Unification Church's Sunshine musicians perform at Lavington Church in Kenya

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Yesterday Sunshine performed publicly again, for the first time since the rather formation stage event at Waithaka Social Hall June 1; this time at Lavington Church in an affluent suburb, for a fundraising meeting at which Her Worship the Mayor Councilor Miss Margaret Kenyatta, daughter to the president, was the primary speaker. I was not present, being engaged on another mission, but the victorious event was described to me in glowing terms.

Sunshine was given the opportunity to use really high-quality amplifying equipment, and they sounded fine. Evidently the MC of the program didn't want Sunshine to perform at all, but an official on our side insisted that they be allowed to sing. So they sang "You Are My Sunshine" and "What Color Is God's Skin?" and everybody loved it, including the mayor.

An interesting sidelight on all this is that because Lavington Church is in a neighborhood where we have been doing considerable fundraising, many people in the audience had bought our flower arrangements which we had been selling we said to buy instruments and equipment for Sunshine. So they were especially interested in our performance and delighted and grinning from ear to ear because suddenly we had become their group. The mayor came forward after the event and personally congratulated Sunshine on their brief but outstanding performance. (It was, by the way, at the request of the mayor's office that Sunshine was present in the first place. So the mayor was pleased that her request had been so nicely fulfilled.) The official who had gone to bat for us at the last moment later told me that ours was the only group singing which made people know that it was a church event.