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The Path for America and Humanity

This is the text of one of the two speeches that Rev. Moon is giving on his 50-state speaking tour.

During the course of my life, I have totally committed myself to the salvation of humankind centered on God's Will. As a result, I came to realize that God is not sitting in the throne of glory and honor, but is a God of suffering, grief and lamentation, endeavoring to save His children suffering in hell as a result of the fall.

Ever since I understood the Will of God and His heart, I have lived my life with a single minded goal to accomplish God's Will, transcending time and space and forgetting everything else.

When I reflect upon the 80 years of my life, filled with misunderstandings and persecution, it is just amazing that I can be with you today. I believe that it is entirely thanks to God. On this day of such great significance, in order to understand human history and the world from the perspective of God's providence, I would like to speak on the topic, "The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days."

When viewing human history as God's providence of salvation, the "last days" is a turning point when the evil history of Satan concludes and God's good sovereignty begins. Accordingly, the last days are the time when everything is brought to fulfillment.

Thus in the last days, individual perfection is to be realized, family perfection is to be realized, the perfection of a people, of a nation, of the world and finally, the complete fulfillment of the cosmos is to be realized.

Whenever the time of the last days was heralded in God's providence, God led humankind to a God-centered ideology, but we failed to fulfill our responsibility to stand in the position of goodness and eradicate evil history. However, God is eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique, and God's Will is also eternal, unchanging and absolute. Therefore, through the true individual, true family, true society, true nation, true world and true sovereignty, God will surely build the world in which He can live, freely traveling and acting both in Heaven and on Earth.

Then, what is the original world for which God is seeking? It is a world that is centered on the True Parents. However, due to the fall, we lost the True Parents of humanity and the true world from the very beginning. Therefore, nothing in the world, not the land where we are living, human ideology or anything else, can connect us directly to the True Parents. Therefore, we ourselves should first be restored to trueness. By so doing, when true parents, true husband and wife, true children, true people, the true creation, the true sovereignty and true cosmos are born and can communicate with God in heart, the evil world will eventually come to an end.

The last days is the time when such an ideal will be realized. It is the time when the Second Advent will occur. Accordingly, in the last days, there will

be no external catastrophic phenomena such as judgment by fire, the destruction of the earth or people levitating into the air. Instead, it is a time when the history of evil entangled with countless tragedies will be untangled.

This is established through sacrificial conditions offered on every level, those of the individual, family, society, people, nation, world and ultimately cosmos. Thus, it is the time when all of these levels that have lost their vertical connection with God will be restored. We have been longing for such a day, and that is the final destination at which we all should arrive.

However, the individual, the family and the nation have been estranged. Moreover, all kinds of problems such as air pollution, food shortage, religious struggles and racial conflicts are con-

your enemy." God Himself sacrificed Jesus, His own begotten and beloved son, for the salvation of humankind. Since God did this in order to save the children of His enemy, Satan could not exercise his full authority and power before God. Even Satan cannot help but surrender voluntarily before the God who loves Satan's children more than His own. Satan's pattern is always to strike first but lose in the end, and God's strategy is to win in the end by taking the first blow and initial loss. Living with faith in such a heavenly law is the very secret explaining the foundation that I could lay, dispatching missionaries to 185 nations throughout the world despite fierce persecution and misunderstanding.

Even when looking into the history of Christian missionary activities, we can discover that theirs was a path of persecution and martyrdom, hindered by enemies. On such a way, during the course of a 2,000-year history, this trail of blood became the fertilizer in the foundation for a powerful democracy to develop. Today, however, Christianity, which once was the source of power and strength for democracy, is facing a crisis. Christian nations have lost the right direction; they deny God, Jesus and God's providence. Now, we even hear voices asserting, "God is dead" or "God does not exist." Looking at them, how does God feel? God's heart has been searching for His children, sacrificing everything that He has, with hope that He could see a great day like today.

Ladies and Gentlemen: for whom has God been sacrificing Himself so far? It is not for America, nor is it for Christianity. But it is for each of us, in other words, for "you" and "me" as individuals. Likewise, the reason why Jesus was crucified was also not to save the Messiah, himself, but was to save each one of us, "you" and "me."

Since the fall began on the individual level, salvation should also begin on the individual level. Accordingly, a representative of humankind should come and proclaim, "I will take full responsibility as a representative of all humankind. I will pay off all the debt that man has incurred during the entire course of history and I will become a person who will make God indebted to me instead." Without such a realization and determination, restoration is impossible. We should not be only conceptual or theoretical. On behalf of God, unless we are willing to experience miseries more than the one who is undergoing suffering in the world, we cannot reach God's heart.

Have you ever prayed in desperation for the 6 billion population of the world, with a feeling that your own children are dying? How much heart have you invested to save a family, a tribe, a people, a nation and the world, with a willingness to sacrifice yourself for them? I believe few people are confident to give a positive answer to that question. However, the Lord of the Second Advent

comes to the world with such an absolute standard as the representative of all humanity.

God, who has been leading the providence of salvation, found Abraham 2,000 years after the fall of the first human ancestors. God made his descendants the chosen people, Israel, by multiplying them on every level, as a new family, a new tribe and a new people. Because the Israelites were called as the chosen people to receive the Messiah, based on the victorious foundation, they became the central people to receive the substantial Messiah who was to come in the future. If you go to the central core, you can understand that the standard and ideology that the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, should have reached and fulfilled, need to be restored. This is the thought of the Messiah. In it, the believers stand as "bride." Therefore, the ultimate purpose pursued by Christianity is not to build the Kingdom of Christianity or the world of Christianity. Its most important mission is to make preparations to become a qualified bride to receive the bridegroom.

Despite the significance of their mission, because of the crucifixion of Jesus the Israelites could not carry it out and pass on this tradition. Therefore the Israelites, although called by God as the first Israel, flew away. Christianity, called as the second Israel, arose to carry out the mission instead. God led the 6,000-year providence centered on this one purpose: Christianity was the bride prepared to receive the bridegroom. We are now in the final stage of the providence.

Then, what is the core of the Messianic thought? It is a thought to save the world; it is a teaching that can unify the world and build an ideal family, and its main purpose is to restore the position of the True Parents that was lost by the fall of the human ancestors.

By looking into the teaching of the Old and New Testaments, one can understand that the Messiah comes with the authority of the father, meets a substantial bride, who represents the power of the Holy Spirit, and restores the position of the True Parents. Therefore, Christianity is in the position of a bride to the coming Messiah. The bride and bridegroom in the "feast of the lamb" prophesied in the Book of Revelation refer to the stage of becoming the True Parents by first becoming a true husband and wife.

Jesus came with this mission. However, when he lost his people and nation, due to their faithlessness, he offered his life for the sake of the world and the Kingdom that God wished to build. The path of Jesus suffering on the cross was the same path of tribulations that God Himself walked. In such a situation of trial and tribulation, Jesus desperately prayed, "Please forgive them for they know not what they do." Even in the place of death, he forgave Rome and the group of people who opposed him, waiting for victory in the future. Therefore, the life of Jesus did not end at the age of 33. With God's help, Christianity inherited his spirit and became one of the four greatest worldwide religions in human history.



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stantly arising throughout the world, causing disputes and even wars. Who, then, is going to take responsibility for this world? This is a serious question. Communist countries in the past could not transcend their own nationalism. Nor can today's super-power nation, America, transcend the idea of Americanizing the world. When a nation places its self-interest first, it will not be able to lead the world. Therefore, we need a people or a nation who are willing to sacrifice for a higher purpose and strive to build or become an ideal nation that embraces the entire world.

With this view, in response to the call of God, I came to this country, the United States of America. I have been making my utmost effort to revive America, by educating the youth for a country that is faced with a moral crisis and declining Christianity.

You might be curious about what I am teaching to them. It is actually simple. First, it is "to live for the sake of others." More specifically, my teaching is that the individual lives for the family, the family for the society, the society for a people, a people for a nation, a nation for the world and the world for God. Then, God will come to us.

In the family, parents are to live for children, children for parents, husband for wife and wife for husband. Anyone who lives for others more than his or her own self will become a central person on the side of goodness.

Second, I am teaching people to "love

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in the Last Days

Ladies and gentlemen: currently, America is recognized as the superpower of the world, but unless it stands straight on the providential line of God, it will not continue to prosper. Let us look at the history of civilization. Ancient civilizations were born mainly in the tropics and subtropics. Examples include the civilizations of the Mayas, Incas, Egypt, Mesopotamia, India and China. Yet the sphere of civilization moves from place to place.

Had we not fallen, civilization would have begun in the warm zone, corresponding to spring, and moved to the cool zone, corresponding to autumn. This is the warm-zone civilization centered today on the free world, the western civilization. In general, when viewing the equator as the center, nations such as America, England, Germany and so forth, linked around the latitude of 23 degrees north, are the developed countries of the west.

With the end of the cool zone civilization of autumn, the cold zone civilization of winter comes for a short time. This is the appearance of Communism. Many intellectuals may think that the cold war system disappeared after the dissolution of Soviet Union, but materialism and atheism are still prevalent throughout the world. They manifest in two major ideologies, democracy and communism, both of which are gradually losing power.

God's ideal of creation should have begun in the warm zone of spring, but due to the fall of the first human ancestors, it started as the tropical zone civilization. Now, the civilization of the true spring that we have been seeking from time immemorial will appear, overcoming the crisis of tropical zone civilization and the threats of cold zone civilization. Who will be able to melt the block of ice frozen in the heart of God? And how will he do it? It is impossible with power, money, science or knowledge.

As we can see from this movement of civilization centering on rivers and coastlines, the center of civilization is not fixed but is always moving to different parts of the globe. Human civilization began to develop around the Tigris and Euphrates and the Nile Rivers. The center of human civilization then shifted to the Mediterranean, especially focusing upon Greece, Rome, Spain, and Portugal. The center of human civilization then moved to the Atlantic, focusing upon Britain and the United States. Ultimately it has born fruit in the Pacific Ocean civilization of the United States, Japan, and Korea. Thus, as viewed in this way - from the perspective of the history of cultures - the Korean Peninsula occupies a very important position. To the north of Korea lie the ultimate points of the cold region civilization that link Russia and China.

To the south lie the ultimate points of the cool region civilization that link the United States and Japan.

Thus, it is consistent with the Providential viewpoint that Korea gives rise to a warm region civilization representing the spring season of world history and having the capability to digest both the cold and cool region civilizations. From this aspect, the fact that Rev. Moon - who has dedicated his life to solving the North-South problem and the East-West problem - has come from Korea can only be described as the summation of God's providence.

In fact, throughout my life I have transcended race, ideology and national boundaries to pursue a movement for one world under God. It is because of God's providence that I have traveled this path. This is the principle of providential history - not a theory that I specially devised. I was enlightened regarding the will of Heaven, and rather than letting this remain as an idea alone, I have worked to bring God's concept to reality. Externally, there is no place in any region of the world where I have not been active. I have inspired evangelical and business activities in Alaska, in Antarctica, and in the countries of the former Soviet Union, in the 33 countries of South and Central America and throughout Asia and Africa. We are making preparations to solve problems that humanity will face over the coming millennium, such as environmental pollution, hunger, and disease. In recent years, I have worked center-



ing on the Pantanal and Amazon regions of Brazil to lay a substantive foundation to protect the Earth's environment.

On the other hand as regards the internal aspects, I have worked through the International Holy Blessing and the Pure Love movement. Some 430 million couples around the world have participated here, adding further impetus to the building of the Kingdom of God on Earth that God has longed to see for such a long time.

Ladies and Gentlemen: up until now, countries possessing superior power politically, militarily, and economically have controlled the world. However, no country can exist eternally unless it is in line with God's providence. The fall of the once glorious Greek and Roman civilizations are good examples of this.

The United States, which today stands tall as a super power, is in the same

position as Rome was in the past. The fall of Rome occurred more as a result of the internal cause of moral corruption than from any external invasions. Moral corruption caused Rome to lose the support of heavenly fortune.

In recent history, political forces favoring dialectical materialism and the materialistic view of history went so far as to take control of over one third of

the world's population and two thirds of its land area, including the former Soviet Union and China. That expansion, however, could not stand forever.

The time will come when religious leaders who speak for the Will of God will rise to prominence. Religious leaders are prophets. They must stand in the place God wills, declare God's will,

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CALENDAR

APRIL 2001

- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
Dedication Ceremony for the Chung Shim Tap Memorial Tower & Jeong Shim Won Prayer Hall (2000)
- 7 42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
Declaration for the Blessed Family (1995)
- 9 True Parents' Blessing (3/16/60)
Dae Hyung Nim's Ascension
- 10 1265 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1992)
Women's Federation for World Peace Established (1992)
Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 Day of the Resurrection of Shimjung (1960)
Day of the Resurrection of Substance (1961)
- 18 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 22 Noticias del Mundo Established (1980)
- 26 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
- 27 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)

MAY 2001

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
Ceremony for the Total Dissolution of Resentment (1975)
- 3 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- 15 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
Citizen's Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (1987)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 23 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West Victory (1999)

JUNE 2001

- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
1st Stage of the 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 16 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 17 Declaration of the Return of the Sea to Heavenly Dominion (2000)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

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and point the way that humanity must go. However, the splintering of denominations and the struggles among religious groups that we see today serve no purpose other than to hinder God's providence. That is why I have for years devoted 90 percent of our church's budget to activities that reach out to other denominations and other religions so as to contribute to the resolution of inter-religious conflict.

I also founded the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace for the following three purposes: to facilitate harmony and unity among religious groups, to contribute to resolving the conflicts that are going on in many areas of the world, and to help bring about world peace. Most recently, I founded the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace, and this body has held seven international Hoon Dok Hae conferences.

All people should go beyond racial and religious differences, understand God's providence to bring His ideal world of creation into reality, and ultimately unite with God's heart. It is heart that will bring faith, hope, and love - which humankind have been pursuing - to their ultimate conclusion.

We must recover the heartistic relationship with God that we lost as a result of the human fall, and recover the positions of parent and child as God originally envisioned them to be. Thus, the Last Day that God has promised to us is the day when True Parents come. In other words, it is the day when the multitudes of people in the world, who lost their Parent as a result of the fall, will again be able to meet their original Parent. Thus, the True Parents are the final fruit of the desires and hopes of all humankind. They are the final fruit of the victories wrought throughout human history.

The Unification Church has worked to disseminate this tradition throughout the world through the International Holy Blessing Ceremony. The fact that black people, white people and yellow people are able to come together as brothers and sisters - beyond their differences of ethnicity, race, or skin color - to form loving married couples is among the most significant factors in accomplishing God's will. Today, through beginning to realize the blessed family tradition, humankind is beginning to recover the relationships of brother and sister, husband and wife, and parent and child as originally envisioned by God. Ultimately, we must go as far as to liberate God, who has been in the depths of sorrow ever since He lost His children. It is only then that the path to true happiness will be opened.

Until now, democracy has called for "human freedom" and "human liberation." In contrast, we must call for "God's freedom" and "the liberation of God." When we succeed in relieving God's sorrow, human liberation and the recovery of human freedom will follow automatically. Each of you should realize that you were born to liberate God and to liberate the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen: there is profound significance in the fact that I am

discussing God's providence across the United States. In many ways, the United States is a country prepared by God's blessing. The forefathers who built this country were the Pilgrim Fathers, who risked their lives for the sake of the freedom of religion and came to America seeking a land of freedom.

For the sake of their search for true religious freedom, these people left behind their parents, brothers and sis-



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ters, and homelands. They were even prepared to cut their ties to their home country as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean at the risk of their lives.

When the Mayflower arrived in New England in November 1620, it was already late autumn. While they endured their first winter, more than half of the 102 people who first arrived died of the cold and hunger. What was particularly remarkable about them was that many died refusing to eat the precious seeds reserved for planting the next spring.

The Puritans strongly believed in serving the will of God in every aspect of their lives. After taking in their first harvest, they offered thanks to God. They first built a church and a school, and it was only after that that they set about to build houses where they themselves would live.

In the course of their pioneering, the Pilgrims began every activity with prayer. This was true whether it was plowing a field or fighting a war. When George Washington was at Valley Forge during the War of Independence, he must have prayed with great desperation. In a battle fought for the sake of God's will, God sided with America. In England, the king and the people were united in fighting that war, yet in America, it was fought by God and His beloved sons and daughters. Isn't this how the United States came into existence as a country advocating freedom of faith?

Even now, the United States Congress opens with a prayer. When the President is sworn into office, he places his hand on the Bible as he takes the oath of office, and a member of the clergy blesses him. America even prints the words "In God we trust" on its money. America is unique in the world in the level of importance it attaches to God. This is how the United States has come to occupy a unique position as a mainly Protestant country with worldwide influence.

What about America today, though? Prayer in public schools is officially banned. The theory of evolution is given preference to the theory of creation in education. The divorce rate of around 50 percent is completely obliterating the sanctity of the family.

In 1971, I left my family and homeland to come to America, because I heard the voice of God sharing His concern about the current state of affairs here. Upon arriving here, I cried out that I had come as a fireman to a house that was on fire and as a physician to cure America of disease. Even then, I discovered that God was leaving America. It should be possible to find God everywhere in America, but God was departing from the hearts of people, from the families and from the schools. It seems like only yesterday that I stood on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan and wept openly as I held on to God to keep Him from leaving America. Unfortunately, America has persisted in going the way of moral deterioration, as I predicted.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I would like to ask you this. Why do you suppose Rev. Moon continues to cry out to Americans in spite of all the opposition and suffering he endures? It is because I know better than anyone the blood, sweat, and tears that God shed in the course of establishing this country. During the past thirty years in America, I have not spent so much as a single day in comfort.

Who is the master of America? It is neither white Americans nor black Americans. The true master of America is



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the person who loves America as God does. Also, I continue to plead with you because God has chosen America as the first son, the nation representing the elder son realm in building the Kingdom of God on Earth. Even now, Jesus is spiritually present mainly in America, and is offering earnest prayers that his purpose will be accomplished in America.

In 1982, in accordance with the will of God, I founded The Washington Times in Washington, D.C. Ever since then, this newspaper has led American public opinion as a conservative news medium showing the path that America must follow. Also I have pursued a strong movement for national and world salvation through the true family values movement and the pure love movement for young people. I have invested in America in expectation that this country would stand upright before God's

providence.

When I visited America in 1965, I blessed an area near the White House as a holy ground, and even today many people gather there and pray for America through the night. I hope each of you will open your hearts and that you will be able to hear the earnest desires of the Pilgrim Fathers and the many patriots who have lived in America's history.

Ladies and Gentlemen: the new millennium that has just begun is the time period in which God's six thousand-year salvation providence is brought to an end and God's ideal of creation is realized throughout the cosmos. This period is also the time when the lamentations of creation, which lost its true masters as a result of the fall, are finally over. This is the time when the Parent and children who have been long-separated meet again. The new Earth and new Heaven, where there are no tears, are to be established. It is an age when there is free communication between the spirit world and the physical world, and when God's Kingdom is established in Heaven and on Earth.

The transition moment of the start of a new millennium marks the completion of the New Testament Age, the point at which the promises of the Old Testament and New Testament are fulfilled. The future will be a time when God's realm of direct dominion will become apparent through His omnipresence and omniscience. It is an age when the East and West will come together centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth as "one universe under God" so that a grand family of humankind is formed on Earth. This means the perfection of the Completed Testament Age, in which the promises of the Old Testament and New Testament will be fulfilled.

The time has come. The time has come when America must awaken once again. It is time for the country as a whole to create a new movement to build true parents, true families, a true country and a true world centered on God. In this way, America must keep God from leaving, and again become a society that attends Him. God worked a thousand years to establish America. If He leaves America, where can He go?

If America attends God properly, all America's problems - the family problems, moral problems, youth problems and racial problems - will be solved naturally. When America becomes a place where people of all races can live together in harmony, it will be a model for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

It is time for us to unite together and open the path that humankind must travel. It is time for America, as the elder son nation, to take the lead in attending God and to complete its mission as the helmsman that brings the nations of the world to God. I ask you to stand with me in accomplishing this historic task.

Again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you distinguished guests for your presence here. I would like to conclude by expressing my hope for the beginning of a new millennial Kingdom overflowing with peace, freedom and justice in Heaven and on Earth. ❖

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Los Angeles CA—March 15

The City of Angels spread its wings proudly for a luscious banquet and revival meeting at the magnificent Westin Bonaventure Hotel. An enthusiastic crowd of 2600 gathered for the "We Will Stand" tour which is reaching all across this land in an effort for greater inter-religious cooperation, family values, and the ultimate accomplishment of world peace.

Prayer breakfasts by the local chapter of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) and the ACLC throughout the past year on a regular basis paved the way for this tremendous response.

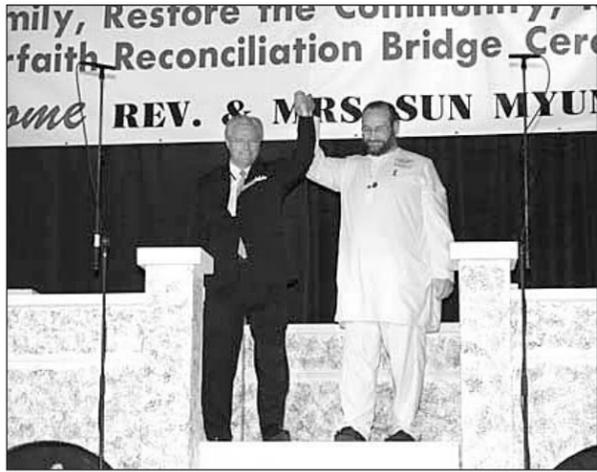
Sponsored in part by the American Clergy Leadership Conferences (ACLC) Father Sun Myung Moon was the keynote speaker.

Reverend Kene Holiday was inspirational as the early program master of ceremonies. Reverend Holiday was a star of "Matlock" on television and is now a powerful preacher of the Gospel.

Reverend Jesse Edwards of the Philadelphia Pentacostalists spoke briefly with conviction, reaffirming the heavenly

anointing of Father Moon and this movement for reconciliation, revival, and interfaith rapprochement.

Reverend Dr. Connie Crawford Bansa of Chicago set the pulpit and the ban-



quet ablaze with her remarks as well.

"When Reverend Moon was called by God he must have asked God, just like Moses — 'How am I, as a Korean man, going to evangelize America?'"

"God then must have told Father Moon, 'As I was with Moses, so shall I be with you. Do not worry about what to say. Just Go! Go and proclaim my Word to America and my Word will do the rest. Just open your mouth and shout!'"



"He shouted and he was spit upon, He shouted and he was put in prison. Oh Glory, Glory, as it was with Jesus, they called him a liar, a blasphemer, a prince of demons, they lied upon him, put and prison and nailed him to the cross. But my God has power. Reverend Moon was lied on, talked about, cheated, mistreated, beaten and imprisoned but GloryGlooooooorieeeeeee! My God has power. We will stand. We will stand!"

The Reverend Dr. Cecil Murray of the First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME) Church, the oldest black church in Los Angeles, introduced Father Moon with affection and respect. He is well-known in Los Angeles and throughout America as the minister who set up "peace headquarters" when riots broke out in South Central Los Angeles over 30 years ago.

FAME has grown from a congregation of just over 300 members in 1977, to over



17,000 under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Murray.

After an hour or so of inspired remarks, Father Moon read from the prepared speech, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium," with simultaneous translation by Mr. Peter Kim.

The audience was mesmerized, educated, edified...and uplifted along with countless heavenly hosts. Hallelujah! "Blessed are the peace-makers..."

Regional report ❖



Little Rock AR—March 16

Little Rock, another great city along the Bible Belt, was the 20th stop of the 51-day, 47-city "We Will Stand" tour of America. Over 700 people gathered at the Robinson Center Music Hall.

The original church hosting the event canceled with about one week before the scheduled arrival of this crusade for reconciliation and revival. This left the organizing committee in a completely impossible situation, but a hall was secured at the last moment.

One pastor who received one of 80,000 leaflets handed out prior to the event by volunteers was Reverend Della Rosa. He was curious when he saw that it was affiliated with Father Moon and decided to come. He was so amazed to find a preacher who taught that the fall of Adam and Eve was the misuse of love.

"He is the first preacher I ever met that had this revelation about the fall. For years this is what I believed and yet I never could find any support for this. I wish Reverend Moon would have never stopped talking. I heard that he has 400 volumes of speeches. I need those speeches. Where can I get those?"

The sole local speaker at

the event was the Rev. Charles E. Williams of Greater Paradise Baptist Church. He gave the invocation.

Reverend Wendell Blair a founding member of the American Clergy Leadership Conference from Dallas was truly inspired and stood up firmly.

"They labeled all the great religious leaders in history. Jesus himself was considered a cult leader. They called Reverend Moon a cult leader. I'm here to tell you that I can see the fruits of this ministry. This is no cult. This is the work of God! I want to ask all of the clergy here to join the American Clergy Leadership Conference. Let us

come forward now to move this nation!"

"Reverend Moon is teaching and preaching for the true God, true parents and true love," Blair said. "This ministry is all about interrelationships and interdenominations."

"This is a ministry of all Christian people coming together," said the Reverend Michael Jenkins, president of the Family

Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). Reverend Jenkins and Reverend Blair were speaking of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, which was founded by Father Moon in May and includes "12,000 pastors from across America," according to Reverend Jenkins.

When two local gospel acts did not show up, the Reverend Blair led the gathering in a cappella version of "This Little Light of Mine" accompanied by hand clapping, and then a



gospel tune, accompanied by a Hammond organ and drums.

One of the most famous choirs in the country — the Mississippi Mass Choir performed after the keynote address of Father Moon.

Bishop Cody Smith gave a short sermon and it was then all in attendance knew that the Holy Spirit was moving in a mighty way. After just three words the whole audience was to it's feet crying out.

Praise the Lord! Some are sticking their toes in the water. A few are jumping in. The water is fine.

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Jackson MS—March 17

Revs. Man Ho Kim, Dong Woo Kim, Kasongo, Cutts and Mahoungo and all of the Atlanta Region are getting the reputation for having the Golden Touch. Mississippi like Atlanta was totally blessed. Mississippi has our state leader and two Japanese families that work at the fish restaurant. Our New York family converged with the Atlanta family and pulled a truly great event. The banquet hall was packed. Before the meeting a press conference was held. Bishop Amzie Cotton, Rev. Satan Wachstetter, Rev. Herring, Rev. Ron Moore, Rev. Roberta Porter, and Minister Eddie Muhammad with Rev. Jenkins did the We Will Stand press conference. Both TV stations and the major Jackson newspaper covered the event with the headline, "MOON MAKES 'STAND' IN MISS."

The preliminary article from the week before highlighted pro and con starting with a detractor criticizing Rev. Moon. Bishop Amzie Cotton who is now one of the 120. He disagreed, "I was worked against Rev. Moon for 15 years. All the time I worked against him was based on what I heard others say. When I finally heard him, I completely turned around." Father's message was so well received in Mississippi that Father could begin to explain about Jesus'

heart. Father began to cry. It was from the very heart of God.

After the speech, during the awards ceremony, Rev. Ron Moore was on the stage with the clergy at the end. He was at the doctor on Friday and was



told that his cholesterol was 300 and that he had a serious ulcer. While Father and Mother were shaking hands with the clergy Rev. Moore was distracted so Father tapped his stomach to get his attention. He just called with such excitement. He went to the doctor on two days after the event. The doctor did some tests with absolute astonishment on his face. "The ulcer is gone!! I can't believe it. Also your cholesterol is now 100!! It's a miracle." Rev. Moore immediately thought of the tap Father gave him on his stomach. He knew from whence the healing had

come!!" Col. Don Taylor who was undersecretary for the Department of Energy also honored Father and Mother. If you could see how significant and patriotic the support for our True Parent's is throughout America you would be totally amazed. The paper quoted Father as saying, "I've been the object of scrutiny of years. I carry no animosity. Jesus Christ forgave his tormentors." The audience was melted. State Senator Hillman Frazier sacrificed a meeting with U.S. Sen. Ted Cochran to attend the event. He sent wife instead. Rev. Wachstetter sacrificed his plan to go to Russia so that he could welcome True Parents. America is responding. The momentum is building. Please keep up your prayers for our True Parents.

Rev. Michael Jenkins

More than 700 people filled the Jackson Hilton & Convention Center, here in the heart of the Bible Belt, on a Saturday evening to share in the fellowship of the "We Will Stand" tour. The program featured interfaith messages and songs of reconciliation and hope for America and the family.

Prior to the assembly, a press conference was held.

Archbishop Amzie Cotton, pastor of Greater True Vine Full Gospel Church of Jackson, Bishop Roberta Porter, pastor of Wings of Faith Church of Deliverance Inc., also of Jackson, Reverend Stan Wachstetter, Reverend Herring, Reverend Ron Moore and Minister Eddie Muhammad of the Nation of Islam along with Reverend Michael Jenkins of the Family Federation all had much to say. Both TV stations and the major Jackson newspaper covered the event with the headline: "MOON MAKES STAND IN MISS".

Archbishop Amzie Cotton stated to the press: "I have worked against Reverend Moon for 15 years. All the time I worked against him was based on what I heard others say. When I finally heard him, I completely turned around."

In another comment later, John Hancock, pastor of Calvary Apostolic Church in McComb stated: "I love much of what the Reverend Moon says about dismantling the forces of bigotry and hate, but that does not convince me of the validity of his religious beliefs. For whatever theologic faults he has, the man has a tremendous persona," Hancock said.

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Norfolk VA—March 19

The Sheraton Waterside Hotel was the venue for another historic event in the annals of "Old Dominion" history. The atmosphere and temperature down by the riverside (the Elizabeth River) was fine and burdens were indeed "laid down" as spirits were lifted for approximately 900 eager, or at least, curious and hopeful, pilgrims.

Father Moon and "The We Will Stand" tour moored at the dockside, making ripples that surely reached out to the sea.

Reverend Levy Mathew Daugherty, Executive Director of the United Federation of Churches and Chairman of the Board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Life Institute welcomed the gathering with gusto after a musical interlude by the Voices of Inspiration and the Voices of Praise — the former of St. Andrew's Temple (Church of God in Christ); the latter of the Miracle Tabernacle Church.

Bishop Lauretta Jones, Pastor of St. Andrew's Temple gave the invocation.

A sumptuous banquet followed, accompanied by more heavenly music, this time with the additional voice of Pastor Cynthia Chapman of the Mission of Deliverance Temple.

Proclamations and letters of welcome were highlighted and shared with the audience by Mr. Peter Brown of the American Family Coalition, Mid-Atlantic Region.

A document called the "Declaration of Interdependence" written by Mr. Brown, inspired by the spirit of this

interfaith crusade, as well as a founding father or two was read later by Bishop George Augustus Stallings of the Imani Temple in Washington, D.C.



It was signed by all the ministers, civic leaders, and educators in attendance, including Father and Mother Moon. It reads in part :

"Walls of separation have no place in the springtime of God's world. Race, culture, language and theology must bow to the tears of love flowing from our Creator's heart. The Creator of Parental Love could only wish for his children to finally live in peace.

As Leaders of Faith, we stand together, joined by the unchanging love of the God who cared for all of us throughout our lonely and tragic history. We reject the ignorance and coldness of heart that has separated people of faith. We declare with boldness and

courage that men and women of God must march together into a new world of peace and true love. We affirm with pride that all people are created by God and are thus our brothers and sisters. We honor and respect the worldwide family of humankind and its many religious traditions."

Special remarks were also shared by Dr. Ray O. Jones, Pastor of the Lee Memorial Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia as well as Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Senior Pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ of Harlem, New York.

Reverend Michael Jenkins, President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification spoke briefly as well and then introduced Dr. Milton A. Reid, Founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Life Institute and Pastor Emeritus of Gideon's Riverside Fellowship.

Dr. Reid then happily introduced the keynote speaker of this jam-packed evening, Father Sun Myung Moon.

Speaking extemporaneously for about

an hour — the ocean and fishing being mentioned prominently from the outset — he was warmly received by the crowd of ministers and their congregants. His comments were both provocative and familiar. Heads nodded in agreement with many of his words and an "Amen" or two was definitely heard.

Father Moon then read speedily from the prepared text, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium". Mr. Peter Kim gave simultaneous translation.

Presentations followed these speeches, including several gold watches to ministers from Father Moon as an expression of respect and appreciation. Some others in the audience also received watches or one of the other door prizes prepared by the invitation committee.

Afterwards, Dr. Vern T. Jordahl, a Lutheran, was slated to read "In Search of the Origin of the Universe". In all honesty, however, he got up, faced the audience and said that though he was supposed to read it, and that it was surely an amazing sermon, too, he would just read a couple of important excerpts that had caught his attention. He did so, ad-libbing a bit himself, and then encouraged everyone to read the whole sermon later.

Reverend Daugherty gave some closing remarks and Bishop Anthony Moses, Senior Pastor of the New Discipleship Church, Chesapeake, Virginia gave the final benediction.

Regional report ❖



50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Providence RI—March 18

Revs. Kim, Buessing and Groenendyk did an excellent job in Providence. Father was very interested in the name Providence. Providence of God. In his opening Abonim said, "It means this city is special in God's eyes." Special thanks to our media team there, Bill Brunhofer and all. Another victory in a state with very few members. Father had a lot of give and take from the stage with Rev. Minty DeKock a South African minister who has tremendous confidence in True Parents and Father's teaching. Rev. DeKock kept shouting "Amen" so loud and "I believe in you" that it really gave Father a boost. When asked how we are to be born again Father pointed out how big Rev. DeKock's body is and that he can't go back into the womb. The audience roared. Father was particularly pleased in Providence because of the beautiful representation of all colors in the audience.

Earlier that day we were interviewed by the main paper of Providence and the NBC and ABC affiliate. About 7 ministers joined in the press conference. Rev. Valentine, Rev. Kuma, Rev. DeKock, Rev. Valery, Rev. Buessing, former State Representative Bob Ouellette and a few more. Bishop Baymon was the featured national evangelist. He spoke out righteously that this was the movement to save the family. The other ministers went forward one after the other, Rev. Moon is God's prophet, Rev. Moon is the chosen leader to bring the races together. Rev. Moon is another Dr. King. All these quotations were very exciting to hear as the momentum of the conference as well as the tour is spreading like wild fire.

Then suddenly breaking with the common assessment of Rev. Moon by the Invitational Committee Members ~ Rev. DeKock stunned everyone by bursting out "He is the Messiah". Everyone took a deep breath for a moment and then he boomed again, (His voice would be best described as a deep, rich sonic boom type voice, "That's right that's what I said ~ He's the Messiah. He's the anointed one. Jesus chosen and whether you like it or not he's the one. The only reason people are holding back is because they are still holding on to their old dogmas and prejudices that will only continue to divide. It's time for the church

to let go !!" Somehow these shocking statements are reverberating around through a shocked room until finally one of the ministers said, "Amen!" Then everyone immediately returned to a sense of inner strength and pride. The Providence



Journal's headline was, Rev. Moon Goes Mainstream in 50 State Tour" A quote from Rev. Jenkins was in caption form at the side of a beautiful picture of Father. The quote said, "Years ago, you may have heard that Rev. Moon was not very popular, Times have changed." (By the way this tour has successfully replaced all those old persecution prone shots of Father that were not complimentary - Every paper in the country has fresh new complimentary photos). The first paragraph was powerful. In a program drawing support from the states top political figures the Rev. Sun Myung Moon calls for an increase in family values."

Dr. Jorge Alveraz, Principal and key figure in the Rhode Island educational system presented Father and Mother with the "True Teacher Award". The Korean War Veterans of Rhode Island came out and presented Father with a beautiful framed collage of photos of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. All the veterans on the tour have stayed until the very end. The video highlight of Father's imprisonment in communist prison and subsequent refugee photos and the first mud hut church of the Unification Church creates an unbreakable bond between these patriots and True Parents. (These are the valiant men who gave their lives for freedom, both for America and the

world. That condition gives them a base to understand Father like no other generation.)

How sad it is for God that this generation could not have been the ones to STAND with him in 1945 ~ 1952. Their experience of sacrifice and suffering is far greater than that of their sons and daughters. However, we take comfort in the fact that a new spirit is rising in America where Americans are coming forward, both American Blessed Couples and American Clergy who are feeling the call to lay down our lives for the cause of the Heaven.

I want to ask all Americans to consider this time as one of the greatest opportunity to set your family and nations name in the heavenly scroll as those who, like the signers of the Declaration, like those who fell at Bunker Hill, like those who fell at Gettysburg, like those who died at Verdun, Bataan, Normandy, Pork Chop Hill and Saigon. Like those who died as Christian martyrs that America might live. We blessed families and blessed clergy are rising together following the sacrifice of our True Parents for the will of Heaven.

Every morning we read the Coronation for God's Kingship prayers and speech. Father says in the speech, "If you die you will what?? Live." Do you want America to live??? Then die for America. Die for the unity of Christianity to become a soul force that will heal this land. If you die for the will of heaven you will never die but you will live.

The tour is only half way spent. You still have time. Don't hesitate. Give your life for your nation and your nation will live. I love America but my nation is in deep sorrow and trouble. Those who step forward now to die for the nation as Washington, King and MacArthur did will be those who can light her path into this new Millennium. Who will hold up this blazing torch? Who will stand together with clergy who night after night cross the boundary that Christians have never crossed before. That God's anointed leader, the leader that Jesus has anointed is now before us. These 120 that are proclaiming this are paying a heavy price. Will you stand with them? Those who sacrifice as our Parents have will have great fortune as central blessed families. Thank You America.

Rev. Michael Jenkins

Providence—indeed, that is what brought this historic rainbow gathering of races and religions together on a cool March evening. "We Will Stand" the national tour of hope and reconciliation arrived on its 22nd stop with Father Sun Myung Moon as the keynote speaker. Over 400 people crowded into a ballroom at the Providence Marriott for a feast of spiritual as well as physical "nutrition."

Bishop Baymon was the featured national evangelist. He spoke out righteously stating that "this ("We Will Stand") movement was the movement to save the family."

Other ministers from the Invi-

tational Committee came forward one after another, complimenting Father Moon as a "prophet of God" and "another Dr. King".

Rev. Rufus Oscar Kuma, of the Living Hope Assembly of God church in Pawtucket sought to reassure his fellow clergy.

"Father Moon is not trying to convert people to his church but is only trying to unite various religious faiths into one community."

The Rev. Michael Jenkins, president of The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), called Father Moon "a prophet reviled by many in his own time but carrying a message of eternal validity."

Rev. Minty DeKock, a South African minister was particularly confident in his appraisal, declaring, "He's the messiah. He's the anointed one, Jesus' chosen. And whether you like it or not he's the one. The only reason people are holding back is because they are still holding onto their old dogmas and prejudices that will only continue to divide. Its time for the church to let go! "

Declarations of support came from U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee, Governor Almond and Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr.

Chafee and Cianci hailed Father Moon as a unifier of people. Governor Almond and Mayor Cianci both proclaimed the day as "We Will Stand Day" in Rhode Island.

A video biography preceded the introduction to Father Moon's sermon. It includes unforgettable images of his imprisonment in communist North Korea, refugee photos and that of the mud hut that became the Unification Church. For veterans especially, it affirms their respect and a bond of common suffering that cannot be broken or easily understood.

In his opening remarks, Father Moon stated, "providence" means that this city is special in God's eyes.

When asked how we are to be born again by someone in the audience, Father Moon pointed out how big Rev. DeKock's body is and said, "He can't go back into the womb!"

The audience roared.

He spoke extemporaneously with Mr. Peter Kim giving simultaneous translation for the most part, though often interjecting an English phrase or sentence.

Afterwards, he read speedily from the prepared text, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium". Mr. Peter Kim gave simultaneous translation.

"People used to say, don't go to see Rev. Moon and look in his eyes, you'll be brainwashed," he said.

Father Moon urged his audience to follow his example to "preach the truth with courage, no matter how much persecution they encounter".

As the evening drew to a close, Dr. Jorge Alveraz, Principal and key figure in the Rhode Island educational system presented Father Moon with the True Teacher Award.

The Korean War Veterans of Rhode Island also came on stage in a truly poignant moment, presenting Father Moon with a beautiful framed collage of photos of the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

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During the keynote address, Father Moon began to extemporaneously explain about the heart of Jesus. Tears streamed down his cheeks. He gave it all in his message to the responsive audience.

In a local newspaper, Father Moon was quoted as saying, "I've been the object of scrutiny for years. I carry no animosity. Jesus Christ forgave his tormentors."

After the speech, during an awards ceremony, Reverend Ron Moore was on the stage with other clergy. He was at the doctor on the prior Friday and had been told that his cholesterol was 300 and that he had a serious ulcer. While Father and Mother Moon were shaking hands with the clergy, Reverend Moore was distracted for a moment. Father Moon tapped his stom-

ach to get his attention.

Two days after the event, he went to the doctor. After some tests and with absolute astonishment his doctor told him, "The ulcer is gone! I can't believe it. Also your cholesterol is now 100!"

Reverend Moore immediately thought of the tap Father Moon gave him on the stomach. He believes it had to have been healed at that moment.

Colonel Don Taylor who was undersecretary for the Department of Energy also honored Father and Mother Moon.

State Senator Hillman Frazier sacrificed a meeting with U.S. Senator Ted Cochran to attend the event.

Reverend Wachstetter gave up a planned trip to Russia so that he could welcome Father and Mother Moon and this historic caravan of faith, hope, and love.

Regional report ❖

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Wilmington DE—March 20

In the Wyndham Wilmington Hotel, Wilmington, Delaware, the banquet room was filled to overflowing. It was another warm evening of fellowship for those assembled to welcome the interfaith "We Will Stand" national tour.

Father Sun Myung Moon was the keynote speaker.

The invocation was given by Reverend Dr. Jay Macklin followed by welcoming remarks by Reverend Michael Jenkins, president of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

Reverend Jesse Edwards of the Philadelphia Pentecostals preached with fire briefly, testifying to the Holy Spirit work in the ministry of Father Moon.

Pastor Wilbert Russell, Reverend Lt. Todd Johnston (Salvation Army), Minister Robert Muhammed (Nation of Islam), and Reverend Terrance Griffin were recognized and each also spoke briefly.

Dinner was enjoyed with musical deserts performed by the Sussex Community Gospel Mass Choir led by Mr. Robert Brown and the Glorious Full Gospel Mass Tabernacle and Youth Choir. The Spirit and True Fellowship Praise Team were the whipped cream.

Reverend Purnell Spicer of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) was the evening's master of ceremonies.

Father Sun Myung Moon began his remarks after the brief biographical video and a thunderous ovation. Mr. Peter Kim provided simultaneous translation.

"Who does God like most — Blacks, Asians, or Whites? Have you thought that God's face has three colors? God decides to have a universal face. What kind of person will God love? God's love is true

love, so God will love a person of true love. God's love is a unique, unchanging, and eternal love."

"Harmony. I would like to have a har-



monious and symbiotic relationship with the audience, but with harmony there must also be order."

"I am 81 years old. How many ministers are at least 81?", he asked at one point.

Three ministers raised their hands. "Who is the oldest being in the world? God is. God is the Grandfather of all grandfathers, the Father of all fathers, and the Elder Brother of all elder brothers."

"Can anyone say, 'I know God because I met God'? What part of God do you love? I have spoken with God. You may not reject that. I know the tradition of God in the spirit world. People labeled me with all kinds of crazy ideas—brainwasher, family breaker, etc. But at 81, I am stronger than ever because God has been with me and my work every step of the way."

"The three most precious things are life, love, and lineage. Which is the most precious? It is complicated. When we see a tree grow but it suddenly stops growing and even begins to die, we have to trim it. Life and love cannot multiply the tree in such a way that it will be able to bear fruit. What does it take in human life? Lineage, blood lineage. Without having secured your blood lineage, you cannot have a heavenly family. Grandparents, parents, and brothers and sisters — we need three generations. It takes lineage to form your family."

"Do we still have Jesus' lineage or the lineage of his twelve disciples on earth today?" No. No true lineage was established ... Adam and Eve committed the fall before they established the true lineage. Their children had nothing to do with God ... When you look at the result of the fall, God could not have his own children, grandchildren, and family. But Satan did. Therefore, God has been a God of grief and lamentation."

"If we understand God, you have to absolutely protect your purity. As a pastor, don't you want to teach your children



this way? In the Garden of Eden, they could not resist. Everything was lost. No lineage, love, or life connected God with Adam and Eve."

"From Luke 17, we know 'whoever seeks to gain their life will lose it...'

"Would you still like to believe that a physical fruit caused the fall? Jesus said, 'You must be reborn.' But how can you go into your mother's womb again? Humanity's only choice is to go through the messiah as true parents grafting to the true olive tree."

"For this purpose Reverend Moon started giving the Holy Blessing Ceremony over forty years ago."

"We should all become true parents ourselves with true children, creating a true family. Otherwise, we cannot go into the Kingdom of Heaven."

"If we ever discriminated in the past, we have to repent. Who else can say these things? I must give the message from God. I did not come to save just white people — I came to save Christianity."

After his extensive impromptu remarks, Father Moon read from the prepared speech, "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium," again simultaneously translated by Mr. Peter Kim.

Bishop Eric Figueroa then read another of Father Moon's sermons with vigor and grace.

Flowers were presented and the Eastwick United Methodist Mass Choir and Praise Team and the Gospel Temple Baptist Church Choir performed in finale.

Reverend Michael Jenkins closed the evening with a few final remarks.

Regional report ❖

Des Moines IA—March 22

Rev. Seo, Rev. Jim Gavin, and the Minneapolis Family as well as Rev. Kim from New York joined forces in IOWA with Rev. David Payer and Rev. Bob Mason to do a magnificent event. Around 700 came to the ballroom. The majority of the audience was made up of clergy. Although, for most it was the first time to be with True Parents or any event done by the Family Federation but it surely will not be the last.

Rev. Harold White came from Chicago to be the tour evangelist. He is Dean of the Baptist Ministers Conference for Chicago representing 1400 Baptist Churches. He has a very powerful radio show on Sunday morning from 9:00 ~ 10:00 am on the number one gospel radio station. He hosts the show along with its founder and our closed minister, the Rev. Dr. Spencer Leake. Every Christian in Chicago knows about "Truth Speaks" Dr. White did a fantastic presentation. He explained in very clear terms why we need True Parents and why we must support Rev. Moon. He explained that Jesus had brought us to liberation through the salvation of the cross. Jesus promised that he would come again. It is in this context that Jesus inspired Rev. Moon to become the True Parent, to take on the ministry and mission of Jesus and build the family



that was lost in the Garden of Eden. Therefore this movement for True Families is God's movement. This was a great way to start the movement in Iowa.

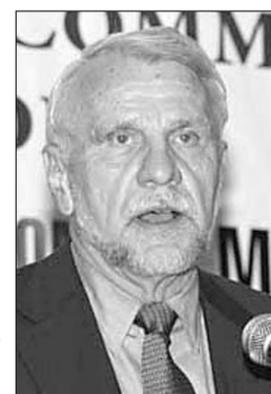
The Des Moines Register gave coverage. The headline read, "Moon in Des Moines, Pushes Marriage as Vital." Mostly covering the highlight of Father's speech. Especially about the misuse of the Love Organs. It also stated, "In recent years, Moon gained national attention for his efforts to break down society's racial and denominational walls. His church helped sponsor the Million Family March in 2000."

Hundreds of ministers came out. Imam Akao the Muslim leader and American Leadership Conference speaker and grad was in full support. Imam Akao expressed, "I'm so happy for the movement of Father Moon. He is bringing Moslems and Christians together and tearing down the walls. I lost my son who was murdered by a gang member. I was so extremely pained and crushed by this tragedy. But God works in mysterious ways. God led me to take to understand that the best way I could respond was to take the murderer into my home and love him and bring him to God. I did so and now the

man who took my son is now like a son to me. God is powerful. Father Moon is bringing this kind of love to the world." Good work Iowa. Rev. Michael Murray of the A.M.E. Zion Church and Rev. Bennett who pastors an interracial church were recipients of the Gold Watch.

Rev. Kim from New York reported that every one of the 600 churches in Des Moines were called or visited 3 times. They received our mailings. That's why you could see so many white and black pastors there. They came out to hear the word of God. Some were just curious, some were fascinated. The next morning at Hoon Dok Hae, Rev. White attended from 5:50 am. Dr. White is a scholar. He really enjoyed True Parents teaching. He heard all of the speech on the coronation ceremony for God's kingship and the reports of Jesus, Mohammad, Buddha and Confucius. He didn't blink an eye. When asked how he felt about the whole morning, Father Moon is a great teacher. I really enjoyed his class in the morning. I want to attend more of his classes. I learned so much about the family.

Rev. Michael Jenkins



An eager crowd of over 700 people greeted the "We Will Stand" interfaith and revival tour on its 26th stop at the Des Moines Marriott Thursday night. A large majority of the audience was made up of clergy, both local and national.

Reverend Dr. Harold White from Chicago was the evening's host evangelist. He is Dean of the Baptist Ministers Conference for Chicago which represents approximately fourteen hundred Baptist Churches.

He also hosts a very wonderful and powerful radio show on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 am on the number one gospel radio station along with its founder, the Reverend Dr. Spencer Leake. Every Christian in Chicago and many throughout the American heartland know about "Truth Speaks."

Reverend White gave a brief, but powerful presentation to the assembled. He explained in very clear terms why we need true parents and why it is imperative at this time to support Father Moon and the spirit and power of this "We Will Stand" movement.

"Jesus brought us liberation through the salvation of the cross and he prom-

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Detroit MI—March 21

Detroit was a good old-fashioned fight. Rev. Plummer, who has a small TV show and a few other ministers really challenged our ministers in Detroit. They claimed that everyone had been bought off and that Rev. Moon didn't have any real support there. This caused a headline in the Detroit Free Press entitled, "Baptist Ministers Upset by Rev. Moon's Visit". Rev. Plummer mistakenly accused the host minister of being unaware of Rev. Moon and that he was deceived. Rev. Jim Holley of Little Rock Baptist stood firm. He said he knew exactly who was coming and he didn't have the hang-ups that other narrow-minded people have. He would not cancel or change the event. This caused the media to look twice. Our media team led by Dr. Linda Boyd and Rev. Schanker sprung into action. Bishop Stallings did a counter blow interview that rocked Rev. Plummer's premise. The Pastors Are with Rev. Moon. Rev. Plummer claimed that he would stop all Christians from coming. The 120 ACLC ministers sprung into action. Rev. Wm. Revele stood very strong and helped organize the press conference. Rev. Edwards, Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Taylor, Rev. Obie Matthews of the prestigious Cornerstone Baptist Church and Rev. Tim Chambers. Every imaginable press outlet was there. The Detroit Free Press was firing away the questions.

Rev. Revele started off strong. He said that the reason he supports Rev. Moon is very simple. Rev. Moon's marriages have less than 5% divorce rate. How can we, who have a 50% plus divorce rate say we have nothing to learn from Rev. Moon. Rev. Revele was very strong. Dr. Taylor said without question I support Rev. Moon because I've have critically reviewed the fruits of his ministry and they are good. The World Peace effort and a Religious Body at the UN. The marriage and family values movement and breaking down racial and denominational walls. These fruits are good.

The Little Rock Baptist Church was packed. The atmosphere was highly charged when we arrived at the church as three television trucks were out front. Dr. Edwards spoke, Father Moon is anointed of God and his vision is right. Bishop Stallings was so inspiring that people were jumping to their feet. Bishop Stallings did something that he was famous in a 60 Minutes show for. He jumped on top of the pews and started preaching from the pews. Dr. Taylor, who is a theologian and a thoughtful preacher, made the audience roar with laughter when, after the spirit filled inspiration of Bishop Stallings, he stated in a slow well reasoned scholarly tone. Don't expect me to do what Bishop Stallings just did !!

He then perfectly complimented the Pentecostal spirit of Rev. Edwards and the spirit filled righteousness of Bishop Stallings and gave his well-reasoned statement and powerful statement on why he supports, "WE WILL STAND". Major Christian Leaders were there. Father Sayres of St. Jude Cathedral Roman Catholic Church came upon the invitation of one of our CARP volunteers. He said that he came because he saw Father Lawrence Fares, who is renowned in Catholic circles, on the invitational committee. He was deeply inspired by Father's speech. When it came to the part on the love organs he laughed with great enthusi-

asm.

The next day, after all the persecution, the Detroit Free Press had a huge color picture of Father, it was very beautiful. The headline read, "Religious Leaders Call for Unity".

Before Father spoke another great woman minister took the podium. Her



name is Rev. Mosey Lee Smith. She is the pastor of the famous Huggins Memorial African Methodist Episcopal church (AME) in Detroit. She is an extremely strong follower of True Parents. She got up earlier at the press conference and made it clear in no uncertain terms. "Rev. Moon has been treated the same way that Jesus was. He is absolutely beyond race, religion, and nationality. They tried to separate us. They are always trying to divide us from God's prophets. I'm here to tell you that we will not separate from Father Moon. We Will Stand". That night She gave a fiery testimony. She said, "I've followed Rev. Moon for 20 years now. I've been lied on, talked about, cheated and mistreated but I'm not worried. This is the will of God. God has called Rev. Moon as his messenger to bring the truth. I'm so happy he's here tonight. I'm so happy to welcome him tonight. Glory to God."

When True Father spoke it was as if the whole church was transformed. The opening of his speech every night is so warm and personal that the audience quickly is transformed. Father delivers the key to the fall of man as a sexual sin each night. To my amazement Father called out to the Detroit clergy after his very specific explanation of the similarity of the love organs to the snake. "Is there anyone here that still believes that the fruit was a literal fruit?" Not one raised their hand! Then Father says, "If you believe that what I told you about the fall was the truth say Amen." The Clergy responded with great power. Amen!!! It was truly a great moment. The crime of the angel at the fall has been uncovered and the clergy know the truth.

From there Father explains the suffering course of Jesus. How he brought grace through the cross and now has promised to return. His return is now !! He sent Rev. Moon to America to carry out the will of God. To establish True Parents and to change the blood lineage. The congregation proclaimed Hallelujah.

Afterwards Father and Mother presented the Gold Watches to Rev. Revele who was absolutely steadfast in his righteousness. At the end Father and Mother shook hands with every minister that had come upon the stage. Then to everyone's surprise he gave a bear hug to Rev. Mosey Lee Smith of the AME church. He lifted her completely up in the air! (She

is quite thin) It was a special moment. The next morning at Hoon Dok Hae, to our surprise, the Detroit Free Press ran a beautiful article on the tour. A huge, almost half page picture of Father was published with the headline, "Religious leaders call for Unity."

Rev. Michael Jenkins

The half-way point of the "We Will Stand" tour was as tightly wound and highly charged as a solenoid, somehow befitting the magnetic spirit of the Motor City.

A crowd of 1500 packed Detroit's historic Little Rock Baptist Church as three television trucks stood in silent witness out front.

Unrelated, but noteworthy, across town at the Dr. Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Imam W. Deen Mohammed, the most prominent African-American leader in main-line Islam, was speaking on the unity among faith groups as the key to doing God's work.

For Father Sun Myung Moon, this was his first visit to Detroit in 28 years, and fell on the exact anniversary of his last visit.

Controversy preceded the event and had started when a small "evangelical" TV show along with a few local ministers had publicly challenged the integrity and purpose of the tour. The claim was that



everyone had been bought off. This brought the headline in the Detroit Free Press, "Baptist Ministers Upset by Rev. Moon's Visit".

Reverend Plummer, the TV evangelist, mistakenly accused the host minister, Reverend Jim Holley of being unaware of and deceived by Father Moon and the invitational committee of the interfaith crusade.

Reverend Jim Holley, Little Rock Baptist pastor, however, would have none of such nonsense. Reverend Holley had seen and been inspired by the fruits of Father Moon's ministry in Korea with the International Conferences of Clergy (ICC) over 10 years ago. He was so impressed with the children at Father Moon's "Little Angels School" that he has started a school himself.

He would not cancel or change the event. No sir.

This caused quite a media stir.

To add to the mixture, two Detroit preachers, the Reverend Frederick Sampson of Tabernacle Baptist Church and the Reverend Eddie Edwards came out stating that they were displeased by an invitation letter that had mistakenly listed them as co-sponsors of the event.

It was all good.

A Japanese women's choir under the guidance of Tokiko Richardson, opened the evening's program with delicate beauty and grace.

Reverend Revele of the Messiah Mission Baptist Church of northwest Detroit started the preaching off with good common sense.

"This disagreeing with folks' theology is not accomplishing anything. We have to find some middle ground."

"Father Moon's marriages have less than 5% divorce. How can we, who have a 50% plus divorce rate say we have nothing to learn from Father Moon?"

Bishop Augustus Stallings had the audience jumping to their feet. He did something that he was famous for—he jumped on top of the pews and started preaching from there.

Dr. Hycel Taylor, an elder theologian and very thoughtful preacher, had everyone almost on the floor with laughter when he stated in a slow, scholarly tone: "Don't expect me to do what Bishop Stallings just did!"

Dr. Taylor then noted more of the fruits of Father Moon's ministry: "A supreme world peace effort, particularly the proposal of a religious body at the United Nations; a marriage and family values movement as well as sincere efforts at breaking down racial and denominational walls—these fruits are good."

Reverend Mosey Lee Smith, pastor of the Huggins Memorial African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church of Detroit gave a fiery testimony.

"I've followed Father Moon for 20 years now. I've been lied on, talked about, cheated and mistreated but I'm not worried. This is the will of God. God has called Father Moon as his messenger to bring the truth. I'm so happy he's here tonight. I'm so happy to welcome him tonight. Glory to God."

Father Moon's talk remained the same.

"The time has come for America to awaken once again."

"It's time for the country as a whole to create a new movement to build up true parents, true families, a true country and a true world centered on God."

Shouts of "Praise God!" and "Amen!" echoed throughout the Little Rock Baptist Church as again the message reached a diverse and receptive audience.

At the end, Father and Mother Moon shook hands with every minister that had come upon the stage and presented gold watches to several for their service to the community.

Reverend Mosey Lee Smith was one of those to receive a gold watch.

In gratitude and affection, she kissed the host. Then to everyone's delight and surprise (including Mother Moon), Father Moon gave her a big bear hug lifting her up completely into the air!

It was an unforgettable moment.

A conference is tentatively planned in May to continue the discussion and spirit of cooperation and respect. It will include faith leaders and other community pillars.

They will discuss problems plaguing the community and seek their solutions TOGETHER.

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Kansas City KS—March 23

Rev. Esteban Galvin was fresh off of the victory of True Parents first appearance in the Bronx and Bishop Robinson's church. He felt the spirit of Jesus and Heung Jin Nim guiding him. As soon as he arrived he felt that there was a church prepared. When he asked the Kansas leaders which church would be good they said that there were many good ministers but none with a church that would be proper for True Parents. Rev. Galvin felt led directly by Jesus and Heung Jin Nim. He said in 24 hours, I will find a church. He went out driving around looking for the church! He just looked at the church buildings. He found a beautiful, brand new, large church called Christ's Church of the Jesus Hour. He found the pastor who had heard a lot about Rev. Moon and yet never attended anything. He was so righteous however. He felt that God wanted Father Moon to speak in his church. He agreed. It is a beautiful, brand new facility that is right across the street from the old church. It has brand new, carpet, pews, pulpit area. The waiting room for True Parents still had the smell of new carpet. It was almost as if this new church building was made just for this event.

How amazing it is to walk with God. Rev. Lee, Rev. Yujiri, Rev. Flynn and Rev. Kim joined to make victory. I was so moved, when I saw so many New York members that sacrificed their families, jobs, income everything to bring victory for our True Parents. Joan was there from New York, Julie Okamoto and especially all the Bronx members. Rev. Galvin has shown great leadership as he is fulfilling the two-pillar foundation for our future: Church Growth (in Sunday Service Family

Church membership and also in full time youth membership.)

He has been most successful in Christian minister outreach. His philosophy is vital. "I believe that if we have good unity with our Regional Leader and genuine love with our members" We can achieve all of Father's direction. His Christian minister foundation stretched all the way from the Bronx to Kansas City, Kansas. Also, so many New York members joined in the mobilization with the Denver region.



I also want to thank our legal department. Our national attorney, Mrs. Kaye Allen also went to Iowa and worked hard. Everyone is mobilizing.

Rev. Galvin and our state leader Rev. Mary Anglin made a heavenly tornado to prepare for our True Parents. Hundreds of ministers were contacted. Hundreds came. The church was full in a state that had been notoriously resistant to our True Parents' message. However, the Kansas members really united together.

Rev. Russell Davis, the host Pastor is also 81 years old. He welcomed Father and said this is of the Lord. Jesus is bringing Rev. Moon here. Rev. Mark W., who, like Rev. Edwards,

is a white minister who is confident that Father is anointed by Jesus. Spoke eloquently about how God is manifesting through the mission and ministry of Father Moon.

Rev. Michael Jenkins

The Christ's Church of the Jesus Hour was right on time. A brand new facility, it was as if this new church building had been made just for this historical interfaith crusade. The 51-day "We Will Stand" national tour encouraging people of all faiths to strengthen the family and tear down the walls of race and denomination was in the right place.

Hundreds of ministers were contacted by phone, fax, and foot—hundreds came, bringing several of their congregants with them.

Area clergy were also invited to participate in a mass choir.

Father Sun Myung Moon, 81 years young, was the keynote speaker.

People followed along with the speech, interjecting "Amen" or "I hear You," clapping and laughing along with Father Moon throughout. It was a beautiful, relaxed, and happy atmosphere of spirit and truth.

Other speakers were the Reverend Stanley W., founder of the Apostolic Coalition, and the Reverend Michael Jenkins of the American Clergy Leadership Conference.

Reverend Mark W. expressed confidence that Father Moon is indeed anointed by Jesus Christ and that he saw God manifesting through



the mission and ministry of Father Moon.

Reverend Russell Davis, the host pastor, also 81 years old, welcomed Father Moon saying, "This is of the Lord. Jesus is bringing Reverend Moon here."

For the two weeks prior to the event Pastor Davis promoted the program as a "great spiritual revival," and an "answer to the division between races and denominations" on his daily morning radio spot.

That "division" was evidenced starkly by the fact that many area black ministers had actually received hate mail from the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) warning them away from the event.

Pastor Davis was confident and righteous stating on the radio that he knew God was sending Father Moon to help heal this kind of pain.

Through teamwork, unity, and lots of prayer, a victory for God and the family of man was won.

New and lasting friendships were formed. Ministers and their congregations were reborn and revitalized.

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New Orleans LA—March 26

The levee was dry and welcoming as the plane landed at the New Orleans Million Air Lakefront Airport. A motorcycle police escort

arranged by Louisiana State Representative (D-New Orleans), Reverend Leonard Lucas, Jr. was waiting to guide Father Moon and company to the Hotel Inter-Continental, New Orleans.

"We Will Stand" the national interfaith and reconciliation tour was ready again to roll.

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) members (many from Japan) had worked furiously to spread invitations all over the city.

Proclamations and greetings were presented from the New Orleans City Council, Louisiana Governor Mike Foster, congressman Jefferson, State Representative Leonard Lucas Jr. and State Senator Cleo Fields.

Twenty eight members of the legislative Black Caucus signed

a resolution commemorating the day's event.

A Louisiana State flag from Governor Mike Foster along with a note of gratitude for the world peace initiatives of the keynote speaker were presented by State Representative Lucas.

The local representative for the Nation of Islam, Dewyer Muhammad, greeted the evening gathering on behalf

of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan with dignity.

This was an evening to break down



barriers between races and religions.

Reverend Lucas called it an effort "to bring the body of Christ together" as well.

With Mr. Peter Kim giving simultaneous translation, Father Moon explained to the audience that his study of the Bible convinced him that differences in skin color were merely superficial and that the human family is the engine that will reform the world with love. He also preached for true family values as the solution to many societal illnesses.

"Free sex, homosexual sex, go against the ideal of God's

creation. Women who have the ability to have children and avoid having children deliberately are bound to hell."

His words were often cajoling as well as challenging and covered a wide range of interrelated topics focused on the family as the key to world peace.

Not the usual comfortable day at church.

"I don't think anyone has come here and given such a shocking or strange talk" he said.

In the end, Father and Mother Moon presented several ministers with gold watches in recognition of their service and sacrifice for the community.

After the event, Clopha Deshotel, an administrator at the University of Bridgeport, in Bridgeport, CT, and a member of the Family Federation stated in remarks to the media:

"The fact that the audience was largely African-American is evidence that racial reconciliation is still needed in New Orleans."

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Mobile AL—March 24

The azaleas were in full bloom as the national "We Will Stand Tour" mobilized Mobile, Alabama with its message of hope and reconciliation. The Saturday evening program was held at the Arthur Outlaw Mobile Convention center. Dr. Wesley James from the Franklin Street Baptist Church gave the invocation.

The Honorable George Callahan, Alabama State Senator read a proclamation signed by Governor Don Siegelman commending Father Moon for his work and commemorating March 24th as "Stand Together America" Day.

He asked everyone to pray for the people in government.

Letters of welcome and congratulations from U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions, U.S. Congressman Sonny Callahan, U.S. Congressman Earl Hilliard, Lt. Governor Steve Windom, along with those of several other state legislators were read as well.

The Honorable Fred Richardson, a member of the Mobile City Council read a proclamation by Mobile Mayor, Mike Dow. Clinton Johnson, Mobile's city council president, presented Father Moon with a key to the city.

The city of Bayou La Batre presented Father Moon and Mother Moon with a plaque thanking them for their "generosity and commitment to the Bayou La Batre community." This was quite remarkable considering the resistance that his Unification movement had faced when they first began building a seafood and ship building business there 24 years ago.

The Hon. Donzella James, Georgia State Senator who had spoken at the tour's last three stops, said she's been criticized by some in the black community for her association with Father Moon, but James, a devout Catholic and Demo-

crat, said the message simply speaks to the problems of today's families. "In Britain, they have mad cow disease and foot-and-mouth disease," she said. "Here we have mad child disease and foot-in-mouth dis-



ease with our children."

Rev. Leroy Elliot and Rev. Jesse Edwards made short but very powerful remarks about their experiences on the trail so far. With but two minutes each they got the crowd shouting "Halleluja" and "Amen".

Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker from the New Canaan Baptist Church, Harlem, New York, and a longtime activist, reminded everyone that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s efforts started in Birmingham, Alabama.

He shared a story about two school girls, one black and one white. They were such good friends that they were called twins.

A second story recalled a young white girl who was killed in a riot. Her mother had a remarkable attitude. Upon learning in the hospital that her daughter had died, she said her organs must be donated because that is what her daughter wanted. The young girl's heart was given

to an elderly black Methodist minister. The mother found out who received her daughter's heart and visited him. It was a precious moment for both when she asked him if she could put her ear on his chest and listen to the heartbeat.

A coalition of Muslims from throughout the state gathered and sat together in front of Father Moon for the entire event. This included ministers of the Nation of Islam (NOI) from Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Huntsville, Pensacola, Florida and Gautier, Mississippi. The American Muslim movement was also represented by Imam Kamal Saleem, Imam Ron Ali (from the Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam) and Imam

Matthew Abdullah (Prichard Masjid). These different Muslim groups have come together and have started having dialogue based on the tenets of Islam and their love and respect for Father Moon.



Assistant Minister Fred Muhammad of Mobile remarked, "Father Moon is a true parent to mankind. His truth is God's universal truth for all people."

Bishops from the Apostolic, Pentecostal and Holiness denominations, including Bishop George Craig from Tuscaloosa,

Bishop Frank Kirkwood from Birmingham and Bishop Cornelius Woods from Mobile were present. Father Viscardi, a Catholic priest and professor of religion at Springhill College, represented the Catholic Church.

The pre-program featured the locally famous Mobile United Voices Choir, who brought the Holy Spirit immediately. The True Light Praise Steppers & Dancers (a group of young people) performed likewise.

Reverend Jesse Edwards and Reverend Leroy Elliott lifted up the spirit with their words of hope and praise.

Evangelist Loretta Handy (who sang with Otis Redding before she was "saved") led an interfaith choir in her original song, "The World We Share".

Reverend Michael Jenkins then introduced Father Moon after the showing of a brief biographical video.

In his speech to the more than 800 people assembled, he mentioned the old conflict in which the tiny town of Bayou la Batre had attempted to keep out the Unification Church which some local and state officials had dubbed a cult.

"Some 20 years ago, there was protest of my presence here," Father Moon said through Mr. Peter Kim, his interpreter. "I wonder if there's anyone here who participated in that?" Laughter filled the room. Father Moon scanned the room for raised hands, but he found none.

"It's OK! You're forgiven!" he said, waving his hand across the audience. "The past is past."

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Cheyenne WY—March 27

Wyoming was a miracle, but that miracle came with a price. Our sister, Olebpina Ogai, gave her life there in Wyoming, and as we did her seung hwa ceremony just one hour after True Parents landed, and placed in her coffin Father's signed program and prayer with her name on it, we could feel that she had a destiny for Wyoming, that God had used her for this purpose.

Her family was Korean and lived in the part of Russia that borders North Korea. At the direction of Josef Stalin, the Korean families were broken up and sent into exile. Her family was sent to Uzbekistan with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Under these circumstances, she was born. She was a wonderful member, who joined in 1995 and served True Parents with very sincere dedication.

She came to America on March 5th, hoping to be blessed by True Parents. She volunteered to support our effort in Wyoming for the We Will Stand tour. True Father even considered her to be taken to Korea and placed in the Won Jun where Heung-jin nim is. During the seung hwa ceremony everyone could feel an overwhelming spirit of holiness and sacrifice. Dr. C.K. Brown, who is also a

city councilman, and assistant pastor of a Church of God in Christ in Cheyenne, was moved by her efforts for the We Will Stand tour. Their church donated money for her grave, and their church also volunteered to take care of the grave in Wyoming from now on.

The Christian church knelt down to

second Israel, and True Parents is profoundly deep, as we know that Jesus and the 106 saints have been asked by Father to concentrate all their spiritual power on America. We could feel the presence of Jesus around us there. Only sacrifice can allow the Christian family to really feel the movement of the holy spirit in such a way that it causes a binding together heart to heart.

That's why we believe that, combined with the sacrifice of the Denver and San Francisco regional members, a very special victory was gained in Wyoming. The city of Cheyenne only has a population of around 50,000. Every single minister was contacted, and the banquet was full with over 500 people. Many clergy, several professors from the University of Wyoming, and also many white brothers and sisters and Indian brothers and sisters shared in the program.

Father gave the longest address that he's given on the tour thus far because he truly felt welcomed. There was something special in the air.

Two hours and 41 minutes was his address. I saw in the end one Indian crying and holding hands with a white person. Truly heaven and earth were moved, and all the pain of past history is now being resolved.

One Indian leader told me that they

had never witnessed anything like Father and Mother Moon. All past efforts at reconciliation always fell short. But they feel hope that this time will succeed. Also, Father announced in his speech in Wyoming that he feels that he is a cousin to the American Indians because they came through the Bering Strait from Asia. Father also highlighted that the idea that somebody discovered America was foolish in light of the fact that the American Indians were already here. Father stated that if there were white Anglo-Saxons already living in America, that Columbus would never have been cited as the one who discovered America. However, Father also called upon the Indian family to forgive and love, that we were all children of God, and we must go beyond the past by serving one another.

In our press conference, a minister from San Francisco, who is one of the 120 Christian leaders, stood strongly with us, professing belief in Father and Mother Moon because their life work is focused on the family and reconciling the races. Rev. Jesse Edwards was touched by God that night. He has been through so much persecution. The national head of his denomination called and questioned him about what he was doing. However, Jesse's conviction is so deep that his denomination cannot stop him

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this sacrifice, and we could feel at her seung hwa ceremony that Jesus was present there. This sister gave her life for the sake of America, to protect our True Parents, and also to stand in our place.

The bond between Christianity, the

50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

St. Louis MO—March 28

The city of the Gateway Arch rolled out the welcome mat for the "We Will Stand" national interfaith tour.

The appearance before more than 900 people at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in Saint Louis was the 31st day in the 31st state of his 51-day, national tour. The theme remained constant: "Rebuild the family, restore the community and renew the nation."

The keynote speaker was Father Sun Myung Moon.

A local Christian radio show provided some controversy and excitement prior to the event. Reverend Michael Jenkins, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) was interviewed on the show and was heard to affirm the salvific power that comes through the blood on the cross.

But he was also challenging and asked: "Why is it that when a born-again man and a born-again woman give birth to children they are born in sin?"

"Christian pastors are coming together because they feel that the spirit of Jesus Christ has anointed Father and Mother Moon. Jesus said, Greater works will you do than I have done. It's because of the transfer of that anointing by Jesus to Father Moon that this work goes on."

Every day on the radio they were calling for "Christians" to unite together in protest and to try to cancel the event. Calls went to the hotel and the media.

The spirit of faith, hope, and love prevailed.

Reverend Bradford of the Shiloh African Methodist Episcopal Church who was on the invitational committee stood strong despite some of the calls he received.

He told one concerned caller and brother: "I don't know you, and all I do know is that now you're trying to advise me how to run my church, but you never even took the time to come and visit my church."

Reverend Bradford had walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and had been through church bombings and burnings, but he was still alarmed by the viciousness of these verbal attacks.

A special police escort was given to the keynote speaker and the other ministers accompanying him supported by overhead helicopter.

The program that night was truly one of great inspiration born through challenge.

Bishop Erma Canada was the pre-program emcee.

There was a choir of over 100 mem-

bers from her church and Archbishop West's church that rocked the house.

Dr. Hycel Taylor expressed in his message to the assembled that the ideal family that Father Moon espouses is the model and hope for our nation and communities.

"Father Moon, like Jesus, doesn't need anyone to validate him. He is a



prophet in his own right. We can feel the spirit of the Lord is upon him."

Dr. Taylor said he had looked at the fruits of the ministry and found that the fruits were good.

"The first fruit is that of world peace. Father Moon is effectively calling religious leaders together from all the world religions to form an advisory council for world leaders.

"The second fruit is the blessing of

marriage and the strengthening of the family. The marriage movement and the rededication of marriage initiated by Father and Mother Moon have had enormous impact on strengthening families throughout America.

"The third fruit is that of breaking down the racial and denominational walls. Father Moon's support of the Million Family March and his efforts to bring denominations together are having an effective impact on all of Christendom."

Imam Donald Muhammad, leader of a local Nation of Islam Mosque and one of several hundred area clergy supporting the conference said:

"If America would hear and welcome the message of Reverend Moon, this nation would be able to have salvation."

Father Moon spoke for about two hours in Korean with Mr. Peter Kim giving translation to his impromptu and prepared remarks.

"The family unit is at the core of a healthy community and nation," he said. He and his wife have 12 children and more than 40 grandchildren.

When he asked who was seeing him for the first time, almost everyone raised their hands.

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from going forward.

Rev. Edwards is going through a course that we now see other white Christians going through. At first they're shocked to hear Father's speech. Rev. Edwards testified in Wyoming that when he first heard Father speak and say "I am the true father and the True Parent," Rev. Edwards confessed that when he went home that night he was so angry, thinking, "Who is he to think he's the True Father?" But always when he struggles, Rev. Edwards takes things to God in prayer. He testified that when he prayed that night and the answer God gave him was very clear: "Jesse, I've been trying to tell you this for 30 years. You must become a true father also. You must become a true parent." From that time his heart opened. Slowly but surely he has seen that each time he hears Father's speech, he gets a new revelation. He also says very clearly that he always believed that the fall of man was not a literal fruit, but rather had to do with the misuse of love. He said it's widely understood in the Pentecostal movement, but nobody could pin it down like Father did, with specific Bible verses.

He testified that night to the Wyoming audience, "I believe that Rev. Moon is anointed by God. You'd better believe I do. Every single prophet that has come in history has been bitterly persecuted because they always bring some new teaching that breaks down some of the barriers from the old teachings. That's why people get angry and that's why they persecute. I'm telling you that God is in this thing. God is moving through this movement. We are binding together as pastors, as Christians, and as men and women of God of all faiths, and we are going to bring healing to the family and

to this nation."

The crowd jumped to its feet, both Indians and whites and Hispanics, with overwhelming response. That's why when Father came to the stage he could feel the love of God emanating from the people. He felt extremely comfortable in Wyoming, where there was a great deal of suffering.

The next morning when we left Wyoming, we could feel a sense of deep



inner peace. We could imagine the struggles that Rev. Lee and Rev. Jim Flynn were going through, doing six events in their region, which only has 75 families. Wyoming itself has only 10 families listed on the register of the Unification Church national headquarters. Michael did a wonderful job, the Casper Star-Tribune headline was "Moon cites life's work, blessing marriages."

Other ministers, including city councilman Rev. C.K. Brown, encouraged people to be open to listen. The Wyoming paper said, "Moon captivated much of the audience with a combination of humor and thunderous declarations and repeat-

ed phrases like 'life, love, and lineage.' His message to support families and against racism was well received. During his talk, Moon revealed his anti-racism views using examples of polar bears, brown bears, and black bears as representative of the different races. He said the bears had all different colors as a reaction to the environment and were not made that way by God."

We sincerely thank the Denver region for carrying such a heavy cross through six states, but every state in the Denver region has been a victory. Especially we are grateful for the sacrifice of our sister, Olebpina Ogai, who Father declared was a martyr.

Rev. Michael Jenkins

The "We Will Stand" interfaith tour rounded up the faithful and curious of the "Equality State" at a "Little America" banquet hall in Cheyenne on a brisk Tuesday evening.

This was the 30th stop along the trail winding through America at breakneck speed.

At a news conference just prior to the evening event he stated: "The entire effort depends on the sanctification of the family, which began as a formal movement in 1995 with Father Moon's mass weddings of millions of couples. We do believe a new age has dawned. The "Stand Together" movement does not discriminate against single people, who can be blessed by God."

The invocation was given by the Reverend Louis Johnson of the New Beginnings Christian Church of Casper.

Several other ministers preached, including Reverend Jesse Edwards of Philadelphia. His simple message got the crowd excited and in the spirit.

Elder C.J. Brown, a Cheyenne city councilman and associate pastor of New Kingdom Church of God in Christ came

to hear the message of unity and reconciliation as did the Reverend William Ephriam of Colorado Springs.

The Reverend Vic Walter of the Evangelical Free Church in Cheyenne said he attended the event out of curiosity.

Former Natrona County Republican Party Chairman Marvin Emrich and his wife Maureen came because of an invitation by Michael Hentrich, of Casper, a member of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

Maureen Emrich had recently received the American Century Award presented by The Washington Times Foundation at an inaugural prayer luncheon in January.

The keynote speaker for the evening, Father Sun Myung Moon, 81, addressed the more than 300 people assembled with warmth and righteousness.

John Kambutu, a professor of educational studies at the Casper College Center for the University of Wyoming, spoke in favor of the tour sponsors stated views against racism.

Gail Ridgely, president of Wind River Community College, told the crowd that American Indians need more equality in the "Equality State."

John Redmond of Arvada, Colo., brought his family to Cheyenne for the talk. Arvada is a 20-year member of the Unification Church (now Family Church of Colorado) and attributed much of the controversy to a distrust of foreigners.

He stated to the media: "Our society's social problems can be traced back to the breakdown of the family. It is best solved by a connection to a religious entity."

"He (Father Moon) is saying challenging things, but in America a lot of people don't know what he thinks or believes. I think he provides a way of making the races work together to restore the family."

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50-STATE SPEAKING TOUR

Baltimore MD—March 29

We arrived in Baltimore and right away had to prepare for the press conference, held at Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, were Rev. R. Lee Johnson is pastor. He is a righteous minister who had not known us a long time, but who felt called by God to support Father and Mother Moon. He received a flag and was moved by our missionaries and by Father's message. He received much opposition and persecution, but he stood strong.

The local invitation committed, led by Rev. Willie Ray and Rev. St. George Crosse, was outstanding in its preparations and organization. Our media team, led by Dr. Linda Boyd and Rev. Schanker, really knew how to lift our message up in Baltimore. Fox news had a camera there, and the Baltimore Sun was present. Our interview included 12 pastors from the local area, and also Archbishop Stallings from Washington, D.C. They proclaimed that we are here to rebuild the family and restore the community, nation and world. To rebuild the family, we are asking for the pastors to unify their pulpits in one single powerful message from the word of God, that what God has brought together in marriage, let no man put asunder. Also, we are calling upon families to join the churches, and those churches to join the movement to move this nation of America to be the elder son and fulfill its role as the second Israel. When the church and family are united as one, we will be able to restore our communities. The church and family united together can really deal with the problems of racism, family breakdown, denominational walls. Therefore, the cutting edge churches, whether white, black, Hispanic, American Indian, are those willing to march across the Jordan River and shout at the walls of Jericho. This movement is about shouting at the walls of Jericho. We want to tell you, the walls are coming down.

Archbishop Stallings dealt head-on with the messiah issue. Is Rev. Moon the messiah? Yes, he is. He's the anointed one. Jesus anointed him, and he's anointing all the pastors to stand up and proclaim their messiahship. We should understand clearly that Rev. Moon is called by God, that we are about a work to rebuild the family, and that this work will only grow and magnify as we go around the country.

Archbishop Stallings cited the fact that Dr. King and many of the prophets of history were always misunderstood. But as they persevered and continued to express love, finally their message took hold. Rev. Moon's message is now taking hold.

Rev. Levy Daugherty led a fellowship service. As our national vice president, he is doing a mighty work that the pastors can feel. He is absolutely

harmonized among all races, and he is a leader of all races. Rev. Daugherty's appreciation and love for the pastors is very much a reason why they are able to march across the Jordan with us.

Rev. Milton Reid came and gave one of the welcoming talks. He said, "I believe in Rev. Moon. He's unafraid and he's uncompromising. He has a message from God and he delivers it with love. I walked with Dr. King and I saw the same kind of phenomena occur then. The anointing of God was on Dr. King, and the message had profound effect. It stirred controversy everywhere we went. People at that time thought we would never see the day when blacks and whites would sit down together at the same lunch counter. But I've come to tell you that God's will is being done. Father Moon is the one that can tear down the walls between the races, denominations, and the families. I stand with him and will never, ever stop. I am proud to stand by his side."

Rev. Willie Ray, our co-host, took the pulpit, and started shouting, "We will stand. We will stand. We will stand." The congregation came to its feet and the house was alive. Rev. Brown welcomed Father graciously, highlighting the fact that he was persecuted, rejected and ridiculed even by his colleagues and friends, but somehow he felt the spirit of God was on this thing, that we must cease associating only within our own denomination.

Archbishop Stallings took the pulpit, and we could feel something was about to happen. He again highlighted the fact that the messiah is the anointed one. He read again from Psalms, "Did ye not know that everyone here is a small god? How many believe you are a small god?" Only a few raised their hands. He said, "Then you don't believe the Bible, do you? There are many people with fixed ideas, and yet they don't even know what the Bible says. One of those ideas is that we are to be the temples of God." He highlighted the fact that it was God's original plan that we should be temples of God and come together.

He read in Psalms, "The Lord God said unto the people, 'Do you not know that everyone is to be a small god?' We are to be in the image and likeness of God. That's why Rev. Moon was persecuted. They think he claims that he's God himself. But he's god with a small g. God is in him."

"Also when they hear he is talked about as a messiah, again, they don't know their Scripture. They don't know the etymological exegesis of the Bible. Therefore, because they are not bibli-

cally grounded, they attack out of emotion and fear. They don't know that 'messiah' means 'anointed one,' and many, many in the Bible carried the title of the anointed one. Jesus was the messiah, and he was certainly the anointed one. Rev. Moon is inheriting that mantle from Jesus and standing as messiah and calling us all to be messiahs. He is also standing as true parent and calling us all to be true parents."

"Therefore, I really feel that the anointing of God is on this tour. There-



fore, I want you to know that I am universal. Even though I am the founder of an African-American denomination, I am universal. I'm a Baptist because I believe in baptizing. I'm a Methodist because I believe in methodology. I'm a Lutheran because I believe that Martin Luther said, 'Here I stand,' and I will stand with him. I'm Pentecostal because I believe in the movement of the Holy Ghost" – and right at that time Archbishop Stallings ran down to the front of the sanctuary, indicated to the people in the front pew that they should move apart, and jumped up on the top of the pew, and ran all the way to the back of the church on the tops of the pews. Then he ran back down to the front of the church. People were shocked, but they were also very excited. They could feel it was not just a phenomenon of feeling but of action.

Archbishop Stallings came back to the pulpit and said, "I introduce to you the Rev. Sun Myung Moon." The audience was captivated spiritually, and you could feel the same kind of phenomenon occurred in the early church, when people were speaking in tongues and dancing in the Lord. Dancing in the Lord occurred that night.

Therefore, Father came out that night to an enormous reception. The clergy present had been melted as one due to the John the Baptist messages that had been delivered. People could feel the anointing of God was on Rev. Moon. Then Father delicately won their hearts by interlacing humor and the

word of God from the Bible with the story of the fall of man. Finally, Father revealed that the love organs of Adam and Eve covered in the garden of Eden were the source of the fall of man, and no one in the house raised their hand when Father asked, "who still believes the fall was caused by a literal fruit?" I'm sure some still held to that belief, but the spirit in the room was so strong that everyone's heart was open and everyone must consider.

As I talked with pastor after pastor, especially those married, I want to testify how much the wives appreciate Father's message. Never has a preacher stood up and proclaimed that homosexuality and lesbianism is not the model family of God. Father Moon is not judging, but he is affirming what is right. He is loving all people. The pastors' wives are deeply grateful that Father can open the door to this kind of teaching in the churches, the true nature of the sanctity of marriage and the holiness of love. The reality of what this message is bringing, blood lineage – most Westerners believe

that love is the highest value, so when Father asks, which is most important out of love, life, and lineage, the audience responds "love." Father laughs and says, "No. What about lineage?" He goes on to reveal that if the Israelites had received Jesus, then he could have had his own family.

In Baltimore, Father highlighted very clearly that Jesus was a man, that I Cor. 15 called him the last Adam. Therefore, if Jesus stood in Adam's position, don't you think God wanted to create an ideal Eve? The image of God is male and female. Therefore, ultimately Jesus needed a bride. We can see that in certain states along the way where the Christians are truly united, this new revelation about the meaning of Jesus and the family is being received. It's not fully understood yet, people are not endorsing it yet, but it is being received and welcomed.

That's why the invitation committee members are preaching this again, confident that this message is anointed by God.

At the end of the Baltimore event, there was a real atmosphere of celebration. Key pastors were given awards and recognition for their work. We want to thank Rev. Bond and Rev. St. George Crosse and Rev. Wilks for their support. Also special thanks to Rev. Lee, Rev. Lykes and Rev. Jones and the Washington region for carrying out another successful event in God's providence.

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ised that he would come again. It is in this context that Jesus inspired Father Moon to become a true parent, to take on his ministry and mission to build the family that was lost in the garden of Eden. Therefore this movement for true fami-

lies is God's movement."

Imam Akao, a Muslim leader expressed, "I'm so happy for the movement of Father Moon. He is bringing Moslems and Christians together and tearing down the walls. I lost my son who was murdered by a gang member. I was so extremely pained and crushed by this tragedy. But God works in mysterious ways. God led me to understand that the best way I could

respond was to take the murderer into my home and love him and bring him to God. I did so and the man who took my son is now like a son to me. God is powerful. Father Moon is bringing this kind of love to the world."

Reverend Michael Murray of the A.M.E. Zion Church and Reverend Bennett who pastors an interracial church were recipients of gold watches.

David Payer, tour coordinator for Iowa, stated after the event in The Des Moines Register: "A 50-city, 50-day tour is quite a burden, but (Father Moon at 81) feels a powerful calling from God to call people together at this time."

(Father Moon says) there are denominational differences, but they are not that big of a deal under God."

Regional report ❖

Building an Ideal Land

by Kunihiko Shibnuma

On August 1st in 1999, True Father called the Japanese National Messiahs to the Americana Hotel in Naberike, located in the Paraguay River valley and gave a direction to cultivate and pioneer the land of Leda, which according to Father is the most difficult place in Pantanal. Leda belongs to the Alto Paraguay State, whose capital is Olimpo in Paraguay. It is located approximately 80 km up river from Olimpo. The land we own is about 80,000 hectare (20km x 40km), and it used to be a pasture where cattle were grazed. However, due to several occasions of severe water damage from the flooding of the Paraguay River, people gave up on using this land as pasture. Therefore, it was left abandoned and had gone to ruin. Leda was not prepared for humans to live a regular normal everyday life; no fundamental infrastructure existed. There was no electricity, the water was drawn from the river, and of course there were no telephones. Also, the roads were not repaired, and the only transportation available was by boats.

Several people who had worked for

less nights.

In September True Father appointed Rev. Takeru Kamiyama to be the leader of the Leda pioneering project. On October 1st Rev. Kamiyama and 14 members established a Holy Ground



in Leda. This was the official start of the Leda building.

In order to secure fundamental living conditions along the river, the Japanese National Messiahs began their physical labor work to renovate the build-

ing and build a landing place (a wharf) where boats could arrive—all under the terrible hot weather of more than 40 degrees centigrade. None of us were used to this. Beads of sweat were constantly dropping, and the bodies over-

heated. The pioneers would often jump into the river with their clothes on in the midst of their work in order to cool their heated bodies. True Father had told them, "Indeed, we are constructing a base here. Shovel the land. Sweat under the hot weather and become the best and the first-class laborer. Work and build a land where Heavenly Father can be liberated from the very place you are standing. Invest your utmost sincerity in your labor more than anything else. Even if you die, what regret you will leave behind?" As instructed by True Father, we worked desperately and most seriously to become the best and first-class laborers.

In order to make cement, we mixed sand, gravel, cement powder and water with a shovel. In this way we made clay. Holding hammers unskillfully, we repaired the housing, and gradually the basic living conditions were being established. In the beginning, there was no electricity or clean water supply, so we washed our faces in the river, washed dishes in the river, and made drinking water by boiling the river water to sterilize it. The toilet was also a quite simple one—and we used it all the while worrying about getting attacked by a poisonous snake. In contrast to the difficult struggle of our daily life, however, we would see the beautiful running stream of the river during the day, and at night we would be surrounded by the huge starry sky. It was a life embraced in the great nature, being so far away from the busy life of civilization. Without realizing it, in this kind of environment our spiritual sensitivity was gradually enhanced, and we began to feel the presence of Heavenly Father so closely. As True Father described, this is an original, victorious holy place. Indeed, the Pantanal had been preserved and protected by God and never until now had humans stepped into this area. Jackare (alligators) bask themselves under the shining sun, birds called Touyuyu, a symbol of Pantanal, fly around with their more than 1 meter long wings, and seeing the beautiful sun rising over the horizon and a shining sunset, one can feel the charm

of God's creation with all the senses.

We felt that we could understand and taste the realm of True Father's words which he spoke in Olimpo: "When human beings live with the nature, human spirituality returns to normalcy." Indeed it was so.

The purpose of the Leda development is to build this most difficult place into an ideal model city where everyone yearns to live. Therefore, the task is how to establish a society in which humans and nature co-exist and live together while preserving and protecting the natural environment. Our challenge is to protect the nature that God created and cultivate the land so that humans can live, without repeating the past developmental mistakes of destroying the creation.

There are quite a few people among the residents of Pantanal in Paraguay, where Leda is located, who do not have the minimum necessities of life. Thus it is an extremely poor area. According to research done in 1996, about 69.9% of the

families live in an environment that is not equipped with a proper house or furniture. 82.2% of residents do not



have their own toilet. 43.3% of the residents cannot send their children to elementary school. Therefore, we are making efforts to help develop the living standard of Leda through increasing communication with the neighboring towns and villages.

Upon starting the project of building a model city in Leda, we hired some people from the neighbor villages, specifically Paraguayans from the capital Olimpo, Indians from Eranza in the upper reaches and from Poloken in the lower reaches of the river. Through working together, we could develop a friendship with people who reside in the neighboring villages. Including the Japanese National Messiahs, we were all together 100 people to begin the project. In the beginning, there were times where it was difficult to work in harmony and unity due to differences of language, culture and customs. However, they saw that the Japanese, who are all over 50 years old, work harder than the local workers from early morning to late night every day with tanned and sweaty faces. Also, the effort of the Japanese members to love the local workers gradually moved their hearts. Over time, we became one communi-



the previous landowner had remained and still lived in the area. Into such a place Mr. Gentaro Kajikuri and several other Japanese National Messiahs arrived as a first pioneering troop last year and began their pioneering work in mid August. They began a pioneer life with a purpose to research the land and to stabilize at least the fundamental living conditions. They lived in a building with pigs. It had gone to wrack and ruin and when it rained, the ceiling leaked. Constant battles with poisonous snakes and poisonous ants and daily struggles with mosquitoes that would attack day and night...this was the start of a new life in Leda. Sometimes a jaguar, locally called "Monstrous Onsa," would appear at night in a nearby location and attack the sheep that were kept, and we would spend many sleep-

ing and build a landing place (a wharf) where boats could arrive—all under the terrible hot weather of more than 40 degrees centigrade. None of us were used to this. Beads of sweat were constantly dropping, and the bodies over-



in Leda Pantanal

ty of family that is beyond the differences of language and culture.

When we began, the place was barren, covered with more than 2-meter high thickets all over. However, after one year of building and working, it has become a clean plain with quite a few buildings. Now there is a boat house at the bands of the river to manage eight motorboats, and also a branch station of the navy was built at the riverbank. There used to be a naval post in Leda some time ago, which pulled out and half the building was deteriorated and destroyed. When Rev. Kamiyama met with the navy commander, he told him of our plan of building a naval station.

The commander was very happy to hear that. When the naval station was completed last November, the commander's family as well as the executives of the navy came from Baianegura, where the Headquarters of the navy of the Chaco region is located, and conducted an opening ceremony. During his speech in this ceremony, the commander expressed his deep gratitude to the Japanese people who came all the way from Japan to work for Paraguay, and he paid a special heartfelt respect to Rev. Moon, who had sent these Japanese people. The commander was deeply moved by our unconditional heart, which did not expect any return for our work, and he attended the Hoon Dok Hae conference in Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, in order to hear the ideas of Rev. Moon. He testified to us in front of the VIPs at this conference.

In addition, a generator room that could generate electricity was thoroughly furnished, and now there are utility poles alongside the well-arranged roads from the harbor to our lodgings, furnishing bright lights at night. Currently there are a lodging for the workers, a lodging for the Japanese, a guest house for visitors and a bungalow, as well as sheds for various animals, such as pigs, cocks, dogs, sheep, pigeons, wild boars, etc. 80 cows and 50 horses are pastured in a pen, which existed as before.

A beautiful public building for True Parents, on which we began working last spring, was also completed. Well harmonized with the surrounding nature, this graceful mansion has become quite famous in this area. We were able to welcome True Parents on November 30th and conducted a dedication ceremony. True Parents were very pleased and named this mansion "Suissou." True Father also wrote the words "Unity of Pure Love, Living Blood, Mind and Body" for dedicating this drawing to the Hoon Dok Hae room.

True Parents visited Leda three times last year. When they

came in January,

True Father saw the well-tanned faces of the Japanese National Messiahs and looked so happy. He narrowed



his eyes and said, "You are working so hard. That's so good." When True Parents came in May and November, the local workers gave a full bow, and True Father spoke to them for two hours. Since Rev. Kamiyama always testifies to the True Parents through our daily life together, the local workers came to have a very deep respect towards True Parents.

When True Parents came here in November, True Father said that the Japanese and the local workers are brothers: the older Japanese National Messiahs the elder brother, and the young local workers the younger brother. Then he conducted a brotherhood ceremony for us. In addition to construction work, the Japanese members in Leda are also experimenting with growing vegetables and planting trees.

We are researching hard in Pantanal in order to respond to Heaven's desire to find solutions to the problem of the world hunger and the lack of oxygen on the earth.

Due to the warm climate, vegetables grow fast and there are many different kinds that are growing quite well. This gives us much hope for the future. Right now the vegetables we grow are plentifully decorating our tables to feed us Japanese members as well as the local



workers. Besides the activities in Leda, we also visited a high school in the state capital of Olimpo, made a financial contribution for the renovation of public institutions, and made a donation of books to the library. Also, we donated books and writing equipment to schools in Esper-



anza, the neighboring village in the upper reaches. Moreover, we brought students and a youth volunteer group from Japan to Boroken, a neighboring village in the lower reaches, and accomplished the renovation of the school with the local people. Young Japanese people, who are in their 20's, told us of their renewed determination to serve the world by experiencing a small village of Indios



with a completely different life environment and seeing the smiles of local children, even under such poor and difficult circumstances.

Our other project deals with a water problem. Until now people residing around the Paraguay River were drinking water directly from the river. This was causing many hygienic problems, especially children's diseases. In Leda as well, the water from the Paraguay River was clouded with small particles and carried many sani-

tary problems. With a desperate desire to create clean water, Rev. Kamiyama and all the National Messiahs began research and study, and finally at the end of last year we were able to create good, hygienic, clear water. We will further improve this water system and plan to install it in the neighboring towns and villages. Simultaneously, we are currently building an educational

training center. Once it is accomplished, we will be able to offer opportunities for the youth from the advanced nations to come and experience the nature of Pantanal, feel God, do volunteer projects in the local villages and work and sweat together. In this way, I believe the youth can experience a sense of solidarity among each other and build a bond of heart, which is being lost in the lives of the modern advanced nations.

They can fully enjoy the horseback riding, fishing and soccer in the great nature here, and I am certain that this place can be a place for people to discover their original nature, which is difficult to do in the environment of concrete buildings in advanced nations. I think that this place can also be used to gather local youth and give them not only the spiritual and moral education, but also training in farming, forestry, fishery, as well as an opportunity for cultural exchange. The planned date for its completion is July of this year.

Already a year and half has passed since we began the Leda developmental project. It has been going steadily thanks to the financial support of the Japanese National Messiahs all over the world as well as many supportive individuals. We are aiming to further develop not only Leda but also the living standard of people in the neighboring towns and villages. We will also proceed in building a model farm, promote planting trees, and begin preparing for an ecological tour. ❖

Memorial Poem • Alevtina Ogai

This poem by Continental Director Chang-Shik Yang was read at the Seung-hwa Ceremony for Alevtina Ogai. She was a member from Uzbekistan who came to America to work in Wyoming as a volunteer for the victory of True Parents' speaking tour. Alevtina was born on December 29, 1951 to Korean parents who had been forcibly exiled from their homeland to Central Asia in 1937 as a part of Stalin's ethnic purge.

Educated as a mechanical engineer and fluent in several languages, she was a respected community leader when she joined the Church in 1995. She never married, preferring to wait for a deeper understanding of life and a man of purity. Alevtina was matched to an American member and arrived in the United States on March 15th—seven days before her passing into the spiritual world. She immediately went to Wyoming and began working for the True Parents' 50-state speaking tour. Due to a fatal heart attack Alevtina passed away in the Wyoming church at 7 p.m. on March 21st. With permission from her family, her Seung-hwa Ceremony was held March 27th at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, who was attending True Parents as they arrived for their speech in Wyoming, officiated at the ascension service.

Alevtina worked day and night along with the support staff from San Francisco and that region for the victory of the Wyoming program. When True Parents received the report of her passing, they reacted with a sincerity of love and personal concern that was astonishing. At first True Parents considered having Alevtina buried at a Won Jon in Korea. Ultimately though, they gave permission for the Seung-hwa Ceremony to be held in Wyoming as an official American HSA-UWC Ceremony.

At the same time, Rev. C. J. Brown of the New Kingdom Church of God in Christ who along with members of his church learned of the passing of this missionary sister decided to make Alevtina a saint of their church. Rev. Brown attended the Seung-hwa Ceremony and also gave a monetary offering from his congregation. Rev. William Ephraim of the Progressive Church of God in Christ in Colorado Springs also attended the ceremony and offered his dedication. He mentioned that Jesus was working from in the spirit world, cooperating with True Parents, who are laboring to rebuild Christianity.

We pray for Alevtina who has gone as an offering for the victory of the True Parents' speaking tour, hoping that she will be a precious example for members in the United States and throughout the world.

Dr. Chang-Shik Yang

Oh! Alevtina Ogai

Beloved daughter, daughter of Korea
Early one fearful morning in 1937,
Amid a mid-winter snowstorm, throngs of Koreans in
the tens of thousands
Were kicked out of their homes by Stalin's jackbooted
soldiers
And thrown out on to a nameless Central Asian plane.

Already at that moment,
Alevtina,
You were a seed of your Korean father,
Encompassed in the circumstances of your destiny,
Holding the pain of history in your bosom;
And on December 29, 1951 in a wintry Uzbekistan,
You let loose your cry toward a world steeped in mis-
fortune.
After wandering in the Siberian wilderness searching
for the time of liberation,
By fate, you met Heavenly Parents in 1995.

Oh beloved daughter, daughter of Korea, Alevtina,
You immediately committed yourself full-time at the
end of the 21-day workshop,
Embracing the Father and Mother you had found again
— embracing the True Parents — and embarking of
your own will another suffering path,
What has happened to you now?
You came thousands of miles to join True Parents' U.S.
speaking tour, choosing Wyoming, the weakest state.
Then one day, March 21, 2001, you were smiling and
running to visit Christian ministers,

When at seven o'clock that evening darkness sudden-
ly surrounded you.
In one final hour, you fought alone with no one around.

The pain in your heart that you alone experienced,
Clutching your breast and as you fell to the ground in
pain,

Crying out to Heaven and fetal-like on the Earth.
How afraid you must have felt. Did you tremble
in fear? Were you scared?

Oh, the heart that you gripped as you strug-
gled and rolled in pain,
That was the heart of a people broken in
two.

It was the heart of the Father who car-
ried a wounded heart for six thou-
sand years.

Oh, shikku, who went directly on the
path to heaven,
Clutching that heart,
And not leaving behind so much as a
word.

When I heard the news in Kentucky
And reported to Parents with a trembling
heart,

Father gazed quietly at the distant moun-
tains, saying,

"Yes, these things will happen."

I can never forget the look in his eyes

As he gazed out the window, trying not to show his
pain.

Oh, daughter!

Oh, beloved daughter of Heaven!

Yes,

It is a path that you had to take sooner or later.

Yes,

It is a path that we must all take at some time.

Only life doesn't let us know when or where we will set
out on that path.

Alevtina!

I'm reminded of words that Father spoke at East Gar-
den

When the tour was about to begin.

"The fifty-state speaking tour is a matter of life and
death," he said,

"After this tour, I will either go to my homeland or to
the spirit world."

If someone had to go, it should not have been you.

There was one person who, as he set out on this tour,
Embraced a smiling child not even a year old,
Took a look at his older children as they slept, and
Looked at the children's pictures displayed around the
home.

His message to his wife

Was a silence

Far more eloquent than any words by a soldier going
into battle.

A general setting out on an uncertain path, a battle-
field from which he did not expect to return.

With the determination

Of Admiral Yi Soon-shin, who in his heart cut off the
heads of his wife and children

So he would have no reason to return,

And penned the words, "To seek life is certain death;
to seek death is certain life"

As he defended his country.

When the lights suddenly went out

During the speech in Minneapolis,

And an opaque darkness surrounded Heaven,

I reacted in an instant

To throw my body into the darkness

So as to protect Father.

Thankfully, it was just a prank by drug-clouded kids
seen earlier loitering around the church.

The senses I once used in the student movement to
fight tear gas and see through the opponents' strat-
egy

Immediately had me looking in all directions for the
enemy's next attack.

What would they do next?

Would there be rocks, bullets, or bombs?

Father, standing firm like a guardian pole, never lost
composure.

A dozen gowned clerics and veterans of the Korean War
protected him

As he continued to read his text by candlelight.

Those twenty minutes

Seemed longer than twenty years, or even ten
times that again.

Shortly after that situation ended well,
And calm returned to the tour,

What is this we have now,

Alevtina?

I never dreamed this would hap-
pen to you,

Daughter of Korea,

Born in one foreign land and
bringing yourself to another,

How could it be that you have
gone?

You have gone to the place where
your natural parents wait.

Your father and mother who could
not stand to leave you alone,

They were tossed out into a frigid
Siberian snowstorm

But survived despite the dire cir-
cumstances.

Yes,

I am proud of you.

Daughter! Sister! Shikku! Beloved!

Create a tornado, and go on the path of the Parents,
Not leaving so much as a speck of dust behind.

We raise a flag of commemoration to honor your noble
filial nature.

America will lower the Stars and Stripes,

And I, in the name of the Continental Director of Amer-
ica, call on

Washington, Jefferson, and the fathers of this country;
I ask Jesus to show us the path.

Our older brothers!

With tears, I beseech older brothers Heung Jin Nim and
Young Jin Nim

To take your eternal spirit in their hands.

I beseech Choong-mo Nim and Dae-mo Nim

To welcome you, beloved daughter,

Daughter who cleans every speck of dust from Father's
path, daughter of Korea,

As one who, now buried in American soil, becomes an
eternal daughter of America.

Alevtina!

Daughter who leaves this world after a life lived in nun-
like purity,

I name you Seong-nyo (Holy Woman).

May all America mourn you, praise you, and with an
official HSA-UWC Ceremony make your way as smooth
as silk.

On your grave,

We will record these words,

"Here lies Alevtina, daughter of Korea, beloved daugh-
ter who was born for the Will, lived for the Will, and
passed embracing the Will."

We also record that you are the first sister from Fami-
ly Federation in America to pass into the spiritual
world following the Coronation Ceremony of God's
Kingship.

If someone should ask

On that strange path where you now find yourself,

Tell them, "I am the True Parents' daughter, and I come
as the blossom of love from the providential 50-State
Speaking Tour."

If darkness should block your way,

Shout out for your way to be cleared, and wave the
Tongil flag.

Show them the Father's flag that has been placed in
your hand. Speak of Mother's love.

When we meet again,

We will always seat you

At the foremost position among American shikku,

And honor you as a hero, patriot, martyr, filial child,
and holy woman

Of the 2001 True Parents 50-State Speaking Tour.



True Family Values and Scouting

by Doug Bates

For the followers of most religions, sex should take place only between people who are married to each other... Abstinance until marriage is a very wise course of action." Does this sound like True Family Values? You may be surprised at the source of this quote. Read on.

I started as a Cub Scout Den Leader in 1997, when my oldest son was of the age to join. It was natural for me to carry on a tradition that began 70 years ago when my father joined Scouting. He achieved the Eagle Scout rank and later became a Cub Scout Leader, inspiring me to reach the Eagle rank as well. My love for kids and my desire to give something back to Scouting made it easy to volunteer. I also saw it as an important part of blessed children's upbringing, and as a practi-



cal yet significant contribution to the community.

I soon found that this was not to be the Scouting experience I grew up with. The values of Scouting have remained remarkably consistent even in the face of public opposition, but the social environment has changed dramatically. When I started with ten Scouts, five had single mothers, clearly in need of a good male role model. Besides this obvious need, however, there was a general lack of appreciation for the benefits of Scouting.

When I was a Cub, Den Leaders were called Den Mothers, because mothers normally stayed at home and had time after school to hold den meetings. Now, most dens must meet in the evening and compete with an increasingly busy schedule of sports, clubs, and homework. Kids face pressure from peers for whom Scouting is just not cool. For many parents, it's just another bur-

den on the agenda.

Over time, our den dwindled to seven, three of whom were blessed children. With the support of three blessed families I gained a lot of confidence that I could make a positive difference in the life of each boy. As long as I planned each event with enough fun to keep them interested, I found them fertile ground for character education as well as skills training. Scouting provided the medium through which to extend True Family Values into the realm of public behavior and relationships for youth.

I can vividly recall a small experience that gave me a powerful lesson as a Scout. I had done something clearly wrong when I was caught by the Troop Leader. He asked me why I did it, and all I could say was, "because the other kids did it." He knelt down to look me in the eye, and ran his finger down my backbone. "This is what makes you different," he said quiet-

ly, "your spine." I may never know if I've had such an effect on anyone's life as that simple statement had on me. But I do know that I don't have to be perfect to have a positive influence on the world around me, I just have to be involved.

The quote in the first paragraph above is from the Boy Scout Handbook, Eleventh Edition, p. 376, in a section entitled "Sexual Responsibility". In the Fifth Edition that I used as a Scout, there is no reference to sex. Times have changed. In our efforts to change the present with the new Word, we can increase our audience - and influence - by ally-

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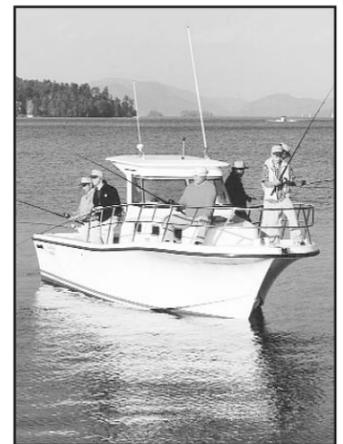
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2nd Generation Education: The Family

by Rob & Sally Sayre

Over the last 6-7 years a group of parents have been learning, mostly by trial and error the ins and outs of imparting the theology, experience, wisdom and teaching of the Divine Principle to our children. In this article, I want to focus on very practical issues instead of a theological treatise or a DP oriented article relating to this time in the providence. These issues have been addressed by many more articulate and experienced than I. I hope these practical issues will be useful to others in thinking about starting their own programs and activities.

Our Experience

We began 6 years ago with nine families in tents at a run down camping resort. The cost per family was \$35/family for the camping spot. Each family brought their own food and did their own cooking. We had three lecture groups 4&5 year olds, 6&7 year olds and 8 and up. There were crafts and quite a bit of time for kids and adults to socialize.

The next year we moved to a different camping resort, attracted 14 families and had around 35 kids. This was still tent camping and only three days.

Next year, we decided to try a week long Youth Camp along with our Family Camp at this same resort. This resort had an old, large, but functional farm type building that could house 60-70 people. This workshop ended up having 54 kids from 4th-9th grade. The Family Camp had around 30 kids and 8-9 families.

In 1998, we moved again to a State Park to use one of their campgrounds with cabins and the works. This was a huge step. We ended up having 94 kids in two different lecture groups (one for 4th-6th grades and another for 7th and up). The Family Camp had 14 families and around 50 kids. Their lectures were in two age groups as well. All in all we had around 200 people in this one area. It was an amazing experience.

The next year, 1999, we made a major policy change in the structure of Camp. We made it a Family Camp, which for all practical purposes, meant that at least one parent was required to attend and work in a staff position. In fact, the staff was completely composed 100% of parents. This had several positive results. It gave us a staff of over 70 people, it made the Camp an experience for the entire family and it made it economical to run.

In 2000, as our article in the previous U-News indicated, we were forced to use a different facility. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It involved members from West Virginia and Ohio and six other states. The logistical problems in organizing this Camp in an area of the State we were unfamiliar with and we had to transport all our stuff 5 hours to the Camp forced us to plan even more carefully than we had in the past. The entire Camp was organized better than it ever has and the spirit was wonderful. This was really our perfection stage at this level.

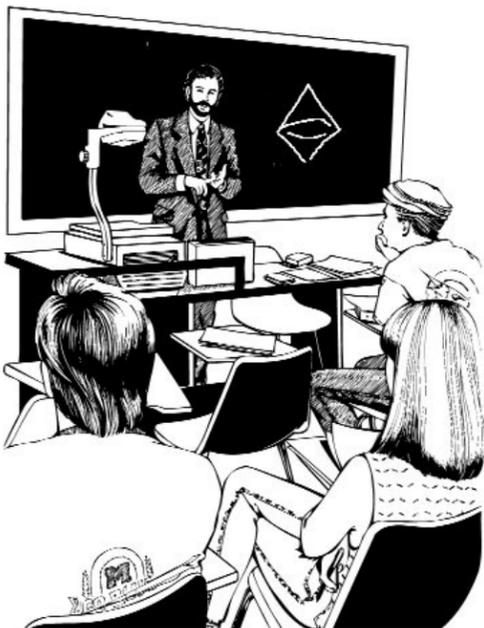
Why the Whole Family?

We believe that a Family Style Camp provides a complete experience for each

member of the family. It allows for the workload to be shared among a large group of people. It fosters a strong sense of community among the participants which carries over to their activities throughout the year and it provides a concrete example of what True Families are all about to our children and to each other. This is a practical example of what the Family Federation can stand for and offer to others as well. Finally, this seems to be a trend in the overall movement with families encouraged to attend workshops in Korea and Brazil.

Getting Dads Involved

Mothers are naturally involved in the daily care and raising of their chil-



dren. Prior to changing our Camp to a Family model we found a very direct relationship between families where the Dad was directly involved at Camp and those that were not. For those families where Dad's were involved, the kids had a secure relationship with God, trusted the advice of their parents, their choice of friends reflected a growing relationship with God and they excelled at school. Dad's matter, especially as kids reach puberty. Family Camp naturally involves Dads in the experience.

When parents drop off their kids at a Camp there is an unspoken expectation that others will somehow impart the religious values and traditions to the children that the parents have not. This is virtually impossible. In the past I've had parents drag resistant kids to Camp and ask us to help "save them" from the fallen world. At a Family Camp, the Family and other families create the bonding of an extended family of friends in a religious community. This is real to children and they want to return. I do think there is a place for Camps and activities not involving parents on site, but I think this is preferable to teens 14 and up and with a solid grounding in their faith. The Pure Love Alliance (PLA) and Religious Youth Service (RYS) are wonderful examples.

I've seen lots of adults come to Camp with their families with the thought that it was primarily for their kids. What often happens is the parents are inspired and

take that inspiration back to their communities and get involved in local efforts. If local church leaders want to get more people involved in their work, a Family Camp is a great way to provide the motivation and inspiration. At Camp, we provide opportunities for individuals to contribute in a variety of ways. No volunteer effort is too small. This is an effective strategy I would encourage others to use. In the same way that parents fold their children into their own life of faith and lifestyle, families are folded into a community by shared experiences and commitments.

Timing & Finding a Place

When I've talked to others about this the usual response is, "Well, you have a special talent at doing this." Or, "How in the world did you get permission to do this?" My response has been to question # 1, "Perhaps, but we have been learning as we go and anyway, we get a lot of good people involved and the burden is not too heavy on any one person." To question # 2, my answer has been, "When did I need permission to teach my own children my faith?" Inertia and lack of confidence is the biggest problem in getting things going.

One important issue in establishing a Summer Camp is finding a location. My rule of thumb is start one year in advance. Six months is the absolute minimum. It's important because you need as much time as possible to let people know what your plans are, do they can make theirs and get involved with you. Also, the best and cheapest facilities are booked up long in advance of the summer season.

Where should you look? Try camping resorts, your state department of environmental resources (the people who run your parks and campgrounds), the boy and girl scouts, churches and organizations like granges, volunteer fire companies and non-profit organizations like The Appalachian Mountain Club, the Sierra Club and the like. They often have facilities for rent or know of those that do. Religious communities such as the Mennonites, Quakers and others often have retreat sites available for rent.

In the past, our movement always purchased properties. This seems like the best idea, but I do not advocate this strategy. It is very expensive to maintain facilities, pay the full time staff, insurance and so on. Even the Girl Scouts with millions of members and vast resources have trouble maintaining their facilities. Our camp last summer cost a total of around \$900 for a week. We had close to 200 people utilize it, so the cost was approx. \$4.50/person for the week. When we were done, we cleaned up, turned in the keys and left. When there were problems, we called their maintenance people and it was their problem. This is definitely the way to go; unless the local church community can definitely afford the expense

of it's own facility without making the cost prohibitive.

In Pennsylvania, there are five state-supported parks with facilities appropriate for Group Camping, Hickory Run in Eastern PA, French Creek near Reading, Laurel Hill approximately 1 hour east of Pittsburgh, Raccoon Creek west of Pittsburgh and Blue Knob near State College. These facilities have the capability to serve our community from New York to Ohio and south to Washington, DC and Virginia. Your state may have similar facilities.

Recruiting People

Our philosophy has been like casting a play. You first have to determine the types of "parts or roles" you need, define them and search for the best people you can find. The parts for the workshop are lecturer, coordinator/song leader and group leaders. For the Camp staff, you need someone overall to recruit people, make the financial plan and make sure everything works. You need a reliable person to plan the meals and you need a few people to pitch in to keep the place clean and just get things done. If the workshop is small, people can fill several roles, but it is very helpful, no matter what the size to have roles designated.

We began with a few other committed couples. I have often told people that our workshops are really only for my kids, "I just need the others to round out the experience." This is not completely true, but what is true is that parents want what is best for their children. If you make it as easy as possible to get involved and send their kids, they will respond.

I never ask people, "Can you help." I try to ask them, "do you think you could help organize sports for the workshop?" Some people are willing and able to do pretty much anything; others are only comfortable in specific roles.

In recruiting, I look beyond the immediate geographic territory or church organization or structure. We have had people from Minnesota to Maine to Georgia on our staff. We began with people we knew who had the following characteristics: they had experience in the area we wanted them to help in, i.e., lecturers, cooks, song leaders, etc. They are reliable people, when they say they will do something, they will do it. They often do not have an essential or providential role in the movement. Why this one? Well, we needed people who would be available to us, no matter what. Church leaders have so many responsibilities and commitments; they are often unable to fulfill their roles. Not that there heart is not there; they just have a lot on their plates.

As one sister shared with me, "I need someone who, if True Parents arrived at the exact moment they were leaving for Camp would say to them, 'here at the keys, help yourself to what's in the fridge, I'm off to Camp and will be back in a week.'" I think Father would smile and send them on their way.

Our experience has also been that if you get parents to organize the Summer Camps and let the leaders participate as they can, they are very happy to have the opportunity and often do something.

The Financial Plan

Our thinking is to make this as cheap



Camp Experience in Pennsylvania

as possible. There is no paid staff of any kind and no long-term commitments in terms of buildings, etc. Food typically costs \$3.50-\$5.00/day/person. Add another \$25/person (not per day-for the entire workshop) for song-books, crafts and miscellaneous stuff and you have everything except the cost of your facility. These are the essentials.

It is vital to keep the workshop as affordable as possible and to give families 3-6 months notice of when it will occur so they can make financial plans well in advance. It is also important that you get a commitment from people in terms of a deposit, early on so you can make the necessary plans. People appreciate advance planning and well-organized activities. When you provide this, they are happy to spend the money to send their children.

Safety Issues

Anytime you get a group of kids together, they will want to wander off, seek adventure and they are not experienced enough to recognize a dangerous situation when they encounter it. The older the kids the more this is true. Teens feel invincible and can show remarkable bad judgment in this area. The #1 hazard is water. No swimming alone and no swimming without a lifeguard present. This is an absolute rule. Getting lost is a problem as well. This is why groups with enough adults and leaders are essential. We provide each group leader with a whistle, and instruct every adult to think and act as if of each child is his or she own. They have the right to call kids on stupid and dangerous activities. Poison ivy can be a problem as can bee stings, but these can be treated.

Bigger is very often not better. It is important to focus on providing a quality experience for every child. I think that 125-150 kids in any one workshop are as big as any should be. Larger than that and there is too much herding of kids involved and the logistics tend to rule the day, instead of inspiration and spirit.

Curriculum and Teaching Goals

We stick with the basics here. For kids up until the 8th grade, we stick with basic 2-3 day workshop material. This happens over a 5-day period. For older kids, who have heard DP several times, more emphasis can be placed on prayer, life of faith, etc. If you find experienced lecturers, they will know what to do. We keep the lectures to a maximum of 45 minutes and have no more than 3 per day. Our goal is to help the children experience the DP as their own, to take ownership and make decisions and commitments based upon their understanding

of it. We also provide opportunities for them to experience God's Heart in a personal way through prayer. Our

candlelight prayer service always rates as one of the top experiences for kids. This is so much more powerful than just doing what Mom or Dad says.

Our High School kids have grown into very effective group leaders. They know the ropes after attending Camp several times and serve as strong role models for the younger kids. There are certain things kids will share with other kids and not with their parents. Once the kids have a clear grounding in Divine Principle and the Bible, kids naturally embrace Hoon Duk Hae to seek deeper content.

Singing is very, very important. Kids really respond to singing, whether it is Holy Songs, old Dan Fefferman or Oakland songs, or Christian hymns. I would say, there is never enough singing.

Il-Shim and the Purity Pledge

In the last two years, we have offered an Il-Shim Ceremony or a purity pledge as the final activity. This allows the kids to make a strong commitment to a pure lifestyle with a large community of people and their parents there to witness this act and support them. Again, the younger kids look forward to the time when they can make this pledge as well. I believe this Unification style coming of age ceremony can provide a bridge for our children into an adult life of faith and to other communities of faith.

Our children did not quit school, roar around the country on campaigns, fundraising, living with people from all over the world. Yankee Stadium, MSG and Washington Monument are no more real to them than D-Day, Guadal Canal or The Battle of Gettysburg.

They live and function in two worlds. One is the world of school, their local neighborhoods and their relatives. These are comprised mostly of non-Unificationists. The other world is the world of their parent's faith. They learn mostly by what their parents to and what they see other adults do.

We need to help them integrate these two worlds, to help them see the Divine Principle as a powerful tool for living a spiritual and productive life and to experience God's Heart and his love for them. They need to understand and make a commitment to these on their own. Most of the 2nd Generation will never meet True Father while he is here on earth with us.

Other Activities

It's essential that kids have lots of time for fun and socialization. We provide around 3 hours of structured activities such as crafts, hiking and sports as well as 2.0-2.5 hours of free time a day. This free time is important, as it allows the kids to bond and form true friendships. In the evenings, we have campfires,

with singing, prayer and other activities. We have had square dances as well, which the kids love, once they give it a try. Fun and varied activities are the key here. Crafts may seem trivial to some, but we have found that during this time kids often share the deepest aspects of their life and experiences with God, their family or the workshop. When their hands are busy with a creative project, the spirit is free to express itself.

Evening campfires and times for personal prayer provide the opportunity for our kids to connect directly to God. They do it much easier than you can imagine. I've seen lots of kids in tears, feeling God's Heart and his love for them.

We've found structured activities lasting around 3 hours on a rotating basis works best. For example a group might do crafts for an hour, then play sports and then swim. An hour or two after the activities, of free time allows kids to socialize, swim again, and just have fun. It also allows the staff to catch a nap, visit or get ready for the next activity.

Recruit enough staff, so the adults can have fun as well. They don't mind working hard, but they need inspiration, relaxation and fun like anyone else. Take care of the people who are taking care of the kids. We never have staff meetings later than 11pm. They are counter-productive and you need people to be well rested during the day. Finally, I've found it remarkable how far a sincere "thank you" will go in motivating others. Never, ever take anyone's offering for granted, no matter how small. A basic rule of etiquette is that if you cannot thank people in person, you should do so in writing afterward. This is good manners and smart management. It is important that we recognize each other in front of God and others. When we set the example of gratitude and serving others as adults, our children will see this as a normal part of life.

Making the Commitment

People often ask me, how can I make a commitment to something, when Rev. Moon, a leader or other providential

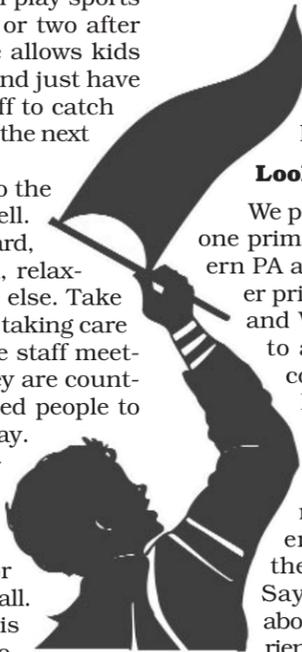
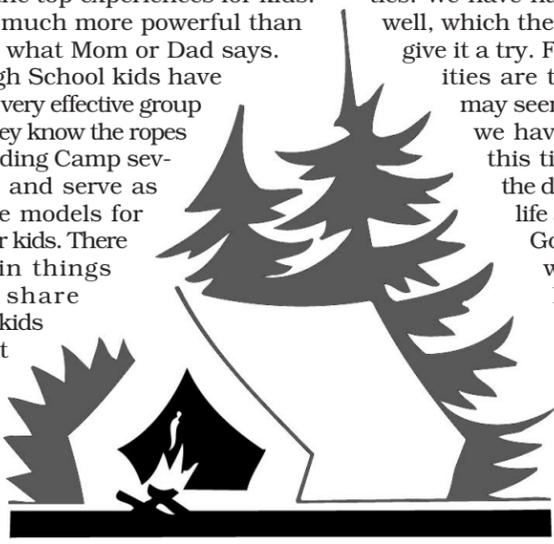
activities might get in the way? What I've learned is that if I make the commitment to provide this for the Blessed Children, things work out. I was directly ordered by an elder Korean leader one year to postpone the Camp because it was on the same days as a speaking tour by Mrs. Moon. He was worried about attendance and feeling lots of pressure. I did not cancel the Camp and did not make a big protest. When the time came, we took the older kids to the speech, had them act as ushers and they were able to attend a celebration with Mrs. Moon in her hotel room afterward. For the kids, this was the highlight of the workshop. The Korean leader was supported and we held our Camp. The lesson is God can do several things at once. Also remember that the Church leaders are people like anyone else, they worry, suffer doubt but still try to offer their time and talent to God. Each of us can do the same.

Finally, I see the education of the 2nd Generation as fundamentally a parental role. Especially until they are out of High School. Kids also learn by what they see their parents doing. If their parents are involved in the workshops as well, this speaks much more loudly and clearly about the real priorities in their lives. Think about it.

Looking Ahead To 2001

We plan to organize two Camps, one primarily for members in Eastern PA and New Jersey and another primarily for Washington, DC and Western PA. We also plan to add a community service component for older kids in Philadelphia. Our desire is to connect our kids to the existing community and church contacts our Movement has. If there are others who would like to use these facilities, contact Rob Sayre. We are also thinking about how to transfer this experience to other new families and as a way of introducing others to the movement and the True Parents.

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Julius Spicciani, age 13, Juneau, Alaska

Reflections on Chung Pyung

by June Darby-Perrin

Traveling on long journeys is a time when one can pray, study and reflect freely. I am returning from Chung Pyung where some sisters each shared their problems and worries. On the spur of the moment I was inadequate and unable to help them. I left with a heavy heart and cannot stop thinking of them, for somehow their concerns reflected the situations of a wide cross-section of our community. And I want to

try now and put their difficulties into some perspective. For if we can understand the purpose and reason for our struggles from an historical viewpoint, and understand their origin, then we can more easily resolve them. Especially we need to be able to put our own difficulties into perspective and see the whole picture, otherwise they overwhelm us. We need to remember clearly where we are headed, what our goals are, and to keep our vision. For that also gives us an energy and determination to endure and resolve our problems.

"A shining new historical era is in front of us. The time has come when all our cherished desires can be realized." The time when the hopes, aspirations and dreams of all mankind throughout the ages can be realized. The time when God's suffering and pain can be ended as He "sees the realization of His deepest longings come about. The foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven is finally being established of families that attend God"—families that are sanctified, holy and separated from Satan and the satanic environment by the National Level Blessing.

We were each of us "born for history," and were chosen by God because of the merits of our ancestors and because of our potential to become "historical heroes." We were chosen to build the foundation of a new history centering on God. "To start a new history, we have to stand in front of history and endure where no one has ever endured before, and bring victories where victories have never been won before." "History up till now has been a history where Satan has betrayed God. The record of history that God can preserve starts with Father's generation and those that inherit the history of traditions centering on True Parents, and the world that they are trying to establish and preserve for the future. For the standard of life that Father is setting will become the standard of

universal history."

So we can understand that our goal is formidable and that nothing less than absolute perfection is being asked of us by God and True Parents. It is what Jesus asked, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven." It is daunting—to go where no one has gone before. We have to radically change our thinking and begin to believe that it is possible, begin to believe in the seemingly impossible, and aim for the stars. However, True Parents are helping us; they have paid great indemnity to open the way. True Father discovered the root cause of mankind's woes and consequently resolved and restored all the complicated, entangled failures of history through a course of great hardship and suffering. All we have to do is follow the directions. They have also helped to sanctify us through the Grace Blessing, and Father has given us the gift of blessed, liberated ancestors who will help, support and protect us. We are not alone. We also have the help of the saints and angels, and each other. But we have to overcome Satan in ourselves, establish mind-body unity, and realize perfection on the individual level and on the family level.

Some members cannot understand why there are an increasing number of problems in individuals and families on the grassroots level when Father is proclaiming and establishing so many amazing conditions, liberating more and more of the spirit world with each proclamation, empowering the strength of the good spirit world, and even God Himself.

Spiritually we under great pressure to bring victory, and all our shortcomings that hinder us from achieving the goals are being exacerbated—heightened and intensified—so that we cannot fail to be aware of them, and hopefully will work to resolve them.

Just because we have ancestors that are blessed and access to greater help from the spirit world than ever before, our situations won't dramatically change for the better and improve overnight. We have to lay the conditions that will mobilize their help. They don't help automatically. They wait to be asked, because we are subject and they are object. We have to tell them specifically how to help us. Also, they cannot come and help us if we have the wrong attitudes. We must be humble, and do our 100% best. We cannot live self-centered, selfish lives. We must live for the sake of God and

humanity. And we must live our lives according to the guidance and directions that True Parents and Hoon Mo Nim have given us. We cannot live impure, immoral lives. Also, we need to continually repent for being inadequate, not being serious enough, and failing so many times to take the right attitude. We have to make conditions to help them help us. It takes great energy for the spirit people to change the attitudes and circumstances of physical people. So we need to send them energy by prayer for at least three days, read Hoon Dok Hae, study Divine Principle, serve, sacrifice, give, witness and love people. Then we have to direct the energy from whatever condition we made to help them fulfill their tasks. But still at this time when the physical world is subject, the most powerful conditions are what we do ourselves—the love, words and service that we give to people. That is our most effective instrument for bringing about change. We have to take responsibility and not leave it for anyone else to do. We have to take the initiative, and then we will be helped.

Father is educating the Blessed Wives so that we can make our own foundation in relation to God. He is teaching us urgently how to become one with Him in our everyday lives, and so is Hoon Mo Nim. We need to begin the day by greeting God and offer our plans for the day. We pray when we leave home, then we report what we are doing throughout the day and pray when we return home. Then at the end of the day we report our accomplishments and failures. We also sanctify our environment and connect it to God by an attitude of prayerful reverence, gratitude and humility. True Father is teaching us how to become one with our spouses, through wholehearted acceptance, service and devoted love. He is also helping us to understand how the most intimate relationships between husband and wife are holy and sacred. And he is teaching us how to build families that are united in unconditional love for each other and are centered on God, and how to live for the whole purpose.

True Father is teaching us that to win victory we have to have attitudes of the deepest seriousness and the deepest determination. Jacob brought victory because he fought with all his energy and strength, not caring whether his hip bone was broken or not. To bring victory we cannot center on our own understandings and desires. We have to deny ourselves, and our concepts. We have to be able to deny all things and turn around in a completely new direction or we cannot "usher in the new world." We cannot live centered on myself any longer. The motivation, direction, purpose and content of our lives has to be outward centered. We have to live for another, for the sake of God, our spouse, family and mankind.

This whole new providence centering on Chung Pyung with its emphasis on the spirit world is a great problem for some members, bringing doubts where doubts did not exist before. Because the logic of the spirit world is so contradictory to the logic we have learned so far, especially with regard to science and medicine, as time and matter do not exist in the spirit world. Also, it is invisible, so it is difficult to verify; there are no

empirical scales that we can use to measure it by. However, if we can keep an open mind, we will find more and more evidence,

even scientific evidence, supporting the seemingly shocking things that Hoon Mo Nim says at times.

I would never have believed at one time that spirits could block a womb and prevent a woman from becoming pregnant. But a sister I know was married for seven years before joining the church and she could never conceive. She never used contraceptives and they were both found to be fertile. Yet within seven years of being blessed, she became pregnant four times. So I have no difficulty accepting that spirits can be in our bodies.

There is a great body of spiritual healings and miracles already recorded that defy conventional science. There are physical conditions considered incurable by medicine, that had no mental or spiritual foundation, that were healed by prayer that calls on God's love and energy. Medical articles also acknowledge the power of the mind to facilitate either healing or death. But science really does not understand the nature of the causal relationship that exists between the spirit and physical. Because some people find these concepts new and difficult to grasp, you don't give up on all that has been accomplished so far in your life. You don't throw out the baby with the bath water. We have to be patient and ask for signs and experiences to help us believe and understand. Spirit world will help us if we ask and trust them to do so. What is most important is to have our own personal experiences with God and the spiritual world. Once we substantially experience their love and protection, sometimes in dramatic ways, our doubts and questions dissolve.

Father said that we "meet God when we overcome hardships through suffering centered on God's will and for God's will." We should not just endure suffering and hardships but use it positively as a way of learning empathy for God's suffering.

Through it we can understand God's miserable path and we can desire to comfort and liberate God from all misery and pain.

"We have to long for God through our tears, difficulties and suffering. Then no matter how difficult our situation, if God walks with us it will be a happy place." We also find God when we are "victors over our self," when we have no concept of self and reach the zero point of complete humility. Last time I saw Father during our 21 Day Blessed Wives Workshop I was so moved when I saw how totally humble True Father is. He had no concept of self at all. And he radiated such utter sweetness, kindness and gentleness when I sang for him.

Father also said that the fastest way to find God is through witnessing, that "the place where you finally cross over to meet God is the place in Satan's den where you are in agony centering on love for humanity." Yet a sister told me how impossible it is to witness once you start family life. She just accepted it as a matter of course that an expanding, growing church should stop growing in membership once the young members are blessed. But that is not true at all. Sisters can witness even with a baby strapped to you, or in a stroller. Children can accompany you no matter what their age. Many times the brightness of your

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National Children's and Youth Ministry Curriculum

by Dr. Kathy Winings

It seems like yesterday when we first formulated the national Sunday School and Youth Ministry curricula. The small committee of youth and adults who helped to write the curricula were intent on developing a strong beginning for an active and thriving ministry to children and teens. Since that time 6 years ago, not only is the curricula being used across the United States, but it has been distributed throughout Europe, Russia, Japan, Korea, Oceania, and parts of Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Through this program, we have been able to create a more stable ministry and faith development program for youth ages 5 through 18. That is truly exciting.

Just two years ago the Youth Ministry curriculum was expanded and enhanced. Now our religious educa-

tion program for teens include not only special curricula for Junior High and High School-aged teens, but also the new II Shim program. Initially developed by Rev. Hong and Brian Sabourin in New Jersey, the II Shim program has been developed into a strong rites of passage program contained in a useful ministry manual.

Since the beginning of the National Curricula, our movement has expanded and more of True Parents' teachings are available to our families. This means that it is time to revise, update, and expand our Children's Ministry Curriculum. I am beginning the revising process which will also include more emphasis on developing a strong

Children's Ministry as well as new activities and materials that the children do at home with their parents and brothers and sisters. This is to help in the writing of a home-based faith development/family education program (which is my next series of curriculum materials).

This is where all of the Sunday School teachers can help. If you have a particular lesson that you have used and believe that it would be valuable to include in this expanded and updated Children's Ministry curriculum, please make a copy of the lesson, lesson plan, and any activity sheet that you have developed and send it to me for inclu-

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sion in the revised curriculum. Also include the grade level of the lesson. You may send the lessons by regular mail to: Dr. Kathy Winings, 177 White Plains Road, 50F, Tarrytown, NY 10591 or by email to me at: IRFFint@aol.com.

I encourage you to look at the individual lessons that you have formulated and see if there isn't one that is creative, energetic, provides a clear lesson on a Divine Principle topic or Father's teaching, and most of all – is effective. Now is the time for us to take our Children's and Youth Ministries to a new level of development and effectiveness. I look forward to receiving your lesson ideas and to working together with you for the sake of God's young men and women.

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children's spirit attracts people and makes it easier to witness. All you have to do is keep an evening free each week in your home, and you and your husband can take turns teaching guests and taking care of the children. I've done it and so have lots of other couples. Also, that keeps a family outward looking and protects you from the danger of centering only on your own family.

The simplest way for sisters to resolve the struggle to love their husbands is to sincerely ask God to show you how He loves your spouse, and believe that God will answer you. Absolutely you will experience how God loves your spouse, and He will show you your husband's good points, and show you how to win his love. It's no good expecting him to change. We have to change ourselves, deny our own fallen nature habits, likes, dislikes and expectations. There are sisters who have had serious problems or experiences that scarred them. But really when we honestly tell God our problems and ask for help resolving them, He will always provide the healing and help we need. Perhaps He will point you in the direction you need to go to receive the necessary understanding and support.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For everyone that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son asks bread, will he give him a stone?

If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matt. 7)

Becoming one with your spouse is crucial. For it is not possible to become one totally with God unless you can wholeheartedly love and become one with your spouse in a loving, reverent, physical relationship of love. Father once said that that is the place where mind and body become one. Sometimes when you touch him/her, it will even feel as if you are touching yourself. It is not easy for husband and wife to love each other sometimes because we are restoring the love that was lost to God when Adam and Eve fell, the love that enabled Satan to dominate the world. And it is through the

restored love of restored husband and wife that God regains dominion of the world.

Sisters with young children expressed fears about their children losing faith in their teenage years. The most important point to protect your children's faith is for them to grow up with parents who are united, and genuinely love each other, and sincerely love God and True Parents.

I would also like to share a few points that might be helpful. From the time we bear our babies, and in all our dealings with them, from feeding to cleaning, we should always feel they represent the world and are God's children, and never relate to them in a purely personal way. We should always try to keep a prayerful attitude centered on God and True Parents, treating them with respect and reverence in our hearts. Children become sensitive to that vibration, and once they are used to it they feel happiest in it, for the spirit of prayer is expansive and enabling, not narrow, limiting or dominating. I always tried to think like that, and as my children grew older, if I would sometimes spontaneously hug them and reach out to them in an unprayerful attitude, they would immediately rebuff me. But if I were really prayerful and thinking of God and the world, they would be incredibly loving and responsive.

Father also said that "when our children are lonely and miserable, we should teach them that we are miserable because God is miserable. And we should comfort them with prayerful hearts, saying, "Although you stand in a lonely, miserable place now, your descendants will not perish, and your future will not be bleak. This I will prove to you. Don't feel resentment because we can't feed and clothe you now." Let them know that such parents are holy parents." Then as they grow older, they won't be envious of the comfortable existence and material benefits others have. For they will respect their parents and will value the internal content that their parents taught them. Another time Father said that "we should teach our family that he is our grandfather and that "Because I received love from grandfather, I am like your grandfather." He said that we should teach

them that "True Father became as he is because he received love from God. He receives love from God and he is your grandfather. I received more love from this grandfather than anyone else and I am one with the grandfather. That is why I am the world's best father. So I am the best in the world when it comes to loving you."

Are you the best in loving your children? You must instill these kinds of thoughts into them. This must be continued for centuries and millennia; then ancestors in the spirit world and the descendants on the earth will receive blessings thousand and ten thousand fold."

One sister expressed her loneliness, that no leaders ever visited them. She was feeling a lack of love. One solution is to support our leaders, and love them, and pray for them, and treat them respectfully. Also, we need to keep ourselves

busy, loving and serving others in our environment. For when we are busy loving and caring for others, witnessing and living for the sake of the world, we don't have time to think and worry about ourselves. Sometimes we are worried about what our neighbors would think, but when "we are crazy to love God and are crazy to do God's will, we never perish" or diminish, but will rather grow in stature, and become respected for our sincerity and dedication and goodness, and will become a source of inspiration in the community.

St. Joan of Arc once gave a revelation to inspire members. She said that True Parents want to give Blessed Couples glory and uplift them, and that by making us Tribal Messiahs they were giving us a position in the spirit world that would be second only to themselves. And she described how future generations would pay homage to our lives, visiting places we frequented, and recalling how and where we overcame different problems of faith, and how we developed our heart of love. She said that to be the messiah, head of a tribe and lineage, we have to be worthy. Father also said that the "position to receive such benefit of glory can only be obtained by going through a barrage of indescribable hardships." Also,

she said that we should be grateful for conflicts and difficulties because they help us to build strong spiritual muscles that will enable us to stand straight in front of God. And that the time would come when we won't be able to experience the hardships that enable us to grow quickly. So we should welcome them and not complain, as later we will regret lost opportunities.

That is why our leaders are exhorting us to fulfill the condition of bringing 180 tribal members. True Parents want us to fulfill all the conditions necessary, so that we qualify to receive all the blessings they want to give us.

"So Unification Church life means not feeling resentful even when living a prison life and suffering. It means thinking that everything is my fault and always attempting to be loyal to heaven." It means that in everyday life when we encounter situations that could make us angry, frustrated or annoyed, we have to turn them around and treat those experiences as indemnity conditions, offering them to God with patience, tolerance, love and understanding. Every time we get affected by our environment and react negatively, we show that we haven't separated from Satan, that we still carry fallen nature, and in reality are still his child.

I am struggling myself to realize all the above goals, and have a much longer way to go than most brothers and sisters. I stumble when I am tired or feeling down; sometimes I have even momentarily felt trapped. But sooner or later I am always uplifted and resurrected in spite of myself. I think it is because I always try to honestly report my situation to God, and ask for help to overcome and to again have hope. Heung Jin Nim once told us that as long as we have hope, even if our hope is just a flicker, then spirit world can always help us.

This article was written on the plane from Seoul to Paris while I was sitting with a live bomb ticking away in a suitcase directly above my head. I reported the unclaimed case in Paris to the hostess. When we were inside the terminal building, police moved us so that they could defuse a bomb found in a suitcase. And twenty minutes later there was an explosion!

(All quotations are taken from Father's speech of August 28, 1971: "The Way Our Blessed Families Should Go," given at Chung Pyung Training Center.) ❖

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

The Time of America's Visitation

by Linna Rapkins

PART 2

After almost a week in Washington D.C., Father announced that it was time to continue their journey. The group of five packed up their things and prepared the car. They still had more than half way to go, and, since winter was almost over, they were hoping it would be spring-like most of the way.

Mr. Sank Ik Choi, the first missionary to Japan, had come to D.C. with Daikon Ohnuki to see Father. They became the new passengers on the trip West. Col. Bo Hi Pak and Moonhye Yoon (Seuk) rode along as far as Cleveland—nine people in all.

The trip west meant going north for awhile to hit the rest of the East coast. They left a trail of holy grounds in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

A Visit to a Medium

"Abogee," said Col. Pak, before starting. "In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, there lives a famous trance medium named Arthur Ford. We can schedule a meeting with him, if you'd like."

"Yes, that would be good," responded Father. "But we must do it quickly. There is very little time." Arrangements were made.

In Philadelphia, they sat around a table with a few other people who had come. Arthur Ford had never met Father before and didn't know he was special. He went into trance, and his spirit guide, Fletcher, spoke. He said many things about Father.

For example, he said, "It was necessary that Mr. Moon should come to earth. God had to have some man through whom the Spirit of Truth could speak...."

Toward the end of the reading, Fletcher informed them, "I have to go now. The energy is waning."

But Miss Kim quickly asked, "Have you anything to ask for Mr. Moon?"

Without hesitation, Fletcher answered, "I ask that those who have been blessed by knowing him ... hold up his hands, shelter him, and feed him with their love. Give him your whole support.... He is an instrument through whom God is revealing himself...."

When Arthur Ford returned to his body,

Father took the subject position.

"When a spirit speaks to you from spirit world, it has a certain viewpoint," he said. "It will lead you in one direction. When another spirit comes, it will lead you in another direction. It is very important for you to learn the principle behind spirit world.... That way you will be able to grow to a higher level yourself.... You were created to be Lord of Creation, so you should be higher than the spirits. They should help you.... Also, you should find out what level Fletcher is at, so you can understand best how to work with him."

Arthur Ford was surprised by Father's remarks. He was also interested. He asked questions, and for about 45 minutes Father explained many things about spirit world and about God's plans for restoring the world.

At one point, Dr. Ford's face lit up. "Do I understand you to say that those who are now in the spiritual world are able to advance only when they help people on earth to advance but that they don't reincarnate?"

"That's right," answered Father.

Dr. Ford was obviously intrigued. "Is that right? Is that right?" he murmured thoughtfully.

"Well, who exactly are the angels? Just what is this Divine Principle you speak of? Should I work more on my own growth, or should I concentrate on helping others?" His questions kept coming, and Father's answers inspired him.

There were several priests in the group and Father gave them advice, as well. It was a day none of them would soon forget.

The carload of nine was truly in high spirits as they left Philadelphia, and they had much to think about.

To New England

After New Jersey came the Big Apple—New York City. In Central Park, Father found a small tree growing out of a huge flat rock.

"Here," he said. Among the towering grandeur and bustle of New York City, the entire holy ground was blessed on a rock measuring at least 20 feet across. The tree growing out of it seemed to be splitting the solid rock apart.

"This shows the strength of even a small plant," Father said to the group around him. "You should be like this tree and break apart Satan's kingdom. You may

feel small, but with the Divine Principle you have the tool to be powerful."

Although New York is very large and important, Father spent only one day there. They stopped by the little apartment of Moonhye Yoon (Seuk), New York's first member, for a bite to eat; then headed out of town..

North they went to the church spires and peaceful villages of historic New England. The car whizzed through Connecticut, Rhode Island, the Public Gardens of Boston, Massachusetts, and on to northern New Hampshire. In that single day, Father blessed ground in six states!

They reached Portsmouth, New Hampshire, around 10 o'clock at night. It was cold, and as a full moon shone upon the frozen ground, Father performed the ceremony.

Although it was night, their "day" was not yet finished, for they still had to hit Maine. There was not enough time to drive to the capital; therefore, while peacefully sleeping, the quiet village of Kittery received the blessing for that northern state.

Cross Country into the Sunset

In Maine the car turned around and headed west. Into the night, past the sleeping villages, over the hills and dales and rivers, and through the woods, they sped at breakneck speeds.

If someone had been watching, they would have wondered who was chasing this station wagon so loaded down with people and luggage.

Reaching Brattleboro, Vermont, at about 3 in the morning, it was March 20. Rather bleary-eyed and saddle-sore, they collapsed into their motel beds (or on their floor space). But as tired as they were, the sky had barely begun to lighten when Father woke them up and urged them on. With haste, they found City Park and blessed its ground.

The next stop was Niagara Falls. It was a long drive across New York, but they reached it by late afternoon. The ground was covered with snow there, and the spray from the roaring falls froze onto their clothes as they stood by the water's edge. The sheer power of so much water plunging nonstop over the cliffs made them feel small, indeed; and once again they marveled at the magnificence of God's handiwork. Yet, Father had taught them that creation is only a reflection of their own image. One little person is much more important than the greatest and most awesome object of creation. They turned to go feeling exhilarated—and very cold.

As they passed around Lake Erie to Cleveland, any notion of spring was put to rest. It was snowing, and it quickly developed into a blinding blizzard. For once, they had to slow down, as the driver squinted into the swirling whiteness and kept a tight grip on the wheel. Not many cars were on the road now. Occasionally, snow plows whizzed by in pairs, looming out of the blizzard like friendly monsters.

"Keep going," said Father.

"Whew! The angels sure must be guiding us," said the driver of the moment, "because I don't know what's keeping me on this road. I can't even see it, and the way the wind is blowing, I feel like I'm getting hypnotized."

While the drivers were under great strain to push on, Father looked serious but relaxed. His mind seemed to be focused on another realm, and the storm was only

a minor inconvenience.

The little clapboard center in Cleveland was truly a welcome haven prepared by Pauline Phillips (Verheyen) and Ken Pope. The steaming bowls of rice and meat served at midnight quickly warmed the weary travelers and helped them forget the day's ordeal.

"Is it our imagination or is winter unusually long this year?" someone asked. It's the first day of spring, and we're battling snow and zero degree weather all the time. Isn't this the time to be looking for rain and thawing temperatures, and maybe a robin or two?"

"Yes, absolutely," responded another. "It's usually warmer by this time." They all agreed that Satan was probably working overtime.

Saying good-bye to Col. Pak and Miss Yoon, they shot up to Detroit, Michigan, the land of the car factories. Then it was south and west again, past the factories and polluted skies leading into "The Windy City," Chicago, Illinois.

Eileen Welch (Lemmers) welcomed them into her "Center" and served her best food, and then she cried because Father stayed only one night.

They finally admitted that the snow was not likely to leave them alone for awhile, so they purchased a set of chains for the tires.

"The instructions say not to go over 35 miles per hour," said George to Gordon. "It's not safe to go faster."

"Yeah," answered Gordon. "And it's hard on the car." They made very poor time.

"You can go faster," Father said. They sped up a bit.

"Faster," Father kept saying. They sped up, but within 15 miles the chains broke.

"We better get a stronger set," they agreed. Although the chains made a terrible noise and the car bumped along, they went faster and faster.

"Good," said Father.

In Madison, Wisconsin, another student of the correspondence course, Marjorie Hill, welcomed them into her home, and Father chose a little park nearby for holy ground.

Father smiled when they arrived in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"He likes the idea of staying in a city named after Paul of Jesus' time," explained Mrs. Choi. "He loves Paul and feels close to him in many ways."

The temperature was 4 degrees below zero in that northern city settled by so many hardy Scandinavians. They bundled up the best they could, and as they followed Father to the snowy hill, they literally followed in his footsteps. The snow was up to their knees in places! As always, Father's energy was far ahead of theirs. As he paced off the 4-position foundation, he walked very fast. Long gone was the leisurely pace of California.

The next day, they drove on into the vast frozen North. In Fargo, North Dakota, there wasn't as much snow on the ground and the sun was shining, but the temperature was 16 below zero—and that was at noon! They rubbed their hands together vigorously and stamped their feet to keep warm—but not Father. He didn't even wear his gloves. He concentrated fully on the ceremony and didn't seem to notice that his fingers had quickly become red and stiff.

"Why can't we be like that," wondered

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the others. But if they asked, he gave no answer. To follow Father means learning on our own sometimes. "Study the Principle" or "That's how serious I am," he would probably say.

In South Dakota, they had to climb up a hill on their hands and knees because of the ice and snow. The men helped Mrs. Choi and Miss Kim the best they could.

"Those two ladies are amazing," remarked one.

"Yes," answered another. "They often have to run to keep up with him. They must get tired, but they never complain."

The next day, as they drove south to Nebraska, yet another storm hit them, and they put on the trusty chains again. Carefully, yet speedily, they made their way to Omaha and found a motel. As they often did, they all slept in one or two rooms, some on the beds and some on the floor.

When they awoke the next morning, the world was a dazzling wonderland of white, and they had to sweep at least a foot of new snow off the car. They located a park with a small zoo, and a flock of sheep watched silently as their True Shepherd sanctified the earth around them.

The road to Wyoming was also icy, and once again they prayed unceasingly that they wouldn't skid off the road. Very few cars were even attempting further travel that day, and they passed abandoned cars all along the way. Yet they continued on. Neither snow, nor rain, nor sleet, nor hail....

Father blessed land in Lyons Park in Cheyenne, Wyoming, with a toy railroad track running beside it.

A meal had been prepared in the Center, but Mrs. Choi informed them, "Father is anxious to travel on to Denver. He doesn't want to take time to eat here. Perhaps we could take the food with us and eat it there."

They quickly packed it up and headed south. The smell of the food accompanied them and urged them on. Eventually, seated with Galen and Patty Pumphrey in Denver, Colorado, the food was a banquet. And it was very late.

"We'll leave early," said Father, "right after we bless ground." But the next morning, right after they blessed ground in City Park around a huge oak tree, the car suddenly rebelled.

"No! No! I won't go!" it seemed to scream. "I can't go another inch on this burnt-out valve." By the time it could be repaired, it was 3:30 in the afternoon. Precious time had been lost.

"Should we wait until tomorrow to leave?" asked one driver as he looked apprehensively at the overcast sky. In his heart, he knew the answer before it was given, and soon they were driving off into what was left of the cold gray day.

Father must have had a premonition, for suddenly he said something in Korean and Mrs. Choi translated, "Father says we should not go west over the Rocky Mountains as planned."

"We could head north and spend the night in Laramie, Wyoming," suggested one of the drivers. "From there, we can drive straight across Wyoming to Salt Lake City."

"That is good," said Father. Both drivers heaved a sigh of relief, for they knew how treacherous the mountains can be in winter and spring. The northern route would be less mountainous.

But the next day, their sighs of relief turned to sighs to relieve tension. Snow began to fall once again, and the winds soon followed. The snow was whipped around them and over them until they could hardly see. As they came up behind big trucks, huge clouds of snow and ice

were flung onto their windshield. The visibility was zero. Whenever they reached the side of the truck, they could see again, but each time it was a terrifying experience.

"Don't worry," Father kept telling them. "Go faster." At some points they went 80 miles per hour, even though the roads were covered with snow. Lesser people would have died of heart attacks.

Well after dark, they arrived at the home of a member in Salt Lake City. David Kim had come from Oregon, and the cozy home looked extra warm and inviting to the travelers after such a harrowing day on the road.

The next morning they took a quick tour of the Mormon Tabernacle. It is a grand church built by the Mormons in the city founded by the Mormons.

Father blessed ground on a bald mountain top nearby. The view of the city on one side and snow-covered mountains on the other provided a stunning setting. As usual, they didn't take much time to enjoy its beauty.

"Kapsidah! (Let's go!)" said Father. That evening, they were welcomed by Vernon Pearson in Boise, Idaho. As the rain softly fell, Father chose a spot in Julia Davis Park to bless.

Then, "Kapshida!" And they were off again.

The plan was to go north to Grangeville, Idaho, that night, and then on to Missoula, Montana, the next day. In the West, the cities are far apart. There are miles and miles of empty land. Even though he had already seen much of America, Father still shook his head in amazement. "So much space," he said again and again.

After they were on the road awhile, it became evident that Mother Nature had other plans for them, for the gentle rain turned to gentle snow.

"Snow!" they exclaimed in mock joy. They drove along the "scenic route." It wound around the hills and up and down, and the snow kept coming, heavier and heavier. Before long, they noticed cars stalled in huge drifts along the way. Even the plows weren't keeping up with the deepening snow. Finally, as they entered Cascade, Idaho, much to the relief of everyone, Father said, "Let's stay here tonight." They were only half way to Grangeville.

The next morning it was still snowing. Dare they venture onto the roads in such weather? Normally, they would not.

"Master says we cannot wait," Mrs. Choi informed everyone. "The snow will probably continue, and we must not get snow-bound."

They pulled warily onto the snowy highway and hoped their prayers and chains would be strong enough. Mr. Choi, as always, helped them relax with his jokes and cheerful manner, and they all tried not to think of the possibilities.

As they neared Grangeville, they wound along White Bird Hill. "Turn to the left. Curve to the right. Careful now. On this side a thousand foot drop. On that side a 4-thousand foot drop! Whoops! The car is sliding! Oh, no! The driver has lost control! Heavenly Father, please protect us!"

There was nothing that could be done! Just then the car seemed to bump against something soft. It gently came to a stop at the edge of the road. They looked out and saw nothing soft that could have stopped it, only a steep cliff. It seemed that an invisible hand had reached out and brought their car to a stop just in

time. Their hearts remained stuck in their throats for much of that day. And Father looked calm.

"The view was breathtaking," said Gordon much later in the safety of a warm center in California, "and so was the ride."

It would have been so easy to turn left and head for milder lands at that point.



But Montana needed to be blessed, and it was east. They had to make it to the "Land of the Big Sky."

Luckily, after Grangeville, the storm quieted down. The roads became more friendly, and everyone's hearts settled back where they belonged. They could even look around a bit and enjoy some of the scenic pine-covered slopes looming above and the icy rivers rushing below.

Once, when they stopped to change drivers along the way, they all got out and took a playful walk along the road, exercising their stiff legs and taking in deep gulps of the pure air.

As they resumed their journey and came into Montana, "Oh, beautiful, for spacious skies" took on new meaning for them. There is such a feeling of endless space and sweet air in Montana. In Missoula, holy ground was blessed among the Montana evergreen trees. Nearby, a pure sparkling brook sang its song.

Then they turned back West and headed for Spokane, Washington—land of warmth and sun and dry highways. They were just beginning to relax, when Satan made one last stand. The familiar curse of the journey hit—snow.

Entering the treacherous mountain passes that had challenged countless pioneers of the past, they marveled at how those brave people were able to get through at all. For them, there was only a rough trail to follow, and thousands died along the way. Yet thousands got through and started new lives with their families.

George and Gordon picked their way along the treacherous roads, trying to keep their speed up as much as possible. They had worn out three sets of chains and were on the fourth set. By now, they had been terrorized so many times by the icy roads that they seemed to be drained of all fear. They were in God's hands, and they were almost as calm as Father. Naturally, they came through safe and sound.

West of Spokane, they finally discarded the bumpy chains and sped smoothly along the highway, for they had entered the more temperate zone of the West coast. The car slowed down a little for the Cascade Mountains, but then, through the night, they made up for so much lost time in the snow.

It was as if someone was fast-forwarding them to their final destination. The Washington police, just like the police in the other states, seemed to be busy or going the other way, and they were not noticed. They entered Seattle at 4 in the morning.

The drivers found their spot on the floor and fell immediately asleep. It wasn't just the long hours of driving that tired them so; it was the constant pressure of fulfilling Father's condition to reach all the states in 40 days and to keep him safe in even the worst of conditions that drained their energy.

They slept deeply, restoring quickly their energy for the new day. Still, morning came all too soon.

Down the West Coast

What a relief to shed the winter coats and walk among the daffodils in the gentle rain.

After blessing ground in a park overlooking Lake Washington, they drove on to St. Helen's, Oregon, where John Schmidli had a big dinner waiting. They had one of those wonderful meetings, with lots of singing and shy laughter—Vernon Pearson, Galen

Brookes, and others. Father sang, too.

The next day they drove south to Portland, Oregon, the land of the liquid sun (that's what they call rain because it rains so much there). In beautiful Mt. Tabor Park overlooking Portland, the City of Roses, Father chose a large tree, which was actually three trees in one, around which to bless ground.

When he was finished, he looked to the darkening sky and said quietly with great emotion, "Heavenly Father, it is fulfilled." Mrs. Choi translated his words. It was March 29. All 48 states on the mainland had received their holy grounds.

Technically, the condition was complete, but there was still one more stop to make. As they drove toward California, they turned off the highway where Miss Kim had first begun her work six years earlier—Eugene, Oregon.

In good spirits, they drove through the city, and Miss Kim showed them all the houses where she had lived and worked. They drove out to the little community of Oak Hill where her first members had lived and to which she had moved. Father showed great interest in each place.

To reward this historic city, Father blessed one more holy ground, the 55th in America. This time, when it was completed, Father raised his hands in a strong gesture of victory and shouted in English, "Finished!" He strode away like a victor. Everyone absorbed the same feeling and strode victoriously after him.

After a well-deserved victory feast at a Chinese restaurant, they headed on down the highway to San Francisco, where the circle would be complete. ❖

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Human History and Man's Transformation from Death to Life

In his very thoughtful *Dreams: God's Forgotten Language*, California's Father John Sanford, an Episcopalian priest and Jungian counselor, tells of a remarkable dream his worried father had after a series of illnesses and at an age when he knew death could not be far off. He reported it to his wife, who later recorded it. In the dream the father goes through different scenes from his life and

"Finally he sees himself lying on a couch back in the living room. I (Mrs. Sanford) am descending the stairs and the doctor is in the room. The doctor says "Oh he's gone." Then, as the others fade in the dream, he sees the clock on the mantelpiece; the hands have been moving, but now they stop; as they stop, a window opens behind the mantelpiece clock and a bright light shines through. The opening widens into a door and the light becomes a brilliant path. He (Mr. Sanford) walks out on the path of light and disappears."

To the author, the son of the dreamer, the meaning of the dream is clear. It is saying that having passed through the many phases of his life, time has now run out for the elder Sanford (the hands on the clock have stopped). However, this event is not the end, but the beginning of something else. On the other side of earthly time, a new dimension of life is opening up. The dream reassures Sanford's father that he will proceed into another world, one beyond space and time.

The idea that human beings survive physical death has been expressed in so many places that it is foolhardy to ignore it. In a number of Plato's dia-

logues, for example *The Republic* and *Phaedo*, we encounter this master thinker's idea that after death the soul continues to exist in another realm. Dante, the greatest poet in Italian history, devoted his three part epic, *The Divine Comedy*, to describing his travels through the spiritual realms of Hell, Purgatory and Paradise. While we don't know how firm Shakespeare's convictions were, we do find him depicting Hamlet conversing with the revengeful spirit of his murdered father. And in the writings of Emmanuel Swedenborg, an eighteenth century Swedish scientist and mystic, we find voluminous records and thoughtful analysis of his experiences with the spirit world and its residents.

Nor should we overlook the Bible. Both Isaiah (26:19) and Daniel (12:2) write of their expectation of life after death, while both Jesus (Lk 9:30-31) and Paul (Acts 26:13-26) are reported as encountering non-physical beings. Indeed, in 1 Corinthians Paul goes to some length to describe the characteristics of the "spiritual body" in which the Apostle asserts that believers will be resurrected. (1 Cor. 15:35-50).

What is it like?

As was explained in the Principle of Creation, Divine Principle unequivocally affirms the continuation of life after physical death. Since God is eternal, He created His counterpart—His children—to exist eternally also.

The question is what will be our experience on the "other side". Although within the Roman Catholic tradition the dichotomy between heaven and hell is muted by the concept of purgatory, the historic position of the Chris-

tian faith is that the alternatives facing one upon his death are only these two: heaven or hell.

If one has followed God and accepted His son, eternal salvation in the Kingdom of Heaven is promised. If on the other hand one has strayed from the path, the torments of hell will be his. In ages past the horrors depicted in such pronouncements as a famous sermon preached by Colonial America's Jonathan Edwards', *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, have been sufficient to cow even the most intrepid into trembling obedience to the Law. The eternal terrors of the regions below, we have been told, are hardly to be taken lightly.

For Divine Principle, such expectations are the product of an incomplete religious awareness. The spirit world is not simply limited to heaven and hell but is differentiated according to many levels. One's position after death determined by his spiritual attainment during life. In contrast to traditional notions of heaven as a reward and hell as an imposed punishment, one's position in the after-life is a natural result of the quality of one's life on earth.

The Principle would firmly agree with Oxford University's John Macquarrie, who, in writing on the subject of heaven, argues sensibly for an organic connection between the stages of one's life before and after death:

"Heaven is not a reward that gets added on to the life of faith, hope and love, but it is simply the end of that life, that is to say, the working out of the life that is oriented by these principles. Understood in this way...the symbol (heaven) stands for fullness of being."

Religious Evolution

Just as the religious evolution of humanity may be thought of as proceeding through three stages, so may the spiritual growth of any person. Accordingly, Divine Principle asserts spirit persons at the different levels may be distinguished.

A person who has grown through the formation stage of resurrection may be said to have become a form spirit. After his physical death, he would live at the form spirit level of the spirit world. Similarly, we may use the terms of life spirit and divine spirit to describe those persons who have grown through the growth and completion stages, respectively, on earth. At the growth stage in the spirit world one enters the region called Paradise, while at the completion stage he enters the Kingdom of Heaven.

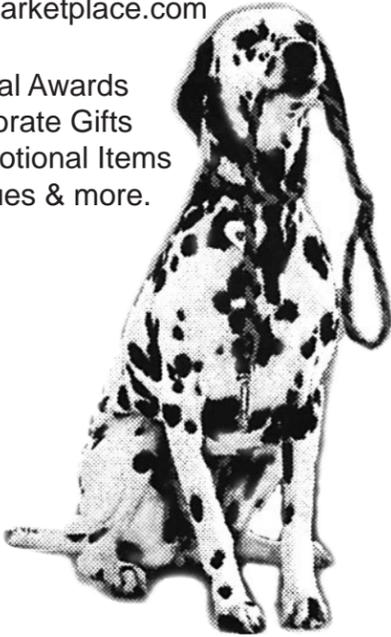
Traditionally, those of the Christian faith have understood Heaven and Paradise to be the same. Divine Principle, however points to a distinction. The Kingdom of Heaven emerges as the dwelling place for those who have fulfilled the purpose of God's creation.

Although Jesus came as the Messiah to fulfill this ideal and foster the salvation of humanity, he was prevented by the crucifixion from doing so. Therefore, since the three blessings and the Kingdom were not realized on earth, we may understand that the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world remains vacant. Jesus and his followers remain in Paradise, the region in the spirit world equivalent to the growth stage of resurrection. Their own resurrection to the Kingdom of Heaven is to take place through the ministry of the Second Advent. ❖

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The IRFF has been active in Romania during the last five years and has worked hard to network and support in partnership many of the effective work done by NGO's in that country. Based on these efforts, the IRFF could make a substantial contribution in organizing a large gathering for social activists and leaders. This effort is an important step in building a greater trust and cooperation among the various sectors of the Romanian society.

On December 2-3, 2000 in Brasov, Romania two hundred and fifty activist from diverse backgrounds of leadership in Romanian society gathered. Members of Parliament, leaders of NGO's, student organization and religious organization joined together and used this opportunity as a way to create a vision of positive change for the nation. A special evening session took place which high-

lighted the work of various non profit organizations including the worldwide efforts of IRFF, reports from Assembly 2000 were shared as was the speech of the UN Secretary General, Kofi Anan. The immediate result for IRFF was that many of the organizations represented asked that we establish cooperation on upcoming projects.

Based on the relationships formed from the meeting the IRFF choose to immediate work with the very active League of Women from the coastal city of Constanta, on a "Christmas Caravan". This project is designed to bring joy during the Christmas season and its was done with the cooperation of the League of Women, the Tatar Community and the Greaque Community from Constanta.

The Christmas Caravan visited five villages and offered Christmas gifts for 600 children from poor families. IRFF was able to contribute 10% of the funds for the gifts. The caravan was a sensation and news of it attracted local TV and newspaper coverage. The following is excerpts from an article in one of the newspapers.

"Santa Claus Caravan" The idea of a "Santa Claus Caravan" came in the middle of November and was embraced

by Women League, The Association of Business Women "Pontus Euxin", Women Organization of Tatars and Greaque Community. Local businesses were asked to help support this new project but meet with refusals or were they politely ignored us. Because of this, we want to thank those that made it possible to have gifts and make happy 600 children from schools and kindergartens from the towns of Cochirieni, Rasova, Aliman, Independenta and Fantana Mare. We give our thanks to IRFF Romania whose help in this pioneer project was invaluable. Despite the shortness of the time for preparation we were able to succeed to bring joy to so many families. We hope that with more planning next year, we will expand this program and establish a new tradition in the region. Maria Frangeti, President of League of Women Constanta.

Upcoming Plans for IRFF in Romania: We are planning to have in Brasov a program for poor children during February and March. During the Summer we will have a second project in Constanta repairing a local orphanage. This project will involve the League of Women, the wife of mayor and the director of the region's hospitals. ❖



**PAUL
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In this article we'll tackle a subject that everyone has an opinion about: money. More precisely, money and its relationship to the spiritual life.

Religious people, from ancient Hindu mystics through modern Christians, have always been leery of material possessions, and especially their concentrated form, money. (Read I Tim. 6:10). Some have gone so far as to renounce it completely, embracing an austere monastic life.

Unificationists, with a vast, worldwide vision, tend to regard money as a tool. Fuel to power an ever-expanding Providence of God. And there is never enough!

Finances

Finances are an issue for everyone. People have strange attitudes about money, always wanting more for themselves, yet resenting the wealthy. Dreaming about how they'd spend every dollar they might obtain, yet unsurprised when some lottery winner or rich celebrity self-destructs.

Few are actually happy with their finances. Third World people need money for sheer survival. Billionaires are constantly battling rivals, shysters, and the tax man.

Money is one of the primary causes of divorce. One partner might be irresponsible, or some third person appears to offer financial security. Even within stable couples, financial styles may differ. Unificationist couples often overlay cultural differences on these individual ones.

Gender plays a big role in finances, as money represents different things to men and women.

In general, men find esteem, and express their love, *through* their careers, by pro-

viding a home for their family. If they're not doing well, men experience immense stress. Push themselves so hard they become strangers to their own children. (This happens more in Japan than in America.)

For women, money is more personal. It's often used to show love, by buying gifts; and to express faith, through making specific donations.

Too often, wives leave their finances entirely to the man of the family. Millions of widows are thus left vulnerable to mismanagement, or even to con artists.

Many Unificationist couples place great emphasis on their children. It may be sports, or the arts, or practical skills. Some insist on a maximum of formal education and tutoring.

Other couples place top priority on tithes, church projects, and campaigns. Time and money are heavily shifted toward these. Vague assurances of "God will bless" are spoken, and while miracles sometimes occur, more often, debts accumulate.

There are ways to smooth out these differences, and create a happy and secure household. It takes faith, understanding, and effort.

Tithing

How best to handle our finances?

The Bible, with its system of tithing, says that God has dominion over the material world, including financial matters. Believers have interpreted this in various ways.

Millions of believers, chronically lacking money, decide they'll just be happy to have 'treasures in Heaven.' Some clergymen have gone to the opposite extreme, promising fabulous Heaven-sent riches to anyone who donates to their ministry.

In the early days, Unificationists lived in missionary centers, and money was held in common. Now, most are married, and have places (and bank accounts) of their own.

We know that God will bless us through tithing, yet a newly Blessed couple has to do an awful lot by dividing up a rather small pie.

In every church, it is the Pastor's job to inspire tithing. Funds are needed for numerous worthy purposes. He encourages parishioners to begin tithing, or to increase the amount. Not demanding *too* much, and risking alienation. A challenging task.

For our members, all this creates pressure to make more money. Add that to our worldly inexperience, and we can get into difficulties.

Members who chose to 'go the secular route' usually have white collar skills, and lucrative careers. Unfortunately, those past secular choices sometimes translate into a current unwillingness to part with their money . . .

This holds true in a wider sense. It's usually easier to go door-to-door fundraising in humble neighborhoods than in wealthy ones.

Meanwhile, members who stuck with the 'formula course' are now eager to offer funds they simply do not have! This has led to a few breakthroughs—and an awful lot of mistakes.

Some took the easy option: borrowing money. Perhaps from relatives (causing uncomfortable situations), but more often, from banks and credit cards. The result is familiar enough that I need not describe the painful details.

In my opinion, if someone tithed with borrowed money, it wasn't really their money at all. Especially if they knew they had no reasonable chance of paying it back. Sure, they didn't get it from the bank at gun point, but just because the penalties are milder, that doesn't make it right.

Marketing

Unificationists are now familiar with a great many "get rich quick" offers. Various

new products, multi-level-marketing setups, and other business plans have, in essence, gained their own converts—who then attempt to recruit everyone they know.

Our members have lost a lot of money, and not one of those plans has enjoyed widespread success. Why? Members always tried to sign each other up, and also, those business offers were unsound in the first place. In one case, a sudden bankruptcy (by an 'outside' Chinese supplement company) left hundreds of members in the lurch.

Your author used to live in Las Vegas, and heard pitches for just about every money making scheme imaginable. I tried a couple of businesses, and made a decent profit. Then I got sick of approaching everyone with a 'hustler's eye,' and decided I'd rather sell things I've created personally (like stories).

Some members have remained in sales, but now it's with regular street-corner stands, or for legitimate corporations. A few have developed their scientific, political, or artistic skills. Others have 'blue collar' jobs, many of which pay quite well. One brother sold his registered Internet domain name for \$20,000! (Anybody want mine?)

As once suggested here in the UNews, instead of pushing that latest (alleged) hot deal on everybody, how about marketing the True Parents instead?

Many members have gone to work for 'outside' companies. This presents some challenges. A Unificationist boss will understand the large tithes to be made, and the latest mobilization, whether domestic or overseas. He may be rushing off on the next flight, himself!

It's a little harder to explain such things to a secular boss. Each campaign is very, very important, but members will still need their job the day after it ends.

There are stories of the noble sacrifices made by our early members in Korea. The modern Providence was given a crucial boost, and Korea itself saved from Communist domination.

However, in the process, those member's own children weren't adequately cared for. An alarmingly large number of those Korean youngsters, now grown, have rejected Unificationism. (One wonders if there might have been more options.)

Conclusion

In the future, scientific advances like nanotechnology will provide such great material abundance that money itself will be obsolete. The Principle can stave off the decadence that such wealth would otherwise entail, and then we'll have a real Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Meanwhile, responsible Christians such as Stephen Covey and Larry Burkett have written excellent financial guide books, combining spiritual understanding with common sense and monetary skills. Study them!

Jesus' famous Parable of the Talents makes it clear that believers need not shun money, but rather, should handle it responsibly. Then, over time, it will surely grow. In Principled terms, we must be subject over money. ❖

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- I want to understand more about different approaches to improving marriage.
- I want to understand marriage more deeply, so that I can counsel other couples, also to improve my own marriage.
- I need help in improving my marriage.
- Obviously, there is a large need for this seminar given the state of society.

What I gained –

- The teaching and encouragement of open communication skills.
- Practical steps to improving communication.
- Our house feels resurrected. Thanks for good, sound, practical guidance and revitalizing vision and hope for the future.
- The practical advice to improve communication between couples was great.
- Before the seminar I said "my husband and love each other very much, but we do not communicate" . . . It does not apply any more.
- We discovered that there were things that happened decades ago that must have hurt us so deeply they stayed so fresh in our minds. Then we talked about them and they bother us no more.
- This was a highly effective course on marriage enrichment which I would highly recommend to anybody.

Communication as the Basis for Success

by Diesa Seidel

Communication can have numerous functions depending on our individual needs and aspirations. My motivation for studying communication lies in the notion that communication is the basis for any kind of success. I believe that if you can learn how to become an efficient, affective, and persistent communicator then many doors will be opened for various opportunities.

Understanding and practicing communication enables us to accomplish our intentions and goals. In today's world, individuals are constantly trying to improve their means of communication in order to be better business people, more respectable political figures, more suitable teachers, more loving parents, husbands, wives, and friends. As we can see, communication plays an important role in just about every aspect of our lives.

At work we are constantly trying to find new ways to reach out to the public in order to endorse a product or an organization. We are continually being challenged to find the most effective way to gain the liking and trust of the customer. In the business and political world there are multiple ways of approaching a situation. Producers can

endorse their product through ethos (personal character), pathos (emotions), or through logos (logic). Knowing your audience and discovering which method will best sway them to your side is all part of communication. It is also imperative to be able to distinguish between socially acceptable and socially unacceptable means for advertising a product or for conveying a political viewpoint. There are many moral, ethical, and racial issues that we must be aware of in order to successfully convey our message.

At the family level, we must learn to establish healthy relationships with our parents, husbands or wives, and siblings. In today's society the likelihood for a marriage to end in divorce has reached astonishing rates. If communication is the heart of any meaningful relationship, we can conclude that the average family needs to improve on fundamental communication skills. I believe that families build the framework for our society. Thus, I believe that every individual should establish an understanding for communication principles to better their family relations and subsequently to contribute to a more harmonious society.

Finally, every individual communicates in a unique way on a personal level. We interact with our conscience and our moral values in order to make

daily decisions for our own lives. What we wear, what we eat, what we say, and how we respond to others, all express and communicate to society who we are and what we represent.

Aristotle's model for communication is known as the *canons of rhetoric*. The canons separated communication into

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five categories: invention, style, arrangement, memory, and delivery. Today, they remain as the outline for many public speaking classes and communication disciplines. Motivation for studying communication today slightly differs from that in previous

times. In the past, canons were solely used to aid in expressing thoughts for political and legal reasons. As we entered the medieval period, forms of communication expanded to letter writing and preaching. Finally during the modern period, communication was approached as an art, through presentations, through thought, and by acknowledging the receiver as a vital part in communication. As we arrived in the twentieth century, the scientific method became more prevalent. Scholars started to examine and explore the demeanor and reactions from the listeners to further help determine which techniques work best.

Communication has surpassed many milestones and advanced to a more profound understanding in our time.

The goals and objectives of communication have remained the same despite new awareness and insights. On the one hand, as technology advances, our means of communication have improved dramatically, thus allowing us to communicate efficiently on an external level. That is to say, we exchange increasing amounts of fact based information that is processed as data. On the other hand, there seems to be sufficient evidence that there emerges an increasing need for improving communication on an internal level when we seek to build meaningful human relationships. In particular, communication between marriage partners and family members involves the spiritual dimension of our being where we attempt to share feelings and personal needs with our loved ones. Improving our communication skills for developing interpersonal relationships then becomes a necessary step for healing the present disillusionment in marriage and family life.

The development of the spiritual dimension of communication then becomes an indispensable agenda for our information and data driven society. External technological advances in communication need to be balanced by improved personal skills that enable us to share our inner life of feelings and values. It is such a balance in our practice of communication that will serve as the foundation for our personal success and for building a healthy society. ❖

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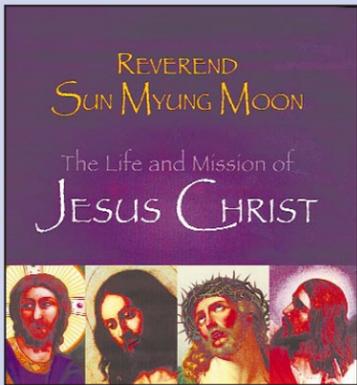
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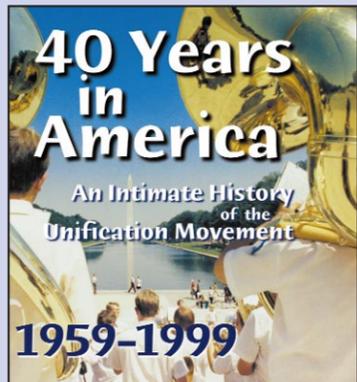
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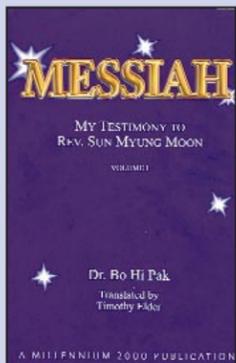
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