

The World Summit of Leadership and Governance Held in Korea

by Nadine Andre

The World Summit of Leadership and Governance, held February 4-7, 2003 at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul, South Korea was a timely event. As the world stands poised on the brink of war, the Summit explored ways to develop new structures and policies of peace designed to lift the world out of its present crisis. Two high-level Sessions focused specifically on the crises in the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula. One hundred and seventy-six leaders representing over 70 nations attended. They included current and former heads of state, members of parliament, government and diplomatic leaders, religious leaders, professors, NGO and media representatives.

Many of the participants traveled over 14 hours to arrive in Seoul from as far away as Iceland, Tonga, South America, Africa, the Middle East and USA. All were eager and primed to discuss the burning issues of our time. Three Nobel Prize laureates; Dr. Jose Ramos Horta [East Timor], Hon. Lech Walesa, [former president of Poland, 1990-95] and Mrs. Betty Williams, from Northern Ireland attended and spoke at the Summit, providing a depth of personal experience grounded upon a foundation of substan-

tial accomplishment. Each of them when faced with times of crises, challenged systems that were in need of change, risked their lives and brought transformation to their nations.

Opening Banquet

Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General, IIFWP, welcomed the participants to Seoul in his opening remarks and laid out the goals and hopes of the Summit.

Rev. Don Olson, Pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in the

USA gave the Opening Invocation. He requested that the participants, "Recognize in our diversity possibilities to work for peace and harmony."

A Korean troupe performed and set the atmosphere as they played traditional Korean instruments and sang traditional Korean songs.

Dr. Jose Ramos Horta, from East Timor, the first Nobel Prize Laureate to speak, was introduced as the 'International Voice of the People.' In 1975 at the tender age of 24, he came to New York for the first time during the winter, having never seen snow, to address the Security Council at the UN to speak about the trials of his nation. This was a life-changing event for him.

"I was humbled then and I am humbled now in such a gathering," he said.

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In Order To Realize the World Of Peace

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This Banquet Address was given on February 6, 2003 to the World Summit Conference at the Lotte Hotel, Seoul, Korea.

I would like to begin by congratulating you on the results you have achieved for world peace through the Summit Conference, and I would like to convey deep appreciation for your many expressions of congratulations on this occasion of President Hak Ja Han's and my birthdays. I would like to offer all of this glory to God who has protected us until today.

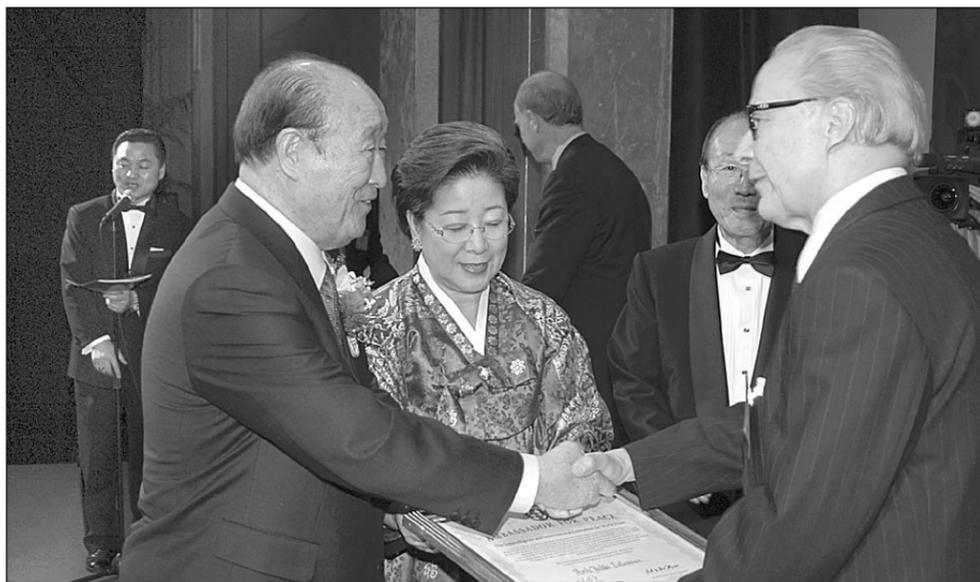
On this meaningful occasion, I would like to share with you my convictions about realizing a peaceful world. In view of our hope for world peace, there has never been a time when understanding between religions and reconciliation between religious people were more urgent than it is today. The precious teachings of our religions are the source of the wisdom that has brightened human history. But religious people of all faiths tend to have three weaknesses. One, they are not realistic but are oriented toward the hereafter; two, they can be narrow-minded and sectarian; and three, they can be fanatical.

Religious leaders must be able to embrace all people with open minds. The real duty of all religious people is to overcome the lines of division crippling the human race, in particular the walls between religions. Religions do not exist for the sake of their own success or for the salvation of their believers alone; they exist in order to accomplish the Will of God. Religious people must never be narrow-minded or seek their own gratification. When one lives with a loving heart, all walls are broken down. The great founders of all the religions understood this and tried to accomplish this ideal. God is the origin of true love. Because the generic character of true love unconditionally seeks to live for another, true love always seeks a reciprocal partner.

It is in relation to this point that we can properly understand God's motivation for creation and purpose of creation understood. God brought forth the created world as His reciprocal partner for true love. In all the creation, human beings were set apart as His closest reciprocal partners of love; that is to say, as His children. The first per-

son, Adam, was not just an individual; he was also to have been the origin of the family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos of true love. God's ideal of creation was an ideal of harmony and unification in which each person lived for a reciprocal partner in a realm of true love. But before this ideal of true love was realized, the ancestor of humankind disobeyed God during his time of growth to maturity and fell through false love.

Through the fall, trouble began between God and humankind. Confrontations and conflicts ensued between God and Satan, between people and Satan and among people. The fact that



C A L E N D A R

MARCH 2003

- 2 Dong-sook nim's 48th Birthday (lunar)
- 12 Shin-won nim's 15th Birthday (lunar)
- 18 Han Seung-oon's Ascension (1979)
- 21 Jin-sung nim's 41st Birthday (lunar)
- 24 6000 Years' liberation (2002)
- 29 Shin-chul nim's 11th Birthday (lunar)
- 31 Hyun-jin nim & Jun-sook nim's Blessing (1987)
8th Anniversary of the São Paulo Declaration

APRIL 2003

- 2 44th True Parents' Day
Sung-jin nim's 57th Birthday (lunar)
- 3 Shin-nyu nim's 1st Birthday (lunar)
- 6 Moon Yong-su Dae Hyung nim's Ascension Day
- 7 8th Anniversary of Declaration of Blessed Families
WMC Blessing (1989)
- 10 10th Anniversary of Declaration of True Parents and
the Completed Testament Age (1993)
- 10 World-Level Blessing of Married Couples (1992)
- 11 Jin-hun nim and Un-jin nim's 17th Blessing
Anniversary
- 12 Shin-hwa nim's 15th Birthday (lunar)
- 12 2nd Generation 36-Couple Blessing (1986)
- 16 Kwon-jin nim & Hwa-yun nim's Blessing; Sun-jin nim &
In-sup nim's Blessing (1995)
- 17 True Parents' Holy Blessing (1960) (lunar)
- 17 Declaration of Opening the Door of the Realms of
Eldership, Parentsip and Kingship
- 27 1st Anniversary of the 144,000-Couple Clergy Blessing
- 28 Shin-yea nim's Ascension (2001)

MAY 2003

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy (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 Shi 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 (2000)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West (1999)

there have been many different nations and many conflicts bears witness to this truth. We can find the beginning point of an ideal world only through a movement that is able to overcome and go beyond the origin of these myriad conflicts. The way to resolve conflicts and struggles is altruistic and sacrificial love, that is to say, "life for the sake of others."

The realization of the ideal nation of God begins with individuals who think they should love their enemies. The way to win over enemies is not through superior strength. It is only possible through the power of true love which embraces even one's enemies. If you plant soy beans, soy beans grow; if you plant red beans, red beans grow, and if you plant the seeds from red flowers, red flowers blossom. In the same way, if you sow the seeds of Satan which seek revenge, a tree of revenge will grow, and if you sow the seeds of goodness which loves its enemies, a tree of goodness which loves its enemies will grow.

If a nation that consists of people who have a mind to love their enemies comes into existence, that nation could become the ideal land that God desires. It could become the ideal model that humankind could follow. For the last thirty years, without resting, I have been devoting myself completely to solving the problems of America such as the breakdown of the family, sexual

immorality, the decadence of youth, the fall of morality, and the decline of Christianity. In spite of my many efforts, Americans, including many Christians, misunderstood me, persecuted me, and even imprisoned me. The negative attitudes and vicious slander against me continued unabated. But I refused to be caught in negative feelings of hatred or resentment, and I have continued to live a life of love in which I gave consistently to those who persecuted me.

No matter what situation I may be in, in the deepest part of my heart, I consider God's love and will as most important. Because of this, as time passed, more and more Americans and especially Christians realized anew the value of my teachings and life, and I can see that they are changing their minds about me. In a public speech I directly told them, "Christians must respond to their mission to realize the will of God who is their true root." Christians must change their attitudes and their ways of life. The founder of Christianity taught, "Love your enemy." If Christians fail to fulfill this basic principle, the only path for them will be one of decline. If that happens, it will be because they left the sacred laws in the teachings of Jesus that give us true freedom.

If the Muslims and the leaders of other religions as well are able to realize a higher level of love in terms of morality and in terms of living for others, their enemies could be subjugated through the mighty power of true love rather than through external strength. I have always told the leaders of the Western world that they must not disregard or overlook the 1.3 billion Muslims or the 3.4 billion Asians, or the people of other religions throughout the world. If America fails to understand the meaning of the existence of these parts of the great human family, how can we anticipate that America will build a better future and realize a world of peace for our descendants?

For the same reason, how can the Islamic world or the people of other religions look down upon or overlook the importance of the Christian culture in the West? If we look down on each other or disregard each other, then there is no hope for us. All the religious leaders must become leaders in a worldwide movement to realize a higher love

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God's Fatherland and the Age of Kingship in Cheon-il Guk

We are gathered today with the fervent desire for an eternal and unchanging world of peace, which is the ideal heavenly world. On this profoundly significant occasion, as the Founder of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, I would like to convey a message regarding God's original ideal. The title is, "God's Fatherland and the Age of Kingship in Cheon-il Guk."

God has spoken of "God's ideal Kingdom and His ideal righteousness," but people living on the earth today have not been able to find it. It is important to know that humanity today, just as it has for many thousands of years of human history, fervently desires the establishment of God's ideal Kingdom and His ideal righteousness.

How is it, then, that this transcendent and fervent desire for His Kingdom and His righteousness remain unfulfilled goals for all beings in heaven and earth? The reason is that human beings committed the fall. As a result of the human fall, God and humanity, who originally could have formed the center of God's ideal Kingdom and His ideal righteousness, found themselves in circumstances that prevented their forming a relationship with each other. Human beings did not know much about God our Father, the center of God's ideal Kingdom or His ideal righteousness, or about His family and nation. Hence, God has labored throughout the course of history to enlighten these ignorant people and teach us about Himself, His family and His nation. In this context, establishing God's ideal Kingdom and His ideal righteousness remains our fervent desire and goal.

There exist many nations in today's world. Yet, not even one can truly receive love from God. For this reason, God wants to negate this fallen world and recreate His new Kingdom. God has conducted His providence to establish a nation. God cannot accomplish His will for human restoration without cooperation from a nation that is in keeping with God's desire. There must be a true state that is centered on a true religion that is in keeping with God's desire. Hence, in the fullness of time, God established a particular nation and religion, the chosen people of Israel and Judaism.

What is the character of the nation that fulfills our fervent desire for the Kingdom of God? It is not like the nations in which you now are living. These nations are destined to disappear someday.

We do not yet have God's Kingdom. A person without a nation does not have a permanent domicile, a nationality, or the possibility to register as a citizen. For this reason, we must accomplish in the present world the establishment of an ideal nation that is in keeping with God's desire. We must form the heavenly kingdom with one

mind, one body and one thought, so as to constitute one nation centering on the religion and state of the chosen people of the third Israel.

We must live on the earth as citizens of this nation. In that nation we lead our own families and kin, and inherit the lineage of the true and good parents who love their country and their nation as victorious sons and daughters. Only in that way will we enter the Kingdom of Heaven in the spiritual world. This is God's Principle of Creation.

Only when there is a nation that is in keeping with God's desire will we be able to bequeath a tradition that remains with our descendants into eternity. Only when there is a nation will the blood and sweat we shed live on. Only when there is such a nation will men

place where we can be happy eternally. These are the reasons that fallen people yearn for the Heavenly Kingdom and long to see it.

We must travel the path that we truly want to travel, and we must build the nation in which we want to live for all eternity. If we possess riches, they must be only those that can be guaranteed as belonging to the cosmos at the same time that they belong to us, and belonging to the past and future at the same time that they belong to the present. We must also possess the authority and knowledge such that when we weep, heaven and earth will weep with us, and when we are joyful, heaven and earth can share our joy. This is the highest desire and cherished hope that fallen humanity must establish in the present age.

world. The purpose of the providence cannot be anything other than the hope for this to come to pass.

If you do not complete the task of restoring a nation on earth within your lifetime, then in the spirit world you will not possess the value of a person of the Kingdom of Heaven. You must take with you to the next life the achievements and qualifications established in the realm of a nation ruled under God's dominion on earth. This is the original standard of God's creation.

I envy nothing of this world. I have no interest in the things of the fallen world. My lifelong cherished desire has been this: "Shouldn't I be able to die in God's ideal nation where God can protect me? If I do not bring this about during my lifetime, then will not mine have been a miserable life? I must estab-

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and women build a monument praising Heaven for God's work on this earth, and only then will every trace of glory remain. If there is no nation, it all will have been for nothing. This is why we must understand that the establishment of God's Kingdom is the most important task in all heaven and earth.

We must live with the constant conviction that "Our blessed family is protecting the heavenly nation that is qualified to receive the love of the True Parents. So I must be a filial child of the True Parents and fulfill the way of the patriot for the nation." It means that we must receive the love of God and True Parents. We cannot receive God's love unless we have a nation. This is because only after we have been victorious over nations under Satan's kingship can God's Kingdom be established.

Desire of All People

We cherish God's Kingdom. Why is this? It is because it is the place where there is true love and the place where True Parents reside. It is the place that will become the ideal nation where we can find a love that is not transitory but lives eternally, transcending time. Also, it is the place where we can be lifted up, and where our value is recognized to the fullest extent. It is the

All true persons should be able to live in his or her original nation. This is an absolute right and requirement bestowed on human beings. Everyone without exception must live a life filled with a cherished desire for God's ideal Kingdom and His ideal righteousness. This means that we must create an image of the ideal world in our thoughts, and in our daily life follow the path of living for the sake of God's ideal Kingdom and His ideal righteousness.

Do you have such a nation? Because you do not, you must now establish such a nation. What kind of nation did I say this would be? It will be an ideal nation of God our Father and a nation of unity. It will be a nation where all people can live in attendance to the Parents. In the work to establish this nation, no fallen person can be excluded. The family, clan, nation, and world all will cooperate. This is how each individual can become unified internally, and can establish unity within families, clans, societies, nations, and the world.

The omniscient and omnipotent God must accomplish the purpose of His providence on the earth without fail. What, then, will be the result? It will be that God will be able to save all people and exercise His dominion over the

lish this nation before I die and live there, even if only for a single day."

For the sake of that single day, I am willing to offer the sacrifices made over thousands of days. You might rest, because you do not understand these things, but I keep going. Even if you cannot do it, I still must do it, even if it requires mobilizing people from other countries. If one nation cannot do it, I must work through other countries to carry out an indirect strategy.

What is the purpose of our faith? It is that we become citizens of God's Kingdom. If we are not citizens of His Kingdom, we are not free to relate with pride to all people and the creation. We are not free to receive their love. A person without a nation is always vulnerable. He stands in a pitiful position. He may suffer unjustly for any number of reasons. This is why we need to know where to find the nation of God's desire; that is, the nation that will serve as God's foothold in the world. This is the essential issue.

Ultimately, we shed blood and sweat for the sake of this nation and its people for the sake of building the eternal heavenly kingdom, and for the sake of building a prosperous society about which our descendants will sing praise through all eternity.

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that embraces other religions and societies. This is the lofty teaching of the founders of all religions. What is the direction that God's will and history is calling for? The ultimate ideal of God is a world that is peaceful and unified through true love, a world transcending religion, race, and nationality, in other words, the realization of "one family of humankind."

The goal of God is not the victory of one religion or one ideology; it is the realization of a world of love in which all people live in peace, unity and joy. In view of the external tendency towards unification through the technological and physical development of modern society, it is the responsibility of the religions to lead the way to the realization of an internal harmony and unification.

Religions should take the lead and provide the example in this work. History is calling for the harmony and cooperation of the religious world. This should not be delayed. It is the holy will of God. If that is not accomplished, religions will decline. Throughout my whole life, I have taught based upon my direct experience of the heart of God and the will He hopes to accomplish.

What I teach is by no means a speculative theory. God is alive and working in history. It is just that through the fall, human beings lost their original position, and without being able to perceive God completely, they have lived in sin and strife. Although God is omnipotent and perfect, when He has no appropriate reciprocal partner, He can not fully express His omnipotence. After our first ancestor disobeyed God, God lost the foundation of goodness to which He could relate. Accordingly, His goodness and absolute power could not be expressed, but history nonetheless went forward.

God is carrying out the providence to restore His position and heavenly will by restoring humankind to its original state. To restore the ideal of true love, true parents, and true family that the first ancestor of humankind could not accomplish, God is carrying out the providence by establishing people with missions as the second Adam and the third Adam. I was called early by God, and my mission as the True Parent, is connected to these kinds of providential conditions.

A prophecy

I would like to ask you to take deep interest in the prophecy that I am about to make. Humankind is at a turning point. This era is that long-awaited time in which the power of God will become manifest in our lives, even though He is invisible and has seemed almost powerless and nonexistent in the past. The time has come when the absolute power of God, who is the Lord of the holy order and laws which really do exist in all things and in the uni-

verse, will manifest in amazing ways and be experienced by people in their daily lives.

This is a miraculous event that is possible because a solid reciprocal foundation of goodness has been established based on the sacrifices and unconditional love of God, True Parents and righteous people throughout history. From now on, humankind will gradually come to perceive God and to understand the spirit world and the works of spirit people. People will become conscious of their internal person which is called their spirit self, and their spirituality will develop.

In this way, humankind will naturally experience the laws of the universe, and become true people through a clear change in character. Through

who betrayed God and fell into ignorance, have lived disobeying the original order of existence under the dominion of selfish greed which is the fallen nature. People have lived stressing their private things more than public things, and their own private purposes more than public purposes. The result is self-evident. They could not guarantee continuing freedom, peace or happiness. People who have gone forward struggling with and confronting others while pursuing enjoyment centered on themselves, on physical things and on external strength, are now miserably bogged down in unhappiness.

Now is the time when people must reflect on themselves and listen to the voice coming from Heaven. Through the benefit of the providence, the liv-

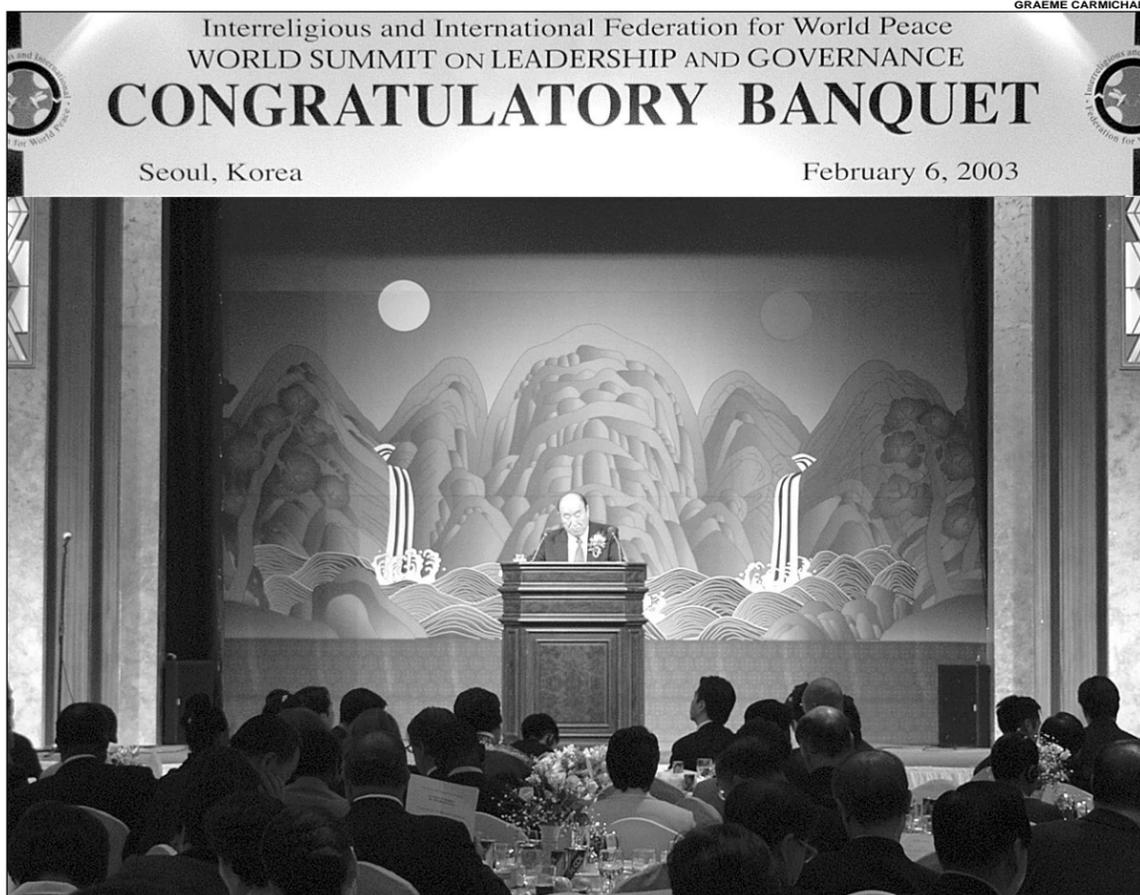
of loving one's enemies. It will be realized where the tradition of loving the enemies of one's self, of one's family, one's tribe, one's nation and the entire world is established. Many people are hoping that the United Nations will solve the problems of the world and be able to establish world peace. It is granted that the UN operated under some restrictions, but by failing to recognize the importance of religions and spirituality altogether, it chose a path that could not but compromise its influence. The result is that in analyzing the problems of the present reality and in trying to solve them, the UN has been leaning to one side. If this continues, the UN will not be able to realize the purpose for which it was founded, and its relevance will diminish in the future.

In order to realize the ideal of a world of peace in a fundamental and comprehensive manner, I once again advocate that the United Nations establish an assembly consisting of representatives from all religions. At that time, the representatives must implement the central ideal that their founders sought to realize, and they must do it with wisdom, exemplifying in their personalities a true love that can serve as a model for everyone. I hope that many leaders will take this matter seriously and continue to strive to establish an assembly of global religious and spiritual leaders within the UN.

I have worked without ceasing my entire life for the sake of realizing the one nation in Heaven and on earth that is the will of the true love of God. During that time I have taught the leaders not only of the religious world, but also of the worlds of government, philosophy, academia, business, media, and non-governmental organizations that we must "live for the sake of others." I did not teach concepts alone, but I led the way and provided the example.

On that worldwide foundation, I established the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, and appointed Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world. That was in order to cultivate leaders who will realize the world of peace and harmony by eliminating the boundaries that cause conflict and struggle and by serving as living examples of altruistic true love. In addition, I am building "Peace Embassies" in every nation of the world as bases for our peace movement and our service movement, and as educational centers to teach and accomplish the vision and wisdom that our IIFWP advocates.

I earnestly request that you leaders recreate your families and nations through true love. I hope that you will support and help to accomplish the vision of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, which is working so hard to establish the true, everlasting world of peace that God desires, a world without national boundaries. ❖



this, people will learn that the existing order of the universe and the relationships of humankind were not made to be centered on oneself or self-interest; rather, they were made to live for the sake of others altruistically. God's ideal of peace in the original creation is an ideal of unification. The existing world itself is made through an ideal of reciprocal partners. It is based on the premise of harmony and unification. No ideal of peace can be realized by neglecting or giving sorrow to one's reciprocal partner.

When the relationships extending above and below, front and back, right and left throughout the spirit world and physical world all realize harmony and unification and realize the ideal of true love that works by living for the sake of others, complete peace will be realized. Accordingly, God's happiness and joy will be attained together with the happiness and joy of his reciprocal partners, human beings. Furthermore, the individual purposes of all created entities are to be realized in relation to a larger purpose, that is, a public purpose. The order of the entire universe is set so that through the connection of these dual purposes a great harmony and unity is to be established.

But through the fall, human beings,

ing God has now drawn near to us. From now on, people will have many spiritual experiences that they could not have earlier. That is to say, they will communicate with the transcendent world. Through these frequent spiritual experiences, people will be influenced directly and indirectly. Especially people who experience the inspiration of God and good spirits will have their spiritual senses developed centered on God, and they will experience major changes in their personalities. People who change their personalities in this way to fit the way of heaven are the true people for whom God has been hoping.

We must all accomplish the true love that liberates us to love our enemies, become true persons who properly understand the spirit world, become true parents, and establish true families. This personal transformation is the starting point of the world of peace. This is the starting point of the ideal nation God desires. For the person who is not able to establish a harmonious, ideal family life by becoming an incarnation of true love, there can be no ideal world or ideal nation in which he can live happily, singing songs of peace and joy. The ideal fatherland that God desires will be realized through the way

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Without a doubt, the children of God's direct lineage will exercise kingly authority in this nation, based on their mandate from Heaven carrying God's full authority. This nation will have neither democracy nor Communism. Once formed, it will endure forever.

When you consider this, aren't you distressed about not being citizens of such a nation? I believe we should be lamenting the fact that we are not able to live in such an ideal country. We must repent that we have not acquired this unique and unchanging kingship.

In attempting to establish such a kingship, nation, and territory, God has established in history nations in the realm of the chosen people where goodness reigned. We know that during this process, many people have died, many ordinary people were sacrificed, many countries were destroyed, and royal authority changed hands many times. Among the people who were sacrificed, there can be no doubt that those standing on Heaven's side, the sorrowful souls who were sacrificed for this purpose, still long for the establishment of such a Kingdom and such a world.

The Ideal Kingdom

We have come to know that after the human fall, Satan, not God, exercised dominion over history. God, however, was originally supposed to be the master of this world. If clans and states formed by families of God's direct children who related to God in a relationship of love had built the world, God would have been able to exercise His dominion over the world, over every nation, over every family, and over every individual. Because of the human fall, however, all individuals, families, clans, societies, nations, and the world now stand in opposition to God. This is the history and world brought about by the fall.

The created world, centering on the Creator, is mired in deep sorrow. If we leave the world as it is, the world of eternal love expressing God's ideal of creation will not come about. But because God, as the Absolute Being, cannot establish His original authority unless He accomplishes His original will. He has used His position as the standard to bring the world of evil under control and lead it to become the world of His original ideal. This has been the history of God's providence with respect to the fallen world.

There are many nations on the earth today that belong to the fallen sovereignty, but there is not even one that is aligned with God's fervent desire. In order to establish a nation through which He can accomplish His will, God has been working throughout history to guide people without their awareness. God created Adam and raised him toward perfection with the desire to have one being through whom He could exercise dominion over all families, societies and the world. As a result of the fall of Adam and Eve, however, the history in which a unified world was to have begun in one family was broken into innumerable pieces as the history of struggle between good and evil. The historical view of the providence of salvation is that all the bro-

ken pieces are being arranged and connected.

Since Adam was the ancestor of all human beings, losing Adam as a single individual was the same as losing the entire whole. So God needs to call and establish Adam again. The person who is established must be someone who is able to deny, forsake, and forget his clan and nation of the satanic world and live exclusively for God's will. He must be an absolute true person who goes forward only for the sake of God's will.

All religions share a common purpose ultimately to accomplish God's will. Let us examine this in the context of the origin of the history of Christianity in the realm of the Providence. Noah was situated in the context of a particular people, but he did not wish to be affiliated with that. He belonged to a particular nation, but he refused to be confined by that nation and set out to establish a nation of his own desire. In order to establish such a nation, he had to pass through all manner of trials and adversities.

Noah had relatives and his own people, but he was more concerned with seeking the nation of God's will. God's fervent desire for Noah was that he would seek God's ideal Kingdom and His ideal righteousness and overcome the individual environment.

Can you imagine the extent of Noah's suffering during the trials that continued day after day for 120 years? Even his family forsook him, but Noah accepted all the arrows of opposition and endured for 120 years. He was well aware of the principle that if he ate and drank before seeking God's Kingdom and His righteousness, he and his descendants would have to pay indemnity.

God established Abraham and Sarah and brought them out of Ur of the Chaldeans. They did not know that they were to live in Haran, but they headed for this place with faithful hearts obeying unconditionally. God wanted absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Even when Sarah was taken away by the Pharaoh, she never begrudged Abraham. Their hearts as they headed for the nation of their desires were such they did not waver even in the face of the most severe persecution.

Jacob had the conviction that the blessing given to him included the nation and people of his fervent desire, and no one could shake him from this conviction. In this way, the will of God expanded from the individual to the family and tribe as our forbears gradually developed a desire that would encompass the world.

Jesus, because of Israel's disbelief and persecution, was forced into a life of wandering. He was unable to fulfill the hope that speaks both to the spir-

it and the flesh. But the Messiah comes with the mission to break down all barriers in heaven and earth and bring about a single unified whole. God's unchanging will is that we establish without fail the principled state required by heavenly law, and that states structured by principles of the fallen world pass away. God's fervent hope in Adam was not confined to Adam as an individual, but extended to bringing about

extend past the individual to the family, clan, and society.

As He carried out the providence to establish His Kingdom, even God has been governed by this principle. Thus, His strategy is that, if an individual were to appear who could live for the sake of the Kingdom, then the family that inherited this person's individual tradition would make the next sacrifice for the sake of the nation, and then a clan and a people would inherit the tradition of this family and sacrifice themselves for the sake of the world. This is how God has carried out the providence to establish His Kingdom. We need to realize for a certainty that this individual is the true father of our true selves, and that he has been working hard to establish each of us as true sons and daughters and establish our families and nations. This realization brings with it the responsibility to recompense.

For what purpose were we born on this earth? We were born to love God's Kingdom. Also, God's love for that Kingdom has motivated Him in carrying out His providence.

Jesus and God's Kingdom

Citizens of a nation that has no sovereignty are in a pitiful situation. This concerned Jesus, and so he told us: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (Matthew 6:31-33) This is the responsibility that must be accomplished by the religious realm. Did he say we should seek after having a son first? Did he say we should seek after our own nations first? Jesus told us to seek after the Kingdom that God seeks.

God's fervent desire to establish His Kingdom and His righteousness cannot be accomplished apart from human beings and the creation. In fact, it is only through human beings that it can be accomplished. This is the principle of God's creation. God desires to be harmonized with the creation through true human beings. That is why God sent Jesus to this earth as a substantial being, a man who could represent the Lord before fallen humanity and bring forth Heaven's lineage. Jesus was the first person who had the purpose of accomplishing God's fervent historical desire on earth.

Jesus was God's son, the first established in this position after 4,000 years of preparation. He was the son of God living on the earth in the midst of a nation centering on Judaism with the seed of the family of Joseph. The satan-

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a family, clan, society and nation from Adam.

When the Messiah's efforts to build a true nation were shattered, Israel suffered enormously. So the Lord who comes again is responsible to perfect and restore the family of Adam and the family of Jesus and fulfill the mission of the Messiah for restoration on a worldwide level in the Completed Testament Age which is the mission of the Third Adam. This person is responsible to advance the Completed Testament Age, the age of the restoration of Adam on a worldwide level, on the foundation of the Old Testament Age, when restoration of the ideal of the first Adam's family was attempted, and the national foundation of the New Testament Age for establishing the restored realm of the ideal of Jesus' family and perfecting the nation. He must also perfect the family, clan, people, nation, and world of God's will centered on the ideal of Adam's realm.

God sent His beloved sons and daughters to the earth to push history forward, toward establishing the nation that is absolutely one. But at the present moment there is no prepared foundation on which the one nation can be restored. Because of repeated failures by fallen human beings, God has sent heavenly persons to the earth to carry out, push forward, and accomplish this task. This is the historical view of the providence of restoration.

We must be grateful, even if God sacrifices us fallen humans as individuals. Even if He sacrifices our families, clans, societies and nations, we must be grateful. Only when such a true individual and a true nation are created can order be brought to the world. If God's Kingdom cannot be built on the foundation of sacrifices made by an individual, then the sacrifice must

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He paid tribute to President Wahid, the former president of Indonesia and referred to him as a 'man of compassion.' "After 25 years of conflict between Algeria and France, it took 40 years for the two nations to arrange a State visit. Iran and Iraq, 10 years, also Kuwait and Iraq." In speaking again about President Wahid who was sitting at the same table as him, he said, "President Wahid showed extraordinary vision with courage and compassion as he initiated the Southwest Pacific Dialogue."

At one time President Wahid could have been considered Mr. Horta's adversary, here in Seoul they were able to sit at the same table.

"What will East Timor contribute to the UN? We are too small to make a difference, however East Timor speaks out on issues that effect the life of real people; clean water, price decreases, international commerce, the inability to compete... We will speak out of compassion"

H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich, President of Belarus (1991-1994), one of the Co-Chairs of the World Summit of Leadership and Governance took the podium next. During the course of the summit he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy from Sun Moon University in Korea.

Hon. Sayera Umarovna Sultanova, former Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan spoke next. Each speaker set the stage for the proceedings that were to take place over the next few days.

"We have assembled here in order to bring together our collective wisdom, experience, recommendations and resolve, in a spirit of unselfish cooperation and a heart of service to the world. Together we will consider some of the pressing problems we face in our world today. We all can see clearly the interconnectedness of our world. The local and the global are inextricably linked. What happens near the DMZ and 38th parallel in Korea affects the United Nations, the U.S., China, Russia, Japan, the Europeans, and the world. The same holds true for the Middle East," said Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of IIFWP in his Opening Statement.

Opening Plenary

The next day everyone arrived early for the Opening Plenary, which was filled to capacity with over 700 people, including many day guests and representatives from Korea. There was full media coverage. The reporters interviewed everyone from Hon. Lech Walesa to the Lotte Hotel Manager, to find out the impact this major gathering was having. The Lotte Hotel itself carried a large banner on the outside that was in full view of the street announcing this historic event to all the passers-by.

The Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Neil Albert Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport, was the moderator and as is so often the case, demonstrated great skill even within the midst of the most diverse panelists.

Mr. Lech Walesa, former President of Poland, who led his nation out from under a brutal Communist regime said,

"Leadership is not necessarily something you are born with. I was a laborer for 25 years and I led no one. For ten years I was leader of Solidarity, a trade union with just a couple of thousand members, then I found myself President of Poland with a population of 40 million people...."

"My conclusion is that although culturally we are in a new age of globalization, our governmental structures are still stuck in an outdated mode, specifically that of the nation-state. We need a radical change for a new century."

Betty Williams, Nobel Prize laureate



(1996) who gained recognition for her Peace work in Northern Ireland and is known as a crusader for children said that she immediately planned to go to Baghdad, Iraq to establish 'Peace Zones' and 'safe areas' for women and children after the Summit.

She began her presentation by asking all the delegates to stand and embrace each other. This was not a simple gesture as those sitting up front were seated next to heads of state and other dignitaries, but the room complied and that simple gesture changed the emotional tenor of the room.

"I have always believed that arms are for hugging, not for killing!" she said after she hugged Rev. Moon. "I have seen so many children sacrificed for war," she said, "Reverend Moon, for their sake we must change the world."

H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, Former President of the Republic of Indonesia (1999-01) who has attended many IIFWP events has always brought a deeply spiritual resonance and perspective to matters of reconciliation. "There is a problem if religions become secularized and back only one party," he said, "religious values should guide all parties in a spirit of tolerance and peace."

H.E. Sir Allan Kemakeza, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands also spoke at the Opening Plenary.

Rev. Dr. Kwak, Chairman of IIFWP introduced the Founders, Rev. and Drs. Mr. and Mrs. Moon, noting that what was unique about the occasion was that in addition to the Summit, both Rev. and Mrs. Moon were celebrating their birthdays the following day on February 6th. This lent another dimension to the proceedings as an acknowledgment of their life-long work. Each of the speakers congratulated them for their contribution towards peace.

The Founders of IIFWP, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, have devoted their lives to the fulfillment of the "hope of all ages, a unified world of peace." The underlying vision

of the IIFWP derives from their teaching of three core principles and practices: 1. Living for the sake of others; 2. Overcoming barriers of race, religion, nationality, ideology and culture; 3. Embodying the ideal of 'True Love' within ourselves, our families, our communities, our nations and our world.

It was fitting that, The World Summit on Leadership and Governance, was convened at the same time of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's 83rd and 60th birthdays respectively. It is unique that they share the same birth date.

Special Sessions

After a long and intense morning session, the delegates broke for lunch. Meals were always a festive time where both Korean and Western food was served and where networking took place, new friendships developed, old friendships revived and participants could reflect and discuss their views.

Ms. Carol Pobanz, Assistant Director of the Religious Youth Service and Interreligious Peace and Sports Festival, orchestrated the running and logistics of the meals and did a very fine job. If you ever fed two hundred people from all over the world you would know that is no easy task.

The World Summit was unique in that rather than explore many topical areas, the choice was made to conduct two Special Sessions where the themes could be explored in greater depth and substance, listening to a wide variety of viewpoints and gaining the expertise of many.

The Special Sessions were: 1. Focus on the Korean Peninsula; 2. Focus on the Middle East.

The Session on the Korean Peninsula revolved around these themes:

1) The ongoing relevance of the Cold War's ideological struggle between North and South Korea

2) Possibilities and processes for reconciliation and unification between conflicting nations

3) Globalization and Democratization

4) Comparison with conflict and division in other nations and regions

H.E. Hamilton Green, Former Prime Minister of Guyana and current Mayor of Georgetown chaired this session. Mr. Hamilton and his wife are both Ambassadors for Peace and have contributed much to the work of IIFWP. He has chaired many sessions always with a skillful hand. He is a measured man and is able to handle discussions of this nature in a dignified and stately

manner.

The format was that the first hour was devoted to a series of statements, each five minutes in length from representatives among the current and former heads of state and heads of government and the Nobel Prize laureates. The second hour allowed discussion both among the Summit Delegates and the General Participants.

The Session on the Middle East revolved around these themes:

1) Possibilities and processes for reconciliation and unification between conflicting nations and peoples

2) The role of religions and interreligious dialogue within the Middle East

3) The role of the US, and other powerful nations and the UN

4) What kind of leadership is needed to truly bring peace in the Middle East

This session was chaired by H.E. Abd-Elaziz Hegazy, former Prime Minister of Egypt (1974-75). Mr. Hegazy also accompanied by his lovely wife are Ambassadors for Peace and have both made significant contributions to the work of the IIFWP. As could be imagined, the Middle East Session was heated, but from the intensity many good recommendations and insights could emerge.

Mr. Hegazy, the Chair himself, also stirred the fire. While

his views were moderate, many thought that the Prime Minister's remarks tended to be biased. Whether this was true or not, what did have immense value to these proceedings was the fact that for future deliberations, those who chair or moderate panels or sessions have to make every effort to be painstakingly neutral, more so than sometimes seems humanly possible.

Mr. Jose Ramos Horta of East Timor, the Nobel Prize Laureate (1996) who spoke at the Special Session emphasized this more than ever stemming from his personal challenges in East Timor. "In this process more than others, neutrality is a key component, and being able to see, feel and hear most deeply both sides is crucial." This approach became an asset to the proceedings and will be a deliberate effort by IIFWP in the upcoming work that will be undertaken with the Middle East Peace Initiative.

Birthday celebration

That evening's session was canceled due to a special invitation extended by Rev. and Mrs. Moon to the Summit delegates. The invitation was for a Special Birthday celebration that would take place the following morning at a beautiful mountainous retreat at Cheong Pyeong Lake, almost 2 hours east of Seoul.

The only stipulation was this - Buses were leaving from the hotel at 4AM for a Ceremony that was to begin at 6AM.

While the staff was making their preparations to take the participants to the celebration, it was unclear just how many of the delegates would attend owing to their busy schedules, leftover jet lag and just the sheer early meeting time.

But almost instantly phone trees were set up, participants wanted to be woken up and almost 100% of the delegates attended.

The event was spectacular. More that

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Exploring the Culture Structures and Policies of Peace for a World in Crisis

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given on February 4, 2003 at the Lotte Hotel, Seoul, Korea

As we gather here today, we are all aware of the serious problems we face in our world today. From the East to the West, from the North to the South there are numerous crises which, if not resolved, could result in great suffering, loss of life and diminished prosperity.

We have assembled here in order to bring together our collective wisdom, experience, recommendations and resolve, in a spirit of unselfish cooperation and a heart of service to the world. Together we will consider some of the pressing problems we face in our world today.

We all can see clearly the interconnectedness of our world. The local and the global are inextricably linked. What happens near the DMZ and 38th parallel in Korea affects the United Nations, the US, China, Russia, Japan, the Europeans and the world. The same holds true for the Middle East.

These two areas of conflict and tension are unique in that they encapsulate two major aspects of the global crisis. The Korean peninsula is a flash-point which has roots in the Cold War era, characterized by ideological struggle between totalitarian states and democratic capitalist states. The division of the Korean peninsula symbolizes the split and tension between competing ideologies, cultures and political economies. The Korean peninsula, furthermore, represents the tragic division and conflict between people of the same race, blood and history. In this respect, if we can solve the situation in Korea, we can solve many other world problems.

The Middle East has some similarities and yet great differences, as compared with Korea's situation. The Middle East situation largely preceded the Cold War era, and has its roots in ancient history, one related to the complex history of the emergence of, and relationships between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The problems, here, as in Korea are representative of a broader global problem wherein the quest for land, sovereignty and justice are interlinked with issues of national or ethnic identity and religious worldviews.

Our Summit theme underscores the significance and need for leadership at this time in history. Many of the seemingly intractable problems we face seem to persist from generation to generation. For this reason, many despair of the possibility of a real solutions. As such, many adopt a position of "realism" which gives up on the idea of

achieving a true and lasting peace, one grounded in substantial reconciliation and unification among the divided parties.

The IIFWP is dedicated to finding solutions to our world's problems. The principles of reconciliation and unification are among the fundamental ideals we espouse. But, how does reconciliation occur. I want to suggest that it is the result of true leadership.

True leadership is characterized by an individual who is concerned about the well being of the entire family of humanity. Like a parent who cares about the harmony and well-being of his children, a true leader has a vision of universal peace that extends beyond short-term results, and self-interests. Most importantly, the true leader is willing to sacrifice himself for the greater

not practiced, tension will lead to conflict and the loss of both security and prosperity and happiness.

If leaders begin to practice the principle of living for the sake of others, we can transform this world. As our institutions of governance, the governments of nations and the core institutions of society, begin to be guided by such a principle, then we can begin to have hope for a new era of peace.

The second core principle of the IIFWP calls for overcoming barriers that divide peoples. Too often, as individuals come to understand themselves, and others, according to particular religious, racial, national, political and ideological identities, these become barriers to wider unity and harmony. Once again, the kind of leadership needed in this era is characterized by the courage

nist ideology of Marxism-Leninism and the ideology of liberal, free market democratic systems. The entire world was virtually divided for decades along ideological lines. While the Cold War has largely ended, there remain some serious situations that are yet unresolved. The conflict between South and North Korea is one such situation. The division of Korea came about largely as a result of the cold war, and it remains unresolved to date.

The problems of the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula are of great concern to the IIFWP, and we are developing initiatives in both areas to address the underlying root causes and to offer recommendations for solving the problems. In neither case is the IIFWP just beginning to take up the effort to contribute to solutions to these problem

areas. For decades, the movement Dr. Moon founded has been actively involved in a wide range of efforts to bring peace to these areas.

Most fundamentally he has called for a change of heart and consciousness. Also, he has understood that peace requires much more than political leadership and diplomacy. For this reason he has developed programs that involve youth from diverse backgrounds who meet together and learn to

respect and love one another. He has been a tireless advocate of interreligious respect, harmony and cooperation, as well as of the need for more international cooperation and unification.

In August of 2000, at the United Nations, he called for the establishment of an interreligious council at the United Nations to allow spiritual and religious leaders who represent billions of followers around the world to sit with the representatives of the members states and collaborate in the search for solutions to critical problems. He also called for the establishment of Peace Zones, precisely in places like Korea and Israel-Palestine. These Peace Zones are to become centers of harmony where people from all races, nationalities, religions, etc., may live together in peace, under the protection of the United Nations.

He has advocated the practice of exchange marriage, whereby individuals commit themselves to a marriage with a person from another religion, race or nationality, so that the family itself becomes a dialogue among civilizations and a peace zone that illustrates the power of true love to conquer differences.

He has also announced the need for the development of an international peace highway, around the globe, connecting all peoples, nations, religions and nations, and becoming a "trade

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good.

This is why, then he founded the IIFWP, Dr. Sun Myung Moon clarified the core principle as that of "living for the sake of others." This phrase captures the foundation and basis for all reconciliation. We can reconcile entities that are divided by a process of give and take action that begins with giving of oneself. This is the basis of all creativity. The entire universe has been created by God according to this principle. When we examine the natural order we see evidence of this principle everywhere. Each level of being exists not only for itself, but for the sake of the higher order of being. The atoms of the galaxies, all things seek not only their own existence, but a higher purpose.

Rev. Moon has taught the principle of *chung boon hap*, whereby reconciliation and unification comes about through unselfish give and take action which is centered on a higher purpose. This principle is in sharp contrast to the dialectical principle which proposes that progress occurs through the intensification of struggle and conflict. In other words, according to *chung boon hap* theory, when divided entities enter into unselfish give and take action, loving one another and living for the sake of the other, harmony, security and prosperity emerge. The principle applies in a marriage or family, in the workplace, in the society, and among nations. And, where this principle is

and will to go beyond such boundaries in order to embrace a high purpose.

In the situation of the Middle East, we know that there are many factors contributing to the tension and conflict there. Among the most prominent of the factors is the misunderstanding and disharmony that exists between the three Abrahamic faiths, all of which originated and have their holiest sites in that region: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Interreligious disharmony is a serious factor that contributes to many problems in our world.

However, we should not make the mistake of seeing religion as the sole cause or factor in causing conflict. Other factors include what can be called the problem of "fallen nature" in human beings. That is, the fallen nature derives from an act of separation from God and God's principle. Instead of practicing the principle of living for the sake of others, fallen humanity lives selfishly. All religions have recognized this fallen nature as the fundamental problem that needs to be solved if we are to have true and lasting peace in this world.

The fallen nature of selfishness then expresses itself in human thought and action, and in human relationships. This is a critical problem.

In addition to the problem of religious disharmony, there are also global problems which have their roots in ideological differences. The Cold War era was an example of this kind of ideological conflict between the commu-

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ic side already had established nations and was attacking the side of Heaven, so Heaven's side also needed a nation standing on a complete foundation. This was Jesus' responsibility.

That is why God labored for 4,000 years to form that single nation. The fruit of God's labor was to have come about by the people of Israel accepting Jesus and forming a worldwide foundation. This was to have led to the establishment of a world centered completely on God and Jesus on the earth. Because Jesus died prematurely, however, this world was established only spiritually.

Centering on his three-year public life, Jesus attempted to indemnify everything that had been lost centering on Judaism. Jesus was crucified, however, and Israel, which had been established as a substantial body on the earth, as God's national foundation in both spirit and flesh, also perished. Because Jesus died on the cross, Israel perished as a physical nation. The Israelites became a people without a nation, forced to wander the earth as an object of the satanic world's derision. After Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended to assume the position of the spiritual parent and on that basis, Christianity could achieve only the spiritual foundation of a nation. This is why we cannot find a nation that is truly Christian in spirit and flesh. So the Lord who comes again must restore the 4,000-year providence by which God created the nation of Israel, and restore all that was lost through the disbelief of the Israelites that resulted from their ignorance.

Jesus came to establish a nation, one nation. He was not able to establish this nation both in spirit and flesh; he established it only in spirit. That is why Christianity today does not have a substantial nation on the earth. This means that God cannot turn to any nation or any people on earth and say, "My beloved nation, my beloved people." This tells us that the foundation for God's Kingdom has not yet been built on this earth. If at the time of Jesus, the nation of Israel had become one centering on Jesus, then that nation would have been God's Kingdom centering on His son, Jesus, and God would



have restored the world centering on that nation. As a result of Jesus' death, that is, as a result of the loss of the substantial body, the foundation to connect spirit and flesh on the earth could bear fruit only spiritually.

Until now Christians have been like a people without a country, so they have suffered death everywhere they have gone. Christianity grew through the blood of martyrs. Because of the manner in which Christianity was planted in the world, it could not grow except by the blood of martyrs. Now the time of shedding blood and receiving persecution is over. Instead of dying away and disappearing, however, there has appeared a way of thinking that yearns for God's Kingdom and eagerly awaits the coming Lord in order to establish the lost substantial nation on the basis of Christianity's spiritual foundation. This is the expectation of the Second Coming. Christianity has a heavy responsibility as the bride religion.

Even Jesus is waiting in Paradise. We need to know that he has not yet been able to go before Heaven's throne. Jesus needed to establish national sovereignty before God, rule over a nation, and build a nation that would possess the authority to go directly from earth to Heaven. Because he was not able to build such a nation, Jesus cannot stand before God. So Paradise became the "waiting room" on

the way to Heaven. Heaven is a place where no one can enter alone. If the fall had not occurred, we would have gone to Heaven as blessed families, centering on Adam and Eve. We must go there along with our sons and daughters.

In order to restore everything that went wrong beginning with the false parents. The returning Lord repeatedly holds Holy Blessing Ceremonies on the standard of cosmic indemnity engrafts us to God's true love, true life, and true lineage. Everyone in the world must pass through this gate in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, so it is necessary to hold the Blessing ceremonies so often.

In order to restore this through indemnity, God has been fighting for 2,000 years to build a foundation that can connect to the world. Where there is no national standard, though, who will inherit the foundation of the nation? Because the religious realm does not unite, God is working through a new movement for religious unity centering on Christianity to find such spiritual people and make the necessary preparations,

Respected religious leaders: As humanity enters the third millennium, it is receiving heavenly fortune anew.

This is because have entered the age of Great Holy Blessings centered on True Parents, and the age of the world of the realm of heaven and earth ideal has begun.

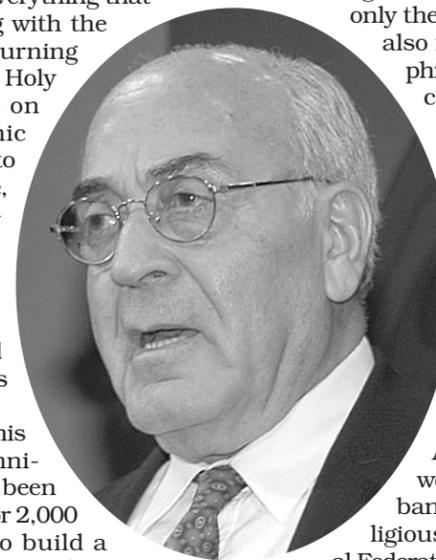
I hope that all religious people will join their hearts together and follow through on my proposal to establish a council within the United Nations composed of representatives from various religions, parallel with the General Assembly. The reason is that the Kingdom of Heaven and on Earth can be brought about in a very short time, if only the United Nations will join in the effort. If there is one

lofty task that the United Nations can perform for the sake of humankind, it would be to contribute to humanity's spiritual recovery on the foundation of God's true love.

For this purpose, I have chosen leaders of good conscience from not only the religious field but also from government, philosophy, business, culture and other fields, and provided true love marriage education that teaches "the life lived for the sake of others." On this foundation, I have already appointed tens of thousands of Ambassadors for Peace. All around the world, they carry the banner of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace that I founded. They are devoting their full efforts to bringing about the world of peace that will represent the opening of the heavens and is the fervent desire of God and humankind. It will not be long before the will of the almighty, omniscient, and absolute God is accomplished.

I would like to conclude my remarks by asking that the leaders assembled here also become active participants in recreating your families and nations in true love and in bringing about an everlasting world of peace where there are no national boundaries, and take the lead in bringing about nations in accordance with God's Will and accomplishing the blessing ideal of Cheon-il Guk of a world of peace. ❖

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route" that brings equalization of technology and prosperity to all humanity. These are but a few of the initiatives he has launched.

At this time in history humanity faces a great challenge. As I have mentioned before, we are at a very serious turning point. Our destiny is not predetermined, but depends on our response to the current crisis. It depends on the

leadership and resolve which we demonstrate. We have an opportunity to make a difference, and to have a serious and direct impact on our world, for the sake of peace. With your help we are confident that we can make a difference.

We hope that through this Summit we can put our hearts, minds and voices together, learn from one another, and contribute to this process, increasing our wisdom, understanding and our commitment to work for peace. ❖



IIFWP: MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE

Beyond Co-Existence Toward a New Culture of Peace

The IIFWP Middle East Peace Initiative—held in Washington, DC, March 1, 2003—was a unique, challenging, and glorious encounter among leaders from a wide array of disciplines (religion, politics, media, United Nations, and more), from all religions of the region, and from 40 nations.

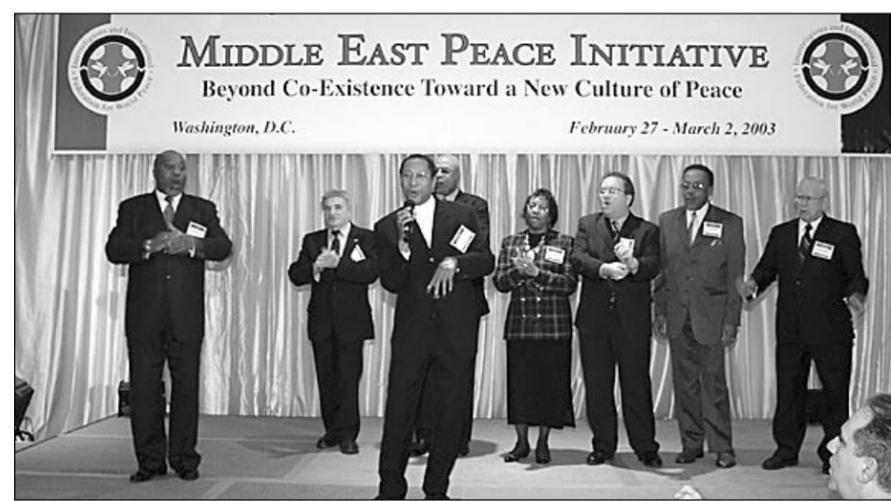
The sessions often erupted into flare-ups among participants who brought with them the deep emotional and historical challenges of the region. By the grace of God and the unifying power



of True Parent's vision these challenging moments never rent the fabric of unity, nor clouded our shared dream for peace.

On the second evening, after dinner, brothers and sisters sang and celebrated together. Above, the Israeli delegation made up of people usually presumed to be at war with one another, showed deep love and abiding unity. They revealed in the present, the future world we seek to build.

Their beauty gave hope and brought many to tears. ❖



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10,000 gathered for the sunrise celebration, representatives from every nation and the Summit delegates were the guests of honor. The celebration included a special historic Peace Blessing where the Founders renewed their wedding vows and were once again honored on their Birthday for their accomplishments. As is tradition, everyone wore white robes that were given out at the event known as "Holy Robes." The sea of white and the people who were gathered on three different levels of the building made for an impressive sight.

Heads of State gathered with spiritual pilgrims who came from all over the world with their children, for something they had never witnessed before. The participants were extremely grateful for this unique experience and upon conclusion were told that they could keep the white robes, which became a special memento for them. In their own words, "Never had they been to something like this before!"

The bus ride back to Seoul provided a perfect time for rest before the next event, which was to be held in

Seoul at the Olympic Stadium. Not everyone made this event as tiredness set in, however this was another event to celebrate Rev. and Mrs. Moon's birthday and their accomplishments with speeches, the giving of gifts and international entertainment. Mr. Lech Walesa, Nobel Prize Laureate spoke again at this program.

Closing Banquet

After the stadium the delegates came back to the hotel to prepare for the closing banquet. The delegates had literally not stopped since they arrived in Korea. What a schedule, yet everyone was "high" just from the sheer pace of it all and the successful proceedings that had transpired.

The Banquet was attended by over 500 guests. Dr. Yang, President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, USA, emceed the event. A group of young Korean women sang Korean folksongs in

their beautiful, colorful Korean dresses. H.E Steingrimur Hermannsson, Prime Minister of Iceland (1983-91) and H.E. Hegazy, Prime Minister of Egypt (1974-75) gave some remarks and then Rev. Kwak introduced Rev. Moon one final time to give his closing address.

If anyone has ever sat through one of Rev. Moon's speeches they can tell you that his speeches are quite intense and have lasted anywhere from 1 hour to 3 hours at a given time.

Although by nature he is a religious leader, his speeches seem to touch on all areas of human activity, which is why it seems these world leaders respect him so much, and see the fruit of his work. Whether they understand his theology or not, they know that he and his wife and the organizations that he has founded are up to something important.

On the eve of Rev. Moon's 83rd Birthday he was on the stage pouring out one last time his heart to the Summit delegates and participants. At one time in the program he asked if there was anyone older than him in the audience, no one raised their hand. "So then," he said, "I can speak to you then like your elder brother and you will listen." And listen they did with respect and admiration to this man who in the culminating years of his life has accomplished miracles.

[Special thanks to Mr. Michael Balcomb for providing some of the participant quotes.] ❖



IIFWP France: Renewal of Our Nation

by Hanna Lei

The program held January 18, 2003 in Paris is part of a series of conferences sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace to help assist leaders think about the internal reformation of their nation. France enjoys peace and prosperity, but faces cultural and social issues, which need new and bold approaches. Insecurity has become the central concern, dominating the last presidential campaign. Juvenile delinquency, widespread corruption, carelessness, the multiplication of natural or man-made disasters, have resulted in an erosion of trust, hope and social ties. As a consequence, people turn to police forces, rather than using an educational approach to solving problems.

Former Prime Minister Lionel Jospin admitted that for years, the various governments had naively thought that economic and social reforms would bring about the necessary changes. He said that new approaches were needed. The French government is thus thinking about "moral education."

Our meeting opened at 2:30pm with

two panellists addressing the need for cooperation of religions with other forms of authority.

Mr. Paul Frank, Honorary Member of the Supreme Court of Luxemburg and General Secretary of IIFWP, Europe, reminded us that European societies have received spirituality from Jerusalem



and humanism from Athens and Rome. The harmony was not easy to preserve and most European nations have faced a rise of secularism and hedonism while spiritual values have been ignored. He expressed his confidence that religions can again be heard if they bring a common message of hope and love, going beyond their dogmatic differences and by involving themselves in common actions for the sake of other people. "Spirituality knows no enemy," Mr. Frank forcefully said.

He also suggested that the people present at the IIFWP Paris Conference find one or several areas where they can cooperate together for the sake of France and Europe and gave the example of a Catholic Ambassador for Peace from Luxemburg who initiated a team of several people who now work together, offering to the Luxemburg society a precious tool for the sexual education of young people. As an area of cooperation, Mr. Frank presented an idea developed by the International Relief Friendship Foundation that involves family service. Different families (parents and children together) through service projects learn to overcome egocentrism by cooperating with each other for the sake of the community.

Then we welcomed, Mr. Bernard Zamaron, delegate from the Robert Schuman Center for Europe and Ambassador for Peace. A well-known figure of European federalism, Mr. Zamaron

reminded us that religion comes from the Latin *religare* - to relate, or to connect. "The important point," he said, "is the vertical connection between human beings and a power above ourselves. He reminded us that, Robert Schuman, one of the founding fathers of Europe, had a vertical sense and advocated the



reconciliation between the Germans and the French, just five years after the end of Nazism. "Without the vertical axis, this would never have worked. The problem is that nowadays, 99% of the people think of their bank account on earth, and not so much about their soul-account in Heaven."

Hearing this statement, two Protestant ministers in the room nodded. One of them is the President of the African churches in France and his life illustrates his thirst for spiritual treasures. A successful medical doctor and specialist of pneumology, he heard the call of Heaven and became a pastor, traveling between Paris, New York and Vladivostok to spread the gospel.

The two speeches were followed by debates at each table. A former Algerian ambassador advocated that France needed an anthology of religious scriptures concerning morality. "All religions," he said, "have a common view on what good and evil are." Many people stressed the mission of fathers to show authority at home. Without real fathers, young people cannot develop their moral sense. A Laotian woman agreed but stressed the importance of horizontal communication in the family too. "At home, I talk so much with all of my children. We really share every-

thing, and we are good friends. In this loving atmosphere, we develop trust."

After a coffee break, the second part of the program began. Two panellists talked about youth, and how to prepare young people for successful lives. Rd Jean-Luc Berlet, Ph D in political philosophy and author of, "The Complex of God" spoke about education. Quoting Socrates, who was the son of a sculptor and a midwife, he said, "In education, teachers act like a midwife. Of course, the child has to learn something, but most of all, his true self has to be awakened. Once born, the soul is to take a substantial shape. In this way, education is similar to sculpture." He emphasized that education should not limit itself to the social dimension of man. "If we assume that man has eternal life, as all religions stress, then, there should be an education to and for the "transcendent."

Mr. Laurent Ladouce concluded with some Unificationist insights on successful youth. "A successful life starts with the notion of being well born, this means to be born in true families, with true love, true life and true lineage. During his life on earth, man is the active partner of God. While the first Blessing is concerned with man's vertical growth and his becoming a teacher, the second Blessing is about the horizontal achievement of man and his being recognized as a parent, as a patriot and

as a saint, by living for the sake of others. Finally, man should not just seek his own profit, but should use his creativity to benefit others. This is the third Blessing and is about becoming owners. He gave examples of successful lives and concluded with considerations on the various stages of life and the responsibility given to young people.

Another session concluded with remarks from some of the participants. The president of the Muslim Women of France expressed her gratitude. "I am 73, and today I feel so young again. You know, when I was a child, my mother educated me to respect other religions. Beside our house was a church, and my mother said that I should always offer the best flowers and best food to the priest. So I did." A young student reported about youth's desire to be trusted and to show their capacity for altruism. Several other people expressed their gratitude for being invited to such a wonderful program. ❖

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ACLCLC Pastors' Prayer Breakfast in Chicago

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

There is something to say for consistency—and that is what our Chicago ACLCLC is all about. For the past year under the consistent leadership of our Bishop, Ki Hoon Kim and our ACLCLC Co-Convenors Dr. A. Harold White and Pastor Bennie Owens we have continued to have a monthly prayer breakfast on the third Tuesday of every month. We move around and the breakfast is hosted by a different church every month. Even last month, in January, when the initial direction for every State to hold a monthly prayer breakfast was rescinded because of all the preparation for our journeys to and our activities in Korea, Chicago, which had already proceeded with our monthly prayer continued with business as usual.

As a result Archbishop George Augustus Stallings and Rev. Levy Daugherty were able to come to Chicago and keynote our Prayer Breakfast. And it turned into an awesome experience with over 250 ministers and guests filling Rev. James Porter's beautiful banquet hall to the rafters. Only the day before, filled with the Cheong Pyeong spirit, Bishop Kim, in fact had returned from the 50-day workshop in Korea to lead the event. However, I must admit that when he saw the confirmation list, he was more than a little concerned about the event's attendance. But the Holy Spirit worked wonders and 50 unconfirmed guests were brought by the ministers themselves. One of the most inspired attendees was the national ACLCLC Co-convenors, Chicago's very own Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. In fact, Pastor Barrett was so inspired that he offered his own Life Center Church of God in Christ as the host of our February meeting.

So even though nearly all of our members had barely returned from Korea and even though, Washington, DC was in the midst of hosting back to back national conferences (the Media Conference and the Peace in the Middle East Confer-

ence) in Washington DC, God saw fit to send Rev. Jesse Edwards and Rev. Levy Daugherty back to Chicago to keynote the event on February 27, 2003.

Time does not permit me to go into the depth of their two sermons, but just me say this in synopsis. Chicago ministers are falling in love with Rev. Daugherty—especially after the incredible keynote that he had offered in January. But today's sermon was truly amazing. What has come to be known as a sure sign that Rev. Daugherty's sermon was theological-

ly correct was the smile on the inspired face of Lutheran Professor of Theology, Dr. Paul Swanson. Dr. Swanson is the theological conscience of our movement. And as Rev. Daugherty recog-

Rev. Isaac Strong (in whose church I had given my first sermon in 1984), Rev. Mickey Walker, (who had walked door-to-door with us during our 1986 signature campaign) and so many others.

But I digress-by the time our MC A. Harold White, our host pastor, T.L. Barrett, the Japanese True Family Values Choir and Rev. Daugherty had finished it was already 11AM which is our promised closing time—and we had not even heard from Rev. Edwards. But Rev. Edwards was true to the time and he poured out his heart and soul in just 15 minutes in which time he captivated our entire congregation.

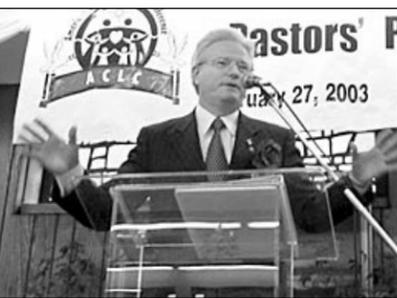
One note about Rev. Edwards "sermon". Each minister is certainly unique in the way that they bring forth the spirit of God and the Holy Spirit to the pulpit. For me the uniqueness of Rev. Edwards is how he brings God to the pulpit. Especially after a powerful sermon like the one that Rev. Daugherty had just delivered,

there is little room (and probably little need) for more words. But, there is always more room for God's love (The Principle teaches us that Jesus taught the disciples with the truth, but he raised them with love). And that is exactly what Rev. Edwards brought to the pulpit. He brought the recognition that we serve a great and loving God. He brought the recognition that we serve an awesome God. And he brought the recognition and attendance to the love of God. When he finished (truly in less than 15 minutes) the room was truly filled with the Holy Spirit.

The fellowship which remained after the official program ended, continued for quite some time—as many were drunk with the holy

Spirit. However, the providence is moving on—at record speed. So Rev. Daugherty and Rev. Edwards sped back to the airport so they could catch planes back to Washington and Philadelphia respectively as they prepared for the "Peace in the Middle East Conference

and True Parents' Keynote address one step ahead of Dr. Swanson and Pastor Owens (who were on the afternoon flight) and Pastor Barrett and Dr. White (who were on the evening flight.) Bishop Kim sped off to host our members to one of his now famous buffet lunches. The STF members, 2nd generation children of Tom & Alexa Ward (both presenters at the Washington conference), New York City pastor Andy Compton, Los Angeles area Mayor Keith McCarthy, New York Attorney Andy Kessler, 1800 blessed couple (and newly matched) son of Dan and Pamela Stein and more, who had served the breakfast so well, took off to attend the Civil Rights Speech of Rev. Sardon for Black History month at Loyola University. ♦



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Having inherited true love, true life and true lineage through the Blessing bestowed by True Parents, this family has done its best to achieve harmony, with the attitude of one heart, one body and one mindset,

so as to realize the ideal of absolute love, unique love, unchanging love and eternal love which are the essential attributes of God.

Centering on the tradition of the victorious Parents of Heaven and Earth, this family has pledged firmly to consecrate Cheon Il Guk by fulfilling the way of devoted children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters and establishing the heavenly realm of life, through restoring its tribe in cooperation with its ancestors in the spirit world.

Accordingly, in this, the third year of Cheon Il Guk, on the occasion of True Parents' Birthday, and particularly True Mother's sixtieth birthday, we hereby confer this award upon the aforementioned family. ❖

'Bible-Answers Institute' Explores Divine Principle

by Rev. Curtis W. Walker—Houston, TX

On the evening of Thursday, January 16, 2003, in a fantastically anointed Bible-study session, attendees of the Bible-Answers Institute (BAI) shouted "Hallelujah" as they, for the first time in their lives, came to clearly understand how Adam and Eve actually fell, and how Satan corrupted humanity's blood lineage.

The crackling energy and electricity that filled the room were palpable, as The Human Fall presentation came to a close. This was the twelfth (12th) study-group meeting, since our initial session of Wednesday, September 18, 2002.

Due to the unique challenges that come with instructing Christians, teaching the entire Divine Principle in a strict, Bible-study format (i.e., no chalk board; no slide show; no PowerPoint; only open Bibles and certain visual aids) takes time, patience, and skill. It's been an experience that I wouldn't trade for the world.

The brainchild of ICC Alumnus and ACLC activist Minister Mary H. Preston, the Institute is now four months old, and it continues to gain momentum under the Holy Spirit's anointing.

Minister Preston serves as Assistant Pastor for the Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church, and she has, for years, dreamed of a forum through which she could introduce more and more of her conventional Christian friends and associates to the Principle.

On the day when my wife, Lori, and I sat down with her at her home, Minister Preston stated, "The Spirit has told me that it's time to launch a Bible Institute, Rev. Walker. And you are the one who Spirit told me will instruct it. Will you?"

You know what my answer was to that. Lori and I looked at each other

for a split second. We both then looked at Minister Preston as I responded to her, "When shall we begin?"

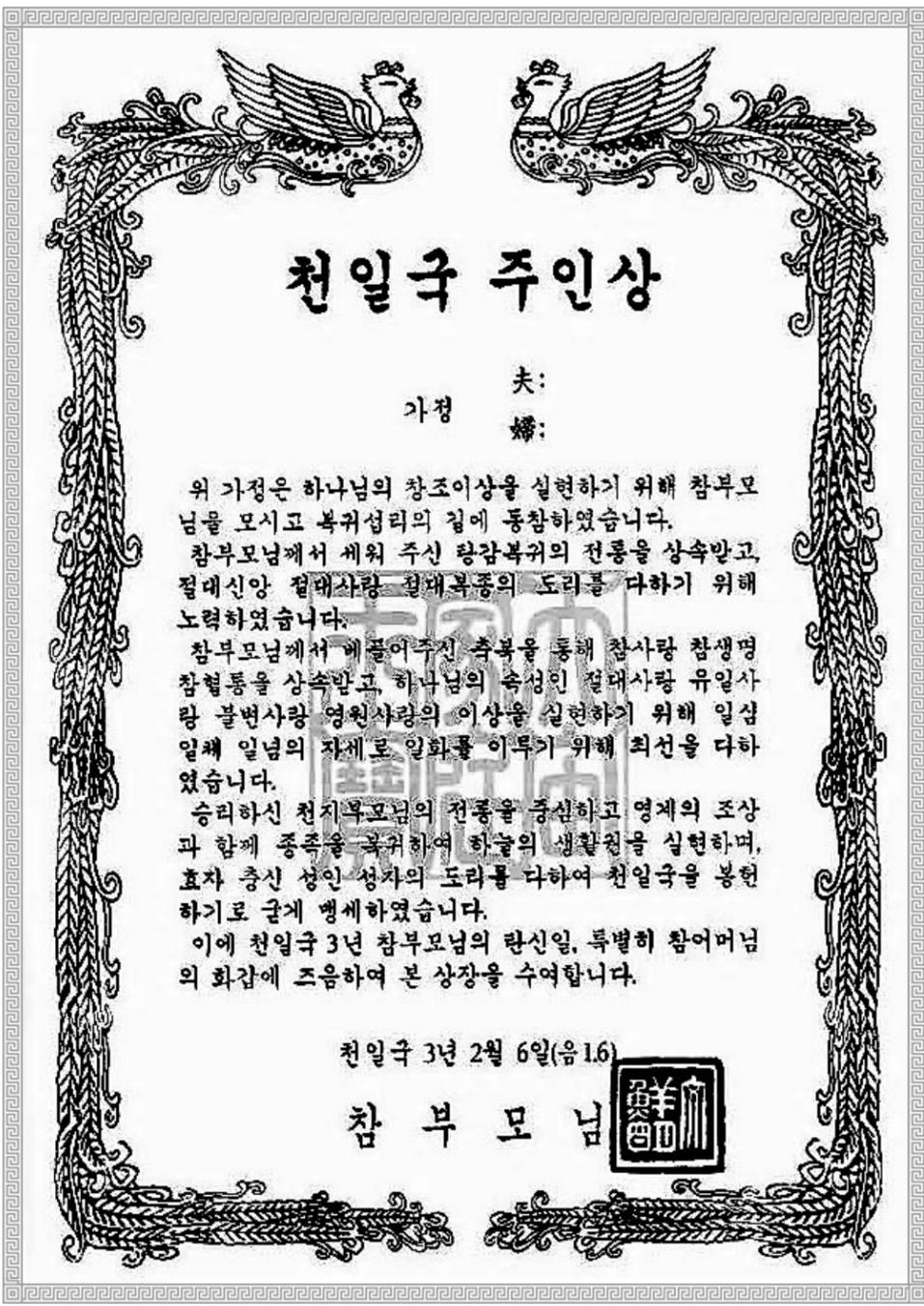
As ACLC Outreach Director for Houston and Vicinity, Lori and I have a white-hot passion to reach Christian clergy and laity with True Parents' interpretation of the Holy Bible. Every DP lecturer knows that the Exposition of the Divine Principle text stands — among other things — as a commentary par excellence on the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.

In essence, it is the commentary of commentaries, given directly by the Lord of the Second Coming, and presenting an irrefutable interpretation of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. As Rev. Kevin McCarthy states in his The Blood-Stained Voice—Revealing God's Heart in a Christian World: "Today, armed with the clear vision of the Divine Principle, we are able to bring everything out into the light. We need not fear any knowledge. There is no circumstance that cannot be enlightened by the Divine Principle." (p. 166)

As the premiere ICC lecturer for the Texas region, from 1986 until the end of the ICC tours, I had the responsibility of readying the clergy for the teachings they would hear in Korea. All of Houston's ICC Alumni, as well as some Alumni from Dallas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas received preparatory DP lectures from me, prior to their Korea-Japan trip.

It was also my privilege to lead the follow-up work with the Alumni, after their return from Korea. As head of Houston's ICC Alumni Association, I had numerous opportunities to deal with the ministers' questions and objections.

Now, with the Bible-Answers Institute, my wife and I are able to work



hand in hand with a courageous minister who has opened the doorway for True Parents' thought to begin taking hold within this city's congregations.

Prior to our most recent session, we had covered The Principle of Creation, The Consummation of Human History, and some major points dealing with The Change of Blood Lineage, and with the Christian sacrament of Holy Communion.

With The Human Fall now clarified, these Bible students are eager to study The Principle of Restoration Through Indemnity. Once this first class of BAI attendees understands The Mission of Jesus and The Second Coming of the Messiah, they will be positioned to help their respective pastors and church congregations to understand as well.

This is a great time to be alive and to be teaching the DP. Even as Lori and I prepare to travel to the Fatherland for the Chun Il Guk Blessing and Activities, the students of the Institute are praying for our safe journey and return. They're looking forward to more learning, as they experience the Scriptures coming alive to them with each session.

In addition to Minister Preston, Lori, and myself, regular attendees at the Institute include Rev. Michael Jerrols and his wife, Evangelist Georgia

Jerrols; their 26-year-old son, James Jerrols; Evangelist Louise Williams; Mr. Jeriel D. Hobbs; and Mr. & Mrs. Leo & Katrina Durante.

As these Christians continue to understand and to embrace more and more of the Divine Principle content, God anoints them more and more strongly. They will eventually stand ready to join us in spreading the Messianic thought throughout the entire Body of Christ here in this city.

Even during the past few months, as Evangelist Louise Williams has spoken on more than one occasion at different churches around the city, she has included DP content in her deliveries, and she testifies to it whenever she can. This is also true for Evangelist Georgia Jerrols.

Thinking Christians are famished for "meat." They have had enough of "the milk of the Word." That "meat" is indeed the DP, and it is now being served by our True Parents. To Them be the glory, for the great things that They have done, are doing, and yet will do. ❖

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Bringing Harmony Among Religions and Advising Political Leaders

In the notes of Father's morning message of March 2, Father was quoted as saying, "To unify Korea we must unify church and state. We must establish a political party and then unify church and state."

This interpretation of Father's actual words give a very misleading impression. In western political thought "unity of church and state" conveys the idea of the establishment of an official state religion. From Father's extensive commitment to dialogue and the development of interreligious conferences on peace we see that his teaching always emphasizes the Biblical theme of the prophet "advising" the king. He also teaches that the "prophetic" voice at this time is most clearly heard when there is harmony of the world religions. As with a symphony, every religion has its distinct character, integrity and unique expression. However, when harmonized together on the "key" notes they bring forth the most beautiful inspiration toward understanding and peace. Rev. Moon's thought teaches that essence of God is love for all races, religions, peoples, nations and cultures and that His hope is that all people realize true families that are blessed by God living in harmony and peace on all levels. He teaches that a harmonized and cooperative interreligious body can best communicate and advise the heads of state, assemblies and congresses of the world concerning the realization of such a world of peace based on the family.

Father also emphasizes in his teaching that the government should embody godly values and policies as the natural expression of the religious beliefs of its people. A better translation of Father's words would be "we must harmonize religion and politics." In fact

our translator, Mr. Tim Elder, upon careful review,

concluded that rendering the thought conveyed on March 2 as the as "unity of Church and state." would have better been expressed as the "Harmony between religion and politics".

Of course, Father opposes the strict "separation of church and state" in the sense that he does not favor a completely secularized, amoral society in which religion is removed from the public square. But by no means does Father wish to "unite the church and state" in the sense of making the Unification Church or any other faith an official state religion. That's why he says the "interreligious" body should "advise" the governmental bodies of the world.

Because the phrase "unite the church and state" can be so easily misused by our opponents to create trouble for our movement, it is important that the previous language be corrected on any public websites and that members be advised about the need for caution in speaking of the concept of the relation of religion and politics.

The context of a free relationship and cooperation between the religious and political spheres is not narrow. Rev. Moon's teaching and practice is consistent and clear. His respect for the absolute value of all religious traditions and that they are all rooted in the same God is the ground from which his idea of a better relationship between religious and political leaders may be realized.

His concept of religious leaders advising and giving wise counsel to political leaders is not a vision of one religion in control but rather the spirit of the Lord working through the collective consensus of all. The spirit of cooperation between religion and politics is set forth quite well in Rev. Moon's

address entitled, "The Path to World Peace in View of God's Will", given at the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace Assembly 2001.

He states: "Inter-religious reconciliation and cooperation is an essential condition for world peace. I have campaigned tirelessly for interreligious harmony and dialogue. I always have devoted a far greater proportion of my funds for that purpose than for the growth and development of the Unification Church. Its first requirement is that the religious people sacrifice themselves, harmonize and cooperate with other religions. With this they become capable of advising the political leaders..."

"Therefore, religious leaders and believers should be the guides who lead people to peace. If religions only emphasize narrow-minded denominationalism and fail to teach true love for God and the universe, we will never free humankind from the horrors of war. In the face of this global crisis, religious leaders have to practice true love, humbly following God's Will, walking hand in hand beyond the boundaries of their own religion."

"The inner power of religion touches our hearts and can recreate us as people of peace. It can cultivate our ability to practice self-control from within. It can overcome historical hatreds and resentments among us. This is the root from which arises true peace and stability. If religions demonstrate love for each other, cooperate with each other, and serve each other, putting the higher ideal of peace ahead of particular doctrines, rituals and cultural backgrounds, the world will change dramatically. Beyond National Self-Interest.

"I once again emphasize the prop-

er role of the United Nations in realizing world peace. As a representative organization for world peace, the United Nations has made many contributions. Last year, I presented my proposals to solve the fundamental problems plaguing the planet Earth, given that the world's circumstances have changed and the complex situations in which nations find themselves today are unlike those at the time of the United Nations' founding.

"One of these proposals was to establish a special body (of religious and political leaders) that would discuss and evaluate the religious, spiritual and moral dimensions of world problems. The United Nations must serve the world and God's ideal of creation effectively. To do so, it must transcend the power of politics and national diplomacy, which reflect the motives of nations seeking their own self-interest. Only then can it truly protect the human rights of all peoples and nations and build world peace.

"This is not limited to the United Nations. Maintaining order in the world and protecting public prosperity and peace will be difficult as long as political sovereignty operates on the principle of national self-interest and ignores or undermines moral and spiritual values.

"What is required is that high-level leaders ground themselves spiritually and morally upon God's ideal and govern according to universal principles. No political power or earthly authority should stand above God and the laws of Heaven."

This gives a better understanding of the concept that Father is putting forward concerning the harmonization of religion and politics. ❖

The Upcoming Interreligious Peace Sports Festival

The inauguration of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival will take place near Seoul, Korea on May 21-25, 2003 as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival. Young athletes between the ages of 16-23, from all continents, will gather in the spirit of cooperation to compete as representatives of their religions.

Today the world is suffering from numerous conflicts that are linked not only to nationalism also to religious and cultural differences. The worldwide appeal of sports can be a powerful and unique catalyst for cultural change. The Interreligious Peace Sports Festival utilizes this potential and provides international athletes an opportunity to contribute to the development of a culture of peace by creating a new legacy of cooperation, respect and reconciliation.

Rev. Moon initiated the festival. Advisors representing a wide range of religious traditions are supporting the sporting event and contributing

to an environment in which each athlete strives for personal excellence, team cooperation and respect for others.

The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) and its worldwide network of Ambassadors for Peace are sponsoring this event in cooperation with various sporting clubs, government ministries, non-governmental organizations and businesses.

The 2003 Interreligious Peace Sports Festival will include sporting events such as: Track, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Swimming, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Badminton and Table Tennis.

For more information and applications please contact: Interreligious Peace Sports Festival c/o Interreligious International Federation for World Peace, 155 White Plains Road, Suite 204, Tarrytown NY 10591, E-mail: IPSF@iifwp.org, Web site: IPSF-festival.org. Tel: (914) 631-1331 ext. 452. Fax: (914) 631-1308 ❖

World Peace King Cup to Feature Soccer Greats

by Min Hak-soo

The organizing committee of the World Peace King Cup announced February 5 that the soccer tournament will be held from July 15 to the 22nd and feature \$2 million in prize money.

The participating teams will be AS Roma (Italy), Bayer Leverkusen (Germany), PSV Eindhoven (Holland), Lyon (France), LA Galaxy (USA), Sao Paulo (Brazil), Kaiser Chiefs (South Africa) and Sungnam Ilhwa (Korea).

The eight teams will be divided into two leagues and the top team of each will compete in the final. Rev. Kwak, president of the organizing committee said that the games will be played in the 6 World Cup stadiums and plans to revive the excitement of the 2002 World Cup Games.

The game will have 40 top-notch players including Francesco Totti of AS Roma, Neuville Schneider of Bayer Leverkusen, and Edmilson (Brazil) of Lyon who played in the 2002 World Cup.

PSV Eindhoven with Guus Hiddink as head coach and

Park Ji-sung and Lee Yong-pyo as players, and Hong Myung-bo of LA Galaxy are expected to draw a lot of attention from the crowds. The organizing committee has said that it will use all the proceeds of ticket sales for third world countries' youth development.

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New Hope Farms: Horses and Chung Il Guk

by Lesa Ellanson

If ever there is a religious benchmark to be measured from the life and example of our True Parents, it is their unwavering resolve to advance, increase and achieve. They never give so much as the slightest consideration to the thought of retreat, surrender, compromise or defeat. They see to it that the ongoing realization of God's ideal neither stands still nor do they permit it to lose any ground. There is only one direction in which they proceed: Forward. "Damn the torpedoes," for it is full speed ahead. It is through education (speeches, conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.) that Father and Mother have marched forward to regain God's ground, thereby establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. And their ultimate motive? They seek to give absolute joy to God. Period.

I live at New Hope Farms in upstate New York. Without question, this farm is very unique. Out of all the American properties that our True Parents have claimed for God, very few have been built from the ground up; most were "restored", that is, they were properties all ready constructed with buildings and/or dwellings formally used by outside, fallen people. In contrast, New Hope Farms was constructed, board by board, by the blood, sweat and tears of our church members. Following its completion, my family came to work here in 1994. Admittedly, while it is unlikely that I or my family will completely restore the entire world, we did determine at that time to work towards establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on this one 40-acre parcel. No matter what, I and my family would seek to set a heavenly example, make the right conditions and, hopefully, bring some result.

Yet results came few and far between. I asked myself why. How do I move forward? As stated in the beginning, True Parents never waver. They go forward and educate, educate, educate. When it came time to leave the farm and my family to join the Korean mobilization experience (the Holy Marriage of True Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Opening of Cheon Il Guk, visits to the Little Angels school, Sun Moon University and the Hoon Dok Hae readings) the sojourn made me realize that it was a determined True Parent's education that separated slaves to sin from a liberated, heavenly people. And the sub-

sequent Cheon Il Guk witnessing activity served to further entrench that realization. For many of us, the deep experiences from Chung Pyung and the

Cheon Il Guk activity, granted an inner peace and a renewed passion to remain steadfast to our True Parents, without regret and without apology. We applied their hard won words of truth in all manner of unpredictable situations and, over time, we came to know their certainty.

After nearly thirty years, I cannot remember why I joined but, today, I know exactly why I stay: As I continue to learn and pray, I continually deepen my loving bond with God. Having returned from Korea, I and my family resolved that the foundation of Cheon Il Guk, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, will likewise be set here upon the soil of New Hope Farms International Equestrian Park. It is paramount to unshackle God's children and free them from Satan's enslavement and, in so doing, we also liberate the heart of God, our True Parent. For me and my family who live on a site wherein the mission is the restoration of the Third Great Blessing, our resolve is

to educate and exalt all those who come. Step by step, we will open up Chung Il Guk on God's own New York property, centering on the creation. There can never be a complete appreciation of God's heart without also loving His creation. This beautiful world filled with its magnificent beasts can be totally appreciated only when the true children of God are one in heart with Him.

So what is our practical application? As has been done in 2000, New Hope Farms will again be offering equestrian internships (equine facility related jobs) and inaugurating several one-week horsemanship seminars exclusively for Blessed and Second Generation participants.

Classroom courses in stable guardianship, equestrian history, geography, theories of horsemanship and equine care from the Divine Principle perspective will be taught by a certified master of equine management who is also a Blessed Couple. Formal riding instruction in the disciplines of classical and competitive dressage, jumpers, equitation and cross-country riding through foxhunting have all ready been established. Our resident instructors, though not yet church members, have outstanding qualifications, including past Olympic

experience (dressage) and success at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden (hunter/jumper). Bit by bit we are working to educate these instructors in Unification Thought, especially as it pertains to heavenly stewardship. Like our True Parents, we will pray for, and be determined to, advance and expand. Thankfully, our prayers are now bearing fruit because inquiries continue to come in as God and the spirit world render support.

For example, one woman came to our office and inquired about boarding. I invited her into our office and she explained that she needed to board her daughter's horse. When I asked how she had heard of New Hope Farms, she replied that she was referred to us by another trainer. She said that, ". . . You came so highly recommended. She (the trainer) could not say enough good things about this farm."

I shared with this woman why she would be hard pressed to hear anything negative. I told her that it was Reverend Moon's mandate that we care for and train our horses with kindness and not with cruelty (Some trainers utilize artificial devices that augment a horse's performance by inducing pain and/or fear in its training. This is absolutely forbidden at New Hope Farms.). When she asked further, I began to share about Father and his vision and, without apology, I explained that this farm has, as its core, the impetus to love God and that we do so by being stewards of His creation. I said that that is what we teach, that is how we ride and that is how we live. Her eyes reddened and she suddenly burst into tears. "I knew it. I knew I was sent here," she sobbed. "My husband was a New York fire fighter and he was killed in the World Trade Towers. I knew he's been watching over us and I just know that he sent me here."

She revealed that her horse was in a barn where the owners were taking advantage of her; they were charging her many outrageous fees because they knew that she had received a huge settlement from her husband's death. She was desperate and she said that she had prayed for a better situation. She met the trainer who recommended New Hope Farms and so she came to see us. She and her daughter will move her horse to our farm this month.

To this day, New Hope Farms remains as one of the finest equestrian facilities in America. It is still affectionately deemed the "Horse Hilton" by those traveling within the ranks of equine professionals because of the renowned and prestigious world class horse shows. Site and facility pre-eminence notwithstanding, horse owners, many of them among the cream of the equestrian crop, know and praise the name of the Reverend Moon. They bear witness from experience to the level of care they and their horses receive while residing at New Hope Farms; that causes them to lavish praise upon its founder for his uncompromising standard. We, the family of New Hope Farms, have no intention at leaving it there. God's word and Cheon Il Guk education, centering on creation, will be our tool to liberate fallen people from ignorance. What is our ultimate motive? To give absolute joy to God. Period. ❖



by Dr. Kishor Rajbhandari

In the situation of national conflict and low public morale, like that of the present situation in Maoist affected villages in Nepal, the Religious Youth Service (RYS) can be of great significance and bring great success. This was exactly the case with the first RYS Nepal Project (an Ambassador for Peace Project) held in Barahathwa, Sarlahi, Nepal, December 20-24, 2002.

It was conducted on the Asiatic regional level, and the project included building a



RYS IN NEPAL

garage and an office room for the ambulance service. The site is a Maoist affected area and is about 350 km from the capital city of Kathmandu. The project was inaugurated with a tree plantation initiated by a local person belonging to an untouchable cast. [There is a cast system in Hinduism consisting of Higher (Brahman), middle (Kshetri), lower (Baisnab) and untouchable (Chhudra) divisions].

One of the Ambassadors for Peace, Hon. Ram Hari Joshy, (Former-Minister of Education and Tourism) was the initiator and inspiration for the project. The participants were from different faiths, cultures, professions and localities of India and

Nepal. The project was designed to bring the participants "heartistically" closer together, so different activities were included in the program to bring this result. Cultural exchanges, interactive educational programs, brainstorming and sharing sessions and games, and visits to historical places excited all of the participants.

Overall however, the construction work was the centerpiece for everyone to come together. The local people and local VIPs joined in to work together with the participants. Some local persons came with cold juice and fruits to feed the participants and the work-



ing people. It was like a festival for the entire village. In the later part of the see **NEPAL** on page 16

by Dr. Chula Senaratne

The concept of an RYS project in Northern Sri Lanka in November 2002 came to us after a new government and Prime Minister were elected in Sri Lanka. The incoming government

was actively interested in the use of dialogue to reach a peaceful solution to the civil war that has been especially damaging to the Northern region. This ethnic conflict between the Liberation Tigers

of Tamil Ealam (LTTE) and the Sri Lankan government has hindered both economic and social progress in the nation over the past 20 years but both parties recently agreed on a Memorandum of Understanding.

As a result of these peaceful compromises, considerable access to the northern and eastern parts of Sri Lanka was opened. Our RYS team which has been actively organizing projects in Sri Lanka since 1992, as a way to model ethnic and religious cooperation, thought it crucial to go into this former zone of conflict and create a project that would provide hope and vision to those who have suffered from the violence.

Once a settlement was reached in the Northern Region, the RYS team wanted to act quickly and pull together those living in distrust and animosity. The example of RYS and the experience it offers is a critical step needed to help the peace process work. We approached and received the blessing and support of Sri Lanka's Prime Minister and the Ministry of Youth Affairs. The Minister advised us and we teamed up with the National Youth Services Council (NYSC) because of its good organizational and administrative network in the northern and eastern parts of Sri Lanka.

Vavuniya, the gateway to northern Sri see **SRI LANKA** on page 16



by Paul Saver

From Jan 4th to Jan 10th RYS New Zealand conducted its first international RYS project held in and around Rotorua, world famous for its thermal springs. The theme was "Building a Culture of Everlasting Peace". Forty five participants came from across New Zealand, Australia, Japan, PNG and USA representing Christianity (Protestant and Catholic), Sikhism, Buddhism, Islam, New Zealand Maori, Australian Aborigi-

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nals and Unificationism. The work projects took place at five different sites and included restoration of grave stones at a soldiers cemetery, clean up of the foreshore of Lake Rotorua, painting, plus clearing of walking tracks. At each work project, RYS participants provided a willing voluntary workforce to assist local organizations serve the community. One such prominent local organization which

RYS assisted was Habitat for Humanity which has chapters all through NZ and throughout the world.

For those who have yet to visit NZ it should be said that driving from Auckland (capital city of NZ) to Rotorua one is immediately awe struck by the magnificent beauty of the natural environment reflected in such bio diverse flora. They say it only gets better if you go to more isolated places particularly on the South Island. The beginning of the proj-

ect was marked by a traditional Maori welcome. (the Maori is the name given to the indigenous people's of NZ). This consisted of speeches and prayers by local tribal elders and guest speakers. Prominent amongst the guest speakers was an address delivered by IIFWP Peace Ambassador, Sir Peter Tapsell, who drove five hours from the east coast of NZ to be present. Sir Peter is famous across NZ as a long serving Speaker of the House of the NZ Parliament. He praised the inspiration and vision of the Founder of RYS, Rev. Moon.

After all the speeches all the participants formed a single line and one by one greeted the members of the receiving party with the traditional 'rubbing of noses'. It was amazing that here in 2003, despite all our 'advances' we experienced an ancient ritual that was so filled with meaning and spirit. Fur-

thermore, this traditional welcome was not just a meeting of two Maori tribes but moreover a meeting of people's of such diverse national, racial and faith backgrounds. Our RYS group was a microcosm of the world.

What a wonderful way to begin an RYS programme. Here we had the elders of the local community and visiting elders speaking with such respect for each other and at the same time upholding the goodwill of the youth who had gathered in Rotorua to serve the local communities. No doubt the participants felt an added sense of responsibility to live up to the

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expectations being aired about them.

Following the Opening Ceremony, the first day consisted of seminar type activities designed to empower participants, build team spirit, increase awareness and appreciation of interaction styles, increase understanding and appreciation of different faiths, create a vision for RYS and learn interpersonal skills to facilitate greater harmony. Activities with these goals were integral to the programme each evening throughout the week.

From day two, the day began with a meditation/devotional session run each day by a representative from each of the different faiths. Participants could learn first hand of the different approaches to spirituality. The bulk of each morning period consisted of participants engaged in work at the various work sites followed by an excursion/recreational activity in the afternoon. Excursions includ-

ed trips to the "Polynesian Pools" (thermal pools), Kerosene Creek (hot river), Blue Lake (swimming in a 'blue' crater filled with water supplied from under the ground, the Sikh Temple at Te Puke where participants learned more of the Sikh religion and a visit to Whakarewaraewa: a thermal village where the landscapes is dotted with hot spots giving rise to hot pools and springs and mud pools all giving off steam laced with a pungent sulphur odour.

Whilst social service work is a worthy pursuit in and of itself, RYS provides an opportunity for participants to learn about themselves and others through the medium of serving others. It's called service learning. This is why the seminar component of RYS is so crucial. This includes constant reviewing and reflection throughout the project. Dr. Ron and Sherry Burr, both professional university lecturers and personal development facilitators from the University of Southern Mississippi, USA were brilliant and selflessly gave of themselves to partici-

pants to allow for such an enriching experience.

Two Peace Ambassadors from Australia graced the project with their active participation from beginning to end. They were King Lee representing the Chinese community of Sydney and Michael Jarrett, an aboriginal elder from northern New South Wales. Both of these gentlemen were team leaders and brought such a wealth of wisdom and maturity that blended so beautifully with the exuberance of the youth participants. (Incidentally, both Mr. Lee and Mr. Jarrett are men who not only speak of ideals but are men of action. Since being appointed as Peace Ambassadors of the Inter-religious International Federation for World Peace both were decorated with prestigious awards for service to their communities. Mr. Lee received the Order Of Australia (OAM) award from the Queen. Mr. Jarrett was honoured with the award of "Australian Aboriginal of the Year" from his local community)

Throughout the week in Rotorua so

many participants spoke of the warm welcome they received at all the work sites. At Ohinemutu, the site of the soldiers cemetery, where grave stones located next to the local Anglican Church, were scraped, cleaned and painted, one of the church elders was so moved by the hard work and sincerity of participants, that she offered to pay for all the equipment and materials used to complete the job. On this site a reporter from the local newspaper arrived mid week to write a story that filled half of the front page of the city's daily newspaper the following day.

No doubt there is an image etched in the mind's of local Rotoruans who witnessed RYS activities. It's an image of young people of all different skin colors and appearances laughing and chatting yet working hard together for the sake of others. Here is idealism in action transcending all barriers and showing that God exists, the Parent of all of us. ❖

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Lanka was selected as the area to host the project and the RYS formed a partnership with the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) because of their success as an NGO in the area. As a result of the instability that the conflict created, many villagers had to move to resettlement communities. These resettlement communities often suffer greatly and are rife with poverty, unemployment and neglect. We chose to work in the resettlement community of Maravankulam with its nearly six hundred families pulled from various areas.

The needs of Maravankulam are great and varied but the project that was selected included building three culverts, which would allow the roads to be passable during the rainy season. The International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) provided a generous grant for this work.

Mrs. Fazida Razak (Director - RYS Asia-Pacific) joined the project from Singapore to serve as the Project's Education Director. Participants joined the project from all parts of the country through the help of NYSC, SUNFO, University Students' associations and RYS alumni. The meaning of the work was clari-

fied through the project theme: "Peace & Prosperity Through Interracial Harmony."

The Project

Illustrating the need for RYS, communal strife between Buddhists and Muslims resulted in curfews in areas of Colombo that forced many of the participants to take alternative routes. Participants from Jaffna of northern Sri Lanka had to get registered with both the LTTE and the Sri Lanka armed forces before entering Vavuniya.

The 48 participants came largely from all parts of Sri Lanka and were Buddhist, Hindu, Catholic, Muslim and Unificationist. The diversity of having a Buddhist Monk and a Unification Pastor working side by side was very stimulating. Participants squeezed into accommodations at the RDF training center that normally held forty. The opening ceremony was held at Muththiah Hall, Vavuniya and drew together a large gathering that included religious leaders, administrative leaders, commanding officers of the security forces and members of the media. The vision of RYS was presented and participants and the community shared cultural presentations and words of encouragement.

An important component of the RYS Education is its varied morning devo-

tions. The devotions were lead by religious leaders or were guided directly by participants from the Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Muslim and Unification traditions.

English presentations had to be translated into Tamil and Sinhala during the Education Program. What was feared to be a major problem was overcome by the enthusiasm of each of the participants as they eagerly worked to learn each other's language. We had many opportunities to look at each other communicate through gestures and signs and these extra efforts to reach out to others, helped us to break down walls and feel closer. The initial reluctance to mix soon broke down as it became clear that people were waiting for this opportunity for years and this yearning had been suppressed by the ethnic conflicts.

Following our orientation we took part in three days of physical work in Maravankulam, where participants were involved in building culverts and cleaning a playground for the community center. The work on the culverts was a bit strenuous. Participants were interactive most of the time passing the materials through human chains. The villagers were very happy and joined us in the work because they wanted to be part of it. Many times we had to send the groups of village children away because they became so numerous.

The final workday occurred on a public holiday called, 'Deepavali,' a cultural festival celebrated by Hindus. As Vavuniya is a city with a Tamil majority, the participants were able to experience the atmosphere more closely with firecrackers and fireworks exploding all around the neighborhood. We also celebrated 'Deepavali' at our camp with traditional Deepavali sweets. There was also a pleasant surprise on the same day, when one of the participants from Jaffna celebrated his 20th birthday, and also treated us with sweets. The brothers and sisters of RYS gave him a surprise birthday party with cakes & candles. Everyone was feeding him with cakes and offered him loads of hugs. It was a wonderful sight of brotherhood.

On the same evening we had our Cultural Night. Although it was a simple one, all the participants practiced hard & made extra effort to prepare necessary costumes for their performances. The participant's performances consist-

ed of songs, dances, dramas & martial arts displays. Most of them were based on the theme of 'Peace.' The important factor was that during the dramas, people of different races & religions got together to perform which showed unity among them.

On the day of the religious site visit, the participants visited a world famous Catholic Church, a famous Hindu Kovil and a Buddhist Temple. As the Madhu Church was in a LTTE control area we had to register ourselves with government security forces as well as the LTTE. The participants also had time to relax on the beach & visit a few important places in the Mannar town, which is about 80km from Vavuniya.

The final day was a very emotional one. It was the day for testimonies & reflections. Everybody was weeping & embracing each other. At lunch they were feeding each other. The Buddhist monk's eyes were full of tears. The Muslim girls whom are very reserved in Sri Lanka were seen touching their RYS brothers' hands to say good-bye. These were rare sights to witness in Sri Lanka. After getting so close through RYS, the participants were so open without any restrictions or barriers.

After more than 10 years of involvement with RYS activities, this was one of the most meaningful projects I have ever participated in. On behalf of RYS Sri Lanka, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) for funding this project and also a special thanks to Rev. John Gehring (Executive Director, RYS International), for the assistance and guidance in this project. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Education Director, Mrs. Fazida Razak for her invaluable contribution to this project. Last but not least a special thank you should go to all the participants without whom this wonderful project would not have been a reality.

Simply signing treaties or having government's generate proclamations of peace will not release people from the web of resentment that past injustices have created. Lasting peace needs to come from a change of attitude and heart. The simple acts of selfless service that are generated through the spirit of RYS are an important element to building a lasting Culture of Peace. ❖

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program, the local people joined in the interactive educational programs and cultural exchange programs as well.

During the closing ceremony, participants shared their deep feelings of love for the villagers and for each other. They expressed their experiences with the greatest joy. National and international students with bachelors and masters degrees worked with joy and excitement in the village for the local people and left a great impact on the villagers and local VIPs. At the closing ceremony, the local VIPs stated that they came to know from the RYS program what they needed to do and how to do it. They also expressed their commitment to continue this project.

Hon. Joshy was the guest of honor at the closing ceremony. After hear-

ing everybody's sharing, Hon. Joshy congratulated the educational efficiency of the RYS project and thanked Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon for initiating these activities worldwide. He also emphasized the importance of this project within the context of the present situation in Nepal, where the whole country is under the severe dominion of Maoist activists.

In conclusion, we can say that the success of the project outweighed any expense. Not less than two thirds of the project budget came from the local institutions and local people. The building is bigger than initially planned. There were only 15 RYS participants, however the whole village could be educated from this program.

To work for the sake of others is the highest service we can do and to develop it within our own personal lifestyle is the highest reward for any human being. That was the lesson learned from RYS Nepal. ❖

CHUN IL GUK MOBILIZATION ACTIVITY

by Joshua Gotter

Gaebong is a poor, industrial area of Seoul, consisting of 7-8 districts. The church leader, Rev. Chun and his wife, are from the countryside and are a very heartistic, loving couple. The church members are like one family and we were very warmly welcomed at the Sunday service.

Immediately after service, we went witnessing for the next day's banquet program. Each day there are 1 or 2 programs in the surrounding districts, so we witness in those areas the day before. The members are working very hard to bring their contacts and new guests to these programs, centering on the unification of Korea.

Sunday evening was our first banquet, for Gaebong 2 dong (this is the district my wife and I are responsible for). About 100 people attended, and over half were guests. There were several community leaders, who were introduced. Our local minister gave an inspiring speech about Korean unification, and there was a hoondokhae reading and a reading from the spirit world.

The Japanese and American members sang 3 songs (Korean, Japanese and American), which really moved the audience. I was able to give a personal testimony of my own transformation through meeting True Parents,

Gaebong

and to testify to their incredible work to save America. My wife was translating, and I explained that True Parents had blessed us in marriage, and that I was eternally grateful to them for my wife and family. They were very inspired to see a Korean-American couple blessed by Rev. Moon.

I told them that because True Parents had sacrificed so much for America, that I now was dedicating myself and my family to bring unification in Korea, and that there were thousands across Korea that were pledging the same thing. Many members and guests were in tears. I realized that what we are doing is giving our church members here great hope, as well as the guests.

At our banquet the next day, we had a similar experience. After the testimony, our minister's wife came to us in tears, expressing her gratitude on behalf of all the members. I feel that these brothers and sisters have worked hard and sacrificed so much, while True Parents have been focusing on America. Now we can really heal their hearts by testifying to True Parents' work in America, and by committing ourselves to work together with them

to save Korea.

During the day, we have witnessed to and visited many senior citizens organizations, to invite them to the programs. We have been warmly welcomed by them, and their spirits brighten when they learn that we are here to support the peaceful unification of Korea.

On Tuesday, we met with the leader (hwejang) of one senior's group in Gaebong. He is 75 years old. As soon as we explained that we were here from



America to support the peaceful reunification of Korea, he grabbed hold of my hand and wouldn't let go. He told me tearfully how grateful he was to meet someone from America who wanted to help his country unite.

He said he had grown up in what is now North Korea, and had been bap-

tized at the age of 7 by an American minister (Baptist). He was a teacher, but when the communists came to the North, he had to leave school and retreat to the south, leaving his family. He thought he would only be gone for a week, but instead, it has been 50 years! He never saw them again. In his eyes and in his voice, you could feel the suffering of all those years, and the hope that maybe these Americans could do something to help.

He explained that he was shot in the leg, while climbing over a mountain, and that the person next to him was killed by a bullet. He wants more than anything to see his homeland united before he dies. This is his dream. We shed tears together as he held my hand, and I felt that it was God's and True Parents' own heart that was being expressed through him. Through those tears we became one, and I felt more than ever before God's desperate longing to bring His children in Korea together. We took a picture together and he signed our membership form, promising to come to the banquet.

In the Way of Unification, Father said that Westerners and Easterners are moved to tears by the same things. That is certainly true. In the short time we have here, perhaps the best thing to do is to shed tears together and make a strong foundation for our further work to bring unification. ❖

by Gregory Coolege

I wrote this Letter to the Korean People

Recently, I have come to Korea. I came because I am anxious to help in any way I can to bring about the unification of the two Koreas. I believe that God has a great purpose for the Korean people. I came in support of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's vision of peace.

I would like to express to you my feelings, emotions, and heart of what I see when I look into the eyes and faces of the people of Korea.

When I look into the faces of the elder and honorable grandmothers, I see a face of great strength. I have learned that this strength is very strong because I have learned that you can

Jinju

never say no to a Korean grandmother. I see the strength that can only be the result of many years of difficult suffering. When I look into the eyes of these grandmothers, I see many years of tears. Tears wept for they're family and country.

When I look into the faces of the elder grandfathers, I see years of strain. Strain that result into a body that can no longer stand up straight. A strain that was caused by the years of toil in efforts made to support their country and their families. A bent back caused by the heavy burden that was forced upon their shoulders.

My hands are soft. When I shake the hands of the elders, I feel the years

of toil in the roughness of their hands. I feel the hands that have had to work hard to support their families and country.

Upon reflection of the causes of what I see, I recall my history lessons I have had. I recall the suffering that the Korean people have experienced during the 40 years of the foreign occupation. I recall the difficulties caused by the Korean War. Then I realize that I am looking into the eyes of people who have suffered through these atrocities. I realize that I am looking into the faces of a pure and moral people who have suffered much at the hands of others.

I then recall that Korea is a country that has never been an aggressive nation, a nation that has never been motivated to take from they're neighbors in order to satisfy it's on needs.

I now fully understand why God has

chosen this great nation. I now understand why God has chosen Korea as the place that he places all his hope. I now understand why God has sent Rev. Moon to the Korean people. I now understand why Rev. Moon is so very anxious for the unification of the two Koreas.

I want you to know that I can feel deep in my heart the moisture caused by the tears of pain flowing from the eyes of the Korean people. That I feel the weight of the burdens placed upon your shoulders. Please know that I want to do everything I can to turn those tears into tears of joy. Please know that I want to do everything possible to lift the heavy blocks of burden from your shoulders and throw them into the sea. ❖

Miwon

hours with us! Some of the second generation go to this school. Later we sang to 4 groups of students both American and Korean songs. The teachers and students were very happy. We truly felt like Ambassadors for Peace and True Parents.

We have also visited local mayors, business leaders, a bank president and others. They are very happy to meet a group of Korean, Japanese and American representatives. Based on the local members, the guests welcome us and easily sign in support of unification. People are very encouraging. They are grateful we have come to Korea to promote unification. We are honored to be here. ❖

by Michael Yakawich, Allan Jessen, Akiko Matsuzaki

We had our first rally on Monday, February 10th, 2003. Under Rev. Shung Hwan Lee's leadership, we had over 300 people attend. His church members made good plans and preparations ahead of time. Most guests were picked up and transported by bus. We had a great program, lunch, and then everyone was invited to the hotel's sauna for a healthy hot bath. People were very inspired.

We spent some time at the local Miwon school. This elementary school is famous as a model for education in Korea. We met the principal and vice-principal. They were very happy to spend two



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CHUN IL GUK MOBILIZATION ACTIVITY

by David Eaton

Upon our arrival at the our regional center in Gwang-jin (south eastern Seoul) the regional leader suggested that we had a lot of territory to determine what local church we would be assigned to. I picked the Han Seon church which I found out upon arrival there, is our church in the Little Angels school. The church leader and all the congregation are teachers and staff of the Little Angels and the elementary school—wonderful blessed families, many from the 6500 Blessing so there were many Korean-Japanese couples.

We had rallies planned everyday includ-

Gwang-jin

ing one rally for about 100 of the school staff and administrators at the Little Angels Theater who are not our members and who are somewhat skeptical or even negative. Our leader, Rev. Hwang asked that instead of reading the prepared speech we speak from our heart as to why we came to Korea at this time. Having performed in the Little Angels theater I could give a strong testimony to Father's vision for how the arts can be used pave the way for greater understanding between historical enemies like North and South Korea. The audience was very inspired and Rev. Hwang said that our being there really had a great

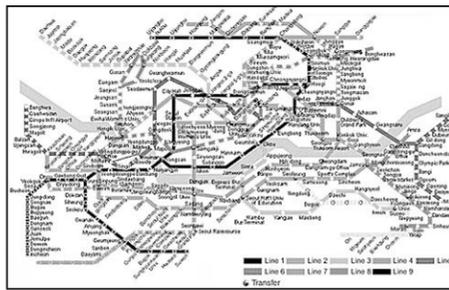
impact in changing some minds and hearts.

Everyday we visited churches, shops and government offices in the area to give our testimony about our True Parents' hope for Korea. We were received very well by government officials and shop owners but the ministers we met were really hard to win over. Some ministers refused to have any conversation whatsoever. One Presbyterian minister we met twice, and though he was very cynical the first day, on our second meeting (just by chance while wit-

nessing in the area) we broke through after a 45 minute dialogue. He said that if we are right about Rev. Moon he will follow, but he said we must be won over. I felt if we can serve his church in some way we can win his heart.

We had many great experiences and Rev. and Mrs. Hwang displayed a very deep heart in taking care of us. The rallies were well planned and very effective.

I had brief encounters with Hoon Sook Nim and Dr. Bo Hi Pak who were happy that we were there. We established a good foundation, but the next step is crucial—learning Korean! ❖



by Debra Gertz

In keeping with my husband's and my family's tradition, I would like to give an honest and what I see as truthful account of my experience in Korea—ie, no fluff!

Father once said, (after some members criticized my husband's book) it is the mission of the elder son to tell the truth, so here goes. I will be surprised if this gets any play on the list.

Truthfully, I was very scared to go to Korea again. During the women's 21 day workshop in CP two and a half years ago, I got very sick with a fever, and my back ached constantly from people hitting it at ansu. I had to walk bent over in constant pain. I was sick for weeks after coming home to the USA. I chalked it all up to indemnity. The conditions at CP at that time were extremely overcrowded and I felt it was a constant battle for survival both physically and spiritually. I felt abused in many ways.

This time I really wanted to do what Father asked, but I was sure it would be very difficult and that I might die, so I told God, I will go, and I will die, if that is what you want. I decided I would just go for the blessing and the witnessing condition and spend as little time in CP as possible and take as many precautions as possible not to get sick in CP. I called Beatrice to ask her for remedies, and I took a ton of vitamins with me. I would die, but go down fighting!

Well, the call came for me to submit the CIK application, even though in no way did I considered me or my family eligible for any kind of heavenly award. I felt guilty that I did not want to submit it. If God needed more people to apply, I wanted to do what He needed, so I filled it out and faxed it in. To my surprise and partial dismay, I was accepted to go to the CIK workshop. Once again I determined to just go, to pay indemnity, and die if necessary. In no way did I think that God would give my family an award. If anything we need to give an award to God for accepting us as a Blessed Central Family.

My dear, precious, friend Libby Henkin was so supportive. During the workshop at CPI did get sick, cough, phlegm, have a fever, and have terrible stabbing back pains. Libby fed me antibiotics and we were partners and had the pleasure of being with Mary, her sweet daughter. The conditions were overcrowded and

Chong Song

many times we had to push to get a place on the floor to sleep. It was good to have a friend through all of this. Libby is a great sister.

There were many precious moments with True Parents at CP, like seeing Father and Mother at the hospital opening (freezing our buns outside, and the beauty of the blessing (dripping sweat under our holy robes). I did enjoy the performance with The Little Angel's and the play about Mother's life, but it was overshadowed by all of the overcrowding and awful pushing and shoving. While waiting to get into the auditorium, we were crammed in the hallway for 30 minutes like sardines. Several people became faint and ready to pass out. I felt like we were being treated like cattle. When everyone rushed in to get a seat there was



chaos. Some had to stand during the whole thing. During Mother's play, Libby saved me a seat so we could see True Parents and the play.

Many times during the CP experience I felt abused, and many other times I felt God's Love and care. I guess it was like being in Heaven and hell at the same time. I still have to figure out and pray about why people come to CP for healing and virtually everyone leaves there sick, coughing for weeks afterward. I have great hope in the hospital there, but I have to say, I hope they first solve the CP sickness. I fear sending people to CP like my daughters who are prone to asthma, or even any weak sick person. I am asking God for answers. I am not inspired anymore to encourage anyone to go to CP because of this—even though, I have felt the ancestor liberations to be greatly beneficial. I hope this problem can be solved soon. If the sickness is solved and the overcrowding not allowed, CP Training center could be almost heaven.

Much to our surprise, both Libby and

I received the CIK award. I expected Libby to. I really admire her and her family, but God must be a gracious God to give my family an award. I really loved the necklace set that the sisters were getting, but when I saw the ring that Gudrin Gavin won for Jim, I knew that my husband should be the one to get the ring. I prayed that I could get a ring for Bill, and God did not disappoint me. That was great.

That is one valuable thing I learned at CP—our prayers now are very powerful. Especially after this last Blessing and TP coronation. When I pray, or even just sincerely desire anything that is one with God's heart, my prayers are answered and in a loving and powerful way. What I learned is that we must pray and act constantly for God's Will and it will be so! Isn't it wonderful?? We have all this prayer and love power now. I think God is bursting to work through us—and to love us each one, so be ware. Evil will try to stop us with laziness and doubt.

One thing I really repented for in the prayer chapel in CP is fallen, immoral, American women that are influencing all the world with immorality. That felt great. To pray tears of repentance and to feel it really having an impact.

My experience in the towns that I visited were also a mixed bag. I see that Korea is very poor externally compared to America, but very rich in some ways internally. I was surprised that the people live so poorly and are not so aware of external beauty in the living environment. It was very difficult physically, especially while being sick.

I see Korea as like America in the turn of the century to the 1920's and 30's as far as prosperity. I felt that when the Korean people accept True Parents, God will so happy to bless Korea, and that He has not been able to do so for so long. Now is the time, I felt. Now God really wants to bless His precious Korean family. I am glad, though that God wants us to intermarry. Hopefully, that will end racism and nationalism in a few generations.

My church leader and the young Korean (husband) and Japanese (wife) that took us to our town everyday were wonderful. The leader has 6 children and lives in a tiny place. The children are amazing.

The people were very gracious, giving, and kind. They had little, but always delighted in giving us what they had, especially those things precious to them. That was really beautiful.

The church center was very cold—even colder than outside. The kerosene space heater was of little help. It did not have a fan, and smelled awful making me cough more. The bathroom was very smelly and dirty. Everything externally in Korea to me seemed dirty, gray, cold, smelly, old, rotten, rocky and hard. I thought that the mountains in the spring may be beautiful and that I would like to see the place in bloom. We did enjoy the cute little bathhouse a half block from the center—Thank God! Also, Thank God for the two Japanese sisters I was with. They were like a comedy team funnier than any I have seen—they always came back to the room and we would laugh and laugh. They made such funny jokes about what happened that day. They kept a heavy situation very light and happy.

My best experience was at the final rally when I got to give a speech in my own words (the book was not there, so the leader demanded that I give a speech at the last minute, and fortunately, the night before for some reason, I wrote a little speech in my notebook...go figure.)

I got to witness to True Parents to a group of town officials at the final rally at the hotel. That was very liberating and wonderful. The next best experience was while visiting town offices and a negative city official asked me when I joined UC and why. When I gave my sincere answer he really seemed to listened and it had an impact. I think Korean people really respond to sincerity and love. They are truly a people of the deepest hearts.

Cough, cough, The CP cough is almost gone, and I did not die—nearly did when we had to wait three hours for our luggage to come out of the bin at the Dulles airport after a 14 hour flight, but at least I did not get stuck in Chicago because of snow like the sisters that left the day before—and it is great to be home in the USA. I do love America.

There is a lot to digest. Now I am dealing with Father's latest—move to your hometown in Korea. Somehow, I still see my mission in America. My husband is doing so much in America. He got to go to the Geraldo show a couple of days ago. After all, one of my ancestors is Daniel Boone, and some of the others are Hungarian gypsies that escaped Nazism and communism by coming to the USA. It will be very hard to leave America. For now, I would like to think about working with the prayer ministry and Christian ministers, here. ❖

CHUN IL GUK MOBILIZATION ACTIVITY

by David Young

Joong Nam

My trip to Korea was the most transforming experience that I have had. It really put things in perspective for me. When I was told I was to go Korea I didn't really take it so seriously, I just thought I would be going to help achieve the 2,400 members that Father requested.

When we got on the plane I was surprised that there were so many members on the plane that we were on. When we arrived at Chung Pyeong I felt very excited. Also I could feel a feeling of togetherness that comforted you and I realized how much this mobilization meant to God and to Father. This was the most important part of the providence that has occurred and we had to devote ourselves fully to accomplish an acceptable offering to God.

The time at Chung Pyeong was truly a big reunion of the members. I was so glad to see my dad happy to see his old friends from MFT and from all sorts of places. The feeling at Chung Pyeong was truly a feeling of love from all around. I got really attached to Chung Pyeong.

Went I went to climb the mountain at Chung Pyeong I stopped at all of the sacred trees. There were always people praying at each tree some were just giving light prayers but there were others who prayed with tears flowing freely. I was moved so much at the sight and I thought of how sad God must be to see all of the troubles of the world and then I thought if we learn to look at the world from God's point of view that our own problems seem

smaller compared to the global view.

I continued up the mountain and I loved the view that you could see up there. You could see the area where Father's palace is to be built. The view was wondrous and awe inspiring. I could have stayed there all day and look at the beautiful view but it was time that I start heading down.

The rest of the week was great. People were getting sick though, some people got it really bad but I was OK. I enjoyed Ansu though, the second time the person was really pounding away at me but I loved the excitement that was in the room and I supposed that spiritually it must have been a great thing to see. When the last day arrived I didn't want to leave. I was so attached to the place but I knew the responsibility that we had and I had to really focus all of my energy into our next mission and then a feeling a great warmth and satisfaction surrounded me and I thought that spirits were all around me helping and encouraging me to go forward to my town. I was glad.

That morning all the BCs were to meet. There were many elder Second Generation there like 20 or 30 years old. I also saw some 3rd generation there. The elder 2nd generation gave a marvelous speech on what to expect when we got to our towns it and gave me a lot of inspiration to go out and do my best for this providence. That meeting really moved me to see all the 2nd generation there in such

great unity and I thought that we must prepare ourselves to take the lead in the providence when the 1st generations have to go to the spirit world.

The town that we arrived in was a city a little smaller than Columbus. I was so surprised to see little children playing in the streets by themselves and I felt that this place seems so safe though in the US an area that looked like this you always had to be on guard. We received a very warm welcome upon our arrival. A lot of grandmas kept on rubbing my cheek together like I was a baby so that was a different experience. One of the BCs was



our translator there since she had lived there for seven years so that was very fortunate.

There were four other BCs in my group, three were 18 (two of them were matched which was very cool) and there was one that was 13 but she didn't talk to any one so I didn't get to know her to well. There were about 20 of us in the church center (which was also the pastor's home)

and we all became very close.

The first day we went witnessing to invite people to these rallies that we would hold. I enjoyed it a lot and I felt really connected to the Korean people. We actually only did about two half days of witnessing. But we still had a full house at every rally and I realize that we were just there to connect to the Korean heart and set the condition for North and South Korea to be unified. It was sad to see that some members couldn't see that we were there to connect to the people not so much to witness so they complained a lot. Yeah, I mean it wasn't organized and we were just kind of moved around but I thought it was just amazing that Father could make so many people feel loved with what he had to work with. I mean we couldn't speak Korean but we helped the churches there to hold these rallies that they wouldn't have been able to do without our donations and they took care of us even though many of us got sick they took great care of us and showed true love to us. I felt so loved and appreciated.

When we had to leave it as if my heart would break. I held the tears that I felt upon leaving my group, which had become my family and the pastor's family, which tended to our needs like parents to their children. I had pleaded with my dad to allow me to stay but my ticket wasn't negotiable and sadness filled my soul. I made a promise to myself that I would come back one day and we would all meet again but that was for the future and I had work to do in America.

The experiences that I gained at Korea left an everlasting impression on me and will never ever forget it. ❖

by Bruce Sutchar

Bo Song Koon

Three teams are gathered here in Bo Song, the main city of this region of Korea. Rev. Nam Kyu Pak and Mrs. Tshiaki Yamadae Pak, the minister of this church is a young educated energetic and active minister. We have divided into three teams one led by Rev. Shin, who was Bishop Kim's assistant in Chicago for some time. The other led by Mr. Joo, the church leader in Kodiak, Alaska.

Team One is led by Rev. Pak Along with myself, Mrs. Caroline Bettancourt and Mrs. Jung Shim Willis are joined by 3 or 4 Japanese sisters and one elder from the church.

We all go non-stop throughout the day visiting, Koon (county) leaders, myeon (town) leaders and lee (community) leaders, inviting them to the programs and rallies that we are hosting.

We have had many incredible experi-

ences. The political leaders of this area—it is the green tea capital of the world and is also known for its mushrooms and sea food (it borders the ocean on the South-Green tea health spas are a staple of the area as well. There is also a 1,000,000 year old dinosaur egg that attracts tourists internationally.

But the greatness of this area is its true beauty. The area is covered with small mountains and is a farming community—there is very little industry. And the people are so wonderful. There is no such thing as rush hour here and it shows in the kindness and generosity of the people. We have been so warmly received. The leaders here know of the works that Rev. Moon has done internationally and our presence here amazes them.

We testify to the greatness of the man who inspired us to change our lives and is now asking us to work for the unifi-

cation of Korea.

Almost 20 years ago just after Heung Jin Nim went to the spirit world I had a dream. In the dream I was walking with Hyun Jin Nim through the villages of Korea. As went together visiting Korean families door to door, he turned and said to me, "Now it is up to us to restore and re-unite Korea." As I visit the koon leaders, the myeon leaders and the lee leaders, I realize that that dream is now becoming a reality.

Mrs. Christine Kung, Hideo Kitahara, David Hill, Jamal Johnson, David Belfort and my 14 year old son Solomon (a GOP student in Seoul this year) are all together here in Bo Song Koon along with Devlin and Ethan Willis, Mrs. Willis 2 youngest children. Mrs. Willis has been a God-send, for she is an educated Korean woman, mother of 4 children, married to an American and an elder sister in the ways of the Korean Church.

We have held programs everyday on every level. Rather than deal with spe-

cific miracles, which I hope and pray have happened to every team, I will just say that every program that we held was filled to the max. Finally today, we held our final and biggest program. It took place in a wedding palace in downtown Bo Seong, the capital city of the area. Again, the program was filled complete with many of the political leaders of the area present. Rev. Moon, who is the leader in Kwangju and who is the National Messiah to Paraguay gave the keynote address in Korean after I have a short talk about Father's work in America and why Korea is so important to the American members of the Unification Movement. Rev. Moon was in Chicago for several months and we felt like family as we embraced one another.

We have also visited many families who, although members of our movement, have not been so active. Many of these have been deep and wonderful experiences. I hope that we will continue to do this upon our return to America. ❖

by Alex Apostolides

Jin Hae

I came to Korea with my two sons, age 17 and 9. We ended up in Jin Hae is a beautiful city in the South of Korea and with another 12 members from America and Japan we experienced a week of True Fathers heart and Heavenly Fathers Love.

The local leader had just moved there in October and two days later was asked to go to the 50 day leaders workshop. He left his small daughter and wife and came

back when we all went down there. He was as fresh as us

but had a heart of gold and truly took Fathers position with embrace and love. I always admired a leader that had no pride and Rev. Son was that kind of leader. From giving everything to accommodate us to massaging some sick members feet.

The Korean members heart was so unconditional and very moving. We set out on Monday 10th and hit the streets of JinHae to reach out to the local peo-

ple and bring the awareness of True fathers heart.

My 9 year-old-son Chaz was in the front line knocking the doors and saying hello in Korean and engaging with the Korean old people we would visit. I was so proud of him and also my 17-year-old Jourael always reminding me what our purpose was. I cried tears of sadness and love when I had to leave. That one week was a week we will never forget. We have to take True Parents words so seriously and establish homes that God can dwell. It starts from with-

in us to deny our fallen nature and truly become true sons and daughters. I am so grateful to Heavenly Father to have been able to experience this and in my heart my family has a place we can call home.

We must always be grateful of what we have, and even if the conditions at the local center were very hard, with a hole in the floor for a toilet and a bucket for a shower all of us gave our hearts and the everlasting feeling was that of a True Family. ❖

In Memoriam

Soon Ja McDevitt

Soon Ja McDevitt died Dec. 27 2002 of stomach cancer at her Fairfax home. She was 50. Dr. Yang, Rev. In Hoi Lee and I wish to express our profound gratitude for the life of faith demonstrated by our beloved sister.

Tom and Soon Ja are close to True Parent's heart and have demonstrated tremendous faith as a Blessed Central Family. Through many central missions for our True parents this family always stands on the frontline and in the forefront of God's dispensation.

We are grateful for their attitude of faith in these trying times. We also have been strengthened and inspired by Soon Ja's attitude of absolute faith and how she demonstrated profound love for God and True Parents during this difficult course. Tom has demonstrated an attitude that is a reflection of True Father's heart: Unwavering love and faith. Soon Ja is one of the most kind and loving

sisters I ever met in my life. She is a great citizen of Cheon Il Guk!

It is comforting to know that Soon Ja is going to a wonderful place now that God and True Parents have prepared for her in the Spirit World. She is a wonderful wife of a great Blessed Central Family. The course of their family is certainly with deep meaning and can only be seen as a course that God is

manifesting to save America and the World.

Mrs. McDevitt was buried at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood after a funeral service at Washington Family Church in the District. Mrs. McDevitt is survived by her husband; five sons, Macklee Thomas, Casato Joseph, Joehun Daniel, Patrick James and John Michael; her mother, Sung Choon Park of Kok Sung; four sisters, Yun Soon Lee, Kum Nae Lee, Yun Ja Lee and Kyung Ja Lee; and a niece, Nan Kyung. Her father, Man Hee Lee, died in the late 1950s.

Rev. Michael Jenkins ❖

In Memoriam

Don Marshall

An American hero, Don Marshall, has made the transition to the heavenly realm. Our prayers go forth for him and his wife Ichiko who have remained in Korea through the Cheon Il Guk activity and on until now. Today, around 4:15 pm EST Don made the journey home.

Don, is truly a great America. He gave his life for the will of heaven. Though he knew the risks involved with going to Korea, he expressed to his wife, sister and doctor, that he felt he had to go to the Fatherland at this time, no matter what. He felt that if he didn't make it now he might never be able to touch the Fatherland during the time of the founding of the Cheon Il Guk. He felt that regardless of the outcome he had to touch the Fatherland and sacrifice to secure

the unity of North and South. He suffered a heart attack and was in a coma since February 17th.

Ichiko has remained very strong and faithful. They are from Ohio. Don gave outstanding sacrifice and support to the dispensation and especially in the support of Christian outreach and help to the Japanese missionaries.

As an African American brother we recognize that his supreme sacrifice has very profound meaning. He was an a man who constantly crossed the racial and national boundaries to bring unity. He completed the Cheon Il Guk activity successfully with no health problems, then the morning he was to depart he suffered a stroke. It was if he knew he

had completed his course.

He and Ichiko worked together in the registered city and were outstanding examples as Americans with sincere heart and loyalty to our True Parents and God's providence.

We are deeply comforted by the fact that we know that this sacrifice will be etched into eternal history as one of our beautiful American patriots and sons fell on the battlefield to bring unity, peace and love to the Fatherland and to the world. Also, that his place in heaven will be very special as he offered his life at a most crucial dispensational moment in which the Fatherland is hanging in the balance, only secured by the conditions of our Blessed Central Families and espe-

cially True Parents.

We love you Don. Thanks for your living example of the way of absolute faith. You knew your path and had the courage to follow it. Thank you Ichiko for your faith to support your husband and stand by his side all the way.

We sincerely thank Rev. Sun Jo Hwang and our Korean Family Federation who did everything possible to take care of Don and Ichiko in their time of trial. Also we thank Rev. Lee for staying in Korea to support the Marshalls.

Brothers and Sisters, many of you risked your lives so that we could fulfill the will of heaven to steer the North and South tension toward peace. Don and Ichiko's example of sacrifice and attitude of faith will be our guide to bring the fulfillment of the Cheon Il Guk, Kingdom of God on earth.

Rev. Michael Jenkins ❖

In Memoriam

John Williams

We announce the passing of our dear brother John Williams, of Fort Lee, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Masako san, and 3 children, Minjo, Seoyun, and Nariku.

John joined in 1975, served on MFT, was a boat captain in Ocean Church where he was responsible for longline fishing, and was an active member of the New Jersey Family Church.

John also was a missionary to Poland in 1990, where he brought two spiritual daughters to our movement. He always humbly served God's providence through out his life in the church. His brother, Miller is also a blessed member.

He and his family have stood as a faithful and very supportive blessed central family. He was proud to be the first Gypsy to join our church.

The Seung Hwa was at Edwards Funeral Home in Dobbs Ferry, NY on Friday, January 17th, 2003, 9AM. Please contact the Clifton Church at 973 916-0158 for more information. All donations can be sent to: HSA Clifton, 1231 Van Houten Ave. Clifton, NJ 07013. Make checks payable to HSA New Jersey and please note for John Williams.

Rev. Michael Jenkins ❖

In Memoriam

Dr. E.V. Hill

On Monday, February 24th, Dr. E.V. Hill made the transition to the heavenly realm. He is truly one of the worlds great Christian leaders. He was courageous and faithful to Jesus in every way. He would never avoid controversy or struggle but always sought to obey the Will of God. He stood firm concerning the Blessing of Marriage and he understood the anointing that God has upon our True Parents.

We are deeply saddened at his passing. His wife is ever faithful and your prayers would be appreciated. Also, we express our sincere prayer and support for the Mt. Zion Baptist Church family that did so much to support Dr. Hill's mission and the unity of the Body of Christ. We rejoice in the fact that such a great man of God can be celebrated throughout America and the World for his life and ministry were a model of the love of Jesus.

We are deeply grateful for his support for ACLC and the Blessing of Marriage Movement.

Rev. Michael Jenkins ❖

In Memoriam

Austhan Jaeger

Austhan Jaeger, 18, passed over to the spiritual world on Sunday, December 29, shortly after True Parents took off for Korea from America. Austhan was 18 years old and a member of the New Mexico Family Church. He had been fighting cancer for three years always striving to maintain an upbeat heart and attitude despite great challenges. He is survived by his mother, Kaarina Jaeger, who is from the 118 blessing, and his older brother Risun. His father passed away in 1986.

The seung hwa service was celebrated in Albuquerque, New Mexico at French's Mortuary, 1111 University NE, Albuquerque, 1 p.m., on Thursday, January 2.

If you would like to send cards or letters or contributions to the family, please send them to Kaarina and/or Risun c/o Mark and Cory Boitano, 4108 Asper Court NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. For more information, you can call Cory at (505)440-9896.

Joy Garratt ❖

by Peter Reiner—Ossining, NY

I have an interesting spiritual experience to share with you. Recently I went through a 3-day spell of restlessness. I was tossing and turning a lot, unable to sleep well. All day long I was feeling a kind of unexplainable "pressure" around me. On the 3rd night, the night before I was to teach a 1-day workshop, I was in bed with my eyes closed. I decided not to fight the "pressure" but to "look inside it." (This is difficult to explain.)

As I made this mental decision I began to hear a voice internally say to

me "True Parents really did defeat me. I really do surrender!" Surprised, it was my strong feeling that this was the voice of Lucifer.

"We are no longer God's enemy," Lucifer continued. (The "we" I felt meant "he and the other fallen angels.") "The only enemy of God now is *man*." Next I felt him say to me he would assist me in my workshop the next day, to work on restoring the wrong way of teaching he had manipulated Adam and Eve with. Lucifer was, after all, a teacher.

I began telling my wife this experience. I was very excited internally. "I

have a spiritual experience to tell you about," I said. "True Parents did it, they really did it!" "Did what?" she asked. "They defeated Satan—they really did! There is no more Satan! Of course, the satanic foundation is still here, and we can call that 'Satan', but the archangel himself has surrendered. We should not call him 'Satan' anymore, but 'Lucifer'." At first, my wife thought I had been dreaming—she said I sounded like I was talking in a dream. I assured her I was fully conscious.

Why was all of this suddenly popping into my head? This was more evi-

dence to me of a legitimate experience. The "pressure" I had been feeling began to subside. I slept well, and my workshop the next day was, I felt, very deep. I did not feeling any direct presence but I felt the workshop was very moving to the guests, and successful.

I remembered the testimonies in 1999 about Lucifer's repentance and apologies to God and mankind. I hadn't really thought about them for quite a while. I "believed" those testimonies when I heard them. But now I *know* they were true. ❖

SATAN HAS SURRENDERED

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

A House Built Beside A Rock

We must get a place of our own," said Father one hot summer night. "We have been in Pusan for almost six months now. If we continue living in this tiny room, we will never be able to get people to join us. There is no space to teach. No freedom to invite guests in."

Won Pil Kim nodded his head in agreement but without much feeling of hope. As he wiped the sweat from his brow, he thought to himself, "Where would we ever get enough money for a place of our own? And where would we even find a place? Every dwelling in all Pusan is surely full to overflowing."

Father didn't seem to notice the heat, as his brow formed a thoughtful wrinkle. "I want to show you a place tomorrow, Won Pil."

The next morning, Won Pil Kim followed Father up the steep Pom Net Kol hill where Father had mediated and prayed so many times. They climbed beyond the city to a place where only a cemetery and one house stood.

"The Pusan people tell a story," said Father, "that on this hill a white tiger once appeared. For that reason, no one wants to live here. They are so superstitious."

"Yes, Father," answered Won Pil Kim, "I can understand why."

"We will build a house right here," announced Father as he pointed to a huge rock rising out of the rough, rocky

ground. He did not look at his young disciple's surprised face but continued sharing his plans enthusiastically. "We will gather stones and wood and anything else we can find for our building. But first we must level this spot off. I already found a shovel and a sack. We can fill it with dirt from over there, dump it here and pack it down tight. That will be our floor."

He had already picked up an old shovel and a big cloth bag from their hiding place and was walking to the place he had pointed out. Won Pil Kim followed him and soon found himself holding the bag, while Father shoveled dirt into it. When it was full, Won Pil Kim carried it near the big rock and dumped it into the holes. By the time he returned, Father had more dirt already dug up to shovel into the bag. After awhile, they changed jobs. Father worked so fast, however, Won Pil Kim couldn't get very much dirt dug up before Father was back for another load.

All through the month of August, they went to their jobs. They visited people. They prayed. Then they climbed the long hill in the summer heat and

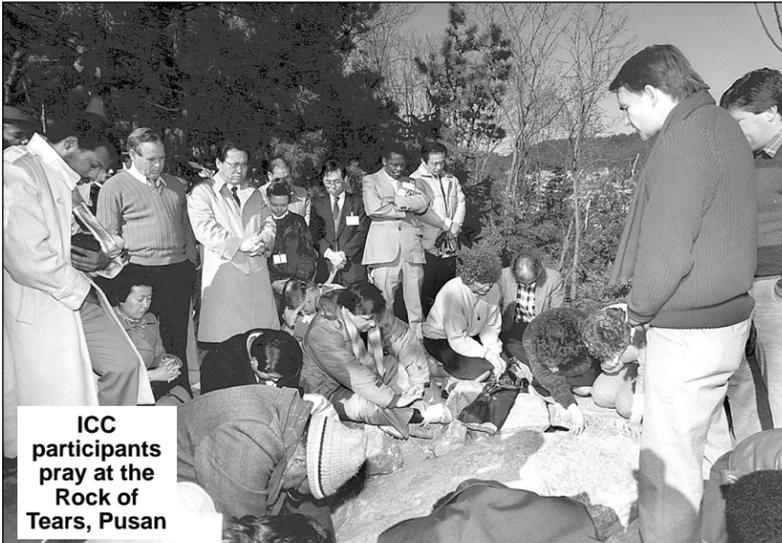
worked on their little house. Many weeks they could only build it on Sundays when they were off from work.

Father and Won Pil Kim gathered stones from everywhere. They carried them, a few at a time, to the chosen spot and piled them carefully on top of each other. They stuck smaller rocks

Once, as they were building, the house fell down. Twice, it fell down. But Father never even frowned. He just figured out what was wrong and began again. Finally, on the third try, it grew into something resembling a house—a shack, really. On clear nights Father and Won Pil Kim would be able to admire the stars through the cracks in their roof. In wet weather, rain would drip through and turn their dirt floor into mud. But they were so eager to move in!

One day in September, they were able to stand back and admire their finished handiwork. Their very own home! Here they would be able to stretch out to sleep. They would be free of the landlord's questioning eyes. They could cook their own meals. They could breathe fresh air. And most of all, they could invite people in whenever they wished—for this house was not just for themselves. It was for doing God's work.

Before they even thought of moving their few belongings in, however, they knelt down to pray. They thanked God for their new home and dedicated it to Him. This humble hut of boxes and stones was God's most holy house. ❖



ICC participants pray at the Rock of Tears, Pusan

and handfuls of soil in between the rocks to hold them in place. The rocks formed the lower part of the house. The upper part was made mostly of wooden boxes, but in some cases, they even used cardboard boxes. They knew that when it rained, these boxes wouldn't last very long, but there weren't enough wooden boxes to be found.

Jin-A School Expanding

by Merlyn Velasco

Jin-A is in its sixteenth years operation as a licensed and certified childcare center and has pioneered incredible milestones in children's education. Over 30 to 50 children have graduated from Jin-A every year. New hope has also been expanding from 1st grade to 8th grade which re-located to 780 Clifton Ave. NJ 07013. New Hope school has been renamed by our True Parents as Pyung Hwa School. Jin-A also provides a broad cultural and educational program including ballet dance, little scientist, piano lesson and other

lessons depending on children's interest.

With the excellent foundation of caring and learning received, Jin-A graduates go on to excel in their elementary schools. Still, graduates feel a deep connection and love for this special place and friendship which began at Jin-A and continues throughout the years.

This year again children from Jin-A Child Care Center went to spread holiday cheer to city hall, in appreciation for the city of Clifton. A group of 21 four and five years old sang Christmas carols for city workers including the mayor and city employee. The mayor



looked forward to their coming and gave each child a coloring book in exchange for Christmas ornaments that our children wonderfully made to decorate the city Christmas tree.

After the caroling, some children visited the firehouse station #4. Our children curiously observed and happily explored the fire truck and the uniform of our fireman. One of the firemen explained to our children about their uniform and what they do when there is a fire.

If you are looking to place your children for this coming school year, Jin-A and New Hope School are accepting new enrollee. Our school is giving some

financial help for all those qualified applicant. If you are interested to work in the field of education please call or send your resume to Jin-A Child Care Center. Please come and visit us!

Contact: Ms. Christl Brunkhorst (973) 279-1203, fax (973) 279-0126 email: jin4a@netzero.net ❖

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40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

Dr. Mickler is Vice-president and Professor of Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary.

Rev. Moon's December 6, 1991 meeting with North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung was this missing piece. More than any other single event, it encapsulated and vindicated his life's work. As one church account noted, it represented a "coming full circle to the place of his birth, his upbringing and the revelation which sparked...[his] course." The meeting encapsulated his life's work because it had taken him more than four decades and the expenditure of vast resources in innumerable initiatives to obtain an invitation to visit from the government of North Korea. It also encapsulated his life's work because in this instance, as in so many others, he was forced to swallow resentment.

In a statement issued in Beijing, China following his return, he stated, "No one can claim more justification than I for harboring feelings of ill will against North Korea. I received severe persecution from the current government of North Korea because of my position as a religious leader and my unswerving anticommunist principles. I was tortured harshly and then imprisoned for nearly three years in a labor camp. There I witnessed the deaths of many who also had been imprisoned without cause..."

"Now, I have visited North Korea in my position as the founder of the Unification Church and in the spirit of True Love. True Love is love that loves even that which cannot be loved..."

"As I set foot in Pyongyang, my heart was as clear as the autumn sky. I did not feel that I was entering the house of my enemy, but rather that I was returning to my hometown to visit the house of my brother. I carried with me to North Korea the principle that I have always lived by, that is, to forgive, love and unite."

The meeting vindicated his life's work because he turned a former enemy into a friend. It wasn't easy. The North Koreans, predictably, subjected Rev. Moon to a variety of intimidation tactics and "tests" during his visit. There also were competing pulls from immediate family members whom he had not seen for more than four decades. However, he was there "to save the entire twenty-three million people in North Korea" and refused to be distracted from his "official mission." Beyond that, Rev. Moon's audacity in asserting his own supreme role in "the unified Korean peninsula" intrigued Kim Il Sung and the two attained a surprising level of intimacy in their meeting.

Originally, Rev. Moon expected to go to North Korea in much the same fashion that he went to the Soviet Union, accompanied by numerous former heads of state and those attending one or more movement-sponsored conferences. However, North Korea approved plans for his visit suddenly in November 1991, and there was only time to assemble some thirty additional people, including a camera crew, *The Washington Times* reporters, and the heads of several movement-related organizations. This group assembled in Beijing, China on November 30, 1991. There, at the last moment, the North Korean government cut everyone off the list except Rev. and Mrs. Moon, Dr. and Mrs. Bo Hi Pak and four support staff who left for Pyongyang that day on a charter plane the North Koreans sent. With very little support and few

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Meeting Kim Il Sung

people in his party, security was a concern from the beginning. Another difference between the North Korea trip and his earlier visit to Moscow was that while Marxism had lost much of its appeal in the Soviet Union, there were still true believers and enthusiasm for Kim Il Sung's Juche ideology, particularly among government officials. A third difference was that while the Soviets were unfailingly polite and determined to make a success of the meetings, North Korean officials attempted to block Rev. Moon's access to Kim Il Sung and issued

and eight months from 1948-50. Dr. Pak speculated that Kim Il Sung's inviting Rev. Moon to Hungnam was a symbolic apology for his earlier mistreatment.

The North Korean officials who had dealt with Rev. Moon were fearful of a disastrous encounter. However, their fears were misplaced. On meeting, they gave one another "a big bear hug" and during their private one-and-a-half hour conference, Rev. Moon was a model of decorum, cordially presenting his message and ideas for the reunification of Korea. Reportedly, Kim Il Sung initiated applause and said "Thank you" three times. They exchanged hunting and fishing stories during the two-and-a-half-hour luncheon and afterwards strolled hand-in-hand down a long hallway for official pictures. According to one church account, there was some hand-

twisting as to whose hand was positioned on top. Nevertheless, the Pyongyang paper carried, across its front page, a large photo of them both, holding hands with big smiles on their faces, something that North Korea experts regarded as extraordinary. Later, the *Segye Ilbo* carried the same photograph. Kim Il Sung reportedly requested Rev. Moon to arrange a meeting with President Bush. He also offered Rev. Moon first rights to develop North Korea's Diamond Mountains as a tourist area. They both agreed to cooperate in establishing a place where members of separated families can meet and in facilitating the exchange of mail. Kim Il Sung told Rev. Moon that he would preserve his birthplace as a shrine and that he was welcome back any time.

For church members, the meeting between Rev. Moon

and Kim Il Sung had immense symbolic and practical import. Dr. Pak explained to the American membership, "[Rev. Moon] as the universal Jacob, went to North Korea, and embraced the universal Esau." To him, the "natural subjugation of Kim Il Sung...completely fulfilled God's dispensational history." It signified that Rev. Moon could stand in the position of a friend and brother to the leader of the world's most totalitarian state. Because Kim Il Sung was "the only world leader whom the citizens call father," it also signified the surrender of "false parenthood." In practical terms, it would have been a contradiction for Rev. Moon to think he could emerge on the world stage without at least conditionally resolving the situation in his homeland. In this respect, the meeting was the culmination of the movement's march to Korea. It paralleled the Moscow Rally and opened the way to more direct expressions of Rev. Moon's messianic role.

Declaration of Messiahship

During the mid-1930s, when he was sixteen years old and the Korean peninsula was under the colonial rule of imperial Japan, Rev. Moon received what he understood to be "a special mission from heaven through Jesus." According to his account, he then "spent years searching precisely how to bring salvation to humankind." In addition to his quest, he also associated with groups that emphasized Korea's role in God's providence. Rev. Moon recounted that the result of his search was "the new expression of God's truth referred to today as the Unification Principle." He also noted that he began proclaiming this truth on August 15, 1945, the day Korea was liberated from Japan. His public ministry was characterized by false starts, misunderstandings, betrayals and imprisonment. Nevertheless, by 1960, he solidified a core of dedicated disciples and over the next thirty years developed a worldwide following. By mid-1992, he

True Parents and the official party meet with North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung, December, 1991



at least one thinly veiled threat.

Rev. Moon addressed these problems by being more intractable and unpredictable than the North Koreans. Of course, he was a native North Korean. Nevertheless, even they were shocked by the manner and extent to which he criticized their ideology. Besides pounding on them, saying "Juche ideology is not going to work...the world is not this small.... You people are in...[a] cave," Rev. Moon made several impossible proposals. In one session, he asked the deputies attending to him to speak to Kim Il Sung and recommend that he place a large announcement in the North Korean newspaper instructing that the 30-40,000 spies and agents in the South surrender to Rev. Moon and be instructed in his heading ideology. In another session, Rev. Moon stated that he had to be the initiator and leader of reunification efforts, with Kim Il Sung and Roh Tae Woo of South Korea working as deputies under him.

Ironically, the situation was saved by North Korea's ubiquitous secret police and by Kim Il Sung himself. The secret police, who weren't very secretive, recorded all proceedings and relayed complete information to the Great Leader. For his own part, Kim Il Sung directed that Rev. Moon's speech at an opening banquet be published in North Korea's only newspaper, *Rodong Shinmun*, and it was, word-for-word, including all references to "God." He also overruled his subordinates and insisted that he not only wanted to meet Rev. Moon but that he wanted "to have lunch with him as well." According to Dr. Pak, "The big man recognized the big man." A further irony was that Kim Il Sung chose to meet Rev. Moon at his Hamheung palace, about one hundred and fifty miles from Pyongyang, near Hungnam. In fact, the route from the state guesthouse to Kim Il Sung's residence passed right by the Hungnam prison and fertilizer plant where Rev. Moon had been imprisoned for two years

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Declaration of Messiahship

considered his foundation secure enough to declare openly that he and Mrs. Moon were "the true Parents of all humanity...the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah."

Taken in outline form, this progression possesses a certain coherence. However, the open declaration of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's messiahship requires additional explanation. As noted, the movement's messianic premises already were well established, and Rev. Moon was commonly typed as a Korean messiah. Yet this was something that was never previously publicly acknowledged. One obvious reason for not publicly proclaiming Rev. Moon as the Lord of the Second Advent, or messiah, was that to do so risked immediate censure, mockery and dismissal, or in particularly uncongenial environments, vigorous repression. This, in fact, was the movement's experience even without making public pronouncements. Apostate testimonies and pirated in-house literature were sufficient to establish in the public's mind that Rev. Moon's followers understood him to be the messiah and that was how he regarded himself. Still, the church refrained from direct claims, even to prospective converts. Lecturers offered abundant signs and less-than-subtle hints, but the preferred modality was that adherents decide about Rev. Moon's identity and role by themselves. For his part, Rev. Moon owned up to being a Divine messenger, to having fought "alone against myriad's of Satanic forces, both in the spiritual and physical worlds," to having come "in contact with many saints in Paradise and with Jesus," and to having "brought into light all the heavenly secrets through...communication with God." As pointed out, he acknowledged himself as a "potential messiah" in one public forum and that he was called by God to help establish the True Parents' position. Nonetheless, he stopped short of an explicit public identification of himself as a True Parent or messiah prior to mid-1992.

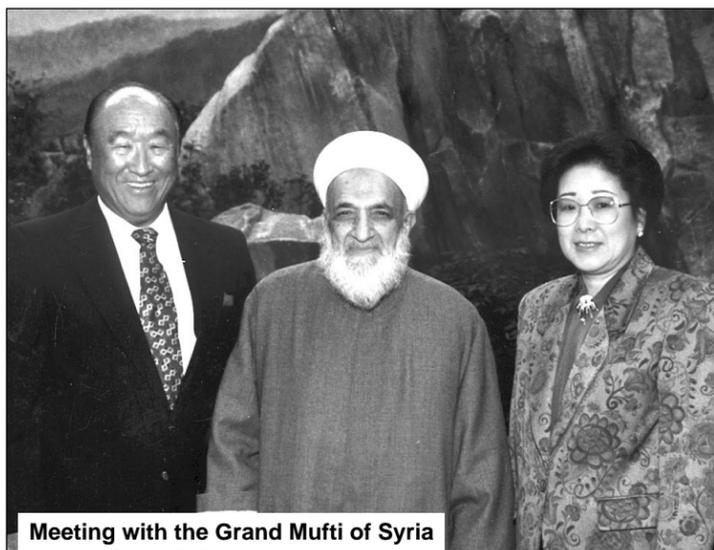
The situation changed in 1992. It is difficult to be finally definitive about why Rev. Moon elected to declare his messiahship then. However, several factors were influential. First, it had become something of a now-or-never situation. Rev. Moon was seventy-two years old. While he was in vigorous condition, there were no guarantees about his longevity. The movement also had extended itself, perhaps, to its outer limit. It was operating at peak efficiency, but as was the case with Rev. Moon, there were no absolute guarantees against future reversals. It also could be argued that the U.S. and the free world had reached the height of its power. The U.S. and its allies won the cold war and sealed their triumph with a decisive victory in the Gulf War. Again, there were no guarantees that this state of affairs would last indefinitely. In this context, it made sense for Rev. Moon to declare his messiahship from the heights. Not to do so was to risk passing over the summit and proclaiming his role from a less advantageous position.

Rev. Moon's understanding of historical parallels and the logic of history was a second factor that influenced his declaration of messiahship. As has been pointed out, he saw a parallel between the period following his release from Danbury Federal Prison in 1985 and the immediate post-World War II period. More precisely, he saw a parallel between 1945-52 and 1985-92. During the earlier period, he hoped that Christianity and the God-fearing allied nations which had reached the zenith of their power would accept his Second Advent ministry. On that foundation, communism would have been eliminated, and he would have emerged on the world's stage by 1952. Due to a succession of providential failures, this did not occur and Rev. Moon embarked on what he described as a long, painful "wilderness" course. However, by 1985, the forty-year course had gone full-circle, and he found himself in exactly the same position he had been in at the end of World War II. To his mind, there was the possibility of working constructively with Christianity, and he predicted the downfall of the Soviet empire. Continuing with the historical parallel, he

noted that the wilderness course would be followed by a seven-year period of settlement into worldwide Canaan between 1985-92. According to this pattern, and with the additional validation afforded by the collapse of communism, it was logical that Rev. Moon would see himself emerging on the world stage in 1992.

Several recent breakthroughs were a third factor influencing Rev. Moon's declaration of messiahship. These were connected to his particular interpretation of Jesus' death and the Lord of the Second Advent's return. In a speech entitled, "The Reappearance of the True Parents and the Ideal Family" delivered between July 6-9, 1992 in four Korean cities and in which Rev. Moon first proclaimed his messiahship, he contended that "The Lord of the Second Advent will not literally return in the air on the clouds" but rather "The Lord who went through the cross will return through the cross." He further explained that "there were three types of people connected with Jesus' crucifixion." All of them were sinners and together they represented fallen humanity. The first type was "the thief on Jesus' right who repented of his sins and testified to Jesus." The second type was "the thief on Jesus' left, who did not repent and who vilified Jesus." The third type was "Barabbas...who surely would have been crucified, but was saved when...Jesus was crucified instead."

According to Rev. Moon, "At the time of the Second Advent, these three types are realized on the world level. Western Christianity is the first type in the position of the thief on Jesus' right. Although they still have original sin, Christians believe in the Lord and they are in the position of good. The materialistic, atheistic communist bloc is the second type and is in the position of



Meeting with the Grand Mufti of Syria

the thief on the left. Islam in the Middle East is the third type and is in the position of Barabbas. Because Jesus died instead of him...Islam came to occupy the land of the Middle East which had been divided among the twelve tribes of Israel. The Lord of the Second Advent, who is in the position of the reborn Jesus, has to straighten out the worldwide achievements of these three types which came about through Jesus' death."

To straighten out the "Western World of Christianity," he contended that the Lord of the Second Advent needed to "bring about a new movement of religious reformation, overcome the atheistic ideology of communism and bring all the communist world back to God's side."

Rev. Moon clearly understood the Unification Movement to be that new movement of religious reformation. The breakthroughs he had achieved through the Danbury course and the ICC ministers' providence afforded the possibility of extending the reformation. Beyond that, the march on Moscow, the victorious Moscow Rally and the massive education of Soviet and post-Soviet students and teachers went a long way toward rectifying the position of the thief on the left. In that context, the breakthrough with Kim Il Sung was especially prominent. Rev. Moon contended that his Headwing ideolo-

gy, also referred to as Godism, had the capability of overcoming left-wing and right-wing ideologies and of bringing about a unified harmony between them. Given the string of his successes during the late 1980s and early 1990s, even the secular media in the U.S.

took notice. If they were not yet ready to concede the Second Coming, there was a consensus that Rev. Moon had been resurrected.

Still, there was the matter of Barabbas. Unknown to most, the movement had cultivated contacts within the Muslim world since the early 1980s. While conventional mission work was exceedingly difficult, the *Middle East Times* gave the movement a presence in the region. In addition, the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) held a series of six highly successful conferences which brought together Arabs, Israelis, Greeks and Turks on a variety of topics. On the foundation of these meetings, the movement's Council for the World's Religions convened several conferences of high-level Muslim religious leaders, including the Grand Muftis of Syria and Yemen. By October 1990, Rev. Moon was confident enough of his contacts in the region to call a Middle East Peace Summit at short notice in response to the Gulf Crisis. In a "Message to Islam," he stated, "The greatest imaginable tragedy would be for war to erupt between Christians and Muslims in the Middle East" and urged all to "live only for one goal, and that is, to protect and safeguard this situation against the possibility of a religious war."

As a result of several audiences with Rev. Moon, the Grand Mufti of Syria agreed to send forty core followers to New York for a forty-day Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar (IRLS) that included three cycles of the Unification Principle beginning December 2, 1990. The Grand Mufti of Yemen with forty participants from his country took part in the second IRLS from April 21-May 31, 1991. They were followed by separate Egyptian, Jordanian, Turkish and Sudanese groups. These activities culminated on April 10, 1992 when forty-two Muslim couples took part in a mass holy wedding of the Unification Church. Rev. Moon termed the participation of Muslims in the wedding "a miracle." In effect, it broke the tribal barrier, enabling Rev. Moon to extend the Blessing to people other than Unificationists. This was a key stepping stone toward his public declaration of messiahship.

However, there was one final matter to be resolved. In his 1990 Founder's Address to the Second Assembly of the World's Religions, Rev. Moon stated that mission of the Messiah was "a mission of True Parents." Hence, it necessitated the participation of both Rev. and Mrs. Moon. In other words, any declaration of messiahship had to be a joint declaration. Mrs. Moon was widely respected for her dedication to Rev. Moon, for her grace and charm, and for having borne fourteen children. Nevertheless, her public activities were limited.

This all changed in 1991-1992. On September 17, 1991, Mrs. Moon traveled to Tokyo where she was the principal speaker at a rally of approximately 7,000 members of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia (WFPA). She also spoke to numerous large and small gatherings of the church. Then on November 20th, she spoke before a gathering of 15,000 WFPA members at Seoul's Chamshil Stadium. There she stated that "in past history, the 'logic of power' had been ruling" but that the present age demanded the "feminine 'logic of love' to solve...problems and lead history in a proper way." On April 10, 1992, Mrs. Moon delivered the keynote address before a filled Seoul Olympic Stadium at the inauguration of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). There she testified that "The Reverend Sun Myung Moon...and I, Hak Ja Han Moon, standing in the position of the True Parents...have walked the course of worldwide indemnity so that all humanity may be liberated from their bondage." In his "Congratulatory Address," Rev. Moon was less explicit about their identity, stating only that the "True Parents...will appear in this age and on this earth as Koreans, and lead the world into an age of peace and a unified world." He also proclaimed the beginning of the "Age of Women." According to a major movement leader, Rev. Moon passed "all his victorious foundation" to Mrs. Moon during the founding WFWP rally. ❖

New CD: Tribal Rock Rollin Heart

by Chris Bihary

After working for over a year on my first musical CD, with the help of my tribal families, I am releasing a CD with nine original songs. These songs were written with direct spiritual world help. I would wake in early morning hours between 2 and 4 AM and pray about what I was going through, then sitting down at my computer and typing out these songs. The words would fly off my thoughts through my finger tips on to the screen. I would then go back to sleep.

Thank this age for computer spell checks. I would edit only very little of these songs. The music would come, and then some time later between three and six months I would write the music, usually at my hometown flower stand. I would be playing my guitar and then the tune would come and that would be that. My hometown flower stand would also be my supportive source for the studio time and processing fees. In the many years of hometown activity I have blessed many rock and roll families and friends. I have helped produce a copulation CD of their bands a few years ago being the photographer and mentor for their studio challenge. On my adventure they helped me to do my best. Two of the songs were written after the April Clergy Blessing, the others were written with in the last three years. I needed two more songs for this CD when these were written, at that time both words and music were in my dream for these songs. I wrote them down very quickly, Cosmic Alignment Day and True Children of God.

After writing these songs and going to the studio and cutting them with in one session, I again went in prayer to spiritual world for permission for release of this CD. There as a few months before I was in front of a spiritual council which directed me for more prayer and offering of these songs. This CD adventure was very ancestrally involved in its release. I am happy to announce this. I have offered thanks to them in writing and all assistance in this adventure. The songs reflect both the spiritual path of a Blessed family and that in which a spirit warrior of True Spirit must go. For information of this CD, I can be reached at chrisbihary@aol.com or 440-639-8775, also I will include the

Holy Ground. As with many things I got permission form SW for setting up the order and arrangements. In a way I have been told that this CD is very lecture like in style, in that it gives a lesson of Heart and Principle. That was my intention in doing so. So not only now I am know in my hometown as the Holy Flower man but also now becoming the Spiritual Music Man. With in the last four months As Cheong Il Guk family activity the whole family has been going out to musician writer nights, at different restaurants. Here on these night I have been playing to many I have played with for these last several years. I

musical arrangements resulting in a genuinely unique and personal look into the soul of an artist, gentleman, father, and husband. BUT ABOVE all the CD mirrors the inner most enlightenment Bihary has found and embraced, which is quite frankly inspirational. As long as this keeper of all things good remains



rock review from the local newspaper in full. The tribal hometown families in support of the CD, I wish to thank them all for everything.

I used these pictures on my CD. The cover and title of the CD "You ask me to Dance" is from the first song With Hear as I go. Being known historically as a master dancer, this was the course of this CD. I used the picture from Cheong Pyong in Korea at the top of

am getting great reviews in the musical county newspaper and so not only my spiritual music but the whole family is stage one of heart and love. So as the title songs goes, "With Heart as I go" the family will be living in the Kingdom of LOVE.

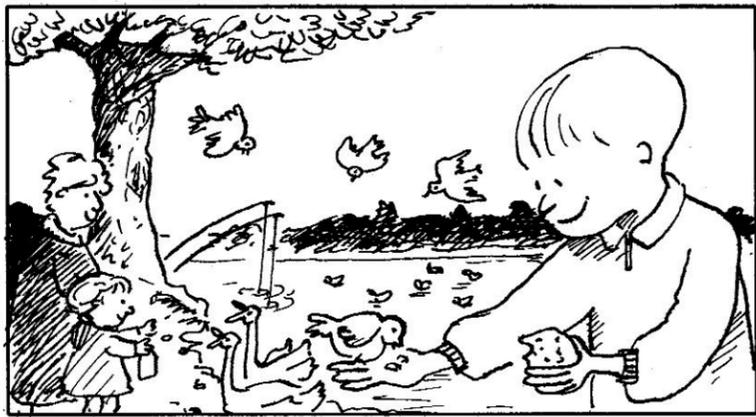
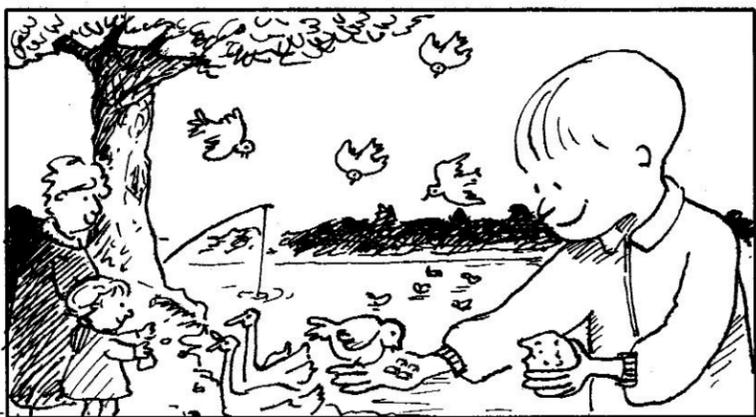
In the review it states "Bihary express himself as only he can...the sense of family and love, is over abundant... He has taken his lyrically magical original compositions and immortalized them for future generations... A very spiritual foundation the songs on this CD contain the building blocks of LOVE, Peace, Joy, Family, and all good things this world and the world beyond have to offer... a true sense of family and unity radiates from this product... Many aspects of this CD are beyond words. A musical montage of nine delicately crafted heartfelt images transformed into a maelstrom of lyrical and

true to him self all the riches one could want will be bestowed upon him, not in monetary value necessarily, but riches that many people search a lifetime for... and that is PEACE."

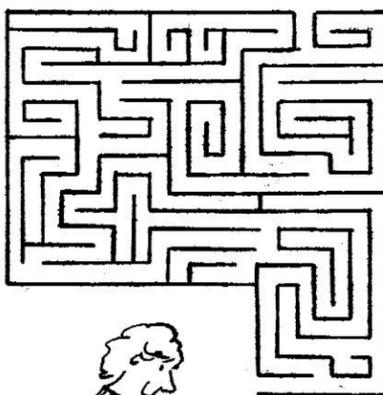
In this local review after I read it I was in tears of love over the amount of time and prayer I have put into this tribal project. The many times of testifying and going the heartfelt way to be the example of Cheong Il Guk is the example of community heart. I sense this as the music of this effort is now being embraced through out my hometown. But as John the Baptist said once... but now is the time to march forward and continue to live in the expansion of Tribal Heart. As my son Joshua is now in Korea on Activities of CIG, he is also handing out CD's. The local schools, teachers and friends, & newspapers are awaiting his return to put on cable TV his experiences and also in the local papers writing essays. Peace and kingdom building! Glory to God! And glory to True Parents! ❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of feeding the birds



Help them find the seeds

When Love No More Has Orphaned Eyes

When love no more has orphaned eyes
A little child out on the street
Hungry, alone and destitute -
When love's no more a prostitute
Under whose shadow strangers meet:
A moment's pleasure and sweet lies -

When love no longer has to cry
To water all the desert sand
And make the flowers bloom once more -
When love no longer has to die
While opening the final door
For all to see the promised land -

When love is for the kings and queens
For me and you and everyone
A palace of the heart, a dome -
When love turns into what love means:
When restoration's work is done
The parents' house will be my home.

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Writing Tips



**PAUL
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The Basics

Most of the time, these newbies are, shall we say, a work in progress. Usually, we end up critiquing pages filled with errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Even medical and executive professionals often display these difficulties. Our hope is that, buried somewhere under the mess, a compelling story awaits. (My online group only handles fiction, but the rules of writing apply everywhere.)

"That can't be me," you say. Based upon the most common errors I see from new writers, let's do a quick review.

I'll start with some basic points. Let's be clear about the correct use of: its and it's.

How about dialogue? It's comma, quote mark, then tag. New speaker means a new paragraph. For example:

"Hello," said Bob.
"Nice day," Theresa replied.

Was that too easy? Let's crank it up a notch.

Do you know the difference between: effect and affect? Please define: sight, site, and cite.

Got it? Then let's make it a bit harder.

Compose sentences with: ensure, insure, and assure. Properly change the commas in the dialogue above to question or exclamation marks.

Okay, let's say you got them all correct. Good! I expect to see your first draft on my desk within a month. (Just kidding... or am I?)

Authors

Hopefully these technical points will be mastered by someone just as they get busy with writing. If not, we can only hope that their ego can handle the bad news. The serious folks pause for reflection, and then get back to work. My writers group has seen people totally rewrite 100,000 word novels!

Authors are artists, and they share many well-known attributes.

Some writers (especially women) are very self-deprecatative. They apologize for every paragraph, and hardly believe the praise they do earn.

Opposite this, some writers (usually men) have Golden Words syndrome. They pity us for not recognizing their genius. Critiques that have to correct their every sentence are shrugged off, or worse, met with anger.

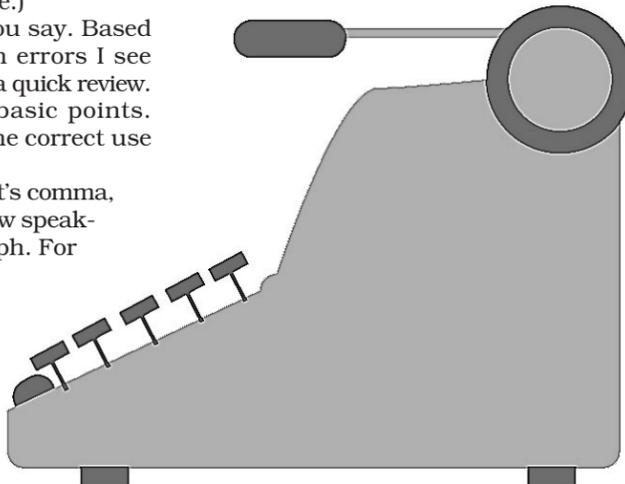
Serious writers chart a middle course, and suffer their lumps. They learn as much as they can, everywhere they can. My earliest columns here in the UNews were, frankly speaking, a mess. I apologize for the errors that still creep through.

After a writer masters the basics, they still have to construct a great text or story. Nonfiction needs a good structure, citations, and examples. Fiction needs an interesting plot, clear descriptions, and

sympathetic characters. This is where talent comes in.

Sheer talent can, in part, make up for a lack of skill. Some authors quietly depend on book doctors, and even ghost writers, to polish up their work. One very famous author told my group that he sends off his rough, first draft pages, each and every day—and lets his editor take it from there.

Some authors have so



much technical skill that their merely average talent is forgiven. Certain specialized texts are agony to read, and yet, few people in the world understand enough about the subject to write it themselves.

In science fiction, mind-bending concepts and fantastic alien worlds often make up for a novel's 'cardboard' characters. It has been said that the universe itself becomes a character.

Publishing

And now to the third point. One must get these polished words before the public! If you're a specialist in a very obscure discipline, perhaps a university press will publish a few dozen, very expensive, copies of your tome.

If you have a good contract with a

publisher of romance novels, you can toss them off by the dozen, following a standard formula—and take your cut from the millions of paperback copies that are sold. All you have to do is keep your editor happy and the readers satiated.

If you're well off you can self-publish, in old or new ways. If you're broke you can post your writings on the web. Either way, they will join millions of other obscure titles, but who knows? These days, with email, something new can catch on in a big hurry. 'Blogs' have become the newest rage.

It is usually best to work with an agent. That's a tall order because the good ones have a full client list, and the brand-new ones have little experience and fewer contacts. Even so, it's worth finding one. Send out dozens of well-crafted query letters. If you can afford it, attend some big writer's conferences.

Please be aware they there are dozens of ways you can get ripped off. Be very careful, and get advice and confirmation from multiple sources. Subscribe to Writer's Digest or a similar publication.

If you have time, find and join a compatible writers group, locally or on line. They all have different styles and rules. Ask at the library or a university English department.

If you have enough money, you can take college writing classes, or even hire a personal editor (a sort of writing coach).

Conclusion

Because God's Providence is going forward, many Unificationists have very amazing stories to tell. Defeating evil means exposing its secrets to the world. Also, the Principle lends a unique perspective to all fields of interest and, potentially, to any fiction genre.

That makes this sharing all the more important. Get writing! ❖

This article is about writing. Whether it's with a quill pen or a computer keyboard, it's all about expressing one's thoughts.

I want to thank everyone who responded to my recent "Writers" article, by email and in person. Seems that many Unificationists hope to become writers; some as reporters, some as essayists, and others as fiction authors. Unificationists hail from many nations. Here, I am only going to address the English language and American style publishing. If English is not your native language, never fear. Many immigrants soon become more literate than their American-born neighbors!

Stories

Many people love to write, and the lucky ones get paid for it. Others yearn to share their ideas with the world, but haven't yet gone about it. Some people have complete manuscripts in their sock drawer, and have not quite summoned the courage to show it to anyone.

Tens of millions of people feel they have a story to tell. Most often it's their own life story, which makes their proposed work a memoir. These can make great novels, just be aware that it's very hard to sell them. Not everyone can write an Angela's Ashes.

So then, how to proceed? The challenge for all hopeful writers is to organize their thoughts, write them down clearly, and then get published. Let's take this in stages.

The first stage is usually the easiest, as it can be done, so to speak, all in your head. Note that most professional writers create outlines first. It's also important to do research. Accuracy is very important. Factual errors distract the reader, and eventually wear away the author's credibility.

Readers of historical fiction, for example, are meticulous about every little detail, regarding any personage, location, or time period.

The second stage is writing everything down, and properly. Sorry, but unless you're a famous, eccentric author, quill pens won't do. A decent longhand copy might work, but a typewriter is better.

These days, virtually all writers use a computer and printer. This allows for easier corrections and proper formatting. They also have spell checkers. These are handy inventions, but do not rely on them too much. If you insist, just remember, eye tolled yew sew!

In the past, I've often bashed the public schools in this column. Having delivered books to countless schools, I now have a deeper appreciation for the efforts of teachers and school staffers. Their job could hardly be more demanding, or important.

However, as the leader of an online writer's group, I still have to deal with the results of an American public education. Prospective members come to the group brimming with self esteem. Almost every week, someone assures me what a great writer they are. Sometimes, it's true.



*Into the
Millennium
Poems*

A collection of poems by
Elece Kunangura McKnight

"Selfish"

I, My, Mine
All around us, these are the words
I worked hard
My house
That's mine
Rare to hear other words.

Children grow and learn their first words,
I, My, and Mine.

Who is the owner of everything?
If he would speak the same
Oh how miserable we would be.

My world
Creation is mine
I created everything

True ownership is His
The world and the creation belong to the True owner.
No payment can replace that
He's the only one to say
I, My, and Mine



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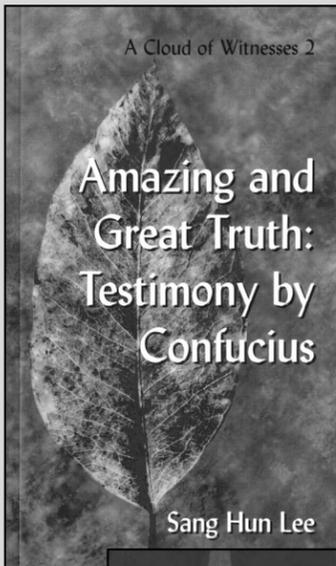
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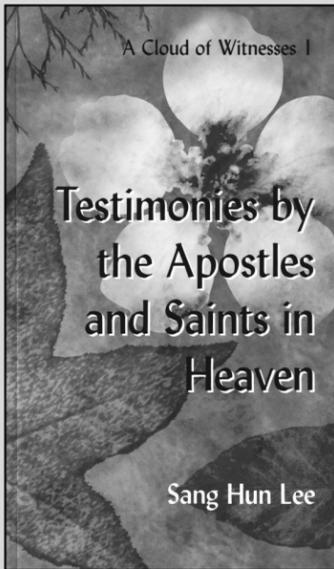
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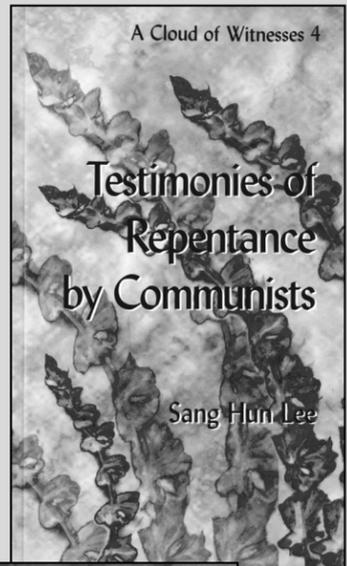
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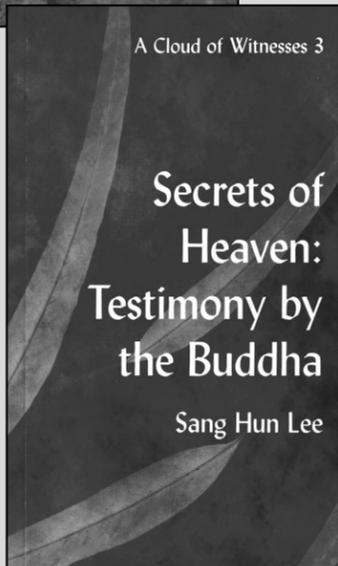
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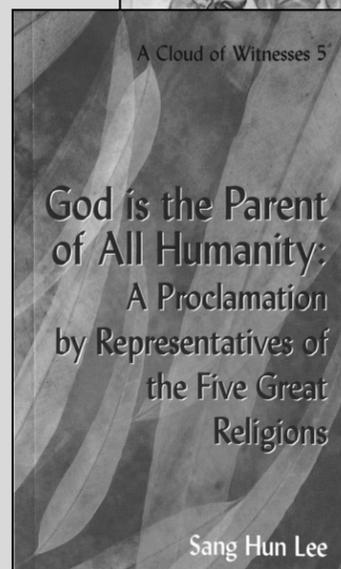
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