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History will remember June 2019 as a month Heaven blessed Africa in a tremendous way. We are so humbled by the outpouring of love from our beloved True Mother! Thanks to her, a son-like prophet, Samuel Radebe, could be found in a country like South Africa with almost no foundation of True

Mother's strategy of allowing us to hold the Africa Summit on June 7 at the Hilton Hotel before the blessing helped us to mobilize the cream of African leaders to attend True Parents at this time. Having twelve former heads of state or government and a first lady was quite an achievement. I am particularly grateful to Mrs. Katherine Rigney and her team at UPF-Africa who did a tremendous job in collaboration with all the secretary generals. Now, we have someone like the former president, Goodluck Jonathan, heading the International Summit Council for Peace in Africa!

The opening plenary of the Africa Summit and Leadership Conference saw eleven government ministers, six vice-presidents of their respective legislatures, thirty-five MPs, 130 traditional rulers, 101 religious leaders, ten foreign media personnel and more than a hundred woman leaders and civil society leaders. The signing of the declaration to launch the International Summit Council for Peace-Africa was an important and significant event. True Mother offered her heart to each of the former heads of state or government representatives as she gave them medals. This historic ceremony captivated the audience. All the personalities affectionately called her, "True Mother" or "Mother of Peace."

The euphoria continued in the afternoon with True Mother's visit to the Hector Pieterse Memorial, built in memory of the 566 South African youths who died on June 16, 1976 fighting against oppression and injustice. Six hundred youth members of Prophet Radebe's Revelation Church of God (RCG) made the visit memorable. True Mother prayed and blessed the site, which is now a holy ground for Africa. She could not hold back her tears for her African children. Our youths felt a sense of hope for South Africa through this visit. "They all aspire for a better South Africa," a representative said. The wreath Mother laid had the message: "In loving memory of Hector Pieterse and the youths who died for South Africa" - Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, True Mother, June 7, 2019.

The next day, to see all the different congregations and religious communities of Inkululeko Yesizwe (IYA, Freedom of the Nation Association) entering the Orlando Stadium for the blessing was inspiring. The blessing was the fruit of Prophet Radebe's commitment and determination to offer his foundation to True Mother. With his team, he wanted to offer the best welcome to True Mother. More than fifty thousand couples received the blessing in South Africa in preparation for June 8. A few of these couples came from Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

True Mother's entrance into the stadium was warmly welcomed. She came in as the Queen of Queens, having her praises sung by the Imbongi (a praise singer). This was historic! When True Mother stepped out of the car to head toward the stage, the blessing participants' cheers started again and continued until she reached the stage.

The purpose of this festival at the Orlando Stadium Soweto was to heal the wounds of the past and support the South African peoples' endeavors for peace and reconciliation. True Mother Moon prayed for a peaceful and prosperous South Africa. She said, "The light of the blessing will spread from Africa to the entire world and make it shine."

Thus, during the blessing ceremony, which our beloved True Parents officiated, more than a hundred thousand people attended, thanks to the partnership we had forged with Prophet Radebe, the founder of RCG. Thousands of people filled Orlando Stadium in Soweto, Johannesburg, all in the name of receiving the blessing from True Mother for the sake of peace, prosperity and development. Then there was the introduction by Prophet Radebe, "True Mother is the mother of humanity." This came from deep in his heart. Majestically True Mother performed the blessing. To seal the blessing, True Mother offered a heart-felt declaration prayer.

Starting from now, through this blessing in which thousands upon thousands have received new life, they can rise as Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' children. Now Heavenly Parent can call each one his son or his daughter. This is a miracle. This is a happy time for Heavenly Parent and True Parents. True Mother declared that the future is finally here in Africa. "Africa will become the light of the world. The last shall be the first and will shine." Jonathan, heading the International Summit Council for Peace in Africa!

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