

Forging the Way to the Vision from Africa to Seoul

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As we begin this providentially monumental year of 2020, the year we have all been focusing on, the year targeted by Heaven to bring the greatest victory the world has ever known, as we finally enter that long awaited year, many of us cannot help but think back to that earth-shaking moment in 2012 when our True Father ascended to be with our Heavenly Parent.

As we gathered together, centering on our beloved True Mother, at the Cheongshim Center in Korea and as we shed endless tears, we wondered where the future was headed and how we would go forward after True Father joined Heaven. We knew how victorious True Father's life had always been and yet we also knew that True Parents were searching for a nation that Heavenly Parent could claim as his own. We were sorry that True Father could not see that nation and live there even for one moment before ascending.

But then, a few days later, our amazing True Mother, God's glorious only begotten daughter, announced to all of us that "We will not stop.... We will keep moving forward following True Father's example no matter what." She also told us that Heaven was granting us a special grace so that during the next seven years, we could fulfill what our True Parents had been working, sacrificing and longing for -- the restoration of Heaven's nation. She set us on the course as she herself stood up and led us with her own exhausting and devoted example!

Working in Africa for the past forty-five years, I've had a unique and extraordinary opportunity to view our True Mother's quest very closely as she worked and sacrificed many long and arduous days and weeks and months in Africa. Since January 2018, when True Mother arrived in Africa for the first time after True Father's passing, True Mother has been in Africa hosting and organizing ten major summits and blessings during a period of twenty months! She worked more ardently than any of us; she was absolutely meticulous, studying every detail of every event and spending endless sleepless nights praying, educating and leading the way to reach out to the world's 7.6 billion people as their Mother. She shed countless tears in front of us as she pleaded with all us to work with her side-by-side so the heart of our Heavenly Parent can be comforted and so that Heaven's dream can finally be accomplished.

She told us that if we love our True Father, if we truly love him, we should sacrifice totally to realize Heaven's dream, which was always our True Father's dream, our True Parents' dream. At this providential moment, as we stand before this life changing year, 2020, I cannot look even for one moment at our True Mother without shedding a multitude of tears. Our Mother is beautiful, gracious, charming, intelligent, creative, perceptive and a million other qualities, but more than anything else, our Mother is truly our Mother. She longs for her children -- from every corner of the earth -- to come to our Heavenly Parents love. She doesn't think about anything but how to bring this entire world back to God.

We will celebrate in Korea; we will proclaim our True Mother's victory as she offers everything to our True Father and our Heavenly Parent. We will rejoice; happiness, joy and gratitude will fill us all, surely. However, I know that our True Mother will remind us that our work has just begun, that on this victorious foundation, we need to bring substantial restoration on every continent, in every nation, every city, every home, until not one is left behind; no, not one. That is our Mother's heart, which I have witnessed for the past two years -- no one "explained" to me, no one "educated" me, I witnessed directly that this victorious foundation was built by our True Mother's love and unchanging heart toward our True Father and our Heavenly Parent. How fortunate are we to live at this moment and to witness God's amazing only begotten daughter right before our very eyes?