind of art do you do?

Joe: Landscapes, still lifes, and murals, but mostly portraits and figurative work. Because human beings

a realism similar to John Singer Sargent's work. In the whole world there are probably a handful of artists that are real masters in this style. I have the great fortune to be studying under a few of those great masters.

Marcia: What is it that makes an artist a master?

Joe: My idea of a master is someone who can communicate his vision and heart to anyone who sees his work. It is someone who has disciplined himself to work endless hours, has focused his whole lifestyle, vision, and effort towards one goal, and has perfected it in his lifetime. That's my aspiration. That's why I feel art is a life-and-death struggle. This is not a "Sunday painter" type of thing for me. I feel I have to be at least as serious as a fundraiser out there on the corner. Without this urgent feeling, the spirit world won't work through me.

Marcia: How do you feel the visual arts can contribute to the restoration process? How are you personally trying to contribute?

Joe: Art is an important and different way of introducing people to the ideal world, of conveying God's heart to them. I think art can play a very important role in the restoration process by bringing

man back to God, by healing him, stimulating his original mind, and offering him greater vision and hope. Some people who would not attend a Principle lecture can be moved, touched, and motivated through the

arts.

As part of an ongoing prayer, cold shower, and study condition that I started four years ago, I've prayed with a desperate and serious heart for the visual arts to be able to serve in building our Father's Kingdom. I feel that doing people's portraits can be a very practical way to help build good relationships. It can be an effective witnessing method to move people's hearts. Painting portraits may help us reach out to and honor top government leaders. In Western culture, receiving a portrait is considered very prestigious. And to give you some idea of the value of portraits, my former art teacher receives \$80,000 a portrait and still has a two-year waiting list. Imagine having a five-hour portrait session with a foreign head of state or the head of a large corporation! If I tried to arrange a meeting with a high-level person just to talk, I would probably only get 10 or 15 minutes, if that.

Marcia: What kinds of things have you done so far?

Joe: I just finished a commissioned portrait of the President and First Lady of Liberia. I'm also working on a portrait of Ambassador Phillip Sanchez, publisher of *Noticias del Mundo*. Last year I did a ceiling mural 13 meters in diameter at Dr. Bo Hi Pak's request, for a VIP guest house in Washington DC. I also did the paintings of the flower gardens that are on the walls in the lobby of the World Mission Center.

For artwork I did promoting the Coast Guard, I was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Admiral of the Coast Guard, and right now I'm serving as a judge for one of their art shows. This is a great way to relate to people outside our church and to actually influence the art world. People come to realize that even though you are a member of the Unification Church, you are a real human being, and besides that, also a real artist. It's a step forward in that it changes the one-dimensional view people still have of "Moonies." From there we can start inspiring them with a greater vision—Father's vision.

Marcia: What are some of your immediate and long-term goals?



Joe Willett with a portrait he did of his wife, Sun Hyung.

have the potential to be true sons and daughters of God, it's an awesome, exciting experience to try to bring out a person's true nature and character on canvas. I'm studying a kind of realism—not photo-realism, but

Joe: I want to do portraits of other people as preparation for the ultimate portrait I would like to do of True Parents. I also would like to do portraits of all the leaders of our church and scenes of the major providential events in our church history, because in generations to come, people will want to look back at this very special time in history when True Parents were alive on earth.

To build some financial foundation, I'm doing mailouts now for my portrait business, in the hopes that I can start supporting the church. To have my work placed in more galleries would be very helpful and effective, too. In 1984 I had a show at the Nelson Rockefeller Collection Gallery, and I was also accepted by the Grand Central Galleries, one of the most prominent galleries in New York City. I'd also love to help brothers and sisters by doing artwork for Unification publications.

I believe Father is going to need more and more people to whom he can say, "I need this done," and it will get done. We need to be qualified to do whatever Father asks us to do. I'm preparing myself to be able to respond when that time comes. I feel it's my responsibility to train and discipline myself so that my skills can be used for a greater purpose; this is why I want to continue studying.

source from the north is essential yet very difficult to obtain.

Developing my original mind is a life-long struggle. For me it depends on how much I can intuitively know God's heart and what He wants to express through me. The more I can become a channel for Him, the greater the things will be that can be expressed. Sometimes I get too caught up with the technical aspect of something. If there's no heart involved, I have no motivation to continue. We have to work continuously on perfecting ourselves, taking the challenges day by day. I realize that God gave me this talent not just for my own pleasure but to realize a higher purpose, vision, and hope. By myself I can do almost nothing, but when I allow God to work through me I have no concepts about what He can accomplish.

Artists in the past suffered a lot for the sake of their work, in order to bring beauty to the world. Because they suffered so much materially, heartistically, and spiritually, I felt when I started my course as an artist in the church that I too should go that route in order to restore that suffering. So for the last ten years I insisted on living a harsh, ascetic life—sort of Old-Testament style. I felt that unless I were willing to suffer like the artists of the past, they

restrict ourselves to just following a harsh course; in order to become ideal, well-balanced people, we also have to attain a higher level of heart. I know I have to move into the realm of a father/child relationship with Heavenly Father as opposed to just being a laborer for the Kingdom of Heaven. Now I'm very concerned about creating a foundation of heart that God can use in my artwork.

PHOTO: J. WOLINSKY



A lifesize portrait of Mr. Jerry Wolinsky by Joe Willett.

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Marcia: What are some of the challenges you face as an artist in the church?

Joe: I still have a lot of challenges before me, and things to overcome. For example, just on the physical level, if I open the windows in my studio here in New York City, the air that comes in is so dirty that dust and grime form a film over the paintings, which destroys them. In the winter-time, if the room gets below freezing, there is a danger that the paintings will crack and be destroyed. A good studio with an unobstructed light

would not be willing to work through me. So I never even bought any clothes for myself. I sometimes inherited clothing from other people. I never bought any clothes for my wife either. That kind of life is okay for a man, but it was a lot more difficult for my wife, even though she was uncomplaining. Sometimes she would miraculously receive clothing from the True Family. Then I would feel that God was moved to give her those clothes because I wasn't taking enough care of her. Yet I persisted in thinking, "I've got to suffer like past artists have suffered." But we can't

Marcia: Has Father expressed his vision for this type of art?

Joe: I don't know if I can as yet comprehend Father's ideal for the visual arts. I believe Father said this is probably one of the last areas that will be restored. However, I believe the arts will play a very central role in the establishment of God's Kingdom. Father has said on some occasions that the arts will be able to usher in the new age.

When I was younger, I once read a book about how art flourished at the time of the Renaissance, and I started to believe deeply that a similar movement would happen in the future. I sense that there's a new Renaissance coming, with the arts playing a central part in establishing God's Kingdom. In my opinion, an artist can't have a bigger vision than the vision of working for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Many artists in the church have been longing for this providence to develop. Not so long ago, Father inspired the creation of the Artists Association International (AAI). This organization is geared mainly toward the performing arts, but some members here on the East Coast who are visual artists have met informally to discuss how we can contribute to the AAI and how the visual arts can serve in the building of the Kingdom. We've had some meetings with up to 40 members attending.

Some of the questions we are asking ourselves are, "What kind of vision of the Kingdom of Heaven are we going to express?" and "How will the visual arts be able to support God's Kingdom?" Art has been used by the communists to bring their ideology across. I think we can use art to bring across the idea of the ideal world. It's not going to be limited to certain style. Any true, pure expression of the heart is a valid offering. We cannot say that in the ideal world only realistic art will be

tion, no communication in this kind of art. It may represent the world today with its mass confusion, but it doesn't represent the original mind and heart of God and man. Even though an artist may have great technical ability, if his heart is immature, the quality and depth of his artistic expression will be limited. We artists in the church want to try to bring these original ideals back, but we feel we are going up river against the current.

Some artists are still trying to keep their ideals about art alive while dealing with the reality of the art world, but it's difficult. The process of how to restore heart in the art world is something that we are still trying to understand. We are studying the Principle and praying for greater clarity and vision about the field of visual arts and how it can help build God's Kingdom. We won't break into the art world merely by criticizing it.

Marcia: Have you had any experiences with Heung Jin Nim?

kind and offer up his resentment." His words struck a deep chord in me. I realized I had to offer up even my resentment because God couldn't work through me well if I harbored negative emotions of guilt, resentment, and remorse.

Heung Jin Nim further said that "Joe should feel that his artwork is for the sake of the world, for the sake of heaven and earth and mankind." This was a precious reminder to me about how I should see my own work. I felt reassured that my artwork was a heavenly labor for the Kingdom. Heung Jin Nim's timing and these words were like jewels falling from the sky.

Marcia: Have you ever had any deep spiritual experiences?

Joe: Once I had an amazing revelation. It was at a time when I hadn't done any artwork for about six or seven years, but I had kept my portfolio that represented 15 years of my best work. There was a fire in the building where I lived, and I lost all of my belongings. It was such a shock that I didn't realize till two weeks later, when I was driving by an art store, that all my years of artwork had gone up in smoke. That hit me so hard that I had to pull the car over, and I just cried and cried. Then I felt God's presence, and He imparted to me, "Now you know how I feel about the loss of creation, about the fall of Adam and Eve." The experience was incredibly painful and very deep. I could grasp maybe just a tiny aspect of God's heart, but it helped me begin to understand His feeling at the time of the fall. Losing my portfolio was almost more than I could bear, but when I realized how small my pain was compared to God's pain, I repented. I saw a vision of myself standing at the bottom of God's heart, and it was like a huge, vast, empty chamber. I thought, "Is this the heart of God? This empty dark place?" It was so lonely there. This was quite a revelation to me. Through these kinds of experiences I now know that it's not so much what we do externally that matters, but it's the heart behind our offering that really makes a difference to heaven. □

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acceptable, and abstract art won't. Father doesn't have a narrow mind about that.

Marcia: What's your opinion of the art world today?

Joe: There are serious artists who are starving, while others are selling their poor-quality work for enormous sums. Years ago, it would take an artist at least 10 years of tremendous effort to make a solid foundation and become successful. Today an artist can become well-known overnight. His name and the work he does are used by promoters to get exorbitant amounts of money. This has nothing to do with quality and simply shows that people have a very cynical attitude about art today.

Many of the works we see today are so individualistic, so anti-establishment, that they deny all other kinds of art. People are just looking for novelty, but there's no heart, no spirit, no content, no tradi-

Joe: Of all the True Children, Heung Jin Nim was the one who made me feel most like a personal friend while I was at East Garden, not just a body guard who had to tag along. That was very special about him. We used to go out and do things together, but he never made me feel like a burden to him. He was a very sensitive, genuine, and real person. He really knew how to take care of people.

Recently I learned that Heung Jin Nim said something about me while he was talking generally to other members. I was in the middle of preparing a mailout describing my portrait work, and I was feeling it was just a tedious burden, just external. Heung Jin Nim understood well how I felt and said I shouldn't feel as if the mailout were a burden, but rather a blessing to all those I send it to. Because of that insight I could change my attitude. He also said that "Joe could be a great artist if he could offer up his art for the sake of man-

KOREAN PROFESSORS WORLD TOUR AND SEMINAR

A FIRSTHAND VIEW OF FATHER'S WORK IN AMERICA

by Betty Lancaster

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1988 brought three more Korean professors conferences to America. The Korean Professors World Tour and Seminar Nos. 3, 4, and 5, sponsored by the International Cultural Foundation (ICF) and hosted throughout by the Korean Evangelical Association (KEA), totaled 438 scholars, who came from various universities throughout South Korea. These tours were held during the universities' winter break, making it a perfect time for professors to participate. Dr. Se Won Yoon, president of Sung Hwa University and Seminary in Korea, was convenor of all three conferences.

Each tour's schedule varied slightly from last summer's two conferences [see *Today's World*, September 1987].

Those began in Alaska, where the participants had a chance to go fishing with Father and receive guidance from him. This season, sunny California was chosen as the place to begin the tour. Los Angeles provided a good setting for the scholars to recover from jet lag, and it offered them a relaxed opportunity for sightseeing.

In Los Angeles, they were welcomed at a dinner hosted by Dr. Do Wan Kim, president of Korean CAUSA in America. A morning guided tour of the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) brought an enthusiastic response from each group. And of course the tour included a few hours at Disneyland, where they could get a taste of early America as

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well as modern and even future America. And just for a little while, perhaps, they could relax and put aside their responsibilities—that of teaching and leading young students to become mature and educated in a



▲ President David S.C. Kim, Dr. Do Wan Kim, and Dr. Se Won Yoon cut a cake given in honor of the professors' arrival in New York.

◀ A presentation at the World Mission Center.

country that must quickly be stabilized and unified if the rest of the world is to know peace and unity.

After a day and a half in Los Angeles, the groups continued on by plane to Washington DC. Rev. Ho Yul Lee, national director of Korean CAUSA, along with four regional Korean CAUSA leaders, escorted the professors throughout their travels. Also supporting the tour was President David S.C. Kim of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS).

Educational sessions

In Washington, the groups began more intense educational programs, which included presentations by leaders of several organizations. Speakers included Dr. Richard Rubenstein,



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▲ A guided tour of the Library of Congress.
◀ At the Washington Times building, a presentation is made by Ambassador Sang Kook Han. To his left sits Dr. Morton Kaplan.

Mr. Joo. He was formerly secretary-general of the Professors World Peace Academy in Korea before coming to America. Some of the conference professors belong to PWPA, some to the International Christian Professors Association (ICPA), and others to the International Federation for Victory Over Communism (IFVOC). Most importantly, they either are or will be involved with the Citizens Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (CFUF) in Korea.

president of the Washington Institute for Values and Public Policy, Neil Albert Salonen, president of the International Cultural Foundation, Thomas Ward, executive vice president of CAUSA International, and William Lay, vice president of CAUSA International. Through these seminars and dinner meetings, the Korean professors were enlightened about the history of communism, the moral decay of America and the world, and how we can effectively serve to resolve these problems from God's viewpoint.

The second day in Washington was spent touring the impressive premises of *The Washington Times*. Here they were hosted by Ambassador Sang Kook Han, senior vice president of News World Communications, along

with the *Times*' editor-in-chief, Arnaud de Borchgrave, and its senior vice president, Dr. Ronald Godwin. Dr. Morton Kaplan, editor and publisher of *The World & I*, also spoke during this tour.

The professors were then transported by bus to the nearby facilities of *The World & I* magazine, where they were welcomed by Mr. Dong Moon Joo, the associate publisher, who explained all aspects of producing this major publication every month. Mr. Joo gave the history of the magazine's founding and explained why Father sees the need for such a publication of high quality, one that encompasses every area of life, including education, current events, science, art, religion, politics, and culture. Many of the professors are not unfamiliar with

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At Atlantic Video Studios, the participants viewed several shows being filmed and as well as some commercials that Atlantic Video has produced. Mr. Jonathan Pak, the director, explained to them why this company was formed and the activities Father envisions for the near future through this medium.

In addition to these main activities, there were also sightseeing tours to

Capitol Hill, the White House, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institute, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Washington Monument, where Father held our famous rally on September 18, 1976.

Before departing from Washington by bus to New York City, the professors stopped to pay a short visit to the Unification Church there, where they were warmly greeted by Revs. Dennis and Doris Orme.

A turning point

In New York, their first evening at the World Mission Center opened with dinner, entertainment, and the presentation of a beautiful cake. Dr. Mose Durst, president of the Unification Church in America, welcomed the scholars, and Dr. Eun Woo Kim, president of the *Sae Gae Times*, shared with them his own testimony, interjected with a great deal of humor. He sang for them as well.

At UTS in Barrytown, President David S.C. Kim, along with some of the faculty, staff, and students, received the groups. To some of the professors, this was indeed a turning point in their impression of our movement. According to the testimonies of many of the professors, it was here at the Seminary that they began to actually see for themselves just how ecumenical the Unification movement really is and how it embraces all religions and all cultures to work toward a more God-centered society for all mankind.



Dr. Young Oon Kim shares her testimony with the professors.

After lunch at UTS, the groups traveled down the scenic route to Tarrytown, crossing the famous Tappan Zee Bridge and viewing Belvedere from across the Hudson River. At Belvedere Mr. Peter Kim explained the history and purpose of the properties in Tarrytown. The professors walked up the lawn to see the Holy Rock before departing by bus for Manhattan.

Back in New York, Dr. Thomas Walsh gave a report of the many and varied activities generating from ICF and the International Religious Foun-

dation. Dr. Young Oon Kim shared a moving testimony of her life of faith and her theological findings. Col. Sang Kil Han spoke to them of the importance and necessity of uniting North and South Korea from a historical point of view.

A trip to the Statue of Liberty, a visit to the United Nations, a walk through the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a tour up Broadway, and a Farewell Banquet concluded the seminar.

In the absence of Father and Mother, everyone on the staff made a special effort to serve and embrace the professors with True Parents' love.

Will their lives be the same again? Not likely. Seeing is believing, and when these invited scholars see in action the many activities and accomplishments of Father and the Unification movement in America and understand what Father envisions for world restoration, they definitely are impressed and amazed, perhaps transformed. Many were heard to comment that Rev. Moon was a mighty man, even a superman!

They all went back to Korea with new realizations and new determination. Undoubtedly, they will work in their various districts, as the previous participants have, where they can speak out on behalf of truth and the necessity for uniting the Fatherland.

In the absence of Father and Mother, everyone on the staff made a special effort to serve and embrace the professors with True Parents' love. It is Father's desire that a total of 3,000 Korean professors come to America to participate in these tours. We shall be looking forward to summertime and their next break. □

Betty Lancaster assisted in coordinating and hosting the tours.



The professors experience Disneyland.

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JAMAICA REVIVED

by Barbara Van Praag

I WAS BORN IN THE REPUBLIC OF Guyana and served from 1973 as the pioneer missionary and national leader of our church there. In late 1984, when I was preparing to leave Guyana, I had the premonition that I would not return for a long time, perhaps never.

I arrived in New York, where I was to attend my second 120-day workshop. During the workshop I reflected deeply on my life in the church from the time I joined in 1965 in Italy, and I evaluated my weaknesses and my abilities. I realized that no matter how hard we try in our life of faith, we make errors, and those errors can weigh us down. The Guyanese Unification family that I had left behind was fairly large and had many inspiring projects to its credit. I had experienced times that were by turn exciting, painful, joyful, and sad. Yet I couldn't feel satisfied because I knew I had the capacity to do much better.

When I left Guyana, I wondered if the opportunity to pioneer a nation would ever come again for me. After two decades of intensive and fulfilling missionary work, I certainly did not ever want to stop. Besides, I knew that my husband Silvio, to whom I was blessed in the 2075 Blessing in

1982, also desired this experience. True Father has said that the worst thing that can happen to anyone is to die with regrets because of things unaccomplished.

As things turned out, we found ourselves in July 1985 in Jamaica. We had come in order to attend the inaugural meeting of the Jamaican chapter of PWPA. We were also to begin our work there as missionaries!

A spark is rekindled

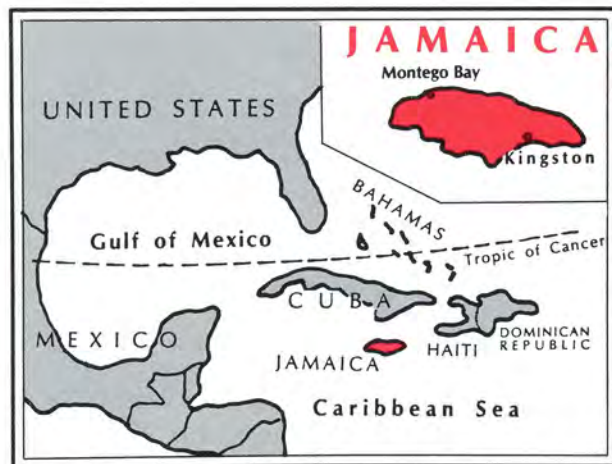
The first Unification Church members had come to Jamaica in 1975, while I was regional director for the Caribbean. Mr. and Mrs. Kazuhisa Ikemoto had pioneered a highly successful business in Montego Bay, assisted by two or three Guyanese members. Another missionary, Uschi Warwas Williamson, had an efficient IRFF program in Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica. However, due to certain unfortunate circumstances at that time, centers as such soon ceased to exist in Jamaica. Yet Uschi was

determined to take responsibility to care for the family members who had been scattered.

Uschi was a very enthusiastic member. The Jamaican people liked her and she liked them. The Jamaican members were very disappointed when she had to leave the island for another mission. When she did, most of them lost faith, and our church stopped functioning in Jamaica. Uschi's work, however, had not been in vain. Her love for the Jamaican home members had left a spark burning in them that could be rekindled.

When Silvio and I began our mission in Jamaica in 1985, we faced several obstacles. It seemed that we were destined to have problems finding a house. Everywhere we went we had to deal with unreasonable rents and terms (no meetings, no singing, no blackboards, no teaching, and almost no visitors). Another obstacle was the difficulty we had trying to get work permits in order to function as missionaries. Without them, we would have to journey in and out of the country every three months. We were able to register the church, but we could not get work permits.

It was a very favorable sign when Rev. C.H. Kwak forwarded us a copy of a letter that a former center-member living in Jamaica had sent him. We immediately contacted her. As she was on her way to visit us, she met two other Jamaican members whom she had not seen for about five



Some of the Jamaican family. Back row, left to right: Trudi-Anne Green, Silvio Van Praag, and Joel Green. Front row, left to right: Desmond Green, Beryl Roberts, Jackie Roberts (not related), and Dennis Salmon.

years. She told these brothers that missionaries had come again to Jamaica. Overjoyed, they came with her to meet us, and we had a heart-warming prayer together.

A flourishing center

Although the sister soon lost contact again, one of the brothers, Dennis Salmon, moved into the center and again adopted the Unification Church lifestyle and traditions. Not long afterwards the other brother, Desmond Green, who had heard and accepted the Principle in the United States and who had returned specifically to witness to the mother of his two children, also moved in. This gave us great joy because once more there was a center in Jamaica! This meant that the nation was on its way to fulfilling the will of God. Just before the brothers moved in I had a spiritual experience in which I was shown a scroll with the names of many nations on it, but Jamaica's name was missing. I understood from this that we were mandated to work hard and make it possible for the name of Jamaica to also be included on the scroll.

We finally met Uschi Williamson while in London in May 1987 (one of those times when we were obliged to leave Jamaica and wait in a country

where there was a Jamaican High Commission). Uschi cried tears of joy when we told her that Jamaicans were once more listening to the Principle, and that her spiritual children were again active in the church. We received her blessing and felt truly connected to the original mission, without failing to realize, of course, that certain difficulties that had not been overcome in the past would be inherited by us for indemnification.

**We are representing
God's foundation in
Jamaica which, like a
phoenix, is rising again
after a period of
obscurity.**

I have had many deep spiritual experiences here in Jamaica. In one of these, I had to fight against strong spiritual powers to climb a tall mountain. When I reached the top, I found a beach where many people were enjoying themselves. I began to sing "The Song of the Garden," but everyone ignored me. I continued to sing, and one by one the men and women began to sing with me. Then I had to drink two kinds of water—one acidic and the other sweet. I felt this meant that many people would join our church and that we must be able to accept any kind of personality!

Presently there are four core members in Jamaica (two brothers and two sisters), and almost 100 associate and home members. The brothers are excellent teachers and preachers, and the sisters are learning to teach and are very good at moderating our workshops. We hold Sunday service at 11 am at the Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, and we give lectures on the Principle and conduct a Bible class on Mondays and Thursdays at 5 pm at the YMCA on Hope Road. Members have regular jobs instead of fundraising and contribute to the church's financial foundation in this way.

Jamaican society is strictly stratified by class, and in order to cross the many barriers, Silvio and I have joined several Jamaican organizations. Our

classical music ability has been a help to us. This nation is in a "Bible belt" and we have many challenging experiences! One religion journalist, Ian Boyne, constantly keeps us in the news with his articles about Rev. Moon and the Unification movement.

A new beginning

My husband received a small inheritance, which he used to buy a Korean marble vase that had attracted me spiritually at an exposition in London. It's called "The Phoenix." We can identify with "The Phoenix" because we are representing God's foundation in Jamaica which, like a phoenix, is rising again after a period of obscurity. Our new beginning was further enhanced at the time of our meeting with Heung Jin Nim, when we were assured of our enduring value to Heavenly Father. We must never think that we are too old! We ourselves are ten years younger than True Father, who has never stopped working desperately to fulfill the will of Heaven.



Desmond Green teaching the Principle.

The Jamaican Church is indeed rising from its ashes. Because of Uschi's deep love for the people, a flame could remain burning over the years when no missionaries were there. Our two brothers now are like flames of fire as they preach and teach; the sisters shed many tears in their determination to save the people of Jamaica.

We feel it is a great blessing to be the missionaries to Jamaica. We ask that you would remember us in your prayers and pray for the advancement of God's providence in Jamaica.



Silvio and Barbara Van Praag.

LOVING SERVICE

by Dr. Cherng Guh Jacob

Dr. Cherng Guh Jacob, a church member since 1974, has been serving as an obstetrician/gynecologist since 1982 in Taiwan, Republic of China. From August 9-16, 1987, he attended the 18th Asian Mobile Medical Service project, held this year in the Philippines. This was his third time participating in AMMS. A volunteer medical team connected to Isshin Hospital in Japan, AMMS provides free medical care to impoverished people in various countries. For a more extensive report on AMMS, see Today's World, July 1987.

I HAD NOT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE possible for me to be a part of another project of the Asian Mobile Medical Service in the Philippines. But thanks to Dr. Michiko Kozaki, president of AMMS, and Dr. Hiroshi Shiraishi, the secretary-general, I was invited to participate once again, and it proved to be one of my most memorable times of serving and sharing.

The Philippines, a nation made up of 7,083 islands, is the nearest country to Taiwan. It takes only one hour and 50 minutes to fly from Taipei to Manila. Since June of 1987, our movement in the Philippines has sponsored several projects that have been attended by Chinese members and professors from Taiwan: a 40-day workshop, a Unification Thought seminar, and the International Congress of PWPA. The Philippine members have been working very hard for the sake of the providence in all of South Asia.

The Philippines is the only Catholic country in Asia. Many churches can be seen in every big city and small town. God loves this country very much, but she has been tested severely in the past years. I believe that if Filipinos can unite together even amidst their suffering and trials, this country will be able to truly receive God's blessing.

A desperate need

This is the fourth time that AMMS has sponsored a medical service project in the Philippines, and when I went there this time, I saw that many Philippine people were still in desperate need of medical services. The situation of the poor seemed to be little changed from what I saw two years ago. Since the February 1986 revolution, the economic condition has not improved very much, in spite of a



Some of the AMMS medical staff working in Manila.

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much freer political atmosphere.

There was still evidence of a big gap between the rich and the poor. We could see many men who had no work idling in the streets. Others were working, but only at primitive types of labor. We had come to this country to help fight against illness, and in our hearts was the hope that

one day the rich would give to the poor and the wise would teach the ignorant, so that poverty and ignorance might not give communism a way to invade.

I was shocked when I saw the poor fishing village of Cavite, southwest of Manila. Villagers' "houses" were built only of straw and palm fibers, standing on the muddy marshes. When we were doing our medical service there, many emaciated children came with sorrowful eyes and bulging bellies, flies hovering over ulcerated wounds on their heads and faces. It reminded me of scenes I had seen on TV of starving African refugees. To see such misery has been the most painful experience for me. How can people remain aloof to this suffering, like the Levite and the priest in the story of the good Samaritan (Lk 10:30-37)? In the downtown area of the city, not very far away, there are many

modern buildings and people driving fancy cars. The rich still enjoy their luxurious way of life.

It shocked me even more to see the inside of the Malacanang Palace, where former president Ferdinand Marcos and his family had lived for 20 years. It is now a national museum. Seeing the thousands of suits, shoes, and dresses in the closets, including one opulent set of king's and queen's clothing, I understood how human desire for physical things can become so overwhelming that no amount of material wealth can satisfy it.

True brotherhood

So how could we help the poor people of the Philippines? They desperately needed our love and service, so we came to offer them medical help. We knew we weren't going to give them medicine only, but also love. It was because we were motivated by God's love that we could offer such unconditional service, without thinking of ourselves. Although what we could give them was very little, their appreciation was immeasurable; many times the people we treated for even minor ailments were moved to tears of gratitude. How beautiful it is when people love and express their hearts to each other like this! I understood deeply that true brotherhood goes beyond barriers of race, nationality, language, and culture.

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During a four-day period, the 53 medical staff members from six countries served 5,267 patients in 15 locations all over the country. Team I went to the south—to Cebu Island, Davao, and Bacolod; Teams II and III went to the central part of the country—to Cavite, Bulacan, Caloocan, and a district of Manila; and Team IV went to the northeastern part of Luzon Island. Everyone worked very

hard. The Team I members had to get up at 3:00 am every day for another plane ride to the next service area. I saw that Dr. Shiraishi exuded heavenly grace, even as he got skinnier and darker every day. And Mrs. Suh, a 36 Blessed Couple, always smiled warmly in spite of the incredibly hard work. Team I brought back from the south a most special famous fruit called *lio-lian* to share with all members at the main training center in Manila.



Dr. Chong Guh Jacob doing a minor operation on a patient in one of the temporary clinics.

There was a water shortage at the training center where my team was staying: we could use running water only every other day. Sometimes we had to take a bath with only one bowl of stored water each. Some of us on the medical staff even became sick! We all worked late and slept little. Even though they were very tired, the dental technicians worked until midnight to finish making dentures for the patients they had served that day. Every evening we attended an evaluation meeting to reflect on our work and to plan better ways to accomplish the next day's service. We tried to serve the sick people as if we were their parents; thus we were constantly learning the lessons of love. Only God's love could have enabled us to practice such love, service, and sacrifice.

Support from many people

During our stay, we felt God's love strongly through the unity of all the

medical staff. We deeply appreciated the Unification Church members' care for us; they served us food as if they were serving True Parents. And one day after our work, we were entertained with many lovely songs at a congressman's house. On another day, at the Caloocan City Hall, the city band gave us an elegant, triumphant welcome with beautiful love songs.

Our Farewell Banquet on August 15

was attended by the Vice-President of the Philippines, Salvador Laurel, who gratefully acknowledged us with the words, "The Filipino people can take heart in knowing that they are under the watchful care of socially-oriented organizations that reach out to those in need of medical and dental service."

I want to express deep appreciation to Mr. Yoshinobu Murotani, the director of the Unification Church in the Philippines, to Dr. René Santos, the chairman of the Board of Advisors for AMMS, and to all the Unification Church members, the Philippine doctors, and the representatives of the government who supported us. Without their help and their organizing ability, we could have done nothing.

For the sake of God, for the sake of the security of Asia, and for the sake of the Philippines, we heartily pray that God may bless this country and every one of its people, from its most renowned to its most humble citizen.

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BLESSED CHILDREN HOLD A WORKSHOP FOR THEIR KEA FRIENDS

by Dayna Kennedy



Some of the workshop organizers and their guests. Yun Sun Park and Jin Kun Chai are standing first and second from right. Robin Marsh is standing far left. Sitting on the floor is Dayna Kennedy. Hwa Sook Chai is sitting third from left.

IT'S ALWAYS AN EXCITING CHALLENGE to do something for the first time. You think, "Are we following the right tradition? How would Father do this?" These thoughts might go through your head a hundred times! Last fall, some of the members in Region 9 had just such an opportunity when the first Divine Principle workshop organized completely by blessed children was held in Tacoma, Washington, from October 23-25, 1987.

We knew this would be no ordinary workshop. The older blessed children in our region had just come home after weeks of fishing, studying, and praying during their summer Ocean Challenge training program in Gloucester, Massachusetts. All of them spoke with great fondness of the times Hyo Jin Nim had come to speak with them and give them special guidance. In response to everything they felt Heavenly Father and True Parents had invested in the blessed children, Jin Kun Chai, son of Mr. Joo Chan

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Chai of International Seafoods in Alaska, and Yoon Sun Park, son of Rev. Do Hee Park, regional director of Region 9, decided to organize a Divine Principle workshop for 13 of their friends who are members of the congregation of the Korean Evangelical Association in Tacoma, Washington.

Incredible effort

Jin Kun and Yoon Sun took care of every detail of the organization of the

workshop, and Hwa Sook Chai, Jin Kun's sister, took charge of the cooking. Then they simply invited Robin Marsh and myself to give the lectures. From my experience organizing many workshops, I could feel the prayer and incredible effort that they poured into their preparation.

The workshop was the first one to be held in the new KEA-Tacoma center that had been beautifully remodeled by several KEA families and Tacoma center members.

Every lecture began with a sincere and tearful prayer by either one of the blessed children or a guest. Then immediately Jin Kun would man the video camera to catch the spirit of the workshop on film as an offering and inspiration for his model, Hyo Jin Nim. Several times during the workshop Robin and I were pulled aside by one of the blessed children and given explanations about the situation of a particular guest. I have never seen these teenagers looking more "grown-up" than when they were sacrificing and caring for their friends in the very tradition of being a spiritual parent that Father has taught us.

Both Friday and Saturday night we continued until very late, and we barely managed to end our lectures before midnight. But the teenagers were still ready to keep going! Robin shared with me that in the brothers' room things finally quieted down when Jin Kun lit a "Heung Jin Nim Candle," [a candle given to all the blessed children after Heung Jin Nim's *Seung Hwa* Ceremony] and he and Yoon Sun shared personally about their experience with Hyo Jin Nim that summer. Into the wee hours of the morning on both Friday and Saturday nights, these brothers shared about filial piety and the need for the unity of the blessed children with the True Children and the church members. Robin told me he was struck by the incredible influence that Hyo Jin Nim had on these brothers, even down to the very mannerisms they used.

Recounting a victory

Meanwhile, in the sister's room, Hwa Sook Chai and her sister Bong Sook Chai sincerely searched their memories for every detail about their summer experience in Gloucester in order to recreate for us the insights and the victories they had gained. Hwa Sook told how Hyo Jin Nim boldly scolded the blessed children for the lack of unity among them that he sensed at the beginning of the summer. Later he reprimanded them even more strongly when he saw no marked improvement. Yet Hyo Jin Nim did not outline any condition for them; they realized they were to resurrect the situation themselves. So they began on their own initiative to go to the holy ground and deeply repent and ask guidance on how to come together with Hyo Jin Nim and each other in unity. One idea that resulted was to create a publication for blessed children so that they could be more connected internally even when sep-

arated by miles. By the end of the summer, when Hyo Jin Nim came back to meet with them again, Hyo Jin Nim said that he could now feel the blessed children's unity and commitment to each other and to God and True Parents, and he said he felt very proud of them for having made such a victory.

If you have heard that blessed children can stay up late and get up early and still have boundless energy all day—it is absolutely true. On Sunday, they wanted the first lecture to begin right after pledge! This day also included a wonderful lecture by Rev. Delbert Gault, an ICC Alumni minister who frequently lectures for our church.

All too soon the workshop came to its conclusion. Robin and I would have been quite content to stay in that new center and just continue pioneering with our youthful companions! But, high school awaited them all the following day. As we hugged and said our good-byes, I

recalled many things from our unforgettable weekend. I realized that these soon-to-be leaders have a simple trust in us to build the Kingdom of Heaven with them. They have faith that we will sincerely study the Principle and take responsibility for our spiritual growth and for understanding and continuing Father's tradition. They trust that we will be able to teach and guide and love the friends they witness to during that most tumultuous time referred to as adolescence.

I am inspired and challenged by this trust. Both Robin and I have made a commitment to improve our study habits and to deepen our lecturing skills for the sake of whatever the future holds. As for these very capable teenagers, the Kingdom is not something they choose to believe in or not believe in—for them it is nothing less than a goal that *will* be achieved. □

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matically stand on their foundation, which is not vulnerable to Satan. Hence we should be confident and brave and above all *act* with absolute belief. Such a spirit is exemplified to an amazing degree by Heung Jin Nim. Please believe and understand him, and thereby gain for yourself that total freedom and victorious confidence that comes through standing on True Parents' foundation.

Even in the short period of time of Heung Jin Nim's work, we are amazed at what a powerful impact he has had on our lives and our movement. Spiritual reality has now become completely substantial, a reality accessible to our physical senses. That a spirit person can be constantly present on the earth is a result of Father's worldwide victorious foundation. So we expect this year that the spirit persons of our departed church elders and members will also work on the earth. Furthermore, not only our members but religious founders such as Mohammed and Buddha, as well as the forefathers of Christianity, will be able to work directly on earth as well. More and more, the spirit world will closely work with us. So I counsel the worldwide membership: Do

not forget your pledge in front of Heung Jin Nim; do not lose your determination in front of Heung Jin Nim.

I pray that all of you, as True Parents' followers, will dedicate 1988 to the achievement of your *personal* victory, a victory that is your own and centered on the glory of God and True Parents, not on an individualistic level of purpose. □

THE HEART OF A LEADER

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\$1,000 and he loses it. Then I would get *really* upset and would not be able to forgive him because I would have nothing left. Suppose I possessed the amount of money it would take to buy the entire world. Then even if I were to lend someone a billion dollars and he lost it, I would still have the capacity to forgive that person. Do you understand my meaning? The one who possesses God's love is the one who can forgive the most. When we have difficulty in forgiving certain members, it means we still don't possess God's love. When a leader has difficulty in forgiving someone, instead of blaming that person, he should first reflect upon the fact that he is not able to forgive, then he should

find a way to become the kind of person who can forgive. The reason why Father can forgive and love his worst enemy is because he completely possesses God's love.

When members complain a lot, it is simply because they don't understand God's heart; they don't understand the Principle deeply. So when Father hears someone complaining, he responds by explaining more about God's heart of restoration. Father still gives assignments even to members who complain all the time, treating them the same as any other member. Father tries to set the right example, so that the members can realize by themselves what they should do. When the members start to understand God's heart, they naturally correct themselves. In the same way, when we find some member complaining, we have to explain to them more deeply about God's heart.

The Messiah is the one who teaches and conveys the heart of God. If Father didn't understand God's heart, he wouldn't be the Messiah. True Parents are constantly educating us—their children—so that we can love God even more than True Parents love God. That is the heart of True Parents, and the heart we should strive to embody. □

GOD'S DAY MORNING SPEECH

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The number 88 is the number of a new beginning. This year is a new start for both the spiritual world and the physical world. And today is God's Day. I have nothing to be proud of for myself; but I want to be proud of this holy God's Day. No matter how humble my heart is, all those who are open to the spiritual world are compelled to bow their heads before the True Parents. Where does this authority come from? It comes from true love. Knowing all this, centering on this God's Day, you must be resolved to sow the seeds of true love.

Blessed couples here in Korea should return to your hometowns. You must love the people there because they are your Cain-type homes. Beyond your hometown, you

must go to at least three villages, three *myongs*, three *dos*, and three nations. You must pass through three nations that represent the East, the West, the North, and the South. That will make one complete circle. I too must go back to my own hometown. That is why I founded the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland.

Such a time has come. When you go out with conviction, without hesitation, holding your torch high and advancing forward, the Kingdom will follow you, and you will be given the right to have a victorious heritage. It is possible, if you let God stand right in front. Today is the day of new resolution. Those who pledge to uphold this day as a day to cherish God's principle, grow into people of character, and stand on the front line, please raise your hands. Let us pledge before heaven. □

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CHAPEL DEDICATION

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we do not need these churches and chapels anymore."

For his dedicated and inspired work of restoring the chapel, Rev. Takeru Kamiyama received a plaque of appreciation from the Unification Church of America and the Unification Church of New York. On it were the words:

With deepest appreciation
to Rev. Takeru Kamiyama
For his great faith and vision
in designing and directing
the restoration of the
National Headquarters Chapel.
This inspired accomplishment
truly brings honor and glory
to our True Parents.

Rev. Kamiyama was also honored publicly for his great contributions to our church over the years, first as a missionary in Japan and then here in the United States. He thanked all those who had worked so hard on the project, noting that "although our



Hyo Jin Nim and Nan Sook Nim, just after cutting the ribbon of the newly dedicated chapel.

brothers worked day and night to renovate this chapel, compared to world restoration it is a very small offering."

Respect and gratitude

Three of the distinguished guests then offered their congratulations to the church body. All three VIPs greeted Hyo Jin Nim and Nan Sook Nim in a gracious and deeply respectful manner, addressing them as "Rev. Moon, Jr. and Mrs. Moon." Hyo Jin Nim later commented on how moved he was that each of them had compared him to his father in this way.

Ambassador Phillip Sanchez, publisher of *Noticias del Mundo*, spoke about "the many beautiful people I have

met" from the church, noting that, "Once when I was asked if I was a church member I explained, 'No, I am not that good.'" He ended by bowing deeply to Hyo Jin Nim and telling him, "You can preach to me any time!"

Rev. Linden Lindsay, a Congregational minister from Brooklyn, declared that while "some of the great cathedrals are so ostentatious it makes it hard to feel the presence of God, this chapel in its simplicity fills me with a grandeur I cannot express."

To conclude the dedication of the chapel, Hyo Jin Nim led the recession as the congregation sang "March of the New Age," and then President Durst offered the benediction. □

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Our Standard of Devotion

Even if you lock the door, God comes in every night. Having communion and fellowship with the living God every night should be our way of life. Your home church should be like that. Please have faith in it. Work until it can be done.

Home Church and the Completion of the Kingdom of Heaven
1/1/79, World Mission Center

Home church should be the subject of your prayer. Pray with a parental heart for your home church people as if they were your children struggling in hell. Your heart as a parent must be grieved, and your only desire, to save them. If you don't have that feeling, then you are in an emergency situation; you must open your heart to parental love toward your people. If you don't have real love for them, then push yourself until you do. No one has to teach a parent to love his children. If you feel like a parent to your home church, then your love will be unconditional and no one will have to teach you.

There is nothing more important than this. Test your own power of prayer: Take one person and pray for him fervently, constantly, without telling him. Pray tearfully for his well-being. Then that person will feel a magnetic attraction to you. He won't even know why he feels drawn to you.

If you receive in your prayer that you will meet a person at such-and-such a time, when you go there that person will come. If you are dead serious, these things will happen. Hypnosis can transfer a person into another state of consciousness, but how much more can prayer change lives! There is no distance or limit to its influence, because the power of thought travels everywhere. You can mobilize the entire spirit world by the power of prayer. You have already experienced that I will work through your prayers and tell you certain things. There is no limit to the power of prayer.

The Importance of Prayer
4/15/79, Belvedere

You should want to go to home church in order to bring liberation. You must become an ancestor, a forefather of mankind and a forefather of your home church. If you make a mistake, there will be tremendous accusation from your own clan and your generation. Do you think that what I am telling you now your children will automatically be able to understand? Do they understand now? How about in the future? Will they be able to understand then?

Your children will know. They will ask their daddies and mommies why they failed in home church. They will ask where their home church is. "You were there, at the final declaration. You listened to Father. Yet you still don't have a home church?"

Suppose your instructions were to shed tears and live a tearful way of life for the restoration of home church. That is the sheer expression of True Parents' love. Your children will ask you how many times you were in tears. Your children will say: "Even if you had to neglect me, you should have followed God's instruction, God's way of life,

and Father's instructions. Why didn't you?" Your children will accuse you in that way. What will you say? You will have no answer.

Conference

4/16/80, World Mission Center

Instead of loving just your own family or children, or even just doing service to your own country, you should do home church. If a husband spends all his time in home church and he doesn't come home at the regular time, and his wife begins to say, "My husband is making me wait," she is the worst wife one could ever find.

Home Church Is My Kingdom of Heaven
1/1/81, World Mission Center

Are we going to fight this war of love now? You don't have to take my word for it. You have your own faculties for testing whether what I have said is true or not. How do you test it? Go beyond the things and people you were close to. Then if one of your home church members dies and you feel as much or more sorrow than if your own parent had died, wait and see if your people start having visions. When you cry daily for their sake, watch them start responding. You should have such a deep feeling for your home church people that you sometimes don't sleep at night for thinking about them. If because you are thinking about them so much you don't even remember how long it was since you last ate, see whether what I have told you is wrong. Any standard less than that is inadequate. Without having that kind of heart, you can offer them the Principle but they won't listen.

25th Anniversary of the Unification Church
5/1/79, Belvedere

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

The American forefathers brought seeds with them to help start their new life of freedom and self-government. Bruce Dowling, founder and director of the America the Beautiful Fund (ABF), believes that planting seeds can be a way to rekindle that spirit today. Through the ABF's **Operation Green Plant**, any charitable or educational group may receive free flower and vegetable seeds [recipient pays only postage]. Examples of the ways this program has been put to use include:

- senior citizens growing their own food
- handicapped persons and hospital patients learning new and rewarding skills of gardening
- programs for children and problem kids
- churches growing food for the needy
- block associations raising food and beautifying their own environment

To apply for free seeds, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

America the Beautiful Fund
Box RD
219 Shoreham Building
Washington DC 20005

[Information found in "Seeds That Grow Hope," Readers' Digest, March 1987]

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.

Last year 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 writing ability isn't good. With your contribution include your name, address, telephone number, physical and spiritual 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, John Robbins, projects director of the World Media Association, writes about his realizations upon visiting Pusan, Korea, for the first time.

EXPERIENCING FATHER AS A YOUNG MAN IN PUSAN

by John Robbins

WE ALL HAVE A RELATIONSHIP with True Father on some personal level. We each need that, not only to survive, but to receive life elements from him.

Several years ago, I had the great fortune to live with and directly serve the True Parents and their family on the East Garden staff. I saw Father on a regular basis, many times in quite intimate settings, and also when he would speak at Belvedere or the World Mission Center.

I saw True Father as a husband, as a parent with many children, and as an accomplished leader of our worldwide movement. But there was a big gap in my understanding of the heart of the man Sun Myung Moon. For years I've prayed to narrow that gap, to understand Father's life in relation to mine. But how was I to accomplish this?

A profound impact

A unique opportunity came recently when I visited Korea with the Ninth World Media Conference. Unexpectedly, my prayers were answered one day when several of the staff members visited Pusan together.

It's a short, one-hour flight from Seoul to Pusan. The flight provided me some time to think of my expectations and to reflect upon my life with True Parents. The old familiar questions arose: Who am I? What have I accomplished? I had no idea what a profound impact upon my relationship with True Father this trip to



On the Rock of Tears. John Robbins is standing in the back row, left.

Pusan was to have.

We arrived at the Pusan airport and took a cab up the winding hillsides to the museum where True Father's treasures from his early days in Pusan are kept. We started our tour with a prayer. We saw the actual table and oil lamp used by True Father to write the Principle. Our guide, a Korean CARP member, explained the his-

torical significance of the area surrounding the museum by pointing to the pictures hanging on the walls.

Up the hill a short distance from the museum is a chapel on the spot where Father built his cardboard hut. The hut no longer exists, but a rock which formed one side of the hut stands in the museum encased in glass. Across a small alley there is a water well dug by True Father's own hands that is still in use today.

As our small group started up the steep slope behind the muse-

um toward the Rock of Tears, our spirits began to soar. When we began praying together, I thought that this might be the time for some real spiritual phenomena. But nothing dramatic happened. The heavens did not open, nor did I experience any burning bush.

Instead, as we looked out over the city of Pusan and its harbor, with the

vast ocean beyond, the dramatic circumstances of Father's situation after the Korean War began to fall into place for me. Our guide explained that every night, Father came up to this rock to pray that the Principle could be spread all over the world.

Father had no one to support him or even encourage him to go on. He could easily have given up, and the world would have never known.

What started as a small thought in my mind—about Father as a young man—began to overwhelm me. There he was, only 31 years of age, younger than I am now. His country had been torn apart by war, and every city but the one he was in had been overrun by hostile forces. He himself had been in prison for two and a half years and had barely escaped to the South with a friend on his back.

Father kept his faith

Father's living situation on the hillside was no better than that in a refugee camp. He had no central figure to direct him, no one to support him or even encourage him to go on. He could have easily given up, and the world would have never known. Yet True Father kept the vision and proclaimed that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. Another shocking realization about True Father's greatness that came to me from heaven was that during that very period, his first wife was badgering him to love only her. In other words, even his own family was trying to persuade him to abandon his calling, trying to drag him down. Surely he was all alone in keeping such faith. I'm positive everybody thought he was crazy.

Yet, not only did True Father write the Principle during that period in Pusan, but he also began the providence for world salvation. As I stood on that simple hillside and pondered these things, I was humbled and



Top: In the museum one can see photographs of the cardboard hut and the foundation rock Father used to build it.

Middle: The lamp and table used by Father to write the Principle.

Bottom: A prayer in the chapel built on the spot where the cardboard hut stood.

felt closer to True Father than ever before. I now felt I knew him as a young man, and I could put his life into perspective with my own.

As I walked back down the hillside, the thought resounded in my mind that "the monument to our True

Father's faith and love is yourself." From that war-torn time, Father brought his message to you and to me. That is the true miracle of Father's life. □

"THE TIME IS AT HAND"

by Rev. Gil Jordan

Taken from a sermon given in March 1987 by Rev. Gil Jordan of Willow Springs, Missouri, at the Unification Church center in St. Louis.

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS my sincere gratitude for Rev. Moon and for the sacrifices of those who have allowed ministers such as myself to attend these wonderful ICC conferences in Korea.

In Acts 2:17-18, Peter recalls the words of the prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."

go further up the hill toward the Rock of Tears. There I saw a familiar-looking face whose eyes were very bright, like glowing coals, and I couldn't look directly into them. I thought it was the Lord. Then Heavenly Father spoke to me and introduced him to me saying, "He is my Son. Please listen to him. You have been obedient and you asked me in fervent prayer about Rev. Moon. I choose to speak through whom I may, and I am using Rev. Moon. Yes, he is a prophet. He has a messianic mission, and, just like many others in the past, is meant to complete the work of Jesus Christ. The spirit of Jesus Christ is guiding Rev. Moon."

The voice said that Rev. Moon has a multifold mission and that he is of the tribe of Benjamin. One of his tasks is to gather the tribes of Judah and Simon and teach them their responsibilities. At the same time he has to bring those who have been given jurisdiction over the other tribes to a better understanding of what their missions are and how to be good stewards, because if they can't fulfill their responsibility, their missions will be taken away from them and given to somebody else. This was quite a testimony from the Lord Himself to me, and none of it contradicted what I see Rev. Moon doing right now.

Then I had another beautiful experience. Suddenly I started to see the Lord's creation through His eyes. I saw a struggling fly with its wings broken, and I felt compassion for it. I told the lady next to me that because we were on holy ground, we shouldn't kill even a fly. Then I saw a wasp, and I reached down and petted it and had communication with it. I felt incredible love for the Lord's creation, and I knew He created all of it with a purpose.

During the rest of the conference it became very evident to me how important man, even in a fallen state, is to God. God is our parent, and as a

parent He has an intimate fatherly love and concern for every one of us. I know for sure that Jesus Christ as the son of God is mindful of each and every being on this earth.

I had one final experience. One lady who was there at the Rock of Tears asked a few of us to pray for her son, whom she was very worried about. As we were praying, we all started to weep. Suddenly I saw what appeared to be a red ink blot in the middle of the rock. It began to bleed as if it were coming out of a wound, and it expanded to the size of a quarter. After I prayed intensely, I felt that it represented the Lord, who is suffering and weeping so much that his wounds open up again and again.

God commissioned me

I and four other participants dedicated that whole area at the Rock of Tears as a place of sanctuary for the Lord, a place for the Lord's oracles. We felt the Lord wanted us to do that, and we feel that someday this place will actually become a sanctuary—not just symbolically, but physically.

I believe God commissioned me to share these experiences with you. I would like to encourage all of you to pray and ask God about the depths of His love for each one of us.

When I was in the Orient I experienced deeply that the people there really live what they believe. We also have to do the same and let our light shine so that people can know what we believe. It doesn't matter what people may say about us, because eventually they will come to know the truth.

I believe the time is at hand. The Christian churches have to repent for their sins, and that is why these conferences are so necessary, so that we can all come and do it together. □



Left to right: Adam Dickson, Rev. Gil Jordan, Martine Paris, and Keiji Endo.

Please notice that it says "all flesh," regardless of color, creed, or anything else. Christ wouldn't have referred to this unless it were actually to become true. I believe that we are already living in those days.

Anybody can have the gift of prophecy, and in fact, I believe that we do have living prophets with that gift now in our midst. And today, Rev. Moon is one of those prophets.

At the Rock of Tears

I had several experiences in Korea that testify to this. When I was in Pusan, I heard a voice telling me to



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**"A tree silently grows to maturity,
but when the time is ripe, it naturally bears fruit,
which the entire universe will then be able to appreciate.
If this is true of a humble tree, how much more is it true
of men and women who are laying the foundation
of goodness for the future of the world?"**

*Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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