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Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

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TOGETHER with True Parents, world leaders, Korean church leaders, and Korean blessed families, I am grateful to have the honor of reporting on True Parents' victory in the Second World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF). Under God's infinite grace and protection and True Parents' authority and foundation, this glorious and miraculous victory took place. Everyone who attended had the historical opportunity to experience and testify to the preciousness and the sovereignty of God and True Parents. The comprehensive analysis and evaluation is not finished yet; however, I will summarize and offer this interim report to True Parents and to you.

Four new events

As you all know, this was the second WCSF to be held. This festival had four more events than the first one. The Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP) convention, held for the first time in Seoul, was a display of the participants' youthful vigor and loyalty to True Parents.

There was also an exhibition of the accomplishments and foundation of True Parents at a public exhibition hall. As you all know, True Parents' accomplishments and foundation far exceeded what was exhibited; however, we tried to display as much as possible in the limited space. Given the financial investment in this project, we have decided to establish a permanent exhibit in Seoul for witnessing and public relation purposes. Thus members around the country and foreign members visiting Seoul may come and pay their respects at this forthcoming exhibition place.

True Parents have walked the sacrificial way and served the world through numerous organizations. Many people do not know this fact, because True Parents have always worked at the most fundamental level, striving for the greater purpose which is the restoration of the world and cosmos. Those who sought only short-term effects did not realize what Father has done. How-

ever, the numerous organizations which Father has established are carrying out a substantial and valuable service throughout the world.

One example is the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF), which Mother chairs. It has been doing multi-dimensional projects in many areas of the world, such as offering free medical service to the needy, feeding the hungry, helping developing countries and improving agricultural technology.

Another organization which does voluntary service is the Ae Won Service Bank in Korea, which was founded and has been chaired by True Parents. At Father's direction, the HSA Foundation in Korea has established a nationally-registered service foundation. Through the cooperation of Ae Won Service Bank and the new service foundation, those who received this latest international blessing contributed money toward forty major and minor Korean institutions which are practicing Father's teaching of loving and serving humanity. As the chairwoman of this bank and of the WCSF, Mother personally visited the Joo Mong Institute for the Disabled and encouraged patients and those who are serving them.

The fourth project was the Korean inter-religious, inter-denominational soccer tournament. Unfortunately, severe rain interfered with the occasion; however, I attended the opening ceremony and was surprised to see how enthusiastic the participants were. They came equipped with their trendy sports uniforms, denominational flags, and cheering fans. I reported that Father should sponsor more such sports occasions for inter-religious and inter-denominational harmony. When Reverend Jae Seuk Lee, the chairman of the Korean Association for Religious People, gave the opening remarks explaining Father's intention, participants cheered enthusiastically. Seeing their intense preparation and enthusiastic participation, I saw the possibility that this event could contribute greatly to inter-religious

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Front Cover: Father waits for Mother to adjust the tassel on his mortarboard, as Neil Albert Salonen observes. Father received an honorary doctorate, September 7, 1995, from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut during the festivities there when he went there to deliver "The True Family and I" speech. (Photo: Ken Owens/New Future Photo)

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True Knowledge, True Family, and World Peace

Founder's Address

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
SEOUL, KOREA

SCHOLARS representing 120 nations, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, together with my wife, Women's Federation President Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, I feel very happy indeed to be able to welcome all of you to Seoul, Korea. We have gathered to discuss the most serious problems confronting the world today.

A DREAM OF A WORLD OF PEACE

The twentieth century has seen tremendous improvement in the conditions of human life, made possible through remarkable advances in science. However, it has also been the century of worldwide conflict and moral confusion. The development of scientific knowledge and civilization has, on the one hand, allowed people to enjoy an abundant life. On the other hand, it has resulted in such global problems as the destruction of the environment, global warming and the diminishing of the ozone layer. Serious problems have also arisen in relation to the human condition. In the process of industrialization and modernization, the family is being destroyed, and serious problems such as drugs, AIDS, violence and crime warn us that humankind is facing a crisis.

People have continued to pursue peace and happiness in many ways. However, they have not found satisfaction. World peace has not come even through the worldwide efforts of the League of Nations and the United Nations, established to prevent further conflict following the First and Second World Wars. Nor has a world of happiness been realized through the efforts of religious organizations. The ideals of international communism and the dreams of fascism have likewise failed to bring about an ideal world. Even the highest levels of technical skill and political effort have not been able to bring peace and happiness to humankind. Even now, tragic conflicts rage in many areas of the globe. Recent examples include Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chechen, Somalia and Laos, to name a few.

Peace and human happiness depend

on the moral and spiritual development of people. This is because world peace, or a peaceful nation, is comprised of individuals and families. Science and technical skills can be used for good—for the improvement of human life—when they are utilized by good people.

Throughout history, the saints and great teachers have devoted themselves to guiding families, societies and nations toward a peaceful and happy world. To take on the challenges of the 21st century, we need true parents of humankind, true teachers and true owners, who can raise impeccable leaders on the basis of morality and spirituality.

TRUE LOVE IS THE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS

It is my absolute belief that, since God exists as the original embodiment of true love, He created this world and humankind to be the substantial objects of His love and joy. God is the Parent of humankind. Human beings are God's children. God, as the Parent, shares their joy and their suffering. God



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wants human beings to inherit true love.

God's true love is the source of happiness and joy for humankind. Human beings are meant to become perfect through experiencing this true love. Love must be understood through the experience of life. The growth period for human beings is thus a precious time for experiencing this love, stage by stage.

Human beings come to know God's love through stages of growth. First, they know the heart of children; second, the heart of siblings; third, the heart of husband and wife; and fourth, the heart of parents.

The smallest unit in which God's love can be realized is the family. Accordingly, the family becomes the foundation for human happiness, ideals and life. Throughout my life, therefore, I have taught the importance of the family and held blessing ceremonies around the world for the sake of ideal families.

Today the world needs a model for an ideal society where people can peacefully co-exist and which embraces all nations, cultures and religions. In March and April of this year I made the "São Paulo Declaration" and the "New Hope Farm Declaration." I have initiated the establishment of a model society in Brazil in South America, and will work toward its gradual expansion to other nations.

Representatives from forty nations have begun the task of establishing such a society. In a harmonious society, there should be a balance in the quality of life among its citizens. Such co-prosperity should develop naturally through love on the basis of mutual responsibility. There can be no crime, discrimination or corruption in an ideal family. The realization of this comes about only on the basis of the practice of true love. This is a historic movement of people with different nationalities, skin colors and traditions, with the goal of establishing a community of true love.

Our world today is facing a serious environmental crisis. The destruction of the natural environment is the desecration of the beautiful and holy world God created. People who lack true love simply regard the natural world as something to be used for their own selfish purposes. Another serious result of the human fall is that Adam and Eve could not inherit God's true love; therefore, people could not properly love each other, or the animals, plants and the earth. All things of creation are longing for the true love of human beings. I would like to establish the model of an ideal society in South America—a model demonstrating the right relationship of love between human beings and nature.

I am working toward the realization of a world with no starvation. In these days of scientific advancement, we cannot be just observers or remain indifferent when we see something so terrible as millions of people falling victim to hunger. In the past twenty years, I have allocated

tens of millions of dollars for the development of ocean-related enterprises, through which we have developed a high-protein fish powder. Through the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF), we are helping countries in areas of Africa and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, the earnings generated from foodstuffs produced by our farms in Brazil and Argentina will be invested into solving the problem of worldwide starvation.

A SOCIETY OF CO-EXISTENCE, MUTUAL PROSPERITY AND COMMON GOOD

I have taught the establishment of a society of co-existence, mutual prosperity and the common good. An ideal world means co-existing economically, prospering together politically, and, from an ethical viewpoint, creating a society of goodness.

Co-ownership based on God's true love is the essence of the ideology of co-existence. The basic unit of a society of co-existence is the family. By "co-ownership" I do not mean ownership merely in relation to material possessions, but based on God's love. Even though all property would be legally held in the parents' names, in practice, it would be jointly owned by the whole family, parents and children alike. Each family member might have his or her own room, clothes and personal money. In this way, joint ownership among family members would be based on the family, but individuals would still have their own property. Thus, the purposes of the whole and the individual would be harmonized. This ideal pattern of ownership in a family based on love would expand to the society, nation and world. This is the type of ownership in an ideal society.

The original relationship between God and humankind is centered on true love. There are many instances of co-ownership



Father and Mother receive a gift from Professor Tor Ragnar Gerholm (left) on behalf of the ICUS and PWPA participants.

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Distinguished guests, your goal is not just to discuss the latest discoveries. You must discuss how such discoveries can benefit each individual and society as a whole, and how harmonious relationships among humankind and the creation can be realized.

between God and the individual, between the whole and the individual, and between the neighborhood and the individual. When it is centered on God's true love, therefore, co-ownership is something for which we should feel gratitude.

In an ideal world realized by humankind, having perfected God's love, the purposes of the whole and the individual are naturally harmonized. As human beings have desire, and a natural inclination toward love, they are permitted individual ownership and individual purpose. Even so, they would not seek to have unlimited personal belongings or to fulfill an individual purpose that detracted from the whole purpose. Perfected human beings are meant to own an amount of property commensurate with their conscience and original nature.

In particular, economic activity by ideal human beings who have become the true owners of all things based on true love would manifest love and gratitude. There could be no greed or corruption. Similarly, there could be no emphasis on national or regional interests inconsistent with the purpose of the whole. The aim of economic activity is overall welfare, rather than the mere pursuit of gain.

The ideology of mutual prosperity is based on God's true love. Through mutual participation, it pursues a politics wherein the ideals of freedom, equality and happiness are realized.

Participating in public politics is for the purpose of electing representatives. However, when we understand that the political model is an extended form of a family based on love, then antagonistic relationships will not exist between candidates for public office. Their candidacy would be rooted in a calling to serve others. Candidates would be supported by neighbors, relating with each other as brothers and sisters, attending one God and Parent.

After a due process then, the final decision would be made according to the will of God. Improper considerations would not hold sway. The method of choosing a representative would be through prayer and a solemn process. As a representative would be chosen according to the will of God and heavenly fortune, everybody would come to accept the decision with gratitude and joy. Important organizations and ministries within a nation of the ideal world would harmonize through reciprocal give and take action centered on a common purpose. This is similar to the organs of the human body which work together for a common purpose, according to the commands of the brain.

The ideal of common good means one through which people, under the absolute values of God's true love, would observe universal ethics and morality centered on true love; all members of society would pursue a life of goodness and righteousness.



The joint opening plenary session of the Twentieth ICUS and the Sixth International Congress of PWPA. Neil Albert Salonen, president of the International Cultural Foundation, introduces Father.

An ideal world would exist on the basis of ideal families and perfected human beings. The harmony of ideal parents, ideal husband and wife, and ideal sons and daughters in true love are the indispensable conditions for an ideal family. Furthermore, a perfected person is one whose mind and body are harmonized through true love.

When perfected people realize a world of supreme love in which goodness and righteousness are voluntarily practiced within the family—the foundation of true love—and in society, the world of the heavenly way and of righteousness is realized. That is, an ideal world.

TRUE KNOWLEDGE

However sophisticated our knowledge might be, when compared with true love, it is found wanting. We need to know what makes human beings happy. This is the will of our omniscient and all-powerful God. True knowledge is knowing God's will. We must understand and see world history and humankind in the way that God understands and sees them. It is not right for a scholar to be arrogant or behave as if he was God and takes control over others by means of his partial knowledge of the world God has created.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, your goal is not just to discuss the latest discoveries in physics, biology and chemistry. You must understand and discuss how such discoveries and academic achievements can benefit each individual and society as a whole, and how harmonious relationships among humankind, the world and the creation can be realized.

Too often new scientific knowledge has been misused for the gain of one individual, for one nation's conquest of another in efforts to secure its own prosperity. Academic knowledge and innovation are great blessings that God has bestowed on

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humankind. God has given these blessings for the sake of the entire human race and the world. If the academic achievements resulting from such blessings are used only for such selfish purposes, a potential good becomes evil.

Professor [Tor Ragnar] Gerholm! I would like to thank you sincerely for the efforts you have devoted to the Twentieth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS). You have worked together with ICUS since its founding days and have come to represent the highest level of the ICUS vision.

For this conference we have assembled experts from around the world to discuss the latest research in genetics, the biological sciences, and the problems associated with human aging. These areas of research have opened new possibilities, but I think they are accompanied by new moral and social challenges for their proper use. I will be praying that the ICUS conference discussions will be fruitful and have a positive impact on our world.

PROFESSORS WORLD PEACE ACADEMY

The Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) was established in 1973 to serve the academic community in the quest for world peace. In particular, PWPA has tried to create opportunities for active research and concrete activities for the sake of world peace on university campuses. The accumulated problems of the world are waiting for the guidance of conscientious scholars.

Professors not only teach theory, but also instill students with character and values. As they have an important influence on the formation and development of their students' character, they should guide and help them onto the path of goodness.

Through PWPA, my wife and I have established the World University Network for the purpose of educating the young people of the world to become excellent leaders of a future society that reconciles nation to nation and religion to religion. I believe that this vision can be realized centered on Sun Moon University in Korea and the University of Bridgeport in the United States, under the discerning guidance of President Se Won Yoon and President Richard L. Rubenstein.

Through the activities of the World University Network, students from around the globe will have access to the teachings of the world's pre-eminent scholars, and professors will be able to guide many students transcendent of national boundaries to make a greater contribution to the future of humanity.

TRUE FAMILY AND EDUCATION

Professors have a great deal of influence on young people. However, students are influenced even more by their parents. It is the family that exerts the most influence on the formation of an individual's character.

In life, the family is the most important school of love. Through education in love and sensibility, which only parents can accomplish, a child develops his capacity of heart. This is the cornerstone of the formation of the child's personality. Moreover, the family is the school for the education of children in virtue and norm. The heavenly way is for people to receive academic education, physical education and technical education

on the foundation of having received education in heart and norm. Even though parents may not be aware that they are true teachers, children naturally learn from and resemble their parents. The role of parents is that important. Children's loving personalities and spirituality develop as they emulate the true love and loving lifestyle of their parents.

Today, throughout the world, the family is changing. The traditional family is being challenged from all sides. With the acceleration of industrialization and modernization, the value perspective of humankind is being eroded and standards of ethics and morality are being shaken. Furthermore, individualism, hedonism and materialism are destroying human character. Free sex and immorality are being promoted and the family is being corrupted.

Respected scholars! What a miserable trend this is. If this situation is left as it is, humankind can have no hope for the future. To whatever degree social conditions may change, the importance of the parent-child relationship and the family must not waver. I will say again that love is the source of human happiness and joy, and the family is the foundation for that happiness and peace.

WORLD PEACE THROUGH IDEAL FAMILIES

The historical blessing ceremony of 360,000 couples, at which I will officiate in a few days, is one result of my lifetime of educating about the ideal family. Those who attend the blessing ceremony are people who have already vowed to God that they will realize an ideal family; through the blessing, they receive the grace of unchanging love. They are people who will become true husbands and wives and true parents centered on God's true love, and who will realize ideal families.

The blessing ceremony is not merely the marriage rite of a particular religious organization. It is the ceremony to give new life to a sick humanity, restoring the order of love and saving families from crisis. That is why the Unification Church chose "World Peace through Ideal Families" as the motto of this blessing ceremony.

I am grateful for Professor Morton A. Kaplan's leadership and hard work for the holding of this Sixth International Congress of the Professors World Peace Academy, which will examine the future of the family. Scholars participating from 120 countries must establish the image of a true family and challenge this modern era of corruption and immorality.

You must not analyze and understand the problems, but also take responsibility to create and guide ideal families. It is my expectation that you will guide society toward ideal families and realize a glorious future.

I pray that on this occasion excellent results will emerge from your intense discussions in the plenary and subcommittee sessions to be convened under Heaven's guidance. May you have a meaningful and fruitful experience during your time in Korea.

I conclude my remarks by wishing you God's guidance in your family and your work. Thank you very much. ■■

The Future of the Family

Gordon L. Anderson

TWO hundred participants from 100 nations attended the Sixth International Congress of Professors World Peace Academy in Seoul, Korea, August 21-25, 1995. The theme of the congress was "The Future of the Family."

The family, which is the fundamental building-block of society, has exhibited a variety of forms throughout the world. Despite this wide variety which socializes human beings into the world's many cultures and ethnic groups, several global factors have begun to impact families everywhere. These factors include industrialization, urbanization, rapid transportation, and global communication.

Throughout much of human history the family has been not only the fundamental unit of socialization, but it has also been the basic economic unit. On family farms, in cottage industries, businesses, or among hunter-gathers, all generations

trying to raise their children in a culturally diverse and sometimes hostile urban environment. The advent of global communications facilitates the "invasion" of foreign thoughts and cultural patterns into the home, where impressionable children are exposed to a mirage of sound bites, a barrage of advertising, adult themes, social problems, and violence.

The struggle for pure culture

Throughout the world, from the Inuits in Alaska to the Masai tribes in Kenya and the Hindia families in India, these global phenomena are making their impact. The global pluralism present in modern life has led numerous traditional national or ethnic groups to take extraordinary measures to protect a "pure culture." The genocide in Cambodia, the forced evacuation of Phnom Penh by the Khmer Rouge, was an example of a

One reason is that the world is too populated today for each family to have sufficient arable land to feed itself by traditional methods. Modern industrial farming enables only two percent of the population to raise food for everyone. Second, people throughout the world desire the conveniences of modern life. They are not willing to give up televisions, cars, refrigerators and washing machines to return to a life of constant manual labor. Third, global radio and satellite television continually provide awareness of the possibilities of modern technology and the styles of life led by other people throughout the world. Not even Albania, one of the world's most isolated countries, could hold such forces at bay. Fourth, war, famine and economic conditions have led to great migrations and growing pluralism in all parts of the world. Finally, many of the benefits of modern life require free trade and the liberalizing of movement across state boundaries.

Impact of modernity on families

Families throughout the world are being forced to adapt to modern life and globalization. Religious traditions seem relativized, social security for the elderly is uncertain, children of modernity become an economic liability, rather than an asset, divorce rates have increased, many children of the "urban jungles" join gangs and engage in crime. The family and society are forced to change to function in the conditions of modern life. Family life is being affected profoundly and globally.

The PWPA conference was composed of a number of experts on specific areas; the history of the family, the family in a cross-cultural perspective; solving problems of dysfunctional families; addressing social conditions that create family breakdown; and the future of the family.

The keynote session included a paper by Jean Elshtain of the University of Chicago who argued that the most tragic aspect is that it is the children, and thus the future, that suffers the most when

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lived together and supported one another. Families were often extended families or joint families. Children were socialized not only into the moral norms of their parents, but as to their economic activities as well. Grandparents helped take care of the children. "Social security" was provided by the family as a unit.

While there have been many cities and empires in history, the backbone of the human economic life has been family farms and enterprises. That has changed with modern industrialization and post-industrial life. Individuals move from traditional homelands to work in industries for a salary. They no longer depend on their families for economic support. They are often separated from traditional kinship systems and find themselves

reaction to modern urban life by a people who wanted to retain an agrarian economy. The wars being fought in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Somalia, Laos and elsewhere are signs that human beings everywhere are still attempting to impose their particular ethnic culture upon defined geographical boundaries. These attempts, notably in the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, reflect a desire for identity and cultural security in a very uncertain and changing world. Even Nazism, Stalinism and Maoism can be seen as attempts to create a climate of cultural uniformity, albeit a "modern" culture secured by force against pluralism of the human world.

However, attempts to return to traditional families or the simple agrarian life of the past are doomed from the start.

families break down. The family crisis in America has been exacerbated by destructive beliefs that have persisted since the 1960s, and some of those beliefs have been fostered by academics. She explained how the "functional view" of the family, which basically says that the family performs basic socialization tasks that could otherwise be performed by government, schools, day care providers, and significant others, supported those who argued for alternative family forms. However, the data is in, and there is no doubt that children are best served by traditional two-parent families.

Another keynote presentation was made by Eugene Rolfe, who worked for the Secretariat of the United Nations Year of the Family (1994). He spoke about the prominence of the family in global concerns and the development of our global discourse on family life and action that supports families. The third keynote presentation was given by Jerry Pournelle, a science fiction writer and computer columnist with a great interest in the future of society. He spoke about a "war on the family" being waged today; no-fault divorce, government policies that tax marriage and subsidize illegitimacy, sex "education" and teen pregnancy. To reverse these trends, we must reverse the thrust of a whole century. He was hopeful that the computer and information revolutions would allow the decentralization of society and the chance for people to work more at home and spend more time with their families.

Panel reports

"The Family as a Complex Institution" was the theme of Panel One. Chaired by Geoffrey Ainsworth Harrison of Oxford University, it examined the forms and function of the family in many societies in the past, from the "pre-state" family forms that existed before the development of empires and states, through the ancient civilizations and empires, feudal societies, and the present day. Jon Davies, of the University of Newcastle in the United Kingdom, ended this historical survey with the statement that "if present trends continue, the known forms of the family will, in the modern societies of the West, be replaced by patterns of associative (rather than intimate) relationships between adults, and of contractual relationships between generations and all of this within a pattern of fertility rates which, in some of the most modern parts of the world, on present trends, imply radically reduced populations by the middle of the next century." Societies based on immediate gratification have

little use for children.

Panel Two, chaired by Bina Gupta of the University of Missouri, looked at "The Changing Role of the Family" in the various cultural spheres; Islamic, Chinese, Hindu, African, Latin American, Western and post-Soviet societies. The presenters examined modernizing and global trends affecting the family in their respective cultural spheres and how their cultures could adapt to meet the challenges of the present world. This panel, on the whole, was somewhat optimistic about the ability of their societies to adapt. The key would be the revitalization of some of the values of the traditional institutions.

"Family Crises and Community Intervention" was the title of Panel Three, chaired by sociologist Ralph Segalman of California State University in Northridge. The first presentation, by David Marsland, was a trenchant criticism of the present welfare state and government social services. He stated that the family was "the key buffer and bulwark of freedom between the individual and the power of large-scale bureaucratic organizations, in particular the state." Social workers are damaging the family in the following ways; advocating rights of unmarried mothers and delinquent fathers at the cost of their responsibilities, encouraging state dependency rather than self-reliance, subverting the authority of parents under speciously defined children's rights, and by over-emphasizing the normalcy of divorce and cohabitation, contributing to the notion that marriage is passé and unnecessary. David Genders, a social work professional, while not denying Marsland's claims, made a presentation on programs he is involved with that make self-reliance and release from the system a goal of the programs. Geoffrey Partington, a senior lecturer in education, explained why the public schools must be able to teach basic norms and values that place the family at the center of socialization. Roberta Pournelle spoke about computer software that can assist the development of reading skills in young people whom the schools had given up on. Robert Woodson, president of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, described how top-down government programs designed to alleviate family and community crises have often aggravated them.

He spoke about the need to reinvigorate grass-roots community organizing for self-reliance and citizenship and gave

examples of people who had been transformed by such efforts. Ralph Segalman summarized the sources of family decline in Western culture and the serious implications that it has for continuing democracy and economic prosperity. He suggested interventions that could help make people good parents, encourage marriage stability, and provide for adoption for children born into "at-risk families."

"Family Change, Alternative Families, and Public Policy," co-chaired by Nicholas

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Kittrie and Norge Jerome, was the most controversial panel, with strongly opposed opinions. The first speaker explained why he believes that fatherlessness is the most serious social problem in America today, and how it is leading to serious debilitation of American young people. The second speaker, a "equity-feminist," strongly criticized the more radical "gender-feminists" who demonize men and contribute to the destruction of the family. Dennis O'Keeffe explained a general "dialectic of moronization" in Western culture in which the "lowest common moral denominator" develops in the interaction of family, society and school. Under the name of "progress," it leads to irresponsibility, welfare dependence and ignorance. Other speakers on the panel represented some of these "progressive" forces which want to further liberalize definitions of the family, and why they feel such liberalization is warranted: abuse, oppression, and lack of personal development in some traditional families. In the heat of the debate, the speakers often spoke past one another, defending their own positions without answering some of the concerns of the others.

The conference was attended by PWPA representatives of more than 100 countries, who were asked in advance to provide a report on the state of the family in their own country. Those reports were published in a book "The Worldwide State of the Family" (available for \$19.95 from

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and inter-denominational harmony throughout the world. These four added events made this WCSF even better.

Nine major events

As at the first WCSF, nine other major events were held. Other than the most spectacular blessing ceremony, these events included the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace parliament, International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences, Professors World Peace Academy conference, World Media Conference, Summit Council for World Peace, Women's Federation for World Peace conference, World CARP Convention, and Hanmadang Sports Festival. Each one of these nine events is significant and valuable enough to be recognized.

Due to their busy schedule, on some days Father and Mother attended events separately or together. True Parents attended one opening session in the morning and another in the evening. Despite the rigorous schedule, True Parents hosted and presided over all of the events very successfully. Partici-

and the chairman of PWPA brought tears to my eyes—not because they delivered such great speeches but because Father had been persevering and patiently waiting for the awakening of these professors for 23 years. Now they are coming forth to acknowledge True Parents, demonstrating that the heartistic seeds which Father sowed many years ago are finally being reaped.

The ICUS chairman, Dr. Tor Ragnar Gerholm, who is highly respected in the academic world, testified about Father's motivation for holding conferences on the unity of sciences and the need for absolute value. He explained succinctly in academic terms how these concepts were first alien to him and how he came to realize the importance and value of these ideals to the academic world. There could not be a better revival for scholars than this kind of meeting.

Dr. Morton A. Kaplan, an eminent political scientist, testified about True Parents in such a heartistic manner that he truly induced tears from the audience. After explaining briefly about Father's unjust imprisonment, he described his visit to Father in Danbury. He had expected Father to talk about his unjust treatment at that meeting, but Father never once mentioned his personal grief; from beginning to end Father had sincerely talked about world peace and the solution to many of the world's problems. Dr. Kaplan described how deeply he was moved by Father.

All of the other conferences, such as the World Media Conference and Summit Conference, were like high-level revivals as well, testifying to True Parents. I realized the direction WCSF needs to take in the future. During the banquets, the dignitaries wanted to offer something to True Parents, so they prepared gifts, plaques and other things and offered them purely, acknowledging True Parents.

Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, representing all of the participants, read a declaration recognizing the importance of True Parents' ideal for peace based on the establishment of ideal families through the blessing ceremony. Through this declaration, the participants pledged to participate in and support True Parents' efforts for the promotion of the ideal family. Having seen these religious, academic, media, and political leaders of the world offer their sincere gratitude, determination, and affection to True Parents, I am confident that this trend will spread.

The blessing ceremony

As Father mentioned, the highlight and the flower of WCSF is without a doubt the blessing ceremony. You might have thought when it was first announced that the goal of 360,000 couples was impossible and unfeasible. However, after God and True Parents set this goal, they ceaselessly toiled to bring it into reality and gave us so much spiritual help and grace to bring about this victory. I firmly believe that God wove together those 360,000 couples. Amazing miracles took place in unexpected areas that made Father's public declaration of a 360,000-couple blessing become reality and victory. When I think of how God



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There were many instances in which two generations were blessed in the 360,000 Couples' Blessing. In this case, Douglas Paul Moriarity was blessed with Mary Marshall, whose parents also participated in the blessing.

pants included dignitaries, heads of states, and world leaders. Although the number was originally expected to be slightly higher, due to visa situations and other unexpected complications, 837 dignitaries actually attended.

Many of the contents of these events cannot be revealed to you at this time, but I would like to mention one thing. At each opening occasion I attended, I felt the real purpose was to introduce True Parents and spark a revival for the glory of God. It was as if True Parents were holding revival meetings in front of world leaders and dignitaries. The introductory remarks by the chairman of ICUS

toiled so hard and how True Parents' prayers moved God to bring about this miracle, I feel that we should be grateful from the depths of our heart. We are receiving so much grace as we celebrate True Parents' victory representing the worldwide membership and all humanity. True Parents' glory and power created miracles upon our unprepared foundation. Let us express our indescribable gratitude to our victorious True Parents who toiled tirelessly for this miracle! (Applause.)

I would like to summarize and introduce several important points from the reports thus far regarding the blessing ceremony through direct satellite broadcast and indirect video medium in 553 places worldwide. You are all witnesses to this miracle, and you should fulfill the mission of testifying to it in the future. From many other parts of the world, numerous and wonderful reports have also come in. Last night, the Taiwanese missionary brought the videotape of the satellite broadcast of the blessing ceremony and we showed it to True Parents. In contrast to our worries, the pictures were very good and clear. If there had been no umbrellas, people might not have noticed the rainy weather. Dr. Bo Hi Pak, who is taking responsibility for Japan and led the blessing ceremony, sent an inspiring report after the completion of the ceremony, commenting on the beautiful, clear satellite broadcast pictures. So, we realized the satellite broadcast was very successful in Japan. All locations worldwide were very successful, except for one place in Zaire. The problem there was not with the transmission, but with the reception.



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The blessing candidates around the world who were awaiting the satellite broadcast from Korea must have been anxious. They must have wondered whether the satellite broadcast would come through successfully. When the broadcast was received on time in all parts of the world, how ecstatic they must have felt! Not only the blessing participants but their parents, relatives and guests all experienced together the inspirational global celebration of world harmony represented by the blessing. Let us send great applause to all those who received the blessing via satellite! (Applause.)

One other place where we had a problem was the Ivory Coast. We had contracted for a satellite broadcast to the Ivory Coast well in advance; how-

The exhibition hall in which a display of Father's work was set up for all to see. One of the new events in the Second World Culture and Sports Festival.



The opening ceremonies of the Hanmadang Sports Games in Hyochang Stadium, Seoul, Korea.



David Hose (right) and Johanna van der Stok were one of the second generation couples blessed in the 360,000 Couples' Blessing.

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ever, we received notification that Ivory Coast could no longer receive the transmission because of its terrible track record of not paying for satellite service. Thus the transmitting company abruptly sent a cancellation notice. We had a great number of candidates there, and if the transmission was not sent, we would be in big trouble. Thus, after persuading them of the importance of the ceremony, we were finally able to secure it. (Applause.)

Although this was an amazing global celebration, in some places it rained, transportation became a problem, or the stadium was canceled, requiring people to assemble in many smaller places. There were so many other problems. However, no matter how severe the problems we faced, I want to announce to you that this global celebration for the glory of True Parents was successfully implemented worldwide.

In Brazil, on the eve of the blessing all of the participants put on their ceremonial gowns and paraded in cars on the streets of São Paulo. The news media were all attracted by these warm-up events, resulting in great coverage for the blessing ceremony. One incumbent member of parliament and other dignitaries participated in the blessing, and the ceremony received beautiful television coverage. The local media publicized the blessing event as including 400,000 couples. That is okay, for we will have far more in future. We will collect the worldwide media coverage and produce a booklet.

On August 26, Father spoke to the blessing participants and other blessed families and directed that 600 members be assigned to South America. At the celebration banquet, many Korean and Japanese immigrants to Brazil also attended.

In Papua New Guinea, the full satellite broadcast was carried on the golden hour of the national station. Papua New Guinea is the second largest island next to Australia in that part of the world, and its television programming is watched by people on other islands, including the Solomon

Islands and Fiji. Therefore, not only the people of Papua, New Guinea but the people of many other island countries watched and were inspired by the blessing.

One national government, Taiwan, supported this WCSF and blessing ceremony and glorified True Parents. We are truly living in a era of whirlwind changes. Just ten years ago, we could not publicly put our organization name on our buildings there, and our leaders were interrogated by the police. In Taiwan, the Cultural Revival Association, a governmental organization which seeks to restore traditional moral and family values, is directly under the president. The head of that organization, a government minister, sought for one year to fulfill the purpose of that organization without result. At the time when he was most discouraged, he came into contact with True Parents' ideology and the ideal of the blessing. He was determined to save his country through True Parents' ideology,

and he sent out a personally-endorsed government notice to 5000 heads of district and local organizations encouraging participation in the blessing. Government officials themselves organized and directed the ceremony.

Due to the great number of Taiwanese participants, two major stadiums in two cities were prepared for the blessing ceremony, and arrangements were made to link them with the ceremony in Seoul. To more effectively introduce the ceremony that was taking place in Seoul, the wife of the Taiwanese president, who had studied in Korea, read the simultaneous narration as the ceremony progressed. That wonderful broadcast of the blessing ceremony was carried nationwide. Nearly 10,000 couples were blessed. The government minister came to the ceremony to offer his congratulations. The event was carried on national television. This has great ramifications for our planning of the next blessing. This report together with the report of motorcade in São Paulo on the eve of the blessing makes me think that we should carry out the next blessing in a similar manner.

The fact that satellite broadcast was utilized to bring the global family together in this blessing signifies that True Parents are fully utilizing the available technological advances to educate and pour out their grace to all of humanity.

The questions which True Parents ask of all of blessing candidates should truly be studied by scholars around the world. Those questions reveal the content that guarantees the ideal family, ideal tribe, ideal nation, ideal world, and ideal future including heaven and earth. The loud reply of "Yes" to those sacred questions sounded just the same in Taiwan as in Korea. One foreign guest asked me, "I hear that August is the rainy season in Korea. True Parents would know this fact as well. Then why did True Parents chose this specific season? Wouldn't it be better to choose another season?" Another guest commented, "If the ceremony is carried out via satellite anyway, why did

True Parents not perform the ceremony in an indoor arena for the representatives of the world and carry that broadcast throughout the world?" All those people are now on our side, truly inspired by this occasion and trying to help improve this wonderful occasion.

Without a doubt, this blessing ceremony was a global ceremony. People in the Daicom Telecommunication Company in Korea who were involved in this project were excited and inspired by the scale and the significance of our blessing, and they truly worked on it with a sense of mission. As well, the people who worked on the reception in various countries were interested and excited by such a historical occasion. The ceremony was held simultaneously in 553 places around the globe. It inevitably involved every possible time zone; thus the local times ranged from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. around the clock. Who other than our True Parents could initiate such an amazing celebration?

From the reports we received around the world, the media coverage was wonderful. There was great newspaper coverage of the event in New Zealand, Kenya and many other places. Therefore, we are planning to produce a booklet compiling the media coverage from around the world and utilize it for our future events. Please rejoice over the wonderful success of this amazing global celebration.

Amazing logistics

This WCSF included many unpredictable elements that caused difficulties in preparation. How many would receive the blessing in Korea? How many would receive the blessing in each country? All these numbers were not decided until the last moment. This created problems of accommodation, registration, placement in the stadium, and so forth. Rainy weather also added difficulty, because it was not possible to hold a rehearsal.

The viewpoint of insiders who prepared and took responsibility and ownership and the viewpoint of spectators were very different. The Korean governmental agencies, intelligence bureaus and Christian churches did not believe that we would actually hold a 360,000 Couples' Blessing. They thought it was impossible. However, as the evidence of the actual preparation unfolded and concrete steps took place, they began to realize it would happen. Christian churches tried to mount an opposition, but it was too late for them to prepare and thus they were not able to do anything. The government agencies thought that if the Unification Church was truly holding a 360,000 Couples' Blessing Father would be in Korea making frantic preparations. Since True Parents were in another part of the world, totally relaxed, these officials assumed that the 360,000 Couples' Blessing would not take place. They were shocked when True Parents came on August 15 and detailed reports and confirmations began coming in. We should be more bold and courageous from now on. We should be more confident and upright.

Anything you could imagine happened at this blessing. Bridegrooms and brides came to the organizers right before the start of ceremony say-

ing they could not find their spouses. There was a major highway traffic accident involving five vehicles just two cars ahead of our vehicle. Despite a severe rainstorm and many traffic accidents, not one accident happened to any participant in this huge event.

How can we not believe that God is the living God? Isn't it self-evident how much God loves and protects our True Parents? There were a total of 98 locations for the accommodation of the participants. The furthest place was three and a half hours away from the stadium. The bus had to leave one location at 3:00 a.m. Those 98 locations included only those places for which the headquarters took direct responsibility. This did not include the numerous minivans and different vehicles coming from various local and district churches. Despite the rainstorm there was no accident. Some buses could not drive up to the dorms, so the bridegrooms and brides had to walk across unpaved areas, completely soaking their clothing and shoes. In one case, fifteen buses were chartered to bring participants to Seoul. However, after only three buses crossed the bridge, the river overflowed and twelve buses could not cross. The remaining twelve buses were able to cross only after police and emergency measures were taken. That is why some bridegrooms and brides arrived at the stadium when the three cheers of mansei were about to take place.

True Parents said that the number 36 represents the entire humanity and history. Father wants to give the blessing to everyone. That is the heart of God. Therefore, because True Parents set conditions and prayed to extend unconditional grace to all people, those who attended only the three cheers of mansei were also accepted.

Why worry about rain?

God's grace and protection were evident in the fact that we could experience this celebration without any accident in the midst of so many difficulties. As I said before, you church leaders may have numerous problems or difficulties in your district; however, please have a calm mind. Think of it in this manner. The participants totaled 720,000 people. When a son-in-law or daughter-in-law is coming into your family, your entire family and tribe are mobilized for the celebration. Here, 720,000 people of different races and nationalities came together for this worldwide celebration. Not to encounter some problem or difficulty would be unnatural. Therefore, you should say thank you to those people who created problems for you. True Parents were already determined to give blessing to 360,000 couples. They will give the blessing to those in special circumstances later. Do not worry.

This time, we witnessed not only to our neighbors and relatives but also to VIPs through a special blessing workshop. On August 24, from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. there was a special lecture for VIPs, followed by the holy wine ceremony; 67 of those couples received the blessing at this

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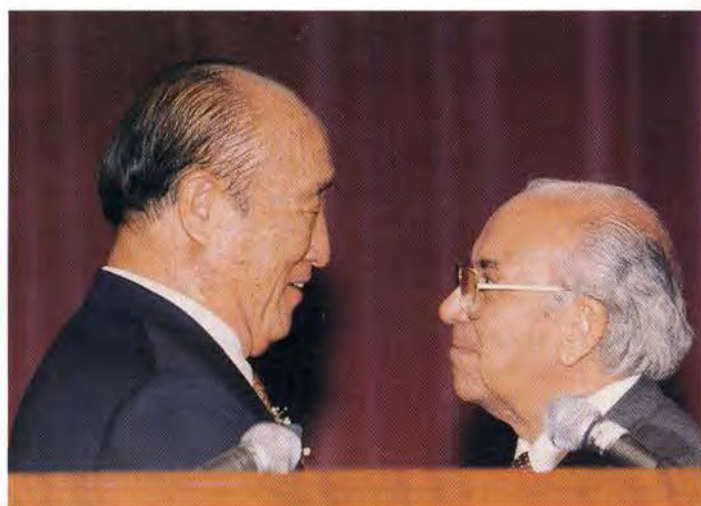
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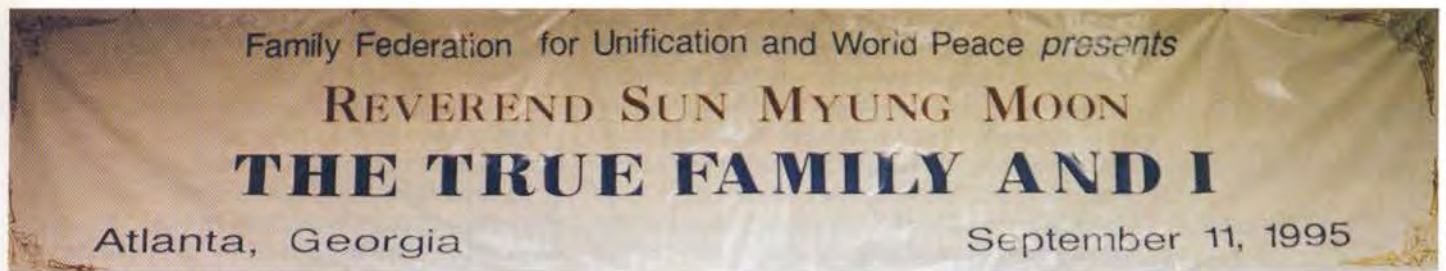


"The True Family and I" Tour Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
September 5	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 6	New York, New York
September 7	Bridgeport, Connecticut
September 8	Brunswick, New Jersey
September 9	Boston, Massachusetts
September 10	Washington, DC
September 11	Atlanta, Georgia
September 12	Chicago, Illinois
September 13	Minneapolis, Minnesota
September 14	Miami, Florida
September 15	Houston, Texas
September 16	Los Angeles, California
September 17	Denver, Colorado
September 18	Seattle, Washington
September 19	Oakland, California
September 20	Anchorage, Alaska ■■



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Father spoke in sixteen cities throughout the United States. Mother accompanied him throughout the tour. **Top left (previous page):** Father and Mother relax at the victory celebration after the final speech in Anchorage, Alaska. **Bottom left (previous page):** Father is greeted by Dr. Marcelo Alonso, a long-time friend through ICUS and PWPA, in Miami, Florida. **Above:** The banner in Atlanta, Georgia. **Left:** Father at the podium in Washington, DC. **Bottom left:** Father receives one of the many presentations on the tour. This presentation is in Boston, Massachusetts. **Bottom right:** Father acknowledges the audience's applause at the end of his speech in Oakland, California. (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)



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time. All of them are very influential leaders but I will mention only a few people.

The vice speaker of House of Zaire participated. I noticed that he had a very sincere attitude toward the holy wine ceremony and I later had an opportunity to meet with him. As soon as he came to my room, he said, "Please can you first offer a prayer for me?" He really has a sincere life of faith. I later found out that he is a major member of the famous apocalyptic Kimbangu movement, which waits for the Lord of Second Coming. I asked him, "How do you feel after participating in the blessing?" and he replied, "When I was there, my original mind was so ecstatic that I did not know where I was. I felt as if I was in heaven for those two hours. I was so immersed in the grace of God and True Parents that I did not feel rain coming. I experienced heaven there." He is really a prepared person. If such a person comes, why should we worry about rain? Such a person should really participate in the blessing.

H.E. Rodrigo Caraso, former president of Costa Rica, had taken the responsibility of giving the congratulatory remarks in place of the Canadian governor-general, because the governor-general had back problems and was not mobile enough to give the address. Former President Caraso had offered congratulatory remarks previously, so we asked him to do it. When he was standing by in the waiting room he mentioned, "Rain is the blessing of glory for a new life setting its root. It is the absolutely essential component. How appropriate

to witness people getting married wearing raincoats. This is not just lip service. He really received so much grace that day. Why? He is truly disgusted with the usual elaborate and wasteful marriage ceremonies. He was so moved by the blessing participants so humbly and sincerely participating wearing raincoats.

Be confident and proud

Right across from us was the section designated for members receiving the blessing carrying only pictures of their spouses. We should have proudly given them seats of honor, but instead we threw them into one crowded location. It was our mistake. Actually, we should be proud of their faith. When Mr. Lee asked me about that section, I explained, "Many matchings were completed late, and a Korean visa is not easy to get. So, some bridegrooms and brides could not arrive in Korea in time. They are participating with the pictures of their spouses instead." When I told him this, he was so surprised and inspired! To receive the blessing gratefully and joyfully while holding only a picture of one's spouse is something that only True Parents could make happen. He was so inspired by that fact. Thus he comforted those particular participants when he spoke on the stage without a written statement. I was very grateful to him. The weather was not a problem at all.

After Father finished the benediction, Mr. Lee asked me, "How old is Reverend Moon?" I said, "Father is 75 years old." He was so amazed by Father's health and youth. He received so much inspiration from the blessing ceremony. He is a devout Catholic and an officer in the Catholic association. Many members of the Catholic association protested to him about his attending our ceremony and gave him a hard time, but he did not mind. Sitting next to me, he was reviewing his speech, but later he threw away the speech saying, "I am so inspired that I do not feel like reading the speech." He actually talked about what he felt.

After the ceremony was finished, despite his busy schedule he said to me, "How can I leave without meeting Reverend Moon and paying respect to him for doing this amazing work?" Thus he came up to Father's room and congratulated True Parents. On the way out, he said to me, "If I become president, I will come here and offer my congratulations." In his congratulatory remarks he mentioned globalization and internationalization. Without becoming globalized and internationalized, the nation of Korea cannot survive. Father is already making that a reality. If the whole nation can follow, how wonderful it would be!

With that kind of heart he was speaking to me.

So I say to you, please be confident and proud. Throw away the small problems that are still inside your minds. Those little things around us are nothing. Realize how these righteous outside



PHOTO: COURTESY OF BRENDA LAWRENSEN

Paul Miller and Brenda Lawnsen were one of the American couples blessed in the 360,000 Couples' Blessing.

it is to rain on the day when blessing takes place securing love and family." We worry about rain but these guests were interpreting it in this manner.

Mr. Man Seuk Lee, the former Speaker of the House, commented it was so inspirational for him

people are looking at this blessing.

According to Mr. Dong Moon Joo, the top media people are saying "How can God's watch and their watch be exactly the same?" When they came to the ceremony, they saw the rain stop just as True Parents appeared and rain resume as True Parents left the stadium. Not only the media people were saying this; all VIPs saw this with their own eyes. Some Christians claim that it rained because of their prayer. Conscientious people were saying, "It is only natural that rain comes in the rainy season. The key issue is how the ceremony is carried out in a rainstorm, how to react to such an environment." Outside people attending the ceremony were moved by the orderliness and sincerity of the participants.

After the ceremony was over, True Parents commented, "You did a good job," but I could only reply that I felt so unworthy because I know there were so many shortcomings around the world regarding this event. Honestly speaking, I received sympathy because of the rainy weather. For the organizers of the event, the rain was our salvation. I said to the Korea church leaders many times, "If we do not fill the major part of stadium, how can we dare to face True Parents alive?" You probably all experienced how difficult it is to bring people to the blessing, so you realize how difficult it is to connect 360,000 couples around the world to the blessing. God actually brought these 360,000 people. God truly wove them together. We were able to get the sympathy because of the difficult weather, and we are now smiling. However, we should reflect that we cannot really smile in our hearts.

The former president of Zambia, H.E. Kenneth Kaunda, was sitting next to me at the Summit Council. Almost everybody was listening through their earphones when Father delivered the Founder's Address, but he did not have the earphone on and was underlining Father's speech thoroughly. He is a devout Christian. At the banquet, he was again sitting next to me, and there he said, "I experienced the greatness of Reverend Moon before. But, tonight I discovered his greatness once again. At the banquet, Father allowed the Grand Mufti to offer the benediction." The Grand Mufti prayed in Arabic and probably less than five people in the room understood Arabic. Still, Father allowed the Islamic leader to pray. We may not understand what he says, but God understands. This former president was so inspired because he knows how much antagonism exists between Christianity and Islam, yet Father fully embraced the Islamic leader at this wonderful celebration and even gave him the honor of offering the opening prayer. Seeing that one action told him everything. There is nobody in the world who is as great as Father.

Spiritual phenomena

Centering on this blessing ceremony God toiled very hard and prepared many miracles and grace in numerous countries. How earnestly and desperately God worked! God mobilized Christian spiritual groups and various religious leaders,

giving them direct revelations to join in this blessing. That is how desperately God wove together 360,000 couples. In Korea as well as many parts of the world there were many spiritual phenomena and miracles. I will mention only a few cases in this report.

This is a report from the city of Naju in Southern Cholla province. A mother of a blessing candidate had a dream before he received the picture of his fiancée. In the dream, her husband who had passed away years ago brought a Japanese daughter-in-law. She remembered the clothes and face of her daughter-in-law from the dream. When she saw the picture, she was so surprised because the person in the picture was exactly the one whom she saw in the dream. She really welcomed this Japanese daughter-in-law. In many cases around the country, a relative received by revelation the name of the future fiancée.

In Northern Choongchung province, Buddha appeared to a devout Buddhist woman in a dream after she saw the flyer about the blessing. Buddha said to her, "In the future, any religion or church that does not teach people to get married and have a family will cease to exist. Therefore, get the blessing from True Parents of the Unification Church." So she sent her elder son to the four-day workshop. Buddha appeared again and said, "Send your second son also." Afterward, she sent her second son. Her two sons and she herself received the blessing. Her elder son originally was going to a Christian church and received a revelation that said, "You are the second son of God." When he revealed this to others, he was branded as a heretic and chased out. That is what had caused him to turn to Buddhism. Buddha appeared to him and said, "You will have a Japanese wife who will be nine or ten years younger than you." The picture he received was of a Japanese woman whose age was exactly nine years younger than he. Buddha said to him, "You are the incarnation of the great monk Won Hyo. If you marry this Japanese girl, you will have a child who has a king's fortune."

Father remembers well the Miwon church of the early years. Father personally visited that church and prayed much there. However, Satan interfered and that church came to oppose us vigorously and caused many problems. According to the regional leader there, many of those who were born around that time are disabled. Now the time for forgiveness may have arrived. From that town, six disabled people received blessing, along with fourteen other people. We can realize that everything in history that made contact with True Parents must be resolved eventually.

We should realize that if God did not protect us and if True Parents' victorious sovereign fortune did not watch over us during these weather changes and difficulties, how could we have possibly succeeded in this World Culture and Sports Festival? We should once again remember that although True Parents may appear the same to us, after their victorious forty-year course they are standing in the sovereign position to rule over heavenly fortune. This second forty-year course

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Olympic Stadium during the 360,000 Couples' Blessing, August 25, 1995, in Seoul, Korea.

This victory of the 360,000 Couples' Blessing was not accomplished by our efforts but by God working to weave the world together and True Parents' victorious fortune and sovereignty.

is the period of our responsibility. At such a time, together with the currents of True Parents' victorious fortune, we should advance forward.

The future direction of the Unification community

Now I will briefly talk about the future direction for the Unification community. What direction should the Unification Church in Korea take in the future?

Other than the blessing, what shall we be most proud of and be grateful for in this world? How can anything be more valuable and precious than the blessing? We should testify to this precious blessing and spread that ideal. As I mentioned

before, we should do it more confidently and proudly. We should truly repent to God and True Parents that we were not bold enough during the last three years. First, we did not have confidence, and second, we doubted Father's declaration of the 360,000 Couples' Blessing. We should deeply repent. This victory of the 360,000 Couples' Blessing was not accomplished by our efforts but by God working to weave the world together and True Parents' victorious fortune and sovereignty. We should never forget that True Parents and God gave us this amazing historical victory of the 360,000 Couples' Blessing as a gift and allowed us to stand on this victorious foundation.

When the righteous outside people look at us, they will look at us differently from now on. Even those who absolutely oppose us will say, "Wow! They actually accomplished the 360,000

Couples' Blessing. Although there was such a severe rain storm, at that time the rain stopped. They succeeded in Korea's difficult situation." Those who opposed us and those who opposed the heavenly principle will receive a shock treatment. Those who have an original mind and conscience cannot casually talk about us anymore. We should be confident and bold! Let's applaud as a sign of our determination to be confident and bold! (Applause.)

Many leaders told me, "If we had the fire going a little bit earlier it would have been so much easier. Our fire ignited a little late." Didn't we try to light it three years ago? Why was it so delayed? The obvious conclusion is that we did not have



Brides and grooms, wearing raincoats, await the beginning of the 360,000 Couples' Blessing Ceremony amid the pouring rain. Couples from North America are in the foreground.

confidence. Now we should be confident. We should truly be confident and bold that we are standing on the foundation of 360,000 couples! Outsiders do not look at us in the same way. You do not have to introduce yourself by name. You can just say, "I am one of the 360,000 couples blessed by True Parents." That is all we need to say. We should be confident and bold. If we do this, the next scheduled providential plan of True Parents and God will be carried out accordingly.

Shall I give you one more proof? Until now, after every event which Father initiated, especially if it involved a blessing, the media coverage always had some negative slant or some final unnecessary negative statement. All of us here should clench our fist about one thing. The television did not want to cover this amazing event, and the newspapers allotted only a small section to cover our event. We do not need to say any more about this. We should plant a dagger in our hearts and, clenching our fists, swallow this unjustified mistreatment with indignation. We should determine in our hearts to make the day come when these media people will have no choice but to cover True Parents' blessing event and give it the proper glory. However, we should understand that we have passed an important demarcation point.

When you come across journalists, ask them this question: "What is newsworthy to you? An absolutely unprecedented history-making event just took place right in front of you. How could you assign only this tiny section for that event? If that is not major news, what is?" They should receive historical judgment. When I referred to an important demarcation point, I meant that even though the size of article was small, there was no negativity. These ignorant people who played to Satan's tune and stubbornly slandered us before have now passed over the hill, and they either remained silent or started to write about us in a slightly positive light. In the future, people will have to write about us in a positive light. That is why we should be more proud and confident.

Nurture the 360,000 couples

What should the church leaders in Korea and throughout the world do from now on? Since Father already witnessed to 360,000 couples for us, we should not lose this foundation. To how many people did we witness? Many of us did not even bring twelve people to this blessing. If we are so miserable at witnessing, then, no matter what, we should nurture these 360,000 couples as the children of True Parents. Because Father has given the same blessing to everyone, even those who are unprepared, they are not the same people. Spiritually speaking, they are in the realm of our True Parents' protection and grace; True Parents' true love, life and lineage. We should nurture these people to be proper blessed couples. That is our ministry and a most precious work.

I heard that what used to be an empty church in the countryside is now full of old bachelors who are looking for wives. How to raise and nurture these blessed couples is our key question. They

are like new veins of ore. If we can nurture them properly, we will be able to witness through their connections and we should advance forward in preparation for the next blessing.

Next, we should absolutely fulfill the mission of tribal messiah which True Parents have given all of us as our inevitable and eternal path. If we have to fulfill the mission of tribal messiah anyway, we should prepare them for the next blessing. Why were we so busy this time? Why didn't we produce great results? We had a hard time because we did not do the mission of tribal messiah consistently; we just visited places suddenly, trying to recruit candidates for the blessing. From tomorrow, we should start our tribal messiah mission. This will be the only method for witnessing to one or two people at a time. To fulfill the number of candidates for the next blessing and the dispensational goal, we must witness to leaders and influential people.

We must influence religious leaders and national political leaders and encourage them to bring their whole group to receive the blessing. There is no other way to meet the providential timetable. From this point of view, we as representatives of True Parents should proudly present True Parents, standing upon their victorious foundation. That is the task ahead of us. If we fulfill these areas, what more do we have to worry about? We should resolve this in our hearts and march forward centering on True Parents' message which we will receive today.

Globalization of the blessing

We may be exactly the same Unification Church members, belonging to the same local and district churches, but we are walking a vastly different dispensational path after this 360,000 Couples' Blessing. This time, True Parents have bestowed an amazing grace upon humanity, including the spiritual world. True Parents were determined to bless all the people of the world even if they lacked the appropriate conditions. The globalization of the blessing began in 1992 with the 30,000 Couples' Blessing. From that time on, all conditions were forgiven and True Parents opened wide the gates to the blessing with great love, initiating the formation stage of the universality and globalization of blessing. This blessing of 360,000 couples was the growth stage. Now the completion stage is left.

God's preparatory dispensation for the salvation of the external world brought about world Christianity. However, when world Christianity did not fulfill its responsibility, Father had no choice but to start the Unification Church in its place. For the last forty years Father has been leading the way with great toil, always standing in the forefront. In the past, he set up indemnity conditions and conditionally brought about the fulfillment of God's will. However, True Parents want to accomplish God's will not merely conditionally but both spiritually and physically, substantially and actually. Because it was not possible with worldwide Christianity, Father raised the Unifica-

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tion Church in its place and prepared the foundation for the conditional providence.

When True Parents satisfied the conditional providence in 1992, they started to announce their Messiahship and True Parentship directly to the world, prior to the conclusion of True Parents' forty-year course in 1994. Although only limited numbers of people actually heard True Parents' proclamation, True Parents announced it globally, with the globalization of the blessing in mind. In this sense also, the 1992 blessing was the formation stage for the globalization and universality of the blessing. Father has to accomplish substantial restoration, both in the spiritual world and the physical world.

This victorious 360,000 Couples' Blessing has a very significant meaning. The human fall occurred during the growth stage, and to cross over that growth stage successfully has always been the key to restoration. True Parents have now gone beyond the critical growth stage of the globalization and universality of the blessing. They are connecting this substantial condition of victory in the physical world to the spiritual world, going beyond the growth level in the spiritual world and bringing about its globalization. The globalization of the blessing means that whether one lives in the East or West, whether one has made preparation or not, True Parents are willing to give blessing even with the minimal conditions.

Choongmo-nim and Daemo-nim are blessed

In the spiritual world, the gates are open wide for spirits from paradise to hell to receive True Parents' grace of true love and true life; True Parents' blessing has become universalized and shines through even to hell itself. That is the globalization of the blessing in the spiritual world. According to what principle should this be carried out? This must be done by the substantial family of True Parents. Why? Even the opening of hell must begin from the root ancestors. Can it be opened by the ancestors of the Kim family, the Park family or the Lee family? Hell and the formation stage must be opened beginning from the root ancestors of True Parents' physical family and relatives.

Thus True Parents, progressing with the overall victorious fortune, have granted an amazing grace that is unprecedented in human history. On August 24, the day of the holy wine ceremony for representatives of the 360,000 couples, True Parents offered a special prayer ceremony to liberate the spiritual world and open the gates of blessing, even to those in hell. This took place in Hannam-dong at 1:00 a.m. Let us offer our gratitude with great applause to our True Parents. (Applause.)

How do the gates of liberation and blessing open, beginning from the ancestral root related to True Parents' family? You may have become acquainted with the story of Choongmo-nim, Father's mother, through church ceremonies and publications. Choongmo-nim loved Father so much and suffered so much for Father. She is indeed the prime example of deepest maternal

love. However, Father could not teach the heavenly principle to those closest to him—his parents and brothers and sisters—because of the restorative principle of loving and teaching Cain first. Although Choongmo-nim could not possibly understand why Father voluntarily walked the course of suffering, she poured out her love for Father. Eventually Father came South and she went to the spiritual world in the North.

According to God's heavenly principle and the principle of blessing, Choongmo-nim did not succeed and walked the course of failure. Therefore, she is in the position representing Adam's family. In human history, there are three major family types: that of Adam, representing the formation stage; that of Jesus, representing the growth stage; and that of True Parents, representing the completion stage. The first Adam failed because of the fall; the second Adam became the sacrifice on the cross and thus did not achieve perfection; and the third Adam achieved perfection and received glory. Thus, vertically speaking, there are three types: failure type, sacrifice type, and glory type.

When we look at the spiritual world and the overall content of providential history, Choongmo-nim is the representative figure of Adam's family who devoted herself to Father. Next, conditionally speaking, the representative figure of Jesus' family is Daemo-nim. She inherited the foundation of three generations of women, devoted herself to Father, prepared Mother through devotion and prayer, and spent the rest of her life serving True Parents. Therefore, she walked the representative sacrificial course for all women. She still could not get the blessing both physically and spiritually; she received only the single blessing on earth, just as Jesus did. Therefore, she corresponds to Jesus in her sacrificial course dedicated to serving True Parents. Finally, the representative glorious family is True Mother.

In order for the providence to be completed, Adam, Jesus and the Lord of the Second Advent must be directly connected in one channel. Because this is not yet settled in the spiritual world, True Parents blessed Choongmo-nim's couple and Daemo-nim's couple. However, this blessing should come providentially upon the harmonious unity between Cain and Abel realms. Therefore, there must be Cain and Abel in front of Choongmo-nim. Father calls her Cain-type son "Great Elder Brother." Although Father does not speak often about his own family, he mentions his eldest brother as someone who did not need law and who loved Father as the most wonderful younger brother imaginable, absolutely supporting whatever Father did. Based upon these foundations, Choongmo-nim was able to receive blessing.

Likewise, Daemo-nim also should have accomplished the condition of uniting Cain and Abel figures; however, as you know Daemo-nim did not have a physical son. You know that Daemo-nim has worked so desperately for True Parents' family and our overall providence; she brought about many spiritual phenomena especially last

year and this year, working through the physical body of deacon Hyo Nam Kim in the Chungpyung Training Center. Upon that foundation, Daemo-nim selected a son of Deacon Kim as her son conditionally. She did not state that it will be permanent; probably, it is a temporary and conditional selection. That son was the youngest recipient of the blessing this time.

From the vertical perspective, there is a Cain-Abel relationship between Daemo-nim and Choongmo-nim, and between Great Elder Brother and the son of Deacon Kim. Father blessed the son of Deacon Kim as the youngest second generation blessed couple and established him conditionally in that position. Father also told a son of President Jung Ok Eu who received the blessing at this time to cooperate with that couple. With the Cain-Abel foundation established, True Parents blessed Daemo-nim.

The son of Daemo-nim is included in the 360,000 couples, but Choongmo-nim's couple, Great Elder Brother's couple, and Daemo-nim's couple are in the spiritual world. Still, True Parents granted them the equivalent grace of a blessing held on earth. With holy robes prepared for them, True Parents performed the holy wine ceremony and offered a historic prayer.

Of course, True Parents will give a more detailed explanation about this. However, we can conclude that just as the blessing on the earth has become universal and globalized, True Parents have opened the gateway of blessing even to the bottom of hell by blessing these couples. This victory has established a historical spiritual channel through which True Parents' blessing can reach from the bottom of hell to heaven. Let's offer our gratitude to True Parents! (Applause.)

Why is this grace so precious and amazing in human history? First, the way must be opened from the root ancestors. Now that the spiritual realm is liberated and opened, our ancestors and all human ancestors, even those who do not deserve it, can receive benefit step by step; in this way hell will ultimately be liberated. True Parents are bringing life and liberation not only to this physical world but also to the spiritual world by setting untold conditions and offering prayers, while we follow them in ignorance. We must be truly grateful for True Parents' work.

Father told me to direct the holy wine ceremony for the 360,000 Couples' Blessing and guided me to connect it with the blessing for the couples in the spiritual world. That is why I mentioned it during the holy wine ceremony. Therefore, this blessing was not only for those 360,000 couples but also for the spiritual world; it opened the gateway wide for the spiritual world. Since this liberation, the spiritual world will surely interact with this physical world in more direct and actively cooperative ways; it will become more and more easy and inspirational for us to work in the future. We should be grateful for that. Moreover, on behalf of the entire of humanity, we should offer our deep gratitude that our ancestors and other spirit people can receive the light. Even though we are



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unworthy and unequipped to follow and attend True Parents, just by being involved in the Unification Church we are given the opportunity to receive such a special grace.

National-level support

A distinct feature of this 360,000 Couples' Blessing is the example of Taiwan. In future blessings, many national leaders will direct the ceremony and participate in the blessing and glorify our True Parents. I produced the blessing pamphlet for the government-led ceremony in Taiwan, including the words of True Parents' benediction and proclamation. They followed that standard. As I watched the videotape of the event, I felt that it was inappropriate for the government minister who presided over the ceremony to receive the gift and the flowers; we should find some way to offer those things to True Parents in the future.

I do not know how many nations will join in, but the time is coming for national-level participation. This time, a few righteous government officials and several heads of local government sent out official notifications for bachelors to participate in the blessing. I feel such a trend must be expanded. Moreover, heavenly fortune is driving the spiritual world and many more religions, and denominations will actively participate in the blessing from now on.

Another bright prospect is that many cities around the world will compete to host future World Culture and Sports Festivals. Washington, DC, the capital of the United States and in some respects of the world, has requested to host the next WCSF by sending an official letter from the mayor, the secretary of commerce, and some representatives. This is wonderful and inspiring news. Such a trend will expand.

From Zaire, the vice speaker of the House, a cabinet minister, and some representatives visited me, since True Parents were too busy to meet them,

Richard Rubasch, from the United States, and Gunilla Svanberg, from Sweden, were one of many international couples blessed in the 360,000 Couples' Blessing, August 25, 1995, in Seoul, Korea.

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to ask how to get True Parents to visit their nation first. They said that if they are informed of the basic plan, they will send an invitation appropriate for a head of state. As God's providence progresses in future, would there be any country that does not want to host the WCSF? Can attracting the Olympic games or World Cup competitions be compared to the WCSF? In time, nations will compete fiercely to secure the WCSF.

When I lectured to the workshop for previously married couples, I mentioned that they could attend the main blessing ceremony directly this time because it is being held in Korea. In the future, Koreans will likely be attending it through satellite.

This WCSF and blessing for Korean people had a special meaning. Because of Korean people's dislike for foreign spouses, Father often matched Korean-Japanese couples. However, this year Father expanded the domain to other parts of East and Southeast Asia. I do not know when Father

will expand it to African people, but I am sure Father desires it. One young man came this time and offered to marry an African woman. There was a pioneer who wanted to marry an African sixteen years ago. If it is inevitable that we should progress to that point, we Korean blessed families and members should have broader minds regarding the blessing for our children.

There are so many contents to report, but I can summarize them in one statement: True Parents brought about the most amazing miracle of all time and created the circumstance in which righteous leaders have no choice but to respect True Parents' accomplishments for the future world and world peace. We should be more confident and bring results according to True Parents' timetable. Today we should offer once again our deepest gratitude to our True Parents! (Applause.) ■■

[Translated by Jin Man Kwak.]

360,000 COUPLES' BLESSING

Let Us Go

Paul Miller

This poem was written to his fiancé, Brenda Lawrensen, prior to participating in the 360,000 Couples' Blessing.

Let us go you and I
Hand and hand with God
Ever between us drawing us closer
Ever around us never to drift apart
Let us go you and I
One in hand with the other
Walking together into the future
Leaving our separate ways
Going together ever onward
Into the arms of God
Let us go you and I
Pledging ourselves to each other
Pledging our lives to a greater whole
Pledging our souls to God's great love ■■

Desert

Paul Miller

This poem was written to Brenda about forty days after they participated in the 360,000 Couples' Blessing.

I
Your love comes to me
As down to a desert
First cool then red
Then burning hot

II
Beating down in hot blasts
I wither longing for water
Your joy like a storm
Drenches me in laughter

III
Dusk sits cat-like
At day's end
Waiting with eyes half-closed
To pounce upon the night

IV
Peace like night comes
With hot remembrance
The day like love
Has left its print

V
The stars like jewels
Enrich the heavens
Like twinkling points of love
Upon the night ■■

Father Meets Heads of State During 17-Nation Tour

Part II

Peter Hyo Yul Kim
July 8, 1995
East Garden
Irvington, New York

Panamá City, Panamá

Panamanian members jump for joy

The next day was June 27, the day to go to Panamá. We landed in Panamá City. The president of Panamá was traveling overseas, so we could not arrange for him to meet Father. It was very humid in Panamá City. We were thoroughly searched at the airport in Panamá City. They used dogs and everything, because we came from Colombia. They searched everything, even the airplane cushions. This is apparently standard procedure for private or charter planes arriving from Colombia.

Since the president could not meet us, he sent a former president and another former president's daughter to attend the banquet. They joined Father at the

banquet head table. There were about 300 people at the banquet, including some very distinguished guests.

I realized that even though the country itself is small and Panamá City is small too, the city looks more like cities in Asia, like Singapore or Hong Kong. Geographically, it is well located between the Pacific and the Atlantic Ocean.

After the banquet, Father called all the members together and spoke to them until 1:30 a.m. We did some singing too, so it was beautiful. Some new members could not imagine that Father would sing for them. They were so happy. They were taking pictures and jumping around.

On June 29, we left at 5 a.m. from the hotel in Panamá. On the way to the airport, Father stopped by the canal. It was

not open yet. True Parents got out of the car and saw the canal. One big freighter, which happened to be a Korean vessel, was passing through the canal when Father stopped by. According to information from the local people, an average of thirty to sixty ships pass through the Panamá Canal every day. The canal charges them by the weight of the vessel.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Father meets President Balaguer

On June 29, we left at 6:40 a.m. for Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic. This would be the seventh speech for this trip.

I had the honor of accompanying Father to see the president. President Joaquín Balaguer is 88-years-old. He has been ruling that country off and on since 1966 for a total of thirteen years. About eight years ago he started losing his eyesight, so he is blind now. We were wondering, what kind of president is he? He is blind, sitting in his chair and running this country? I could not imagine it.

We were cordially received by the president's secretary and shown into a waiting room. Military generals and ministers went in and out. The room was crowded. We waited about ten minutes and then were led into the room. President Balaguer is kind of short in stature, very fragile-looking and scholarly. Though he is nearly blind, his eyes are open. He was standing when we entered the room.

According to their protocol, no one is supposed to touch the president. He cannot see if anyone comes with a gun or knife, so no one is supposed to touch him. Even when you shake hands, there is a



Father and Mother enjoy a moment at the head table in Panamá City, along with a former president (left) and another former president's daughter (right). Father's translator, Alejandro de Souza, is in the background.

table between visitors and the president. You are supposed to stand on one side of the table, while the president stands on the other side of the table to shake hands. Father entered the room and immediately shook hands with President Balaguer and gave him a big hug, lifting him from the floor. It was easy for Father to lift the president, because he is really strong. The security chief, who was in the room, could not do anything to stop Father from hugging him, because Father was too quick. He just shook hands and lifted the president up and down.

Everyone then sat down. According to

frantic and tried to grab Father, to prevent him from doing that; but the president said, "It is okay, it is okay." Of course, it was beautiful to observe. This president was so inspired by Father.

Because of their protocol, we could not bring a camera in to take pictures. Beforehand, they said "no cameras," so we could not bring them. Since the meeting went really well, Father wanted to take a picture. We told the president, who said, "Okay, call in the cameraman." The presidential palace official cameraman came in with the TV cameraman, and took pictures. The problem then was how to get the pictures from them?

On the way out, in the hallway, we were wondering whom to contact to get pictures, when a tall Spanish-looking man stopped in front of Father. I was concerned, so I asked him, "Who are you?" "I am the *Noticias Del Mundo* correspondent to the

Dominican Republic." He offered his hand and shook hands with Father. He then continued, "By the way, though I am the *Noticias Del Mundo* correspondent to the Dominican Republic, I am also the person who controls the press of this country. I will make sure that you get the pictures." The next day he brought the pictures and negatives. He delivered them himself. It was beautiful.

Father's non-religious work is harvested

Over the years, Father has been investing a lot into Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) activities, the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), the World Media Conference, the Summit Council for World Peace, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP), CAUSA and the Association for the Unity of Latin America (AULA), not just *Noticias Del Mundo*. Sometimes we did not understand why we put that much effort into activities like CAUSA education in South and Central America. Father has been pouring a lot into them. As we went around the countries this time, I realized that all of the foundation laid years and years ago is still there, because they have been educated. They were not just friends, but they were somehow inspired and impressed by Father's teaching and our activities. They are still there, kind of dormant.

When they heard that Father was coming to their country to speak, those good people appeared again and tried to help in whatever way they could. All those foundations Father has been laying over

the last ten or fifteen years are still there. We just have to go and harvest. We have to reach them again. A PWPA professor came and recited a poem. Scholars came, and a lot of people from the CAUSA contacts.

Dr. Tom Ward is the one who educated all those CAUSA contacts. Many places we went people asked me about Dr. Ward. When we visited Nicaragua, which I will tell you about later, Pedro, the son of the president, who owns the most powerful newspaper in that country, said, "Where is Dr. Ward?" I said, "He has another mission someplace else." He said, "Oh, he is a good man." Later on, I was told that the president's son, really respects Dr. Ward, because he learned from Dr. Ward, when Dr. Ward was giving CAUSA lectures all over those countries. That kind of education is still the foundation all over the region.

Create an echo

When Father spoke to the members, after the banquet, he said that this speaking tour through South America, Central America, and the Caribbean region is like giving a shout in front of many tall mountains, so that it creates an echo. You cannot reach every mountain, walk in front of every mountain and shout, but if you do it in front of the biggest mountain of all, this mountain will create an echo and eventually a reverberation will take place from one mountain to another. Father said, "This is what I am doing. I cannot visit every single person and give this message. I am creating a giant echo, so that this echo can reach all those big leaders and all of the nations."

Publicity reached New York

On the evening of June 29, about 400 dignitaries came to the banquet in the Dominican Republic. Two newspapers and many TV stations showed Father meeting the president, so two former presidents came, as did one congresswoman, who is the head of one political party. The president sent his assistants and secretaries. One of the two major newspapers, the biggest one, said they have 1,000 -2,000 subscribers in Miami and about 5,000 subscribers in New York, so that meeting with the president was reported on all the way to New York.

My notes say that Father's speech was the fastest one. Father's speaking speed was like a bullet. It had such velocity, and became faster and faster, so that at the end I could not even follow it. It was getting late because people had come late. That is why Father adjusted himself, according to the audience situation

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their protocol, the president should sit on one side of the table, and Father on the other side, but Father did not do that. The president sat on one side of the table and Father sat next to him. Father poured everything out and started educating him.

The president is very wise and smart, a brilliant leader. He is the one who made the Dominican Republic prosper and now the economy is growing. Though he is a wise and brilliant leader, he was like a child with Father. Father's education to each of the presidents he meets is pretty similar. He brings up environmental issues, moral issues, and family issues. What can they say? Everything Father says is right. They know it is right, but they cannot do anything. Father says, "I can take care of it. You listen to me, and I will do it with you." They will have to say "Yes."

During this talk, Father poked the president a few times. The chief of staff, standing next to the president, was trying to stop Father from touching the president, but he could not do it. Father brought the president a Christian Bernard watch as a gift. If you are going to see the president of a country, how can you go empty-handed? Father brought something as a token. [Father gave a Christian Bernard watch and a copy of Divine Principle to each of the presidents he met during the tour.] Father gave the watch to President Balaguer, but the president cannot see, so Father told Mother to open the box. Mother opened it, Father took out the watch, and started putting it on President Beleguer's wrist. The security chief was

and atmosphere.

The entire audience sat there and listened to Father. They were so serious. They looked more serious than middle school kids in a school classroom. They were taking notes, and as Dr. Bo Hi Pak usually says, even a pin drop could be heard, that kind of serious academic atmosphere was there.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

American private planes cannot go to Haiti

The next day was June 30, the day for the speech in Haiti, the eighth speech. It was nice to have a private jet, an eight-passenger plane from America.

I want you to know that without this private jet Father would not have been able to give these speeches at all. I did not know until I went there and faced the reality, but commercial planes do not fly directly to some places. People have to come to Miami, change planes and wait for several hours in order to go to some places. Sometimes planes only go to a particular place once or twice a week. Travel is very difficult. Father's schedule was almost one nation a day. Without having this charter plane, Father could not have done it. We truly appreciated it.

However, when we had to go to Haiti, the pilot said, "I cannot go." I said, "Why? Haiti is not on top of a mountain. Why can't you go?" He said, "It is not my choice. The American government does not recommend going." So we had to have a local plane. The plane we chartered in the Dominican Republic happened to be the private jet of the vice president of the Dominican Republic. It was also an eight-passenger aircraft, an older model of the plane we had been using.

The people of Haiti speaks French. I do not speak French, and Alejandro de Souza, Father's translator, does not speak French, so Dr. Tom Ward had to come to translate for Father. He was in Paraguay, but Father called him to come to Haiti and translate. He did a wonderful job. He is truly respected by all those people there.

Haiti needs Father's help

I was told that Haiti is probably one of the poorest countries in the world. Even in the Caribbean region, Haiti is considered kind of taboo. Voodoo immediately comes to mind when I think of Haiti, so I had some reservations about Father going there. The country is still very poor, but I think the people there are really good. The average income is about \$300 a year. There are skinny children on the side of the street trying to sell lotto tickets. Some vendors were selling drinks on street

corners with thousands of flies around. They were fighting the flies and selling the drinks. It was sad to see.

I have a confession to make here. Antonio Betancourt, Rev. Hyung Tae Kim and myself all had received negative information about Haiti. We cordially recommended Father not go to Haiti, because of Father's safety. Yet Father decided to go. At that time we did not truly understand why Father really wanted to risk his life to go there. I am sorry to say this, but in terms of God's providence, I thought it was a small, minor country. I wondered why he was risking his life like that? After the visit I realized that this country really needs Father's help—spiritual help, as well as practical help. We could feel that when we were there.

Haiti became an independent country soon after America in 1804. Think about it. Haiti became independent from France that early. The war to establish independence laid waste to the country and destroyed the economy. The people were left with no culture, no skills—no technology whatsoever. They had to start from scratch.

As I said, this is a country which really needs Father's appearance. At the beginning of last year, we had only two or three members there. In the last year, about seventy young, enthusiastic members have joined. I was surprised. When we arrived at the hotel, young people wearing suits and ties were standing everywhere, bowing and watching. I wondered who they were. Later on, I was told they were the ones who had joined

the audience, but when I looked around, all of the 300 people were beautiful. They were sitting in their seats, listening to Father.

Wherever Father speaks, there is one paragraph in his speech when Father is saying that if, for example, people in Haiti truly unite with Reverend Moon, and conquer Reverend Moon absolutely, then their country will become a central nation of the world. Of course, in every country, whenever that particular line comes, people applaud because they are happy to hear that. In Haiti, particularly, they were so happy to hear that; it was not just clapping, they were talking and chanting for a few minutes. Father had to stop speaking because they were talking and noisy. I concluded that no one throughout Haitian history could have said something similar to that.

Our regional leader there, Mr. Kazuto Nishijima, said that if Father had said Haiti will become the thirtieth strongest country in the world, they would still have clapped. Father said the number one country in the world, so they could not even imagine it. They had never heard such a comment, so they did not know what to do after they applauded. I realized how much help they need, how hungry they are in terms of showing their dignity as a people, a nation, and their pride.

We had a very precious professor in Haiti as the emcee for Father's banquet, because the emcee has to speak French. He is a well-known professor and scholar. He was previously the minister of educa-

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recently and are really inspired. They are the ones who need to hear Father directly, so Father educated them until early in the morning.

Audience excited by Father's words

In Haiti people are afraid of going out after 10 p.m., so we had to adjust our banquet time. Until that point, Father had spoken after the banquet, but from Haiti on Father spoke before the meal, because we wanted to make sure that Father's message is received before the audience leaves. Because I was sitting next to the head table to check that the microphone and the sound system were working, I had not gotten a close look at

tion in Haiti. He also was the president of the national university there. He is well respected. Later on, I was told he gave high praise for Father and Father's work, and in sharing his experience. He explained the level of work Father is doing in Haiti and throughout the world.

The next day, July 1, was the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (*Chil Il Jun*). In this poor country, Haiti, we had the *Chil Il Jun* ceremony. Dr. Ward summarized Father's *Chil Il Jun* speech, given in 1991, when the holy day was established. After that, Father gave a talk. [The report on the rest of Father's tour is in the November issue of Today's World.] ■

World Mission News

Christopher Olson

Middle East

FOLLOWING one year of effort and experience in the Middle East and North Africa, Japanese sisters had an opportunity to convene a regional workshop conference (September 23-28, 1995, in Turkey). A total of 44 sisters from all fourteen nations of the region participated in the workshop, studying Divine Principle with some Islamic perspectives and knowledge, discussing how to develop their missions. There was a prayer vigil, and hiking and sports sessions as well. It indeed was a long-time overdue, for in nearly half of the nations the sisters have been without a local member or a national leader, thus, facing tremendous anxiety and confusion. Finally, everyone could extend their hearts and hands in establishing a regional foundation.

Although the main blessing ceremony in Sudan was canceled at the last minute, the summer campaign leading to the aborted event could create a great deal of interest in, and at the very least, an awareness of the Unification community and True Parents in the country. Especially, in the capital city of Khartoum, "blessing" became the talk of the town. This situation, quite unique in the region, will be fully exploited to realize yet the larger blessing event in three years. This will be one of the priorities of the regional cooperation.

South America (including Central America and the Caribbean)

REVEREND Zin Moon Kim was appointed by our True Parents earlier this year to take responsibility as the continental director of the Unification Church South American Continental Region. He also continues in his position as deputy director of the World Mission

Department.

From September 18, Reverend Kim has been on a tour of each region starting with Central America's headquarters in Mexico. He is spending one week in each region (Central America, Caribbean, the North Cone and the South Cone of South America). Following is a report by the regional leader of the Caribbean region, Reverend Kazuto Nishijima, which gives an overview of Reverend Kim's motivation behind the tour.

The Caribbean region includes ten countries where our church is active. A total of thirty brothers and sisters attended a workshop with Reverend Kim. They were national leaders, assistant national leaders (1995 Unification Theological Seminary graduates, newly appointed by Father), Korean and Japanese missionaries and core native members. This workshop was held in the Caribbean regional training center outside of Orlando, Florida.

Reverend Kim arrived on September 25 and began the workshop on September 26. He began by outlining the purpose of the workshop: 1) to tighten the unity among the national leaders centering on the regional system; 2) internal guidance based on Reverend Kim's life of faith; 3) regional leaders' strategy to make the goal of 3.6 million couples in 1997. During the workshop, we had a chance to inherit Reverend Kim's internal attitude toward Heavenly Father and True Parents. The topics of his lectures were mostly focused on "our attitude." He also emphasized "sincerity and seriousness" as a leader substituting for True Parents. His method of education was very effective because of his unique and direct style.

Daily activities began at 5:30 a.m. with recitation of the Family Pledge and then prayer. Reverend Kim gave lectures in the morning and evening. The regional leader outlined everyday strategies for achieving the region's goal of 200,000 couples for the blessing in 1997. Divine Principle lecture practice and Korean language study were also a part of the daily schedule.

The summer campaign could create a great deal of interest in the Unification community and True Parents in the country.

The Caribbean region has been having a "Campaign for the Promotion of True Family" throughout the region since last April. Since Father recently announced the establishment of a worldwide movement for "sexual purity," we determined to make this "True Family Campaign" a social and national level movement involving diverse sectors of society, especially Christians and other religious people. The path was recently opened in our countries by True Parents and In Jin Nim's couple through the "True Family and I" speaking tour throughout our region.

Through living and sharing together during this seminar, we could expand our unity of heart among the leaders in this region. We are very grateful for this opportunity to make a new start toward realization of the great goal of 3.6 Million Couples' Blessing. ■■

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I remember one statement that my father made: "The only difference between Adam and Eve and the blessed children is the environment." However, we have our physical parents to guide

us which Adam and Eve did not have. They had to live by Divine Principle alone. We have such a privilege to be guided by our parents. They are not perfect, but as the second generation, we are in the process of purification. It does not mean we are perfect either. Satan has dominated the whole of human history. We cannot expect that

restoration is instantaneous; it takes time and there are many steps.

No matter what position we are in, we still have a road of indemnity. Even Father had to go through the road himself. Father has been clearing up the bloody road. We need to know that we can help. ■■

IN MEMORIAM

FRIENDS and associates of the International Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) and the International Religious Foundation, were saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Dr. Richard Quebedeaux. Dr. Quebedeaux was a well-known scholar, author and activist in the promotion of interfaith dialogue. His educational background included both a Bachelors (1966) and a Masters (1970) degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, a Bachelor of Divinity degree (1968) from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from Oxford University (1975). Dr. Quebedeaux authored or edited several books: *The Young Evangelicals* (Harper 1974); *The New Charismatics* (Doubleday 1976); *The Worldly Evangelicals* (Harper 1978); and, *I Found It: The Story of Bill Bright and the Campus Crusade for Christ* (Harper 1979); *Evangelical-Unification Dialogue* (Unification Theological Seminary 1979); *Lifestyles: Conversations with Members of the Unification Church* (Unification Theological Seminary 1982).

In 1977, Dr. Quebedeaux became involved in coordinating a series of interfaith conferences sponsored by the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS). Beginning in 1980, he played a central role in the establishment of the New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA), and later in the establishment of the International Religious Foundation in 1983. At the time of the Third Assembly of the World's Religions in 1992, Dr. Quebedeaux was blessed with Hiroko Minami in the 30,000 Couples' Blessing at the First World Culture and Sports Festival in Seoul, Korea. Richard Quebedeaux had a distinguished career as an activist scholar in the field of religion. His love for people and conversation was well known to thousands. Ever friendly, interesting and caring, Richard made a great contribution to world peace. His presence will be greatly missed. ■

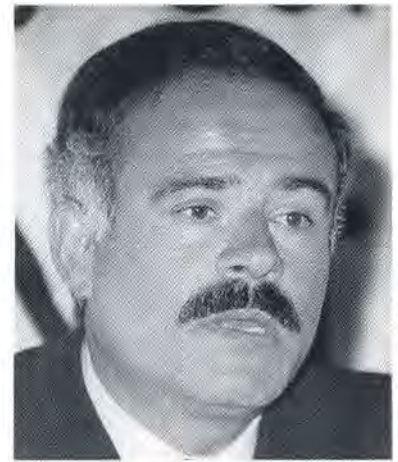


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Dr. Richard Quebedeaux

October 16, 1944 — July 4, 1995

CORRECTION

Today's World apologizes to the family of Sung Sook Kwak Lee for printing the wrong testimony with Sung Sook's "In Memoriam" in the February 1995 issue. Following is the testimony which should have been printed at that time.

Comments on Today's Educational System

Sung Sook Kwak Lee

On February 5, 1986, some of the blessed children were invited to the CARP center at Columbia University in New York City, for an evening of warm sharing. Following is an excerpt of Sung Sook's heartfelt testimony.

I WANT to apologize to you for not being close to you. I am very grateful to have a chance to share. As a blessed child I have had a unique experience. I wonder: Why me? I feel so unworthy to be born into a blessed family. Especially when I consider that Korea was the country where True Parents were born, then I think of all the conditions I have and I feel very unworthy to be in this position.

When Heavenly Father gives you life, you have a unique responsibility. I know Father is expecting me to fulfill that. I have to try to fulfill that responsibility. Until two years ago I thought that I knew a lot about our church from the books I read, and from my parents' journals. I wanted to know everything I could. A year ago, I found myself to have a big head with short hands and feet. I knew what I had to do, but I did not do anything. The point was not just reading, but seeing Father's

life in front of me. He is not just giving information, he is living it.

It is scary, when you do nothing and yet you know a lot. It is like committing a crime. Through the forty-day workshop I could see the true me. From now on, I will try to exercise the things I know one-by-one. I want to share what I have with brothers and sisters. We do not know so much about True Parents. I could pick up many things because of my position so I want to help and to give.

We need a bridge. There is an order: True Children, True Parents, and God. I also have to be a bridge or a mediator, and an example to members so that we can be united. When I look back on my life of faith, I could distinguish something. In Korea, I went to True Parents through my parents, but since coming to America, my heart wants to reach straight out to them. When I listen to Father's speech, or spend

time with True Children, I feel so privileged. It has been such a tremendous blessing to be here in America. Now it is physically impossible to hear Father speak.

In our first 21-day workshop, Father emphasized CARP front-line work for us. I knew the words were principled. I know that the Divine Principle is the best, but I did not know how to express myself. I have to be a person who can open up and be a person who can be relied on and respected.

This year in school I have realized many things. Everything is so specialized, so professional there. Everyone is so busy to reach out for his personal goal. Students do not care about anything else. Being in that environment it is so easy to focus on small things. I am thinking a lot about how to cope and how to reach many people.

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In an ideal world realized by humankind, having perfected God's love, the purposes of the whole and the individual are naturally harmonized. As human beings have desire and a natural inclination toward love, they are permitted individual ownership and individual purpose. Even so, they would not seek to have unlimited personal belongings or to fulfill an individual purpose that detracted from the whole purpose. Perfected human beings are meant to own an amount of property commensurate with their conscience and original nature.

In particular, economic activity by ideal human beings who have become true owners of all things based on true love would manifest love and gratitude. There could be no greed or corruption. Similarly, there could be no emphasis on national or regional interests inconsistent with the purpose of the whole. The aim of economic activity is overall welfare, rather than the mere pursuit of gain.

*Reverend Sun Myung Moon
August 1995
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