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**The Royal Family of True Love
A Memoir—Early Days in Japan**

Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing

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On July 1, 1991, Father held a special ceremonial pledge service at Hannam-dong. Later that day, he announced the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing. We present here unofficial notes of that speech. Rev. Zin Moon Kim, the National Advisor to the Unification Church of America, gives a further explanation of the significance of this declaration on page 19 of this issue.

Today is the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing. It is a holiday equal in importance to God's Day, Parents' Day, Children's Day, etc. Members now have the authority to give God's blessings through the tribal messiahship providence.

The suffering and difficulties that the Unification Church has experienced in the month of June, as well as natural calamities (volcanos, earthquakes) were due to the ending of one providential period and the beginning of another.

From July 1, all persecution will be finished. Father proclaims the tribal messiah providence. This is the beginning of God's Kingdom on Earth. I am giving you the position of elder son, and with this position comes the ability to give great blessings.

Be careful when you exercise judgment; what you say, especially in the hometown mission, can be particularly powerful, since you are able to call down the spirit world.

In the new dispensation you begin a new process of restoration of the positions: (1) Elder son, (2) Parenthood, and (3) Kingship. On this foundation, Korea will be unified under Father. Later this year, I will launch the International Federation for World Peace in Korea.

All members should dress nicely. Continue to work hard, but be mindful of your image. You have to smile more; no more frowning. No matter how difficult the situation try to maintain a positive outlook.

Father has proclaimed that you are members of the Royal Family. Blessed families are princes and princesses. You no longer belong to any nationality—Irish, German, American, Japanese, Korean—nor denomination—Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism. You are members of the Royal Family.

The Royal Family demands new robes. Be mindful how you dress and how you carry yourselves. Create a new spiritual attitude.

Recreate your minds in order to be leaders. You need a new start. Before you can dominate the world, you must be able to dominate yourself. Before you can dominate your tribe, you need to be able to control yourself. A revolution of heart and love, faith and determination are needed.

Train yourselves to overcome your fallen nature. Fallen nature will not come from outside the movement, but from inside oneself. Wake up from your deep sleep! Deny the old ways. Don't be like Lot's wife who looked back and turned to a pillar of salt. Take up your cross; it is the overcoming of fallen nature. Check yourself. You must go through the eight stages, from the servant of servants, to the position of God.

Your tribe will not follow a person who is prideful, so be humble. Be always grateful. Tribes-people will not respect a complainer. Overcome laziness and egotism. To believe your way is the only way will turn off people. Jealousy and selfishness will inhibit smooth flowing subject-object relations. You must be pure, truthful, wholesome, and embracing, and then your tribe will follow.

In your hometown community, be the center of everything positive. Eventually you will become the elder son and later, they will see you as the parent. Eventually, the community will think of you as the king.

Before you die, you must clean up your fallen nature. Fallen nature makes you suffer and pay indemnity. A person of divided nature cannot enter the Kingdom. As you overcome your own fallen nature, you can teach others how to do it. On this foundation you can enter Canaan into the Kingdom.

On this level you can practice True Parents' tradition; you can be the channels to give God's blessings to 120 families in your tribes. ■■

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However, that is not happening. The free world is also going down, following the path of the demise of communism. This is the real problem today.

Of the two thieves on either side of Jesus at the crucifixion time, one opposed him and one offered his support, introducing the terms left wing and right wing. During the time of the Second Advent, the left wing and right wing terminology will disappear. The Messiah shall stand victoriously in the center, forming the headwing, or Godwing. The left and right will unite with the central Godwing ideology. This is the conclusion and culmination of religious history.

The world is in absolute confusion today. The democratic world is in trouble and without solutions. The left wing is in disarray. Can the leaders of the free and communist worlds find a solution for lasting peace? No!

Reverend Sun Myung Moon's actions will become the focal point for promoting peace.

Now world scholars and philosophers are studying Father's Divine Principle teaching and have completely surrendered to it. People thought communism would conquer the world. Instead, communism collapsed, and who went to the Soviet Union first? Reverend Moon and the Unification people. We are teaching the Divine Principle to the communists.

The surprising thing is this: Reverend Moon's strength has been studied, not only by scholars, but by government agencies such as the CIA, the FBI and the KGB. They have come to the conclusion that the Unification Movement is not a cult; on the contrary, it has a value system that needs to be adopted throughout the world in the twenty-first century. The ideologies of East and West have failed and the leaders have thrown their hands up. They must turn to me to learn my teaching and value system, which is centered upon God and exists absolutely for the future happiness.

Translator: Dr. Bo Hi Pak

In the last several years the situation of the world has changed most dramatically. As you know, communism has tumbled down and I had to prepare internal and providential changes to generate these external changes. I have been very busy to keep up with the schedule of the Providential will and program and therefore have not been with you too many times. Do you understand and welcome me?

As you well know, the Unification Church has been occupying the position of receiving the most persecution. From that position we are rising to the position most welcomed by the society and nation. I'm sure you feel that change to the bone, don't you? We have witnessed the collapse of the left wing or communism, and watched the crumbling of the Berlin Wall. The right wing, or democracy, which is represented by the United States and the free world, should be prospering while the left wing is going down.

Above: Father speaks to Unification Church members at the Holy Rock in Belvedere.

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Royal Family of True Love

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ness of all mankind. This is their conclusion, not my conclusion.

Shall we talk about a bad topic or a good topic today? In order for me to speak about a good topic, I need good people to listen. Are you good or bad people? Have your actions been really good in the sight of God or are you only answering positively? Then you are actually bad people. We are at the final crossroads of good and evil, so we must evaluate ourselves.

BELIEVE IN ME

Even today, you can make a new beginning. You may think, "I have not been so good, but here in the presence of Father, Mother, the True Family, the spirit world, and the beauty of nature, I will make a pledge to move toward the good side. From today on, I'm going to be an absolutely dedicated Unificationist."

Our title today is: "The Royal Family of True Love." Am I speaking about a conceptual idea that will happen a thousand years from now? Or am I speaking about reality? (Reality!) There are many of you who have not really believed in your heart the things Father has said. There are few Unificationists who have believed in Father one hundred percent. Is there anybody who can say, "Father I have been with you one thousand percent; I never doubted any of your words"?

The fact is, whether you believed it or not, Father's words have been fulfilled to the last iota. Was God's will automatically fulfilled? Not at all, because there is always a factor of human responsibility. That is precisely what the Divine Principle is all about. There are many Unification Church members in Korea, Japan and elsewhere in the world, but none of them had anything to do with the fulfillment of Father's prophecy. Only one person, Father himself, has fulfilled his five percent of human responsibility, leading to the fulfillment of the Providential will. Therefore, who will pioneer the new future history? Father himself.

On August 31, 1989, in Kodiak, Alaska, Father declared the Pal Chong Shik, meaning Eight Stages Settlement Ceremony. Do you know its contents? You've been saying, "I'm a member of the Unification Church," but you do not know Father nor the Unification Church so well. In that ceremony, Father proclaimed that the world would quickly and drastically change.

Then, on September 1, Father declared the age of True Parentism. If True Parentism had appeared at the outset of human history, there would have been no Satan and no evil; God's will would have been long established here on the earth. Satan's world has been flourishing, but when

Father declared True Parentism, Satan had to retreat.

What happened after that? That same year, the Berlin Wall, the symbol of East-West separation, came tumbling down. Only five months later, Father went to Moscow and met with President Gorbachev in the Kremlin on April 11, 1990. Through this, True Parents set the condition for the second generation of the communist world to follow a new ideology and value system. So far, three thousand Soviet college students from the best universities have come to Father's seminars to learn the Divine Principle and have become incredibly inspired.

The Soviets are trying to imitate the Western economic system. But where can they gain a value system for their future? Only from Reverend Moon's Godism ideology. It is the hope of the Soviet Union. History has been made by men, often without God. This time history shall be made with a God centered-ideology!

What if the Soviet Union's dramatic acceptance of Father could happen in all the fifty states of America? What if each governor told Father, "Please come and set up the Unification Church in our state because only your ideology can save our people"? It would be a miracle. But it is already happening in the Soviet Union.

While the Soviet Union is making this kind of foundation, what is the free world doing, especially America? This is a problem. Do you want to be defeated by the Soviet Union? (No!) No matter how they acted in the past, the Soviet Union has now changed their direction 180 degrees. This is reality.

In the Bible there is a saying that the last shall become the first and the first, the last. Father first came to the United States and put most of his energy into this country. In terms of God's Providence the Soviet Union is the last country. They are just now accepting the Divine Principle, but the last are becoming first. This is a realization of that prophecy.

Furthermore, established Christianity was the first, worshipping Jesus Christ and God. However, because they did not accept this last days' truth coming from God, they will become the last, and atheists who accepted True Parentism and the Messiah will become the first. Those atheists will accuse Christians, asking, "You're supposed to be Christ's disciples, but what have you done? We have been atheists but we accepted the truth. We know True Parents now, we know true love now, so we are ahead of you." This kind of transition has been occurring at this time.

We are now having follow-up training for the Soviet students in seven different locations throughout the country. Over two thousand people have been attending these workshops. You applaud but your applause has no power because though one side is happy because Father has so

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much success, one side is ashamed thinking about the Church in the United States.

You have not been listening to Father too well and never really believed Father's message, but what about today? Can you believe the things that Father is announcing to you? (Yes!) Those who say, "Though I may have doubted in the past, I repent and from this time forward pledge to believe you with no doubt whatsoever," raise your hands! Now that I see you believe me, I have more power and fun to speak to you.

WHERE ARE YOUR FRUITS?

Belvedere seems to be a magic place. Everybody comes here and gets so energized and yells "Yes, yes!" to all I say. As soon as you get out of the Belvedere door, you begin to worry about your groceries, your trip to the drug store, and other things. By lunchtime, you have a thousand things to worry about. You wonder if you really saw Father and don't remember what you heard. You become your old self. In the meantime, one year is passing, ten years are passing, and your life is passing away.

Your life and your fruit is not Father's responsibility, it is not the Unification Church's responsibility. You yourself are responsible for your eternal life and your heaven. In the Bible, Jesus was passing through Jerusalem and saw a fig tree growing by the side of the road. He was in a hurry and crossed to the tree wanting to pick some fruit, but there was none. Jesus accused that tree and immediately it died. So don't die. You not only have your life, but you have to bear fruit. Ten-year, twenty-year membership does not automatically bring you fruit. That is not the way that God works. You must have actual fruit.

For example, many United States citizens claim to be patriots. But it doesn't make any difference unless they have some patriotic deeds to support that statement. This is true for saints as well. No matter how many good words you are speaking for the sake of humanity, unless you bear fruit you are not going to be regarded as a saint. Words pass away, but only fruit remains as real accomplishment. Reverend Moon is the same, no exception. If I just talked empty talk,

it would not bring me any glory or accomplishment. Even I am worried about how much real accomplishment or fruit I am bearing throughout the world.

Great countries like the United States, Japan, the Soviet Union, the Republic of China, Germany, England and France are all fearful of me. Is it because I am some sort of criminal? No. What they fear is that I have made achievements they cannot even imagine, and in such a short time. So, when you stand on your accomplishments the entire heaven and earth shall surrender to you.

Have you heard about the *Inquisition* book? It tells what actually happened during Father's trial, proclaiming the truth about how the United States government conspired to put Father into jail. Yet, while he was on trial Father created projects like *The Washington Times* and *Insight* magazine, *The World & I*, and so on, in order to save America. I



True Parents pray before Father begins speaking to over two thousand brothers and sisters gathered at Belvedere.

never sought revenge. In 1975, the United States was defeated in Vietnam and plunged to the point of lowest morale in American history. Liberalism was rampant. It was only through Father's support that the right wing could regain leadership of America. History will prove these things cannot be denied.

Though I supported the Reagan administration, the big-

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gest irony is this: The Reagan administration is the very one which allowed the government to put me into jail. Under normal circumstances I should feel vindictive. Instead I created many projects to support the conservative cause. I do these unusual things because I am not working for myself, but for God.

INVEST ONE HUNDRED PERCENT

Recently I spoke to *The Washington Times* staff: "I have invested millions of dollars in this newspaper. Many people think there must be some ulterior motive for this continuous investment even though there is never any profit. Do you know my hidden motivation? I have a divine calling from God." I clearly stated: "I created *The Washington Times* for the sake of the collapse of communism. That mission is accomplished so now is the time to deal with the domestic moral agenda: the decline of Christianity and the rise of secular humanism, the drug culture, the breakdown of families and juvenile delinquency. All these problems are your problems, not my problems. I could wash my hands and walk away, but I stay. The reason is you don't understand and even more you don't have a solution. So I am going to stay here and fight that battle to clean up America and save this country." They were very inspired to hear this.

Korean and Japanese people came to America only because Father wanted them to come. Were they welcomed by the United States and welcomed by the American members? Or did you say, "We don't need them. We have a Christian heritage and Korea and Japan are not even Christian countries"? No matter how proud you are you don't have the contents needed to move into the future world.

But I am different from you. I have a strong ideology. Once someone studies the Divine Principle they can turn completely around in only three days. Its power is much stronger than economic power. But you foolish people don't know what a strong armament you have.

Do you think white people are the supreme people? A very famous white American journalist recently wrote an essay claiming that Asian people have a much superior quality compared to the white race. Koreans kept their traditions intact through five thousand years and 931 invasions. Wisdom, power and courage enabled the Korean people to maintain their Korean identity. Although Asian people's skin is dark and their height is short, they have stronger human qualities within them. Even though you never say it, white people subconsciously look down on other races. But I want you to know, and only Reverend Moon can say something like this, you are being defeated right now by the Asian people, in every way. Asian people's good character is becoming more and more evident in American society. So you must wake up! God sent one savior, the True Parents, out of the Korean race. This is the most logical thing.

THE OTHER SIDE OF DANBURY

Everyone had thought that Father and the Unification Church could never survive through such persecution. And when I went to Danbury, many members cried at East Garden. But I never cried. I said, "Why cry? I am not looking at the front of Danbury prison, but at the other side of Danbury, at what kind of glorious and victorious history shall be made." I kept working to make that prophesy come true and after Danbury it came true, didn't it? Now my name is being resurrected. Father once said at Belvedere, "The day that Rev. Moon's name is resurrected, this world will have salvation and true lasting peace." That day has arrived, amen!

Korea was the number one country against me. Because Korean people are smart, they know how to persecute well too. But presently the Korean people think there is only one person who can unite North and South Korea—Rev. Moon. They have said, "We have never seen a living saint since Taegun, Korea's forefather, but we have seen one in Rev. Sun Myung Moon."

Three consecutive forty-day seminars have been conducted for Muslim leaders—Syrians, Yemeni, and Egyptians. Mingling with other religions is usually a high offense, but they are allowed to come by their leaders. Could those Muslims listen to Christian leaders? Could Billy Graham or the President of the United States do that? Only Father can do that!

Last year, Father spoke in ten gymnasiums throughout South Korea, as well as in the major cities of the United States, to the Korean people. I proclaimed True Parentism. They just listened with no objections, particularly the Korean Christians. In one gymnasium tens of thousands did a True Parents' mansei at the end.

How much transformation in men's lives has been brought about on the face of the earth because of one man? Until now, humanity had no hope. Now, True Parents' direction alone will provide them salvation.

Father brought more than thirty thousand Korean leaders to the United States, across the Pacific, to attend a Divine Principle seminar and see Father's accomplishments. But people say, "Rev. Moon is a great liar. How could anyone bring that many people across the Pacific? Not even a government could do that."

You are very powerful individuals, but you don't know it. Why? Because you met Father. Otherwise, you might live and die in one place. By joining with Father you have been around all fifty states doing MFT or evangelization work, and furthermore, many of you went to Europe, Asia and Africa. If Father asks you to assemble in Korea in one month, it is nothing for you. You are well-trained to go anywhere in order to save the world and liberate God.

You have now heard all the prophecies which Father has fulfilled; therefore, you must become a true believer.

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Everything I have said has been achieved and is thus easily believed. So now I must give you new words.

THE PROBLEM-MAKING KING OF KINGS

Today's topic sounds easy, but none of you really think about how difficult it is to fulfill this title—become a royal family of true love.

Is the royal family centered upon man or God? If the royal family is humanity, then what is God's position? God is the royal family lord, owner, and subject. What is another title for God? King, kingship! Without a king there is no royalty.

Normally, is the king a man or a woman? Will American women say, "The king is a woman"? Does the king come first or the queen come first? (King!) Where there is a king, there should also be a queen. They are meant to be equal, but if the queen doesn't follow and unite with the kingdom's law and philosophy, she is certainly not entitled to queenship. The king and queen's children constitute the royal family.

In the Unification Church we are always talking about the restoration of the elder son's right—Cain and Abel. We are also pursuing the parent's right and the king's right. Do you know who should be the king of the Unification Church? God! But since God is invisible, He bequeathed the kingship to His son, Rev. Moon.

God is the King of Kings—the problem-making King of Kings. Why is Rev. Moon so controversial? Because I am the heir of the problem-making King. But I am making problems for Satan, pushing him out wherever I go. I have created so much noise that people hear about me and without even knowing me, want to spit at me.

I have been creating individual problems, family problems, tribal problems, national problems, world problems, spiritual and physical world problems, cosmic problems. I have been speaking out, year after year, until now I am over seventy years old, an old grandpa. God gave me the power to overcome Satan. No one can deny that any longer. Can you deny or accept that? (Accept it.)

Is Satan's world a nice place or a bad place? It is the worst place, and that is where you come from. It is a wonderful privilege to become a trouble-maker for Satan's world.

I infiltrated and overcame Satan's world, with God as my Partner. Satan has been trying to hide certain information from me, but spirit world informs me right away. That is why Satan dislikes me so much. Satan's side thought they had completely demolished us. But all of a sudden they realized I was not only alive, but getting stronger. They were shooting at my lower body, but my head was way above, protected. So my head got the victory; this is why Rev. Moon's ideology finally received the name, Headwing—it means head won!

The whole world united to shoot at one target—Rev. Moon. But who protected me? (God.) They tried to break

through the invisible shield of God and heavenly fate, but it was too strong.

CALLED TO SAVE THE WORLD

Father has declared the victory. As early as 1979, the academic community attempted to knock my ideology down, but I won the knock-out victory over them. The only people still opposing me are those who are not informed. Suppose all the established Christians listened to a Divine Principle seminar for one week. Would they be turned around, changing their concepts and attitudes? (Yes.)

Since the liberation of Korea in 1945, established Christianity has been the major obstacle for the advancement of the Unification Movement. Since 1945, how many people have died and gone to spirit world without knowing the Divine Principle and True Father? One billion lives ended up in hell because established Christianity blocked them. These Christians think they can go to heaven through worshipping the Lord Jesus, but when they go to spirit world, one billion innocent victims are waiting for them: "Because you opposed Rev. Moon, I could not end up in heaven."

Furthermore, Unification Church members also are going to be accused, because those in spirit world will say that you knew the True Parents, knew how to obtain salvation, but because of your lack of doing, you couldn't restore even your own tribe. Because of you, the True Parents' name has not reached every corner of the earth. Victims have been increasing every year. They will say, "You rascal—you too became an obstacle for us to go to heaven." What do you think? Will your ancestors welcome you in the spirit world, or will they be cursing you in the spiritual world? (Cursing.)

You are not here because you are eligible to become a member of the Unification Church. You are the representative of your tribe and of your ancestors. If you fail, you are responsible for the failure of your entire family and clan. God chose you for this mission. It is a public mission, not an individual mission. A public mission means restoring history, from the individual foundation to the cosmic foundation, including God. Look at the miserable situation of downtown New York City? Who should save it? Should God or Father do it? No. That is your mission, why you were called by God.

How can you liberate these levels? You must take up the cross, and go the agonizing indemnity way, as Jesus did. This Grandpa went this way, step by step, and the next generations must each pass through the same absolute course. From now on you must take the way of repentance.

When I think about the persecution I encountered, it was God's way of protecting me: "Don't go astray, take the correct path." The correct way was liberating the individual level to the family, tribe, nation, world, and cosmic levels. Not the way of just individual salvation, as established Christians believe. What was my path centered upon? True



Father, with Dr. Bo Hi Pak translating, pours out his heart to members for over five hours on a hot, sunny day.

Love. I expanded a rocky mountainous path into a super-highway. So, you must follow behind me, taking the true love way. Don't wander around—take the short-cut of true love!

I encountered so many walls and barriers along the way, but they have been torn down. You never understood Father's miserable situation during this course. Going to jail is no problem, compared to Satan's secret obstacles, which only Father knows about. It was worse than a head-on collision. How many times I smiled, but I was desperately fighting to break up Satan's world. Only I understood God and Satan's secret war, so I took responsibility for this mission. I stood at the center of the battlefield with every imaginable Satan shooting at me, trying to destroy God's foundation. But I moved forward to liberate God throughout the free world. From now on, no more persecution appears on the horizon. I liberated everything.

FROM THE BOTTOM TO THE TOP

When I came to America it was like a modern-day Rome. I proclaimed to Senators and Congressmen, "You are wrong!" I fought to become God's victor, restoring past history and making a foundation to restore the Christian second generation in the United States. Now the American government and American churches must follow my teachings. There is no hope otherwise. I am being recognized for who I truly am.

The satanic world has been targeting Father. However, Father repelled every one of those attacks and declared the victory. Parents, brothers and sisters, and relatives kidnapped their Moonie children. That phenomena occurred only in the Unification Church.

At the family level all families came against me; at the tribe level, all the tribes of the world attacked me. After winning the tribal level we rose to the national level, and

all the nations of the world gathered to destroy us. Finally, all of the spiritual world came against me.

But now, the leading nations of the world no longer have any power over me. They said, "Rev. Moon, we don't want you!" But all of the worldwide opposition caused me to be raised up even more quickly.

Even hell's gate has been opened. You don't know how many miserable tears I cried to reach even those in the depths of hell. I threw a rope down and you grabbed it. I went the liberation course way, from the individual to the heavenly world, opening all the gates. It is done.

All living things on the earth have heard about me, even babies on their mothers' backs. Why? So much noise surrounds my life. How to reach everyone on earth was a major problem for me. Even a really good person who spends his whole life serving humanity cannot reach many remote areas. But, fearful mafia figures are easily known throughout the world. So my strategy to proclaim my name even in remote areas was to make trouble and receive persecution for forty years.

OVERCOME THE FALLEN LINEAGE!

Your mission is to clean up evil! When did you understand and follow me? I was shielding you from Satan's bullets, because you didn't have enough strength. Now, your remaining mission is to clear up the darkness of the satanic atmosphere. Whose mission is that, yours or Father's mission? (Ours, Father.) You must walk on the road to liberation that I clearly taught to you.

Pal Chong Shik was an important ceremony to transfer your satanic, stained blood lineage to God's side. You were connected to Satan's love, Satan's life, and Satan's lineage—a satanic trinity. The blood lineage is connected to the parents' life, which is centered on love. Man and woman become parents centering on love. The father and mother's

*Where can the original true parenthood, true kingship,
and true eldership be found? At the center of God's
palace, true Adam's perfected family foundation.
Adam's body is God's dwelling place.*

love have give and take, forming a sphere of love. At the center point of that love, life is conceived. Centering on the parents' love and life, the blood lineage is connected. Even though a woman divorces her husband, she and her children cannot be easily separated, because children are the fruit of love.

But all of humanity is the fruit of the fall. Even though you wanted to go the original way, it could not be found. God's direction and Satan's direction are 180 degrees different.

What does fallen humanity need? Messiahship! Only there can be found God's love, life and lineage. Through inheriting that, you can rebuild the original world, centering on God and true love. How can fallen humankind regain their former condition? Only by changing 180 degrees. What is the enemy's base? Satan's love, life, and lineage—Satan's love seed. That seed was multiplied, generation by generation, to the world. This is modern humanity's miserable situation. You cannot find true love, the true way of life, nor the true blood lineage in Satan's world. Instead, everyone says, "I don't need my spouse, I don't need my parents, I don't need to have children."

We must turn around 180 degrees! America was rampant with streaking, Hippies, the drug culture. Upon arriving here I agonized day and night, "What can I do about America's miserable situation?" It is like an overflowing trashcan! Free sex, secular humanism, just enjoying life.

How can you guide people? You must inherit absolute life and absolute love. But where can those contents be found? American youth people are in mental agony, going down to hell every day. I could hear the sound of cries ringing out everywhere.

I looked toward America's future and saw only darkness. You don't how much I agonized over this situation. Someone had to bring enlightenment to this dark atmosphere. But one cannot find that kind of light in the established Christian world. The American government, American families and young people have no hope. Who can save this situation? Only Almighty God! Man's power is used up! Look around you—communism and democracy are fighting. Now Unificationists proclaim, "We will make the parents' path, resolving the fighting."

So, to help humanity's miserable situation you need Parenthood, centering on God and True Parents. You need True Parents to clean up Satan's love, Satan's life, and Satan's blood lineage foundation.

THE SEXUAL ORGAN—GOD'S LOVE PALACE

What is the connecting place between man and woman? The sexual organ! That organ was originally to be God's love palace! It is meant to be the holiest place. Only after the fall did it become the most dirty place. God put it in a protected part of the body, like a hidden construction.

We must realize the most valuable foundation for life,

love and blood lineage are all to be found in that organ—past, present and future history are all connected to it. Satan defiled the most holy place, planting his corrupted seed in the first human ancestors. That seed was bequeathed generation to generation. Springtime and summertime have already passed, and now the autumn harvest time is here.

In the Garden of Eden, teenagers corrupted the most holy place. In the harvest time, free sex flourishes throughout the world, like a weed. This concept must be totally destroyed. It belongs solely to Satan's side. The only way to banish it forever is to teach the Unification course. Through that you can win over your brothers and sisters, your parents, your relatives, your nation, YOUR WORLD, YOUR COSMOS, including hell. All these must be connected to the parenthood foundation. You must clean up Satan's filth.

We must change this painful history, creating the future of goodness. No matter how difficult the situation, you must beat back Satan's world. Only those who understand the problem can do it. But no one knew those contents, because Satan blocked them. The only one who knows is Rev. Moon and his beloved followers. You are a small number of blessed people here, compared to the power of the world. But, be like Father! Father alone challenged the American government, declaring, "You must take the repentance way otherwise you will perish." They didn't want to listen to such an insignificant person from Korea.

Go the way of natural subjugation. I took that way through the court case here in America. I went to Satan's basement, Danbury prison, to open that too. From there I began the resurrection course. Now it appears that Rev. Moon is not the lowest scoundrel, but a man with worldwide connections. We have knowledge power, organization power, scientific and technological power. It is all for fulfilling God's mission.

I had to destroy Satan's foundation from the individual to the cosmic levels. No matter how powerful Satan was, he knew that he was unrighteously occupying the earth. I represented God, and proclaimed, "You are wrong!" Satan had to get behind God. God became the king of judges and placed his sentence on Satan, "Get out of the world! Rev. Moon is the righteous center of the world, My true love center!" Satan couldn't object because that was the Principled viewpoint. I made a foundation to the cosmic level through the natural subjugation way.

You have to connect to this foundation! A purer atmosphere is growing on the earth. Proclaim that God is the King!

INHERIT THE VERTICAL AXIS POSITION

The liberation foundation has been made on the earth. After Adam and Eve's fall, kingship, parenthood, and elder brotherhood were completely lost. Satan occupied every-

thing. Now God is taking ownership of His original property. Now the worldwide economic and political viewpoints are connecting. The spiritual, vertical world and the physical, horizontal world are connecting. God's cosmic ideal family world is appearing! It is like a true love soccer ball that God can kick around—such an exciting world! Every point on the sphere makes a vertical axis to the central point. Therefore, all points can equally receive God's love. There has been so much inequality throughout the world because mankind never took the vertical axis position to God.

Until now, there was never an original nation. The original ideal hometown never existed! This mistaken world must be kicked back to the original world. Proclaiming and taking action for God is the Unification Movement way. The contents of this movement are absolutely centered on love. God's ideal, God's existence, everything is connected to that central true love place, the dwelling place of true love, true life, and true blood lineage. From where did humanity start? Not from the eyes, nor the nose, nor the head, but from your holy place—your sexual organ.

But is your sexual organ truly holy? Your blood lineage is stained, so salvation is not easy. People say, "If God has absolute power, why did He leave the world in such a miserable situation for so long? Why didn't He take away sin and raise up goodness? God has no power." Man's conclusion was, "God doesn't exist, God is dead."

Satan cleverly led mankind into secular humanism and free sex. Look at the misery of the American family system. Fathers and grandfathers have sexual relationships with their daughters and granddaughters. Satan has been accusing God: "God, look at mankind. You can't save them." What could God answer? How miserable God has been since He lost His Kingship. You don't know that, but I understood it so clearly! I proclaimed to Satan, "I will go the Principled way, centering on true love, climbing past the individual peak, the family peak, tribe peak," national peak, free and communist world peak. I made a new tradition uniting the races of the world.

I connected nations, cultures and races. I even blessed people from enemy countries. Korea and Japan are historical enemies, but Father blessed them in 1988!



At that time, Korean and Japanese leaders pleaded with Father to not go through with that Blessing. They reported that many Japanese were upset. The Korean nation responded the same, but I didn't care! They were in the archangel position, recommending that I avoid controversy.

Father started from the individual level, going the reverse course, rebuilding God's family, tribe, nation and world. Now God's original ideal, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in the spiritual world is appearing.

Do you like a victorious man? (Yes!)

The individual and family victor is standing in front of you. Can you believe it? You doubted me every step of the way, so after twenty years I am way ahead of you. Now can you believe me or not? (Yes.)

So you have to go back to the original and the final point. The final point is not family, tribe, nor national level—it is the individual level.

GO BACK TO YOUR HOMETOWN

You have to go back to the original place, your hometown! This is the Divine Principle viewpoint. Just obey. Now in Korea, members are spreading out to their hometowns—Tong ban kyôk pa! Your hometown includes formation, growth and perfection levels. Centering on your family, you must fulfill those three levels, and connect them to the tribe, nation, and world levels fulfilled by Father. You have to expand God's foundation horizontally. Satan will be driven out of every corner of the earth. When you build the foundation in your hometown, it won't take long to restore the world.

You have a welcoming foundation. Rev. Moon is so famous. The past persecution is now being balanced out. The American atmosphere is different starting from today. Until now your parents and relatives united against us, but they understand in the bottom of their hearts how wrong they were. They have been hearing about Rev. Moon's patriotism in America. They will repent in front of you. No one will speak as tears flow on every face.

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I clearly understood that I needed to settle in my hometown in Korea. Satan also understood, and worked through six successive Korean regimes to try to kick me away. But the seventh time Satan will no longer have power.

Now I am proclaiming messiahship. All people on both the left and right sides who don't follow me in the future will have no hope. No satanic power can eliminate or erase what I have done.

I am proclaiming the eldership right, parentship right, and kingship right. You have to know those contents clearly. Who is the elder son? It is Adam. Who are the first parents? Adam and Eve were the first, worst parents, and we are connected to them. How can the True Parents' way appear? Only through true love. The first parents ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of evil, bequeathing their evil blood lineage to all generations. Contrary to that, you must follow the true love way. But your body is connected to Satan's love, Satan's life, Satan's lineage! Is it easy to separate from Satan? It is so difficult.

The providential way of salvation is the restoration way. Restoration is recreation. When God created the world, there was only one concept. We have to go back to the zero point before creating God's side. So the Bible teaches, he who wants to live will lose his life, he who can lose his life will gain it. What is the meaning? To want to lose one's life means losing Satan's life—cut from Satan. Otherwise there is no way for God to connect to you. Historically evil prospered and goodness suffered. These directions are being exchanged. Now, good people will go up, bad people will decline. This is the crossing junction time, the zero point time. The free world has lost its way. Communism took the worst direction and now stands at the zero point.

The free world, with its brotherhood system, must follow parentship, otherwise there is no hope! You came from the worst parents and fought between brothers. Now, you must make a new history, whose contents is good parents, harmonious brothers, good tribes, good nations, good world. This is the completion of God's original purpose.

GOD NEEDS A LOVE PARTNER

So, where can the original true parentship, true kingship, and true eldership be found? At the center of God's palace, true Adam's perfected family foundation. Adam's body is God's dwelling place. God gives love to Adam vertically and Adam gives love horizontally. God doesn't need power, knowledge, or money. He can create those anytime. But one thing He can't make, is true love. Love implies subject and object.

The established Christian world says, "Does an Absolute God need love?" But God says, "Like you, I need true love." God needs an absolute love partner, just as man does. Man's feeling is, "I want my love partner to be greater than me."

Also, we want our children to be greater than the parents. Where did those two desires come from, originally? From God. That means God also wants partnership and childrenship. No matter how absolute a being God is, He needs a love partner and children and He wants them to be better than God Himself. Why did God create humankind? For LOVE PARTNERSHIP!

We have to return to the original individual and family. What is that? That is the eldership right, parentship right, and kingship right! Adam was meant to be God's true love partner. How incredible! Once connected in true love, there would be no separation. For the first time in history, Rev. Moon has appeared and proclaimed clearly that Adam's unified foundation is fulfilled in me! Unless you inherit that, even if the outside world becomes unified, you cannot connect to it.

You have to go the reverse course, denying Satan's concepts. If children deny their parents, how can they connect to the vertical Parents' love? How can a love tradition be established? When parents deny their children or couples deny each other, no love tradition is established. Satan separated everyone, sending them to the bottom of hell. God had to look down on that kind of miserable situation, so no matter how difficult the situation, I had to persevere.

You must take the repentance way. The only remaining obstacle is too much pride. Every minute the American national debt is rising. The American lifestyle shouts out, "We are high-level proud people, leading the world." But they are spending too much money, and now, America is crumbling. You Moonies have been survivors, leading a humble lifestyle. I trained you like that. I never think of my own economic benefit, but try to solve the problems of mankind.

So, we have to go back to the original site—our hometown. I accomplished everything in America and became the victor, no matter how much persecution came against me. Now I have to go back to my hometown, because I am over seventy years old.

I made a new vocabulary—forgetting concept age. Even though I memorize some English in the evening, the next morning I can't remember. As a young man I could study ten or twelve pages and clearly remember. I have to learn English because I have to pull back Western young people from Satan.

LOVE'S MERRY-GO-ROUND

You are still young, so you have no excuse not to learn Korean. You should read Father's speeches in Korean. Those speeches contain a wealth of knowledge, solutions to problems from the individual to the world level. Famous scholars are now studying Korean in order to read my speeches in the original language. Translating them into English is a shameful situation. Those famous professors will ask you how many years have you been in the Unification Church:

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"More than twenty years." "Do you know the contents of Father's speeches in Korean?" "No." "Then you cannot claim to be disciples of Rev. Moon." This is a serious issue, so I recommend that you please learn Korean.

You are so much younger than me. How can you be defeated? You have a good brain, so learning Korean in three years should be no problem. From now on, those who don't understand Korean cannot visit me in Korea. Shall you make a promise or not? (Yes!)

The Pacific Era is coming, but who will lead it? God needs someone like me, who follows Him no matter how much difficulty comes to me.

You now understand your course. The short-cut is true love. Even the highest saint needs a love partner. God knew, before He created man, that He needed a horizontal love partner. Man's mission is to harmonize horizontally. Man stands on the East Coast and woman on the West Coast. Man and women should understand their need for a love partner, and meet in the center. No matter how many material objects a woman collects, if she cannot find a man, she feels no value. In the Garden of Eden, Adam was a man of action, and Eve wondered, "How can I unite with such a trouble-maker?" But through their give and take with God, they could begin to take steps toward each other. Overcoming one problem, they could take one step, overcoming something else, another step—toward the central position.

Where is Rev. Moon standing? In the exact center place. When you stand in that direct vertical line, God's love will come down, uniting you into one. Man has initiating power and woman has receiving power. As you come to the center and revolve in love action, you make a sphere of love, eternally. Even God will follow that absolute love. Eternal true love is the center, not God. The subject and object form a partnership centering on love, embracing forever. You will revolve eternally, faster and faster, like a merry-go-round.

We are reaching the historical terminal point. Your hometown is where you will find true parents, true couples, and true children. That is the only place.

UNITE THREE GENERATIONS

Now then, return to your hometowns! There you will restore Adam's victorious position. God wanted to connect in true love with the first parents, Adam and Eve, but could not.

Your grandparents are the same forever! Do you want to be separated from them? (No.) How about your parents? (No.) How about your couple? (No.) How about your friends? (No.) You desire a completely unified family, surrounded by God's true love, revolving in love eternally.

In Adam's family, the Grandfather is God. Adam and Eve are the horizontal king and queen, centering on God. God and True Parents unite vertically and horizontally into

one through a ninety degree angle. Humanity receives God's love through the ninety degree angle. Once the sphere of true love is created, everyone can connect directly to the center. There are no losers.

What is true love? Satan invaded true love. Illicit love will lead you to hell. Jesus said, "If you want to follow me, you have to deny your parents, friends, spouse, otherwise you are not worthy of me." The simple conclusion is that you have to overcome fallen world love in order to attain spiritual life. Once you make that foundation, Satan's love world will disappear and God's love world will appear. This is the Messiah's mission.

So read the Bible, because it will teach about denying yourself. Everyone has to go over Satan's line. Even Christians are connected to Satan's foundation. You received the worst love seed from Satan, through your sexual organ. You have to receive a new seed centering on God's love. This is the main point of your tribal messiah mission. You must inherit God's life, love and lineage. If you didn't make that connection, you cannot go back to your original hometown, the ideal world. Is it clear now?

You have to fulfill that mission. It is your homework. Can you follow me, going over the mountain peak, to the eternal site? In Korea, we are occupying the family site. Korea is the original nation, centering on True Parents. True Parents' native home is in North Korea, so how can we let Kim Il Sung occupy it? He will automatically have to leave, because I made so many conditions. He is in debt. Now, North Korea is welcoming me.

So on July, I proclaimed that the free world, communist world, religious world, and political world are united into one. I proclaimed that the mind world and the true love world have sovereign power. We are going to clean up Satan's world.

In the past you did not believe me. Now, no matter how strongly Satan's power persecutes me, I am going up, and the other side is going down. Satan can no longer push us around. No matter how difficult the situation, we must overcome the fall! Our sexual organ is supposed to be the palace of heaven and earth—love palace, life palace, blood lineage palace. Father won the eternal love, life and lineage tradition! This is our unification family system.

REGISTER IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

When the vertical King of Kings connects to the horizontal Parents, it is so powerful. The third Adam's family is the central family eternally! Other families must receive their tradition and create one world culture. God's grandsons and daughters, true Adam's family, will be princes and princesses—that is you, humanity! True Parents centered on God, the King of Kings, are the royal family.

After the fall, many people wanted to become king. Every woman thought, "I want to occupy earth and heaven, including God." Actually, God wants to give us the position



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making the original God-centered, true love centered palace. Then you will become royal palace members. You will have no more enemies, only praise. This is our last main goal. Shall you go to that settlement place or not? (YES!!!) Raise your hands! When you complete this, we will create the royal familyship, throughout the face of the earth.

of royalty, fulfilling those desires. But after the fall, kingship was lost.

Satan's world and concepts will try to prevent you from going to God's side. You must fight Satan's fallen lifestyle everyday, training your attitude. Which way should you go? Your nation's way, your parents' way, your culture's way? Or Rev. Moon's way? (Rev. Moon's way!) I don't know if you can do it. It is the most difficult way, to create the vertical love position. I experienced hellish waves of negative power coming against me, but I continued to stand at the center and proclaim the truth.

You must build your individual and family foundation, and unite it with your tribe and nation. This is your mission. All national, worldwide and cosmic conditions were fulfilled by Father. You will be making the horizontal foundation on earth. The family is formation level, tribe is growth level, and nation is perfection. Through that, every country will be connected to Father.

You have to go back to your family! Otherwise you cannot build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. Now, I have to go over the peak of North Korea, Kim Il Sung. My hometown will include the individual, family, tribe, nation, and world.

Father is creating the original true family for the first time on earth, the royal, God-centered family. This is the Kingdom of Heaven! You must feel the urgency of the last days. Go out in the tradition of Jesus's 12 disciples. Connect your foundation to the original Eden family system.

Father made a victor's foundation all the way up the cosmic level. What shall True Parents do now? Bequeath it to the true children. But the children didn't understand.

You must get a ticket! You must be registered in the original book of life. It is like a birth certificate. You must also register your tribe, centering on Parentship. Where can you get that certificate? Not from the national foundation but only from the individual and family foundation. So you have to go back to your hometown! Today! You have to pass through individual and family level perfection,

Japanese, Americans, and Koreans, you have to forget your national concept. The only true way is the Love Parents' concept. A child has only one concept—to love and obey his parents. You have to go to the original settlement, your hometown. Tribal messiahs are in the position of Jesus Christ. Until you fulfill that foundation you cannot inherit the merit of the Second Advent.

There is only one time when True Parents are alive on the earth. All of your ancestors deeply covet your position. They endured so much suffering and persecution and died hoping to see the True Parents. The Christian world wanted Jesus Christ to return. How can their suffering be liberated? When God looks at their situation, He cannot stand it. But I understood how miserable their lives were.

The good parents' mission is to liberate that situation from the individual to the world level. It was such a heavy load, but now everything is liberated. The wind is changing direction. A hopeful time is coming. You only have to win your families. You must fulfill Jesus' mission. From there, restore the first Adam's position—your parents. Until now they have been so against the Unification Church.

Then, on the foundation of tribal messiahship, you can connect to the national foundation, which Father already fulfilled. Thus, the formation, growth and perfection levels can be connected directly, vertically, to the nation, world and cosmic center. The tribe center is not the center. The cosmic center is Father, who is vertically connected to God. Your ancestors will visit your relatives and witness to them. We will expand God's foundation on the earth.

Become good problem-makers!! What kind of trouble makers? True love trouble makers!! What is true love? True love means to invest everything, and then forget you ever invested.

Let me hear your voices! Will you go to original home-place? Do you want to become the royal family? Welcome it with a mansei! If you are ready to go, raise your hands! ■

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Treasures Never Change

Elder Young Sun Moon's Testimony

Elder Moon is the eldest of Father's three cousins. He recently came to America and was assigned to the Ocean Providence. This testimony was given at an anniversary celebration for the 8000 Couples at Camp Sunrise, New York, on July 7, 1991.

During the three months I've been in America I can feel myself changing outwardly and inwardly. Of course, when living together with the Parents that change is well to be expected. I mention this because it is significant and very desirable to lead a life that makes one change noticeably. I trust that you also feel a significant change in your thinking, attitudes, and perspective is taking place day to day, year to year.

Thank you for being together like this, as blessed couples. Without doubt our blessing has been made within God's hands. We were matched, married and blessed with God personally present. I am sure it feels overwhelming to you as it feels to me that for the first time in human history people from such a variety of nations came to be not only blessed by the hands of God, but also centering on True Parents. Now most of those families have children. This is the tremendously inspiring result of True Parents' hard work and God's dispensation and is almost like a miracle.

I'd like to share a recent dream with you. As you know, Korea has gone through much tribulation, most recently a couple of intense wars. When a war is going on in your own neighborhood, you have to take refuge. Nothing is planned—you simply have to grab anything and go as fast as you can. How painful it is to think about those children you might have to leave behind in your home while you make your way to a safe place. It's an impossible situation. "Somebody is pulling your hair from behind"—this is a favorite Korean expression. The average person may experience this a few times in his life, but we experienced it many times. The dream was like that.

We understand that God is our loving Parent. I concluded from that dream how much God loves mankind, whom He lost. We are brothers and

sisters who all belong to the same God, and to our True Parents. Think about how you would feel if your own children went away without your permission and did what they pleased. How much your heart would ache! This point is easy for you to understand.

Confucius' teaching

How to educate my youngsters was a very important, practical, and challenging question for me in this fast-changing world. I was the master of the house, and the future of the family depended on how well I educated my children. I would like to share with you how I did it. I depended on the best guidance I knew, which was certain rules and laws roughly translated as "Three Greater Principles and Five Ethical Rules." You can easily identify this teaching with the saints' teachings in the past—especially that of Confucius.

As we already know, we cannot go to heaven as individuals. The first principle is that the wife is indispensable to the husband; your wife becomes like the weight of the net that is necessary to catch a fish. So without his wife, a husband cannot function in his role.

The second teaching is that a father cannot be a father unless he has an obedient son, and the third says that a king exists only through the support of the citizens or subjects.

Then there are five ethical rules or teachings called the "Five Jung." The first is that father and son must have a loving feeling for each other. Secondly, a king cannot become successful unless there is an honest flow of love between himself and his subjects. The third ethical teaching is that husband and wife should respect, love, and support each other. Without that, neither one

can exist fully. The fourth rule mentions the orderliness that must exist among the older brothers and sisters and the younger ones—they are not equal. Older/younger ones should maintain a relationship of trust and love. The fifth and last teaching is that between friends there must be a complete sense of trust, love and support. You should not have the smallest doubt toward your friend.

Actually this old teaching is not an old teaching at all: it's a universal and timeless truth just like the daily rising and setting of the sun. It's so amazing that this fundamental set of principles so well fits our situation today. Nothing can describe the necessary rules of conduct between the Parents and us better than the eight statements I just made.

Now, instead of having the same color of skin and cultural background as a physical family does, we come from all over the world and from many races and cultures. Wed for the first time in history, we are all legitimate children of God Himself. Suddenly we are reminded that we all have one thing in common: whenever there is a happy occasion, everyone smiles, laughs, and radiates happiness. Whenever we have a bad experience, everyone cries and expresses remorse.



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Dedicate one hundred percent

Our hearts should be the same as God and True Parents. As soon as we understand that we are all brothers and sisters under one God and one Parent, then their heart has been transferred to us. In other words, with the Blessing, God and True Parents passed on to us their own heart. If we fulfill this Blessing, how can we hate or ignore our brothers and sisters? We should treat them with the same heart that God and True Parents would treat them. Every time they opened their mouth, True Parents taught us to remember that we are all the same offspring of God Himself and True Parents, to love and cherish each other, and to dedicate our entire heart to extending that to the whole world.

But now I am 70 years old and looking back I wonder if I have been carrying out Father's teachings as faithfully as if it were a matter of life and death. We must at least confess that though we try our best, we don't do enough. Sometimes we don't love our brothers or respect our Parents enough. So we are ashamed, repent, and promise to do better the next moment.

It is true that we can never fail as long as we trust and believe completely in Father's teaching, love him one hundred percent, and in even the smallest thing we do, dedicate ourselves not fifty or eighty percent, but always one hundred percent. If we really try our best, the most difficult task of God can be achieved.

If your youngsters are going astray and in a dangerous position, your parental heart is painful and troubled beyond anything the children might feel toward the parents.

Each one of us is faced with individual and family problems, even though we know how a human being should live his life and lead his family. We should be living for the sake of God's goal and problems, not so much our own. When I think about this I cannot help but weep because I have confronted so many difficult times and even now face so many difficult problems that I have been unable to solve—and this is just normal.

But think about what God and True



Col. Sang Kil Han translates for Elder Young Sun Moon during his talk to brothers and sisters.

Parents' situation is. If we try to understand their situation without tears, then we are wrong or phony. How much attention have we given to these areas? They say that a parents' heart and the children's heart toward the parents are never the same. That means that the heart and love that the parents feel toward the children are greater, without exception. If your youngsters are going astray and in a dangerous position, your parental heart is painful and troubled beyond anything the children might feel toward the parents. You just cannot control that.

No other gave more

I fished side by side with Father for three months. Father hardly spoke any words; he always concentrates one hundred percent with such seriousness

and heart on the future of mankind when he fishes. Just think, for three months I have been sitting right beside the greatest man on earth in the entire history of mankind. Here is the person

who gave the most precious teaching of how mankind should live and what their relationship is with God and the universe. No saint or other teacher ever gave more than our True Father did. Sitting on a tiny boat with such a super teacher who works for the future of a mankind that does not understand him gave me a deep sense of the urgent human situation today.

All of us now come to understand why Father gives one hundred percent, thrusting everything into this hun-

dreds of thousands of times more seriously than all of us do. Is it for his own sake? Clearly, no. The answer is that he has been and still is working for each of us and all the rest of mankind, and for God Himself.

For so many years Father has steadfastly invested all his energy into this work. When he should rest, he cannot. After a hard day's work is over, he spends even more time working hard in prayer for everyone except himself. And he's been doing that all his life. Here we are with the name of being his children. Do we treat him correctly? Do we understand his heart in even the smallest extent? Is it fair to treat our Parents the way we treat them? When I thought about this my tears flowed in spite of myself as I repented for our wrongdoing. We do not understand even the smallest part of our Parents' heart.

Materially there are many things we want, many things that are needed for our life, for perfecting our ideal, but we don't have them. So we fight sometimes. I fight with my wife because I want to shift the blame to someone. But as I become older and wiser, I come to think, "These are my tests to overcome and should never be a cause to fight against my wife—she is not to blame. The blame is on me and I have to surmount it. This is the way of life that God is expecting me to go." Then I learn to close my mouth and handle all the problems by myself, quietly—never trying to shift them to someone else. In that way I experience peace in the family and determine that from this time on, I will live for the sake of what God is trying to achieve. I live for that purpose even though I am 70 years old.

He misses his hometown

Do you or don't you often think about your hometown, the parental place that you call home? So what about Father? He left his hometown while he was very young and that sense of belonging or attachment for his hometown was like nothing we can imagine—so strong it is his second self. But he cannot even visit his hometown, let alone return permanently, and he doesn't even know the whereabouts of his relatives or friends or when his own mother and father died. Though he misses his hometown so much, he has to overcome his longing with tears. Several times a day he feels this.

We have a real goal ahead of us now. God wants the unification of our Fatherland, which happens to be Korea, so our Parents are working in such an intense way toward this goal. Pretty soon all members living in America—regardless of their original nationality—will hear about a general election in Korea between the North and South. When that time comes, we will be the only ones who have God's idea of how important this unification of the Fatherland is. Are we all ready to help in every way we can? (Yes!) Thank you!

Isn't it our deep wish that we want to remember and be remembered by our hometown? We want our offspring to connect with the soil where we grew up and the ideals we had, and to prosper forever and ever. We trust that all of us have the same feeling about our own hometown.

Father's coming on earth was not haphazard or accidental—we already feel and know that. It has been exactly 48 generations since the Moon family came to Korea and initiated the Moon clan. In the twenty fourth of the 48-generation tree there came a man, Ik Chung Moon, who is a great person in Korea. Of course, Westerners have no idea who he was, but learned scholars of Korea and Japan know how important he was to their cultures. Twenty-four generations later Father came. In addition to the significance of the number twenty-one, the number three symbolizes the formation, growth, and perfection stages.

In the earlier days of following Father, I was simply very close and dedicated, loving him very much. I did not attend church per se, but as I came to understand more about our own

Father, my perspective broadened. I began to read all the writings about Father, and now see from a historical perspective what a truly great person our Father is.

Heaven's clues

The name of the village Father comes from is "Sung Sa Ri," which means "thinking about heaven." Heavenly Father gave us another clue in saying that his particular area of the village was called "sung chi por." "Por" means "value." Father's teaching will have universal value. Taking all these things into perspective, it seems to me that God has clearly pointed out what a special person would come from that village.

I share this with you even though it seems a bit out of place because we are talking about Korea. But we are not Americans or members of any other nation; we are family members whose utmost credo is God's Will. If we are to have one culture, we must share everything with each other and understand as deeply as possible how Father was born, what his environment was during childhood and so forth. So it is my great pleasure and privilege to share these things with you about our common Father.

Our Father, that great person—do we fully understand his value? We must conclude that we have a lot of repentance to do. In fact, as I grow older, I am so overwhelmed that I cannot help but weep in repentance for how little I deeply understand him. More and more, day by day, I understand that having shared one exchange of words with Father while we are here together on earth will be a source of great pride and inspiration when we go to the spirit world.

When I was young, I didn't care about that so much. But now I have learned the great Confucian teaching: "If you do not till the land in the springtime, there is nothing to harvest in the autumn." I now realize at the age of 70, "Yes, I must teach these words of Principle to thousands of people. I must take care of my health so that I can live to be 100 and teach until the last person here on earth knows. This is my mission." When I see American members who are already doing that at such a young age, I cannot help but feel grateful and close to you because you are doing what I am doing—exactly what God's Will is: teaching the Word.



Father's cousins Young Sun Moon (right) and Young Gi Moon (left) visit blessed couples during an anniversary celebration.

Have you experienced this? No matter what small mission you may have (not only teaching Principle to others, but whatever you are doing now), by putting all your heart into it without reservation, as Father has been teaching us, then soon you learn to become a clairvoyant. You may not be able to pinpoint the exact words of the speaker of that day, but you will have a good idea about what he is going to say. I experience that all the time, so you will too soon enough. Our spirit man becomes so sensitive when we put everything we have into

whatever we do.

No two individuals are exactly the same, right? A person's character, personality, even his fate or how he is going to end his life are all told in the face. That art is almost like common sense for a certain level of learned people. With the surge of Western civilization, it has been diluted, but still it exists very much. Father can tell so much about us just by looking at us. He mastered these laws of the universe so that with computer-like speed he comes to a conclusion that is always correct. That's how he matches us, isn't it? And Father knows everything about the individual, so those who did bad deeds cannot go to Father because their conscience won't allow it. Similarly, Father recognizes those who have done righteous things.

Lucky twenty-nine strokes

So many times formidable enemies came to Korea's shores and tried to destroy her, but nobody was successful. God really protected Korea because this is truly His ground. I will share one more proof that God protected Korea so much. When you write Japan in Chinese characters, it takes nine

came to swallow up Korea because they all knew that Korea would become a very precious country in the future. But no one succeeded in occupying Korea permanently.

These things are not mere coincidence. The chance of the numbers occurring like this is one in two billion! If you study American philosophy you will understand. This is of course not what Principle teaches us, but my personal observations.

When you write Father's name, it's also 29 strokes. I seriously feel such signs are important because if we do not know clearly then we may miss the greatest opportunity. In the Bible the virgins were asked to light their lamps and pray for the coming bridegroom, but some of them ran out of oil and missed the marriage feast. Only ones who persevere to the last will be picked up and carried to heaven. That means we should be either hot or cold, never lukewarm. If we stay lukewarm, we can very easily miss this opportunity even though we are right in the

midst of it. To me, who takes numerology very seriously as Oriental philosophy does, I came to understand the seriousness of this time and Father's existence.

We are experiencing the most incredible precious second advent on earth. But if we fail this time, it will be a catastrophe. We cannot let

that happen. Father has put more emphasis on the providence here in America. If America fails, other countries will carry this out, and the will of God will be established here on earth while Father is alive, but Americans will have missed their opportunity. The Bible promises us, "Knock and it will be opened." Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given"; that means if we don't ask, it will not be given. Oriental sages teach the same thing: "Whatever

you do not sow, don't even expect to harvest because it's not going to be there." That means if you don't plant you get nothing.

Say I'm a farmer and I planted many apple seeds only a few feet apart. Yet when the trees produced apples, the apples of the trees in three different

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locations tasted three different ways. Amazingly the same kind of apple seed, sown only a few feet apart, did not produce apples that tasted exactly the same. It's that precise. So unless we do the will of God now, unless we do what Father tells us to do now, in years to come we can't expect anything. We might continue to get older and change, yet there will be nothing forthcoming in front of us.

He's the greatest

So we should not doubt. We should have absolute confidence in how we live today. We must understand how different our life and values are from the secular world as clearly as Father before we can safely carry out our life. Then please devote everything you have. Don't think, "Oh, I don't want to do this or that." Indemnity is a fate and is with us for the rest of our lives and even beyond. If we don't pay back indemnity, our children have to carry out that indemnity, and if they don't, their children will have to. Then we suddenly understand, "Yes, no matter how difficult it is, I must fulfill the indemnity and never pass this along to my offspring. When it becomes impossible for me, then I have to cry ten times harder and do what's necessary. Especially blessed couples must realize how much indemnity we must finish in our generation.

I am truly thankful for this privilege to share my observations with you. Remember, you are the treasure. The treasure can be buried under the mud and you can even scrape it with a hard object; but still as a treasure you never change. All you have to do is wash in clean water and you shine as brightly as ever. It doesn't matter what circumstances you go through. You

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Elder Young Sun Moon and Elder and Mrs. Young Gi Moon receive bouquets after their testimonies.

strokes. America, England, and Russia too, amazingly, also require nine strokes. You know the number nine is the highest single numeral. In ordinary gambling if you hold a card or something that symbolizes nine, then you are invincible and always win. But if you write "Han Gook," which is today's name for Korea, it adds up to 29 strokes. And often Korea is called "Chosun," which also happens to be 29 strokes. So the mightiest countries

New Holy Day, New Holy Ground

Rev. Zin Moon Kim was called to Korea to participate as the representative of America in the ceremony to announce the new Holy Day, "Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing" on July 1, 1991. Next he flew to Alaska with Father. In this interview he shares his experiences with True Father and some insights into recent providential events.

Mary: What was your purpose for going to Korea and Alaska?

Rev. Kim: On June 28 I got a sudden order to come to Korea with a ceremonial robe, but I wasn't told anything else. Father just said, "Come." The next day I left America. When I arrived, it was already the evening of the thirtieth. My wife and I didn't know what was going on until the next morning, July 1. At 7 a.m. we gathered in front of a big ceremonial offering table for pledge service at Hannam-dong Kongkwon (Hannam-dong Public House). Eventually the pledge ceremony was over and Father gave the sermon to the members. Many things were new. We still didn't know what the ceremony was about. Then Father said, "This is the Declaration of God's Eternal Blessing. It will be the seventh great event in the Unification Church."

M: Could you say something about this new Holy Day?

KK: There are six other main Holy Days. The sixth is the one on October 3, solar calendar—the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World. It is usual for us to have an offering table and seven or eight representative bows. However, on this new seventh Holy Day eleven representative bows were offered. Eleven categories were represented by thirty-three persons, three each.

The first three persons were bowing represented the free world centering on True Parents. The second three representatives were for the communist world centering on True Parents. The third three represented the religious sphere centering on True Parents; and the fourth three represented the political sphere. The fifth group bowed for the restoration of elder sonship; sixth was parentship; seventh, kingship; eighth, declaring restoration of original nature. We have not had this kind before. Ninth was declaring restoration of the heartistic sphere. I was one of the three in this group. Tenth was rec-

ognizing the total liberation of Cain's sphere. Eleventh, for total unification and the authority of one world family. All these were done conditionally.

The archangel conditionally touched the human being, so humanity became fallen. Therefore, restoration must be conditional; in the Unification Church conditions are very important. Some people complain, "Too many conditions!" but without symbolic lesser value conditions we must pay an indemnity condition equal to the whole value; then human beings cannot survive—everybody shall die. The conditional providence is God's grace for humanity.

Father emphasized that centering on the Unification Church, centering on True Parents, from now on the providential age is changed. That is, the satanic age is over. From now on is the time of God's ownership.

Everything must belong to God, otherwise it (material or other) will make problems for itself. From now on if we have strong guts to do our providential mission, satanic power is going down and heavenly power is going up.

So now June, the sixth month, is finished. The number six is a satanic number; so now seven is here. We must have strong guts to restore the elder sonship, parentship and kingship which should have been made by Adam. Adam should have been the elder son but he failed. Adam and Eve should have been the first wonderful couple, and parents; but they failed. Adam should have achieved kingship



Rev. Zin Moon Kim (far right) has the unique opportunity to fish with Father in Alaska.

at that time but he failed. We should make this now. This king is not a political type of king; this is a king-style type of authority in the home. Today's fallen people must be changed. Parents must not just claim the authority of kings but there must be some condition for them to have this authority—the good example condition.

Father's instructions were entitled "Visiting Korea and Providential Action." First, we should erase away the gap between Oriental and Occidental cultures, and especially the gap between the communist bloc and democratic bloc. They have many kinds of

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Blessing for True Parents

On July 6, 1991, Father travelled to Kodiak Island, Alaska, accompanied by several Korean Americans. During his two-week stay, he visited the local church and dedicated a new Holy Ground before returning to New York.

Photo Captions: Counter-clockwise from top left
Mother lands a King Salmon while fishing in the Karluk River on Kodiak Island, Alaska.
Father casts his fishing line into the Karluk River.
On July 11, True Parents caught eight King Salmon in forty minutes.
After a day's fishing on the Chiniak Bay, Father, Mother, Mr. Takeru Kamiyama, and the boat captain with his assistant, show their largest King Salmon catch (45 pounds).



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internal and external historical struggles which must be solved.

Second, we need to unify North and South Korea. To do that we need to mobilize and harmonize the more powerful countries like America, the Soviet Union, China, Japan; then through mobilizing such powerful countries we must persuade the North Korean representative to meet with them. Then we must inspire these top national leaders to make unity between the communist and democratic sides, and give heavenly direction to them centering on Godism and heading ideology.

Third, Father said we need to establish elder sonship and to restore our hometown. Today the main focus of the providence is tribal messiahship. Everybody must mobilize! The emphasis is on the husband's hometown but if the husband is a foreigner, then the wife's hometown. Fourth, we need to do our tribal-messianic mission in order to establish parentship. Fifth, we need to restore kingship to restore the Heavenly Kingdom on earth and in the spiritual world. So all the time Father is speaking of the elder sonship, parentship, kingship providence; how to accomplish these three.

Sixth, we should attend and protect True Parents and make one-world nation. This time Father emphasized very strongly that every member's home must have True Parents' picture on the wall, for God's protection of that home. At the time of the Exodus the Israelites painted lamb's blood on

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the doorpost, and were spared death and could escape. Actually, one Korean leader had a testimony about this. He had visited a local governor's home. Nobody before him had tried to introduce the idea of hanging True Parents' picture in the governor's office. But the official accepted his suggestion and put up the picture. Our members had been scared to try before; this is our problem.

Seventh, we need to realize the creation-of-the-ideal centering on true

love and then we can make the God-centered age. Eight, we criticize Satan continually but from now on, through the use of true love, we need to make him become involved in saving this world. Ninth, we are in the time when we need to restore heavenly tradition in this world and spiritual world. Lastly, he declared God's victory and the arrival of the victorious world of True Parents. These are the main points of

said, "Come here with me." Then as much as possible I wanted to make Father comfortable; but actually, he put himself in difficult circumstances all the time.

The sun rises at 4:30 a.m. and sets at 11:30 p.m. during the Alaskan summer; usually Father goes to the ocean before sunrise and returns after sunset. He stays on the water about nineteen hours; it's very hard. So Father is all



Father invited Japanese leaders who had fulfilled their goals to fish with True Parents in Alaska.

Father's instructions.

After the ceremony I went home, but I could not go far away because I did not know when Father would call me. On the fifth of July Father called me and said, "Tomorrow you need to go back to America with me." I had planned to come back on the eleventh, but I changed my plans and arranged to come back on the sixth, through Alaska. I was in Alaska for twelve days. I felt that after Father assigned me to be the National Advisor of the American Unification Church, he was trying to let people understand who I am. Father seemed to be indirectly trying to show this.

When I had arrived in Korea, in front of many members Father said I came there as a representative of America. Then the thinking of many members about me changed. In Alaska also, Father let me be by his side all the time. At that time we had eighteen Japanese leaders with us and they thought that I was in some important position assigned by Father.

Those eighteen Japanese leaders came to Alaska because they had made their goal. So actually, subjectively thinking, I had no purpose to be there—only to attend Father. Father had

the time in the frontline. In a sense, Father was teaching me how to be a leader.

Practically, I learned how to cut the fishing string with my teeth. Father said, "You need to develop this ability. Certain teeth together will cut the string." So I developed this skill; and also he taught me how to bring the string and the needle together. Practically, I learned these two things but heartistically I learned much more. I felt I was not such a prepared member, especially for my position in relation to Father.

You asked what was the purpose of my going. Actually, I do not know. This is my honest answer. But in general, Father was emphasizing tribal messiahship activity/hometown providence all the time; and also, his second biggest theme was that through ocean business we need to, and can, solve the starvation problem of this world. Every day around sixty thousand people are seriously suffering from starvation. So, to solve this problem we need to develop our fishing capabilities. In Alaska the number of fish dying naturally is much bigger than the number of fish caught by people. Fish poison the water when they

die naturally, so they must be taken out quickly.

Father is always thinking of how to save people from starvation. He is really the Messiah; all the time the messianic way of thinking, talking, pushing us. He is also a human being; he likes his grandchildren and children. Of course, internally he thinks about them, but he never opens his mouth about those things. All the time he speaks of how to save this world which is dominated by many kinds of satanic confusions.

I began to understand Father's special providential purpose for visiting Alaska at that time. He eagerly tried to visit many fishing ports along the river but they had no highways from which to approach them, and many times it was foggy so we could not fly in either. One day we started to fly from one point to another but there was too much fog and we could not land the plane at our destination, so we had to land in another city. He was especially interested in one big seaport inside the Aleutian Islands, called Dutch Harbor. Father tried to fly there many times, but because of fog we could not make it. It is a long flight—two or three hours—and Mother needs a plane with normal accommodations for that long a flight; but there were only small planes available, without them. Eventually, Father came to Anchorage and found regular airplanes with the accommodations needed. Then he was able to visit that port, but that was after I had returned to New York on the seventeenth. Father returned to New York on the twentieth after he visited Dutch Harbor with Mother and made a holy ground there.

M: Oh, he did.

RK: Yes! He made it after desperately trying many times. Mother is very weak; she looks beautiful but giving birth fourteen times is hard work. All the time Mother feels cold quickly and hot quickly; so Father must take care of Mother. However, to Father, God's Providence is more important than his wife, so I think Mother suffers in order to follow Father.

One fishing place we visited had no fish but a great many mosquitoes, even in the daytime, but Father continued

fishing. We complained that there were no fish only mosquitoes, and pleaded to go back, but Father did not answer and simply continued. In the evening Father said, "Please, do not complain. I do not like mosquitoes either, but it's a providential condition. We are making the Providence, not just enjoying fishing." He is more than seventy years old, and has the messianic mission, so he can not be just another fisherman. Everything that he is doing is connected with the Providence, but we stupidly do not under-

We should know Father's suffering heart and difficult heart and lonely heart more than his greatness. Then we can become his true children.

stand. We only think of our own difficulties. So we ask, "Father, can't we leave later, and come back earlier?" Father, himself, wants to quickly finish, but there is a principled condition which we do not know but Father knows very clearly. Father went everywhere like this.

If we think of the Providence we can understand Father, otherwise we cannot understand. For Father the Providence is first; next human beings, because we are fallen persons. Actually, fallen persons are like garbage. God can use it any way He wishes; that garbage has no right to claim anything. However, we are usually not thinking like that; we have many demands and many kinds of excuses. Adam made the first historical excuse: "Because You made the woman, God, who seduced me, that is why I ate the fruit." All of Adam and Eve's descendants make excuses very easily. Excuses are

poison for our spiritual life. However, every day we take in poison. Thereby the fallen nature cannot be completely cured. Whatever Father is doing we must think of the meaning behind Father's external action; then we can understand Father clearly. Last Sunday Father said that Americans are whimps! Father criticized very strongly. Why would Father say this? He is a man of love. The "why" is important, yet I think many members do not understand the "why." It is because he loves us. If he loves us he must let us know the weak points that need to be changed for the better.

Usually people say something external to others just to make them happy. This is not so good. A good leader will scold many times because fallen human beings do many things which should be scolded. In America the Providence goes very slowly because when scolded, Americans just sit down and murmur. When Japanese are scolded they work harder. So the Providence progresses very slowly in America. Before we are jealous of Japanese members, we should follow what they are doing. Then we American members can also be praised by Father.

We know Father is great but his greatness is still not understood by many people. Only a few people; we, at the most, are three million in the whole world out of five billion people. Compared to five billion, three million is peanuts! Only "peanut-people" understand Father, which is not enough. Other people today do not know he is God's representative, God's agent to this world. We should know Father's suffering heart and difficult heart and lonely heart more than his greatness. Then we can become his true children. ■

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Treasures Never Change

don't have money—no problem. What you are is a blessed couple destined to inherit all the tradition from heaven. The internal things never change. So why do we pay so much attention to our own things? Those are the actions of hypocrites; inside is where it matters.

I have met many great people and seen their faces. I already know Father

is very capable. And Father is very "well-born"—that's a Korean expression. Many chronologists and spiritualists testify that he is the greatest man by far without question. Spiritually, intellectually, and heartistically, he is the best. He is worthy of becoming our Parent. We will never be ashamed of him no matter where we go or what allegation he receives. He doesn't need any improvements. He is the greatest as he is. ■

Universal Ballet Academy

by Wendy Forster

Reverend Moon has long ago proven his commitment to the arts and to dance in particular. In 1965, he founded The Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet—a mere eleven years after creating HSA-UWC. Within its first decade, the Little Angels danced for the United Nations and international heads of state. The Little Angels Arts School in Seoul grew from that first company of children performing Korean national dances, into a major arts education center, on both the elementary and high school levels. It offers children excellent academics in addition to their choice of intensive training in either dance, music, or fine arts. A visit to the school with its motivated, uniformed students cannot

fail to inspire observers. A beautiful theater, The Little Angels Performing Arts Center, was added to the complex in 1981. Two resident companies, The Little Angels and Universal Ballet Company share the theater. UBC is a professional company (launched in 1984), currently under the artistic direction of Roy Tobias, a former dancer with New York City Ballet.

But Father also wanted to create a classical ballet academy in the United States. A former Catholic seminary in Washington, D.C., was purchased and restored with an addition housing four dance studios. The Universal Ballet Foundation was born and Father and Mother inaugurated the building on March 24, 1989. Despite a magnifi-

cent facility, there still remained the task of appointing an artistic director. Because the ballet training at UBC in Korea was based on the Vaganova method—developed in Leningrad over centuries of cultural exchange with European ballet masters and performers, and codified by Agrippina Vaganova—the leaning in a choice of directors was towards someone with that background. There were several names that immediately came to mind as possibilities. A handful of dance figures were contemplated. But in August of 1989, an intermediary approached Oleg Vinogradov, director of the famed Kirov Ballet in Leningrad, after a performance at Washington's Kennedy Center. Vinogradov was invited to



Father and Mother meet with, from left to right: Dr. Bo Hi Pak, visiting prima ballerinas Makarova and Irina Kolpakova, Father and Mother, Hoon Sook Nim, Oleg Vinogradov, and Edward Karkar (Makarova's husband).

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tour the renovated Universal Ballet Academy facility and to recommend a possible UBA artistic director. After seeing an environment anyone would call a ballet teacher's grandest dream-come-true, Vinogradov replied, "Yes, I can recommend a director. That person is Oleg Vinogradov."

In truth, the merging of the vision of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and the talent of Oleg Vinogradov—artist, dancer and choreographer—was a natural culmination of both of their desires. Father was anxious to serve the Soviet Union at a time when its own internal structure can only be described as chaotic. Vinogradov had received several invitations to direct schools in Europe, and felt the need for a base of operation in the free world, while maintaining his active role with The Kirov Ballet. In November 1989, Father and Vinogradov met in Korea over lunch. A handshake sealed their joint effort to create a ballet academy in Washington, which would train international students for the best ballet companies in the world.

UBA held its first U.S. audition tour of twenty-one cities in May 1990. Students chosen for the first academic year arrived in Washington on August 30 to find a dozen Kirov dancers ready to perform three gala concerts, and an exhibit of four hundred Russian ballet artifacts hanging in one of the studios. UBA's new students were awestruck by the high leg extensions and flexible backs of the Kirov dancers, their new



UBA faculty member Ludmila Morkovina greets Father.

role models.

A year later, Universal Ballet Academy has trained approximately sixty-five students during the academic year and seventy-eight during a five-week summer program. Students interviewed by the press have expressed tremendous appreciation for their ballet teachers and the Vaganova technique. For the first school year, all students were on full scholarship. As competition increases for admission into the school, the students' families will be expected to pay more of the tuition expenses. Each young dancer must be auditioned by UBA faculty mem-

bers. He or she should have anatomical attributes required for ballet (long legs, for example) and a good jump.

UBA ballet instructors are Soviet citizens on work visas. The idea of such free exchange between the superpowers was inconceivable until recently. Both President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev have expressed their approval of this joint cultural venture. Ballet, although it did not originate in Russia, flourished there to such a degree over the past two hundred-and-fifty years, that it remains an important export of the Soviet Union. The Kirov, together with the Vaganova School which feeds the Leningrad company, is the seat of that history. Therefore, the style and traditions passed on to UBA students are already refined through time.

Oleg Vinogradov, now intensely active in ballet projects on two continents, never hesitates to express his gratitude to his sponsors. In a recent interview, he was asked, "Are there any individuals in The Universal Ballet Foundation to whom you are especially grateful?" "Yes," he answered, "to Reverend Moon and Dr. Bo Hi Pak. They provide the support for me to realize all my ideas." Those ideas are already centered on a three-to-five year plan and the realization of another theater—and yes, a ballet company. ■

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UBA students perform in the "Nutcracker" Pas de Trois.

Japanese Fishing Tours Come to America

by Susan Puczylowski

True Parents' vision for the ocean has spawned many projects. In this article, Susan introduces the Japanese fishing tours in America, for which she is the Western co-director.

In the summer of 1989 in Kodiak, Alaska, Father gathered together a handful of elder blessed Japanese women for training on the ocean. These women were core leaders of the Asian Women's Federation for World Peace. Father spoke to them a great deal about the importance of the ocean foundation for the sake of the future world. He asked these women to organize fishing tours to the United States for Japanese men and women, that they might become involved in and eventually give support to the developing ocean providence. The Asian Women's group was to have pioneered a worldwide oceanic foundation, but because their foundation was not yet strong enough, this was not accomplished.

So, in 1990, Father formed a new association. In September, again in Kodiak, he gathered twelve Japanese brothers, all under the age of forty, and assigned them to be the "Alaska Team" under the leadership of Mr. Osami Kuboki. Given the same responsibility of establishing a substantial worldwide oceanic foundation, these brothers undertook many goals. Each of the twelve was to purchase three Good Go boats for their region's use. Using these boats they could then begin training many people through sea-going experi-

ences. Out of the people they trained, those most interested would be invited to come to various locations in America to participate in fishing tours.

The external benefits of successfully fulfilling this mission are obvious. Sports-fishing is an excellent way to contact high-level people in Japan where the sport is gaining in popularity. Mr. Kuboki is now president of a Japanese sports-fishing organization that boasts a membership of over twenty million people. Also obvious is that, by utilizing our own companies for arranging the tours and for tour support such as restaurants, charter fishing and so on, they can benefit as well.

Building a worldwide foundation

But the important aspect of the fishing tour providence is the internal meaning behind the direction. In October 1980, Father officially established Ocean Church on the foundation of his seven years of fishing. At that time he chose thirty locations around the coastline of America for Ocean Church centers and he sent pioneers out to each of those locations. Some folded quickly, others remain today. Out of the original thirty locations, nine still remain to be established.

In recent years Father has spoken increasingly of the importance of these original thirty centers. They are significant not just for the sake of America but for the sake of the ocean providence throughout the entire world. In the future man will depend more and more on the



Alaska team leader from South Osaka Region holds up a flounder with Susan aboard the First Hope II.

ocean for his sustenance. We now utilize some of the ocean's food resources, but have not begun to touch the possibilities of large scale "cultivation" of both seafood and seaplants. The oceans contain valuable minerals, provide a huge variety of recreational uses, and also have the potential of providing living space on specially designed deep-water platforms. The correct care and usage of the oceans is vital for mankind's survival.

Even more basic, as Father pointed out in his June 1st speech, "The Unification Church and the Land and the Sea," water is even more important to man than air. Clean drinking water is something we take for granted every day, but obtaining it is becoming a problem in some large coastal cities where major desalinization plants must now be developed.

Because these thirty Ocean Church centers symbolize such far-reaching consequences, the Eve nation's support in their development is very important. Japan has ties to the sea that go back thousands of years. Because it is an island, Japan has consummated a total relationship with the sea. Seafood is the main aspect of the Japanese diet. Did you know a Japanese chef can pre-



Tour participants are jubilant after a day's fishing on the First Hope II.

pare squid over a hundred different ways? Even rice, the main staple, is grown in water! They are so advanced in the methods of catching and farming fish that it is only fitting that such people be involved in the foundation of the worldwide oceanic movement.

Sports fishing tours in Florida

In April 1991, the first Japanese fishing tour arrived in Key West, Florida. The first tour to Key West was fifteen people comprised of several members and their parents and some associate members. The guests went fishing for two days on three charter vessels and met with great success. Wahoo, blackfin tuna, mahi-mahi, grouper and kingfish were some of the species caught. Mr. Kuboki and Mr. Ishii from Japan accompanied the tour.

The second tour took place about a month later, in West Palm Beach. For both of these tours, Chris Shultz and Gunther Freystaetter provided support and guidance in fishing technique as

The fish caught by the guests is cleaned and packed to be shipped back to Japan. This is a unique aspect of our tours; participants have the opportunity to take their prizes home with them. On both tours Mr. Ishii gave a talk on the role of Japan in the ocean providence. Each day after fishing in West Palm Beach everyone gathered at the Schultz home for a seafood barbecue. The guests were interested to meet an international blessed couple and see how the average American family lives. Besides fishing, guests took part in golf, and of course, shopping. The groups then travelled to Washington DC and New York



Giant lobsters captivate visitors at the New York Fish House.

tour was a very good one. I was asked to accompany the first group throughout their seven day stay, including their trip to visit Father's projects in Washington DC: Atlantic Video, *The World and I*, and *The Washington Times*. The group I accompanied was small: six church members and two guests who had been supporting VOC work in their area. We had the chance to become close friends during that time. The guests were very interested in America and were happy to have an American with them to answer their questions.

For my part I could get

an insight into the heart and spirit of the Japanese church. I was moved at the way our brothers united and cared for their guests. At the last morning's breakfast, before going to the airport, one guest announced his intention to study the Principle. He said that based on what he had seen and experienced in America, he wanted to give more support to the Unification Movement. As they said goodbye to me, all of them expressed a desire to return for more fishing soon. Since their return to Japan, the second guest who represents a major food packing company, has made connections to the International Seafoods of Alaska in Kodiak and New York Fish House.

Fishing tours have also taken place in Kodiak, Alaska. Because Florida, Alaska and New York are three areas well known in Japan, the tours have been concentrated there, but they will spread throughout the country. Our deepest desire is to give our guests more than just a "tour" type of experience, but a heartistic one as well.

Catching fish is the crucial point of a successful tour, but establishing good relationships which break through nationalistic differences will be the key to seeing our guests return and invest themselves in the growing ocean providence. ■

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In Key West, Florida, participants pose with their catch of barracuda.

well as providing education and information about the ocean providence during their introductory speeches to the groups. On the second tour guests caught over a thousand pounds of fish. It seemed like every species in the water that time of year was caught. Asked how the tour went, Chris Schultz said, "We caught fish. Result had been our biggest worry. We were very fortunate. People were overwhelmed."

Japanese/American unity

Montauk guests enjoyed meals in some of the town's most popular restaurants. One evening, guests were invited to the home of Steve and Carol Matsuuchi. After dinner, they were shown the Ocean Challenge video tape and the purpose of the summer program was explained.

My personal experience with the

A Memoir from the Early Period of the Unification Church of Japan

— PART 1 —

by Rev. Ken Sudo

Introduction:

When I was called to come to the Unification Theological Seminary, I felt that God was allowing me to start anew. God was giving me a second chance to do His Will, as I felt my former life in the church fit Rev. Won Pil Kim's quote which runs: "The longer I stayed in the Unification Church, the more burden I gave Father." I have nothing to be proud of and nothing to testify to as I gave Father much pain and disappointment. I felt, however, that it might be good to leave something behind. Otherwise, information on our brothers and sisters in the beginning stages of the Japanese Church might be lost forever. I centered my writing around the educational dimension of the early movement. I did not mention here all the aspects that were present then, positive as well as negative—our successes and our failures. I simply want to convey the atmosphere and the founding spirit of the early movement.

I would like to briefly sketch my school life. During high school, I was often transferred from school to school. The first of these was Shizutani High School. When I first entered it, however, it was a middle school.

Shizutani was not only aesthetically pleasing being surrounded by wooded mountains and hills, but was also designated as a national treasure. The building was built approximately two hundred years ago by Ideda Han who dedicated it to the education of the common people's children. The famous central auditorium and stone fence were also built at that time. During those years, I would wake up at 4:30 a.m. six days a week to commute. Our principal was a Confucianist and once a week taught us Confucianism. He taught one of the most dignified and solemn classes, which I never really understood. Nevertheless, the voice of his teaching still remains within me.

Due to an illness, my stay at Shizutani was cut short. I was forced to leave school for several months and resume my education at another high school—Asahi High School. I would like to talk about two incidents that occurred during my stay at Asahi and remain vivid memories. Both incidents pertain to my shyness. One occurred during an English class while we studied a Shakespearean play narrated by Charles Lamb. At one point, the meaning of the text

could not be comprehended without a thorough understanding of the entire play. Not even the teacher could decipher the meaning, so he asked if someone could explain. I had spent numerous days reading the play and was ready to answer the question. I could not, however, evoke enough courage to raise my hand and was therefore unable to answer as I would have liked. The other incident pertained to a large math assignment that had been given to us to finish over the course of summer vacation. We were to plot curves from equations. I was able to get into

I entered Osaka University with the desire to major in science. During my second year I took a course in chemical analysis and received unexpectedly good marks. Afterwards, I elected to major in pharmaceutical biochemistry as I found chemistry to be an enthralling subject. During my third year, I often separated myself. I would sit down by a nearby pond and meditate or dream about some unknown world. But I never imagined what kind of turning point my life was approaching.

I had a good friend who was Christian and whom I would often tease

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the spirit of the homework and discovered so many complicated equations that could be drawn into beautiful curves. After investing many days of hard work, I completed more than thirty pages of report. When we returned to school, the teacher asked if anyone had completed their homework. I looked around, but no one had raised their hand. I could not raise my hand. I still wonder what ever happened to that homework.

about his belief. "If only you wouldn't talk bout God, you would be the best under the sun," I used to joke. One day he came to sincerely invite me to attend his church. I said, "Okay. But before I go, let me see God. Then I'll go with you." He was speechless and I felt victorious. I did not know what kind of course I would have to endure afterwards.

Within several months, I became seriously ill with a kidney disease

which confined me to my bed for over a year. I felt that I might die and that there was practically no hope. Unable to move, I envied the dogs that were running on the hill and the birds flying so freely in the sky. My friends were gone and there were few neighbors to console me.

Painful doubt

I had never experienced such loneliness in my life. I felt like crying out to someone, but I had no one to hear me. One day, I received a book of divine healing from Seicho-no-ie, a relatively new Shinto denomination that was waiting for the second advent of Christ. I could not believe such healing could exist, but I began to read in spite of my disbelief. There were so many testimonies of miracles. One person was healed of tuberculosis, and another of spiritual pain from family troubles. When I read through the book, all of the sudden something dawned on me: in every testimony, repentance preceded the miracle. I began to examine my past and recognized so many iniquities and impurities within myself. "What an impure person I am!" I thought, "and what a miserable person I will be if I die with such impurities!" Then I realized I had never loved anyone. Not once had I loved even a single person in the real sense. Therefore no one loved me in a true sense. My next realization was even more painful for I understood how desolate my situation was. This solitude was deep and agonizing. I thought again: "What a miserable person I would be if I were to die so impure and alone!" I could neither physically nor spiritually stand on my feet.

Tears—tears of repentance began to run down my cheeks and onto my pillow. Seven days and seven nights my bed and pillow were drenched. During this time, I felt that my impurities and iniquities were being washed away by my tears of repentance. I had never felt such peace and purity in my life before.

On the eighth day I received another book—the core message of that persuasion which was called "Kauro-nohou" ("Sweat Drops of Heaven"). I devoured the book. Its content was much deeper

than before and I was deeply moved. That evening while alone in my house and laying on my bed, I felt that there must be some Divine Being controlling the universe. And although I did not know God yet, I prayed for the first time in my life. The next moment, as



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if I had been given a spiritual cold shower, I felt goose bumps. Suddenly, I was struck by a golden-platinum colored light from high above the right side; it was followed by a red beam of light which broke through my whole existence. Overwhelmed by awe, I quivered. Soon I realized I felt a vibration around my kidney. By the next day, I was fully recovered from my illness.

This experience helped me to really

understand that God exists, that He is Love and I can communicate with Him. I admonished myself for denying Him and for forsaking Him. God, however, did not do so to me. Instead He allowed me to go through a suffering course until my arrogance was smashed and waited for me to call Him. After the purification of repentance, He sent the Holy Spirit and embraced me. I understood finally that the reason I had been unable to perceive God was not because He did not exist, but because I was so impure. Repentance with tears is the shortest course to knowing God.

My heart was filled with joy. Recovering from the illness was only a part of my joy. Now I knew that God did exist. He is alive and He is love. What great joy filled my heart! God was embracing me in tears and joy caused by our reunion. The blue sky and the green leaves on the trees were dancing in the wind just for me. And the sun was shining for me as well. What bliss! I had never experienced such reverberating joy before. I was at the center of the celestial bliss. I felt like shouting to the world, "God exists! He is alive! He is love!" This experience changed my life 180-degrees. The only sadness I felt was from the knowledge that my family, my father and step-mother would never understand.

Easter Son's love

A medical exam proved that I was healed. In five days I was out of bed. I prayed asking God for a place where I could board. I wrote a letter to my friend.

Amazingly the boarding place he suggested was right next to the Ikeda Baptist Church (Southern Baptist). It was a small, clean church. The pastor was an old but warm and dignified man. Attracted by the beauty of the hymns, I attended the services a couple of times as a guest, or rather, a stranger. Within a month it was Easter Sunday and the pastor introduced several people who were to be baptized and asked if there were any more volunteers. I responded and received baptism that day. Everyone was amazed at

my sudden initiative, but no one was more amazed than I was. The pastor was thrilled, and I became his secretary the next week.

Soon afterwards, however, a struggle erupted within me—the struggle of soul and flesh. The more I struggled, the deeper I went into a spiritual mud. I began to ask: “Am I saved? What was baptism? What is Christianity?” I had never actually read a Bible before, so I began studying one. Then more questions began to form: “What is the Holy Spirit? What is Satan? Is there any real difference before and after Baptism? What is rebirth? What is new life? What is eternal life? How can I solve my own struggle? Is there any way out of the mud?” My shyness wouldn’t allow me to ask anyone.

After working at the Biochemical Research Institute of Osaka University for a year, I became a teacher at a school for the deaf. One of the teachers was a spiritualist and she received a revelation that I might see Jesus on Easter. I did not understand what that meant. On Easter, I had been planning a hiking trip with my Sunday School students.

I woke up early Easter morning with an incredibly serene feeling. Suddenly, a spiritual voice spoke: “I am arisen...” I couldn’t catch the second half. “I am arisen?” I thought, “Whose voice is it?” Then I realized that it was Easter morning. “Oh, it’s Jesus!” I was overjoyed.

Later, as my communication with Jesus developed, he told me, “The crucifixion was neither my desire nor the desire of the Father. But inevitably, I had to go the course of the crucifixion. Don’t cry for me. It was the most glorious moment of my life although it appears to be the most miserable.”

I’ve wondered why this happened to me and perhaps it is because of the following reason. One time when I went with some of the teachers to see “Ben Hur,” I burst uncontrollably into tears inside the theater. It was at the scene of the crucifixion. Afterwards, I was so ashamed that I ran away and walked back to my own place crying all the way for about three miles.

On another occasion Jesus mentioned, “Why do my people pray to me as God? I am not God, I am a man—the son of God.” My pastor always preached that Jesus is God, the Creator, and that he came to die on the cross. That preaching was not the same as what Jesus’ voice had spoken. I knew it was

impossible to expect the answer from the church. I went to a mountain and prayed all night on a slope looking down at the city of Osaka. Then I went to the southern tip of Kii peninsula and prayed all night on a rock facing the tossing waves of the Pacific Ocean. Lastly, I went to a waterfall and prayed under a small waterfall like an ascetic of Shintoism. I did not know what more I could do.

Meeting the Unification Church

One day I was walking along the sidewalk of Osaka station when I heard someone street-preaching. It was a small lady speaking about the end of the world. It was late in the spring of 1962. The woman spoke with an apoc-

for she had run out of content. Proudly smiling at me she asked, “What do you think?” I was a science major at a university and felt it was too ridiculous to say anything.

I kept returning to their humble center, as they would feed me and I wouldn’t have to do the dishes. In addition, they were very nice to me and simply required me to sit down for an hour or so. But after seven or eight visits, the lectures ended and I came to the shocking realization that the “Messiah is here.” That meant Jesus had come back. “This lady may not know much,” I thought, “but if the Messiah is back, he can answer all my questions. The Kingdom of Heaven will come!” The lecturer, Mrs. Matsumoto, was so



Rev. Sudo and several early Japanese members enjoy a moment's relaxation during a workshop at Rittai Cultural Center in December, 1962.

alyptic fanaticism. I picked up a flyer and was impressed. I could not visit the church, however, until the beginning of the summer as I had responsibilities to the deaf children. When I finally did visit the lady (Mrs. Hasegawa), she was very surprised but happy to receive me. She did everything she could, but told me that I would have to wait for the teacher’s return to hear a lecture.

Soon a Korean lady in her fifties entered and smiled at me even more than the first lady. As soon as the Korean lady sat down, she asked if I could listen to her lecture. Without waiting for my answer, she began to teach “The Creation Lecture.” She repeated plus/minus, plus/minus, over and over. After thirty minutes, the lecture ended

glad to see I had understood something of crucial importance. She then brought out a box. Opening it carefully, she drew out wrappings from which a piece of dried-up cake was produced. I couldn’t understand what this meant. She said, “It’s the wedding cake of the Marriage of the Lamb.” I was astonished, totally overwhelmed and elated.

I walked and walked that moonlit white road with tears rolling down my face. I knew I would have to change my life completely. When a man comes to the turning point of his life he always looks back to the past to see the future clearly. I too looked back on my past that night. I remembered my conversion—my first encounter with God. Then I came to the breathtaking realization that exactly eight years earlier,

August 22, to the day and even to the hour, 8 p.m., I had felt my conversion experience. I was astounded upon realizing the significance of that number. God was guiding me!! Even though I had been in spiritual mud, God had been with me!! I felt His love once again.

In the beginning, I began to commute to the church. It was the second floor of an old house. Unlike a normal church, it was very difficult to find, even with the small sign.

One day, Mrs. Matsumoto mentioned to me that a very special person was coming. They were cleaning and preparing for some important occasion. I felt that maybe, the Messiah was coming. That day came and in the evening, about ten people anxiously awaited the arrival of the special person. I was scared and tense but they were happy and relatively relaxed. Therefore I thought that maybe this 'special person'

Home—Mabashi Center

When I understood that I had to join the Unification Church, I knew I would have to quit my job at the school and leave the children behind. I had a wonderful relationship with them, so it was a painful decision. Feelings for the children kept flooding back, despite my resolve to join the church. I did not go to the church for days, causing Mrs. Matsumoto to worry about me. She visited the school and tried to convince me not to listen to anyone else. I did not know how many tears she was shedding for me in prayer.

I went to my boss, Mr. Koyoma, and told him I wanted to leave my position. He, a powerful man at the school, was shocked. He didn't answer my request and time passed. I went back to Mr. Koyoma and asked for a three-week leave, which was granted. I said goodbye to my students while in my heart I

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was not the Messiah. When the person came, all but myself went rushing to the door. There, I saw the face of a Korean man in his forties.

"Good," I thought, "He is not the Messiah. He must be next to the Messiah." As soon as he arrived, he sat down and began to talk. His speech was plain and yet so clear, holding deep truths. His face was smiling but his eyes were sharp and shining. "If he is not the Messiah," I thought, "he absolutely must be next to the Messiah."

His talk led him to the crucifixion of Jesus. He told us Jesus had died because of the Israelites' disbelief, that Jesus did not come to die but to build the Kingdom of Heaven. If he had not been crucified, the ideal world would have come at Jesus' time.

Even though I had heard a passionate lecture on Jesus from Mrs. Matsumoto, I did not know what the Divine Principle was saying about Jesus' crucifixion until I heard this man. This was my first encounter with Mr. Nishikawa (Mr. Sang Ik Choi), the first successful Korean missionary sent to Japan by Father.

pledged, "Some day I will come back to you and bring you a great message." They did not know that I was not planning to return. In a couple of days I took a train to Tokyo carrying a heart mixed with new hope, dreams and anxiety.

When I finally arrived, I was pleasantly surprised to see Mr. Nishikawa surrounded by ten other people—all smiling and waiting for me. They were members of the Tokyo Headquarters of the Unification Church. At that time, there were only 28 members in the Unification Church—I was the 29th. As soon as I stepped from the train, they dashed to greet me. While I shook hands with a member I had not formerly met, they said, "Welcome home." Having strangers greet me with such words was a little odd, but inside I was happy. We came to Mabashi Center located on the second floor of a shop—similar to the Shigino Center, only smaller.

At the Mabashi Center, I met many people: Mr. Sawaura from Chuou University; also Mr. Komiyama, a young

charismatic philosophical aspirant who came from Rishokosekai and introduced the Unification Church to Mr. Osami Kuboki, who later became the president of the Unification Church of Japan. There was Ms. Tomiko Abe, a secretary to Mr. Choi and mother-figure of the church. These people appeared to be the leaders. Among the others, there was a spiritualist named Mr. Mitsugi Tanaka who could communicate with the spirit world and could see into our hearts—I was afraid of him.

The night I arrived, these people were discussing how to solve the racial problems of the world. One was saying that in the Kingdom of Heaven, some special medicine would be developed and the color of one's skin could be made to change. Another person was saying that love was the solution. If one only had love, one wouldn't care what color skin a person had. Still others were saying that "intermarriage" was the solution. I was astounded to find out the kinds of things being discussed in the attic-like room above the little shop.

The next day was Sunday. I don't remember exactly where this occasion took place. It was either at the Mabashi Center or some other second-story room. I attended my first Unification Church Sunday service. Mr. Choi began to preach. Although he began softly, his voice caught on fire and was soon resounding with strength. He began to pound on the pulpit and stamp on the floor. His face was perspiring but his shining eyes pierced us.

When he was finished, he was soaking wet with sweat underneath his ill-fitted suit. How incredibly different the sermon was compared to others given by the ministers of my former Baptist church. My concept of sermons was turned completely upside-down.

That week, I was able to hear Mr. Choi give a two-day Divine Principle lecture series. It was better than the previous lectures I had heard in Osaka; but during the lectures, I remained relatively unimpressed. After the lectures were completed, however, I was deeply moved. I didn't understand why my tears were flowing. I then realized that something deep and fundamental had changed within myself.

The next afternoon, Mr. Komiyama came to me and said, "Let's go." I didn't know where he was taking me nor

what would happen. A thirty or forty minute bus ride took us to the Shinjuku Station, a place famous for its traffic. Dinner? A movie? Instead, he took me to the busiest corner of the sidewalk and pulled out a street preaching sign from his brief case and set it up. He then proceeded to raise his arms and preach. His voice was tremendously loud. Later we were to find out from a visitor that Mr. Komiyama's preaching was not understandable. The visitor came to us saying that Mr. Komiyama's preachings were so desperate-sounding that he wanted to know what Mr. Komiyama had been talking about. Apparently, the visitor didn't understand a word of his speech.

At the time, I thought that Mr. Komiyama was just going to show me how to street preach, but soon, he stopped. With sweat running down his face, he said, "Now you do it!" I wanted to drop dead, or at least run away. I felt cornered with no way out. I was desperate. I stood at the spot and shouted as he had done, "Dear brothers and sisters of Shinjuku. . ." And words began to run through my mouth. I didn't even know what I was saying. What I did know was that I felt great. I was so happy that from that day on, I street preached practically every day.

Heavenly vocation

Next, I was told that every new member must fast for seven days, but that we could divide the period into three and four-day periods. Each time a member finished a fasting condition, all the members would come together, pray and bless him. It wasn't until much later that we were expected to fast the full seven days continuously.

Fasting, however, did not exempt us from our responsibilities. I can't forget my death-like struggle on the way back from street preaching during one fast. I was told to think of Moses who had fasted twice when he was eighty years old and of Jesus who fasted forty days before being tempted. Then I was told to go fundraising. We pushed a cart around door to door asking for old newspapers, magazines and metals we could recycle. It was strenuous work but the main struggle was not the physical strain but the internal struggle to overcome myself—my pride, my reluctance, and my hesitation. We called this type of fundraising "Heavenly Vocation." But when we had to do it every day and especially while we were

fasting, it was miserable work. We encouraged ourselves by chanting the words, "No problem with the restoration of heaven and earth." Soon I began to feel closer and closer to the brothers and sisters. We were like new babies—reborn. Mr. Choi was our father-figure, so we called him, "Papa-san."

I heard that when the centers were small and there was no room to sleep, the brothers and sisters were divided and slept on either side of Papa-san. I also had a similar experience. Once, I was asked to visit the family of a labor union leader. I stayed at his house where our pioneer member of that city stayed. After finishing my lecture, we realized there was no room for me to sleep other than the pioneer sister's room. Arrangements were made and we slept together like a baby boy and baby girl. We had such a pure spirit.

After coming back from Heavenly Vocation, all the money was offered and put into an open safe. Mr. Choi trusted us 100 percent. We were allowed to use any amount of money; no one was keeping track of it. Not spending money unnecessarily was a practice that came very naturally to us. Later, upon retrospect, I find it amazing that we could create such a pure and innocent atmosphere—loving, serving and caring while we toiled and shed tears together.

Divine Principle germinal

I was educated not so much by the teaching of the Divine Principle as by the activities—the so-called "on-the-job training of Heavenly Vocation" and street preaching. Inspired by Mr. Choi's teachings, I was excited and happy on the one hand, but a certain anxiety arose from inside. I wondered if it was really possible to save the world, or even make the slightest changes with just a handful of common people. No one had a Ph.D.; no one was a professor at a university, a theologian, a minister or priest, or even a scientist. The Divine Principle looked so trivial at times: How would the plus/minus lecture stand up to the criticism of a scientist? How could the Jesus lecture convince the priests

and theologians? How could such simple historical parallels (which were not clear at the time) withstand the scrutiny of the historians? I was so worried that I lost the spirit. I sat down and thought about what could be done but my thinking was inconclusive. When I recalled the love and unity of the brothers and sisters centered on Mr. Choi, I felt that this was unmistakably Heaven. Even though we were so few, the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven had sprouted. As long as we had life, the seed would grow and become



Rev. Sudo street preaches in Kominato City, Japan.

the greatest tree of life in the world under which millions and tens of millions of people would find rest and peace. Other churches and religious organizations were large in size but they missed one thing—life. When something is lifeless, the only road left is the road of disintegration.

I realized then, that the Divine Principle was germinal but that once it started to grow—for as long as we were alive, it would grow and grow—it would eventually digest science, history, theology, etc. Upon that understanding, I returned to my normal self.

In the summer to fall of 1962, a connection was made between the Unification Church and the Rishokosekai, an Abel-type Buddhist denomination whose membership went well over 1.5 million. Nichirenshyoshu was a Cain-type denomination.

Mr. Komiyama, who had been witnessed to by Mr. Sawaura, had invited a Mr. Osami Kuboki, the secretary to the president of Rishokosekai, Nikkyo Niwano. Mr. Kuboki was considered one of the "hopefuls" as he was

thought to be the next to inherit Mr. Niwano's position. When Mr. Kuboki visited our attic center, arrangements were made for Mr. Choi to meet President Niwano. This took place in September of 1962. The situation urged Mr. Choi to prepare a substantial external foundation for the movement. Also, some claimed that he received a revelation to build a temple as Solomon had done or Japan could not be saved.

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We don't know whether this is true or not.

In the summer of 1962, another important event occurred: The wealthy Hirafuku family joined and donated their property for the construction of a church building to be used as a training center and church headquarters. The family was comprised of a mother and two daughters, Mihto and Yuriko.

Miracles: Rittai Cultural Center

I wasn't aware of it at the time, but negotiations had already begun with a construction company. Mr. Choi had convinced a company to begin work on our building. Soon, however, trouble started. The construction company had heard unfounded rumors that Mr. Choi, who had Korean connections, was dangerously plotting against Japan. On top of that, they discovered we had no money. The company stopped their work and asked Mr. Choi to pay for at least half the construction expense upfront. That money amounted to around \$100,000 or \$200,000. We met, talked and prayed vigorously. It was decided that everyone would visit any possible place to receive or borrow money. We prayed, pounding on the floor with tears, and went out. No one came back with any money as our families and friends had dispossessed many of us upon our entering the church. We came together again, repented and cried.

Nevertheless, we didn't give up. We went out again and came back with the same result. Again we met, prayed and cried out to God

for the sake of the nation. This cycle continued for over ten days, until we began to feel hopeless. Although Mr. Choi encouraged us, he himself was very concerned but not directly involved—the responsibility was ours.

We felt we had done all we could and if nothing came of our work, it was not our responsibility but God's. Our desperation, sincerity and effort finally reached such a level that good

news came. Someone had donated \$5,000. We were delighted but still desperate, as we were far from our goal. It was Mr. Choi's faith that supported us. We cried out to God more and continued our same efforts day and night. Finally, news was brought that two new members, physical sisters, had received a revelation from God to donate all the money they possessed which was approximately \$100,000. In a couple of days more news came. A member who had heard of the sisters' donation decided to donate all of his money: \$100,000. Together, that made exactly \$200,000. Mr. Choi called the company

and paid them in cash. The company could hardly believe we had acquired the money: they changed their attitude completely. The construction was accomplished smoothly and quickly. The building was named the Rittai Cultural Center.

Shortly afterwards, we moved into the new center and attached the signs, "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity." In December, the church expanded to nine locations—Tokyo, Sendai, Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Kitami, Takamatsu, Fukuoka and Kyoto.

Mr. Osami Kuboki began to visit the new center and Mr. Choi asked me to give him a lecture. I had never lectured anybody before except two high school girls when I had gone back to Osaka in hopes of finding donations. If I had known what kind of person he was and what mission God was preparing for him, I probably would not have been able to give the lecture. I had with me my messy notes from Mr. Choi's lectures and a typed edition of the "Explanation of the Principle." I had to construct the lecture as I spoke.

Mr. Kuboki turned out to be a man with an amazingly pure heart. Even though he had a high position in Rishokosekai, he accepted almost everything like a child. I felt that I was writing the lecture on a white paper that was his heart. I don't exactly remember how he reached the point to accept Father, but he seemed to be committing himself when he spoke to Mr. Choi afterwards. He began working as a mediator between Mr. Choi, President Niwano and his denomination.

Around that time, Mr. Choi called almost all of the members to a Divine Principle workshop at the Rittai Cultural Center. Mr. Choi, Setsuko Ogawa and myself were the lecturers. It was my first organized lecture and I received much inspiration.

Early in 1963, Mr. Kuboki took the headquarter members to the first prayer vigil at Nanasawa in Kanagawa prefecture. We prayed overnight in the dead of the winter. It became a precious foundation for our spiritual life. Some prayed loudly, some prayed softly, while still others prayed in tongues. ■



Rev. Ken Sudo, his wife Masayo, and their children Masato and Ichiko at their home in New York.

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Miracles of the Heart

by Kate Tsubata

With True Parents' declaration of tribal messiahship and hometown providence inspired us to request home church and hometown testimonis. The following is one sister's experience of perseverance and victory in her home church efforts.

As True Parents are reminding us of our final destiny—home church and hometown, or tribal messiahship—I would like to share some of my observations from my fourteen years of home church work, over five states and five home church areas.

I have been concentrating almost solely on home church since I moved to my present neighborhood in August of 1986, so most of my education has happened here, in West Lanham Hills, Maryland. I would like to apologize beforehand to anyone who feels my experiences to be unorthodox or not "Principled." It has been my course, and I have experienced the living God in it. I have no apologies for it. However, I don't intend to preach my way as *the way*, just as one way in which God moved a human being to unite with His direction.

To recapitulate my home church experiences until I moved here, my first real home church experience was in Salt Lake City, Utah, where I chose an area, met all the people, and determined that the basic problem was that no one knew each other, and therefore, no one trusted each other. I began organizing a big block party, asking musicians to play, ladies to organize food,

clowns to perform, and local religious communities to set up a table about their beliefs, dress, customs, and so on. In the course of doing this, I encountered two kinds of persecution: from within the church, and from outside. The state leader and his successor kicked me out of the center, telling me to get an apartment and do home church by myself. This I did. Then, when I visited the neighborhood homes, some people kicked me out for being a Moonie.

Servant of servant

I approached both sides by the "servant of servant" route. I took a broom and swept every sidewalk in the area; at the negative houses, I swept the driveways, walks and front steps as well. Despite the center leader's rejection, I invited him to have a starring role in the musical program, and to set up a table advertising the church. The Block Party was a huge success, with neighbors meeting each other, having fun square dancing together, learning about each other's faiths, and enjoying the music played by their neighbors. The center leader was the hit of the musical entertainment, doing great PR for the church. The most negative lady approached me with tears, apologizing for her treat-

ment and thanking me for what I was doing for the neighborhood.

I was totally joyful about the victory. However, that night, the center leader took me out and told me he had decided that I would either leave the state and go to another center, or that he would tell Headquarters I was a B-member. I struggled, called Headquarters, and was advised to move to another state. So, to protect my candidacy for the Blessing, I left my beloved area.

When I arrived in Boston, I quickly got another area, in Jamaica Plain. I expected to have to start again from the servant of servant position, but found that God had already prepared a foundation for me. This was the first time I discovered that in home church, unlike other missions, you never lose the foundation you have established already. It's waiting for you when you come to the new area.

My first day meeting people, I encountered the manager of a large apartment building, who offered to let me carry on projects there, and volunteered his support to me. He was also my "John the Baptist" introducing me to many people, and extending his support as a consul with the embassy of his South American country. I held



Volunteers clear trash from five public areas and enjoy pizza donated by a local merchant afterwards.

some movie nights for the kids, began tutoring, and even moved into the area, only to find that his foundation was weak in Chapter 2, and that despite hearing the Principle, he had not been able to internalize it. I felt stunned and betrayed; I was decimated emotionally. The state leader advised me to give up home church, become the kitchen sister, and hide out while I healed my heart.

I am sorry to say I took this advice, and gave up my work, thinking I could avoid pain by not confronting this problem. I worked hard as the kitchen sister, and tried to serve the members by making good, delicious food to comfort them in their missions. However, I could not stop my emotional spiral downward. Cut off from my area and my source of vitality elements, I floundered. I got a spiritual child, a Harvard student who called the center to persecute and ended up joining, but again, the leader accused me. Finally, I actually collapsed, with a back injury which left me inert for seven days. In desperation, I prayed for guidance, and received several dreams to join the *News World*. Miraculously,

We witnessed on the subways on our way to and from work too, which is where I met one spiritual son, who went to seven and twenty-one-day workshops.

Near the 1982 Blessing, I became strongly convicted that I needed a stronger home church foundation, so I changed my working schedule to

we had no money for even a loaf of bread and milk at one point. Yet it was there that I learned faith, for the first time in my many years of church life. It was there that we met our spiritual daughter, who is now preparing for the Blessing. It was there that we finally overcame the centuries-old racism spirit, and organized a multi-national



Kate and Kazuo Tsubata organize a dinner theater/video production to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their community.

Home church became more than simply an altruistic, theologically sound, socially admirable thing to do. It became survival, or insurance, for my family.

the central figure let me go, on the understanding that I would return after seven-days training to the center and work as a correspondent there. I agreed (I think like Moses with Pharaoh) but once I arrived in New York and the managing editor saw my writing skill, they negotiated a substitute for me to go back to that center.

A culminating banquet

In New York, I worked all day at my mission, worked nights to pay my rent, and shared an apartment with five other members in Queens to do home church. I sold subscriptions there, to meet my people, and then produced a musical show and held a banquet for them one Christmas. Each Saturday evening, all of us would invite guests to dinner, and play music and have a lecture afterwards. We all were trying to do home church, although our time schedules only allowed us to do so a few hours a week.

work five hours a day in my area. I washed every window in the area, on the outside. The banquet was the culmination of that, a miracle of heart, held in a freezing warehouse, with makeshift sets and lights. My moment of sharing my heart about God was being able to sing "O Holy Night" for my guests, which expressed my heart about Jesus and God, and writing the play, which was about the real Santa Claus being people who reach out to help each other.

In January, I went out to the states with what eventually became the IOWC providence. Things changed moment to moment. Again, home church was discouraged in favor of street witnessing. Finally, my husband Kazuo and I were sent to Charleston, "pioneering." It was spiritually and physically a wilderness course. I was jailed, mugged, and had a miscarriage. Kazuo was heat sick, assaulted by drunks and persecuted for street speaking. We were so poor

festival called "Neighborday." At one point, the police came to stop our corner table witnessing, bringing three riot control trucks, eighteen officers and many patrol cars. When the chief, a black Jewish man, came to order us from our spot, we sang "We Shall Overcome" and he had to join in. I had called all the media, who got it all on the news. Then, when he asked us to leave, we refused, based on our constitutional rights. A reporter went to ask him a question, and he made the mistake of snapping at him, "Why don't you people stay out of this? You're only making it worse." All the reporters were shocked and said, "Oh, so you don't believe in Freedom of the Press either?" So they sided with us. A minister who was in contact with our church, Rev. George Exoo, was there to support us and also happened to be the chaplain for the police department, which also came out on the news.

We eventually won over the police and the mayor, because of our work on the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. However, several contacts were threatened with excommunication from their faiths because of their relationship with us, and some cut off with us, while others cut off from their congregations.

For our children's sake

I was called back to New York, to start *Accord* magazine, and then down to Washington, to start *The World and I*. During most of those times, I didn't do home church, because of missions and having babies. But after *The World and I* was established, and we bought a house, I began to sense that God needed me to do home church full time.

I realized that my children would be victims in Satan's world, if I didn't create a safe haven around them. I saw that only if I invested in the families and children of my community, could I be sure that my kids would be protected by those I had served. For perhaps the first time, home church became more than simply an altruistic, theologically sound, socially admirable

community, and could effect massive change with a relatively small input of energy. Everyone wants to read about themselves and those right around them. By writing about good things, people were encouraged to continue doing them, and to appreciate each other.

Kazuo would deliver the newsletter every month, visiting every house in about two and a half hours. He became fixed in people's minds as the person bringing them the good news. Soon, he was asked to run for the Board of Directors, and was unanimously elected.

I had two and then three young tots, so I couldn't realistically visit people, so I worked over the phone. I was carrying on my own freelance journalism business, so I was almost always home.

for answers. I also pored over the home church book, seeking inspiration. I seem to receive a lot of revelations in the shower. (It's become a joke to my neighbors that if I tell them I was in the shower, it means that I had a visitation from God.)

Inspiration for young people

Somehow, certain answers emerged. I realized that it wasn't enough to preach at kids "Just Say No" to drugs and sex; I had to show them what to say "Yes" to. I had an inspiration to start a young people's theater group. We put on "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," followed by four more productions. I worked with the kids, hands on, teaching how to sing, dance and act, but also, how to dominate time and things, and how to overcome fear and negativity.

I learned how to inspire unpaid volunteers to work hard because of a great vision. I learned how to love even those who persecuted me and who said terrible things, even if it took a year to restore that relationship. I learned the incredible joy of reuniting with someone who has rejected you. I truly learned about crying in prayer for someone, feeling God's loving longing for that person, and wishing only goodness for them, despite the pain of separation.

I really learned how Father feels. How he feels towards us, and towards the world. For many years, I was in that mindset like many of us, in which I wanted approval from Father. Little did I realize that Father is so desperate to save the world that he is grateful for every effort we make, and only wishes we could grow faster and do more so he can be freed up to do more. I saw how grateful I was for each positive action shown by a home church person, how I rejoiced at them discovering some small point of Principled life, and how happy I was when they voluntarily chose to multiply goodness to others. I realized, we are in the business of making messiahs, and of becoming messiahs. I stopped feeling towards Father that he was the benevolent giver, and me the hungry recipient. I feel now that he and I are on the same path, each responsible for saving the world, each going through similar experiences, only he's on the macro level and I'm on the micro level.

But my micro level reflects on the

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Curtain call for the West Lanham Hills Players production, "The Music Man."

thing to do. It became survival, or insurance, for my family.

Again, I found that God had already transferred previous foundations to be there before us, ready-made. There was an existing Citizen's Association, a yearly carnival for the children, private police protection in the area, a trip for the seniors, and a Christmas Dinner Dance. So I prayed for guidance and received that we should join what existed, and just give the element which was missing—True Parent's Heart.

As we attended the meetings, many things became apparent. There was no way to communicate between neighbors. My father had given me a computer, so I offered to do their neighborhood directory, and later, I received I should start a newsletter to highlight good things happening. As I did these things, I realized why Father invested so much to start newspapers and magazines. The newsletter immediately became the instrument of record for the

My computer became an economic tool, and a home church tool.

As I heard all the news in the area, I was also told of all the problems. A disturbing pattern was emerging. Kids were getting into sex and drugs, even younger than ten years of age. Child molesters were operating in the area. Two pornography shops were spilling their filth into the community. Drugs and alcohol were turning families into battlegrounds. Divorce was victimizing the kids. Racism turned good black families and white families into chilly neighbors. The elderly were living in sub-poverty, unable to get a pipe fixed or go to a doctor. Bitterness over past events had made certain families hate each other. As Father had said, every problem in the world was literally there, in my home church area.

I had no guidance, because no one else I knew was doing home church, or was even interested. I could only pray to God for guidance and beg him

Connecting to True Parents' Foundation

by Rainer Schmiedel, missionary to Nepal

Q: Can you describe the difficulties and victories of your early experiences in Nepal?

A: I arrived in Nepal on April 29, 1975. In May of 1975, we began street witnessing in the American/European style, although Nepal at that time had a six year jail sentence for preaching. Yet we found that people were quite open to foreigners, even though few understood English. From having studied in high school or at the university, some speak broken English, but the rest only speak Nepalese. At that time we knew nothing about their language.

We held our first workshop in July of 1975. We had invited eight or nine people, and lectured a regular seven-day program. When we had questions and answers at the end, we found that basically people hadn't understood at all. They asked questions like, "Who is Adam?" or "What is Eden?" All the terms and concepts that we as Christians presuppose people to have, were not present at all. There were even questions like, "Why are you teaching like this?" "Why are you so interested in God?" We recognized that there was no common base to understand the Principle. So after this workshop we decided to take a different approach. We initiated "cultural events," where we invited them to think about their country, its historic origins, and what could be improved. Through that we found conscientious people who were interested in religion, not just in how to make a living.

Actually, the first member who joined was witnessed to in May of 1975; after eight years he became a member. We had two people move into the center for nine months in 1975, but there wasn't enough foundation for them, and they left. After that there was a long period of endurance and trials for eight years.

Q: How did you join the church?

A: I had just completed my engineering studies, and was doing social service instead of military service in

Frankfurt, Germany when I met the church. At that period I was wondering what direction to go in my life, because I felt there must be more to life than just getting a job, earning money, and so on. I had many questions and was searching in several directions. I was also interested in Eastern religions. During the period when I began studying the Principle, I went to India on a program with a socialservice organization, and my experience there was a real shock. A few days after arriving in India I became quite sick and had a one-week hospital stay. In the midst of so much dirt and overcrowding, I felt I was becoming more and more sick rather than healthy. This experience convinced me that this was not the place for me to stay. So I left India after three weeks, thinking I would never come back to that part of the world. That was in August of 1974, and in less than a year I found myself back in this region, in Nepal, as a missionary, wondering how to restore that experience.

The shock of experiencing a developing country helped me to make the decision to join the church and to become active in restoration work. I had first listened to the Principle in March of 1974, and had gone to one or two workshops, but I felt it was more an interesting theory rather than something I should commit my life to. But going to India woke me up.

Q: You became a missionary six months after joining. How did you maintain your spiritual life in your country?

A: The Japanese missionary who was my senior in the church by several years was like a parent to me, raising me up. Also the American missionary who was only two years in the church was like a parental figure in the beginning, because he had many experiences of seeing True Parents personally,

even though afterwards we struggled quite a lot. But I felt that I was raised in Nepal.

Q: What was the main point that contributed to your foundation in Nepal?

A: Endurance. After these first few months when two members had temporarily joined and we were quite outgoing, we realized that we needed to understand the Nepalese culture, the way they think and feel. Nepal is a very religious country. Hinduism is a way of life rather than just a religion.



A Nepalese family gave shelter and food to Rainer during a 40-day pioneering condition in 1980.

They get up early in the morning to greet the sun god, and visit the temples with incense. However, to reach them with a message that is also very intellectual, that tries to discover God, understand His nature, His purpose of creation, was a very difficult path. Both the American and Japanese missionaries got very frustrated along the way. Because in some ways they had more ability than me, perhaps they felt more frustrated than I did.

I remember many times going to the Holy Ground in the morning and feeling so sorry for God that I came there alone, with no members to bring with me. But through those years I felt

that some foundation was made. Some people began studying. Then after the first member joined in 1983, we developed quite quickly. We began to hold weekly workshops and a daily gathering. Interestingly, in that same year, Rev. Zin Moon Kim visited Nepal, and one of the first people who came to our gatherings was someone he had met in the airport while trying to find me. I had received a telegram which said he would come in the evening, but actually he came in the morning. So he went to a hotel and then tried to contact me, but couldn't find me. When I came to the airport and found that his plane had arrived I knew he was in Katmandu somewhere, so I determined I would search through all the hotels in Katmandu. Amazingly, I found him at the first hotel I visited.

Also in this same year, Nepal hosted the Youth Seminar of World Religions. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak came and spoke at a big public meeting

But there is definitely a big opening in the spiritual world.

Actually, we had few problems even prior to the granting of greater religious freedoms. The Nepalese are very gentle, so only if someone reports directly to the police would they investigate.

Over the past few years, the new members have been bringing their friends and we have been conducting two-day workshops locally. Seven and twenty-one-day workshops are conducted on the regional level in India. This was safer for the Nepalese because there were no legal qualifications to listening to the Principle outside of Nepal.

Q: Do you feel there has been a change in the way that the people are receiving the Principle?

A: Yes, at some point it seemed like a spiritual cloud opened up and suddenly people could relate to and be inspired

by the Principle rather than just seeing it as a strange lecture coming from a strange religion. I also feel that there was a growth in our understanding of the Nepalese culture and tradition and this helped us to lecture in a way they could relate to. Combined with our own internal growth, we could witness more effectively.

Q: What is your main focus now?

A: We have already had over 30 Nepalese participate in the Seminar on World Religions and Religious Youth Service projects, and I feel on the interreligious

level there is a lot of hope. We have several very good Buddhist and Hindu contacts in Nepal. We also have seven members preparing for the Blessing. And I feel the Nepalese are eager to find a new vision for their country's future. At present there is a volatile situation as the country prepares for an election. Both the democratic and communist parties have about equal strength. So it is a very important historical period for Nepal, a time when the democratic side can establish itself there and preserve religious freedom. Then I feel there can be a good future for the country.

The Hindus claim about ninety per-

cent of the population. The Buddhists claim twenty percent, and the Muslims claim about three percent. So the numbers are a little vague, and also many people follow both Hinduism and Buddhism. But the predominant religion is Hinduism. Actually it is a similar situation to Israel, where Christianity was born, but few Christians remain today. Nepal is Buddha's birthplace, but he mainly taught in India. However, India claims almost no Buddhists and Nepal only twenty percent. Perhaps some foundation didn't connect to the new providence and was lost. Christianity moved toward the West and Buddhism moved toward the East.

Last year our only blessed member was killed upon his return from Korea, and I believe his sacrifice opened up the spiritual atmosphere of the country. Before the church he had been very active politically, promoting political freedom in Nepal. So I think that from the spiritual world he pushed Nepal to open up. He was killed about six months before the revolution.

One interesting experience I had was when I met one of the Buddhist leaders with whom we had worked for many years. He recently was invited, along with three other senior monks who had also participated in our interreligious activities, to meet with the North Korean ambassador. This leader told me that suddenly the ambassador brought up Rev. Moon's name and remarked that actually Rev. Moon is the only person who sincerely works for the unification of North and South Korea. It is an amazing statement, and it seems this invitation had come shortly after True Parents' meeting with Gorbachev in Moscow.

Q: Could you say anything about your experiences with True Parents?

A: My most powerful experience was meeting True Parents in New York for the first time at Father's 60th birthday, after working for five years in Nepal. All the missionaries were invited to New York.

For me it was the realization of a dream to see True Parents. I feel each time I have a chance to meet them that they are really my Father and Mother. In Nepal it seems like we are so far away, removed from everything. But on the other hand there is a lot of spiritual protection, support and guidance, through True Parents' prayer and



Rainer meets with three Nepalese professors to informally establish PWPA-Nepal in February 1986.

where eight hundred people had gathered. I think all of these events together opened some doors, because after that members started coming and we began several other programs. Before that I had been teaching English, German, and music, trying to make friends.

Now other things are developing. Nepal had a revolution last year, so they gained political freedom and also religious freedom at least on some levels. Nepal is still called the Hindu kingdom, but all the Christians who had been in jail were released and basically free to preach, even though it is still a somewhat ambiguous situation.



Nepalese members attend a 40-day workshop in March 1991.

such an intense feeling just to see True Parents' picture in the prayer room.

Q: I heard that you have been doing much work with PWPA.

A: The PWPA programs were quite successful. We had three gatherings last year. One was chaired by the Prime Minister. We have been able to educate leading members in the royal palace about True Parents' vision, not directly, but through re-

ports they receive from Nepalese professors about True Parents' activities. The PWPA president worked for some time with the royal palace on some programs, so through that I could have a good foundation to reach some of those family members. After the former prime minister of Nepal came to the first PWPA World Congress in 1983 many things developed; and, through interreligious programs we could reach out to the main religious leaders in Nepal.

I am amazed at how Father plans

and proceeds with restoration work. Usually I think, just teaching Principle will open peoples' minds and then through that they will change. That is true on some level, but without reaching out to top-level people, through programs that they can relate to like PWPA, IRF or ICF, our work would proceed more slowly. Through these programs I feel like something opened up spiritually in Nepal. It is very important for members to see the scope of our movement, more than just our day-to-day work in Nepal. It was really inspiring for them to attend the recent CARP Conference and to meet brothers and sisters from around the world.

I also feel like the American brothers and sisters coming for forty-day pioneering contribute a lot. In Nepal, one brother from Father's security staff came, and members were so inspired to hear him report on his life at East Garden. Several members afterward said, "It seems like we have known Steven for years and years, not just for a few weeks." They felt so sorry when he left, and are looking forward to his next visit. This kind of give and take is deeply inspiring to both sides, I believe. ■

love for all the missionaries. It seems to be more readily available than sometimes here in New York or other places. In that sense I believe it was a very blessed situation to be in a place physically very far away but where Father's love still reached me. I think it is more intense when one seldom sees True Parents than when one has many opportunities to see them.

Being in Father's house in Korea was also a very special experience. I remember when I returned to Nepal after seeing True Parents, I would get

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larger level too. This may seem hard to grasp, but I have experienced that as I solve a problem in my area, it somehow affects the nation and the world. As I stop drugs in my area, the drug problem starts to recede in the nation. As I push the porn out of my area, and expose its influence, the nation begins to recognize its destructive qualities and to eliminate it.

So it is not a hopeless task to take responsibility for America, or even the world. I only have to take responsibility for my home church area and I automatically begin affecting those problems in the world. But the big bonus is this: not only does it help change the world, but it changes me. I become purified, more loving, more giving. I become hooked on vitality elements. I discover why Father can stay up all hours to love people, to give inspiration, to pass on the truth. Because, now I do it. The Principle isn't just something I believe, it's something I

do. It guides my business dealings, my friendships, my parenthood, my spousal relationship.

I recently saw the results of my home church efforts in myself when I visited my hometown for a high school reunion. Having left at nineteen and never returned, I had forgotten the sweetness of the people there. But like the rest of the country, they are plagued by resentments between old and young, rich and working poor; they are hard hit by the recession, but don't want destructive speculators and developers destroying the fabric of the area. As I listened, I could see how Father had prepared us, to teach them the way to solve—physically and spiritually—their problems.

I haven't soft-pedaled my report here because I feel we are at such a crucial moment for America and the world. Father has given us every "permission" we need. We are our own tribal messiahs. There are no central figures to say, "No, you can't do home church or hometown." We have our trinities to support us. We have been given responsibility and authority in

Heaven and earth.

If all of that isn't clear, I just ask you to go and talk to your neighbors. Find out about the suffering of the people in your area. Realize how desperate they are for answers, guidance and for hope. Realize that we are the doctors, fresh out of medical school, with all the training but not enough practice. We can help them. But we have to choose to do it.

Don't talk yourself out of it. I have never regretted my decision to devote myself to home church. It has fulfilled every promise Father has made to us—supported our family; protected our children; and boosted our nation. Let's become the fruitful nation for True Parents that we were destined to be.

"Oh beautiful for pilgrim's feet, whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.

America, America, may God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!" ■

If True Parentism had
appeared at the outset of
human history, there would
have been no Satan and no
evil; God's will would have
been long established here
on the earth. When Father
declared True Parentism,
Satan had to retreat.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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