

PREPARATIONS FOR THE 144,000

Atlanta

by Tom Cutts

Thirty ministers and elected officials from Atlanta attended the Chicago and Washington, D.C. National ACLC Convocations. They were deeply moved by their experiences. I thought to myself, "Wow, can we bring this spirit back to Atlanta?" But we did!

On Thursday, March 21, one hundred fifty guests attended the American Clergy Leadership Conference. There were 120 ministers, about half of them attending an ACLC program for the first time. At the end of the program there was an invi-

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Virginia

by David Caprara

Heavenly Father's mighty marriage dedication campaign spirit came down to Fredericksburg, VA, April 19, at the ACLC prayer breakfast organized with the support of 3 area couples and AFC. Of the 44 participants, 36 were clergy and state leaders including Cabinet, faith-based liaison, and two state legislators. The spirit was one of dynamic excitement and possibilities for our community and nation, as Rev. Fauntroy, Rev. Jenkins, Bishop Johnson and Peter Brown led the poignant commitment to

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Ohio

by Dr. John K. Mwamba.

With just four days notice, we received a message that Rev. Dr. Charles Kenyatta who has been matched with Ms. Sun Bok Lee (Mrs. Hsu) was coming to speak to our city, Columbus, Ohio. As we have a weekly Prayer Breakfast Meetings every Saturday, we sought that it will be appropriate for him to speak there. However, in accordance with his national schedule, he had to speak on Tuesday night. We were in a bind so the Korean national messiah, Rev. Shin, called some Japanese missionaries for a midnight Prayer Vigil.

On this foundation, we invited all the core ACLC pastors' couples and the newly blessed ministers' couples. To our surprise, over 300 people came. The night before the dinner meeting, we met with Bishop Andy Lewter, who is the President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Pastor of Full Gospel Baptist, and we invited him to join the dinner meeting. He said that he knows Dr. Charles Kenyatta very well and he is an old friend of him, he was very curious to learn that he is a fiancé to Mrs. Hsu. He said, "I have to come and listen to his testimony". In addition, he came for sure and sacrificed his Bible Study. Many other great ministers, Dr. Sokoto Fulani, Pastor of the

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DC

This March and April, local ACLC leaders, Rev. C. Phillip Johnson and Rev. Cleveland Sparrow conducted Blessing Ceremonies in their churches.

Rev. C. Phillip Johnson prepared everything by himself. He sent a special invitation card to his congregation and led the ceremony. All the congregation received Holy Wine.

Nobody told him how to conduct ceremony, but he knew it and he did it. He had just come back from NY convocation and he was really hot. (In fact, while he was in NY, he was invited to East Garden as one of 12 key ministers and received special guidance from Father together with other key ministers.)

Rev. Sparrow also conducted Blessing ceremony in Masonic Temple and six minister couples received the Blessing. Rev. Sparrow had list of fifteen ministers whom he wanted to give the Blessing. He was also very excited to give Blessing and he actually did it.

Now, together with these

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Seattle

by David Malloch

The first Sikh Blessing in Seattle took place on Sunday April 7, 2002 at the Gurdwara Singh Sabha. About 250 couples received the Blessing.

Sikh Peace Ambassador Dr. Tarlochan Randhawa, Regional Director Rev. Hun Suk Lee along with David Malloch and Daniele Cohen organized the event. In attendance were Rev. Geun Sik Song, National Messiah to Italy and Rev. Jung Yuel Choi, National Messiah to the Dominican Republic. Fifteen Japanese missionaries lent their support.

Planning this Blessing required careful consideration how to maintain respect for the Sikh faith and how to administer the Blessing within the bounds of Sikh culture and tradition.

The Blessing was given through the Sikh holy bread *pershad*, a mixture of flour, sugar and butter. The taking of *pershad* for a Sikh is one of the most holy

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Denver

by Peggy Yujiri

We had a wonderful event in Denver the evening of April 4. It was one of the very first events of the "We will stand for Family and Save the Nation" 50-state tour by ACLC ministers. We were honored with the presence of Rev. Charles Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu. Their testimony really won everyone's heart. As Minister Gerald of the Nation of Islam put it, "That was the punch!" We found out about Rev. Kenyatta's coming just the night before the event, but it was just what was needed to bring the Blessing message home to our audience.

Although we had prepared for 100 guests, it soon became apparent that we had far too few seats and meals to go around. Many more people started showing up and we had to set up extra tables. Our Japanese missionaries and local staff stayed in the foyer as our guests filled up

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This is from a sermon given at East Garden, Irvington, NY on April 4, 2002. The interpreter was Rev. Jeong Phyo Hong; these are from unofficial notes taken by Dr. Tyler Hendricks. Before the ceremony, Father announced that we are now in Year 2 of Cheon Il Guk, today is lunar February 22, 2002, (02/22/2002) and the ceremony will take place at 10:22:22 p.m. (22:22:22). This gives us twelve instances of the number 2. It represents the liberation of "2." This means that two can become one. This reverses the fall, which prevented the two from becoming one. The essential meaning of Cheon Il Guk is "two become one," referring to mind and body, husband and wife, parents and children and God and the world.

C A L E N D A R

APRIL 2002

- 1 Shin Ye Nim's Birthday (2/19/00)
- 3 New Hope Farm Declaration (1995)
- 4 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)
Shin Chul Nim's Birthday (2/27/92)
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 Established (1996)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12 36 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1986)
- 13 True Parents' Day (3/1/60)
Sung Jin Nim's Birthday (3/1/46)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing (1995)
- 23 Shin Hwa Nim's Birthday (3/11/88)
- 28 Shin Yea Nim's Ascension (2001)

MAY 2002

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy Established (1973)
- 7 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
Cheonju Haebang Shik: Ceremony for the Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- 15 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference Established (2000)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East & West (Global) Victory (1999)

JUNE 2002

- 3 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
Inauguration of the Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification South American Headquarters (2001)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 11 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
- 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 Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Declaration of the Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

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Ceremony for Years

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Beloved Heavenly Father. Today is 2002 April 4, at 10 o'clock, the 22nd of February according to the lunar calendar. We started this ceremony in Korea fourteen hours ago. To connect the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Israel's and unite America and Korea, we carry this out at the same time on the same day, as two become one. This eliminates resentment and allows you to settle here, establish True Parents and indemnify the Old Testament age, New Testament age, and Completed Testament age and resolve the han of God.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve started the fallen lineage and all human history suffered in pain as a result. Now True Parents have come and set up God's lineage. They have made the new foundation, centered on God. Now with one heart and one mind we go forward into the age of total blessing. We move on centered on Heung Jin Nim and spirit world, with Young Jin Nim, Hee Jin Nim, and Hye Jin Nim. We center on the saints and sages, especially of Christianity, who connect all providential history, interweaving the religious leaders and moving on to overcome the narrow and incomplete character of the religious world. True Parents bring the inter-religious, international idea into the realm of liberation, with everything centered on God and True Parents. Our responsibility is to bring this into reality.

For this we make a new determination and new start.

Now is the time to set up the world and move forward into a new heaven and earth, centered on True Parents' total indemnity. This represents the perfection of Adam and Eve, through absolute faith, love and obedience. On this foundation we can eliminate paradise and hell and pave the way of the heavenly highway. All humankind can go this way to connect to your heart and ideal.

Please bless the world. Through the blessing, please connect the Cain side with the Abel side. You are the king of the Blessing. To guide and connect to True Parents, to return the spirit world this way, we depend on God. We can establish God's fatherland. We can accomplish the Cheon Il Guk, the age of the realm of his-

tory of the denominations, the realm of the liberation of heaven and earth, the essence of unification. Father, I deeply appreciate this declaration that allows you to set this condition.

Today, the 2nd year of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002, lunar 2/2, 22 hours, 22 minutes and 22 seconds, is the time of giving the blessing in Korea and Japan, centered on the central people, the blessed couples. In America, we offer this ideal with the four saints and four True Children in the spirit world. We receive the blessing,

and each central figure is totally mobilized to set up your ordinance.

We come here this day to set up this offering and liberation ceremony. True Parents of heaven, Lord of absolute faith, love and obedience, Creator of one heart, one mind and one body, the heart of God. We have one bride, one family, under God. From there we can offer this glory on this day, at this moment, in the name of True Parents.

Blessing spirit world

Today, the 2nd year of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002.02.02, solar 04.04, is a special day for Daemo Nim. Daemo Nim and Choongmo Nim restored the failure of those in the mother's position, in the Old, New and Completed Testament ages. At this moment, centered on Cheong Pyeong Lake, on Daemo Nim and on the position of

the True Children, Heung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Hye Jin Nim, and Hee Jin Nim, and united with the four saints, all the blessed righteous people understand. On that basis, they receive the blessing of the True Parents.

Then all blessed couples in spirit world and physical world unite to indemnify the Cain and Abel relationship, centered on the parents of heaven and earth. They are inter-religious, international, interracial, "inter NGO," and are resolved to establish God's fatherland, with absolute faith, love and obedience. With faith in God and total unity in True Parents' original true love, life, and lineage, we can establish the foundation that we lost in Adam and Eve. We can establish the national foundation with absolute faith, love and

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the Grand Liberation of 6,000 of Providential History

obedience, living for the sake of others, giving and investing and forgetting, with God's love and heart. Resembling God, we are newly born in the position of children. I deeply appreciate this moment.

Unification brothers and sisters are reborn with true love, life, and lineage. The first and second generations are now connecting to the third generation. These are not just words, but this is the fact of facts, with the authority of God. We can set up from here the foundation of the individual and family, and connect to the whole spirit world. Spirit beings can come down to the earth to move on and support in this time, the time to liberate all people on earth. This time is now.

Today, lunar 2002.02.02, we tear down all the walls of spirit world and equalize all the spirit world centered on God and True Parents. Right and left, brothers and sisters, all are equalized with one heart, mind and body, creating the realm of one family centered on God. This represents the tribe and nation and the position of the messiah. It is God's time to fulfill the messianic position, by the coronation ceremony of God's kingship. Everything is in your hands. You are the all transcendent, all immanent, all abundant and all sovereign God. You can totally dominate this and liberate all creatures from the depth of sin. I create; I am beyond; I can totally embrace. Come into the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in heaven.

So far, Lucifer and evil spirit powers come, join and support this time of liberation. Everything is done well, on earth and in heaven. All blessed couples totally understand and join together. We work based upon this ideal at Cheong Pyeong Lake, with assistance from heaven and now on the earth with the coronation of God. Now we move on to the coronation ceremony of True Parents' kingship, and then the total living offering fund.

The children born on earth should be persons of filial piety, patriots and sons and daughters of God. Those people are to liberate all humankind, liberate all religions, and liberate political society and the NGOs. Now is the time to move on to the new world and the new heaven and earth. We declare the age of the autonomous nation and the special liberation and completion of God's time and age. Centered on God, all humankind becomes one family.

Indemnity offerings

History moves forward on the foundation of indemnity. Offerings are the key indemnity. It is not easy to overcome the number nine. That's why God has less than 1/3 and Satan's

side more than 2/3. So God's side has to pay the 10% tithe. In the time of indemnity, 10% tithing is very important. You receive a salary, and to make it right you offer money clean and fresh from the bank. If you do so, your life will never suffer difficulty. The important thing in the religious life is indemnity. Offer the most important thing in your family to God. For example, offer ten percent of your jewelry to God. Share the other 90% with your tribe, as a legacy. If you give it to your children, they will quarrel over it with

and one is a daughter. They are totally united, one Eve and the three sons representing the three ages. These are principled numbers. They couldn't fulfill everything during their earthly life, so now young people are growing in the spirit world. We should memorialize them. The spirits of babies who died are growing. They reach above 16, then, when I give the direction, they receive the blessing. That comprises 100 million couples. Even previously married couples receive the blessing in the spirit world.

dom of Heaven directly.

Now is the time to settle the three types of couples. There are many cohabiting couples in America, couples who want no children and just live to enjoy each other. They unite with the Jacob couples. All three types unite.

The 72 couples are centered on Moses, as were the 72 elders in the wilderness. In Jesus' time, there were 72 disciples and 120 followers, all connecting with the disciples that numbered 12. In Jesus' time, the 120 followers connected with the Holy Spirit,

the mother spirit. They have no physical foundation, but just a spiritual foundation here on earth. But Israel had a substantial nation. Christian people were just wandering, shedding blood wherever they went. Tearing down their ideas and nations, shedding blood, they tore down the walls. Christians are sacrificed everywhere. They reach to the national level. Those nations are America, England and France, on God's side, and Germany, Japan and Italy on the evil side. There was a secular spirit in Italy, and Hitler said he was like the messiah, and the Japanese emperor acted like a messiah. All of that connects with Satan's side. And they used force.

France is in the archangelic position, England is the mother's position and America is both son and father. The allied nations won. On the foundation of that victory, the messiah came on the earth. Jesus lost the foundation on the earth and the True Parents returned for a 7-year course, 1945-

52. He was to have unified Roman Catholicism and Protestantism with a one-day education and one-day blessing, as with the Ambassadors of Peace. It is a powerful weapon. It was prepared for 7,000 years. Now in one day Rev. Kwak visits a nation and blesses the top leaders.

The physical world does not yet totally see the value of the blessing. The earthly world is the Adamic realm and the spirit world is the archangelic realm. The ancestors are in the archangelic position. The body of Satan multiplied as humankind. True Parents, from age 16, made indemnity conditions and set the foundation for victory.

Conditional blessing

You received a conditional blessing, as the basis to be reborn through your wife. Your wife is in the mother's posi-

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Sun Moon University Seoul granted honorary doctorates to True Parents on April 16 2002



each other. From now on, the practice of parents bequeathing to their children is not the right idea. Your wealth should be offered to the nation, not to your children.

What you gain in your life, offer to the nation. One beautiful tradition in America is that of wealthy people giving away their wealth to the society, not to their children. I am this way; I offer everything to the world, to benefit the next generation. The ideal of the Unification Church is to serve the world. So, in response, you should support the True Family, just as the archangel should have protected the children of Adam and Eve. The blessed couples did not fulfill their responsibility, so the True Family is in trouble.

Whatever Satan takes, I can restore to its original place, at any moment, with no problem. Of the four True Children in spirit world, three are sons

The second category of couples, that of Noah, consists of couples who are only half settled. Those who receive the Noah type of blessing just lived together but were not married. Those people gather together and are blessed. Then there are the pure couples. It is just like the 36 couples; there are three different types. The third type is that of the Jacob couples. They are the seed of all human descendants. The others are impure or divorced. The central position among the 36 couples is that of the Jacob couples, the pure couples. The Previously Married Couples are representatives of the Old Testament age; the Noah couples represent the New Testament age, and the Jacob couples are pure, representing the Completed Testament age. All this is set up only through True Parents. Then safe settlement can come, in this way, on the earth, and those blessed couples will connect with the King-

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tion and should give you rebirth as her son. She is your mother first, then your wife. The archangel could not fulfill his responsibility, so this restores it. That's why I told some couples not to start family life for seven years. But that condition is over now; it is no more. In some nations all the men are killed but the women and children remain, carrying the seed. Women paid indemnity, the men were in the servant level and they went through eight stages.

The three-year separation period, a public course, follows the period of indemnity. You can go on a parallel line, only by the foundation of True Parents. You cannot make it yourself. Women are part of True Mother's body. So all women are one, and all Adams are one. You all are one person. You are descendants of the archangel. Women are the bride; that is the point of Christianity. Christianity is the bride religion with no bridegroom. So the male ministers abuse homosexuality.

So society is looking for Eve, the bride. Three billion people, those who have the womb, are Eve. They should offer it to their husband. American women should offer everything to their husband, the bridegroom. You restore him from the position of false husband to the true husband, the messiah. He brings true love. That's why the Lord of the Second Advent comes, and why women should love him above everything, be so in love with him that they get sick. Even men should cry and weep missing Father.

So in the world we lost two people, one on Adam's side, and one woman. We have to bring them back to the world and take out the old lineage. Just pray for all people, then take out what represents each decade of your life. People miss True Parents in

Bass Fishing on The Hudson with Father April 2002



Fishing with Father

by Mr. Minoru Kageyama

I had an opportunity to guide Dr. Yan and few other Korean Leaders to fish on Hudson River on Sunday Mar. 24. It was a nice day but a little bit of a difficult day to find fish.

We moved a few times and finally we started catching striped bass. Even True Father's boat was struggling to catch the limit of fish allowed. Both boats finished almost at same time to catch and bag the limit. It took nearly two hours but still much quicker than in previous years. Though we fulfilled our task, still True Father was trying to catch bigger fish. Then



Dr. Yan caught a beautiful 30-inch striped bass and this fish was the biggest fish of the day. ❖

their thoughts and dreams. They miss their True Father, the true man. They never met a true man. That's why all women miss the true man. But they cannot meet the messiah and they end up abused and exploited. The dream of the fallen Eve is to meet the one person, the bridegroom. In the fallen world, you marry having such hope, but even if you have a family, you soon hate your husband and he turns to homosexuality and free sex. Thus he becomes like an animal, and the human race is going down.

So the Unification Church gives a clear direction to women, to go from daughter to sister to queen. The messiah's role is to nurture women. It is mainly women who use the new technology, such as the telephone. They call all their neighbors, relatives and friends. Once they are on, they stay on

all night.

True Mother is like you, but she follows the track of history. Three generations developed and were purified for the sake of creating her. It required a three generations process to create her. In Korean history, women made trouble, but in True Mother's history, which is actually seven generations, each generation had one daughter only. You cannot just have any woman give the truth. Three religious groups connect and believe that the messiah is coming as a human being.

That's why Daemo Nim went through three churches. It is not easy to make that preparation. You do not know that, but it relates to the fact that three American women—white, black and Hispanic—tried to kidnap me. I was scared. It is so important to keep purity. I can explain this, but two or three years would not be enough. But in spirit world I can share it all in a few seconds. This is a heavenly secret. Because of women, I have had a difficult time over several decades.

Husbands: Don't complain if you have to sit down at night and eat alone with your children. You have been restored from the archangelic position. Which is stronger, my love for Mother or hers for me? American style, the husband loves the wife more than vice-versa. Don't show your strange way. If you go to spirit world you can find out how much God loves True Parents.

[Father talks with American women in front. About their cultural predilections and how hard it is to change 6,000 years tradition. How American women divorce their husband and hate their sons, and prefer the daughters. That's why this country will perish.]

Why do I talk like this about women? If a nail is in a plank, how do we take it out? Hit it from below, and then claw it from the top. From now I can ask everyone to participate in a special training session, like the KGB in Russia, and survive it. The Unification Church members can do anything, but the problem is you women.

God's heart is expressed through the father of the prodigal son. The parents cannot hate the children. Therefore there is no need for hell. In America, what is the concept held by fathers and mothers? Do they put away their children and enjoy themselves? This is "couple-ism." It does not work in the Kingdom of Heaven. The family should live together. You are blessed central families. As such you are representatives of the True Family.

God follows True Parents. Why? Because God could not get Satan to surrender, except through True Parents. Are you better than God? You should love Rev. Moon more than you love God. Do you? If not, you should repent so much. "I am here at this liberation ceremony with God and True Parents, but I am so arrogant." Do you like these hard words from Father? Or do you just want to eat the fruit of the offering table? ❖

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tation to receive the Marriage Blessing. Twenty-five minister couples received the Blessing, including a State Representative, and a candidate for the U.S. Congress.

The program began at 7:00 p.m. with dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the Atlanta Family Church. At 7:45 p.m. the program moved into the Sanctuary. The Japanese missionaries sang a very beautiful Christian hymn that really opened the hearts of the guests. The new videotape, "Stand for Marriage and Save the Nation", was shown. The movie introduced the Blessing very nicely, and people were wondering how they could participate.

Then Elder James Tukes and his wife, Sister Santeria Tukes, gave a testimony about receiving the Blessing on Sunday four days before our program. Their pastor, Apostle John Davis, Sr., attended the Washington D.C. Holy Convocation, and the very next day, Sunday, March 17, he offered the Blessing to the couples in his congregation in Atlanta. The following Tuesday he received an excited telephone call from Elder Tukes. He said, "Pastor, pastor, you are not going to believe this. After drinking the Holy Wine, and participating in the Marriage Blessing, my whole life has changed. I have fallen in love with my wife again. I have to get up at 1 am every morning to go to work, and she never gets up with me. But yesterday morning, she got up, and we prayed together and she blessed my work and me. I see her in a whole new way, now. Our love has changed, too, it's a different kind of love. God is doing it, His anointing is in the Blessing and the Holy Wine."

After the Elder Tukes' testimony, it was announced that the Blessing would be offered at the end of the program. The whole audience was eager to take the Holy Wine.

Then Pastor Jesse Edwards spoke. His speech was dynamic and hit all the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he has emphasized the Marriage Blessing with his couples. Every week at least 10 new members are added to his church. Sometimes, as many as 25 new guests attend on a Sunday.

The ACLCLC meeting the following Thursday was very exciting. First, the response of the ministers to the Marriage Blessing was very encouraging. They really wanted to receive the Holy Wine, and to bring it to their congregations. Several are giving the Blessing to their members next Sunday. Secondly, many ministers are now bringing other ministers to our ACLCLC meetings. The Blessing is sweeping the South, and the ACLCLC is growing



dramatically.

Executive Committee

On March 28 we had another incredible meeting, this time during our Monthly ACLCLC Executive Committee meeting. Our ACLCLC Executive Committee has met monthly since January, and our March meeting happened to fall on Maundy Thursday, the day we commemorate the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples.

Our meeting included Lady Hyun Shil Kang, Rev. Zin Moon Kim, Rev. Man Ho Kim, and twenty-one ACLCLC ministers. Our local committee represents a diversity of faiths including

Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, United Church of God in Christ, Mormon and Muslim, as well as white, black and Asian.

After our program, Mrs. Kang exclaimed, "This is good, this is good," and Rev. Zin Moon Kim smiled, "Good job." As Bishop Murjan Rasheed drove away from the meeting he burst into tears. "I couldn't help crying. I was so deeply touched by the spirit of unity, love, and giving that I felt during our meeting."

We began with an Invocation from Presiding Apostle Willie Malcom, a member of the National ACLCLC

Executive Committee. Then we received a welcome from Rev. Man Ho Kim, the Chairman of the Georgia ACLCLC. He emphasized that world peace can only begin when mind and body are united. Conflict in the family is actually an expansion of the struggle within the individual and family. In the same way, all global conflict is an expansion of the war within the individual and family. Rev. Kim concluded, "It is a miracle that we are here today representing such a diversity of races, and religions. Throughout history, religion has been source of most strife. We need understanding and dialogue between religions."

Ministers then shared about their experiences the Washington, D.C. and Chicago Convocations. Rev. Kayce Ofodile shared that after the very first words were spoken in Chicago, he heard the Spirit of God say, "You see, you cannot do it in isolation. Even if you had everything you need to do the job - even if you had all that God has - you could not accomplish the task alone.

You need to reach out to other people. Only by working together can you fulfill the task." Even though he had gone to the Convocation with some doubts, after attending, he concluded that, "Now is the time of action. I am giving ACLCLC my service. Whatever needs to be done, I am available."

Rev. Ofodile also testified to the work of the Japanese missionaries. Several of the ministers around the table smiled at me with knowing eyes as Rev. Ofodile described the persistence, constancy, and genuine love of these Japanese missionaries. The ministers felt they cannot escape the True Love of the Mother Nation.

Minister Steven Muhammad is the Southeast Regional Director of the Million Family March and attended the D.C. Convocation. He was moved by the speech of Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the National Chairman of the ACLCLC. Minister Muhammad especially appreciated the reminder that the wife owns her husband's sexual organs, and vice versa. During the Convocation he saw more deeply into the value of the family, and how through family love, one



can more fully experience the love of God. "From the Convocation, I understood more about the family than I had ever been taught before."

Another minister gave a testimony about her experience during the Jesse Edward's meeting in Atlanta. She confessed that before meeting the ACLCLC she had asked God whether or not she should stay married to her husband or divorce him. She demanded an answer from God, and quickly found it when she heard Bishop Stallings at an earlier Atlanta ACLCLC meeting.

She brought her husband to the meeting with Pastor Edwards, and they participated in the Blessing. She was deeply moved when her husband, upon Pastor Edwards instruction, pointed a finger at her and said, "You are mine, you belong to me. Divorce is not an option." Their Blessing rekindled love in their marriage. The Marriage Blessing not only saved her marriage, it helped lift it to a new

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Archbishop and Mrs. George Stallings have baby

Archbishop Stallings and his Japanese-born wife, Sayomi, have a child.

Archbishop Stallings—who was not at the birth of Shin Young Stallings on April 15 as he was in North Carolina on the "Stand Up for Family Tour"—said: "As the Roman Catholic Church continues to struggle with celibacy in the priesthood, my only regret in having come to this point in my life as a Catholic priest is that I didn't come into this incredible life-giving and life-affirming experience sooner." ❖



Sayomi, Dr. Yang, baby Stallings, Archbishop's Mother and Mother-in-law

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family dedication together with many local speakers. Local pastors and their wives eagerly helped lead a communion toast to our marriages. One of the state legislators commented on the program, "The central problem is sin, which the government cannot solve. This program is the answer, growing the church, saving the nation!"

We were blessed to have an array of pastors crossing the racial and denominational boundaries, with significant white mainline alongside leading African American clergymen: Lutheran, United Methodist, Catholic, Evangelical, Black and White Baptist, and a director from a multi-denominational body representing tens of millions of Christians. These were almost all first time participants. The Tony and Mimi Dempsey Family, Paul & Neuma Erickson, and Caprara's—aided by a vol-

unteer Girl Scout Troop from New Hope Academy and our dedicated staff volunteers Debbie Scott and Joe Wakaria—worked hard through mailing to 250 ministers, many church visits, and a weekend hosting of the most beautiful Japanese team (Etsuko Takeda and Chinami Furukawa) who melted their hearts. Phone calling was led by one of our bright second generation leaders, Marcella Lee. Patsy Casino touched every heart with her uplifting gospel song, and closing with "Impossible Dream."

We focused on serving a local, grassroots movement that is tackling the abstinence problem of our youth (20 churches rallied for youth abstinence, 800 area youth the preceding Sunday which we visited together with our Japanese family). Peter Brown sup-

ported this with AFC's Parents Day and "True Love Thing To Do" abstinence education campaign. A love offering was made for the local abstinence movement and a pledge was made to meet again on follow-up projects in the community. We want to support the launch of a True Family Values Institute in the lead church to help equip the ministers in addressing marriage and family issues, along with an AFC family healing center and abstinence support program.

Afterwards, our leadership team of Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Fauntroy, AFC Regional Director Peter Brown, Bishop Johnson and myself prayed tearfully for the nation holding hands together under a shade tree in the beating sun at President George Washington's historic boyhood home overlooking the Rappa-

hannock River. It was a watershed prayer and unity among us for the new family movement beckoning the spirit of our patriot ancestors. (Four history archaeologists who were surveying the Washington homestead were amazed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and our inter-racial brotherhood). Just as we were praying, Rev. Anthony Flores (AFC RD Region 2, phoned from Ohio and patched into Rev. Fauntroy, who pledged vigorous support for a major national Black Leadership Conference coming up in May).

This marriage rededication campaign is Father's gift to America. Build your foundation in each state and renew our families working together community-by-community. Thank you Rev. Jenkins and AFC RD Peter Brown for tremendous support along with the Dempsey and Erickson family (please pray for their daughter Arianna who is suffering greatly amidst their beautiful sacrifice. ❖

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Wesley United Methodist Church and others came, even Minister Donell Muhammad, a representative of Minister Louis Farrakhan brought his wife and other Moslem brothers. We had a great mixed audience.

Pastors and ministers were moved by the testimonies of Dr. Charles Kenyatta and Ms. Sung Bok Lee who were considered as Abraham and Sarah. Dr. Kenyatta said that he does not know how Abraham felt when he met Sarah, but he knows how he feels by meeting



Mrs. Sung Bok Lee (Mrs. Hsu). Dr. Kenyatta praised True Father for his ministry of rebuilding families as the cornerstone for world peace. The fact that at the age of 82, Father Moon can choose a wife for him shows that God is real. He gave a profound message in short terms. He called

up front the entire family of Mrs. Hsu, two daughters and their husbands and grandchildren. It was beautiful to see them and he said they are now our children and wished them long life, 100 years. Mrs. Hsu also gave a moving testimony of her encounter with Father and

how she accepted the matching.

After Dr. Kenyatta address, we did an altar call and all ministers' couples participated in the Rededication Blessing Marriage. We had a wonderful event that inspired ministers to value the Family Movement and the ministry of True Father. Dr. Kenyatta (82 years) and Mrs. Hsu (72 years) is a great testimony for all ministers to Stand for Family and Marriage and Save the Nation. The evening was colored by the Choir from Kingdom Life Christian Center with Pastor Sam Adeyemi as Emcee. In addition, the Choir from Ohio Family Church and the solo by Mrs. Lee uplifted everyone. ❖

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level.

Rev. De Borah James testified that after attending her first ACLC meeting, she wept. The ACLC answered so many questions for her. "Technology is advancing rapidly. The latest computer is obsolete the very next year. Yet the church has stayed the same. Developments in the physical world shouldn't exceed developments in religion. I asked God, 'Why are we not moving forward, too?' Since meeting the ACLC I have seen where God is moving us, and he is now answering my every question. We should not be making Jesus into a religion, we need to follow Jesus' example. He is not coming back with a church, but for a church. Jesus prayed, 'Thy Kingdom come on Earth', and the ACLC has catapulted us into a whole new dimension of God's Kingdom Dominion. After meeting the ACLC I even walk differently. Instead of looking for Christ outside myself, I want to reflect the Christ that is in me."

After the ministers shared their experiences from the about Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta ACLC

events, Apostle John Davis, Sr. gave a twenty-minute address. He is the Co-Chairman of the Georgia ACLC Executive Committee, and truly a man of action. Apostle Davis challenged the assembled ministers to get themselves right, "No more spare keys", and to devote themselves to making ACLC a success. He concluded by saying, "We need to let people know that Rev. and Mrs. Moon are not monsters. They are of God, and God has anointed their ministry in a powerful way. The ACLC and the Blessing are not just some idea that they sat around and came up with. The ACLC is God ordained, and God is anointing this Blessed Marriage Movement."

Since the national Convocation, Apostle Davis, and four of other ministers had conducted blessings for members in their congregations.

I then, gave a twenty minute address

on "Greater Love Hath No Man (John 15:13)" — a testimony of the mission of Rev. Moon, and his suffering course of living for the sake of others. I wanted the ministers to understand more clearly what kind of person Rev. Moon is, so that they could defend attacks that might come to them for associating with the ACLC.

Lunch began promptly at 12:30 p.m. While eating we discussed what we needed to do to make the April 27 Blessing a success in Atlanta. As we tried to decide where to hold the ceremony, Minister Steven Muhammad, of the Nation of Islam, suggested asking a black United Methodist pastor if we could use his larger church. Sitting next to Minister Muhammad was Pastor Terry DeLand, a white, United Methodist minister. He knew the other UMC pastor, and said he would work with Minister Muhammad to make the church available. They joked about how their "salt and pepper team" would get the job done.

We also decided to hold a Seven-Day Prayer Vigil for Marriage from April 20 through April 27. The ministers challenged all the 52 cities where Rev. Moon spoke in 2001, to join our prayer vigil.

Apostle Willie Malcom said that if the homosexuals can hold Gay

Pride Marches that number in the tens of thousands, we should be able to have an even greater Festival for Marriage. "Let's fulfill the Marriage Blessing of 144,000 Clergy Couples and then let's start changing American culture."

These ministers are not only serious about April 27, they are thinking about how to bring a marriage culture to America, how to bring an end to divorce, and how we can have no more children born out of wedlock.

As we concluded our meeting, Rev. Man Ho gave each minister a beautiful pair of Korean teacups. "When you and your spouse use these cups, please think about True Love." A Benediction was offered by Bishop Murjan Rasheed and we concluded right on time.

As I was driving home from our luncheon, I burst into tears. I felt Jesus was saying to me that Heaven was moved by the unity of the ministers. Centering upon the Blessing we had broken down denominational barriers, racial barriers, and even Muslim and Christian barriers. And the ministers were not just waiting for the Family Federation to lead. They are taking responsibility as the spiritual leaders of the Elder Son Nation. I felt Jesus whispered to me on this anniversary of His Last Supper, "If my disciples were as united with me, as these ministers are united with True Parents, I would not have gone to the cross." Warm tears of gratitude poured down my cheeks on Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2002. ❖

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ministers, brothers and sisters are going out everyday to visit ministers and to bless their marriages, families and churches. Ministers are receiving Blessing during local Prayer Breakfast, too. Many testimonies and reports are coming everyday. ❖



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ACLIC Sikh Blessing in Seattle

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rituals he can engage in. It represents the grace and blessing of God. All Sikhs

partake of pershad at their worship services. It is also the only item according to religious stricture that can be consumed within their holy sanctuary. The Family Federation offered to sponsor the pershad for that day and Revs.

Lee, Song and Choi prayed over the pershad to add their blessing to it.

An explanation of True Family Values and the Inter-religious Blessing in English and Punjabi was distributed to the participants. In addition everyone received the four Blessing Vows again in English and Punjabi. David Malloch gave a short presentation in English which was translated by Dr. Randhawa. The head priest gave the Blessing prayer also in the native tongue.

The whole event made for quite a colorful spectacle. The Korean elders and the Japanese sisters all wore brightly colored cloths on their heads. The Sikhs themselves, especially the women, wear bright clothes and scarves. Everyone gathered for photos afterwards. Since September 11 the Sikh community has unfortunately been persecuted in this area and they were very appreciative of what we were doing. We in turn were moved by the warmth and sincerity of such devout people.



This Blessing was just the first step. There is a Sikh population of about 10,000 in the Seattle area and 100,000 in Vancouver, BC. Two more Blessings are planned for April 14 and 21. April 21st is the day the Sikhs celebrate Kalsa, the biggest holy day in the Sikh calendar. Thousands of Sikhs will attend from the Seattle and Vancouver area and we are planning a very big Blessing at that time. ❖



ACLIC Ministers' Tour in Denver

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the seats and enjoyed the meal. They didn't mind missing the dinner because they were so overjoyed that all their faithful efforts in visiting ministers had paid off. There were easily more than 150 in attendance.

Some of the ministers of the largest and most famous African American churches in the city showed up for the first time. Not only did they come themselves, but the brought others from their congregations. Rev. Jesse Griffin from Minneapolis gave a wonderful testimony of the work of ACLIC. He testified that he gives the Blessing once a month in his church and that it has made a world of difference in his church. He challenged all the clergy present to do the same. He said, "It doesn't take much time, it's no trouble at all, and you will be surprised what a great blessing it will bring to your church. Just try it!"

Rev. Griffin called all the couples to the front and it seemed that every single couple hopped out of their seats and went forward and drank the Holy wine together.

After the Holy Wine, Rev. Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu were introduced. They were introduced by Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis. She really did a good job of introducing them and shared that they had recently been "matched". When they came to the stage everyone was charmed to find such a cute and yet dignified couple of newlyweds. Around the room

there was nothing but smiles on everyone's faces. It was a wonderful testimony to True Parents' love.

Everyone present was encouraged to bless their own churches. We told them that we would provide the Holy Juice cups for all pastors intending to do the Blessing this Sunday in their churches. They were instructed to pick up the Holy Juice cups at the registration desk. Twenty-three pastors requested and received 580 cups on their way out of the program!

Testimonies and Reflections

The participants at the Stand for Family banquet represented an amazing cross-section of faith leaders: Baptist, COGIC, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Apostolic, plus Muslims and Messianic Jews. The participants also included African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians and whites.

Rev. Frank Davis is the pastor of Zion Baptist Church, the oldest and one of the largest African American churches in Colorado. He came with wife and 4 other ministers from his church and their spouses. He said "this was a wonderful and exciting program. This really makes clear to me that I need focus more on family and bring this to the couples in my church."

Rev. Hugh Harris is pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church in Denver. He will soon leave Colorado to

pastor a large church in Vancouver, BC. He said, "This is a very meaningful ministry. I will bring this to my congregation; in fact, I can see that a beautiful final gift I can give to my Denver congregation is to give them the blessing before I leave."

Rev. Jessie Griffin is the ACLIC national evangelist from Minneapolis. He did a wonderful job of sharing about the blessing and inspiring all couples present to participate. At the conclusion of the program he said, "This was really an amazing turnout. It is really inspiring to see the many different pastors and church leaders who came. There is a great work going on here in Denver."

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Rev. William Ephriam, co-convenor of ACLIC in Colorado, said that the testimony of Rev. Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu was such a highlight; everyone was thrilled. He said "Father really knows what he is doing in matching; you could just feel that Rev. Kenyatta and his bride to be are just so right for each other. I wish Father could match the young people in my church; then I could be sure their marriages would be on solid ground."

Among the participants were two leaders from the Colorado organization of Messianic Jews. Dr. Ferguson, who has a Ph.D. from Oxford, leads the group. After the program they stayed for nearly an hour, fellowshiping with our

members and other participants.

Edwin Cornier mentioned that his guests were skeptical and cool when they first arrived at the program. By the end of the evening they were so inspired and warm that they did not want to leave.

Rev. Patrick Tessmer, pastor of the New Apostolic Church, said, "I am inspired by the idea of bringing the experience of first love back into marriage through the holy juice blessing."

Mrs. America Peacock (minister's wife) said: "It is so valuable to remember that marriage is so important. I was very touched by Rev. Kenyatta. And there was so much spirituality in this program!"

Rev. Steven Williams is pastor of the Aurora First United Methodist Church. He said: "I like the idea of rededicating our families. I will do this at our church on Sunday, April 28th."

Mrs. Morgan, wife of Pastor Oscar Morgan of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, said: "The speakers at this program were all wonderful, but especially the pastor from New York (Rev. Kenyatta) and his wife. I could feel the unity; it was wonderful."

Linda Cornier also made a special breakthrough today. She went with Japanese missionaries to the offices of Denver mayor Wellington Webb. They did not have an appointment, yet Linda persisted through the objections of the Mayor's staff to see Mayor Webb for even one minute. Her perseverance paid off: she met the mayor and shared the holy wine with him. (Wellington Webb is well respected nationwide as an African American elected official who has done excellent work as Denver's mayor for the last 8 years.) ❖

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Blessing Campaign Testimony It Felt So Good!

by David Pelton

It felt so good to bless someone. It made me want to do it again and more!! Although I am among the majority of American members who are employed and support their families, I felt strongly motivated to assist the Japanese missionaries who were relying on the western members in our northern Virginia community for daily transportation. So I volunteered two time slots (Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings), and hoped other western members in our community would step forward.

I saw no reason why we shouldn't use up some of our time to help in any way we could. It is the least we can do, and let us remember, as we were taught many times that whatever we invest ourselves for God, particularly for this coming special Blessing, every effort we make will be remembered, and we don't need to look around and doubt if our own such effort is valuable.

Fortunately, in the last few weeks a number of western community members have committed their time to provide transportation, homes, funds and food to the Japanese sister's efforts. My wife Hisayo and I have done the same. She has even assisted a team with transportation on one Sunday with a rental car.

My first Thursday experience was with three Japanese missionaries. That morning we re-visited three churches they had visited before. In each location, the Pastor, pastor's wives or pastor's secretary's received us and "heard us out". But they were not able to receive the Holy Wine or commit to attending a convocation or the Blessing ceremony (even though, in one case, the Pastor's wife had received the Holy Wine

on a previous visit). We did not consider the visit in vain, but just one more day of "tilling the soil" to be harvested later.

We decided to visit some new churches in the time we had left. We stopped at a fundamentalist, independent Protestant church that we found out had been visited before. We met with an Assistant Pastor, who informed the Japanese missionaries of a prior visit from ACLC representatives. He was a 72-year-old white American, who explained their church, with an interracial, international congregation, was "all about Jesus!!" and nothing else. He also explained that he couldn't do anything without the Pastor's review and consent.

I then asked him if he was married, and his pride swelled. "I just celebrated my 42nd wedding anniversary to the same woman I first married", he told us. He described how all of his family—his wife, his children and his grandchildren—were all either pastors, assistant pastors, Sunday School teachers or missionaries all around the country and the world. He agreed marriage was an institution sanctioned by God "from the outset of Creation" and key to the spiritual health and future of any country and the world.

He appreciated our acknowledgment of what a tremendous achievement that was. We could see he was prepared. I explained that the primary

work of the ACLC was to find and recognize outstanding clergy couples such as he and his wife as an example for the nation.

I then suggested we offer a toast to him, his wife, his family and ministry for God to continue to do bless them and do His work through them. The Japanese missionaries had the sealed "cups" of holy "wine" (juice) out of their bag. Their joyful enthusiasm was irresistible to him, and he "popped the top" open and raised the little plastic container with us in a toast and received the Holy Wine then and there!

We shared about the upcoming convocations at local universities, and about the 144,000 clergy Blessing, which he agreed to pass along to his pastor. We invited him and his wife to participate, which he'd need to talk to his pastor about, he said. He then recounted his life to us, and all of the trials and tribulations he had faced and overcome in his life of faith. It was obvious he had a lot of ancestral support which had led him to that very moment.

We left with a very uplifting feeling, and felt he would testify to his Pastor which would open the door to a future appointment with him.

It felt so good to bless someone—my first time!. It made me want to do it again and more.

Then later that day (and I believe, on the foundation of our tiny effort,

our willing heart, and the "good condition" especially made by so many Japanese missionaries and other brothers and sisters) my wife and I heard that one of the Pastor's of the three churches in downtown DC we adopted (and had been visiting and inviting to events for some time) had actually responded to an invitation flyer we only had had time to leave at his church, and had attended the last one-day National Convocation on March 16 at Hyatt Regency Hotel for ministers! He and his wife had received the Holy Wine, been blessed, and now had taken on the mission of blessing other clergy! Due to our unavoidable business (to go get a car), my wife and I agreed she would drop off a small donation and a bouquet for their church's 20th anniversary celebration later that day. We hoped it would help encourage their blessing more couples in their churches, or even an altar call blessing at the anniversary event!. His position is often that of a touring evangelist, pastoring a number of other churches within the same denomination.

To top it off, the financing finally came through on a wonderful used vehicle my wife and I hoped we could purchase in place of her completely broken vehicle so we could be more free to do more to help with this and future providential work. Having only one functioning vehicle had limited us when our jobs and three children's schedules required rides and pick-ups.

So, arriving home with the car after a long day, we were in awe of God's love and gratefully Holy Salted the car and offered to God, True Parents, and their providence. And our eldest son sat in the car and shared our joy. ❖

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Blessing Testimonies

Northern California

Translated by Makiko Leonard

We started on March 21st in one area with a map given by our Regional leader. We drove and visited the churches but it was inefficient.? Then we received a list of churches from the flag providence. We visited forty of them with a video ("We Will Stand") and a pamphlet. After April 2nd, we visited the churches again that were responsive or that we had a good impression of. On this second visit, we thought it was important to get support from sisters living in America to avoid a language problem. Whenever they needed missionaries' help for their area, we helped them with pleasure. Then when we needed them, they were willing to help us back. Through this, we created good give and take action with them and trust in our relationship. Based on this unity, the pastors' response became better than we expected. We appreciated working together with each other.

We visited one pastor on the 3rd, but he was about to leave when we arrived. We asked him if he took a look at our video or not. He said, "Yes, but please come back at 10 on Friday because I am leaving now." We visited him at that time. He welcomed us into his office and listened to the purpose of our visit. We told him that, "in order to rebuild American families, ... the position of church ministers is crucial. Therefore, we are visiting as many churches of any denomination as possible for forty days." Then he said, "So what should I do for you?" We answered, "First of all, we would like your couple to pledge to these four vows and receive the holy juice. Then explain to your members about this and let them have this holy juice also." He said, "Yes," and called his wife. After he explained to her, she also accepted brightly saying, "Ok." They drank the holy juice there.

We were so surprised that it went so smooth. Then we realized that this was how easy it can be if we meet a prepared person. Even the sister living in Amer-

ica was so moved because she had a concept that Caucasians are less likely to accept us. We know this is because of the support from spirit world and the conditions that True Parents made. Therefore, we would like to offer all of our results to heaven.

Southern California

Translated by Hisayo Pelton

March 25, one of the minister outreach teams we have requested to change their assigned area where residents are predominantly Caucasian. The quote "When missionary sisters visit 3 times, even the spiritual wall of the most negative church would be collapsed [by spirit world]" occurred to me and persuaded this team. The team took it very well, and began to think they should feel ashamed if they don't try 3 times and thus started pouring out their heart more.

The first time, it was difficult and the second time it was still a challenge. However, when they attempted to visit the third time, in spite of the pastor's (originally from Philippines) continued hesitancy to be involved, his wife showed interest and watched the introductory video which prompted her to take Holy Wine [that day]. Finally she decided to attend our evening program scheduled next Monday.

We are also receiving a good response from other ministers. One minister who is traveling in Canada now sent us pictures and a letter telling us about his Canada trip and his wish to meet with us again because he was deeply touched by us. We were very happy to hear from him. This pastor's church is also the one we had to try 3 times and then the door was opened. We are looking forward to meeting with this pastor again very much upon his return on April 4.

We experienced the reality that "Absolute Obedience" and "Absolute Faith"

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Father's Words to ACLC Executive Committee

This is from a note True Father sent to the ACLC ministers.

God's Will will be accomplished on earth, no matter what. Not because of the power of America, but by the power of the Truth. Only the Truth can prevail. If you are connected in heart to Jesus you can know these things. Therefore you have to listen. This is the completion of the Old and New Testament eras. People don't know how to reach the heavenly realm. If you know God and the Spirit World you will understand Rev. Moon.

This Blessing is not because I need 144,000 churches but because it will

open up the gate of the Spirit World. Once this gate is open then Heaven will guide America. If Christianity fails God will go to the other world religions to accomplish His goal. However if God's providence goes in a different direction it will take much longer for the Kingdom to be realized.

I didn't come to America because I'm fond of America. I've been bitterly persecuted here. I came to America because of Jesus. The only reason I'm here in America is because of Chris-

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tianity. Christianity is the chosen religion and because of that America is the chosen nation to save the world.

You, he ACLC Executive Committee, have to take up this mission together. The Blessing of the 144,000 Clergy will form the core of the second Israel. Now Father has expanded beyond Christianity. Father has the power to guide these 144,000 to save America and embrace all the religions of the world. If you truly understand the Divine Principle and go out with

your whole heart, who could reject you clergy. Who will insist on just being Presbyterian or Baptist. The walls must come down.

144,000 is not just clergy but churches and families that can form a Family Movement to save America. It has to become obvious to save America. I am here in America because of Jesus.

What we are doing all together now is based on the 40-year course that I went through with Christianity from 1945 - 1985 and the victory we won. Because of Christianity I came to America. That is the only reason. God's will however is not just to save this nation, but to save the whole world. ♦

Blessing Avalanche in Raleigh

by Tim Davis & Rev. Jea Seok Kim

The Wind of the Holy Spirit is blowing in Raleigh, N. C! On Sunday March 9th I stood with Bishop Robert Henry [Gethsemene True Vine Holiness Church]. An altar call was held and three couples were blessed including Bishop Henry. A minister meeting will be scheduled in the near future where the ACLC will be introduced and his minister friends can be blessed and then their churches. (...the wind is blowing!!)

On Wednesday March 13th Pastor Nellie Smith of Matthew Chapel Holy Church agreed to let me lead her Bible study. Originally she was to be there but was called away to S. Carolina for an emergency meeting. I arrived that evening with National Messiah, Rev. Soojong Joo, brothers and sisters from Raleigh community and Japanese mis-

sionaries. Upon arriving at the church I was a little apprehensive. But not to worry!!! Heavenly Father had prepared everything! When I opened the door the Asst. Pastor had already set up the VCR and TV on the altar. First I spoke about the work of the ACLC and the Blessing. Next we showed the tape "Reflections on the 144,000 Blessing." Then I helped officiate the Blessing through the Assistant Pastor.

Everything went incredibly smooth. We were totally welcomed and supported. Footnote: Previously Pastor Smith had attended 2 prayer breakfasts. I had sat with her on the altar in her church. And she also had attended Parents Day celebration. My wife Gail attended Pastor Smith's 14th Anniversary Celebration as Pastor of her church. Gail presented her with a beautiful bouquet of roses. She was beaming. Because of this relationship she totally trusted us. After the tape

was shown the moment of truth came. I called the Assistant Pastor and his wife to the front where they took the Holy Wine. After that the Wine was distributed to all present. Everyone drank the Wine. 20 were in attendance. The Japanese sisters sang two beautiful songs which always brings the Holy Spirit. Everyone just loved them. We closed with a prayer and a whole lot of hugging each other. We had wonderful sharing together. Everyone was so joyful and happy. We all had trouble leaving one another that night. Amazing unity! Later I learned there were 8 minister couples in attendance! The entire church leadership was present and received the holy wine. (...and the wind is blowing stronger!)

On March 16th Pastor Cheryl Jones of "Following in the Footsteps of Christ Church," came back from the Holy Convocation in Washington, DC. She was on fire. Immediately she prepared

to give the blessing in her church the next day on Sunday March 17th. With Rev. Jea Seok Kim, Rev. Soojong Joo, Gail (my wife), Raleigh members and Japanese sisters were present. Pastor Jones strongly encouraged people to the altar. The Japanese sisters blew them away with their songs. Then Pastor Jones told them they may hear some new things but to get prepared for the ACLC and what it has to offer. They never knew what hit them.

It is important that you know in the beginning Pastor Cheryl and her husband who is also Pastor Lacey Jones were very skeptical and cautious of me and my wife. Then they both changed through making a relationship with them. (...The wind continues to blow stronger!)

March 24th Pastor Theodore Mc Allister of Smith Temple Free Will Baptist Church in downtown Raleigh agreed

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from Japanese Missionaries

to follow TP's words are just what we need. We don't need to think about anything else because TP and God have prepared everything for victory.

Connecticut

Translated by Makiko Leonard

Five national messiahs and missionaries from seven countries are working together in our state. We especially appreciated the national messiahs that they go out with us everyday. Also, their sincere late-night prayer has guided and protected us.

We visit the churches by teams. The teams have four people each. We made a fresh start in new area today. Some teams met great pastors easily from the beginning. We felt so guided by the spirit world. In one church, one team met a sister who was so depressed. They sang a song for her, gave an origami figure and finally gave the holy juice to her. She was so appreciative and gave a 50 dollar donation to them and said, "Please have a meal or something with this."

I thought we were blessed because we started with a strong determination that each team would give the blessing to 50 couples.

Nebraska

Translated by Hisayo Pelton

We had a prayer breakfast with an honorable guest, Rev. Kenyatta. It was originally scheduled for the 13th, but it was carried out on the 6th upon the previous state leader's strong [suggestion and] decision even though our senior pastor was absent that day.

On the day of event (the 6th), initially 18 ministers showed up. Among them, 8 ministers were new contacts, and 3 out of 8 were "white" ministers. Although one couple left in the midst of the event, the rest were riveted by Rev. Kenyat-

ta's deep and heartwarming testimony including his Blessing [matching] experience. Rev. Kenyatta called up Mrs. Kenyatta [the former Mrs. Hsu of Columbus, OH] to the podium, stood right next to her, and asked her to speak.

Mrs. Kenyatta then testified to her graciousness of having accepted being matched to Rev. Kenyatta in tears, saying: "Rev. Kenyatta is not only my husband but rather a man of an incredible destiny to change the world. I am so very grateful to him and [at the same time] so proud of him." They received a warm standing ovation and praise from the attendees. Interestingly, they didn't seem like a newly blessed [matched] couple but they looked so natural to be together, like long-time companions, which really cleansed our heart. Rev. Kenyatta repeatedly said "God is with Rev. Moon!" and appeared so liberated.

Following the prayer breakfast, Rev. Kenyatta met with some other ministers. He was again testifying to his experience joyfully. We owe a debt of gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Kenyatta. Through them even our members who never attended an event as well as the state of Nebraska were set on fire with the Holy Spirit! We sincerely thank our True Parents' and God for their grace.

Illinois

Translated by Makiko Leonard

Seven days past since I arrived in Chicago on March 29 and started my missionary work. However, I didn't have any results that I can report to True Parents yet. I was starting to feel pressure. One day, we started with strong determination to break through. It was a very cold day. We went to McDonald's to get something warm to drink after lunch. Then one elegant looking white old lady came close to us and said, "You all look so beautiful. Did you just have a wedding ceremony or something?" We were so surprised and confused because we were not wearing such beautiful dresses at all, even our makeup almost

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Blessing Testimonies from Japanese Missionaries

came off after lunch. Then one tribal messiah sister introduced us to her and said that we were missionaries that came from Japan. She said, "I can recognize a missionary. I can see your father and mother behind you." We felt so strange but then we thought that this meeting must have been guided by God and True Parents. We asked her name, church and address.

After three days, we visited her church. It was a big Catholic church that has 16,000 followers. By chance we met the pastor who was taking a walk with his dog. After we talked, he welcomed us and invited us to the chapel. We explained more about what we were doing and the blessing. He said, "If I can receive the blessing, I want to do it as soon as possible, even now." So he received the holy wine and our prayer right there. He was still single but symbolically we could give him the blessing. We are planning to visit him again on the 8th and we want to give the blessing to his members. Through this experience, I strongly felt that True Parents have always been behind us. Thank you very much.

Oklahoma

Translated by Hisayo Pelton

Everyday we go out in three separate teams. This testimony is from one of the groups who goes out until late night. The team leader is a local Blessed family. They took off to the church visit with the insight given by the NM stationed in our area, "You'll never come back to the center without giving Holy Wine!"

When Rev. Williams of New Jerusalem Temple was praying in his church, this team happened to visit him. When he heard the team leader's name, sounds very similar to the word, "Messiah" he really thought real Messiah paid a visit to his church!! After he listened to their explanation of why they came to save families in America, he felt he was stricken by thunder. Rev. Williams spoke of this testimony at Good Friday sermon. Additionally, he strongly persuaded [his congregation] that our Blessing movement is truly God's will so appropriate for this era, and we all must not miss its visitation.

That day, the team was invited and introduced on the stage. They dedicated three Japanese songs followed by Good Friday Communion where more than 100 members of congregation including clergymen received Holy Wine altogether.

Maryland

Translated by Makiko Leonard

It was my second day after I arrived here. When I visited one church they were singing holy songs. When I saw the pastor, who was a woman, tears came to my eyes. It is probably because I saw the word "African" as part of the church name on the signboard when I came in. From that moment, the memory of my mission country, Dominica, a country that has many black people, came to my mind.

After the holy song, she hugged me strongly so I hugged her back. I felt as if she was my daughter. Also it reminded me that we missionaries came to America to love this country in the mother's position. Everybody shed tears during the prayer after receiving the holy wine.

It was a big church holding 25,000 followers. Her husband is also a pastor. She was listening favorably to our introduction to the conference.

We will sincerely keep taking care of this church. In the end, I felt so sorry in front of True Parents that I did not come here earlier.

Tennessee

Translated by Makiko Leonard

A pastor who we met two days ago visited our church, bringing his family. We had a prayer breakfast meeting together, they looked so happy. When we visited his church the other day, he received our flag. Then we showed the pastor and his assistant pastor two videos: "We are one" and Rev. Elliot's testimony. After they watched the videos, the assistant pastor easily accepted and received the holy wine.

The pastor knew about True Father from before and said, "Some of my members are critical about Rev. Moon, but his preaching is based on the bible. I welcome anybody who accepts Jesus Christ." He also said, "I want to attend this prayer breakfast meeting again with my senior pastor and minister."

New Jersey

Translated by Makiko Leonard

When we visited a new church on Saturday, we were able to meet a pastor and his wife, their daughter and their two grandchildren. They were so conscientious and already knew True Father and some ACLC pastors. But they have never attended any of our events so far. We talked to them about the blessing, showing an approach book. Then we gave the pastor the

holy wine blessing on that day. We promised to sing a song and give their members the blessing at Sunday service the next day.

The next day, there were 5 couples at the Sunday service. After the pastor read the four vows, he gave a prayer while holding the representative couple's hands. He also asked his members for a donation to support our movement, so we received 60 dollars! Even a guest speaker gave a prayer for us. Afterwards, we had lunch together with them.

We are so guided everyday to be able to meet good pastors in the realm of the victorious True Parents with tremendous support from the spirit world. But this time was the first time to receive a donation. We were so surprised that not only good people but also all things were prepared. We strongly felt that whenever we take action with confidence, trusting the victorious realm, everything was prepared for us.

Washington DC

Translated by Shigetaka Matsuhashi

We started to witness to ministers at 7 AM. We wanted to meet Abel-type ministers in our nine appointments. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet even one minister who would take the time to talk about the Blessing with us. So, we headed back to our center with no result. As we were driving however, we noticed one minister alone at a bus station. We decided to stop and introduce him to the Family Federation and the Blessing movement. Amazingly, he accepted our Blessing and drank the holy wine right there. He also drank holy wine on behalf of his wife who has passed into the spirit world. Finally, after we prayed for him, this minister invited us to his home to talk more deeply about the Blessing. He also invited us to his church "any time" because the main minister there knows our movement.

Thank you God and True Parents for helping us to meet this prepared person today! If we take care and educate ministers, they will come to understand and trust us more and more.

True Father has told us to visit all the churches in America at least 3 times. If we follow this direction, a lot of ministers will respond and become the central 12,000 Christian leaders of God's providence.

The mother country's mission is to take care and educate all these thousands of ministers. We missionaries have strong determination for this mother country mission!

New Mexico

Translated by Hisayo Pelton

I attended a Bible Study at one "white" church. When I greeted the pastor and testified about True Father and introduced this Blessing campaign after the program, I was bitterly rejected. However, when the pastor's wife who was playing organ came to me, I said, "You [and your husband] look like a wonderful couple. Could you please take a picture with me?" This simple praise opened up their heart and I really felt the atmosphere was being changed positively. Then, I approached again, "How about we toast now?"

Following this, both the pastor and I offered prayer and they finally took the Holy Wine as a couple. Moreover, they asked me to come back again! I was assured that the pastor's spirit was moved and was being liberated from that moment.

I regard "white" churches and Catholics as such a challenge. Yet, I can confirm everyday that even the toughest is being drawn [to True Parents and this Blessing movement] with the help of the spirit world and God. So I can keep up my hope.

Nebraska

Translated by Hisayo Pelton

Despite the mass mailing which took up much of our time today, local Japanese members came to help us visit a predominantly white, middle-class residential area.

At one church, I was about to leave an invitation for our event because I didn't see anyone, but then a pastor came. Initially, we didn't notice he was the pastor. His wife had noticed we were there and told him about it. Later we found out that this pastor had already received the invitation by mail, and actually was wondering which of the three prayer breakfasts he should attend! He was grateful to be invited to the event, he told us.

This Protestant pastor had been a pastor in Zimbabwe for 36 years before returning to the US. Then, he was appointed as a pastor of his father-in-law's own church 2 years ago. We started to visit this particular area just recently, but we feel very hopeful to find that there are ministers whom God has prepared and placed in this area. ❖



I I F W P

Zambia Project Tackles HIV/AIDS

by Nicholas Chisha

On the 13th of November 2001, representatives of 12 African Nations were invited to attend a meeting in Nigeria, Lagos for the planning, training and preparation of the HIV/AIDS educational and prevention project on HIV/AIDS, to be implemented in each country.

This project was initiated by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak Chairman of the Board of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP www.iifwp.org)

The Project focuses on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention lectures that can be given in schools, communities and places of work with the help of a curriculum and a flip chart teaching aid, commissioned by Dr. Kwak in June 2001.

The presentation is based mainly on the most successful existing curriculums and slide projections already being used in Africa and a number of other places.

Both the curriculum and the lecture charts have been developed and produced by a team working under Dr. Kwak's close supervision. These are 40 colorful page laminated flip charts, which were shipped to Lagos and distributed to the participants at the meeting.

This project as come just at the right time especially here in the Southern part of Africa, where many people are victims of AIDS. The numbers of AIDS cases are always on the increase not in hundreds, but millions.

Zambia being one of the 12 countries involved in this project, the lectures have proved to be very helpful in making people understand the damage and dangers of

HIV/AIDS and also learn how one can prevent and protect one self from AIDS.

Here in Zambia most of the victims of AIDS are the youths, therefore our target group is mostly the youths and with these flip charts we are able to lecture in Universities, Colleges and High schools very easily. The response as been so great everywhere we have been teaching, as you can see from the photos. We are really so grateful for these HIV/AIDS flip charts.

On January 24th 2002, five secondary schools attended a lecture on HIV/AIDS at Modern High School. The number of those in attendance was 120. At the end of the lecture there was a proposal from the attendees that HIV/AIDS clubs be opened at these five schools.

On the 25th of January 2002 we had a meeting on HIV/AIDS (Living AIDS free) with the Mayor of Ndola City and three members of Parliament, to see how the Local Authority can be able to fund this project which they promised to seriously look into, because they also felt the project was very important for the citizens. The Mayor invited us to use their public hall to hold seminars and workshops for HIV/AIDS, which is very encouraging for us.

Workshop with Soldiers

Here in our country Zambia, we have been experiencing a big increase in the number of soldiers infected with HIV/AIDS, especially when they return from peace keeping missions abroad.

Due to this serious situation we (IRFF) received an invitation from the

Commandant of one of the Army barracks known as Kalewa Barracks in Ndola to hold several HIV/AIDS workshops for the soldiers.

As you can see from the photos in this particular workshop we had 102 soldiers in attendance. The Commandant was very impressed with the contents of our HIV/AIDS lectures (Living AIDS free) that at the end of the workshop requested us to conduct similar workshops in other army barracks which he would organize through his office, so that as many soldiers as possible can get hold of this education in order for them to make right choices concerning the protection method against HIV/AIDS.

It is our hope that one day we can mobilize a good number of soldiers for a special conference and have some of these soldiers trained to become lecturers in HIV/AIDS (Living AIDS free) so that this message can reach out to many soldiers as possible of our national army.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done to help these soldiers especially the peace keepers because they are a part of our society if they are not educated on the importance of Living AIDS free then not only their lives will be at stake but other people in countries where they go for their peace-keeping missions, that is why this not only a national problem but also international problem where it needs all people of goodwill to come together and work together to fight this scourge. ❖



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to have the blessing in his church. This Pastor along with his wife were previously blessed at Raleigh's 1st Blessing event. Bishop Dan Johnson had administered a healing session for them. Note: Pastor Mc Allister's wife was not going to come because of severe pain in her feet—a long standing ailment. Suddenly her pain mysteriously disappeared. Inspired, she changed clothes faster than she had ever changed in her life (she said), and accompanied Pastor Mc Allister to the program.

I invited Rev. Jea Seok Kim [Reg. Director], Rev. Soojong Joo, Rev. No Hi

Pak, Japanese sisters and Raleigh members. I sat on the altar with Pastor Mc Allister and three other guest ministers. The Pastor introduced us very eloquently to his church which was filled with 150-200 people. I was nervous but prayed for God's spirit to work and went forward in faith. The time came when the Pastor called me to his side at the pulpit and began to talk about the importance of the family and the ACLC. He then said, quite prophetically, "Let the spirit guide us now! So be it!" I invited the Japanese sisters to sing. They sang so beautifully! You could feel the spirit of God filling the church.

Afterward I began to read the mis-

sion statement of the ACLC slowly and deliberately. As I looked people were deeply listening to these inspiring Heavenly words. Many heads were nodding in agreement. Then I spoke about the meaning of the 144,000 Blessing. Finally we gave the altar call. To my shock the *entire church congregation* rose to their feet and came to the altar. The Pastor stood by my side telling everyone to come forward making sure that no one was left out. People took home Holy Wine home for their spouse (if absent) and children. Pastor McAllister was very serious about everyone receiving the wine. He was totally supportive. Only one person did not take the Holy Wine!

Afterward, I read the four vows. The congregation responded with a reverent "Yes!". The Pastor then prayed over all the newly blessed couples. Finally Rev. Jea Seok Kim spoke deeply about the internal meaning and value of the 144,000 Blessing. Service was concluded and we all hugged and took pictures together. The feeling of family was so strong. I had never seen this church so joyful before now. This truly was a miracle of Heavenly Father and True Parents grace!!! *Yes, the wind of the Holy Spirit is truly blowing in Raleigh!!*

Special recognition should be given to the wonderful support of Rev. Kim, the National Messiah's and Japanese Missionaries. ❖

IIFWP Seminar: Renewing Cameroon

by Michael Lamson

On Tuesday March 26, in Yaounde, Cameroon, an estimated 123 participants from Media, Academia, Religious Associations, Political Groups, The NGO Community and Government participated in an International Leadership Seminar under the theme "Renewing the Nation: An exploration of principles and practices that strengthen families, educate our youth, and rebuild society". There were 82 guests from civil society and government, 6 national leaders from other countries and 35 members from FFWPU, WFWP, CARP, IRFF, PWPA and IIFWP.

The program opened with an invocation by Rev. Fritz Mbi Takang of the World Wide Mission

of Cameroon followed by the welcome address given by Hon. Francis Nkwain the former Minister of External Relations and current chairman of IIFWP Cameroon. This was followed by the welcoming address of Dr. Thomas Walsh and the video presentation about the life and work of True Parents.

Rev. Kwak delivered the Keynote

Address which was followed by an introduction to IIFWP by Dr. Walsh. During the lunch break all the guests visited expositions that were set up by WFWP, CARP and PWPA and discovered what activities each organization was sponsoring in Cameroon.

In the afternoon Dr. Walsh spoke on Character Education and AIDS Prevention using a PowerPoint presentation. This was followed by a presentation using the IIFWP "Zero Transmission Life Style" Flip Chart given by Pius Manchang the Executive Director of IRFF. Mrs. Kathy Rigney then gave brief comments on the AIDS presentation. This was followed by a talk on True Family Values delivered by FFWPU President Mr. Daniel

Essomba Eyene.

After the coffee break Reverend Kwak delivered his lecture on "Spirit World and the Blessing." The presentation was very well organized and the use of the PowerPoint materials had all participants on the edge of their seats. Most of the participants expressed their pleasure at the sincerity of Rev. Kwak's

message and how he connected his life experiences to the presentation.

At one point during Rev. Kwak's talk the power in the city was turned off and there were no emergency lights in the hall. Rev. Kwak continued his presentation with out missing a beat and no one in the audience left the hall. The laptop that was used for the PowerPoint presentation was the only light in the hall because it was on a battery and this illuminated Rev. Kwak's face making him look like an angel. Many in the audience speculated that the spirits in the spiritual world Rev. Kwak was talking about were having a battle over his presentation.

After finishing his presentation Rev. Kwak along with Dr. Walsh and others invited participants to come and receive the blessing. Around 25 to 30 couples and individuals participated.

At the closing Banquet, two guests shared their impressions about the seminar. Mrs. Helen Chendi (Director of HIV/AIDS programs with UNICEF) expressed her approval of the AIDS materials and information as well as her appreciation of the fact that IIFWP focused on the family as one of the major shareholders in the fight against AIDS. Mrs. Rose Kah (Ministry of Education) expressed her great surprise at the fact that her whole life so far was

a series of events with no central point. She stated that her role as a mother, a leader and a citizen were all defined through Reverend Kwak's speech and that she now felt empowered to invest herself in living for the sake of others.

The IRFF youth department provided the entertainment through songs and traditional dances while the IRFF cultural department (Bantu Feeling) provided the music with instruments



they produce. The Bantu Feeling group introduced its newest member from the U.S., Mr. Wade Hampton, who played the Njimbe. After the entertainment Bantu Feeling presented a Njimbe (Drum) which they made especially for Rev. Kwak.

Following the entertainment Rev. Kwak presented 15 VIPs with Ambassador for Peace Awards. Five of these Ambassadors of Peace were traditional rulers. ♦

Ivory Coast International Leadership Seminar

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

Despite several recent changes in government, including periods of extreme social unrest, local IIFWP leadership successfully convened significant religious, political, and social leadership to participate in a one day seminar in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on March 24, 2002.

Particularly to be noted among the approximately 100 participants were Muslim Sheikh Nafillah, and the honorable Seraphin Oule Tia Seraphin, representing the president of the National Assembly. Sheikh Nafillah is a nationally recognized and respected leader who has been instrumental in recent times to bring about peace and calm during recent disorder. Honorable Tia of the National Assembly likewise is a figure of peace and represents a call for a stable and peaceful future for the Ivory Coast. The latter is further distinguished by the fact that he from among many choices would be chosen by the president of the National Assembly to be his representative.

The program followed the standard pattern of IIFWP leadership seminars. The program opened with welcome remarks from prominent leaders and long time supporters of Unification efforts, followed by lectures and powerpoint presentations both to introduce and deep-

en the knowledge of the program, concept, and content of the international agenda of the IIFWP.

Welcome came from Dr. Kore Guei, Ivory Coast president of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), and from Mr. Emmanuel Gbocho, Ivory Coast president of the IIFWP. Dr. Guei offered a fascinating account on the nature and possibility of peace, building much of his presentation on an exchange of letters on the subject between Professors Freud and Einstein. Mr. Gbocho followed, insisting upon the peaceful nature of Ivorians, recent disturbance and disorder notwithstanding.

Mr. Oule Tia, representing the president of the National Assembly gave a stirring talk and welcome, which included an explanation of how the geography of his representation has affected his commitment for peace. He represents a district which lies on the border from which he experiences a steady flow of Liberian refugees. This experience makes him a deeply committed and passionate leader for peace.

This opening plenary was followed by Dr. Thomas Walsh, IIFWP Secretary General, introducing the IIFWP by way of video, and then intro-



ducing its Chairman and President Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, to offer an introductory keynote address for the conference.

Lunch followed and the program continue with a number of presentations designed to further familiarize participants with the broad range of IIFWP commitments and activities. Dr. Walsh offered a powerpoint introduction of the IIFWP, Ms. Kathy Rigney presented the AIDS Prevention education carried out by IIFWP throughout Africa, and Frank Kaufmann presented the history of programs for religion and peace preceding and during the time of IIFWP international outreach.

The seminar concluded with a paired speech by Dr. Kwak. Dr. Kwak presented first a talk on the Spiritual World, its reality, and its role in the pursuit of peace, and concluded with a talk on the Marriage, Family, and World Peace. At the end of these speeches Dr. Kwak offered a ceremony of Blessing to par-

ticipants and their families moved to engage the IIFWP at this level. A significant percentage of those present were anxious to create of their own couples Blessed Families, resulting in a ceremony at the end of Dr. Kwak's talk which has the heart warming qualities of family love and commitment to peace.

The closing banquet was festive and full of hope and happiness. At the head table the honorable Tia expressed the view that the top leadership from all political parties in the country should be required to pass through the education offered at this one day seminar.

Sheikh Nafillah spoke publicly at the end asking religious leaders to take the teachings offered at this seminar seriously, claiming that they hold an insight into the origins of conflict, as well as wisdom for its resolution.

"This is a very high teaching," proclaimed the Sheikh, "It is a teaching which comes from God which can adopt itself to any religion. We need this." ♦



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ILS Nigeria: A Kola Nut for Dr. Kwak

by Michael Kiely

I am a promoter of peace, a lover of peace, a dispenser of peace, a radiator of peace.... Wherever I go, I will go to promote peace, interreligious peace," the Hon. Jerry Gana, the Nigerian Minister of Information and National Orientation, told organizers of a conference on peace in Abuja, Nigeria, recently. Speaking of the organizers of the event on prime time national television, he said, "I salute the wisdom of your objectives... I want to identify with this People of Peace."

Gana said he was attending the conference, held Thursday, March 28, 2002 at the Nicon-Hilton Hotel in Abuja, Nigeria, at the "direct" request of Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

At the conference, entitled, "Renewing the Nation: An Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen Families, Educate our Youth, and Rebuild the Society," Gana was one of 16 Nigerian VIPs to receive the prestigious "Ambassador for Peace" award. Speaking in an interview shown to an estimated 30 million plus viewers of the NTA nine o'clock evening news, he said of the award, "Of all the awards I have received, this is the top award.... I am very, very delighted and honored."

Asked as he was leaving the conference what was his mission as an ambassador for peace, he replied that it was "to promote peace so the family, community and nation can live in peace." Looking to



the nation's presidential elections to be held next year, he mused out loud, "If before the national elections we can have more conferences on peace like this one on both a national and a state level, we will have an atmosphere for a peaceful and hitch-free election."

The conference sought to provide "a new vision of leadership based on the principle of living for the sake of others," said IIFWP World Chairman Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, who was the keynote speaker at the event. Lamenting that national and world leadership and institutions had historically been "dominated by self-interests," Dr. Kwak encouraged political, religious, academic, media and NGO leaders gathered for the conference to live by a "broader vision of serving others and contributing to world peace."

The approximately 250 ministers and their representatives, senior government officials, academics, clerics, military and media who gathered for the day-long event were more than twice as many participants as conference organizers had expected. This was "la creme de la creme" of Nigerian society, one journalist observed.

Impressed not only by the high caliber of the participants but by the religious balance they exhibited, Dr. Sheikh Lemu, National President of the Islamic Education Trust and a highly respected Islamic scholar, said he was particularly impressed that this organization could bring serious Moslems and Christians together to discuss peace. He said he particularly appreciated the "willingness" of IIFWP "to embrace other views."

"Such a genuine drive for peace by IIFWP can really bring peace to the nation," Dr. Lemu said. "If there is any organization that can foster peace in this nation, it is IIFWP." He said God must have "inspired" Rev. Moon to found this organization and added that he "identified with" the organization's "emphasis on education of youth, religious dialog and peace."

Dr. Lemu lamented the emphasis today on what he called "technical education" and "the total neglect of moral education based on the fear of God." The solution to the nation's problems, he said, was for "individuals to center their lives on God." He appreciated the IIFWP Character Education program because it encouraged individuals and families to be "centered on God."

After a morning opening plenary and presentations on Character Education, HIV Avoidance and various IIFWP projects, Dr. Kwak gave details about the spiritual world and the importance of our preparation for it while on earth. He also cautioned participants not to abuse their sexual organs because it belonged not to them but to their spouses.

"Only the spouse has the key to your sexual organ," This Day newspaper, with a large readership among educated urbanites, quoted him as saying. "There must be no other kick-starter to your sexual organ in addi-



tion to that of your spouse," the paper said he cautioned the gathering.

Dr. Kwak concluded his presentation with a Blessing in marriage ceremony in which some 39 couples and individuals took part. In the ceremony participants renewed their wedding vows and rededicated their marriages to God in service to others.

The minister of State for Industry, Chief Lawrence Nwuruku, was the first to step forward in response to Dr. Kwak's call to come forward for the Blessing. He and his wife attended the whole conference except the Blessing during which she had a meeting with the wife of Vice President. Later when she heard that there had been a Blessing she gently chided her husband for not calling her on her mobile phone to come to the Blessing.

Dr. Kwak's lecture and the Blessing "can change lives," said Drs. Emmanuel & Patricia Idigbe, Directors of the National Institute for Medical Research. Dr. Idigbe said Dr. Kwak's lecture was "quite profound" and gave them a "new understanding." He said he realized now the importance of creating a God-centered lineage. Another couple that participated in the ceremony were Dr. and Mrs. Dr. Bashiru T. Kasika, the director and head pharmacist at a specialist hospital in Oyo State. They are also well respected Moslem leaders. Dr. Kasika led the delegation from Oyo on pilgrimage to Mecca earlier this year.

Dr. Kasika said he understood from Dr. Kwak's lectures the need for parents in a family to become true parents and expressed his gratitude for the worldwide education Rev. Moon is offering.

At the closing banquet after the Blessing, 16 eminent Nigerians received Ambassador for Peace awards in recognition of their role as peacemakers. Alhaji Dr. Shehu Musa, Head of the Independent National Electoral Commission and a respected Moslem leader from northern Nigeria, pledged to do his best to "live up to the title." He thanked Rev. Moon for "his religious vision in founding this movement."

In a traditional gesture of Nigerian hospitality, former ambassador to Ethiopia and Founder of the African Refugee Foundation, Chief Olusegun Olusola, made a special presentation to Dr. Kwak. "I dip my hand into my pocket and find one piece of Kola nut," Amb. Olusola said. He then offered it to Dr. Kwak.

"This is what the poorest man in Nigeria might offer you - with his prayers," Amb. Olusola said.

The Kola nut is a traditional symbol of unity and welcome, often used by traditional chiefs to welcome guests into their palaces.

Prof. Yusufu Ogbaje, Chaplain to the President, Secretary General of the National Interreligious Council and President of the Baptist Seminary in Obomosho, offered the Christian concluding prayer. (There was also a Moslem prayer.) On learning that there may be another IIFWP conference on peace later this year, he said he would like to personally be involved in organizing it.

In attendance at the conference also was the Minister of Police Affairs, Mr. Steven Akiga.

In addition to the three government ministers who personally attended the conference, four other ministers sent their direct representatives: Abba Gana, Minister of the Federal Capital Territory; Alhaji Yayale Ahmed, Head of Service; Mrs. Pauline Tallen, Minister of State for Science & Technology; Chief Dubem Onyia, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Also present were Former Minister of Science and Technology, Maj. Gen. Sam Momah; the wife of the Minister of Works and the woman leader of the ruling party, PDP, Dr. Josephine Aninih; President of the Institute of Work and Society in Akwa Ibom State, Chief Ita D. Ekpott; Assistant Director General of Customs; the Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, one of the preeminent universities in Nigeria; and about 140 other high-level dignitaries.

Dr. Kwak met with the Vice Chancellor after the conference and is in the process of signing a Memorandum of Intent to establish a sisterhood relationship between Ahmadu Bello University with the University of Bridgeport and Sun Myung Moon University.

NTA, the largest television network in Africa, gave the IIFWP event extensive prime time coverage for two nights after the conference. ❖

Africa Arise and Seek Right

Africa! Africa! Mama Africa!
 A scepter of God's protection.
 What has become of you?
 Where in your resentment, fights, amidst
 Poverty, corruption and disease
 Is your loving heart of ages?
 Mama Africa
 Ever shining skies of abundance.
 From the north in the Atlas Mountains,
 To the south in the Drakensberg Mountains,
 From the pyramids of Egypt,
 to the ancient fortress
 Of Zimbabwe,
 down the mighty Victoria Falls.
 What has become of your wisdom?
 Looking up, beyond
 the blankets of the blue skies,
 Down underneath
 the deep blue ocean waters,
 All I see is, but, an immeasurable abundance
 Of your fruitfulness.
 Seek thy mighty true love and wisdom
 And you shall find.
 Mama, seek right!
 Now is the time of your promise.
 The time to find.
 Yes, you shall find!
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Moldova International Leadership Seminar

by Ronald Koonce

The honored Chairman of IIFWP, Dr. C. H. Kwak started his visit, March 22, 2002, to Moldova on a high note as he was greeted by four of Moldova's most respected educators and activists at a welcoming dinner. They each wanted to convey their gratitude to the Founders, Dr. and Mrs. Moon whose "Cultivation of Heart and Character" curriculum has been used in the institutions that these educators lead.

One of the lasting impressions remaining after the One Day International Leader's Conference held in Chisinau, the capital of the Republic of Moldova was the intense concentration and focused participation of the 130 leaders in attendance. The theme "Renewing the Nation: An Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen Families, Educate our Youth and Rebuild Society" was very timely and relevant to all participants.

The invocator, Mrs. Elena Raileanu, set the mood of the Conference, reciting "The Essence of our Existence" an original poem which highlights the importance of true love as the primary human part in the Divine drama.

Welcoming remarks were offered by



Ambassador Nicolae Tau, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who outlined the purpose of the Conference as identifying and recognizing Leaders who are committed to the principle of "living for the sake of others" and the vital importance of the family as the context within which future leaders can be nurtured.

Dr. Thomas Walsh's presentation on "Char-



acter Education and AIDS prevention" was punctuated by Mrs. Valentina Seutsa whose gave a moving account of how the NGO called "La Strada" is fighting for the lives of thousands of women and girls who are unwittingly seduced into the sex industry by human traffickers.

This conference provided a model for the inauguration of a Moldovan Chapter of IIFWP. Dr. C. H. Kwak's lectures provided a living example of inspired leadership in action that continued to build and finally peaked after his lecture, The Eternal Value of Marriage, Family and the Blessing. When couples were invited to come forward to re-dedicate their marriages, 37 couples responded.

At the closing banquet a number of exemplary public servants were confirmed the title of Ambassador of Peace for their untiring efforts in realizing the Founders' vision of leadership in Moldova. Although it was getting late, many remained to discuss and plan how we can further practice and promote these ideals to realize the hope of all mankind, a peaceful world. ❖

IRFF Zambia: HIV/AIDS Radio Program

by Nicholas Chisha

The story of HIV/AIDS is well known throughout the world, but here in Africa it is a very serious matter due to lack of correct information about this disease and its prevention.

In Zambia we have lost a good number of young men and woman because of this disease, that is why IRFF Zambian Chapter came up with this Radio Program on HIV/AIDS to inform the Citizens of the dangers of this disease and how they can protect themselves from this deadly disease. It was not easy to find a sponsor for this project because here in our country it is very costly to go on air, our prayers were answered when through Dr. Massimo Trombin (IRFF-Europe) provided the very much-needed funds for the program to take off. This Program will be for 4 Months starting from October, 2001 to January, 2002. We would have loved it to be for a full year but due to lack of funds we are limited to 4 Months only.

The Program is divided into sections, which are as follows: First section look at the effects of HIV/AIDS on the family; second section, the impact of HIV/AIDS on Education; third section, the impact of HIV/AIDS on Development and Poverty; fourth section, the role of Parent and Guardians in educating their sons and daughters on the evils of HIV/AIDS; last section looks at the role of the Churches on education concerning HIV/AIDS.

On each section we invite people working in the field of HIV/AIDS from



different Organizations including Churches to come and share on this Program, we even have people living with HIV/AIDS coming over to share their experiences. We have also extended invitations to IRFF Kenya and Tanzania to come and share their works concerning HIV/AIDS with the Zambian people, because we believe networking on this subject of HIV/AIDS here in Africa is very important. We can not build or develop without young men and woman who are

healthy, therefore if we do not address this issue of HIV/AIDS anything we do will just go to waste.

The response from the public has been very encouraging so far. We are very hopeful that one day with God's blessings we will hold a Conference on HIV/AIDS here in Africa so that the truth about HIV/AIDS and the correct



prevention can be communicated to Africa, there as been too much of false information which is misleading many of the people, that is why the numbers of HIV/AIDS here are always going up, when in other parts of the world a decrease has been recorded. ❖

Hungary: IRFF Youth Service Project

by Agnès Gravrand and Anthea 'Micimacko' Dixon.

This was the first IRFF project for both of us. The group that met in Hungary, March 25-30, 2002,

was quite international, with people from 12 different nations - Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, France, England, Germany, Holland, Austria, Korea, Norway, Portugal and Saudi Arabia. We are all from very different cultures and backgrounds, some of the Hungarians on the team were also gypsies, which made the experience even more interesting and some of us were also here representing Service for Peace (www.serviceforpeace.org)

The first day was spent getting to know each other through orientation games and activities. First we had to learn each others names off by heart. We broke the ice by doing some games in small teams, such as making posters about our expectations of the project, and learning to listen to each other. The last activ-

ity involved discovering different characters by comparing ourselves to one of three different animals: a "cool green fox," a "hot red lion" or a "warm blue St. Bernard." It turned out to be surprisingly accurate. At the end of the

day were divided into four teams of about six people.

So now we all knew each other (or at least better than before anyway), we could get down to the work. For the first project we were all set to different locations. Two teams were given the task of cleaning up the garden of a local organization, Fa'ag Baràh Kòr. A "circle of friends" which looks after children. We had to rake leaves, remove dead and unwanted bushes and trees, and improve the general appearance of the garden. It was very rewarding to finish and look back over the garden. The results of our work could clearly be seen, and it was very satisfying to see that we had done a good job.

The other two teams stayed back at the hostel to repaint the main hall, the bedrooms and the bathrooms. It wasn't such an easy job, because all the furniture had to be moved, and there wasn't so much extra space, but we were all motivated to finish the job before dinner, because otherwise we would have to finish it before going to sleep. So everybody really worked hard. Also people always found something to do without being asked. At the end everything looked really white, and really new, and we could

benefit from our work for the rest of the project.

For the next three days we went to work in a nature park. Our job consisted of removing, piling and burning overgrown and unwanted bushes, therefore making the area more clear and pleasant.

On our second day we also had the privilege of planting new trees by the river. The mayor of Pécs also came to see what was going on, and helped by planting a tree.

On the third day we worked on the river - making it wider so the water could flow more easily. At the end of the day people were getting really muddy, but still enjoying the work.

On the last day of the project we went to a different site, and picked up rubbish on tourist trails and picnic areas on a mountain, meanwhile enjoying the nature and beautiful weather. Once we got started it was difficult to stop. A few of us still carried on after lunch, not stopping until it was time to go back on the bus.

Every evening we had different cultural activities connected to the project. We got to know the Hungarian and gypsy culture better through dance and music, we all had a chance to learn some Hungarian dance moves.

On other evenings we had presentations about IRFF, by Massimo, Service for Peace, by Agnès and about Fa'ag by Kriszta, because these were the three main organizations involved in the project. Other presentations were more general, about the city, and about the nature.

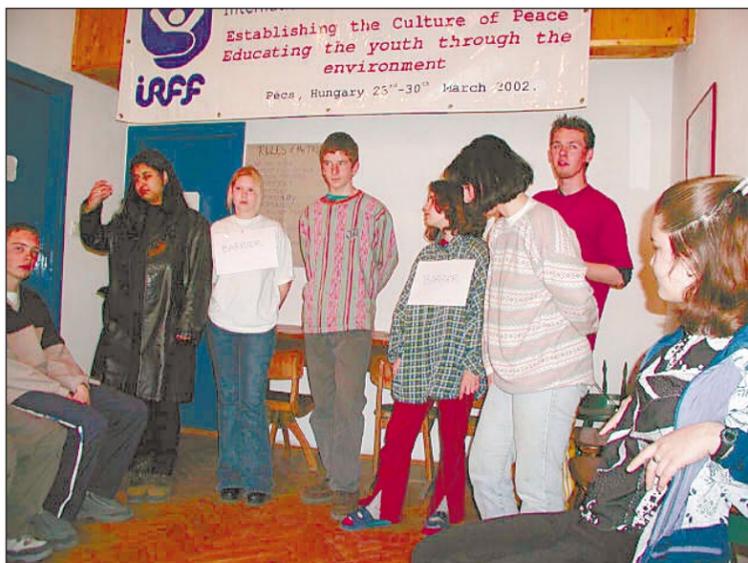
The last afternoon was dedicated to closing the project. We had to reflect about the project. The general feeling

that came out was that the project should have been longer. It also enabled the organizers of the project to get appreciate for their work, which was well deserved.

The final program on the schedule was a 'cultural evening', in which all the teams performed a sketch or song, which we had spent many hours practicing and preparing for. The general atmosphere of this evening reflected the feeling of the whole project by it's simplicity but strong effects, and of course everybody received a certificate as a memory of the whole project.

We would like to conclude by acknowledging Agi, and Sonny the IRFF Hungary directors for their hard work and dedication, and Massimo Trombin the IRFF international field director for his contributions in this project, and of course all the participants that made it happen.

The sponsoring organizations were: IIFWP, IRFF, Mecsek -Kenyér Rt Pécsi Sütözem, TESCO Global Áruházak Rt Pécs ❖



by Nora Spurgin

On the foundation of New Eden Academy, Bridgeport International Academy continues the development of an outstanding, academic program focused on the enhancement of the character of each student. The weekly planning committee, composed of parents, teachers, and administrators, has created a mission statement to reflect the goals of our college preparatory school.

A Winning Debate Team:

The 2001-02 school year was a time of transition in which the focus was on building a quality academic, character-based program to market to the local community and to international students. One of the most exciting and successful efforts was joining the Connecticut Debate Association and creating a successful debate team under the supervision of Joy Garratt, the Academic Dean and English teacher, and Greg Breland, a parent and university employee.

The Connecticut Debate Association is built on a long tradition in which more than three hundred debaters participate from the finest (and largest) public and preparatory schools in the state. Our little school, with one-fourth of its student body on the debate team, gained the interest of many, experienced debate coaches when Chris Breland won the first place trophy in the Lincoln-Douglas, debate competition, and Masjo Ward took third place in extemporaneous speaking. Both boys were first year debaters, and we are proud of them.

Clubs and Activities:

Several new clubs and activities have been started this year. There is a jogging club, a swimming club, and a basketball team that has played several, local schools; Mike and Kati Brisbois are the husband-wife coaching team. To the enjoyment of our students, Mrs. Kum Taek Park imparts her skills on the pottery wheel in the university's ceramics studio to fifteen of our students. During the fall semester, most of our student body learned the ABC's of video production at the local cable TV station.

Believing in the mandate to live for the sake of others, our Academy has added a requirement of thirty hours of community service per semester. We

have helped to build houses for Habitat for Humanity, served in a local soup kitchen, and assisted younger children in a local Head Start Program and at Bridgeport Hope School.

Fundraising by the Student Council:

Having discovered the financial potential of fundraising with fresh flowers, the BIA Student Council continues the tradition of selling roses on Valentine's Day and flowers on Mother's Day. Having a sizable fund available for trips and activities makes planning these activities very exciting for a very active Student Council.

Authorization to Enroll International Students:

On May, 2001 our school received state approval, and on that foundation of accreditation in December BIA received authorization from the I.N.S. to issue I-20 forms in order for international students to receive F-1 student visas.

Since we are now able to



admit foreign students, our planning committee held a day-long brainstorming session to lay out the basic goals and plans for the coming year. The goal for the 2002-03 school year is to admit up to twenty, international students who will live in the school's dormitory and attend the new Intensive English Program (I.E.P.). Two ESL teachers will run this program and work side-by-side with the regular teachers and classes. The international students will be mainstreamed into the high school curriculum as they gain English proficiency.

The Intensive English Program will be open to international students who want to become proficient in the English language while still in high school in order to prepare to attend college in the United States. Qualified students may

also take two courses per semester at the University of Bridgeport as part of their high school curriculum.

Home Stay Option:

As we have learned in dealing with residential students, it is expensive to provide a good, full-time residential experience. Therefore, we can make this available only to students who can cover the full costs of tuition, room and board. In addition, students who wish to arrange to stay with another family will be welcomed as day students. Several families in the Bridgeport community have expressed interest in making home stay arrangements.

Summer ESL Program:

A constant challenge for any independent school is the financial responsibility of providing for a qualified staff and faculty. The BIA administration has met these challenges creatively in

after school and on weekends, as well as for P.E. classes.

(5) Several ESL teachers and Residential Advisors from July 1 until August 17.

Anyone interested in teaching or working at our Academy should send a resume to:

Dr. Hugh Spurgin, Bridgeport International Academy, 400 Linden Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604; send a message by email to hdsurgin@hotmail.com; send a fax to (203) 334-8651; or phone (203) 334-3434. ❖

Bridgeport International Academy: Plans for 2002—2003



Debate team winners: Chris Breland 1st prize (on right) Masjo Ward 2nd prize (second from left) Below, Valentine's Day fundraising



several ways, including a Summer English Enrichment Program (SEEP) for international students between the ages of 10 and 16 years of age. This pioneer projects worked well last summer and is envisioned to be even larger this summer. SEEP has allowed BIA to continue to develop its regular, academic program.

New Classrooms:

Several dormitory rooms in Cooper Hall were converted into two, enlarged classrooms, in order to meet the academic needs for the summer and next year. A demolition crew of parents and students worked knock down a wall and renovated the rooms.

Faculty and Staff Needed:

Bridgeport International Academy is looking to hire several teachers and staff members for the upcoming, school year which begins in August, as well as ESL teachers and an activities director for the summer. The following positions are available:

(1) One dorm parent (or parent couple) to work in the dormitory

with one or two residential assistants to provide supervision and care for international, high school students after school hours.

(2) One Mathematics teacher to teach mathematics, science, and/or computer courses for high school students.

(3) Two college students to live in the dormitory and serve as Residential Advisors on a part time basis.

(4) One Activities Director interested in sports and organizing recreational activities for students

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The Providential Significance of the Three World Wars

by Mark Callahan

Imperial Japan occupied Korea in a most disrespectful, arrogant and ruthless manner by 1936, when Jesus Christ first appeared in a spiritual vision to the young Sun Myung Moon. Koreans were treated like chattel and the Korean homeland at that moment in history could be likened to an animal stable. The First World War, sometimes called 'the war to end all wars' should've created a New World Order possessing the same freedoms and Edenic purity as the first Son of God 'Adam' had in the beginning of human history. Instead, the third Adamic figure (Jesus was the second) was born into a similar and unintended situation like Jesus -in a stable.

All of the blood, sweat and tear sacrifices of 'the Great War' (originally, it didn't have a number) should've brought an end to the long history of restoration. Restoration means indemnity and by 1920 when the Paris Peace Conferences ended, all of the historical indemnity should have been paid. The Biblical Last Days were to begin after the First World War, when peace negotiations ended and the messiah was born. That pivotal year, 1920 was to begin a period of Edenic joy and hope. Instead, the peace negotiations between the victors and towards the defeated powers brought little positive change and renewed global tensions causing two more world conflicts.

This of course was not the intended outcome for the First World War from God's providential viewpoint. As stated already, all historical indemnity should have been paid. At this point, it must be stated that the absolute predestination of all events as put forward by St. Augustine, John Calvin and other Christian leaders is not accurate. The history of all human activities from the creation of the world until today are not fixed and foreordained as part of God's ultimate plan. That would presuppose evil being an intentional part of God's purpose and that has never been the case. God has been trying to prevent and minimize the impact of evil at every turn and juncture of human history but that is another issue that cannot be addressed in this report.

At crucial turning points in history like the First Great War (1914-1918), God's initial attempt to create a good condition (i.e. foundation, event, blessing) failed due to human error and had to be extended into three stages or three generations. After World

In My Opinion...

War I, the victorious allies -United States, Britain, France and Italy failed to create democracy on the world level. America entered the war near its end in 1917 at a crucial moment when Germany appeared to have the upper hand and victory seemed within its reach.

America did not enter the war to return the world to its pre-1914 status quo. This of course irked the European powers that prized their hegemonic rule over the world. America was in the younger brother position to Europe. Like Abel, America came through the war largely unscathed and appeared 'blessed' with good fortune. Elder brother Europe, was somewhat resentful and jealous like Cain when the young upstart nation of America preached its ideals of

democracy and a world-level democratic League of Nations to govern international disputes. Wilson wanted to create a New World order (America was after all a part of the 'New World' dis-

covered by Columbus). Wilson opposed the imperialistic and chauvinistic designs of its British, French, Italian and Japanese allies. Wilson also believed the League could be an effective base to oppose and defeat the new threat by Bolshevism (Lenin's communism).

American Entry into the War

In the words of the United States president Woodrow Wilson, America entered the war "to make the world safe for democracy." This was definitely in accord with God's Will and it was only when America entered the war that a good cause and noble vision was raised for the war's overall purpose. God had raised up America as a champion of democratic ideals. It was an ideology that protected basic individual human actions such as the right to free speech, the right to assemble and the free exercise of religion. These were necessary social preconditions that the returning messiah (third Adam) and his followers would need for success, to avoid arrest and even execution.

Democracy was a system that protected not only the rights of the majority (Nationalism) but the minority groups as well. The returning Lord could very well find himself being in a small minority group, struggling against the mainstream majority religious views. Democratic rule on the world level through the League of Nations could have put such safeguards in Korea. The Korean-born messiah would have grown up in a peaceful Edenic environment like the first Adam: Korean Christianity would not have had to undergo a bitter forty-year period of persecution by Japan.

American president Wilson expounded his ideals for world democracy in his famous Fourteen Points. Had these been implemented, there would have been a brotherhood of nations (League of Nations), mutual respect for different races of humankind (no racial superiority) and safeguard protections for colonies like Korea and their eventual right to self-determination.

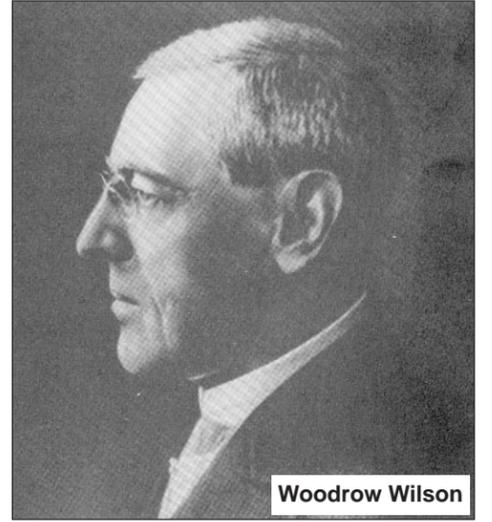
President Wilson did not want a vindictive peace settlement after the war. The victorious European allies did. Coaxed by angry France, the European leaders sought to punish and humiliate Germany as a means to keep Germany down and thus, prevent any future German aggression. The goals of the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 after the war were not really about peace but punishment. British Prime Minister David Lloyd George had some doubt about the French-inspired vindictive approach and he spoke prophetically about the next World War. But George

saw no reasonable alternative. He wanted the Old World Order restored and not its replacement with an American one. The Cain position held by Europe does not readily give up its birthright to younger brother Abel. It is only possible through Abel loving Cain and this did not happen. Wilson was cerebral and intellectual: a great visionary but lacking humility and warmth of heart. This did not mesh well with the conceit already prevalent in Europe.

Near the end of First World War, the German government abandoned its autocratic ruler, Kaiser Wilhelm II and replaced its autocratic militarism with representative democracy. Germany then surrendered with the hope that



Lloyd George



Woodrow Wilson



America's vision for reconciliation could be followed. This natural surrender could have removed the fallen nature on the world level. The victorious European allies however did not want this kind of surrender. They wanted an unconditional surrender in which the new Germany was still strapped with the old regime's crimes of aggression.

Peace Conference 1919

The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 was a miserable failure. France and Britain had paid a terribly high cost in the loss of human life and suffering and could not be easily consoled. They continued the imperial past by adding new colonial possessions in the Middle East like prized jewels in their national crowns.

The right to self-determination, which the treaty granted to the Poles and other ethnic people in the former Austria-Hungary Empire, was not granted to the German-speaking people. Austria and the German-speaking people of the Sudetenland sought unification with Germany. It was denied. This double standard by the victorious West against the German peoples' right to self-determination made a mockery of such principles. Germany did not sense its relationship to the West as a brother nation being reconciled to the world family of nations. Instead, Germany felt it was still being treated as the enemy.

Japan helped defeat Germany and its allies. It was receptive to the idea of a League of Nations and sought a racial equality clause in its charter. This principle of human equality (similar to the

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Australian Peace Ambassador takes initiative in Egypt

by Greg Stone

About 2,000 people in Cairo and 500 people in Suez City gathered for four-hour IIFWP afternoon seminars on February 6, 2002. These were the first IIFWP seminars ever held in Egypt. They took place through the personal initiative of IIFWP Peace Ambassador, Dr. Samir F. Hanna (Australian Peace Ambassador) who was visiting family in Egypt.

Inspired by the vision of IIFWP that he had experienced in Conferences he had attended in Australia and Washington DC, Dr. Hanna seized the opportunities that arose during his visit to Egypt. Due to the interreligious tensions, especially between the Muslim and Christian communities there, Dr. Hanna found that there was great inter-



est in the work of IIFWP. On his own initiative and at his own expense he conducted two seminars to overflow, standing-room-only crowds.

Most of the attendees were from local Coptic Orthodox communities and the seminars focused on the following issues: How to harmonize with people of other faiths; youth issues including the dangers of drugs and alcohol, dealing with youth conflicts and anger, the importance of sexual purity; the role of the media in inter-

religious conflict and the significance of the family.

Another issue of particular local concern was the high level of unemployment amongst new graduates. Advice was given about possible projects where graduates could form a "Graduates Club" and take their own initiative in creating employment and

business opportunities.

In Cairo, eight priests came to the event, and in Suez city two more were in attendance. A video recording was taken of each event. A beautiful youth choir sang in Cairo, and at the end of each seminar there was question

and answer time for nearly an hour. Dr. Hanna was presented with a gift in appreciation for his efforts for peace, and at each event he handed out over one hundred IIFWP business cards. The response was overwhelming.

Overall, the very high level of attendance and interest in the seminars, indicated that there is certainly a great need for the ongoing work of IIFWP in Egypt. ❖



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Civil Rights Act in America seventy years later) would most certainly have stemmed the social Darwinian ideas in Europe espousing the innate superiority of the white race. It would have helped prepare a receptive world environment for the returning Lord whose race was not white. Such a clause would have helped stem the tide of Jim Crow laws in the southern American states against the Blacks and opened up Amer-

ica's tight restrictive immigration quotas directed against the Orientals.

Unfortunately, America and Britain rejected this clause to the League charter because it would have altered the established social order in their respective nations. This rejection upset the Japanese. Japan had taken some dramatic humbling positions in the past by altering its traditional culture and choosing to become westernized. Japan now had a powerful industrial and military position. It had defeated the Russians in 1905 and received Korea as a colony. As a representative of the Oriental race, Japan wanted respect equal to that assumed by the white nations of the West and it was denied. The Japanese felt insulted and probably felt the same kind frustration that the Cherokee Indians must have experienced in another sad chapter in America's past.

When President Wilson then tried to get Japanese support for a religious freedom clause in the League charter, the Japanese refused. They attacked the new issue of religious freedom with the earlier rejected clause for racial equality. For the Japanese, religion and race become one issue: all kinds of diversity must be tolerated and protected or none at all. It was rejected. The Japanese left the conference very bitter, resolving to be superior to the West if it could not be its equal. But the way that Japan ultimately chose to display its superiority was unprincipled: it resorted to the use of physical force and the same defiant arrogance it opposed at the Peace Conference.

President Wilson was the first American president to travel abroad while still in office. It was unprecedented. Overseas in Europe, the people received him almost in messianic terms as a great Deliverer. This provoked jealousy and envy among the European leaders. Ultimately, American leadership was rejected abroad and at home. Wilson was a Democrat and he failed to approach the political opposition in America (Republicans con-

trolled the Congress) and rally their support for a unified stance on foreign policy: Wilson's delegation to Europe for the Peace Conference had only one symbolic Republican representative. This did him in; snubbed Republican majority rule in Congress rejected Wilson's bid for a New World Order. In conclusion, the American Congress and the European leaders did not want American leadership for the world. America retreated into isolationism.

Communism

Satan is always quick to take control of a lost opportunity in God's providence. God wished to bless the world environment through a democratic foundation on the world level. This was not achieved and in the void and vacuum of unmet and unfulfilled dreams, Lenin and his socialist form of government promised the world a communist vision of international peace and social equality.

Because the first providence for world democracy failed, the dispensation was extended to three great world wars over three successive generations. These wars were like three great temptations that tested the world's people, their moral principles, their governments and their religious institutions. World War II had to resolve the issue of Nationalism, which only respected the rights of the ethnic majority. Minority rights for the Jews in Europe and the Koreans in Imperial Japan were denied.

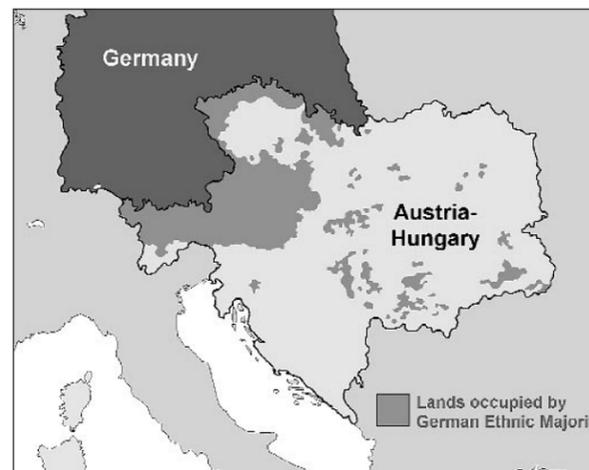
World War III was the Cold War. It was waged between atheistic communism and the God-believing democracies. It lasted a providential forty years beginning with the Berlin airlift (1948-9) and lasted until the Seoul Olympics and the subsequent fall of the Berlin Wall (1988-9).

No Edenic Environment

For most of Reverend Moon's life, he had to pioneer a path to the Kingdom of God on Earth without the aid and beginning point in Eden. Wherever Reverend Moon went, there was no peaceful environment to dwell but only Hell. As a student in Japan during the

Second World War, Rev. Moon was imprisoned and tortured for being a Korean patriot. In Korea after its liberation in 1945, Rev. Moon was also misunderstood, rejected and imprisoned. In North Korea and America too, Reverend Moon had to confront tremendous rejection, persecution and imprisonment.

The League of Nations failed to cre-



ate a true democratic environment on the world level in which the messiah and his movement could be nurtured and grow. This is similar to the symbolic first dove of peace sent out from Noah's ark. The League and Noah's first dove came back empty-handed and unable to find settlement of God's Ideal for world peace on the earth.

The second attempt at world democracy after the Second World War was the United Nations. It did bring a measure of peace but its efforts were only partial as demonstrated in the Korean War. The United Nations can be likened to the second dove of peace sent out and returning with an olive branch. The United Nations logo, like the second dove, has olive branches promising hope and peace for the future.

After the Cold War, Reverend Moon is now trying to reorganize the United Nations. This new United Nations should achieve lasting peace on the earth. Like the third dove of peace, which could find true settlement on the earth, the third attempt to structure a world body for peace and democratic unification has the providential good fortune that can usher in God's Kingdom of True Love. ❖

CARP: National Character Education in Albania

by Gani Rroshi

The National University Character Education tour has successfully begun in the city of Vlora and will travel to seven cities in the spring season. Almost eighty students participated, despite the Easter Holiday.

Gani Rroshi gave the Family as the School of Love as an introduction and Dr. Lulzim Hajnaj, professor of Psychology at Vlora, addressed the Causes and Resolution of Con-



flict.

Keeping his promise to support the initiative, the new Minister of Education the Hon. Leon Memushi spoke on the need of character education and about the value of the project. Mrs. Vitori Hasani, Dean of the Medical Faculty at Vlora University moved and shocked the audience with a slideshow about the impact of STDs and the role of character education in preventing these diseases, especially AIDS, still a poorly understood threat in Albanian schools and universities.

The tour triggered a spiritual revival for our CARP center in Vlora. At the end of the program, 77 students became associate members, and we held a three day workshop. ❖

World CARP: A Fresh Start in Europe

by Mark Bramwell

We Europeans have been trying to unite our continent for a long time. Luckily, God is always paving the way. There have been many political and economic developments already this year, such as the preparation of the European Constitution and the introduction of the European common currency. Now it's time for a deeper and spiritual unity.

From the CARP perspective Europe still is roughly divided into two regions: the West including the four of the world's

major G8 nations, Germany, the UK, France and Italy, and the East, or former communist countries. Although CARP in the East has been growing since the mission was pioneered in the 1990s, in the West there has been some stagnation and even decline due to focus on other activities.

However, a new generation is coming to the rescue in terms of young spirit, manpower and leadership as well. Young leaders grasped the initiative and just held a West European CARP Workshop to get things moving again. The number of CARP students is growing steadily and through the workshop the sense of World CARP identity and international community has been greatly strengthened. Over 50 leaders from the UK, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands attended and several European CARP Alumni also showed up. The host nation France, led by US CARP alumni Jago Gavin and his wife Estelle, did a great job preparing, helped by Simon Cooper and Hannah Speller from the UK. Emanuel Bauer brought nine European Task Force members and



The West European World CARP Workshop in Chamaronde, France

they energized the workshop with their exciting testimonies.

Participants appreciated the high-spirited atmosphere and the sense of unity. The program provided for hard work, such as studying the World CARP providence

and practicing lecturing, with healthy doses of good fun. We had a night challenge game in the forest, soccer, American football with Jago and a very loud Yute game. There were group discussions on future CARP activities, singing,



Group sessions and the peaceful French countryside helped everyone to focus on building the CARP community spirit throughout Europe

grilling, bonfires and prayer. We watched Hyun Jin Nim's speeches on video and listened to testimonies, including one specially written for this event by VP Ken Bates.

Other events in the program were a new model introduction lecture by Mark Bramwell, a presentation on Service for Peace by Ajay Rai, a PLA lecture by Jago Gavin, and guidance for successful inter-religious dialogue by Alain Roulot and Hannah Speller. In a lecture competition we discovered amazing new talent for teaching the Principle. Anne Penard from France was the winner? her introduction lecture could have convinced anyone!

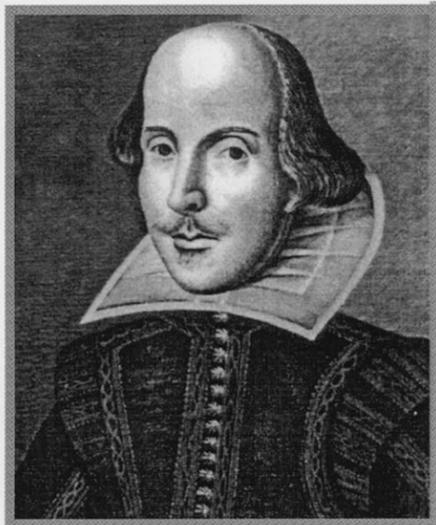
Another fruitful exercise was to divide into teams and propose models for the new CARP houses that will be one of the first steps in rebuilding CARP communities all over Europe. Though some of the proposals were still in the visionary stage, particularly in the realm of finances, the team exercise helped everyone to take more active interest and ownership in building their own communities.

In the context of the 21-year history of European CARP, this workshop was a landmark event in developing the CARP movement in Western Europe. This development is truly gratifying, and is of course the welcome result of many people committing themselves to inheriting the World CARP mission. We look forward to great things this year! ❖

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A Cloud Of Witnesses

by Chris Garcia

Little Ju Kyung Lee sat up, wide awake, as soon as she realized that her mother was no longer in bed with her and her father. She heard Omma (which is Korean for "Mama") moving around in the darkness, putting on clothes, getting ready to leave. "Omma," whispered Ju Kyung softly to the dark.

"Hsst," shushed Omma.

"Omma," persisted Ju Kyung.

"Quiet," hissed Omma. "You'll wake up your father."

Ju Kyung knew this was impossible, so she whispered again, "Omma, you said I could go with you this morning." "Go back to sleep. You should rest." "You said I could."

"Oh, all right. But dress quietly."

Ju Kyung crawled carefully over her sleeping father. She wasn't the least bit worried about disturbing him, since this had been his first chance to sleep in days. He would be lucky to wake up on his own even if the house caught fire. When the communists had taken over Pyongyang and the rest of North Korea, he had been put to work in the train yards loading up boxcars with supplies. Sometimes things fell behind schedule, and he would be kept working day and night until they told him he could leave. He would shamle home exhausted and sleep as though he were dead. Ju Kyung felt so sorry for him. Last night he had come home for the first time in three days. He sat down at the little dinner table, and Ju Kyung watched in fascination as his heavy eyes closed while he was eating.

It was August of 1946, and the air had not turned cold yet. Ju Kyung put on light clothes and tied her long hair back with a ribbon as Omma had shown her. Tomorrow she would be six years old, but money was scarce and there had been no sign of a birthday present this year. But she was excited to be able to go with her mother to help her do her work at Mrs. Ho Ho Bin's church today, and her bright little face seemed to shine in the dark bedroom.

Omma found her hand and together they stepped through the wood and oiled paper door into the cool gray morning. As they walked down the street together, Ju Kyung chattered excitedly.

"Will Jesus speak to Mrs. Ho today?" she asked.

"I don't know, Ju Kyung-a."

"Are you going to make more clothes for Jesus today?"

"Yes, Ju Kyung-a."

"What kind of clothes, Omma? Korean clothes or English clothes?"

"Korean clothes."

"Why don't you make English clothes, Omma?"

"Mrs. Choi makes English clothes, daughter."

"You can make English clothes, too, Omma."

"Jesus needs me to make Korean clothes."

"But Omma—"

"Chun-man-ayo!" (which means "a million words," or "you talk too much") Omma waved her hands impatiently for Ju Kyung to pipe down.

They walked along quietly. They had to come so early because Jesus had told Mrs. Ho that it was important that they be the first ones in the market to buy it. No one understood why it was important, but because it was important to Jesus, they absolutely followed it to the word. They passed many houses on the way—the mayor's house, the police chief's house. They crossed Myong Dong street, down at the other end of which were the barracks where the soldiers stayed.

They passed by a large house with a hand painted sign and a cross nailed to the door. They could hear people inside singing "Amazing Grace"; it made them feel good.

Meanwhile, down in the public market, the cloth man was unlocking his little shed. He took out some wooden boxes and set them up on the ground. He took down big rolls of cloth and Chinese silk and arranged them on the boxes. As he was searching for his measuring stick he glanced up and saw Mrs. Lee and her little daughter coming down the street.

His heart beat faster; he could hardly keep from dancing. They belonged to that crazy lady's church, the one everybody called "Bok Jung Kyo" or "Inside the Belly Church". People called it that because the crazy lady thought Jesus would come and speak to her, and her belly would start to shake as though there were a lively baby inside. This was because Jesus had told her the Messiah would be born again as a baby and grow up as a man on the earth. There were a thousand members in that church, led by Mrs. Ho. But there was one thing about the Inside Belly Church he liked very much—they must have lots of money. He charged them top prices, and they always paid whatever he asked. If they were all crazy that was all right with him.

Mrs. Lee came up and said, "Sugoha-sayo." (which means "you're working hard", and is a polite way of saying good morning) "I want to buy 15 meters of white cloth and 5 meters of green silk."

The cloth man didn't mention prices. He just took down the rolls of cloth, measured them out and cut them. He rolled up the pieces and tied them with

string.

"That is 20,000 won."

Ju Kyung

gaspd. What a price!

Omma took the

bills from her pocket and began

counting them into the man's hand.

"Omma, no!" said Ju Kyung, "that's too—"

Omma rapped her smartly on top of her head with her knuckles as though she were knocking on a door. "Ow!"

The man gave her the cloth and a polite little bow. Omma could see in the man's eyes that he was laughing at them. As they walked away, Ju Kyung rubbed her head painfully. She had wanted to cry, but she was too proud to cry in front of that greedy man. "But Omma..." she whined.

"Jesus said we can't argue over the price," Mrs. Lee explained. "That's what Jesus told Mrs. Ho, and Mrs. Ho told me. Do you believe Jesus? Then don't complain anymore."

The church that people called the Inside Belly Church was really a great big white house that they had all bought together. They were ready to die for the Messiah when he came again. They were all waiting to meet him.

When Omma and Ju Kyung came in the door, the room was full of people in white robes, scurrying around. About a hundred women were on one side of the room and all of the men were on the other. There was an altar with a picture of Jesus on it, and when an old woman banged on a little gong everyone bowed down to the floor. She banged it again and they all stood up. Another old lady marked down the number of bows on a little chalkboard.

This group was led by Mr. Ho in the morning and by his assistant in the afternoon. They had to bow 300 times every day. Sometimes they were told to bow 3,000 times, which took ten hours. Everyone was sweating and breathing hard. After the first hundred bows or so, it became pretty tough going, and many of the people weren't very young.

As they passed by the kitchen on their way upstairs, Omma and Ju Kyung could smell the wonderful spicy smells of a rich Korean meal being prepared to put on the altar for Jesus. They were told to make two meals a day of the

best food for Jesus and the Messiah who was to come. Ju Kyung had had nothing much to eat for days except rice and kim chi, and sometimes a thin seaweed soup. When those wonderful smells hit her, her mouth watered and her stomach growled so loud that Omma looked down at her, embarrassed. They had almost no money of their own for buying food and Omma wouldn't touch the large amount of money Mrs. Ho had given her for the cloth.

Near the stairs was the prayer room. The door was shut tight, and on the other side they could hear the voice of Mrs. Ho praying desperately in a loud voice, and beating on the floor with her hands. Ju Kyung was so struck with awe her stomach stopped growling. Maybe Jesus was in there, speaking

with Mrs. Ho. Omma led her wide-eyed girl upstairs to the sewing room. That was where Omma worked.

The room was full of women of all ages sitting or kneeling on the floor with their sewing things spread around them. Mrs. Choi led one group who made western style clothes, and Omma led the other group which made Korean clothes. They had to make three Korean suits and three English style suits every week. They were not allowed to use machines, and once they started they couldn't get up and move around until their work was finished. They would sew three stitches and tie the thread, sew three more stitches and tie the thread, over and over. At the end of the day Omma would stand up with a backache. She hoped the Lord would come soon.

All this activity was because Jesus had told Mrs. Ho how poor he had been in his lifetime. He never had good clothes or enough food to eat. It was terrible for the son of God to be the poorest and hungriest man on earth. So Mrs. Ho volunteered to make an offering of clothes and food to Jesus, and Jesus told her how to do it. The food was later distributed in fragments to people like a Catholic communion, and the clothes were stored away for that day in the future when they would be needed.

Omma passed the cloth to a lady in the middle of the room who would cut it into shapes and pass it out to the other women. Ju Kyung felt so excited when she was allowed to come here and watch everybody work. She wondered if someday she would meet the Lord, too. She wondered what he would look like. Maybe he would be twenty feet tall, like a giant, with big muscles and a handsome face. He'd fly through the air and know just everything in the whole world, and you could see angels come and go, bringing messages to him. He'd look at you and know.

Just then there was a great crash and a scream from downstairs. The startled women dropped their sewing and stood up. You could hear men running around downstairs and some kind of shouting from the street. Omma told Ju Kyung to stay where she was, but she went clattering down the stairs right after her mother.

The room where the people bowed had pieces of glass all over the floor. In the middle of the mess was a big jagged rock, and there were spots of blood. A man was kneeling there, holding his hands to his head and blood was running between his fingers. Two other men were trying to help him to his feet.

On the street outside a small gang of men were shouting things at them.

"Anti-christs!"

"Devil worshippers! You're all going to hell!"

Ju Kyung was so scared she grabbed onto Omma's skirt and began to cry. Omma reached down and put her arms around her. "It's all right. It's all over now; those men are going away."

Ju Kyung looked up, her face all wet with tears. "Why did they do that, Omma?"

"I don't know, daughter Ju Kyung."

"Are they Christians? They talk like Christians."

"Yes, dear."

"Doesn't Jesus love us, Omma?"

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Moment of Meditation

Lord let me be humble.
And as I grow greater let me be humbler still.

DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

How, Where and When Christ is to Return

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Divine Principle suggests that the Korean War of 1950-53 was an event of special providential significance. North Korea attacked the unsuspecting South in June 1950. The South Koreans fought back, assisted by sixteen nations of the United Nations.

In this first major confrontation between communism and democracy, nations not concerned with the immediate issue thus participated in a conflict against a satanic, godless regime. In the eyes of God, such an event can have no small significance. Indeed, in light of Divine Principle, one may say that in a moment of crisis the world came to the aid of a stricken instrument of God. Remarkably enough, such an action on the part of sixteen UN member nations could only be sanctioned by that body because of the deliberate absence of the Soviet delegate in the Security Council, making the USSR's veto impossible.

Divine Principle advances a third reason for the chosen role of Korea. Ever since the fall of man, God has grieved

over His broken creation. He has not been relieved from His grief, nor has He rested from His unceasing labor of restoration. As long as mankind rebels, His grief and suffering will persist.

Because of humankind's continual rebellion, the servants of God historically have been persecuted and have suffered with Him. Until God rests, His servants cannot rest. Parallel to the suffering of God, then, the chosen people are destined to go through a course of suffering themselves.

Korean nation

Korea is a nation which, like ancient Israel, has been tried through unmerited persecution and foreign oppression, most recently by Japan. For forty years, from 1905 to 1945, Japanese imperialists oppressed and persecuted the people they had subjugated. Koreans were deprived of their freedom, and countless numbers were jailed and slaughtered.

Christians, who by and large refused to pledge their loyalty to the Japanese emperor, were particularly persecuted. It was part of a price to be paid for Korea's modern role. In the Last Days, the tur-

moil within this nation is likely to become even more intense. Through such events the Korean people will continue to pay a necessary price for their crucial task in the New Age.

Although Korea has been warred against many times, let us note that the reverse has not happened. Since the chosen nation is to serve as a kingdom of priests, it should be innocent of aggression throughout its history. In fact, this is the case with Korea: it has never initiated an attack itself.

Fourth, beyond the indemnity Korea has paid, it has special and unique spiritual traditions which help qualify it as the central object of God's concern. For example, just as the Israelites knew through the prophets that the Messiah was to come to save the, so also have the Korean people believed for centuries that one day a king of righteousness would come to Korea. This strong messianic expectation is largely a result of a Korean book of prophecy written over five hundred years ago.

In addition, the Korean people are known for possessing inner qualities which we must say could serve them well in their role as a chosen people. The unique history of this homogenous people has strengthened their character and deepened their faith. On the basis of this heart, Christianity was received beginning in the eighteenth century. In the view of Divine Principle, when God sent Chris-

tianity to Korea, He made His final preparation for the Lord of the Second Coming.

Mysterious ways

Despite all these understandings, the assertion that Korea is the new chosen nation of God will nevertheless strike many as quite surprising. However, let us recall that the God of history has often acted in surprising ways. Who would have expected, for example, that a shepherd boy named David would be called by God to be a king of Israel—and perhaps the greatest one at that?

In the same vein, how likely would it have seemed that the son of a humble carpenter, rather than a high priest or distinguished rabbi, would be called by God as the long-awaited Messiah? With such precedents as these, it becomes clear that we cannot expect the Lord to be guided by conventional human anticipation and norms. It seems the requirement placed on us, rather, is to be continually open to new possibilities.

In any event, let us keep the role of the chosen nation in perspective. All people are God's children and all are loved by Him. The purpose of God's choosing a nation is thus not to exalt it over the world, but rather to use it to serve the world. "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant," says Jesus, "and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all" (Mk 10:43-44). With such a principle being the guiding ethic of one's anointment, the task of a chosen people is, at least initially, neither glorious nor easy. Theirs is the sacrificial role of a servant nation. ❖

Abortion: A Violation of Human Rights

by Haven Bradford Gow

Since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in January 1973, more than 30 million innocent, unborn babies have been butchered to death in their mothers' wombs.

In a recent study by Dr. David Reardon of the Elliot Institute for Social Sciences Research, we learn that of 260 post-abortion women: 36% became self-destructive; 20% had a nervous breakdown; 10% were hospitalized for psychiatric care; 61% said abortion made their lives worse; and 28% had attempted suicide, over half more than once.

Mother Teresa once observed: "The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself; and if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell others not to kill one another."

As University of Rhode Island philosophy teacher Dr. Stephen Schwarz points out in his book *The Moral Question of Abortion* (Loyola University Press), abortion is an issue involving a matter of life and death and civil and human rights. "Abortion is a civil rights issue," he observes, "just like racial justice for blacks, or equal treatment for the handicapped and all minorities. On allowing abortion, the state...is denying the basic human right of a large seg-

ment of the population. The fundamental duty of the state is to protect the rights of its people."

Dr. Schwarz adds: "Legalized abortion...means abandoning this most basic human right, the right to live, of a whole class of human beings, to the brutal power of those who would kill them...." Indeed, "making abortion illegal is necessary to guarantee preborn persons equal

rights.... Saying it is wrong to kill born persons but acceptable to kill unborn persons is an outrageous violation of the latter's

right to equal protection under the law."

Perhaps it would be instructive to apply the thinking to the eminent moral philosopher Immanuel Kant to the explosive issue of abortion. According to Kant, in weighing the morality or immorality of actions, we should ask ourselves if we would like others to emulate our conduct in similar or exactly the same situations.

For Kant, we must treat persons as ends in themselves rather than as mere means to selfish gratification. In other words, Kant basically was restating the Golden Rule so well enunciated by Confucius and Christ, namely: "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you; do not do or say unto others what you would not want done or said unto you."

In discussing the morality or immorality of abortion, then, we ought to put ourselves in the place of the unborn child. For example, would we, as unborn babies, want our mothers and fathers to opt to kill us rather than give us an opportunity to live and accomplish something worthwhile with our lives? As unborn babies, would we want our mothers to abort us for personal, social and economic convenience? Would we, as unborn babies, want our parents and physicians to kill us because they believed our mental or physical handicaps would mean that we would be born less than "perfect"?

Kant's significant moral teaching should be applied in the abortion debate because it focuses much needed attention on our moral obligations and on the need to treat people with respect for their God-given, intrinsic moral worth and dignity. ❖

In My Opinion...

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"Yes, Ju Kyung-a, yes he does."

"Then why don't they?"

"I don't know. Shh, don't cry now." She patted Ju Kyung's little head and finally she felt better. Downstairs, they led the injured man into the kitchen, and a couple ladies came in with short-handled straw brooms to sweep up the glass. Then Ju Kyung noticed that the prayer room door was standing open, and there was Mrs. Ho herself.

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

Washington

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by Dr. Michael Mickler

Rev. Moon's message at Yankee Stadium, "God's Hope for America," broke new ground. Rather than alluding to theology as had his speech on "The New Future of Christianity" at Madison Square Garden, Rev. Moon dealt primarily with civic themes. Rather than as a prophet for Christianity, he cast himself as a "doctor" or a "fire fighter" from the outside who has come to help America meet its third great "test" as a nation, that of "God-denying" communism. He also proclaimed that the Unification Church Movement and its "absolutely God-centered ideology" had the "power to awaken America, and...raise up the model of the ideal nation upon this land." For many, these claims suggested that Rev. Moon and his movement had not only religious but political ambitions. So long as the church confined itself to the religious sphere, it might be vigorously opposed by rival religionists and families of converts, but there would be little chance of overt governmental repression. However, once its rhetoric, perceived aims and activities intruded upon the public square, the possibility of governmental agencies opening official investigations was greatly increased.

The first serious investigations of the

church were still more than a year away and did not interfere with preparations for the Washington Monument campaign which began immediately. The movement had much less time to prepare, only about 100 days as opposed



Father and Col. Bo Hi Pak on the stage at Washington Monument

to the 18 months it spend getting ready for Yankee Stadium. However, everything went much more smoothly. There were several reasons for this. First, the movement already was in a state of readiness, and there was little chance of a let down due to the less-than-ideal result at Yankee Stadium. If anything, mem-

bers were more determined. Conversely, the movement's opposition slacked off. Ted Patrick lost an appeal on an earlier conviction and went to jail in July. The opposition of negative parents also dissipated and was not a significant factor in the campaign. The hot summer months in Washington undoubtedly played a role. How-

ever, while its opponents may have gone on vacation, the movement maintained its focus.

A change of orientation and approach also had a significant effect. The atmosphere surrounding the Yankee Stadium campaign was strained and the Church was rather isolated. The movement adopted a less embattled posture in Washington. This was partly due to the more relaxed quality of the city and the momentary fading of opposition. However, it also was a conscious decision on the part of the church. Rather than press for converts, several hundred members, including students on summer break from Unification Theological Seminary, offered various service projects, sponsored block parties, and participated in a variety of programs during the first month of the campaign. Rev. Moon also elected to use the church's "most outstanding leaders" in strategic locations rather than rely on untested pioneers as had been the case for much of the campaign at Yankee Stadium. Finally, whereas Yankee Stadium had the character of a rally, Washington Monument had an intentionally festive quality.

In addition to changing its orientation, the movement took a more professional approach in marketing the festival. There was a certain do-it-yourself quality to the Yankee Stadium campaign and most arrangements were made in-house. In Washington, the church enlisted professional help. Col. Bo Hi Pak, who had been in the U.S. for a longer time than Mr. Kamiyama and who had extensive contacts with advertising firms as a result of his work with The Little Angels, was made "Campaign Controller and Coordinator." This led to a professional and compelling full-page ad campaign which ran in the *Washington Post* and *Washington Star* for thirteen days from September 5th

until September 18th, the day of the festival. The effort was to accentuate the human qualities of Rev. Moon, allow the members to speak for themselves, and encourage Washingtonians to make up their own minds. Apart from this, the movement contracted with California Fireworks, creators of displays for Disneyland and Disney World, to put together "The World's Greatest International Fireworks" for the festival's finale.

Col. Pak was confident that the fireworks display alone could attract up to a million viewers. However, he expressed concern that "there would be the mobilization of at least 100,000 people" who would be "seriously interested" in Rev. Moon's message. This was the basis of the church's "busing strategy." Chartered buses transported participants from other cities to Yankee Stadium, but in an uncoordinated and limited way. In Washington, the basic strategy was to bring people by bus. The Church chartered over 1,500 buses to transport guests within a 300-mile radius of Washington, D.C. As round-trip transportation was free and food was available for a nominal fee, members working in surrounding states

had little trouble confirming guests. Meanwhile, God Bless America Festival planners spent hours meticulously organizing bus routes and parking. On the day of the festival, some 850 buses from Virginia, Maryland, Philadelphia, Delaware and New York brought approximately 40,000 guests. Six hundred circulating buses in Washington, D.C. brought an additional 30,000. The total amount coming on their own from the Washington area, according to church estimates, was between 160,000-260,000. The number of those in attendance was in dispute as the U.S. Park Police estimated between 50,000-100,000. Church spokespersons initially estimated 200,000 and later 300,000. Regardless of the estimates, photographs in published accounts testified to a mass of humanity on the mall grounds.

Unlike Yankee Stadium, there were very few incidents. A Park Service spokeswoman said, "It was an incredibly orderly crowd...family-type groups." The movement also received praise from a National Capital Parks spokesman who said, "It was the first time any group of demonstrators had followed through on a promise to clean up its own trash."

Day of Victory of Heaven

However, there were two ominous developments. One was the apprehension of a member, Carl Trent Trimble, by U.S. Park Police, who placed Trimble under the custody of his father. They were executing a court order signed earlier in the day by D.C. Superior Court Judge Nicholas S. Nunzio. The elder Trimble was given the power to have his son "counseled, examined, and treated by persons including, but not limited to physicians, psychiatrists, social workers, and lay persons (and) to keep (young Trimble) in...custody, even in the event (young Trimble) wishes to leave said custody." This was one of the

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

Monument Rally

early court-ordered "blind" conservatorships which were to become a preferred method of abduction for distraught parents and "deprogrammers." Michael Runyan, the church's director of public affairs, termed it "frightening...that this kind of thing could have happened in America.... It's more like something that would happen in Communist Russia."

The other ominous development was word that a U.S. House subcommittee investigating activities of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency in the United States was interested in Rev. Moon's "close ties" with the Korean government. According to the *New York Times*, "as he was making final plans for ...[the] rally, Neil A. Salonen, president of the Unification Church, was being sought by...[t]he subcommittee's staff consultant...[who] tried to present Mr. Salonen with a subpoena to appear before the panel." Again, according to the *Times*, "Mr. Salonen evaded service of the subpoena, but agreed to make a voluntary appearance before the committee in his capacity as president of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, but not as president of the church." As with the conservatorships, this was the beginning of what was to become an explosive investigation during 1977-78.

The morning after the festival, at Great Falls Park, just outside of Washington, D.C., Col. Pak conveyed Rev. Moon's message to several thousand members that he judged the Washington Monument rally to be an "unconditional success" and that he was "proud of them." Some two weeks later, on October 4th, the anniversary of Rev. Moon's release from a North Korean communist prison camp, he again proclaimed the Washington Monument rally to be an "unqualified victory" and confessed,

"I feel light as a feather. I feel like I can fly. I have borne a tremendous burden of responsibility, but with the victory at Washington Monument, I feel like I have been liberated from the weight. I can now walk as a free man. I can hold my head up before heaven and earth."

Rev. Moon proclaimed October 4th to be the "Day of the Victory of Heaven." Repeating a theme that he had introduced previously, he stated that barriers in the spirit world were broken down and that "[t]his will be reflected in the physical world." So long as members worked "at least as hard" as they had during the Washington Monument Campaign, they would see "a dramatic difference in our prayers and the results." A jubilant Rev. Moon expected the movement would "take off in leaps and bounds from now" and discussed prospects in evangelism, business and educational activities.

The afterglow from the Washington Monument lasted through 1976 and into the new year. On January 1st, Rev. Moon stated that the church had laid an "invincible foundation" for "horizontal expansion throughout the world."

At his birthday celebration on February 23rd, he pointed out that according to the lunar calendar, 1976 ended on February 20th. As he put it, "The year of victory is gone, now the year of joy has started." He conducted a blessing in marriage of 74 couples on February 21st "so everyone could be happy" and drew his birthday remarks to a dramatic conclusion by saying,

"[A]s of today all the dispensational history of restoration has ended and all the conditions of indemnity have been met and paid in full. From this

which God had given a new revelation," was "in the position of the youngest brother." By extension, Rev. Moon argued that "Israel, the United States, and Korea, the nations where these three religions are based, must also be brothers." He stated that the three nations had a "common destiny" and that the communist bloc was "trying to isolate and destroy them." He called upon the "three brother nations" to "join hands in a unified effort," contributing "internally to the unification of world religions and externally to the unification of the world itself."

Rev. Moon's call did not produce immediate results. In fact, by year's end the "three brothers" were quarreling,

tion of almost unrelieved hostility toward the Jewish people." Citing specific references, the report asserted that whether the text was discussing "the Israelites of the Hebrew Bible or the 'Jews' of the New Testament period, Rev. Moon portrays their behavior as reprobate, their intentions as evil (often diabolical), and their religious mission as eclipsed." This report elicited an official "Statement on Jews and Israel," signed by Rev. Moon and published in full-page advertisements, which repudiated anti-Semitism and pledged support for the state of Israel. At the same time that the American Jewish Committee was making its attack, the U.S. House Subcommittee on International Organizations, chaired by Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minnesota) continued its probe into

Korean-American Relations. The church charged the subcommittee of "bad faith" and "McCarthyite tactics" in harassing members for information. Later, it accused Rep. Fraser of attempting to drive a wedge between the United States and Korea.

Washington Monument was a watershed event in the history of the Unification Church in America. It closed out the initial proclamation phase of Rev. Moon's ministry and opened the way for new initiatives in the fields of evangelism, education, interfaith relations, business, media and public life. The movement became increasingly diversified in the years ahead. This slowed the pace of the movement's advance. However, its accumulated investments in the face of rejection eventually had an effect. In the succeeding period, the movement began to develop an infrastructure which greatly expanded its ability to exert influence in the U.S. and elsewhere. This was in keeping with Rev. Moon's original strategy. It simply took longer than anticipated.

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The main stage at the Washington Monument Rally

moment on, the more opposition we get, the more victories. Anything the outside will give to us in the form of persecution, suffering, and pressure, an equal amount of blessing will be restored to us.... The winning of territory inch by inch will continue to the year 2000. Every day's work will accumulate to the Kingdom of God from this time on. Even though the Satanic world is attacking, they are no longer advancing. We are the force who is advancing."

Even more astonishing for members was Rev. Moon's statement following the cake-cutting and reception of gifts that "This is the new beginning of the history of God. Therefore, this is the original first year of the Kingdom of God. This is the Year One."

Rev. Moon developed themes of civic responsibility in his Washington Monument address, entitled "America and God's Will," which were similar to those at Yankee Stadium. However, he extended this vision to interreligious cooperation, arguing that Judaism, Christianity and the Unification Church were "three brothers in the Providence of God." Judaism, he maintained, "was the first work of God" and was "in an elder brother position." Christianity was "in the position of the second brother," and the Unification Church, "through

More accurately, the two elder brothers had begun to gang up on the youngest. In December, the American Jewish Committee charged in an official report, "Jews and Judaism in Reverend Moon's Divine Principle," that the church's main theological text revealed "an orienta-



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Pennsylvania Region Family Camps 2002

by Rob Sayre

We again will have three weeks of Family Camps this summer. We are trying out a new location and time. Please check out the French Creek Camp. The dates and contact information for each Camp are listed below.

Project/Camp Description: Our traditional Family Camp at our Pocono Mountain location. To sign up, contact the appropriate people or, beginning May 1, visit our on-line registration at live4joy.org. All the necessary forms for Camp are available in PDF form now at live4joy.org.

Family Camp 1

June 29-July 4, 2002; Camp # 2, French Creek State Park

Camp/Project Director: Geoffrey Hinkle
610-376-8462 geoffinclair@aol.com

Registrar: Jim Stephens
410-997-5134 jimstephens5@comcast.net

Family Camp 2

Aug. 5-10, 2002, Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park

Camp/Project Director: J. Bruce Bonini
570-595-7844 bonini@noln.com

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Family Camp 3

Aug. 11-16, 2002, Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park

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Camping Retreats

I grew up having an opportunity to go camping each summer in the mountains of Southern Colorado and in Wyoming with my family and other families. I loved the time with people I was close to as well as the time in the mountains. Visit-

ing Blue Knob State Park last year I was so taken with the views and location, I had to make an excuse to return. I hope you can join me.

Friends & Family Camping Retreat

May 31-June 3, 2002, Camp # 1, Blue Knob State Park

Camp/Project Director: Rob Sayre
610-298-2439 familycamp@live4joy.org

Aug. 18-23, 2002, Camp # 2, Laurel Hill State Park

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The idea is simple, share an experience in nature with your family and close contacts or friends. Families will stay in cabins, food and cooking done by each family (you do your own!). Study, Hoon-Doc-Hae in morning, hiking and outdoor activities in the afternoon and campfires in the evening.

Perhaps this can develop into an annual Family Camp? Cost: \$50 per family, regardless of size or length of stay. Send registrations & payments to:

Rob Sayre, 7249 Decatur St., New Tripoli, PA 18066

Pocono Family Ministries Starts Introductory DP Workshops

To grow as individuals and as a community, we must share our faith. It is that simple. These workshops are designed to introduce your family and contacts to the Divine Principle, Our Movement, and to True Parents.

This is an introduction to the Divine Principle and the Unification Movement. For those friends, relatives and contacts that are curious, maybe "Blessed", but not educated in the basics of the Principle. The entire family is encouraged to attend. We will have activities for all ages and lectures for kids and adults.

Families will stay in their own cabins, meals will be provided. Sponsoring families will serve as staff in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. Cost:

\$35/person. Spiritual parents come with their kids (guests).

Friends & Family Introductory Divine Principle Workshop

May 17-19, 2002, Camp Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park

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Solutions

Everything I've mentioned is of concern to parents, teachers, and church leaders. For our BC's sake we must address these issues frankly, and in an age-appropriate way.

We must explain the most outrageous situations and practices, and clearly—before some ignorant classmate does it for us. Without arousing curiosity in those too young to have been interested in (or even heard of) such things before.

This has always been difficult for parents. I myself never did get that little 'birds and bees' talk. (Not wanting to be ignorant, I read a famous book on the subject.)

Teachers can address these issues effectively, and I don't mean the 'condom on a banana' fiasco promoted by the Public Schools. Church-related workshops are usually the best forum for such discussions. Elders, nurses, and Youth Pastors can all contribute. Informed, older peers are especially popular with our BCs.

Internet surfing, and music/video playing (big sources of trouble) are passive, and usually done alone. Young people have tremendous energy, and it should be channeled into constructive, public-spirited activities. Church youth groups are great for this.

In areas without a Family Church, various other denominations will have similar activities. (Check them out beforehand.)

We can and should learn from our elders in religion. Consult experts such as James Dobson, Franklin Covey, Laura Slessinger, and Thomas Lickona. They have books, videos, and web sites. Most have parent groups meeting locally.

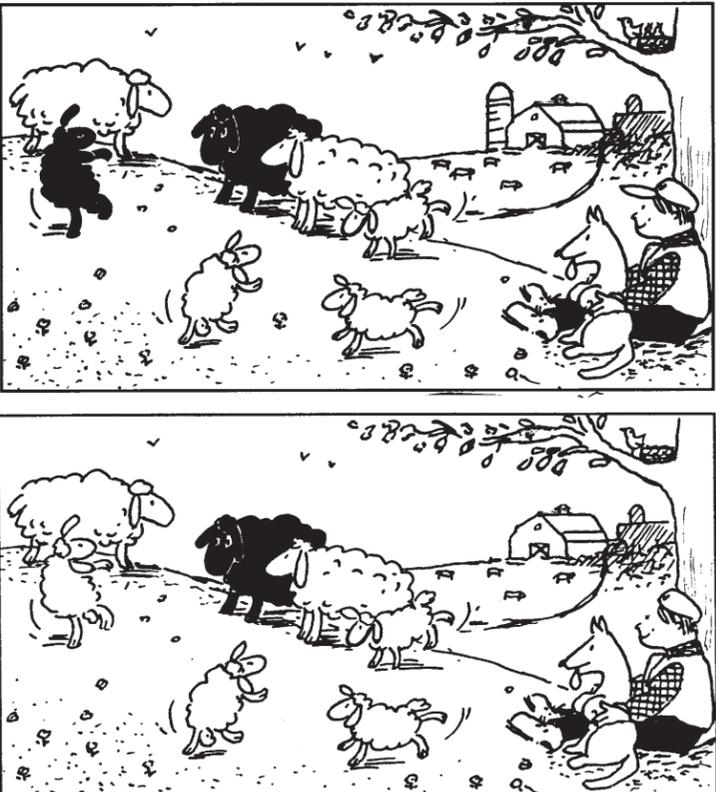
Conclusion

Blessed Children have a very special innate spirituality. They have memories of faithful and hardworking parents, and a strong moral compass. They're already halfway to fulfilling God's joyful vision.

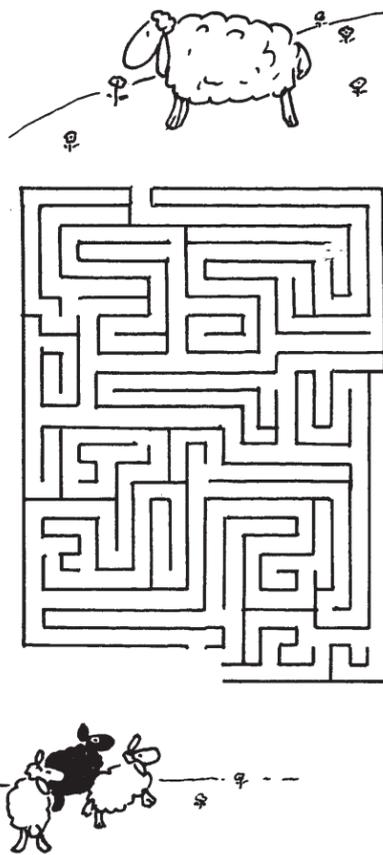
With the right guidance and activities, they can readily fulfill their longings, experience true love, and meet their destinies. They will become, quite literally, humanity's best leaders. ❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of new born lambs at play



Help them get back to mother

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Second Generation



PAUL CARLSON

Mr. Carlson is involved with marine aspects of the Providence in the Bay Area

This month's article focuses on our church's growing Second Generation, who are popularly known as 'BCs.' Thanks to webmaster SuGin Bowman for her keen insights and special perspective.

Please note that this article deals with sensitive issues, and isn't intended for small children's eyes. While I've striven for accuracy, I welcome any clarifications.

This is addressed to both parents and older BCs.

Challenge

The challenge is clear. How do we raise American BCs to volunteer for the marriage Blessing rather than choosing to marry outside the faith and to follow a different path. For BCs who have been matched and Blessed how do we help make these unions successful.

This situation has been noticed, and carefully addressed. The Bay Area Family Church hosts several ongoing programs for our youth. Many of our BCs have also participated in the Special Task Force, and given encouraging reports.

Our Principled Academy school has sponsored Youth Development events, which have included valuable input from non-Unificationist parents, as well as noted scholars.

Through these sources and more, your author has uncovered some unexpected factors that affect the situation. Many of these are universal to teenagers, while others are special to believers, or unique to BCs.

Adolescence

Adolescence is a time of finding one's identity, of asking questions, and for making decisions regarding a career, love life, and other things. It is also a time of asserting ones' self—usually without realizing how self-centered one remains. (Basic example: how many teenagers volunteer for necessary household chores, whether at home or as a guest? I know I didn't!)

To bring up one of Dr. Laura's favorite themes, few teens realize what a limited perspective someone has before reaching, say, thirty years of age.

Our church, being new, is populated mostly by converts. People who've endured terrible persecution, and sometimes defied their own parent's wishes to embrace the revelation of the Principle and the love of True Parents.

Our BCs have had everything handed to them, so to speak, on a silver platter. They can also rebel, but in reverse, into a secular lifestyle. (Few BCs gravitate toward their parent's former religion, or any religion in particular.)

This situation is not unheard-of. The Amish and the Hassidic Jews, among others, expect their American-born children to embrace a rather unusual lifestyle. Despite a well-known pattern of rebellion, most do finally take those paths. (Read Chaim Potok's novel *The Chosen*, or rent the movie.)

Many Protestant churches have anemic youth ministries. They almost take

it for granted that their youth will rebel. They only hope that these lost sheep aren't too damaged to "return to the fold" ten or twenty years later.

Standards

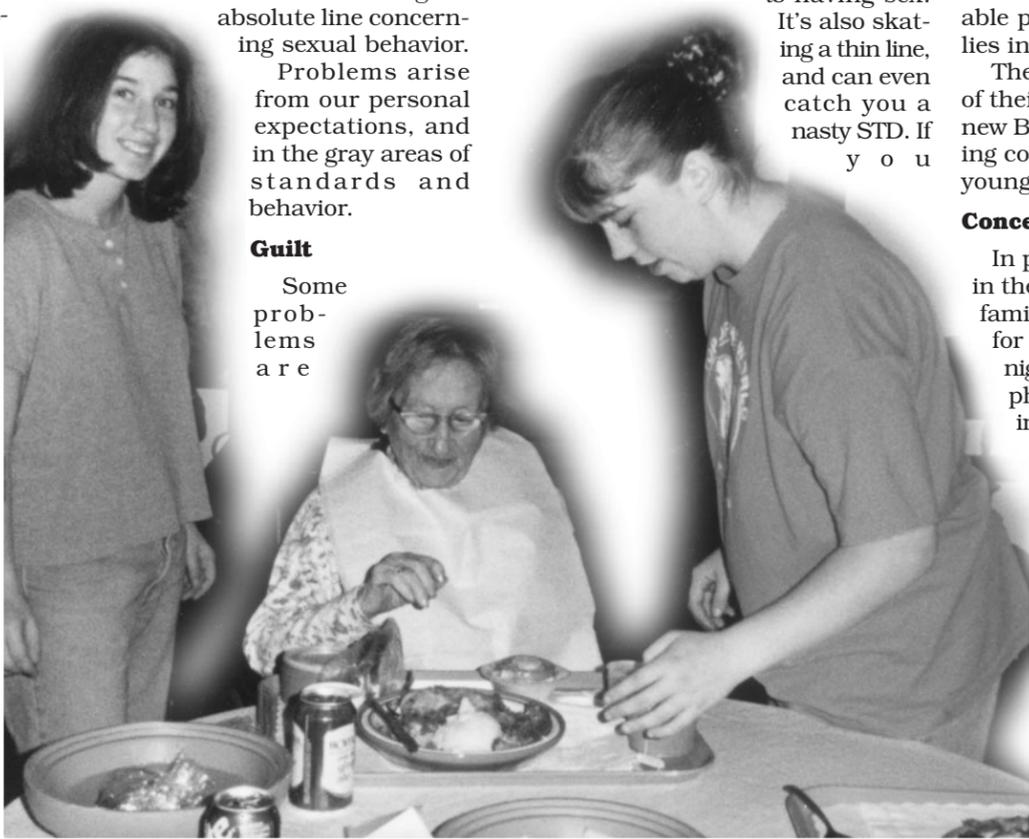
The Principle upholds one of the toughest standards for human behavior in all history. For comparison, anyone who joins the Armed Forces goes through a Basic Training regimen that's harder than anything our members usually do. On the Cain side, the Taliban was a thousand times more restrictive of women. On the Abel side, certain monks impose extremely harsh disciplines upon themselves.

We expect our members, converts and BCs alike, to live an outwardly normal lifestyle, while rejecting a host of sins—and drawing an absolute line concerning sexual behavior.

Problems arise from our personal expectations, and in the gray areas of standards and behavior.

Guilt

Some problems are



specific to believers, and especially to our BCs.

I'm told that BCs can be very judgmental towards each other. We'd all hope to see mutual support in a tempting and sometimes hostile world, but alas, it is not always so. (I suspect that the girls stand out in this behavior.)

Our BCs have big expectations for themselves. Sometimes these are informed and realistic; but, too often, naïve and off kilter. Occasionally their standards are so high that few can actually reach them, much less maintain them for years. Then, any BC who fails may condemn him (or her) self, with an awful guilt and a deep sense of unworthiness.

Let's be specific. Masturbation is not the same as intercourse. Both are condemned as sins. Even so, almost all boys, and many girls, will masturbate.

Pornography is not the same as prostitution. Most boys, and a surprising number of girls, will look at a centerfold, and some get into harder Internet or video porn. This is, of course, sinful.

These practices could escalate into ruinous activities, but the fact is, they usually don't. (If they did, few adults

would be left alive to speak of it...)

However! If a BC thinks they've 'already fallen' by doing these practices, they may disqualify themselves from the Blessing, and without ever saying why.

Double however! Don't you dare think of this as a 'free pass.' Boys may tell themselves they "have to relieve the pressure," when in fact they may be turning up an adjustable hormonal hose to full blast.

Former Pres. Clinton injected America's youth culture with the idea that oral sex isn't really sex. At workshops, BCs have openly inquired about this point. Wondering, since it isn't 'technically' committing the Fall . . .

Guess what: presenting your genitals to someone who ain't your spouse is having sex. It's also skating a thin line, and can even catch you a nasty STD. If
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on the process, mothers especially are asserting themselves. In the manner of a Woody Allen movie, 'Jewish mother' types will clash with their offspring about who it's best to marry. Among the 'issues' are money and education, faithfulness and church participation, physical appearance and mannerisms, etc.

Leaders

Unificationist leaders hope to see all of their congregation's BCs get Blessed. Sometimes this may happen under pressure, and without adequate preparation. Why would this be?

Our entire movement is goal oriented. Perhaps, when a Blessing event approaches, leaders are trying to "make the goal" for New Couples Sent from their area. They have an understandable pride at the number of BC families in their church.

They may even ponder (in the back of their minds) that having some cute new BC couples will inspire their gray-ing congregations, not to mention the younger children.

Concerns

In past times, children roamed free in their neighborhoods. Today, many families live in areas too dangerous for that. A filched beer on a Friday night has been replaced by methamphetamine, and a tattered *Playboy* in the treehouse by a host of deadly STDs.

Parents can, to a large extent, pick their family's town and schools—and thus their BC's peer group.

There are effective ways to monitor our BC's party/event attendance. It used to be that American parents knew the parents of their children's friends, and thus cooperated in raising their offspring. This is still possible, but it takes special effort.

Personally, whatever the lyrics, I think rap music is annoying as heck. My boy, having grown up with it, isn't bothered at all. (For me it was Beatles music.) Does your BC want a new CD? Christian rap music is a possible compromise.

As for clothing, the 'slut look' is definitely out, and 'gangsta rags' aren't far behind. But I'm not too old to think that purple hair can look pretty good. In these matters, parents must 'pick their fights' wisely.

Internet use can be monitored. If possible, put your computers in a busy area like the living room. You can also use 'filter' programs, but those are not always effective. You've heard that kids learn to erase the evidence of their questionable emails, web surfing, etc. Believe it!

Where trust is already lost, there are 'keystroke recording' programs that will keep a record of everything that happens on a given computer. Many of these are inexpensive shareware. There are also 'ghost' programs that will make those keystroke programs invisible. (If needed, bring in a friend who knows computers better.)

have ever done so, admit it and quit it.

Parents

Unificationist parents devoutly hope their BCs will get Blessed, providing the best education and guidance they can. At home, parents have a variety of standards. At the extremes, some will deliberately 'toughen' their BCs by pushing them out into the world; while others shelter them, hoping to avoid all temptation.

Parents may pressure their teenagers to hurry up and get Blessed, before they are ready. Why would this be?

Our converts worked long and hard to qualify for the Blessing. I myself was Blessed at age 26, and did not start my family until I was 32. By then I'd nearly doubled the 'formula course,' and found plenty of spiritual children.

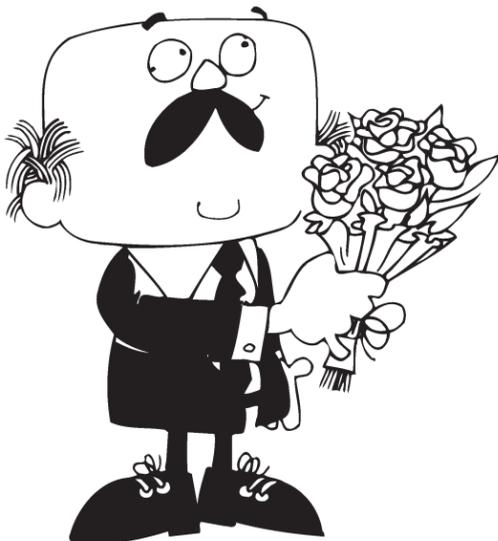
It was a sore trial I hope my own son does not have to endure.

Do parents see the Blessing as a 'brass ring?' Perhaps they are counting on the stability provided by a faithful spouse. Might it even be a 'stage parent' thing; a lingering guilt at their own lack of achievement?

Even when a BC agrees to be matched, problems can erupt. With parents in

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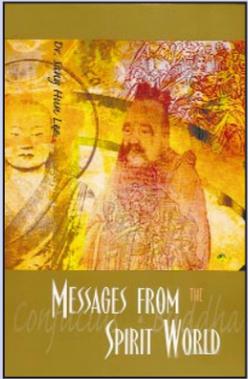
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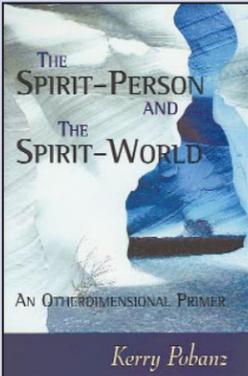
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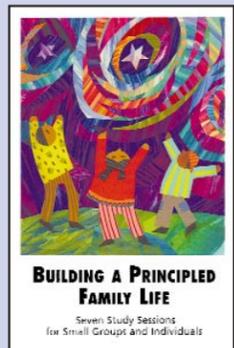
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