

# How Are We Going To Welcome This Year 1998

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Looking back, I can consider that 1997 was one of our successful years in the Philippines. We garnered the second place for blessing mobilization of 40 Million Couples, including the blessing of some of our VIP friends not only from Manila but from different regions as well. We hosted also for the first time the prestigious International 20th Mr. & Ms. University Pageant. For a year, we covered the whole nation by our Tinig ng Pagkakaisa radio program that helped our mobilization become easier in witnessing to people. More than all these external accomplishments that we have are the internal developments such as: the increase of full time members, many blessed couples consummated their blessing, beautiful and great blessed children were born one after the other, the standard of our local leadership has improved a lot and most especially the undying commitment and sacrificial heart of our full time members grow deeper and stronger.

Success! God gave us opportunity to welcome this year 1998, a year closer and nearer to the fulfillment of God's providential timetable.

**How are we going to welcome this year bringing the victories of last year's success? In God's** timetable the last three years are very important yet very crucial. For this reason I would like to suggest that as we enter this era we have to consider the past, the historical situation of our country and most especially what True Parents would like us to achieve in life.

I want to focus on what True Parents would like us to fulfill as we enter a new age. True Parents wanted all of us to live with them in the realm of true love. To accomplish this, first thing that we have to do is to elevate our standard of faith and attendance reaching the level of becoming absolutely united with True Parents and Divine Principle.

For almost sixty two years of Father's mission life, he has only one secret why he was able to accomplish such great things, that is his absolute faith, love and obedience to God. This is his standard of attendance the way he showed his greatest love for God. How about us? When we accepted True Parents in our lives we have already made our commitment before heaven and earth. **We can't escape from this destiny. The more we try to create distance from this, the more we experience suffering.**

Therefore what are we supposed to do now? Let us settle for a common goal, **"we have to resemble True Parents."** Anyway that is their desire for all mankind as they did their best to resemble God.

As we enter this year, 1998, let us try to make some little improvements **personally. Our country's providence is moving upward and God is expecting** our individual standard to follow, our hearts will grow and our faith will become deeper. Let us try to be conscious about our standard of attendance. Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim showed the greatest attendance to God and True Parents and because of this, it became a very strong condition for them **to stand as True Parent's direct representative in the spirit world. More than** that, their level of faith, love and obedience qualify them to liberate us from evil spirits.

**I cannot imagine I'll be reaching this age, the era of the Kingdom of Heaven** on Earth. One time, Mrs. Julia Kim, our Continental Director shared to us **True Parents' message for all leaders about era of Kingdom of Heaven. In** her guidance, True Parents emphasized about the internal quality of his heart and attendance to God. Kingdom of Heaven is the place where things move because of love and because of God.

We are all Blessed families. **True Parent's expectation is for all of us to** become the extension of the true family where the lifestyle and tradition of the messiah can be clearly manifested, where our children will become the **pure offering to God's altar.**

Let us do our best that this year 1998 onward, we can make God happy in everything we do. Let us fulfill our goal individually, goal for the nation and the world.