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International Blessing Ceremony On (or Around) March 22, 2012 in Korea

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To: District, State, Church and Lovin' Life Pastors, Blessed Central Families

From: National Blessed Family Ministry

Re: International Blessing Ceremony- On (or Around) March 22, 2012 in Korea

Date: February 3, 2012

Warm greetings from National Headquarters and best wishes in this year of Complete Victorious Liberation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! Although we are still waiting for official announcement and details regarding the upcoming International Blessing Ceremony in Korea, we would like to announce the following important updates.

I. Final Blessing Date

The Blessing date has been reported unofficially as March 22nd, which is True Parents' Day, and a Thursday. No official announcement has yet been made, and the international ceremony has most often been held on a Sunday. We are doing all we can to obtain official confirmation of the final Blessing date, and will announce it immediately once it is confirmed.

II. Cheon Il Guk Matching by True Parents

Although no announcement has been made regarding whether True Parents will hold a matching for Blessed Children who are qualified according to True Parents "Original Standard," our international Headquarters would like to report to True Father concerning how many qualified candidates are seeking to be matched by True Parents. Qualified candidates who are interested should report their intention to their District BlessedLIFE team (BFM), and send an e-mail to the National Blessed Family Ministry at BFDadmin@unification.org.

If True Parents' matching is held, we do not yet know whether True Father will select matching partners himself, or guide candidates how to search for their own potential spouse, as he did in October, 2010. In that matching, he encouraged those who did not feel comfortable or prepared for the process to excuse themselves. If a matching is planned, True Parents' intention may be announced beforehand. Requirements for True Parents' matching include:

- A. Age: Blessed Children aged 17 to 24 (born between March 23, 1987 and March 22, 1995)
- B. <u>Innocence</u>: Those who are receiving the matching and Blessing for the first time. (A person who has cancelled a matching by True Parents themselves, or who has been matched by their parents before may NOT participate)
- C. <u>Purity</u>: Those who have not kissed, dated, established a girlfriend/boyfriend relationship or made any exclusive romantic commitment.

- D. <u>Faith</u>: Those who have absolute faith to accept True Parents' match without question and who are resolved to not break it.
- E. <u>One Family</u>: Those who are willing to receive the Blessing with a person from <u>any</u> race or nationality.
- F. <u>Health</u>: Those with no specific physical, developmental or psychological problems.

III. Ceremonies in the United States

We encourage couples wishing to celebrate their Blessing directly with our True Parents and our International President to anticipate that the Blessing Ceremony will be broadcast via Internet, and that official ceremonies may be organized and held simultaneously in Districts around the country. In addition, our Lovin' Life team at HQ is planning a beautiful ceremony and celebration for couples and their families, to be held in New York City. Further details will be announced once we know the precise Blessing date.

IV. Other Categories

While no official announcement has been made, those who are seeking to receive the Blessing on behalf of their (married) couple, but whose spouse is in the Spiritual Realm (Spirit World Blessing), should report their intention to their District BlessedLIFE team (BFM), and send an e-mail to the National Blessed Family Ministry at BFDadmin@unification.org.

We look forward to being with you on the phone Wednesday night, and to visiting you soon. May God bless you.

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