

## European Trip with Master

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*"Samson", Mobile Coach for English Pioneers*

It was a great blessing for me to suddenly find myself in Germany for what turned out to be a three-week tour to six countries. I would like to share with you my impressions of Europe, our Family there, and the highlights of Master's long hours of talking with the Family.

I was not in England for our Parents' visit there, but I heard that his three evenings of public lecture were positive... at least in terms of the people who stayed. Evidently, Master's ways are quite a contrast to the English ways, especially considering that he spoke in the Quaker house there. Many walked out, and there was quite a tum-over each evening. The British Family was concerned, but Master seemed very pleased with the outcome. Doris Orme said that on the last night, the spirit of George Fox, the founder of Quakerism, bowed low before her, saying that while they were sitting on chairs, he and those with him were bowing with their faces to the floor, because they were so unworthy to be there with Master. He said that while on earth he hated the sound of church bells on Sunday morning, but he wished that all the bells of London would ring for Master.

I arrived in Essen, Germany, several days after Master's party. Since Master was to travel in only a few European countries, the Families from all over Europe came to Essen. The 300 members stayed in a gymnasium not far from the center. Since the center is large, they ate their meals there~ and comfortably met in its large lecture hall. They rose at 5:30 and began lectures at 7:00 A.M.

Mr. [Young Hwi] Kim generally taught, once Mrs. Kim gave her testimony, and sometimes Master spoke. The Family meetings were like a miniature from clusters of heads gathered to catch the words in English, French, Dutch, Italian, Swedish, etc.

The public lectures in Germany went very well. I believe Master's nature is in keeping with German nature. The hall, which holds between 500 and 600 people, was nearly full each evening. Very few people walked out, and many stayed for animated conversation with the members.

After the second night of speaking, we returned to the center to find nine new white VW buses trailers hitched behind. We were so excited! These nine buses were to be added to the three already purchased and operating as mobile teams. The twelve will be divided into two caravans of six vans each. Each caravan will start out with thirty people and will seek to gain ten more. Each one of the vans will be responsible for different aspects of the mobile program -finances, teaching, literature, membership, etc. The teams are Austrian and German and will tour between these two countries.

Having the Germans and Austrians working so closely together illustrates a point that Master stressed throughout Europe: the need to unify Europe. I myself could see how different each country is, how each has something to offer to the whole: the drive and organization of the Germans, the spirituality and art of the French, the humility and vision of the Dutch, the passion and independence of the Italians, the heart and music of the Austrians, the earthiness and tradition of the British, etc. By international mobile teams, hard work, mutual service, and intermarriage, Master intends to unify Europe and add to it the wealth and power of America. Some of the European Family stressed to me the vast differences between nations; however, I feel that Master (and only he) is capable of establishing a unified Europe. To begin with, Master desires to increase membership. Then he plans to establish the international bus teams. The Germo-Austrian teams are the beginning, made easier by the common language. He is concentrating on

the salvation of Germany and England, because if these two are saved, all Europe can be saved.



*Samson is fighting in England and "Elijah" is going before with loud speakers*

While in Germany, we spent one day in Berlin. There, for the first time since I joined the Family, I was inspired to write a poem. Before the Family, I wrote for comfort in the midst of loneliness and despair. Perhaps in Berlin I was touched by this once again. (Poem is at end of this article.)

From Germany, we drove to Holland, a strange flat country where sometimes the water is banked high above your head as you drive along. The Dutch are warm, much less formal than the Germans.

They told Leader that there is a Communist church of about 500 students where they read sayings of Mao and teach that religion is the opium of the people. In the midst of a "sermon", our members- scattered throughout the congregation, began to chant that God is alive. They completely shocked the Communists. The second time, the congregation responded by singing a Communist song.

It was a beautiful stay in Holland. The first missionaries to Korea came from Holland, so Master feels very deeply towards that country. As in 1969, he celebrated the first of April at 5 A.M. on their beautiful Holy Ground. There was a warm gentle rain, the crying of the morning birds, and quiet swans floated by on their own reflections in the pond beyond our tree. It was a morning in the Kingdom. Later, at a diamond-polishing factory, Master bought a memento of the Third World Tour: a beautiful diamond, symbol of the everlasting, for Mother.

In Holland, Father spoke of the need to make our lives count. He said in order to do that, we must establish a goal in our mind and set our full determination behind it. Though he went to school in poor clothing, he always had in mind, "... in 10 years... in 20 years..." and now he has done it. We must set our hearts on goals and work hard, then Heaven can work-and nothing is impossible for Heaven after we have given all. "I have nothing but my hands, but with these hands I will establish my goal." This was beautifully illustrated later by Mr. Oyama when he said that he determined to make so many millions of dollars for God in four years, and he succeeded. He then rededicated his life to so many more by the end of the next seven years. Master also spoke of how the Dutch and the Austrians would have to be like glue to bind together the proud Germans, the proud English, and the proud French.

From Holland we went to France. There they have a very serious problem with the Communists. The Family is followed, ~and their pictures are snapped on the streets. Much of their mail never gets delivered-Reiner almost never receives a letter. Their center has been broken into and searched; their lines are tapped so they never make an important call from the center. Reiner [Vincenz] changes his car every day, and when he rides the subway, he waits until the doors are almost closed before he jumps out-"I stay skinny so I can slip through subway doors to lose my followers!" There is no protection from the police because the Communists have infiltrated them. Many times Master asked the Family if they were ready to sacrifice even their lives. He also explained that if he must sacrifice their country by withdrawing the Family momentarily in the face of Communist take-over, they must understand that in saving other countries first, France will actually be saved more quickly.

From France we went to Austria. There he urged the unity of Austria and Germany as a foundation for the salvation of Europe, and also as a front that can work in the event of Soviet invasion. During the Austrian welcome program, Master was captivated by their musical talent. On the spot I saw the evolution of the Vienna Youth Choir, which will become an international organization of talent. It will sing for the international mobile teams and for future rallies. The director Father finally selected was a 25-year-old engineer with unusual musical talent. Just prior to joining the Family, he was inspired to go to a music university "part-time", where he graduated with honors from a four-year program in two years. The

decision was difficult, and the qualifications of this young man did not come out until after the decision was made. I was amazed at how well he was prepared, and how Master chose him from the others. Master stressed the importance of this organization. Its birthday, April 7, is the day Master was tried by the Communists. He said that the director and the choir must take lessons and take their mission very seriously.



*Carl Redmond, Leader of Samson Team, is witnessing in Princes Street, Edinburgh*

One day we drove an hour from Vienna into the farmed hills where the Austrian training center is located. This was a beautiful old farmhouse, completely remodeled inside by the Family-very suited to our purposes. Our Parents saw much potential in the house and location, and encouraged the Family to expand it.

In Italy we spent a day in Pompeii. It was impressive to see a town stopped short one day 2, 500 years ago. The Lord of Lords walked across a beautiful mosaic doorstep saying, "Welcome". Little did the man who laid the stones or the children who played on them know that one day their Lord would step across.

In Italy also there is a serious problem with Communism. Communists were openly vying for power in the elections. Both in Italy and France I noticed a romantic, playful attitude toward life. The Communists are so intent on their ends that it is easy for them to infiltrate where nobody cares or intends to sacrifice for an alternative. The leaders of these Families have to work with this attitude.

In Italy as well as in France, Master advised evacuation in the event of a takeover. I felt such Heavenly urgency to find those who are prepared. If there is an evacuation, the people of these countries would have no hope for some years to find the truth they seek. Under Communism, their seeking may lead to their death, even when the Kingdom is so close.

I parted with Master and his party in Italy as they went on to Greece and Israel before heading to the Orient. I spent a week with the British Family. They were in the midst of a forty-day condition to find two members each as a foundation for their mobile team, which will leave soon. Each day they returned at 10 p.m. for supper after a day of work and or witnessing. They have about fifty members in three main centers, one in London and two far away in very English homes. They have begun to send out pioneers, plus a center in Ireland and Scotland. For their mobile team, they bought a large type of moving van in which they fixed bunks, a kitchen, and a combination dining room-lecture hall. They name all their vehicles -- this one was dubbed "Sampson" by two-year-old Yong Oon [Orme]. With the vocal talent of Doris and a number of their members, they have developed a stage show that has performed several times and has been on radio. They have cut a small record. The Family hopes to develop this professionally.

In each country, Master spread the idea of "book-witness". He suggested that each member purchase 10 or 20 books and loan them out each month. After a short time, he should contact these people and cultivate a harvest where is a positive response. Master wants to start this in America. He spoke about the amount of literature which the Left has used to spread its values, and he desires for our values to become more widely known as well. Also, with the tremendous pressure to increase our membership, this would be a good method of witnessing.

In each country, Master stressed the importance of the salvation of America. He spoke of how we have 60% of the world's wealth and how our overthrow is the goal of all Communist parties. He also commented on the size of America compared to the nations of Europe. For these reasons, he desires to mobilize all the nations on this soil. From each nation he received a declaration of how many they would send here to work with us by the end of a year. (Germany, 300; England, 100; Holland, 100; France, 100; Austria, 200; Italy, 100; as well as the 400 members from Japan).

They are hardworking and dedicated -- we must prepare for their coming! Before he left for Asia, I asked Master if he wanted me to give a message to the American Family. He said that he wanted to convey his greeting, and a plea to work very hard in our mission.



*British Family members on Arthur's Seat overlooking Edinburgh. Carl Redmond (Leader) is blowing trumpet.*

Once again I have seen how deeply we share the same heart and lives as our brothers wherever they may be. We seek after the comfort and power of our Heavenly Father and the trust and happiness of our True Parents. Thank you, Father.

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### **Berlin: My Impression after Brief Visit**

**By B. R. Mikesell**

An island

With no gentle waters lapping at its shore;  
An island imprisoned h) enemy land.  
The once proud capitol building center of a bustling nation,  
Now lies brooding, windows darkened,  
Silenced.  
London, Tokyo, Rome, New York, ebb and flow in the  
world's rushing tides;  
Berlin lies, a somber lake under a shadowed sun.

The Berlin Wall twists and winds through the city,  
Like a snake chilled yet deadly in the winter sun.  
It severs the city in two:  
To the east are poisonous fangs-fiery darts in readiness  
To strike the Innocent in their terrible flight...  
Brothers running, desiring only to be free.  
To the West there are no fangs, only look-out stands  
Tucked against the wall.  
Countrymen and tourists climb these star ds  
To gaze behind the prison wall... and ponder.  
Atop these structures also, children play:  
Perhaps they are rocket ships  
Or houses of make-believe;  
Perhaps they are tanks or forts standing near the enemy lines  
Or a more than TV war.  
There are crosses along the wall -  
Here this one tried, was shot...