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PEACE AMBASSADORS TO THE HOLY LAND

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The pilgrimage is a historic journey of the heart. While the violence rages on both sides (Buses were bombed in Beer Sheva last week and major attacks are going on in the Gaza Strip), our Peace Ambassadors are opening doors in each and every city they go to. From Ramallah to Jerusalem we go back and forth and the doors are opening. Yesterday we went to Jericho, where Joshua brought the walls down not with violence but with the unity of God's people. Then later in the day we went to the Wall that is being erected between Palestine and Israel. We could feel the power of God that is working to remove the need for such walls.

If we heal the hearts of the people, why would we need a wall? Standing before the wall is a serious experience. We feel the hope as we are making so much progress with the Jews, Christians and Muslims that the walls will come down as they did in Jericho. The same God that was in Jericho is now with us in Jerusalem. Rather than twelve tribes uniting, it is now the three Abrahamic faiths and the 7 former enemy nations. This is a profound and most important time in history. We felt yesterday a special power. We sang with Dr. Ian Hall, Professor of Music at Oxford, about Joshua and how the walls came down. If the people of God unite in love, we can heal the heart of the pain between Abraham's family, and the violence can be transformed. Sheikh Sajid from England

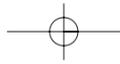


is a profound soul who is one of the most prominent sheikhs (imams) in Great Britain. He shared with us that if anger is not transformed it is transferred, if hate is not transformed it will be transferred, if violence is not transformed it will be transferred. We must set the condition to transform the hearts of our Jewish and Muslims and Christian brothers and sisters as well as ourselves.

We must go to a new level of heart-the revolution of heart in which we feel God's love and the heart to comfort God.

Today, our European ambassadors went to Nazareth, and Father Hatoum and Sheikh Manasra (the Muslim leader who signed the Jerusalem Declaration) addressed our body. All were inspired to see such a strong and clear Muslim leader speak from the Koran that we must love each other. He quoted the verse saying that if you harm someone with even half a sentence that hurts, then you will be greatly punished by Allah. He then gave a profound call to support Father Moon as someone sent by God.

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FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

This address was given in Seoul, Korea, August 21, 2004

First, let us offer our sincere gratitude to God, the True Parent, True Teacher, True King and True Master of all creation, for making this day possible. From the standpoint of God's providence and history, how can we describe yesterday's event, in which we participated with one heart and accomplished victory? That event, the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for "The Revolution of True Heart, True Liberation and Complete Freedom," was a victory for humanity and a joyful event for God. It surpasses any event in history and will never be equaled in the future.

On what basis can I pronounce such a bold declaration? I do so in the context of the Fall of the first human ancestors, by which humankind inherited false love, false life and false lineage and lost its relationship with God's Will. Because God was in a position unrelated to the Fall, He could do nothing about this sit-

uation Himself, but had to suffer for thousands and tens of thousands of years. Yesterday's ceremony, the day of the True Parents' victory, true liberation and complete freedom, resolved God's grief. This was a Holy Blessing that brought heaven and earth together. We opened wide the gate through which the billions of human beings who languished under Satan's yoke can enter the new Heaven and new Earth. There, humankind can receive and attend the True Parent of Heaven and the True Parents of Earth. We can enter the time after the coming of Heaven, in which we sing the praises of the holy age of settlement and peace.

Now is the time for you, as you enter the time after the coming of Heaven,



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to practice Heaven's truth in your family and nation in order to prepare for your eternal life. It is time to leave behind the struggle, conflict and confrontation of the age before the coming of Heaven. We can stand on the foundation of the True Parents, who are the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and establish the substantial Kingdom of Heaven. This realm of complementary partnership, harmony and unity, is what we call Cheon Il Guk.

From this perspective, I would like to take this opportunity to speak on the topic, "True Love and True Marriage." I will share one aspect of the principle of true love that I have been teaching throughout my life and that you now are to put into practice.

What is true love? It does not refer to the selfish love that is strewn about in the

secular world. It is not the counterfeit love given one moment and abandoned the next. It is not self-indulgent, profligate love driven by fleshly desire. Such false love assails and violates the conscience driving nails into the original mind.

True love on the other hand is the source of peace and spiritual order. Its nature is to honor and preserve the public tranquility. It is humanity's shared inheritance that serves the common benefit of all people. It symbolizes God's intention and power, for it is rooted in God.

True love is mysterious. The more it is given, the more plentiful it is and the greater joy it brings. True love possesses power great enough to transform the motivation, process and outcome of human life. We were created to be born in true love, raised in true love, and pass to the next world in true love. That is the reason true love has the greatest and highest value.

Through true love we can be together eternally, see each other eternally, converse with and feel each other eternally and have nothing but affection

S E P T E M B E R

Ahn Shi Il • 2nd, 10th, 18th, 26th

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 2 In Jin Nim's Birthday (7/18/65)
- 3 Hwa Jung Nim's Birthday (7/19/77)
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)
- Hyung Jin Nim & Yeon Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
- 99.9 Jeol: Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony (1999)
- 10 3.10 Jeol (1999)
- 14 Shin Ji Nim's Birthday (7/30/94)
- Interrreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony (2002)
- 15 Hye Shin Nim's Ascension (1971)
- Shin Joong Nim's Birthday (8/2/93)
- New Hope Singers International Established (1973)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
- Ultimas Noticias Established (1981)
- 19 Hyung Jin Nim's Birthday (8/6/79)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Transition Point Toward Unification (1988)
- 28 Soon Ju Nim's Birthday (8/15/72)
- Chusok - Korean Thanksgiving (8/15)
- 29 Ceremony of the Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

O C Y T O B E R

Ahn Shi Il • 4th, 12th, 20th, 28th

- 1 Ocean Church Founded
- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC Established (1963)
- Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- 9 Hwa Yun Nim's Birthday (8/26/77)
- 10 New York City Symphony Orchestra Support Began (1975)
- Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)

C A L E N D A R

- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)
- National Professors and Students Federation for North-South Reunification Established (1986)
- Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Training Center (1999)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 21 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 23 Declaration Ceremony for the Liberation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Substantial Realm (1999)
- 24 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 29 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)
- 31 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
- Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
- Shin Ah Nim's Birthday (9/18/98)

N O V E M B E R

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 6 Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- 12 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 14 International Christian Students Association Established (1981)
- 15 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 17 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 25 Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
- 27 Sun Hwa Academy purchased (2002)
- 28 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (1963)
- 29 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63)
- Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Hyo Jin Nim's, Un Jin Nim's, Yun Ah Nim's and Shin Choon Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2004. Dong Sook Nim's birthdate (1/30) and Shin Ji Nim's birthday (7/30) does not exist in the 2004 lunar calendar; as with other leap days, it is celebrated the following day (as listed above). Every attempt has been made to create an accurate calendar, and I'd like to keep it that way. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar's creation (annually for the past ten years)--including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar--Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]





FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

ry: Congratulatory Banquet Founder's Address

True Marriage

for each other. It is one love and yet all people can enjoy it together. If we consider its detail, it is extremely small; if we consider its grandeur, it is extremely huge. Immersed in true love, the mere wink of an eye can be sufficient to bring forth a joy so great as to shake heaven and earth; a single smile can make one feel superhuman power. That power is strong enough to change one's life. If you think you can see it, you cannot; if you think you cannot see it, you can. It is full of mystery.

What color is true love? Do you suppose that at night it is black, and in daylight it is white? The central colors of true love are harmony and unity; surrounding them are peace and happiness. An atomic weapon has no power other than to destroy life. It is not a symbol of creation, but of judgment and ruin. True love, by contrast, has the power of resurrection that can bring one who has died back to life. So the power to bind the world together and bring unity does not reside in the military mindset that lies behind nuclear weapons, but in true love. Each nation has its cultural background and political boundary, and true love is the only power capable of transcending these. The difficult problems humanity faces can be solved only through the perfection of true love.

Ladies and gentlemen, you must seek after true love. You must make true love your own. You must witness the perfection of true love within your own life. Where can you go to find true love?

If we first examine the manner in which true love exists, we see that it has a multi-directional character moving simultaneously north, south, east and west, and that it exists and functions in a way that transcends race, culture, religion and national boundaries. True love acts prior to life, for it is the origin of life. True love is complete in its original form and needs no development or revolution. True love is the most natural thing, possessing the highest sincerity. True love functions at a speed greater than anything in the world.

We can receive the seeds of true love only by receiving the true Holy Blessing from the horizontal True Parents †. They come as substantiations of God, the vertical True Parent, and thereby engraft us into God's lineage. There is no way to find true love in the Fallen world of falsehood. It is absolutely impossible. We cannot find the lineage of goodness in the human-centered world that resulted from the Fall. Only by

being engrafted onto the lineage of goodness through the True Parents can you find a way to overcome the struggle



between your mind and body. Taking this further, it is the only way to resolve the problems of human conflict, of religious, racial and national boundaries, and of democracy versus communism. It also opens the way to peace in the Middle East and unification on the Korean Peninsula, the two most dangerous areas of conflict in today's world. This is the reason that the change of blood lineage is an important and serious matter.

The Blessing of Marriage is a once-in-a-lifetime event on which the life of humanity depends. This is the precise reason that the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for "The Revolution of True Heart, True Liberation and Complete Freedom," which all of us dedicated to Heaven in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea on August 20, was the greatest and most precious grace and blessing in your entire life.

You have now received the Holy Blessing from the True Parents, who have been crowned as World King of Peace. You have inherited the true lineage and you have received the seed of true love.

Please never forget that you are to spend the remainder of your life on

earth nurturing this seed so that it will blossom and bear fruit.

Ladies and gentlemen, why do we marry? In a word, it is so that we may resemble God's image. As One Entity who exists with dual characteristics, God is a unified being in which opposites dwell in union. Because men and women are projections of God's divine characteristics, their destiny is to form a union as one body,

become as one seed, and return to oneness with God's original character.

Let us give highest praise to the sanctity of marriage. Married life is the way for a man and a woman to love. Whom do we resemble when we become one through married life? Our goal is to resemble God. It is only when a man and a woman become one that they truly resemble God, who created them in His image. It is then, and only then, that God resides in them.

A man symbolizes heaven and a woman symbolizes earth. So it is necessary for a man and woman to come together in harmony to bring about peace. The phrase, "the union of virtue in heaven and earth," refers to a state in which a husband and wife have accomplished perfect unity centering on Heaven's true love.



When a husband and wife embrace each other in true love, it is the equivalent of the universe becoming one body. This is the original image of creation brought into substantial reality in the context of God's ideal.

Another reason we marry is so that we can be trained to love the world and all its people. The marriage ceremony vows speak of the substantiation of love and, at the same time, the endowment of the authority to create and the authority to exercise dominion. So the purpose of marriage is to bring into oneness

the realm of heart of one man, representing the world, and one woman, representing the world, so that they may perfect the love between a man and a woman. When a couple has accomplished the perfection of love and the perfection of their hearts, it can be said that they have accomplished the family ideal. If you die on this foundation, you are certain to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Why is marriage important? It is because it is the path by which we seek true love. It is because it is the path for creating life. It is because it is the path on which the lineage of a man and woman are co-mingled. Through marriage, history is made, and on that foundation, nations are born and the ideal world can begin.

When we marry, we must do so with the conviction that we do this not for ourselves but for our partner. It is wrong for a person to try to gain a spouse on the basis of their high social standing, wealth or beauty. Once we realize that human beings are born to live for the sake of others, we understand that marriage, too, is for the sake of our spouse. Our view of marriage must be that if our spouse has deficiencies, we will give him or her even more love than we would if he or she were the most beautiful person in the world.

Having been born as human beings, we must be determined to love our partner as we love God, love our partner in the same way that we would love humankind, and love our partner more than we love any other person in the world. Otherwise, we cannot be restored to the Kingdom of Heaven as a husband and wife.

If a man cannot love a woman truly, how can he expect to be able to love God or humankind?

Marriage is a ceremony by which we open the gates and enter the palace of happiness. This is why marriage is a major occasion of moral significance. Because love exists and functions transcendent of time and space, it is the most important dimension of

human life, and marriage is the ceremony in which this love is brought forth and confirmed.

Respected guests, this evening I have conveyed to you one aspect of Heaven's teaching regarding true love and true marriage. Whether you participated as a newlywed couple or as an existing couple, you have now been granted Heaven's command to walk the path of a true husband and wife with Heaven's seal. By your bond with the True Parents, you have received the seed of true love, so I ask that you become true husbands and wives who produce true fruit through a true married life. Become true parents. Build true families. Establish true nations. Heavenly fortune will help you.

In closing, I sincerely ask that you lead lives in which, by practicing true love, you do everything you can to prepare for your eternal life. ❖





REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

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Ambassadors of Peace in the Holy Land

The power and authority to bring peace since the August 20th Blessing and Crown of Peace for our True Parents is clearly visible in the Holy Land. I'm so grateful to have returned. It's deeply connected with our journey to our homeland and our path to heaven. We are all rooted in Jerusalem because so much of God's heart - his hope and his suffering and history are connected to this land and its peoples. My beloved brothers and sisters, so many are sacrificing now to come to the Holy Land. I want to testify to you that the impact we are having now is growing. We are reaching the very top of all sides. Your sacrifice will not be in vain. You are investing in the Kingdom of God.

A beautiful and great Ambassador for Peace, Lord Ahmed of the British Parliament spent a few days with us meeting top Israeli and Palestinian religious and political leaders. His impact was great. His testimony of the power of the Ambassadors for Peace and the work to reconcile the people is filling a void that is not being touched by anyone else. Lord Ahmed is an example of the effectiveness of the IIPC (the Peace UN). Many scoffed when Father Moon said that the key to peace was in the Interreligious Council of wise men and women of faith who could help bring the spiritual foundation for peace - love for all faiths and sacrifice for the benefit of others. Lord Ahmed took it upon his shoulders to form the Interreligious Council of England. Through his visit I could see the impact that his having related with the Interreligious council as the first Muslim member of the House of Lords. He was courageous here and yet very loving. He met the Israeli officials with a loving heart and yet challenged them to go beyond the past and progress into a new understanding of their Arab brothers and sisters. He spoke against violence and the use of the Koran to support violence. He emphatically stated that a true understanding of the Koran does not justify killing and violence. From Nazareth, to the West Bank to the Grand Mufti to the Anglican Bishop - meetings were held in every corner. Lord Ahmed was truly blessed by God to bring profound awareness to both sides here that Father Moon is truly committed to connect the world to the peace process here - every country and every race, people and culture. - Why? Because the outcome of the increasing tensions between Muslims, Christians and Jews can either be resolved in love

and harmony or end in a global war. This is Father Moon's prediction. Therefore our calling is quite serious and urgent. We must not let a global war emerge through the breakdown of relations.

All the politicians, scholars and religious leaders agree - if the solution comes here in the Holy Land - it will be the basis for the dissolution of tension everywhere between Muslims, Christians and Jews. The key is right here in Jerusalem and Ramallah. Father Moon has sent us here to the land that is Holy and yet deeply struggling with hate and violence - and



yet because of the enormous suffering God is every present. Israel, Palestine, America, Europe are all tied together here. Certainly we can see that America plays an enormously important role here. The Jews must be secure and the rights of the Palestinians must be achieved and secured. America is the Elder Son or even better the "Elder Brother" in the sense of its role. Should it not help its younger brothers to achieve peace?

That's why we are here. America has a special spirit and founding principles that allows it to have the potential welcome all religions, races and peoples. That's why Dr. Martin Luther King could make a difference. His faith in God and his understanding that "truths" that were "self evident" that all men are equal was deeply planted in the soul of America. When the "soul" and its core truth is revived the True America emerges. That's why religious leaders speaking the truth can awaken the soul of America and bring

that spirit and "soul" to the world. That's why Father Moon has sent thousands of Peace Ambassadors to the Holy Land and asked Dr. Yang and the American movement to coordinate and oversee this dispensation. The nations of the world are coming together and giving all to come to the Holy Land. Never before in our history has Father Moon requested that every nation come to work in one place. This is the first time - why because the Peace UN is real that the Ambassadors for Peace from Latin America, Oceania and Africa, Europe and Asia have a collective spiritual power that can melt the walls and barriers. The IIPC has the same basic principles of the True America that Dr. King called upon. There is one God and he is the source of peace and justice. All men and women are equal - regardless of race, creed or color. That marriage and family are sacred. The IIPC is planting the self evident truths in the Holy land so that the absolute respect for the innate value of humanity can and will be understood. On that fundamental ground and understanding that we are all from the same God and we are his children can we come to understand that we must truly love and respect Moses, Jesus and Muhammad - Peace Be Upon them ALL. This is real.

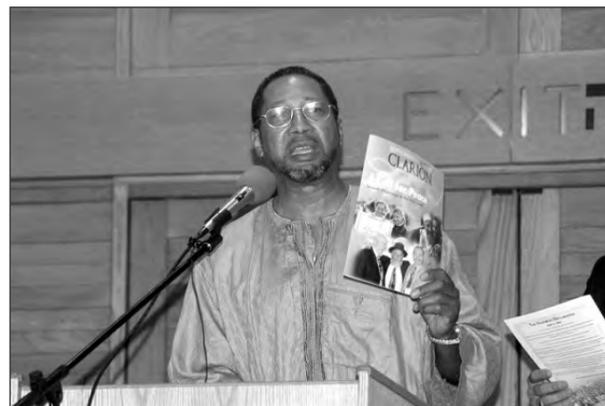
This fundamental understanding means that we have no barriers or superiority - the one who serves the most should lead the way. That's why Father Moon takes the lead - he puts every ounce of his heart, his family, his movement and his resources on the line to serve and save others.

That's why everyone without exception should find a way to come to the Holy Land during this historic and final showdown with evil. The scripture says, "We fight not against flesh and blood, but against ... spiritual wickedness in high places." The root of evil is in the spirit - therefore the root of resolution is in the spirit and must be resolved in the heart. That's why the Ambassadors for Peace come "armed" with the Truth that is consistent between the Koran, Bible and Torah. They come armed with Universal truths of the value and dignity of all humanity and the precious roll of faith in relation to achieving peaceful societies in cooperation with the political leaders. Faith is the power to turn a mountain

of despair into garden of hope. Faith in "action" is transforming the Holy Land.

At the Holy Ground at Gethsemane our Ambassadors for Peace were moved. We stood together around the Olive Tree in the area of the Garden where Jesus prayed. In 1965 Father created 120 Holy Grounds throughout the world. In Gethsemane he offered a special prayer and condition. He placed three nails in the Olive Tree symbolizing Judaism, Islam and Christianity. (The nails are still there !!!) He prayed for the unity of these three faiths and the healing of humanity.

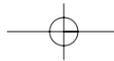
Now 40 years latter that prayer has become a reality. Our Ambassadors for Peace representing the three faiths are praying together at Gethsemane. Then the Imam from London and a prominent Christian leader from Great Britain who is from Oxford gave a most beautiful prayer at the Garden. A Jewish representative prayed. The Ambassadors for Peace were deeply moved at Gethsemane. This is the place of prayer and total sacrifice in which Jesus made his final covenant with God. Now we are making our covenant with with God. We are seeking to make our total and complete determination to overcome the barriers that have divided humanity for all time and heal humanity through the Blessing and True Love. Our prayer today real-



ly opened the door for the spirit of God to guide us to victory in the Holy Land. We are doing it. It is a reality.

We then held our luncheon program at the 7 Arches Hotel and Dr. Eliezar Glaubach came and addressed the European Ambassadors for Peace who are representing 40 countries. Dr. Glaubach said, "You have come home, you are not just visitors - because you came as Peace Ambassadors and you believe and are sacrificing yourselves to bring peace. You are moving the Holy Land. Rev. Moon and the IIFWP are moving the City of Peace - Jerusalem. Many cannot see it yet. But I see it clearly. This is the most spiritual city in the world. The Abrahamic faiths are rooted here. Therefore Peace cannot come from Political efforts alone - but ONLY when combined with the spiritual efforts to love and overcome the barriers. You are on a Pilgrimage but many of you do not know what impact you are having. But I see it, because I live here. Since the Pilgrimages began everything has changed. Before, everything was stuck and there was no hope and no progress. However, now I see

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WORLD PEACE PILGRIMAGE LEADERS Orientation to Ambassadors for Peace

by Dr. Chang Shik Yang

One hundred and twenty Christian ministers went to Korea a few years ago and formed the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC). We have 14,000 solid Christian leaders who are members of the ACLC.

The USA is the most powerful nation in the world, politically and economically. America has so much influence that we cannot ignore America's mission to be a bastion of goodness in the world.

Father Moon came to America in 1971, when he was 51 years old. He remained there for 33 years. He experienced some acceptance, but many Americans rejected him. Father Moon observed that even though America was strong externally, spiritually she was dying. Nevertheless, he could not water down the message and told America directly the truth.

In 1996 Father Moon established the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP) and declared the end of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. We distributed the FFWP flags to 144,000 churches in the United States. We took 120 Christian ministers to the border between North and South Korea, and there we released doves of peace. Next, Father Moon did a 50-state speaking tour in the United States in 50 days. Christian ministers joined with him under the slogan, "We Will Stand."

On April 27, 2002, Father Moon conducted a Blessing ceremony for 144,000 ministers. This included Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings, a great theologian and evangelist, who was blessed to a Japanese woman. The September 14, 2002 Blessing coincided with the anniversary of the September 11 attack. One third of the partici-

it came tumbling down. Research reveals that cross was not a symbol of Christianity until 313 AD. When Jews and Muslims see the cross, they feel resentment. When we first came to Israel, we realized that the cross was a tremendous obstacle in doing interfaith work. Father Moon organized conferences of Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders, and we had special ceremonies to bury the cross.

One of the most severe places of conflict is Gaza. We saw so much misery and suffering during our visits to Gaza. Father Moon donated computers and established a computer school. He offered 100 for Israelis and 100 for Jewish children and requested that they email to each other and become close friends and never fight. We had a seminar in Gaza in December 2003, attended by the former President of Indonesia.

A key event was the Coronation Ceremony for Jesus in Jerusalem's Independence Park on December 22, 2003. This represented a public recognition for Jesus. It was followed by a special candlelight ceremony for peace. A similar ceremony was held in Washington, DC. A ceremony for the Coronation of True Parents was held also in Washington, DC, on March 23, 2004.

Father Moon recently requested that we bring 500 people to the Middle East from each continent. Five hundred is the number of completion. If we make a powerful enough condition then surely Almighty God will intervene and bring peace to the Holy Land.

Rev.

Yong from Oceania and I are wonderful friends. Our names are so similar and so often people mix up our names. We went to seminar together. We trained under the same professor, Yo Han Lee. Later we both became continental directors. Father Moon started the ocean providence many years ago. When I look at the map of Oceania, I think that we were born in a watery environment being inside the mother's womb.

I want to convey warm greetings from Father and Mother Moon, who are praying and working every day for peace in the Middle East. Father Moon is 84 years and



Heaven on earth. We are not just peacemakers but kingdom builders.

Democracy in the United States was established in the traditions of the Pilgrim Fathers and the values of the prophets of the Old Testament. But today's democracy is rooted in selfish individualism, where the guilty with the right lawyer walk away free and the innocent without the right legal representation go to jail. It's a system of winners and losers. We need to make spiritual and cultural values the core of our guid-

ing principles to bring peace. We need to encourage and affirm the role of the chieftains, tribe and clan leaders and inherit the wisdom of the best traditions.

Each of us is the accumulation of all historical resentments and emotions. We need to experience them and come forth with a holy response. Prayer, reading and living for the sake of others are so important. I understand that some of you are offering conditions of 500 bows every day. In one year you will have done more bows than the average Muslim does in his lifetime. That surely has some impact in the spirit world. By doing such conditions you can come to own True Father's words.

A prophet is usually not welcomed in his home town. After 2,000 years only eight percent of the population of Israel is Christian, despite all the historical sites and the presence of Jesus' spirit that can be felt.

Some of us met with an eminent Muslim philosopher who was a Marxist until he met

God. He testified that he has met True Father in spirit many times. He was overjoyed when I gave him a photo of True Parents. As we left, he pulled me aside and said, "I want to meet Father Moon in the flesh." He said that only Father Moon gives hope for the Palestinians. ❖



yet still spends most of his time working directly for world peace. I know that you came at considerable expense from a long distance. I will be returning to Korea to report to True Parents. Father Moon is always asking for a report of what is happening.

This program is not a usual pilgrimage. We don't just come to see the historical sites. We are here to open a door to a new era. We need to establish the Kingdom of

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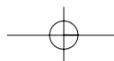


pants were Muslims. People participated as faithful adherents of their religion. We do not try to convert them. The age of conversion is over.

I first came to Israel in 1982 as part of a study tour of world religions. We lived and worked together every day for 40 days. The days were hot, and we often went swimming. Through our varied experiences, we all realized that we were much the same. After 40 days we became completely one.

In the United States, the fourth Sunday of July has been designated as "Parents' Day." One couple is selected each year as exemplary couple. Recently we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the proclamation of this day, which was signed by President Bill Clinton.

A solid cross on top of the main building of the Unification Theological Seminary was struck by lightning one day, and



by Rev. M. Jenkins

The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) is rooted in a fundamental theme: God Is the Parent of All Humankind. This is a cornerstone maxim that is the foundation for peace. We have one God and one parent. This is the essence of why we are brothers and sisters - all races, religions and cultures are children of the same parent. This principle guides the IIPC into relationship with all the Abrahamic Monotheistic faiths as well as into friendship and respect for all religions.

Crucial to the work for peace in the Holy Land is the effort to win trust and support from the rabbis, imams and Christian leaders as well as the believers they represent. Although the people of faith must be complemented by people of all backgrounds and beliefs for the work of peace, the people of faith play a critical role.

On August 12, we had a beautiful moment for the IIPC and the Ambassadors for Peace from Oceania and Africa. One hundred and fifty Jewish leaders and professionals from the Persian Jewish community came for the third event that we had since December 26th last year. Each event built trust and understanding. One key person who helped us organize this was Dr. Daniel Dana, an Ambassador for Peace from Jerusalem. He is trusted by the Persian Jewish community and plays a major role in their efforts. It should be noted that some very prominent Israeli leaders such as the President of Israel and the current Minister of Defense have emerged from this community, who for the most part emigrated to Israel from Persia after the fall of the Shah of Iran. These Jewish people are highly educated and are people of tremendous character. If you think about their journey as a people - these are the Jews that were taken captive to Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar, and when Cyrus of Persia freed the Jews to return this is the community that remained. On our

stage under the Interreligious and

International Federation for World Peace/ IIPC banner hung the flag of Persia at the time of Cyrus, the flag of the current Persian state, and the flag of Israel.

There was already a great deal of support in this community due to previous conferences held last December. From this community, 299 representatives supported our December 22nd Rally. It was very special.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang spoke as the central leader of the World Peace Pil-

IIFWP efforts, also spoke beautifully about the need for this kind of movement in Israel.

It was an overwhelming experience. When the Jewish community opens its heart and begins to dance there is nothing in the world like it. Somehow you can feel that we are all rooted in the Jewish tradition and faith. Christianity began with Jesus, and Jewish followers who were inspired by God's spirit wrote the scriptures. Islam also

lem of the tensions between the religions is very evident in Australia since 9/11. We all are faced with the need to bring cooperation and good communication among the various faiths of each of our nations. Therefore, we are all connected here and can contribute to and learn from the progress that is being made here.

Rev. Jenkins gave basic guidance on the Blessing. Then a miracle occurred: the families who had come from many

nations and continents and religions joined hands with the Jewish families of Israel, and they received a special Blessing of their families. The prayers of Muslims, Christians and Jews invoked the blessing and protection of their families. Now all blessed families can remain in their faith tradition and build the Blessed Families standing firm on God's covenant that we must not divorce or commit adultery.

The atmosphere became similar to the prophecies of scripture in which all of God's people would come together in Jerusalem and God would be the God of all people. We concluded the evening with "Janet" a beautiful professional singer who is also a doctor at Hadassah Hospital. The atmosphere was one of great joy.

The next day key leaders of this community came and asked to be a part of IIFWP. They said, "We have been to several programs and we are moved by the love for all people here. We know you love and respect the Jewish people. We also realize that the problem of terror cannot be overcome with war. We have been struggling because we know that move violence begets more violence, and yet how can we address the cause of the violence?" I could see it from last night. IIFWP can address the violence with the most beautiful approach of love and respect for the faith of the people. The key is genuine love and respect.



Creating Bonds with the Persian Jewish Community



grimage. Dr. Yang greeted everyone on behalf of our True Parents and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak and emphasized that our desire for peace is rooted in God and the family. He was very moved by Dr. Daniel Dana's commitment and work to bring harmony between Jewish and Muslim communities.

Each Persian Jewish representative was very moved that we had come from all over the world to bring the family of God together. This was the will of God.

Mr. Hani, an attorney for the Persian Jewish community, spoke about the essence of the family as the foundation for peace. Mrs. Nechucapar, who spoke before our rally of 20,000 on December 22nd giving support to the

arose inspired by God from the family of Abraham, and the people of the Islamic faith strongly confirm the scriptures of the Torah. This is very significant. You could feel the merging of the Christians and Muslims that came from Africa and Oceania that night.

President Sokamanu gave profound inspiration and helped all the participants feel that this peace effort was global. He stated that although he is from a small country, his country as a member nation of the UN has a significant role to play. He stated that when we all join together from many nations the world will move in that direction.

Mr. Clark gave a clear vision of how we are connected now as one. The prob-

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that everything is moving. The unthinkable aspects and hopes for peace are now actually materializing before our eyes. Why - because you are coming with a spiritual perspective that truly respects and uplifts the fact that the three Abrahamic faiths are from the same God and that we can be one family. That's why today I want to welcome you as my family. My European family of many races and faiths. You have come to bring us the hope and the energy we need. You

are giving the Ambassadors for Peace in Israel the power to change the situation. Welcome home - you are here and you are part of the Family of Jerusalem. !!!"

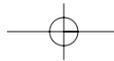
Mr. Baruch Shalev, another fine Jewish Ambassador for Peace, talked about the Service for Peace project he just worked with. Palestinian young people worked side by side with Jewish young people and the Palestinian youth slept overnight in the homes of what would be considered a "right wing" neighborhood. It was amazing. We are Ambassadors for Peace and I'm so grateful to Rev. Moon for bringing the Pilgrimages here. You are bringing us so much energy and hope. Each

time you come (every 2 weeks) with 500 more members of parliament, religious leaders, professors and Family Federation members - you give us incredible energy that we never had before. It is getting stronger and stronger. We can see peace just in front of our eyes. The walls and barriers are coming down. Thanks to our Ambassadors for Peace. You are succeeding in the center and the crossroads of history."

Out of my window I can see the Old City of Jerusalem and the Golden - Dome of the Rock. The World Peace Pilgrimage is inspiring and engaging the Ambassadors for Peace from all the nations of

the World. I want to ask that each and every American Blessed Families plan on encouraging one Ambassador for Peace or FFWPU member as a representative of your state to go for the historic World Peace Pilgrimage in September. This will be when America, Europe and Russia all intersect with over 1200 Ambassadors for Peace. Things are moving and the spirit of the age of the Peace Kingdom is strongly moving the people of the Holy Land. When Joshua marched on the 7th day a miracle occurred in Jericho. We feel here that we are on the verge of such a miracle. Every town and

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Ambassadors for Peace from Africa and Oceania Bring Hope in Ramallah

by Rev. Greg Stone

A bus of 50 participants from Oceania and Africa along with Dr. Antonio Betancourt and Mr. Bill Selig departed Jerusalem for Ramallah at 9:00 am, August 19. The bus was packed, and there was a great sense of excitement and anticipation for the day ahead.

The first stop was the Khalil Abu Raya Rehabilitation Center for the disabled in the Palestinian community specializing in spinal cord injuries. After a formal welcome and introduction by the director and staff, we visited the patients bearing gifts, smiles, love and songs. The patients broke into song and joy with us as we sang, "We Are the World" and other beautiful and joyful songs of peace and brotherhood. Patients were clapping, rocking and swinging in their wheelchairs, some playing the guitars along with us.

One Ambassador for Peace, a Member of Parliament from Africa who himself is permanently on crutches, delivered an inspiring and spontaneous message of encouragement to the many disabled young men. "You should never consider that

you are less or can do less than anyone else," he said. "Like many of you, I was unable to walk, but now I am a Member of Parliament, and my next goal is to be President of my nation. You can do it too." What an inspiration for them all! The message was perfect. As we departed, many came out and waved goodbye until our bus was far away.



Our next port of call was President Arafat's compound. The guards welcomed us warmly. We were shown a car and buildings that were damaged

in an Israeli attack two years ago. We prayed for an end to destruction. We prayed for peace and reconciliation for all sides.

From there we went on to the Greek Orthodox Church of Ramallah for an international friendship exchange with the bishop and about 100 parishioners. This was the first time our pilgrimages included such a meeting. After welcoming speeches from the bishop and parish leaders, we were treated to a beautiful lunch, which also commemorated the transfiguration. Towards the end of lunch, the African and Oceania participants stood up with guitars and bongo drum and broke into spontaneous songs of thanks for our gracious hosts. The joy was contagious, and it wasn't long before the parishioners grabbed the bongo, joined in and made a joyful sound unto the Lord. The meeting was a great success and we were invited back for another visit.

On our way back to Jerusalem, we stopped at the Franciscan St. John Ba Harim Church. This represents the house of Elizabeth and Zechariah, the parents of John the Bap-

tist. One of the New Zealand members, Christopher Krefft, has been experiencing vivid and powerful communications from Jesus, Heung Jin Nim and many saints from the spirit world ever since his arrival in Israel. He received guidance that in order to resolve Jesus' and Mary's historical resentment, we needed to bury a crown of thorns, representing the crown that Jesus was given at his crucifixion. This was to be accomplished prior to the August 20 ceremonies in Korea.

At the very site where Chris received that Jesus was conceived, a moving and tearful ceremony was conducted by Dr. Betancourt and Chris. Jesus and Heung Jin Nim prayed through Chris and guided the whole ceremony. The crown of thorns was buried, resolving the historical resentment in Jesus' heart and bringing healing to the relationship between Jesus and Mary and indeed between all parents and children and men and women.

All the Ambassadors for Peace on the bus were deeply moved. Sir Toaripi Lauti, first Prime Minister of Tuvalu, said that he had had an amazing and beautiful day.

Healing, reconciliation and the glory of God are being revealed daily in the Holy Land. ♦

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village and area of the Holy Land is being touched. Peace Ambassadors are fanning out to every area and having special meetings with the key leaders as well as the people of faith.

Here in Jerusalem the Continents of Oceania and Africa have brought some of the finest leaders together from all the cultures of the world. Having been trained as Ambassadors for Peace nothing gives them a more "real" feeling for this central and historic work than coming to Jerusalem.

Father's direction and insight is always based on deep prayer and reliance on the Principle and God's central dispensation. Clearly as we look at the world situation, especially in Iraq, the need for interreligious reconciliation and understanding could never be more pronounced. The place that Father feels the biggest breakthrough can occur is here in the Holy Land. The Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths find their very roots here.

The conflict here is also the most pronounced in the world. As we bring love and understanding between the Abrahamic faiths an internal condition is set that moves Heaven to bring peace and understanding. The Interreligious council is the central pillar and requirement to assist a nation in reducing tensions and realizing peace for humanity. Here in the Holy Land the only way you can move forward is with an interreligious spirit. We can't just work as representatives of one faith. To really bring the spirit of Peace we need God and God is behind all the faiths. Therefore people who really stand in oneness with the heart of God naturally are

most comfortable when all the faiths created by God walk together hand in hand.

Here in the Holy Land religion is all around you. The Ambassadors for Peace are here from many countries. Some of them come from very secular societies in which religion seems to be something passively in the background. When you come to the Holy Land - you are in an environment where religion is an everyday part of every part of life. When you walk down the streets around the Old City, Orthodox Rabbis pass you by followed by Muslim Women covering themselves in traditional clothing with sense of purity. People streaming to the Mosque



at prayer time and thousands gathered at the Western Wall. Christians walking by in procession with incense and "singing" a Gregorian chant making you realize - we are all rooted here.

At the entrance of the Western Wall stands a special sign that says "This is the Holy Place in which G-d permanently resides". Then it goes on to open the gate and welcome all faiths by quoting Isaiah 56:7 "for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." This is at the entrance of the most Holy Place of the Western Wall. It's in the scriptures - inspired by God that we God's house is a house of prayer for all people.

That's why the Ambassadors for Peace following the lead of the Interreligious Council that establishes the "Scriptural Bridges" for us to walk over can stand on a rock solid foundation to bring the children of Abraham together. We stand on the rock of God's Word - written in the Torah, the Bible and the Koran. Based on this Word we can establish the permanent basis for our being one family. That's why the Rabbis at the Western Wall are profoundly pleasant and supportive as you come to pray. Why - because its in the Word... and the put the Word at the Gate. My House is a House of Prayer for All People. Therefore God is bringing the world to the Holy Land because the whole sacred city is a house of prayer for all people. When we come in Prayer and Righteousness - we inspire righteousness in others.

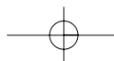
Since True Parents set the condition for the restoration of all families, we must now set the condition that we go back to the root of what divided the people of the Book. The children of Abraham. We are here to restore and heal the historic divisions of the religions that have been prepared by God to receive the coming Lord. This is our destiny and we are fulfilling that destiny. We are very grateful to the spirit of the participants from Oceania and Africa. When they walk waving the flags of their 70 plus nations - every head turns. The Peace UN has come again to the Holy Land !! The Peace UN has the power to bring the spirit of love, beyond race, religion and nationality. Rev. Yong, Rev. Greg Stone, Rev. Lee and Rev. Kabilo. They brought the people that God prepared to be here and to link their nation with the final dispensation of bringing peace on earth.

At the Western wall the President of Vanuatu prayed that all the nations of the world would now focus their efforts for Peace in the Middle East. Many of these Ambassadors for Peace are among the most influential people of their continents. One pastor is on the central board of the World Council of Churches and many Muslims came from Africa and Down Under. We went on to the Holy Site of Islam - Al Aqsa Mosque and the Golden Dome of the Rock. The change that has taken place both in the Jewish Rabbis and Officials towards us is very encouraging. We have become more and more well received over time.

The Sheikhs at Al Aqsa and the Dome of The Rock shared with our Ambassadors how they have come to trust Father Moon and the work to bring Jews, Muslims and Christians together. The Sheikh at this central Holy Site of all of Islam expressed how much we bring hope to the region. To see all the people of the world praying and working for peace and to bring hope to the Muslim people. There is so much misunderstanding and separation between Muslims, Christians and Jews, however the IIFWP's commitment just continues to grow and grow. Our consistency gives us a unique power as does the diversity of all races and faiths coming with the fundamental spirit of the Peace UN.

Last night the Bridge of Peace was conducted by Claudalina, Mrs. Glaubach and many other Arab and Israeli Ambassadors for Peace. Former Knesset member Walid Sadiq opened the way for a new dimension of the bridge in which men began to follow the women in crossing over the boundaries of past conflict and resentment and to repent, embrace and forgive one another. Many testified that though they have witnessed the Bridge

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Congratulatory Banquet for the Blessing Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and Liberation and Complete Freedom

The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) and the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace held a congratulatory banquet for the successful accomplishment of the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom on August 21 at 6:00 p.m. Present and former heads of states, VIPs and Ambassadors for Peace were among the 1,000 people who attended this banquet at the Lotte Hotel, Chamshil, Seoul.

The banquet program proceeded as follows: opening remark, video presentation, entrance of True Parents, cake cutting, prayer by Rev. George Stallings, introduction of VIPs, IIPC chairman Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak's greeting, a congratulatory speech by former US Congressman Walter Fauntroy, a congratulatory speech by Kyoto University Professor Watanabe Hisayoshi, the Founder's address, presentation of bou-

quets of flowers, presentation of gifts, dinner and entertainment including a performance by the Little Angels.

Dr. Kwak introduced True Parents' life-long accomplishments and testified to True Parents, who have become the King and Queen of Peace. He asked us to live according to the view of value of true love.

In their congratulatory speeches, Mr. Fauntroy and Dr. Hisayoshi expressed their gratitude to True Parents for inviting them to be in this Blessing. They said that they will join True Parents' amazing work for world peace and actively promote the safe



ing years of your life."

Father also said: "You are ordered by Heaven to walk the path of a true husband and wife with heaven's seal. By your bond with the True Parents, you received the seed of true love, so I ask that you become true husbands and wives who produce true fruit through a true married life. Become true parents, build true families, and establish true nations."

After that, representatives of second-generation couples presented bouquets to True Parents. Later some of the leaders from around the world who

attended the international peace conference and leaders from various fields offered presents and plaques to True Parents. Rev. Yu Jeong-kwan, the president of the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of North and South Korea, led three cheers of Mansei. During the entertainment that followed, several songs were sung that gave joy to all the participants. The entertainment ended with a performance by the Little Angels and a traditional Korea musical performance. ❖

settlement of Cheon Il Guk. In his address entitled, "True Love and True Marriage," Father said that the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom conferred grace and blessing on people's lives. Furthermore, he said, "If you received the seed of true love after inheriting the true blood lineage through the Blessing from True Parents who have become the King and Queen of Peace, you have to take care of this seed and raise it well to blossom and bear true fruit in the remain-



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of Peace before in many different countries, nowhere in the world is there such a profound heartfelt longing for the division of the people to be ended. The people are all descendants of Abraham. Last night an unusual thing occurred, as the men crossed, Arab Muslim and Israeli Jewish men crossed the bridge and began to weep. It was overwhelming.

One Jewish woman who was passing by and saw the beautiful bridge and felt moved by the music and the tears came in an observed. She shared with Father Hatoum -

"I can't believe my eyes. This is what Israel needs. This is what is in the hearts of so many. We deeply want to end the

that the IIPC that Rev. Moon founded is truly expressing the power of people of faith that know that the desire of God is that we all sacrifice for and live for others. The Ambassadors for Peace made enormous sacrifices. Some of the participants from Oceania paid over \$4000 just in airfare alone. Its a miracle that they could make it. One Pastor from Sydney Australia said, "The moment I got the invitation to come to the Holy Land, I knew that God was calling me." Now today as a I walk with Muslims, Christians and Jews I feel that I can express the real love of Jesus. I'm walking the way of Jesus. I'm walking the way of love."



him a little gift from Chile. Hearts are touched by God and sometimes even healed.

Ambassadors for Peace from America, Europe and Asia. Sacrifice now. This is the "7th Day" of our historic March to end all boundaries and walls. We must go forward with Absolute Faith, Absolute Love and Absolute Obedience. This is the time when the Kingdom of God has already been secured. With each step we take in love we transform our families, our communities our nations and now the Middle East.

Sacrifice yourself and come to the Holy Land. Help every Ambassador for Peace to go to the Holy Land. Now is the time that peace can be realized.

Recently in Tel Aviv a very important Rabbi said to us, "Don't hesitate, you are changing the Holy Land. You are the only ones that have the power to actual-



hate and the suffering. We want to embrace. This gives me hope. Maybe someday the top leader of Israel and the top Palestinian leader could cross the bridge together !!"

That day will come if we fulfill our responsibility. The Peace Kingdom is coming right before our eyes. The Ambassadors for Peace in Israel and from the nations of the World are seeing clearly

from the world coming here we are not only encouraging the peace process but we are giving confidence and energy to the people who are here to "work" constantly for peace. I can see that we are literally giving energy and hope to the people to stand up for reconciliation and peace."

The MoP met one of the key Israeli leaders that evening with a Muslim Professor Dr. Michael from Australia and

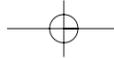
Sheikh Ali Birani and myself. This Israeli leader is one of those most supported by America in the work of bringing Israelis and Palestinians together through the Geneva Accords. Again, he shared with us that the accords definitely need the Interreligious support of Muslims, Christians and Jews that are harmonized.

Service for Peace is doing a great work here with Massimo and Baruch Shalev. Imagine Palestinian youth working side by side with Israeli youth to serve humanity - it happened and a more beautiful thing occurred. The Palestinian youth slept in the Israeli homes. The Walls are coming down !!!!

Love is spreading throughout the Holy Land. Imagine what's its like when we go to Hospitals with 400 people bringing gifts for the children. It moves the whole family. The child can never forget a person from Latin America, Africa or Oceania coming up to his bed side and praying for him and giving



ly bring Muslims, Christians and Jews together. When you do it, the nation will be healed and the people set free." ❖



August 20th Blessing and Celebration

The Blessing that occurred on August 20th was based on the grace and forgiveness for all humanity. Presidents (former and current), prime ministers, and the world's great religious leaders gathered for this Blessing and to support our True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace. Representatives from the nations of the world and the religious leaders from Christianity, Islam, Judaism and all the faiths of the world led a procession to honor Father and Mother Moon.

The IIFWP Conference and Convocation concluded with a very moving closing banquet. Key figures from Korea were in attendance and supported the Peace Kingdom that Rev. Sun Myung Moon is now proclaiming. Performances by the Little Angels and testimonies by participants brought the representatives from the nations of the world together with a feeling of authority and power

to build the Peace Kingdom. More 120 participants and Crown of Peace recipients came from America. Former Congressman, the Rev. Dr. Walter Fauntroy, praised Rev. and Mrs. Moon for their sacrifice and dedication and unchanging commitment to tear down the walls and build the Kingdom of Peace.

An Interfaith rally of 21,000 was held at Sun Moon University celebrating the 8th Chil Pal Jeol (Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for

the Parents of Heaven and Earth). First proclaimed in 1997, this holiday signifies that from that time the safe settlement of True Parents was secured and that nothing could reverse their eternal foundation. This caused the liberation of all humanity.



True Father's speech began with extemporaneous remarks focusing on the revolution of indemnity (unity of mind and body, husband and wife), revolution of conscience (as the dwelling of God, you are guided by your conscience) and revolution of heart (you become one with God's heart to serve and save humanity).

Father's address gave a new foundation for the Peace Kingdom. He proclaimed that the new heaven and earth has now been revealed. We are living in a total-

ly new era. We are now to become revolutionaries of love and truly focus every aspect of our lives on living for the sake of others.

The celebration broke out into a moment demonstrating the "liberation" of all ancestors when an American Indian leader danced while a Korean Folk song was beautifully sung by one of Korea's great artists. Joy filled the atmosphere as you could feel that the Native America Indian people could dance freely on the world stage before all of history. Father and Mother were beaming with joy. ❖

Blessings in New Jersey

Just sixty days after the new church building was acquired, on Sunday night 7/25/2004, we held the Blessing ceremony joining the WCSF 2004 in Korea via the Internet. It was a truly historical moment. We prepared our new church with our utmost effort. We put our wooden hand made church logo in the front and we put out the all hand made church sign outside. We prepared the long blessing banner for the event. Every member worked so hard preparing for the event until the last moment. We decorated the sanctuary just like a wedding place.

Rev. and Mrs. Dongmo Shin served as the officiators. 7 KEA couples served as the officiators' attendants and 2

blessed children helped with the holy water. We had the holy wine ceremony before the main event. During the blessing ceremony we had some problems with the Internet connection but we managed it on our own. We had 5 newly wedded couples including 3 Korean couples, 1 western couple, and 1 single western bride. These western couples came all the way from Florida. There were more than 50 guests and 30 KEA members in the audience.

Soon as we finished the Blessing ceremony we took pictures with the couples and the family members. We held the Indemnity stick ceremony followed by the Blessing ceremony. Everyone cheered for the newly wedded couples for their bright future.

This new church was the perfect place for such event. We thank Heavenly Father and True Parents for allowing us to have this historical event in newly purchased place. And we also would like to recognize those who

made this event possible and successful.

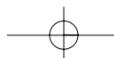
On August 19, 2004 at 9 PM, the New York Korean Family Church in North Haledon, New Jersey held the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom.

At 8:50 PM the sanctuary was filled with the blessed members and their children as we began the Holy Wine ceremony. Everyone was deeply grateful to True Parents for their grace and hearts.

Every member determined to renew their faith at that time. The main event was broadcasted via the internet followed by the Holy Wine ceremony. It was truly a great blessing for everyone in this new providential era.

As we enter into the new providential era, New York Korean Family Church would like to

share the blessing of God and True Parents through offering a new sanctuary on 374 Squaw Brook Road in North Haledon, New Jersey. The dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2004 at 3 pm. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Rev. Shin, Dong Mo is the pastor. Han, Hun Taek is the chief officer of the New Church Committee. ❖



ACLCL Prayer Breakfast in Chicago

by John Prevost

On August 17, around 60 people gathered at Elder Benton's church in Chicago and heard a wonderful testimony from Min. Andre Smith of his experience in Israel. He explained the importance of Christians working to help liberate Jesus' homeland from war and hatred. We also welcomed two new pastors, one who was invited by our Chicago Ambassador for Peace, Elizabeth Kuroha, and another who came down from Madison, Wisconsin.

Everyone also listened attentively to our main speaker, Rev. Bruce Sutchar, who gave a wonderful presentation about our influential work for peace in the Middle East. He also explained about the reality of the family situa-

tion in America today and helped give the audience a larger perspective of the work of the American Clergy Leadership Conference at this time.

The atmosphere at the prayer breakfast felt like a loving family, as we shared

deep memories with the pastors in attendance who have worked with us for many years. Everyone felt a oneness or a kindred spirit and were so

happy to be together.

At the final moment, Rev. Samuel Day stood up and gave a testimony about being pulled over by the police. He was wondering why he was pulled over but was not scared because he knew that he was not speeding. The police officer explained that he had noticed a clergy mark on his license plate, and he stopped the pastor to ask for prayer for himself and his wife because they were contemplating divorce. Pastor Day together with some other ministers came out and prayed for the policeman. The next day the policeman called him and reported that he and his wife had reconciled and were healed from the devil of divorce.

HALLELUJAH! The power of ACLC is real! Everyone enjoyed the testimony of God's work, and this prayer breakfast became another memorable event in Chicago. ❖



ACLCL Monthly Prayer Breakfast Los Angeles

by Rev. Henning

With the theme "Honoring Parents and Strengthening Families," a powerful monthly prayer breakfast held in Los Angeles on Saturday, August 21. Four major purposes were outlined in the three-hour meeting attended by nearly 100 guests. After the classic Gospel sounds of the "Mighty Men of Christ" and the welcoming remarks of the Rev. Dr. William R. Johnson, our new Co-Convenor, the breakfast was underway with some readings, prayers and a delicious home-style buffet. The breakfast interlude was also highlighted by the sounds of the "Fabulous Imperial Gospel Singers."

Mr. Andy Weiss, Director of the American Freedom Coalition in San Diego delivered a slide presentation on the first major purpose of the meeting: honoring parents at the Parents' Day ceremonies throughout the greater Los Angeles area and also a proposal for a grand ACLC Parents of the Year Awards Assembly in 2005. The proposal is for an annual event in August complete with certificates of recognition from high-level officials, awards and prizes for winners of essay contests and choir competitions, and presentations on what makes for true families that fulfill God's desire as mentioned in Matthew 5:48.

Afterwards, a video on the Decem-

ber 2002 Blessing was shown that testified to the power of the Blessing and explained True Parents' lifetime of work for world peace. The final segment showing Dr. E. V. Hillts testifying about his personal commitment to the Blessing movement stirred the emotions. A short explanation of the significance of the cheon il guk Blessing followed, and then Rev. Ku prayed over the Holy Wine that would be distributed by four Peace Family Church pastor couples to the entire breakfast participants. Then the benediction prayer was given in Korean.

The third purpose was the "Building True Families" presentation that highlighted seven principles of successful marriages. This, in fact, is a Divine Principle sampler that began the pitch for the next series

of the Unification Worldview Seminar. Two great testimonies were shared, the first by a pro-

fessor and hosting pastor for the event who said of his experience in the classes, "If you want to know the real Jesus Christ, you need to attend these classes." The second testimony affirmed that the two-hour drive to attend each session was truly worth the trip. Several people signed up for the Divine Principle studies

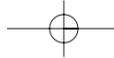
"The Path to Peace" video addressed the final purpose of the meeting, followed by the stirring speech by Minister Mark Tengan, the Outreach Coordinator. He outlined the schedule and purpose of the World Peace Pilgrimage and urged

those who felt called to leave their registration papers with the ushers at the door. Three decided that day to attend the pilgrimage. While all considered the pilgrimage opportunity, the Fabulous Imperial Gospel Singers sang, "On My Way to Jerusalem," an old country-gospel hit.

The breakfast closed with some special presentations, including a Korean Ambassador for Peace's gift of a picture of the Korean national flower, the rose of Sharon, with an American flag in the background. Elder Wright delivered a fervent prayer, and all agreed that this had been a very exciting and well-spent morning. ❖



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A remarkable pageant was held at the Grand Hilton Hotel in Seoul — the 26th Mr. and Miss University International Beauty Pageant where 14 young men and 14 young women vie for the grand titles as the 26th Mister and Miss University 2004. The victorious winners as this year's Mister and Miss University 2004 were Mr. Chinese Taipei, Yi Cheng Hu of & Ms. Kenya, Robai Musilivi Khamasi who is a very statuesque lady at her age. Both of them not only has beauty but has what we call the X-factor that is to convey the best message on how we could make a change in the world.

This year's participating nations were composed of Korea, Japan, America, Philippines, Thailand, Brazil, Hungary, Columbia, Russia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tianjin China, Chinese Taipei, Kenya, and Lebanon. Each pair walked the stage at the opening program with their colorful and glittering traditional costumes. The sight of the candidates brought sparkles in the eyes of the audience more so for the judges who are very excited to the outcome of the pageant as each one of them introduced themselves.

After that Dr. Kyung Jun Lee, President of Sun Moon University gave the welcoming remarks saying that ancient beauty included more goodness and righteous lifestyle. This contest pur-

sue the true beauty of humanity such universal value in beauty that goes on the idea of living for the sake of others and the ideal family. The pageant offers to promote true beauty of humanity all over the world.

Then the MMU video introduction was shown on two large video walls built at the left and right side of the stage followed by the introduction of judges who were namely, Dr. Kyung June Lee, President Sun Moon University and Chairperson of MMU Korea, then Mrs. Irina Shushkevich, former First Lady of the Republic of Belarus, Hon. Hamilton Green, former Prime Minister of Guyana, Mrs. Ludmilla Tichon, wife of former Chairman of Knesset in Israel, Amb. Rene Francisco Umana Chinchilla, Honduras Ambassador in Korea, Sir. Nicholas N. Kettie, Chairman of Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace in Washington D.C., Hon. Young Hee Suh, Secretary General of the IIFWP Peace Ambassadors, Prof. Lynne L. Kim, Director of International Cooperation of Sun Moon University, Prof. Keun Joon Kim, Kyungwon College of Arts, and lastly, Jae Bong Ha, Media Critic.

Next highlight of the event was the Talent Presentations from the best performances of the candidates from Tianjin China, Chinese Taipei, Kenya, Korea,

nese Taipei, Yi-Cheng Hu & Ms. Kenya, Robai Musilivi Khamasi. Emcees for this year's pageant were Mr. Joe Hoon Chae and Ms. Jungwha Jessica Richardson. Special thanks to the supporters, the WCSF, Sun Moon University, Grand Hilton Hotel, Chongyohak Shinmun, and the Kenya Tourist Board. ❖



ly, Mr. America, Mr. Chinese Taipei, Mr. Kenya, Mr. Korea, Mr. Sri Lanka, Ms. America, Ms. Chinese Taipei, Ms. Hungary, Ms. Kenya, and Ms. Tianjin China. All of them were called later for the Question and Answer Portion.

At last, the most awaited moment has arrived, the announcement of winners:

The most excellent in service and participation, Most Special Award goes to Mr. Nepal, Nitesh Karki & Ms. America, April Deller. The First Runner-Ups were Mr. Kenya, Lonina Leteipan & Ms. Chinese Taipei, Pei-Ying Chu. This year's Mister and Miss University 2004: Mr. Chi-

Russia, Philippines, and Columbia.

After that was the video of the Sri Lanka Project were last year's Mister and Miss University, Mr. Fadle Saad and Ms. Charlotte M. Shih went as the Campus Ambassadors for Peace last April 18 to 29. They learned that MMU is not just a beauty pageant but a process of experiential learning to embrace the differences of others and believe that diversity is a plus and not a minus.

Once again the candidates paraded in their formal wear followed by the intermission number, a performance from the Colors of Love where they rendered their two new songs from their latest album, "Enough" and and one from their first album, "Never Lose Someday". COL is a group of 4 beautiful young girls who sing songs of peace.

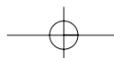
Finally the top 10 finalists were announced as the audience long for their bets to be called. They were name-



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The Second International

Thanks to Hyun Jin Nim's vision and leadership over the past 3 years, second

generation education has leapt forward to a whole new level. Hyun Jin Nim has been very eager to expand STF throughout the world as quickly as possible. His dream is to raise up a new generation of leaders who can inherit God's Providence and liberate the heart of our True Parents. The Second STF International Assembly, held this year in New York from July 31 to August 4th, was a tremendous success. Over 300 STF members, 18 to 20 years old, from the US, Europe, Japan, and Korea, were very excited to welcome their brothers and sisters from a new chapter just established this year in Latin America.

STF members prepared for the Assembly through at least one year of hard work on the frontline witnessing and fundraising, where they are trained through their own experiences to become rooted in the culture of heart and living for the sake of others.

One of Hyun Jin Nim's dreams has been to also establish an education and leadership training program for middle and high school age second generation as a preparation for STF. Simultaneous with the Assembly this week, the historical Junior STF Kickoff workshop began at Camp Sunrise, NY. 200 middle and high school age second generation young teenagers gathered at Camp Sunrise for 2 weeks to participate in an experiential training course in Service for Peace projects, outdoor adventure challenge and 3 days of elementary fundraising training. 50 STF USA members were helping this workshop as staff.

One of the goals of this year's STF Assembly was to generate momentum for these Junior STF members to inherit the spirit and culture of their elder STF brothers and sisters. The three other goals of the Assembly for STF members were to:

Realize our true identity as a member of the extended true family

Experience the joy and excitement of living for the greater good

Impact the world by building a new level of international teamwork

All activities were planned to accomplish these goals. The theme was: Creating Momentum for Second Generation to Embody Core Values: Vertical tradition, Living for the Sake of Others, Ownership, Team Work, and Dream Big. The participants and staff experienced a tremendous support from Heavenly Father as the Assembly took on a dimension far beyond their expectations.

To set the internal tone for the Assembly, the first day began with a tour to the holy



grounds of East Garden and Belvedere.

The morning orientation included a brief talk on God's Providence and the course True Parents' and True Family have walked in order to advance God's providence here in America. 95% of the STF members had never been to East Garden. They gathered in the main meeting room to meet with our elder sister, Sang Moo Borneman. She enthusiastically answered the questions of second generation about the lives of the True Parents and True Family. They were deeply moved as they walked through True Parents' historical dining room and Father's holy ground and prayer rock outside on the grounds. Mrs. Borneman shared the story of how Father prayed at this holy ground especially before he went to Danbury, often in the rain, refusing the protection of an umbrella, every morning before 5am. The True Children

had also prayed there while Father was away. STF members had a tearful unison prayer at Father's rock at Belvedere they visited the historical garage where Father spoke so many times and prayed together again at the Holy Rock.

One second generation European sister gave a testimony expressing that she had never met True Parents before. She shared that her impressions of True Family had simply come from photos in Today's World magazine, with beautiful smiles and clothes, and her understanding had been very superficial. She had never realized the real situation of True Family. Because of her training on the front-

line through STF, coming to this place had a tremendous impact on her heart. She listened to the tearful testimony of our elder Korean sister. Every time Mrs. Borneman said Jeung Jin Nim's name, tears came to her eyes. This moved the STF member so deeply and True Family became more real to her.

Other brothers and sisters testified that they could connect in prayer on this holy ground with the heart of True Parents and True Family and come to a new realization of the depth of True Family's course. They also could re-determine to vindicate True Parents and inherit God's providence. When they heard that the home of the True Family was to become a museum soon, they asked, "Will True Parents ever come back here again?" little realizing that True Parents would unexpectedly arrive 3 days later from Alaska!

On the second day they attended Sunday Service at Salem United Methodist Church in Harlem NY. This



STF Assembly

visit to the church where True Mother spoke a few years ago was to give participants an opportunity to connect to the heart of True Parents who have been working so hard to restore Christianity.

After the service, STF members worked on three Service for Peace projects. There they could practice international team work, rising above and beyond differences, and setting the example of melting down racial and national barriers by working side by side in the streets of Harlem. Many people passing by were impressed with these bright young people serving with such joy and enthusiasm, wearing their STF T-shirts, and representing the culture of heart to the community.

On August 2nd the Junior STF came to the New Yorker to join in with their elder STF brothers and sisters, who had been waiting with great anticipation and preparing to welcome them with genuine care and love. For the next two days they prepared together for the high point of the Assembly: to meet with Hyun Jin Nim.

In preparation for Hyun Jin Nim's speech, members shared impressive video reports on the activities of STF in their countries, and their testimonies of meeting God and the heart of True Parents and True Family on the front line. Many testimonies reflected their tearful experiences of God's love and a deep heartistic connection with Hyun Jin Nim. As they sang holy songs in 4

different languages, the whole room rocked with energy and excitement, with STF members jumping up and down and calling out to their brothers and sisters of Korea, Japan, US, Europe and Latin America. When Hyun Jin Nim arrived to greet a room full of enthusiastic STF members, all dressed in their black STF T-shirts, one by one each group presented a specially prepared greeting to Hyun Jin Nim.

Hyun Jin Nim's Speech was the high point of the entire Assembly. Over 1000 members came for this precious opportunity. The room was completely packed with standing room only. Not only STF and Jr. STF members, but also the local Family Federation members, STF parents and younger Second Generation were able to connect to the heart of Hyun Jin Nim, and his filial heart to liberate the heart of God and True Parents. Without using a translator he spoke for over three hours. Even Hyun Jin Nim was surprised when he looked at his watch at 6 pm. The audience was completely united in spirit with an eager attitude to hear his words. One could hear a pin drop as he held their complete attention.

Hyun Jin Nim shared deeply and candidly about his personal life, his trials, and his insight into what makes a true leader. He emphasized that becoming a leader starts with living for the sake of others. The course of lead-

ership is not about position, and it is not easy. The burden of leadership is a heavy and lonely one. He said that the second generation must "earn their stripes" in order to qualify as true leaders, through experiential learning on the front line.

He challenged them asking why they came to STF. One said, "Because I have to accomplish God's will." He asked, "Why do you think I do this? Unlike many Unification church members I don't do this because I have to or because I believe that True Father is the messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent, but because I love my parents. If this is the mission God has given to them, I want to support my parents out of love. When we do our mission out of love, suffering is no longer suffering. I invest not because I have to but because I want to, as a filial son."

Many STF members testified how they feel Hyun Jin Nim looks deeply into their hearts and spirits. They feel so much love,

appreciation and value from him. They were deeply grateful for all his investment and love as an eternal treasure for all of us.

On the last day of the Assembly, STF members had the unexpected Blessing of being invited to East Garden again, this time for Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents!

About half of them had never seen True Parents in person before. Their high spirit lifted up the atmosphere of the whole room. As True Father spoke, he had such an intimate give and take with these enthusiastic young people. Every one of them was transformed by



Mr. Machida

by Rev. M. Jenkins

A truly great man arrived in Washington, DC. Rev. Jim Flynn and I were able to welcome Mr. Machida to Fairfax, Virginia, near Dulles Airport. We had dinner that evening, as he is just completing his trip from San Francisco to Washington, 3000 miles on foot. I must say that when I saw his tan complexion, bright smile and healthy appearance, he probably is the most healthy person in the United States right now. But most importantly, he is a person that has a truly beautiful heart for God, True Parents and all humanity.

As we shared over dinner concerning his life course and especially his calling to do the Walk for Peace, it became very clear that this was no ordinary man. Having lived 14 years in the United States, he came to love America deeply. Then he moved to Japan with his family as an 1800 couple and continued to work for the providence there. It was in the year 1998 when he heard Father's speech calling all members to demonstrate for truth and righteousness and to stand up proudly for True Parents that something special touched his heart.

He began a walk across Japan from the north to the south, even taking a

On the high mountaintops in the northern part of Japan, in the snow, as he reached the peak of one summit, he felt the spirit of God touch him and remind him of the fact that his father had been a military policeman in Seoul, Korea, at a time when Korea was severely oppressed by the Japanese. Something stirred in his soul



and he felt that just walking in prayer across his own nation was not enough to really call the power of Heaven to protect and to lift up our True Parents before the world. He felt he had to go to Korea, but this time he had to go to Korea to repent as the son of a military policeman. Therefore, in the year 2002

he walked across Korea, going from the northern part of South Korea to the southern tip. Quietly, silently, without any fanfare or expectation of recognition, he simply walked for peace and walked in prayer, knowing that somehow his prayers would be answered.

As he completed this journey in Korea, his wife was sacrificing in Oklahoma City as a missionary--one of the thousands of Japanese missionaries who came to America with a mother's heart. Feeling the call from our True Parents that to indemnify the history of Japan as an enemy nation to America, the Japanese missionaries had to come to America and serve and love and sacrifice for the Christians, winning their hearts and bringing them

to the Blessing. Through these missionaries, combined with the national messiahs and our blessed families in America, the spirit of God moved and a most important condition in history was set in which 144,000 Christian leaders partook of the holy wine, thus becoming engrafted into the lineage of Heaven.

Upon completing this victorious course,

his wife returned to Japan and met with her husband, who, inspired by his walk in Korea, then felt called by God to go to North Korea. Having just served America, his wife felt deeply in her heart that he could not successfully make this journey in the north and contribute to the unification of the Fatherland without first making a walk and prayer for peace to America.

Father Moon has made it clear that the only way the father of a family can truly be uplifted is when the mother and the son cooperate together based on Heaven's direction. With this theme in mind, Mr. Machida realized that representing Japan he had to also embrace America as his wife did. With the spirit of victory coming from the elder son nation, he would then be able to walk through North Korea and hopefully contribute to the unification of North and South. That was the spirit behind his coming to America.

On June 1, starting from the holy ground established in San Francisco, he began this long, arduous journey. But truly Mr. Machida is a man of joy, a man of love and a man of peace. Because of this humble loving spirit, in which he appreciated even the smallest act of support, he touched the hearts of our blessed central families and American members, as well as those of the American people. He said to us at dinner the other night, "I am just so grateful that the American members did so much to help me on this journey. Everywhere I went, they offered me food, a place to rest and wanted to walk with me." He felt the Abel side of America represented by our members who truly supported his historic prayer. But also the general public came out, representing the other aspect of America, representing all the people of this nation. They also came out and supported in every city. There was virtually no incident of anything but support for him. Our young second generation leader, Mr. Jesse Berndt, drove all the way from Nevada to Washington, DC, protecting and praying for Mr. Machida's walk for peace.

Everywhere Mr. Machida went people came out, offering water, offering food. Two days ago a biker pulled up, pulled \$20 from his pocket, and gave it to Mr. Machida and said, "God bless you." When people sacrifice for the sake of others,

they draw out the sacrificial spirit in the people. America is especially sensitive when people give love and sacrifice. I believe that Father and Mother's sacrificial spirit for America is going to begin to touch the hearts of the people of this nation.

Mr. Machida's one prayer is that the purity and innocence of True Father will now be publicly understood. When he began his journey, he proclaimed that God has called him to set some condition as an elder brother, as a



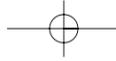
bleamed couple, to somehow address the fact that True Father had been innocent throughout his course in America. As the major Christian denominations and Senator Orrin Hatch from Judiciary Committee proclaimed, "Father Moon had done no wrong and should not have been convicted of any crime." With their support as well as the support of major denominations, innocence was proclaimed, but the court record has not been corrected.

We know that this is our course and our responsibility as God-loving people. Any misrepresentation of God's representatives in their work for America must be corrected. Just as our heart is truly to go to the Middle East and correct the misunderstandings between



ferry from the south to Okinawa, then from Okinawa to Hokkaido. He completed his north-south journey walking across Hokkaido Island. In the year 2000, something told him again that he must walk as a condition of prayer and sacrifice from the east to the west of Japan, but this time he felt he had to go to every prefecture of the nation. In 2000 he completed that journey.





Walks America

Jesus and his own family, we face those who misunderstood the work of Rev. Moon, and in some cases sought to imprison him or kick him out of this country.

Mr. Machida's walk and prayer is certainly shedding light on all of this, for this quiet and almost forgotten issue concerning Father and Mother Moon came to the forefront again during his walk for peace, when news reports highlighted the Crown of Peace award on Capitol Hill. With the international news that Father Moon was honored by religious and political leaders, many news reports also repeated the fact that Father Moon went to prison in America. However, we are reminded that Jesus went to prison, St. Paul went to prison, and Martin Luther King went to prison. Virtually every historic figure that truly stood as God's representative went through the prison course.

Therefore, during Mr. Machida's walk for peace, reports brought out the fact that Father Moon had been in prison. However, this truly must have been the work of God, because it allowed us to share with all of America's top leaders the findings of Sen. Hatch and the Judiciary Committee, as well as the statements of the National Council of Churches, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the American Civil Liberties Union, the African Methodist Episcopal churches, and many civil rights leaders who upon meticulous review of the facts proclaimed that Rev. Moon was railroaded, misunderstood, and falsely convicted.

We never know how Heaven will work when someone really commits his mind to serve God, and with a loving heart sacrifices for the sake of the people.

When Mr. Machida arrived at the Lincoln Memorial, it was moving to see him standing before Abraham Lincoln today, and then walking through the Korean War Memorial and to the Pacific section of the World War II memorial, where he prayed that Japan and America as former enemies will now reconcile forever and become pillars for the work of peace in history. We then walked with him over to the Washington Monument, where on September 18, 1976, Father Moon was received by over 300,000 Americans, and proclaimed that the end of communism



would come as God's people united together. Now Father Moon is proclaiming that the end of darkness and evil will occur as Muslims, Christians and Jews unite together not only in America but also in the Middle East and throughout the world. He says that this inter-

people that all humanity, all races, all nations, all peoples, and all religions would receive the grace of God, be liberated from any stain or barrier or difficulty from their past history, and be free to stand in the

religious unity and harmony will give inspiration and guiding light to the parliaments as nations of the world promote peace among and with their neighbors.

From the Washington Monument we walked to the holy ground in front of the White House. When Mr. Machida greeted Dr. Yang, Father Moon's representative in America, he burst into tears. This phase of his journey, from the West Coast to the East Coast, had been successfully completed, and now with Dr. Yang he could offer it to Heaven. Mr. Machida wept with joy and also with a deep heart of love. At the holy ground Rev. Jenkins reviewed the history and the course of the coronation of Jesus on December 22, 2003, and the Crown of Peace awards to Father and Mother Moon on February 4, March 23 and again on August 20, the day of True Father's liberation from Danbury prison. On that day Rev. Moon offered a prayer for all

light of God as a new body of believers, with the full power to come together as one family before God and build the Kingdom of God on earth, where there will be no more war and no more bloodshed, and where the prophecies of the Bible will be fulfilled.

Mr. Machida stirred the soul of America. Tonight we celebrate with a banquet his victory in this phase. The next portion of his journey will begin on September 1, during which he will walk from Washington to New York City, to East Garden, and then on to Danbury itself, offering his prayers to God that the work for reconciliation and peace and the history of True Parents' love for humanity and sacrifice for America will be made known. The wishes of those millions of Christians represented by their denominations, wishes of millions of Muslims represented by the sheiks, and the wishes of millions of Jews who felt the grace and love of God as these three faiths have been coming together will now be fulfilled. Peace will come, and God's truth will be revealed concerning Father and Mother Moon.

The essence of Father and Mother Moon's ministry and life work is living for the sake of others with the heart of true love that knows no boundaries or barriers, that has no preference or bias. Such love is distributed by God for all children of all races and religions. This is God's love.

Thank you, Mr. Machida, for your beautiful spirit, for lifting up America, and for giving your inspiration now as we go to the Middle East. With the power of God's love with us, we will bring peace on earth. ❖



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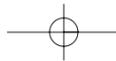
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paper in Nazareth has printed three stories about us. One was on our Heart to Heart March last month, then Lord Ahmed's visit as an Ambassador for Peace, and today a full-page article will come out. The impact in the cities and villages of Israel is now gaining momentum.

Also, several Jewish organizations are beginning to trust us. On Sunday morning we will have a prayer of repentance at Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Museum). This is being advised and guided by our rabbis here. Already people are talking about it. It is very serious. We are going through an education recommended by the rabbis in order to understand the roots of the Holocaust.

We are going to have "Culture of Peace" evening at the "Lincoln Center" of Israel. Based on the blessing of having as an Ambassador for Peace Dr. Ian Hall (Professor of Music at Oxford University and Conductor of the BBC Orchestra and many more world class events) we are going to have a night emphasizing a "Culture of Peace" through the performing arts. We will have reconciliation there on a new foundation, guided by Mr. David Eaton and Dr. Hall. This has opened up an incredible new relationship with the Jewish community.

The Women's Federation for World Peace of Israel is working with their European and American counterparts to bring a new level of impact to the powerful experience of the Bridge of Peace ceremony. This time it is going to be done overlooking the city from the Promenade, which is a breathtaking view of the Dome of the Rock and the whole city of Jerusalem. We are praying seriously that the most important Jewish and Palestinian women will cross the bridge together. Please pray that the mothers' hearts will have huge impact in healing the family of Abraham.

This is the power of God unfolding and the work of the Peace Kingdom. Incredible sacrifices are being made, but when we see the suffering of the Jewish and Palestinian families here and the immense tension that pervades in an environment of uncertainty and fear, our sacrifice is nothing. Through our sacrifice, hope is filling the hearts of the people.

Father Hatoum explained (in a beautiful form of English with an Arabic accent) that Father Moon is "doing the peace." While others are "talking," Father Moon is "doing." Because he is doing it "we (the people of the Holy Land) are all feeling pushed to sacrifice ourselves to push peace forward."

Father Hatoum shared with us a dream he had during the December pilgrimage. At 2:00 in the morning he had a dream of Rev. Moon appearing to him and saying, "How can you sleep when all these people are here from many countries trying to help you achieve peace?" Suddenly he woke up. He couldn't sleep. He was deeply moved. He drove two and a half hours to Jerusalem and made it

for the 5:00 am prayer. He came with such an inspiration and confidence. Father Moon "Does the peace."

Candlelight Vigil Commemorating September 11

Three doves symbolizing peace were released at the climax of the September 11 vigil in Jerusalem's Independence Park, but one kept returning to the hands of people who believe that the solution to violence comes from God.

Eleven hundred people from 41 nations came to the World Peace Pilgrimage in the Holy Land believing that "it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." That was how Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings, Jr., co-convenor of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, introduced the candlelight vigil.

As darkness settled in and the Holy City emerged from its Sabbath rest, first one drum and then another established the rhythm for the vigil. Then Native American leaders joined their voices calling upon all humanity and all creation to spread the desire for peace throughout the universe.

"I greet you in the name of the one God of humanity-- the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob-- the God of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," Rev. Michael Jenkins proclaimed. "At this serious moment in history, we offer our condolences and prayers for those who lost their loved one in the 9/11 attacks in the U.S., as well as those innocent victims of violence in Russia, Israel, Palestinian Territories. We offer our condolences for those who lost their lives in the war in Iraq, and for the loss of innocent lives around the world."

Prayers and music set the solemn

tone for the vigil across from the U.S. Consulate. Imam Haitham Bundakji, of the Islamic Society of Orange County, California, referred to the 19 terrorists who led planes into buildings three years ago. "But they did not do this in my name or the name of Islam," he added. "We condemn that attack and all forms of terrorism. Osama Bin Laden, did you read the same Qur'an as I read? I call on George W. Bush not to hold 1 billion Muslims around the world responsible for terrorism. Let's secure skies, land and seas, but not by attacking countries. I call upon Rev. and Mrs. Moon, king and queen of peace, to bring solutions. As a Muslim leader I extend my condolences to the families affected by violence on 9/11, in Russia and Iraq."

Vigil participants included representatives of Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Territories. "The United States has been considered the world's most powerful country, but it does not have the strength to solve the problems of the world," Rev. Jenkins continued. "Politics cannot resolve the problems of

tehuman heart. The essence of the struggle in the Middle East is rooted in separation from God. That's why the voice of religion is needed."

Since the 9/11 attacks, some people say that there is no way for Muslims, Christians and Jews to work together. But the American Clergy Leadership Conference focused on verses in the Holy Scriptures and the Qur'an that say we must respect each other.

"Peace will come not by might or power, but by God's spirit," said Rev. Jenkins, quoting the Biblical prophet Jeremiah. Professor Ian Hall from Oxford University in England, chanted the words of the poem of John Donne, "Will thou forgive?"

The brisk breeze blew out many candles, but people kept relighting theirs from neighboring candles. Dr. Shuki Ben Ami, Director of the Emil Frank Institute in Jerusalem, brought smudge and a peace pipe to share with the Native American's, who stayed around after the vigil dispersed to continue their songs and chants for peace.

Yad Vashem ceremony

"God's first love was Israel," Rev. Michael W. Jenkins announced to a hall of 1100 participants in the World Peace Pilgrimage in Jerusalem on September 12, 2004.

People came from Europe, Eurasia and North America to set conditions of reconciliation among people of different races, religions, nationalities and cultures. Rev. Jenkins reviewed

the process of reconciliation that began with 120 Christian ministers taking down their crosses and reaching out to rabbis in a mutual repentance and forgiveness on May 23, 2003, in the same room of the Jerusalem Hyatt Regency Hotel where the World Peace Pilgrimage was assembling. This continued with a ceremony on December 22, in which key Jewish leaders offered a crown to Jesus in Jerusalem's Independence Park, where

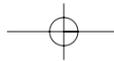
the 9/11 candlelight peace vigil was held the night before.

"How many does it take to be faithful?" Rev. Jenkins asked. "One." God told Moses that if one person kept the law and was faithful to the tabernacle, God would continue to bless the people of Israel.

Hundreds of people decided to come on this pilgrimage to help turn the world in a direction of peace. "It's a matter of decision-makers," Dr. Eliezer Glaubach, four-term member of the Jerusalem City Council, stated. "We have a problem of decision-makers in both nations. We are politically weak and not spiritually strong."

Yad Vashem is a holocaust remembrance institute. It represents what the Nazis did against the European Jews. "Hitler developed the principle that the Aryan race is the superior race in the world," Dr. Glaubach continued. "That is why they carried out what they did. They killed not only Jews but handi-





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capped people, the mentally ill, gypsies, etc. All over the world they tried to plan the same thing."

He paused and added, "I personally have acquaintance with what happened in Europe. We as Jews in Jerusalem and all you precious brothers and sisters are going together to Yad Vashem to reconcile, with the motto of repentance and forgiveness. It doesn't work one-sided."

Dr. Glaubach and Dr. Andrew Wilson, a Jewish professor at Unification Theological Seminary, had been engaged in serious discussion since Dr. Wilson's arrival in Jerusalem on the previous morning. "Reconciliation can only come through repentance and forgiveness," reported Dr. Glaubach about the conclusion of their discussions. "It is not easy to forgive, but when we receive repentance and offer forgiveness, we can have a united world in the future."

Dr. Wilson told the members of the World Peace Mission. "After the holocaust, many people doubted the existence of God. The holocaust was the cause of the state of Israel. The survivors came to Israel. However, if Christians and Jews were united in the 1920's and 1930's, the holocaust would not have happened." He talked about the boat-load of 900 European Jewish refugees who had arrived at the coast of the United States and were turned away by President Roosevelt. They were also turned away in South America. The refugees returned to Europe and perished in the Holocaust.

"Israel has a particular history," Dr. Wilson continued. "Jews felt alone and insecure. Jews learned through history that they can depend on no one. Roosevelt knew by 1942 what was going on, but he did nothing. The Jewish pain and sense of aloneness leads to this response to terrorism. It leads to building the wall. Suicide bombings are horrible. Israel was attacked by Arab states in 1945, 1967 and 1973. They felt their existence was at stake. Defensiveness and isolation led to this response."

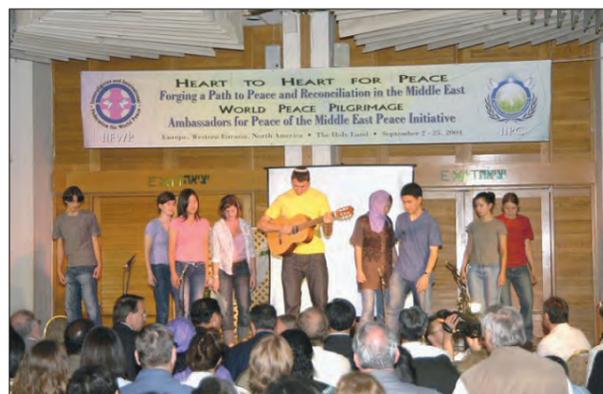
Members of the World Peace Mission were told that at Yad Vashem they would find the memorials to the righteous gentiles, those who risked their lives to save Jews from death. But some of the six million dead are trapped in the spirit world and cannot forgive those who killed them.

"We reflect on so many sad histories in coming here," Rev. Jenkins explained. One hundred million people lost their lives in China. So many died under Stalin. Our black family has endured unspeakable suffering, which continues today. Our Native Americans have suffered so much, and a group of their leaders are with us today."

The continental representatives of the World Peace Mission come on the foundation of the August 20 ceremony of total grace which True Parents held in Korea. "God set the condition to cover us," Rev. Jenkins explained. "We are no longer under the curse. Therefore, remove and wash away from your heart any sense of discrimination or superiority. Let's wash away the stains of history. How many times have the American Indians stood up to offer the peace pipe and then have been betrayed. We will not betray you! We will not betray you! Let's wash away history's stain and bring the light of God."

Dr. Antonio Betancourt, Secretary-General of the World Peace Pilgrimage, urged participants to love their enemy. "To love your enemy is like dying," he explained. "Today, let's let the part of us that hates die."

Dr. Chang Shik Yang, who was commissioned by True Parents to lead the continental World Peace Pilgrimages, expressed gratitude for the many ambassadors for peace and clergy who came for this historic mission. "Together we will build the substantial foundation for the eternal Kingdom of God on earth," he concluded.



Heart to Heart Peace Walk

Father Hatoum drove to Jerusalem from Nazareth to speak to us, as he does for every peace mission. "We do the peace," the Greek Melkite priest affirmed after the hoon dok hae reading. Towering above the podium in his black robe, he called out: "We push the peace." He told how Father appeared to him in his dream last year and woke him up saying, "These people come here to do the peace for you and you sleep?" Father Hatoum is not a man of mere words. For him, action is important. "Rev. Moon does the peace," he told us. "We are happy to see you come here. You push the spirit world. You push each of us to do this. We have changed here. We are very happy. We thank you."

Rev. Michael Jenkins then introduced Bishop Ki Hun Kim, who remarked that hoon dok hae is not just a family church tradition, but many pastors and religious leaders are joining in. "Without brothers and sisters, we cannot do so much for the sake of world peace," he continued. "Based on the foundation of the previous seven pilgrimages, we are able to go to more and more places." Bishop Kim expressed appreciation for the Dutch family for organizing a city tour for the Chicago delegation, which had a 12-hour layover in Amsterdam enroute to Jerusalem.

Rev. Song, the European continental leader, told how Father came to New Zealand on a speaking tour, when he was assigned as a leader there. Father had been speaking from 9:00 pm to 4:30 am to the members, took a break for pledge, and then spoke until 6:30 am, leaving for the airport and the next leg of his speaking tour without eating breakfast. To Rev. Song he commented, "If you live like this, nothing is impossible." Rev. Song reported that every time he thinks

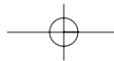
of Father he recalls his commitment to a life of chong song. "Sodom and Gomorrah perished not because of the people's corruption, but because God could not find five righteous people," Rev. Song concluded. "That number 5 is expanded to the 500 members of each continental delegation. So if each continent has 500 righteous people, they can be saved." He expressed appreciation to the Europeans and North Americans for fulfilling that number.

Karen Smith, who heads the UN office for the International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace, had recently arrived in the Holy Land. "The United Nations is something Father knew he was to be involved in since his early life," she said. Christianity, like the UN, was prepared to receive the Messiah on the global level. Father speaks of the UN and its providential role. However, it has not been able to comprehend Father and receive him."

She reviewed last year's campaign to distribute the messages from spirit world to the UN delegates. Many on the pilgrimage had participated in that effort. "It's not normal for groups to hold a world peace Blessing in a UN room," she observed, "just as it's not normal for members of a UN mission to receive spirit world messages." She paid tribute to the Japanese women who are building a foundation of heart through their years of sacrificial love and devotion to the representatives of the community of the world's nations. Mrs. Smith also explained that no other NGO has the capacity to mobilize people from 160 nations to come to Jerusalem to work for the cause of peace, and the world community is taking notice. "The real way to effect change is not through the UN officials but through influencing people in your own countries," she concluded. "Sometimes we all feel very small, but do not underestimate the collective power of your sacrifice and investment."

The final commentator of the morning was Dr. Frank Kaufmann, head of the interreligious work of the IIFWP. "The most important thing I have learned is the phenomenal genius of Father Moon," he told the assembly of religious leaders, ambassadors for peace, and Family Federation members. "Is there anyone here who does not originate from the Middle East?" Quite a few people raised their hands, but Dr. Kaufmann described a Christian minister from Samoa who had come on the World Peace Pilgrimage from Oceania and continued: "Did one of the steps Jesus took have enough pain on it to reach Samoa? Who can say what the steps you tread today might contain? This dispensation of Father is spawning rebirth. We don't have a lot of time to spend in this holy place, but this is where God has dreamed, wept and hoped for us." ❖

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by Rev. Kevin McCarthy

Holy Wine Ceremony and Chil Pal Jeol at the Columbia Road Church

We are so grateful to True Parents for graciously opening the Peace King era by rebirth through the Cheon Il Guk holy wine ceremony held at the Columbia Road church on August 20, 2004.

While True Parents in Korea were opening the era of the Peace King for

the entire cosmos, at the very same moment in Washington, D.C., more than 200 families were gathered to participate in that grand ceremony. It was the miracle of the internet that allowed us to feel that we were direct participants with True Parents in this holiest of moments.

Two days later we re-gathered at Columbia Road for a special congratulatory service for the Coronation of the King of Peace and celebration of the Eighth Chil Pal Jeol (Cosmic Sabbath).

The highlight of the service was provided by Rev. John Paul Hong's stirring explanation of Father's direction for each blessed central family to take the holy wine and begin to bless, nurture and educate 662 families in their Tong Bang Kyol Pa areas.

Rev. Hong explained: "Through this Blessing, we become citizens of Cheon Il Guk. True Parents are the King and Queen of Cheon Il Guk. Therefore,

as the people of Cheon Il Guk, we should be of the same quality as the True Parents. We need to set up a condition so Satan cannot accuse us. This is why we need a tribal Blessing ceremony. Each couple should be tribal parents. Our tribe is composed of 36, 72, 124, 430 couples (total 662). If we bless our tribe we will upgrade to same realm as True Parents, and Satan will no longer be able to accuse."

Nearly 250 families lined up and received the specially prepared "Nlessing kits" that included Cheon Il Guk holy wine, cups, holy salt and several four-color brochures that contained Father's words and "The True Love Pledge," that can be given to a family that has received the holy wine.

Now blessed central families in Washington, D.C., are reaching out with a new enthusiasm to bless, nurture and educate new families and bring them to the era of Cheon Il Guk.

This period from August 20 until October 3rd is a special time for outreach. We know that God has prepared many new people who can not only receive the holy wine, but also can understand its life-changing significance. ❖



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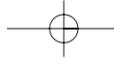
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Outreach in the Big Sky Country 2004

by Pastor Mike Yakawich

This is a year that the Lord had made in which we all can rejoice and be glad in it! As a reflection of many smaller ministries throughout America, the Family Church in Montana has been diligently reaching out to the larger community. In June, we hosted the Annual March Against Drugs and Violence, which continues to find participating in the community is vital. We are able to create credibility, ownership, teamwork and acceptability. We are recognized in the community by the actions and efforts that our faith guides us to do. The annual march included over 300 people with the U.S. Attorney for Montana as our keynote speaker, ministers and local community leaders. The local paper, The Outpost, captured the entire event with a photo in their paper of all the marchers walking down Main Street. Outreach in whatever form, proves to those in the community that we are here to stay and are indeed kingdom builders.

Earlier in the year, the Family Church youth band was invited and performed before 500 students and faculty at the graduation ceremony for the school of education at the University of Montana in Billings under the leadership of our youth band director, Mr. Chad Martin and Joseph Martin. We are grateful for the youth in performing and the leadership of our band and outreach. It has been a great opportunity to witness and live for the greater good.

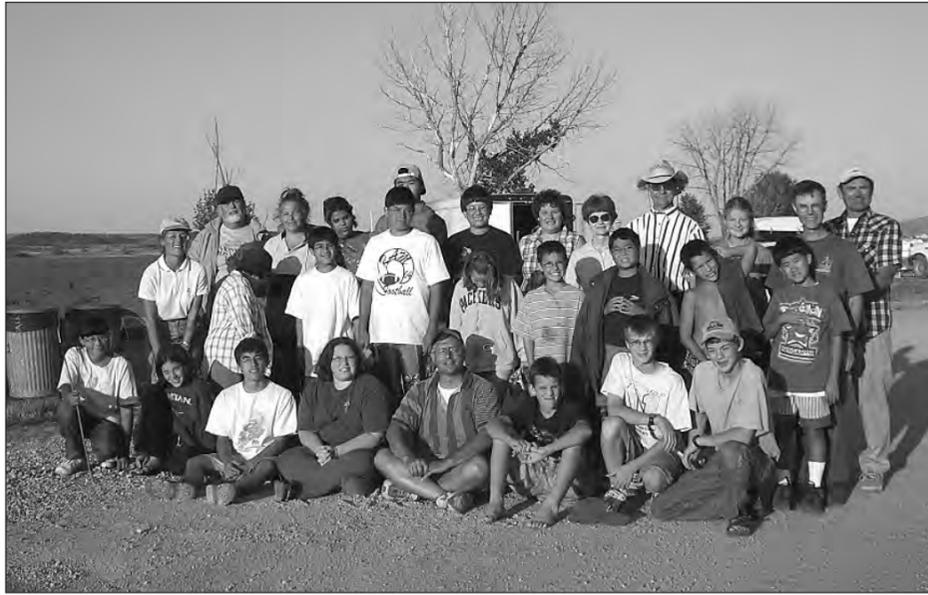
Recently, the Family Church community participated with several other churches in a service project. This was a very large service project including making quilts, blankets, hygiene bags and other needed items for other service organizations in the community including the Red Cross and Family Services. The day began with a morning service. Our church was especially recognized and appreciated for their support and participating in the past few years when this service program began.

Our churchwomen and youth did an excellent job in participating throughout the entire day in supporting and working with women from the LDS (the main sponsor), Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist churches as well as the local Jewish synagogue. Some of our youth hauled baskets and other items for loading and delivery. Family church mothers and daughters spent all day quilting and packing bags filled with toothbrushes and other health items for firefighters to those in need. Others spent all afternoon sewing and making special blankets for newborn babies and other special items for the elderly.

At one point, the President of one church, a lay minister of another, a member of our church, Dan, and Pastor Mike all donated a pint of blood as part of the day of service. Words of Father Moon echoed in my heart that we are called to have the hearts of a

Father, in the Shoes of a servant shedding tears for man, sweat for earth and blood for heaven.

On Aug. 8-9-10, 2004 the Family Church of Montana held their Annual Cooney Reservoir Retreat. There were



over 40 members participating in this retreat. The weather was very pleasant as all the campers nestled close to the water. Although we have hosted three other workshops this year, they were held in the local church or Local Park. This retreat was held out in the country overlooked by the Bear Tooth Mountains about one hour from Billings.

We had a very educational talk on the Principle of Creation to start our retreat. Later, we had presentations by Meekyung MacMurdie on her experiences on STF, testimonies by Dan McMillan on why he joined this church, to morning services on our life of faith. With more than half of our membership from the neighborhood, it creates a wonderful environment of first and second generations of many age groups interacting and striving to build a community church.

What made this camp exceptional was the great turnout. We had members traveling several hours away



to join us at the retreat. Likewise, we had many home church members come out to be part of the camp. Some stayed

for the day and others stayed for the entire three days. It is always heartwarming to have first and second generation members participating and sharing as a family church from lectures and testimonials to swimming, rafting,

fishing and canoeing. As one member shared, "These three days have been the best experience and most fun and spiritual experience I have ever had."

Our retreat also included a foreign exchange student from Japan and one of our youth's friends from school. We felt the heart of God in His Creation,



the power of the Holy Spirit in our fellowship and the love of True Parents by bringing all of us together. It was clear that without True Parents and this wonderful church community, we would not have had such a chance to get together.

In the past years, we have been blessed to develop an outreach to the local rest homes and senior centers. The youth just performed at the Billings Senior Center last week. For the second time this year, our Family Church was again invited to the Stillwater and Carbon County Hospital and Convalescent Home. This city is approximately 50 miles from Billings. Under the leadership of Mrs. Yukiko Yakawich, our youth participated with

her in an hour-long service project. During half of the program, they taught a class on origami or paper folding. The Activities Director really enjoys this project for her residents. The Board of this hospital awarded the Family Church for their community service. Amazingly, the residents are serious in following the instructions and they look forward to the end result. There is always one of the origami from that class which is placed on a tree that they have in their activities room. Over the past few years, there are many on this tree. The residents say no one ever touches this tree and they always enjoy looking at the origami that they have made. The local newspaper, Stillwater County News, printed an excellent article in August on our ministry.

During the other half of the program, the youth band performs for about a half of an hour. They have prepared their songs ahead of time. They take turns doing mostly solos and then a conclusion with all of them together. This past performance included the piano, trumpet, flute and clarinet.

We are always amazed how much the rest homes and hospitals look forward to this time. Whereas in the past, we would have to call and make appointments. More recently, they are calling Yukiko to make the appointments and to see when we are available. The Activities Directors are always very grateful for our service project. In fact, this last performance, the Activ-

ty's Director invited the local Columbus paper to interview those involved.

In all, we sincerely appreciate the inspiration and support from our Regional and Vice regional leaders, Bishop Lee and Rev. Wiesinger. We are especially grateful for True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim Moon who have guided us so wisely in the value and importance of service projects and in living for the greater good.

In conclusion, this is a report about our outreach in Montana. Yet, it is more than just a report. It is the toil and dedication of many elder members as well as new members to our church. Our story is about facing challenges and intense difficulties for every good testimony may have tears behind it. It is meeting new friends, people joining and the general effort of growing a church. It is like so many of our church communities all around America. They are out there planting seeds and nourishing the hearts and minds of the community. It is being creative and determined in our witnessing. It is working together as brothers and sisters overcoming struggles and differences. Outreach in the Big Sky Country is multifaceted and multidimensional including many great brothers and sisters working on a common cause, church growth and community building. Alas, we see that the time for the harvest is at hand. ♦



Seattle Women of Peace Reconciliation Ceremony for the Abahamic Faiths

by Steve and Susi Evans

On September 1st, Mrs. Susi Evans of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), in concert with sponsors, Dr. David Burgess of the American Leadership Coalition, Steve Evans of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, and Noriko Fisher (Northwest Regional Director of WFWP), held the first Middle East Peace Initiative Ambassadors for Peace and Bridge of Peace Ceremony for women leaders of Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths in the Seattle suburb of Lynnwood, Washington.

Deeply moved by the Women of Peace Pilgrimage to Israel last May, Mrs. Evans personally felt God's calling to initiate this forum in the Pacific Northwest. With the unity and great support of Mrs. Eileen Williams (WFWP of Snohomish County), 67 guests, including 40 women leaders from around the region, attended. Five new Ambassadors for Peace were designated.

We gathered for three hours of education, celebration, humor and song, sharing an international pot luck dinner. The evening's focus was the vision of peace and reconciliation inspired by the founders of these organizations, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.

Entertainment was provided by two talented guests. Kaylan Tarbell sang "Colors of the Wind," moving everyone's heart, and D'vorah Kost led us in signing a Kenyan song of peace, love and family, delighting all.

The event again was filled with spontaneity and joy, mixed with heart and clear vision that inspired the new award recipients and kept the room in rapt attention throughout the evening.

Mrs. Evans' total investment and challenging course (she has been suffering from debilitating sciatica since committing to this effort) bore fruit in her riveting speech. It touched on many significant points and opened the heart, mind and imagination to the understanding that women of peace are able to relate across lines of race, faith and nationality, with the heart of a mother, even in the midst of conflict. She proclaimed: "This is the time for women to show models of non-violent leadership energized by their faith and their hearts so that we can stand together: Palestinian and Jew, Christian and Muslim, Black and White, Arab and American, because first we are women, mothers, sisters, wives and daughters, before anything else. Current brutal issues must be addressed through serious methodical application of key universal principles of reconciliation and restoration, grounded in a profound understanding of the root causes of conflict." Her speech was interrupted five times by applause.

Mrs. Evans' speech was followed by the video, Women of Peace, which brought tears to the eyes of many in

the audience. After viewing the film, we felt that the Holy Spirit, experienced at Mt. Scopus, had entered the room.

The stage was set for the inspirational Powerpoint presentation given by Dr. David Burgess, elucidating the spiritual and philosophical underpinnings of the Middle East Peace Initiative.

Ambassador for Peace awards followed, with Steve Evans introducing the five women recipients, representing distinguished leadership in the community.

Among the highlights of the evening, was the spirit-filled Bridge of Peace Ceremony led by Noriko Fisher.

We culminated with a toast, led by Steve Evans, to the four points of true love in the family. It was a blessing to all.

We wish to give thanks to the following individuals for their help and encouragement:

- Scott Dolfey and Doug Williams, for their yeomen's effort on the huge stage that they dusted off and restored.
- Leighton DeGoede, Brendan Williams and the second generation contingent.
- Bonnie Berry Coolidge, for lending her guidance.
- All the precious Japanese sisters, for their continuous loving support and leadership in our community.

- Jan DeGoede, for jumping in when needed.

- Diane Araki, for her humility and perseverance, always.

- Our dear brother, Brian Grandstrom, for his expertise as well as fortitude putting up with us neophytes, handling the audio-visual.

- Alain Aridj and Danielle Cohen, both now with the 40-day advance teams in Israel, for their heart and unity with the Evans family.

- Pastor Gerhard and Paulette Wiesinger, for their leadership and friendship.

- Rev. and Mrs. Sang Hun Lee, for their sincerity and exemplary spirit.

- Susi, for putting everything else aside, praying and crying, pulling it all together - with little or no budget and in pain and struggling to feel supported. You are my hero! (from husband, Steve)

- Steve, for your inspiration, confidence in me and being there when I needed you. I'm sure our unity invoked the spiritual help we needed. (from wife, Susi)

- Last, but not least, thanks to our Heavenly Parents and hosts for their incredible patience with us all and their unfailing faith in the mettle endowed in us that we constantly underestimate. ♦

IN MEMORIAM

Jeffrey Our Little Big Man

It was March 23, 2001, a Friday afternoon that in the company of Peter and Shin Jun Lis I went to visit Agnes Lis and to meet their first-born baby boy, Jeffrey Lis. I brought him as a present a green flowery cow. It was my first encounter with my little big man. As a matter of fact, my first experience with him was as I contemplated his baby face, which had a little smile as he slept pleasantly and peacefully in my arms. After that, many other experiences developed, but the most important was when his mother Agnes had to go to Cheung Pyung Training Center in Korea for the 40-days blessed wives seminar.

Jeffrey and I had the opportunity of developing our hearts in every precious moment we spent together these past weeks (40 days). We did so many projects and things such as going to Bryant Park, taking the train to buy a yellow smiley-face balloon, or going to Chinatown to see the many varieties of live fish, or we just went to Queens to Roosevelt Ave. to buy some Mexican items. We went to the markets in India town and also to the Italian town and Korea town areas. He enjoyed taking the "choo-choo" train, as we called it, and buses so he could see many things, meet people, enjoy life and experience the various international places. He also had the experience of eating at Mexican, Italian, Colombian, Chinese and Korean restaurants.

Most of our time together we spent playing with his toys--cars, Legos, etc. We read books, his favorite being Baby Trucks. Recently his second favorite was Emily's First Day of Class. But as I reflect, every day he had a new one. We went to the library to get books so I could read to him. He chose some and I chose others for him. We did some art too.

We also went to Toys R Us and bought educa-

tional toys such as Leap Frog (imagination), an activity desk, and 2nd Lite-Brite to make figures or pictures with colorful pins. That day we also got Water Symphony which has eight rainbow-colored circles and eight dolphins so he could make music by patting them on their heads. I wanted him to enjoy taking baths and I enjoyed watching him playing with his bath toys. He learned to take showers with the friendly neighborhood Spider-man foam soap. I felt so proud of him as I watched him.

Also we watched videos such as Monsters, Inc., Ice Age, Toy Story, Brother Bear, A Troll in Central Park, and others (Spirit, Finding Nemo, Scooby-Doo, etc.). Another one that he enjoyed as I was taking my Tongil Moo Do class was Shrek in Spanish. I did not remember it was in Spanish, but he did not mind watching it. He watched it on the eighth floor, sitting in a chair with those huge headphones as he drank juice or milk and ate popcorn and crackers. He knew I was next door in the other room with Uncle Ruben, though he could not see me. That day Israel and Misael of M.E.T. kept a watchful eye on him for me. Also, another Tuesday, Sarah Christian, of the second generation, took care of him. She left today for Cheung Pyung Training Center. She told me that she also had good experiences with him. He also got to know and call aunts and uncles the Spanish M.E.T. and the Japanese sisters who also watched him for me. He liked to go up to see them, especially he said Uncle Socrates.

When he saw the number 7 button on the elevator, he said uncles. I could tell you more about the people of the eighth floor, the witnessing team and the Japanese sister in the kitchen, but it would take forever. We went shopping together to buy food to cook for them.

He follows me wherever I need to go, and I followed him wherever he wanted to go--most of the time! We went to ride the carrousel in Bryant Park. I gave him the money to pay for his ticket. I wanted him to feel important and mature by paying for it himself. I had to be with him on the carrousel. I sat on a bench on the carrousel and he rode the horse of his choice. Although I got dizzy as it twirled, I imagined he was a cowboy riding freely on his horse all by himself. Also, we used to eat cream puffs two

or three times a week from a Japanese pastry shop at 41st Street. (He could barely reach up his hand to pay because the counter was a little high for him.) He paid for the cream puffs all by himself and said, "Thank you" and "Bye"! He enjoyed eating ice cream, especially rum raisin, and the last time we went he chose strawberry. He loved eating strawberries, cherries, kiwis, mangos, grapes and most recently an oriental fruit called lychees. There were other kinds of fruit, but these are the ones I remember the most. He loved eating white rice, shrimp and Korean seaweed. One time we cooked shrimp together. He ate almost all of them but I had to eat some too because they tasted so good. When we prepared to go to bed, we prayed and said goodnight to God and True Parents, to Daddy driving a truck, to mommy in Korea, and to Shin Jun and Ryan in Poland.

I sometimes sang him a song such as Arirang, or a lullaby, or I just went sh-sh-sh (hush), and caressed him, his head and hair until he fell asleep. I slept beside him just in case he had a bad dream or woke up during the night. He knew by my patting him and going sh-sh-sh that he was not alone. I stayed with him until his father came home.

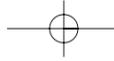
To me, Jeffrey Lis was not just my nephew but was like my child, my son, my buddy, my pal, my best friend who was there with me. We were one and we will always be, no matter what!

I didn't like it when some people asked me, "Are you the babysitter?" My answer was, "I am not his babysitter; we are buddies, pals." I don't like to be referred to that way because we are family.

In conclusion, Jeffrey Lis is a singular, unique, stubborn and willful unpolished Diamond with a great potential of transforming himself from a loving toddler, to a child, to a teenager and in not so far future into a "divine man of loving heart and peaceful smile." We are the ones who had the fate to know him as a toddler with occasional tantrums, but we took the time to win his trust and love. We could experience the greatness of his infinite and immense loving heart.

To you, my beloved little big man and forever best friend.

Auntie Sandra



Rally to Welcome the King of Peace

The "Rally to Welcome the King of Peace" was held on August 22 at 10:30 a.m. on the open lawn area of Asan campus at Sun Moon University. Dignitaries from abroad and from Korea, leaders from various fields of society, Ambassadors for Peace, and members from all over Korea were present. The audience totaled approximately 23,000 people.

The International President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Dr. Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, was master of ceremonies. The ceremony consisted of opening remarks, holy song, prayer by Rev. Yu Jeong-ok from Japan, presentation of bouquets by Mr. and Mrs. Kim Do-soo, welcoming address by the International President of the IIFWP, Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, Father's speech and benediction. After Father concluded, congratulatory songs were offered by tenor Ryu Jae-kwang, soprano Son Misun, and popular singer Kim Kuck-hwan. Three cheers of Mansei, led by Yoo Chong-kwan, brought the occasion to a close.

In his welcoming speech, Rev. Kwak testified about the historic accomplishments of True Parents, saying, "...the era of liberation, which all people of the world crave for, was opened by the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom given by True Parents who have become the King and Queen of Peace and asked us to live centering on the absolute value of true love...."

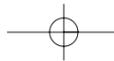
True Father emphasized the revolution of heart, revolution through indemnity and revolution of conscience, saying, "... it is special because we are witnessing the end of the era before Heaven when humanity languished in the inability to escape the bondage of sin and indemnity. We have come to the precious and blessed beginning of the era after coming of Heaven, which is an era of true liberation, complete freedom and sacred peace...."

True Father spoke on the theme, "The World of True Love and Harmonized Unification Can Be Fulfilled through the Absolute View of Value of the True Ideal Family." He said, "... the practice of harmony and unification centered on true love is the only way to discover absolute values. Since the attributes of God, the owner of true love, are based on eternal, unchanging, unique and absolute standards, we are to inherit those standards and live according to

them...." He exhorted all participants to raise ideal families centering on the true heaven and live lives of absolute value.

He also said, "... the only way to bring harmony and unity between mind and body is to live for the sake of others, invest yourself with true love, and forget what you have invested. You need to live by absolute values...."

August 22, was also the 8th anniversary of Chil Pal Jeol (The Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth). ❖



by Soniyae Stephens, 13, Columbia, MD

Camp Sunrise 2004

Well I went to the middle school session of Camp Sunrise, and the theme this year was Peace in the Kingdom. It was only a week this year. They cut out a couple of activities from last year such as the day long hike, and personally I liked the hike. And I was sort of disappointed that they didn't have it this year.

The good thing is they still had the aboji-thon, where throughout the day all we did was play sports. And my unit (Unit 3), out of all the girls events, we won them all except that picture game which was only a "good job". I don't think anyone won that one...

The sad thing was that the boys of Unit 3 lost most of the games, but they won the water sports and the girls won the ground sports. Since our unit was the smallest we were losing against Units 1, 2, and 4 by a lot!

And how you can tell we were losing. It was because the goal out of all the units was to fill up God's heart. So there was this big poster board and there was a big drawn heart on it. If you win sports and do good deeds, then your unit's half of the heart will be filled up. So the whole point is to get God's heart filled up. My unit did some good deeds and we didn't win so many sports so our part of the heart wasn't so filled up.

All in all Unit 1 won because their part of the heart was the most filled up and my unit, Unit 3 was last...but I know I still had fun. ^_^ and I hope everyone else did too.

Another fun thing this year was our skits. This year instead of each unit getting a part of the Divine Principle to make a skit about, we got this piece of paper with 3 subjects on it. This time one girl team and one boy team had to work together and so our 3 subjects were Hilary Duff, Camp Sunrise, and a Wooden Duck. So we still wanted our skit to be based on the Divine Principle. So this is what hap-

pens in the skit. Hillary Duff goes to Camp Sunrise and then doesn't like it there and then has a dream of a wooden duck which is God and He tells Hillary to not focus on her appearance and just have fun at camp. So she does and becomes a hard core Moonie! —great huh?

But here comes the bad



part...guess who's Hillary Duff...me...but it wasn't my fault! Everyone voted on it! I thought it was really unfair but its over with now. Thank goodness too. But I guess it was fun while it lasted.

The Lectures this year I thought were more interesting. This year we got these books where we write all of our notes in. That was very useful, I thought. Our first lecture was about faith. Absolute faith means having faith in something and believing it is true even if we don't understand why. Also it means putting our trust in God.

Here's a quote: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see"

The next lecture we got was about the Fall of Man, and about what everything symbolizes such as the fruit, snake, etc.

Then the next lecture was about the mission of the messiah. The messiah is the only person who can help the world. The messiah has to complete the 3 blessings and he has to fix original sin.

We also learned that day the prodigal son's story is based on God's heart. The son represents people on earth and the story shows that God still loves them, represented by the father. The father forgave him because the son repented and admitted that he did wrong. If people today confess the things they did wrong to God, God will forgive and still love them.

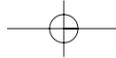
Then the next day the topic was Faith in the family and Peace in the Kingdom.

Faith in the family means that the family always includes God. And that our attitude should be different from people who are not BC's. Once you have a different attitude, then God can notice who his blessed children are. We also have to be with God all the time.

All in all it was another good year at Camp Sunrise. And I am looking forward to next year.❖



ADVERTISE IN THE UNIFICATION NEWS



Washington DC Witnessing and Education Vision Tour

by Rev. Bayo

As part of Region One's continued effort to move our guests, friends and associates into full membership within the family and raise them up from members to become leaders, the DC region is pioneering several educational and training methods. One of these is the Vision Tour.

The Vision Tour is a concerted effort by Region One's regional director, Rev. John P. Hong, our regional witnessing

that these sites have provided through the years as a springboard for renewed hope and determination to serve and save America.

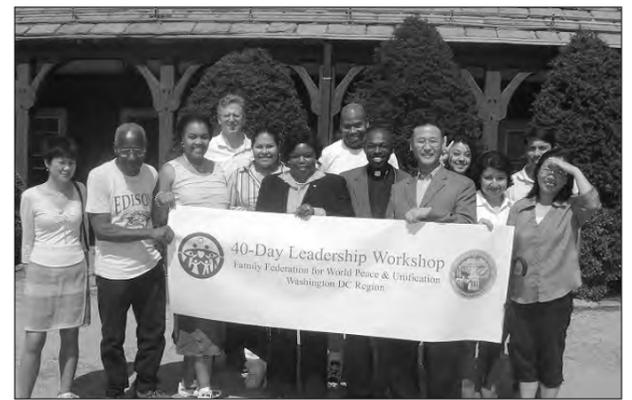
Participants in this Vision Tour are drawn primarily from new members who have attended a one-day seminar, a two-night/three-day workshop, and have shown clear interest in becoming members and receiving the Blessing - Father's prime mission.

On September 4th as part of the region's 40-day leadership workshop for new members and Blessing candidates, four new members and two leaders embarked on the first Vision Tour. The one-day tour started from the Historic Palace of Love at 1610 Columbia Road, NW, District of Columbia (now called the Peace King Center), and continued up to the

Upstate New York, Rev. Ki Yeal Lee, and his wife

Rev. Dr. Tyler Hendricks, the president of UTS, was also on hand to welcome us and gave us an overview of the history, mission and purpose of the seminary. The group was very moved by the down-to-earth style of Dr. Hendricks, who entertained questions and answers in the beautiful chapel. We later took a tour around the campus and were privileged to walk down Father's trail.

The next stop was Belvedere, in Tarrytown, New York. It is considered by many older members to be the



and education staff, and local church leaders to help expose new members to the wealth of historical facilities that True Parents and the Unification Movement have established over the years in America.

The purpose of this tour is to further simulate and facilitate a lasting commitment through the inspirations

Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), Belvedere, and East Garden.

We gathered at 3:00 am on Saturday morning for prayer and pledge, and then we started the journey to UTS. We arrived in Barrytown, New York, at about 9:30 am and were received very warmly by the regional director for

heartbeat of the movement in the early days in America and still the historical center of inspiration.

Rev. In Hoi Lee, regional director for New York, and Rev. Andy Compton were on hand to receive us and share the heart of True Parents. As the new members were listening attentively, I

sensed history being made as they received new revelations about Jesus and the offering that True Father made to comfort his heart.

We hope that through this kind of educational tour we can help others to see, feel and unite with the heart and mission of True Parents. ❖

40-day Fasting Condition Finished

by Mrs. Hyo Ja Moon

Mrs. Hyo Ja Moon, wife of Rev. Dae Hee Hong, Regional Director in Florida, has finished her 40-day fasting condition—June 29, 2004 - August 7, 2004

First, I want to offer the utmost glory to Heavenly Father and True Parents who set this 40-day fasting condition victoriously, using my weak body. I couldn't help crying with a remorseful heart, thinking about comforting the heart of True Parents who have overcome such tremendous difficulties and gone the path of tears until now.

I want to briefly explain about my motive for starting this 40-day fasting condition. After coming back from the 40-day workshop in Cheong Pyeong, I had been offering the devotion of 120 bows every day, because I deeply felt that I had been like a blind person who was ignorant of the original heart of God and True Parents, due to the fall. I shed tears many times during the workshop, because

I felt deep in my bones the sorrowful pain resulting from the fall, which has caused humanity such misery. When I saw the media stirring up public opinion against True Parents regarding their coronation as peace king in the Senate office building, I wanted to offer a sincere prayer to God about the situation of America, which is blinded because of the fall.

We all know that America is the country blessed by God, but we might not know that God blessed this country in order to use it for His Will. In front of God, America is so important as the elder son country that God cannot give up on it. America has no other way to go except to follow God's Will faithfully.

On June 28, which was the 15th day of the third 40-day period of devotion, while I was praying after bowing 120 times, I had a strong feeling that even though God is present on earth, an earthly condition such as a 40-day fast was absolutely needed. Thus, I started this condition from the next day.

During this period, I had no fear at all.

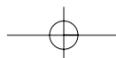
Through this small condition, I felt deep in my bones how fortunate we are to attend the cosmic parents, parents of heaven and earth, and parents of heaven, earth, and humankind in our lifetime. Also, I spent these 40 days with a joyful heart, filled with hope and confidence that all the righteous people in the spirit world would be able to join with the earthly conditions of the righteous people of the world, and that finally the shining glory of God's Will would become widespread on this earth as well.

I had an unbearable, splitting stomachache, especially from the 4th day to the 6th day. My husband worried so much and even suggested that I do only a 21-day fast. However, God encouraged me by saying, "My dear daughter, you can do it; I believe in you," while I was praying during morning hoon dok hae. I cried and cried at that time, thinking about the heart of God who couldn't help but trust in a mere child such as me and use such a weak daughter as me.

I offer the deepest gratitude to Heav-



enly Father and True Parents for permitting me to have deep spiritual experiences with God as well as to offer this small earthly condition successfully. I also thank from the bottom of my heart Dr. Yang, Rev. Jenkins, and all the leaders who showed love and encouragement during this period. Especially I want to thank my dear sisters in Florida who supported me with one-day chain fasts. Also, my appreciation goes to Mr. Machida, who is walking across America from the west to east even in the scorching heat of summer. ❖



Junior STF / STF National Adolescence

The workshop—started by True Parents & Hyun Jin Nim—was held August 1st ~ 14th, 2004 at Camp Sunrise, NY. The theme was: Building a New Culture of Heart for the Settlement Age through Embodying Core Values! The host was the FFWPU Second Generation Department

- The schedule was:
 HDH with True Parent at East Garden; Hyun Jin Nim's speech at New Yorker Hotel; Culture of Heart Day; 2nd International STF Assembly; Service for Peace (3 days); Adventure Activities (Paint Ball, Hiking); Fundraising (3 days); STF Graduation Ceremony
- The Core Values of the STF are:
 Vertical Axial Line: God-True Parents-True Family
 God's Ideal & Vision: One God-Cantered Human Family
 Identity: Member of Extended True Family
 Attitude: Be #1!
 Attendance
 Living for the Greater Good (AIMS)
 I Align myself to God's Vision, Values and Goals.
 I continuously Invest in others to develop their potential.
 I Multiply the value of our organization by taking creative action.
 I Share best practices across the organization.
 Ownership (RAISE)
 I am entrusted to take Responsibility for stated and expected goals.
 I am Accountable for the execution and outcomes of stated and expected goals.
 I take Initiative by being proactive and solving problems.
 I Strive for excellence with passion and commitment.
 I Execute the goals that I set out to achieve.
 Teamwork (MORE)
 I Mentor team members from God's perspective to personally guide their growth and development.
 I keep Open-mindedness to give and receive feedback and new ideas constructively.
 I Respect team members by trusting them and recognizing the merit they bring.
 I Energize team members with my conviction in the common vision and goals.
 Dream Big (CARE)
 I have absolute Conviction in the fulfillment of God's Ideal.
 I Aspire to challenge limitations by looking for possibilities and seizing the opportunities.
 I am Result-oriented, learning from both victories and failures with the end goal in mind.
 I am Expertise-driven to be an effective part of realizing God's Dream.

Testimonies

Jin Young Jang, NY Youth Minister

I attended Jr.STF/STF kick off workshop on August 1- 15. At that time I didn't have clear idea about what is Jr.STF. Especially I'm New York regional Youth Minister however when I heard about Jr.STF I felt it is just idea, not real. I mean many times our church organization shows me only short cemetery event. So I thought this workshop is also same thing as past.

The workshop's theme was that "Building a new culture of heart for the settlement age through embodying core values. We talked about only Core Values through all programs for 15days. It mad me confused little bit even I was staff. We had many kinds of programs such as; joined STF International Assembly, Service for Peace, Adventure Activities, and Fundraising. All those things were trying to embodying Core Values. The end the workshop, I

changed mind like that before the workshop I was not owner of Jr. STF but after workshop it was mine. I want to make better program for our youth, my younger brothers and sisters. I believe Jr. STF is one way of the process to develop better education. When we joined STF International Assembly I felt STF



member's sprite and energy and we had opportunity to meet Hyun Jin Nim. He looked likes very happy because STF members there. I felt he trusts and loves them so much. Next Program was Service for peace. It was not new things but surly we bare a fruit ourselves. After Service for peace we had adventure activities. We went hiking and play paint ball.

When I went hike only my team had one map. Of course we lost way however usually we met someone else and they told me where I am. The map was somehow strange so we lost way many times. Anyway we came back to camp sunrise with nothing happen.

To play paint ball was so much fun. Even though my team lost all games however it was no problem because my team got a lot of gain through that. Last program was fundraising. The fundraising van mad me weird and scared. Unfortunate I couldn't go fundraising because I was sick. So we read whole DP book, it means from the beginning to the end, one day. We woke up at 3am and start read at 3:30 am. Some one couldn't go to fundrais-



ing so those people wanted to spiritual support fundraising teams. After fundraising we attended STF graduation at New Yorker hotel.

This is all the workshop programs. I can't explain through word what I got it, what I had that moment.

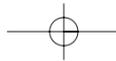
Tracey Cho, Texas

Twenty-one days of my life were spent in one of the most valuable and precious ways possible for man. In the short span of twenty-one days I attended the Jr. STF kick-off workshop and got to see and hear True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim in person. Most importantly, I established a solid and stronger relationship with myself and God. During my eighteen years of life I always prayed multiple times a day to God, but something always felt empty and at times I even wondered if God was listening to the same things I said in all of my prayers. Trying to meet God and always trying to talk to speak to God with your heart and soul is a challenge, but on the three days that were spent on fund-raising during the workshop I discovered and felt so many unbelievable and unexplainable feelings that have permanently changed the way I observed the world and even myself. On the night before my team and I went fund-raising I gave a prayer to God saying that I

would try my best to set a large offering to him in order to restore his providence as much as possible. On the night before the second day I prayed to God that I really wanted to feel his heart and that I wanted to share his sorrows so I could understand him more. Then finally on the night before the third day I prayed that I could truly see him in all the people around me and somehow all of my prayers were mysteriously granted. The first day held my best record on restoring his providence. The second day was a day full of consistent rejections and parallel thoughts I developed on how much agony God was feeling. I realized that we humans suffer several times in our life, but can forget them easily with random feelings of joy we receive from our family, friends, or even a good grade on a test. It is so easy for us humans to forget our sins and live life so selfishly and ignore how desperate God wants to help us and love us. Things are so easy for us because of the joy we are able to feel in our everyday lives, but God has not felt joy for over six thousand years and still cannot feel any happiness until this day. Why do we forget how much the heart of our Heavenly Father aches?

Why do we try to live life in only ways that we ourselves can feel unrighteous joy? I remember True Father saying when I saw him at East Garden saying because we are aware of our world and our duty, we will not be able to sleep or eat in peace anymore until the world and God's heart is at peace. Hearing this strongly embedded the command that we, the children, must save this world by transforming it into a world full of God's love. Then on the third and final day of our fund-raising I remember el was struggling with the windchime sales until my partners and I ran into a hidden house that looked quite intimidating; however, the people living in the home were two of the most positive and caring people I met during my three days of fund-raising. It

is amazing how much a nice person can lift one's spirits and confidence from a few kind words. The last person I was able to restore on that day was a man that was partially deaf, which was very ironic because windchimes are usually wanted because of their beautiful sounds.



Kick-off Workshop Leadership Training Program

In those two people, I was able to see with my heart how God exists in all the people and in all of the things around me. I was only foolish to not realize that obvious fact earlier. When the time came to leave Camp Sunrise, I was burdened with such a heavy feeling of confusion and fear almost. I started to ponder on how I needed to change my lifestyle and how much more differently I need to mature to really become a true worker for God. It seems like you can never determine anything until you understand what you really want, which takes up a great deal of patience and wisdom.

Tadakimi Takashima

It was such a great experience to go back on the front line and to support my younger brothers at this first Jr. STF workshop. For the first time in a long time I was able to really push my emotions. A lot of my past STF experience came back and although it was very challenging I really was able to feel such great joy and really humble myself to my brothers that went out in the rain to go fundraising for the first time.

During the workshop I was mainly helping behind the scenes to support my brothers and sisters. Even while doing things in the office I was able to feel so much spirit and gave it me so much energy and inspiration. Towards the end of the workshop I had the opportunity to help out one of the fundraising teams for three days. It was one of the best times I had during the workshop being able to directly give back to my brothers on the frontline.

It's been a long time since I went back on the frontline to lead a team fundraising and it wasn't easy. So many things didn't go the way I wished, but in those circumstances all the brothers on my team were very supportive. The second year graduates helped keep the team spirit and the team members were all trying to learn and absorb as much as possible. Although it wasn't easy for them to go out at times by the end of the three days there was definitely break through spirit in the team. It was such a great inspiration to me to see the brothers, and not only was it a learning experience for them but I was able to learn so much from them. God's substantial love and True Parents and True Family's sacrifices they made for each and every one of us to be here. I can't thank Heavenly Father, True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim enough for this program and this experience. There will still be so much more to come as we create this new program but this workshop was definitely a great kick off for the coming year. It also helped me personally challenge my physical self, emotions and spirit. I can only be grateful to be able to participate in this kickoff workshop.

Stacey Cho, Texas

It is amazing how much a person can change and grow in one year. I have had the opportunity to be a leader in workshops before and after each one I surprised myself by how much I would transform. After the winter and summer workshops we held this past year in Texas, I really evolved internally so you can imagine my apprehension as I signed up for the Jr. Stf Workshop at Camp Sunrise. Two and a half weeks of BC

activities, I have never been away from my family for so long. I realized after this workshop how sheltered the Texas BC's are and how much world there is outside of home. When I first arrived at the staff workshop I was



extremely intimidated by all of the second year STFers. They were so swept away and passionate about this movement. Before each gathering we would sing holy songs. I have never witnessed this kind of singing. There was someone jamming away on the guitar and another guy busting out on the drums and they would have a group of people leading the singing on the stage and they were so full of energy and spirit, dancing and shouting. It was a very exciting time. When the real workshop started and all the kids arrived I really started to get nervous and was just blown away by all of the bc's. I have never been around so many blessed children, especially bc's who were around my age. And it's funny because even though I did not know anyone I really felt like we were all one big family, I really felt that these were my brothers and sisters. Everyone was so sweet and nice and there was just such a genuine kind of caring for one another. I could really identify myself within this huge group of strangers.

The first few days, I thought and felt like I had been at the camp for a month but when it all ended I felt like it

really. The reason why this workshop was unique was because instead of stressing upon cognitive learning, we actually took Hyun Jin Nim's approach and learned through experience. I believe that is why this workshop has been so powerful in its impact because we really learned from the heart this way. We went to the International STF Assembly and it was exhilarating all of us being together in one room. People from many different backgrounds but really we were all the same because we all share the same dream. When Hyun Jin Nim spoke to us I could really feel how much he loved us and I began to realize what it is we must do as second generation. The next few days were composed of activities such as paint balling and sports. Another important factor that was stressed upon was core values, it was very important that we focused on these five values and really live them out during our stay here.

We had the opportunity to see True Parents at East Garden and that was just such an intimate time for us because we were so close to him in this small room. I was frightened by how much he had aged and I just wanted to comfort him. The way True Father looks into you, I really felt like he could see my soul. I was very dazed after that and I felt very blessed because I

really don't know when I'll be able to see him again. After that we had three days of Service for Peace and we were all separated into groups and completed different kinds of projects. In that short time frame I genuinely felt like we had touched so many lives and really did our part in making the world a better place. Regardless the size of our impact, the fact that we had made the world a little better made me feel as though I had really fulfilled something vital to the community. I worked at the YWCA with the children and it really inspired me to see how jovial and innocent the children were. The irony of their innocence and the environment they lived in as inner city children. It hurt me to hear about their broken families and the lifestyles they had been born into. I mean because we are all God's children and I realized how much pain God himself must be feeling right now because there are so many horrible things happening today to all of us. I really reflected a lot on my own situation and I truly became aware of my own fortunate life. I mean I was always thankful but it is easy to forget when you are surrounded by the comforts of home every-

day. Being away and seeing different lives and experiencing and sharing my own life with other people, it really touched me in a way that will never leave me the same.

Now for the scary part, fundraising for three days and living in a van. I was terrified, I really did not know what to expect and what it was I was supposed to be feeling. I mean I could not really understand how fundraising would show me God's heart, how through fundraising I would find GOD and really experience his love. I have always yearned for God's love and I still do not believe I have truly felt it. Maybe glimpses and momentary flashes but I don't think my heart has totally been immersed by it yet. Living in the van was not the hard part, really it was the fundraising. Rejection can hurt and it does and I know that we were not supposed to take it personally but for me it was

a challenge to keep going after so many rejections. I really wanted to reach out to these people and bring God's blessing but it was hard to see how blind the people were to it. On the second day of fundraising after my second run we all returned to the van to report on our experience and on how much

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went by so fast. Time seems to have had no importance there. I mean here in our day to day lives we're always rushing to get through the day and check off all the things we need to get done from our to-do lists. At Camp Sunrise all of our five senses and spiritual senses were being fed and I just felt so much satisfaction and bliss





PAUL CARLSON

GETTING HITCHED

This is the second half of an article about marriage. It's an ancient tradition, a respected institution, and a wonderful step in life. All over the world it's getting better, for men and especially for woman.

Even so, as a major front in the so-called Culture War, marriage is under attack. It's become such a hot topic that discussing it can elicit furious emotions.

VARIETY

Marriage has numerous styles. It's not perfect, but all societies regard it as a sacred rite. The details are fascinating.

Shiite Muslims have an unusual 'temporary marriage' tradition, the mut'a. These are supposed to last a minimum of 45 days, but in theory could be dissolved after one hour. (No Britney Spears jokes, please!) Then the woman, but not the man, is supposed to wait a couple of months before getting into another.

Israel only recognizes unions performed by Orthodox rabbis. This can place Jewish immigrants in an awkward spot, and many will study to gain rabbinical approval.

Your author has visited desert communities where fundamentalist Mormons engage in polygamy. They keep to themselves, and in fifty years the authorities haven't challenged them.

Secular writers, especially of science fiction, often assume that temporary marriage contracts will be normal in the future. Legal 'domestic partnerships' are a big step in that direction. Opposite this, Alabama has instituted a special binding 'covenant marriage.'

Anyone with an understanding of God's blueprint, the Principal of Creation, knows the true form and ideal of marriage. But formalizing that into law could be a thorny issue! How would a Heavenly Nation handle it?

SCIENCE

Activists on all sides of the 'culture war' hope to enlist science in their arguments.

In sociology, marriage is America's nearly universal ambition. The shallow, promiscuous characters on Friends and Sex In the City dreamt of eventual marriage. Have gays been "brainwashed by the \$70 billion wedding industry," and thus, want to get married now? Some activists claim this, while temporizing about whether it's a good thing.

In zoology, humans get compared to animals. I'm not a scientist, but I can study, and for several years I've known a primate researcher.

Ants blindly follow instinct. Their actions are based largely upon tell-tale scents. When emitting an "I'm Sick" scent, they'll bring that ant into a safe part of the nest. But if it's the "I'm Dead" scent, they'll toss it outside. Including a live ant, over and over again, until that chemical wears off. Humans have instincts too, but who wants to emulate this?

Activists love to mention gay and promiscuous animals. It's true, but the

devil is in the details. Some sea creatures and amphibians are very stupid. Unaware of their own gender, they'll attempt to mate with any handy object, until they finally get it right.

Certain male birds and mammals will fight off rivals, then engage in an annual mating frenzy—with any of its kind that gets close enough. There are men who, watched impartially, seem to behave like that! But is it a good idea?

What about chimps and gorillas? They aren't always gentle. Sometimes a male will destroy another family, slaughtering a rival male and his offspring. Then (to the surprise of researchers), the female



will embrace the killer, and bear his offspring instead!

This resembles primitive human warfare, when the enemy's women were seized as plunder. It's in the Homeric epics and the Old Testament. Do gays and leftists really wish to emulate this? I sure hope not . . .

GENES

Genes control the mating habits of animals, but we humans tame and breed animals, not the other way around. We don't want to be ruled by our genes.

What do our genes dictate? In reality, men regard women as sex objects.



They always have, and it's a 500 million year old biological imperative. When the Catholic Church imposed priestly celibacy, those married at the time were separated. In one account, an elderly priest shooed his wife away from his own deathbed, confessing that he still lust-ed for her. Isaac Asimov, a brilliant atheist, mentioned this unshakable desire when justifying his frequent Men Only club evenings.

Untamed, men will act as predators. They have a lot to answer for, and single men are by far the worst offenders. This might go back half a billion years, or mainly to the Fall of Man, or even (according to some feminists) to the loss

of a prehistoric matriarchal paradise.

Marriage is the institution for taming men, and thus, one of the cornerstones of human civilization. It's an amazing denial of human nature, on the part of radical feminists, to claim otherwise. Several of them, after decades of slamming men, eventually got hitched.

COUPLES

Recently, scientists discovered that a gene controls the monogamy of certain mammals. By splicing in a gene from the faithful prairie vole, they made its cousin, the promiscuous meadow vole, become just as monogamous.

Upon this announcement, various media outlets conducted man-on-the-street interviews, asking whether human males ought to be given such a gene. The responses had largely to do with whether the ladies asked were single, or whether the guy's partner was listening.

Whether homosexuality is genetic or not: they're here, they're influential, and they want to get married. They assure us it's a great idea, and no problem for the kids involved.

A simple analogy can help. Have you watched young men drive? Many always go faster than the flow of traffic, and

or 'fem' roles, often with a distinctive appearance. (Thus demonstrating that humans cannot fully deny the Ideal.)

Activists will respond by slamming traditional marriage, and its many faults (such as abuse, and the high divorce rate) make it an easy target. It's a taboo subject, but abuse rates in homosexual relationships are the same, if not worse. In any case, the world remains fallen, and from here on, marriages will only get better.

This is not to say that most gays aren't wonderful, selfless individuals. Dr. Laura has encouraged gay (and single parent) adoptions—for older, otherwise unwanted, children. Far better, she says, to have this love and stability, than to get bounced around foster homes until they're eighteen.

EXAMPLES

Every Pastor's great calling is to support marriage and families, and most devote their whole mind and heart to this. They've had plenty of heartbreak, in failing to save (or even to begin) millions of marriages. Liberal Pastors, while sincerely concerned, have evinced great confusion on the issue.

The Principle's Four Position Foundation is in the shape of a diamond. As an illustration, if you regard people as carbon atoms, then sacred marriage places them in beautiful, diamond-strong, relationships. Less Principled relationships would resemble brittle graphite, or easily-scattered soot.

The Bible calls believers the Salt of the Earth. Alone, man (sodium) is hard and flammable; that is, prone to anger and ruin. Alone, woman (chlorine) is green and gaseous; that is, prone to envy and dissipation. Bonded together, they form incorruptible salt.

This applies directly to politics. Both conservatives (Rush Limbaugh) and liberals (Mother Jones magazine) note that 2004's most important 'swing voters' are women, and they agree on why. Married women are quite conservative, while singles [lacking a man in the house] look to a paternal government, and for handsome liberal politicians who promise lots of support.

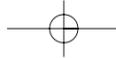
The political parties have made their strategies accordingly.

Biologically, emotionally, spiritually, in abilities and style, and in numerous other ways, men and women compliment each other perfectly. Marriage is an amazing thing.

Men and women, not to mention kids, don't come with instruction manuals. In most places, adults can quickly marry one another, and start a family, whether they're ready or not.

Better to get some advice first! Christian wisdom can be gained from the Andelin's books, plus secular guidelines from John Gray. Excellent Unificationist programs have now been created by John Williams and Dr. Josie Hauer.

No matter who votes for what, the Ideal stands. Let's do all we can to spread the word. ♦



Sun Hak Choir News

by Nancy Kubo

Sixty youth from U.S., Mexico, Taiwan, and Canada gathered for friendship, singing, recreation and performing for two weeks in Seattle as members of the 2004 Sun Hak International Children's Choir.

Under the direction of Nancy Kubo and assisted by Mitsuru Kubo, the choir learned a repertoire of 17 songs

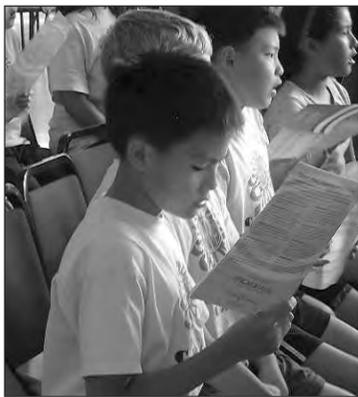
in 14 languages and performed three concerts with live instrumentalists that included strings, woodwinds, percussion, marimba, electric guitars, and piano.

Founded and named by True Mother, the choir is fulfilling its mission as ambassadors of peace by including youth of all faiths, nationalities, and races, and by singing the music of all lands.

Visit www.sunhakchoir.org for more information, and put Sun Hak Choir in your plans for Summer 2005. Groundwork is being

laid for a service-and-performance trip to Israel in the near future. The choir accepts any motivated youth ages 9 to 18 into its two performing troupes.

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Bestfriends Program in Africa

by Michael Lamson

The Best Friends Program is sponsored by Africa Rising to help bring Blessed Children from around the world into a deep and meaningful relationship with Blessed Children in Africa. The long term goals of the program are to help cross the cultural divisions which exist between Africa and the world and to provide the opportunity for Blessed Children to learn to "live for the sake of others" by starting with their best friend.

At this time we are finding that many African Blessed Children are growing up in extreme poverty in Africa and are in need of a friend who can help them. This might mean emotional support, financial support or sending clothing or medicine, each situation will be different and will change with time. In most cases however it will be the friendships which will help all parties find a path to greater freedom and fulfillment.

Through the program Blessed Children from around the world will be able to connect to a Blessed Child in Africa and become best friends.

We do live our lives sacrificing for others and often find that we have little left at the end of each day. I ask that we consider the many Blessed Children who are being welcomed by heaven everyday in Africa and the realities which they will be confronted with as they grow and fight to make their offerings in building the kingdom.

Unificationists have invested much of their lives as missionaries in Africa. There are so many Blessed Couples in Africa who are raising their Blessed Children in UC traditions and sacrificing what little funds they have as a family to support TPs work and vision to teach the word (DP) to everyone in Africa. Often this situation leaves the Blessed Children without the comfort of their parents and without the basic needs such as food and medicine.

The Blessed Children in Africa need

to have other Blessed Children from around the world as best friends so that they can see the movement as bigger than just their village or nation. They need support and help.

Blessed Children from around the world can have a direct impact on the future of the Blessed Children in Africa through becoming a best friend. This will help the Blessed Children as they can develop a friendship which can lead to future adventures, experiences and understanding what "living for the sake of others" is.

The Best Friends Group will in the future develop a web page and other programs to support those who become best friends.

To discover how you can support the program and help your children find a best friend you need to join the group at bestfriendsgroup-subscribe@yahoo.com or contact Michael lamson at daddylamson@yahoo.com ❖



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we restored that day. This run was the hardest because I was with two other sisters who were doing very well but for some reason I was only getting rejections. I finally sold one at the end of my run and I was so thankful. As I sat in the van I was very disappointed in myself for letting the rejections get to me, for not loving the people unconditionally. I felt for the first time what it is that God feels everyday, what it was that True Father had to go through to bring the world back to its original state, and how much first generation had to sacrifice for God and their children. So everyone had reported and it

was my turn and actually I am not a very emotional person. I rarely cry in front of people, maybe it's from my Korean lineage but I've grown up associating crying with weakness so I hated to show such a vulnerable side of myself to others. I was okay up until I looked up and saw True Parents picture and I could see the love emanating from their faces in the picture. I felt like I had failed them and tears just started brimming and they just poured out of me and I felt so many different things in that moment that I cannot put into words. I realized a part of God's heart and the hardships that True Parents had to go through. It was a very interesting experience for me.

Afterwards we had the graduation and then it was time for the hardest part, say-

ing goodbye. The bonds that I had created with the people there and really by this point Camp Sunrise felt like my home. I felt safe there and it was nice being surrounded by brothers and sisters who loved and cared for you so much. I was also very concerned for all of the people going to STF because I knew how much they were going to have to endure to discover God's heart and I was happy for them but also terrified. As they were loading the vans I could see their faces full of apprehension and fear for the unexpected. When the last van drove away and as the last few cars drove away I felt such an emptiness sweeping over my heart. It was overwhelming to have gone through so much in such a short time frame.

I am very grateful to have been able to

go to Camp Sunrise and for all of the memories and self awakenings. Before this workshop I really had a strong conviction and identity, I knew exactly where I was going and who I was but now I realized that I don't really know who I am, who I am as a child of this movement and what it is that I have to accomplish in order to save the world. So, I have decided to go to STF next year. I plan on going for only one year but I know that I will benefit so much because before school and before all of the other dreams I have I need to figure out who I am before I can move on to the future. I thank you all for listening and for all of your love and support and I pray that we may truly unify as one and bring the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. ❖



40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

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In June 1999, Dr. Chang Shik Yang replaced Rev. Pak as Continental Director of North America. Throughout the movement, as Rev. Pak noted, Rev. Moon was making a new start, "placing younger people in various positions." Aside from being younger, Dr. Yang was a graduate of Unification Theological Seminary, as were other leaders who were elevated, and held two additional seminary degrees. Dr. Yang took a different slant on elder sonship in his inaugural address, "A Sacred Bond for the Salvation of America." Citing the well-worn passage from de Tocqueville about America's greatness being grounded in her goodness, Dr. Yang stated, "Without question, the heart of America and her people are still good." He described Americans as "generous, big-minded, enthusiastic and creative" which was something of a departure from what members had grown accustomed to hearing in recent years. When noting problems such as children born out of wedlock or sexually-transmitted disease, he referred to empirical data and professional studies, which also was a departure. Finally, Dr. Yang promised "to love America as my own country" and, significantly, "to raise and support Americans for leadership of this nation."

It was early to assess Dr. Yang's follow-up on any of these points. There was no reason to assume that his expressed appreciation for the nation was not genuine. As Regional Director in Washington, D.C., he was a major force behind the strategy to make the World Culture and Sports Festival associated with Blessing '97 not a movement-focused but a Washington, D.C. renaissance event. In his inaugural address, he again called for the fulfillment of the "sacred mission" of "Rebuilding the Family, Restoring the Community, Renewing America!" Early in his tenure, he continued to take an empirical and professionally-informed approach to problems as well as to issues of finance and church development. The early returns on his commitment to raise Americans for leadership was mixed. Although he kept the Korean Regional leadership structure intact, he did appoint three new American Vice Presidents, including the first African-American to hold that position. On an entirely different level, Dr. and Mrs. Yang already fulfilled their commitment to love America as their own country quite literally by conceiving and offering a child to an American interracial couple who were unable to bear children. It was not uncommon for blessed members with several children to act as surrogate parents for infertile couples, but it was uncommon for a top Korean leader and spouse to do so for Americans.

However, it was not Dr. Yang who primarily dealt with the concept of elder sonship. That distinction belonged to Hyun Jin Moon. In July 1998, as previously noted, Rev. Moon appointed his third son, Hyun Jin Nim, Vice President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International (FFWPUI). The FFWPUI was intended to lead the worldwide projects of Rev. and Mrs. Moon into a "unified focus," and Hyun Jin Nim's appointment was widely interpreted within the movement as a sign that he had been designated Rev. Moon's successor. In his inaugural address, Hyun Jin Nim stated that there were two areas in which he could make a positive contribution to the FFWPUI. The first was in the field of education. As he put it:

"As a son, I have been very fortunate to intimately witness the extraordinary lives of my parents. Although I have been constantly impressed with the level of dedication and faith that many early as well as current disciples have exhibited, I could not help but notice the difficulty many faced in trying to live up to the standard of faith, love, and obedience maintained by my parents. Intimately knowing the standards by which my parents live as well as struggling myself to live by them, I feel I am in a unique position to offer guidance and assistance to those in

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need."

Secondly, Hyun Jin Nim expressed that he had "a clear obligation to revive the second generation of our movement as well as offer a fresh new vision for the world's youth." He noted,

"Up until now...a systematic course of education and development was not laid out to prepare these youth to rightfully inherit their birthright as heirs of our movement. As a result, many have become disillusioned and have fallen astray. I pledge to alter this current state by reinvigorating them to recognize their value as historical figures in bringing about a world of peace and love. By raising these young people to represent God's ideal, they will offer an alternative standard of life to the young people of the world."

Hyun Jin Nim refined these emphases over the next year. However, the twin foci of consolidating the tradition of True Parents and transmitting that tradition to the movement's second generation were to become the core action agenda of elder sonship.

Hyun Jin Nim was in a unique position to implement this agenda. As Rev. Moon's presumed successor, he was the ultimate elder son. At the same time, he straddled several different worlds. In his words, "As a Korean growing up in America, I directly experienced the effects of both Korean and American cultural and traditional patterns." Having come to the U.S. at age four, he received most of his formal institutional education in America. However, he acknowledged that his parents were "very traditional Korean parents" and that "the way they look at familial relationships...is from a very Korean perspective." He noted that he was "influenced by pluralism here in America" but that as he grew older and raised his own family, "my heart goes back to the nation of True Parents, and to the culture of True Parents." At the same time, while he was clearly a member of the movement's second generation, he remembered growing up in the seventies and eighties and said that he had "a closer affinity to... Americans who are in...[their] mid-40s and -50s because I identify so closely with that time." Those times, he told members of the first generation, "really molded who I am. I remember the energy then...I remember the fire then...I remember the purity of devotion then...I remember the time in which you were willing to even give up your future for the sake of building up an ideal nation." Given these realities, Hyun Jin Nim was in a position to work out within himself the cross-cultural and inter-generational tensions of the larger movement.

During the first year of his tenure as Vice-President of the FFWPUI, Hyun Jin Nim undertook several fact-finding trips and exploratory investigations. He traveled to Korea and Japan where he met senior and youth leaders. He went to South America and Alaska. He continued running the movement businesses for which he was responsible and reflected further about his role. Then, beginning in mid-1999, he began asserting himself on several fronts primarily related to the building up of what he termed "a homogeneous community of faith." He became a principal keynote speaker and representative of Rev. and Mrs. Moon at public "Hoon Dok Hae" Conferences convened for the movement's VIP contacts. These seminars, under the theme of "True Families as the Foundation for World Peace in the New Millennium," afforded Hyun Jin Nim and organizers the opportunity to highlight selections from Rev. Moon's speeches as a starting point for interreligious dialogue.

Hyun Jin Nim took a major step in advancing the elder sonship agenda by convening a conference on

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"Establishing the True Family Culture" in December 1999. Intended to be the first of several conferences on this theme, he invited mainly American movement church leaders, youth leaders and educators and announced his intention of taking a comprehensive point of view in "constructing our identity as Unificationists and blessed couples." The conference, itself was a fascinating outworking of issues and approaches that Hyun Jin Nim had been dealing with internally. In terms of overall content, he made it clear that he considered the Korean familial model to be the closest approximation of the ideal in terms of perspective, language and relationships. This position was not decidedly different from what the movement's East Asian leadership had been teaching American members for two decades. However, Hyun Jin Nim stressed the importance of empathy and attempted to assuage some of the concerns of his listeners. He said, for example,

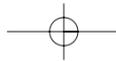
"Just because you are Korean doesn't mean you have inherited the culture of True Parents. Just because you are American doesn't mean you have not inherited True Parents' tradition...I utilize the Korean model...not to elevate Korea, or to place Koreans over Americans."

He also designed the meeting with the focus and efficiency one would expect from the Harvard Business School graduate which he was. There was an opening plenary, break-out discussion groups, findings, concrete action-step recommendations, a wrap-up session, and an informal post-conference review. The conference was designed as a forum and, in that sense, participatory. Hyun Jin Nim called for participants to contribute their "unique insights," saying that he was "of the belief that you need to know both the positive and negative elements to develop substantial courses of action." At the same time, he made it clear that while the movement's homogeneous faith tradition and its articulation might be subject to a group process, there were certain non-negotiables. He crystallized the crux of the matter in his final reported comment.

"If True Parents are really the True Parents of all humankind, then we should inherit their cultural context. It is that simple. We try to filter it through our own cultural experience. If you do that you are not inheriting True Parents. In doing that you put yourself in the position of an adopted son forever. You will forever be struggling between an old identity and a new one!"

Elder sonship, then, was a dividing line. There were those among the membership who believed that sonship, and presumably daughtership, meant primarily inheriting the spirit of True Parents. Hyun Jin Nim was among those who insisted that spirit and flesh were inseparable. To him, Rev. Moon was a "universal man," but one who never could be divorced from his culture and nation. A key question was whether the movement and the movement's tradition would be similarly connected to the same culture and nation. This would be an exceedingly important consideration in the years ahead.

Having come to the conclusion of a hugely eventful forty years of history for the Unification Movement in America and throughout the world, it remains to be questioned whether the period constituted a distinctive era. Members often inspired themselves with the sentiment that they were participating in events that were unique and never to be repeated in human history. Certainly, the pace was frenetic. However, there also were times of inwardness. The movement breathed out and it breathed in. The 1960s, in America, clearly was a time of planting. While the society around the movement exploded, the movement set down roots. It breathed in, taking



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up to scrutiny or most members' experience. It may have been sustainable while the movement was under near-constant attack, but it could not withstand assimilation. Members saw that the United States was both the kingdom of heaven on earth

up nourishment from the new soil to which it was transplanted. Then, during the 1970s, when the wider society settled down to become the "Me" decade, the Unification movement exploded. It not only breathed out, but it sneezed seemingly all over America and the response was not "God bless you." In fact, the negative reaction was such that it virtually sent the movement underground. During the 1980s, the movement breathed in again. If sowing imagery was appropriate for the 1960s, machine metaphors worked better for the 1980s. In America, the movement constructed an elaborate infrastructure of organizations that was to serve as the engine of its worldwide advance. During the 1990s, that engine took off. The movement breathed out. It was active on so many fronts that Rev. and Mrs. Moon seemed to be leading three or four different movements simultaneously.

The fact that there was a discernable pattern did not directly address the question of whether the era as a whole possessed a distinctiveness that set it apart from previous periods and would set it apart from periods to follow. This question was not absolutely answerable. To do so, particularly from a vantage point either within or barely removed from the period under consideration, was to impose one's own categories of interpretation upon dynamic, historical reality. Nevertheless, this was something that most members were more than willing to do. The leading line of interpretation at the close of the century was that the movement and increasingly the wider society was entering a settlement era. This, of course, was the basic premise of the Completed Testament Age. Rev. Moon had proclaimed several previous beginnings of cosmic spring and conclusions to providential history. However, at century's end, there was a stronger consensus that this, in fact, had occurred. To be sure, the new age grew up within the old, and the initial stages of the Completed Testament Age were acknowledged to be transitional. Yet the collapse of communism, the globalization of the Blessing, the victories in the spirit world, and the Edenic potential of the movement's settlement in the pristine South American outback were indications to many that the dawn of the twenty-first century carried with it the promise of substantial fulfillment.

Therefore, the period following the tumultuous years of 1959-99 was likely to be one of consolidation. The only problem with this scenario was that it presupposed the absence of Rev. Moon. So long as Rev. Moon was present, it would be difficult to imagine the movement settling down. Even at age eighty, there were no signs of retreat. As a septuagenarian, he was as hard-driving and as driven as ever, maybe more so. There was an apocryphal account within the movement's oral tradition that once, when asked what he'd like to leave his children as an inheritance, Rev. Moon replied, "A big footstep." During the 1990s and at the turn of the century, he appeared to be pressing that footstep ever deeper into the earth. Nevertheless, there would eventually come a time when he was no longer immediately on the scene. It might be postponed several years into the new millennium, but that day was coming. This, undoubtedly, would be a time of significant transition. It might be that members would experience him to be more intimately and ubiquitously present than ever. Or Rev. Moon's passing from the immediate scene might liberate

energies that had been subordinated to the service and requirements of the living messiah. Or the movement could go into a serious tailspin.

Whatever direction the movement went, the task of consolidating its outlook and tradition would become an important and unavoidable undertaking. Crucial decisions as to what aspects of its history were to be retained and carried forward and what elements were to be left behind and forgotten would be part of this. In this process, the period covered in this narrative would provide ample materials and resources with which to work. Still, it was not the whole story. The earlier period from 1920-1960 already

and the kingdom of hell on earth. More importantly, they came to see the movement in the same light. It, too, was the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of hell. Closer to home, members experienced inner turmoil and conflict between their idealism and selfish desires. Once they were blessed, they experienced marital bliss and marital conflict. Once they had children, they experienced parental love and intergenerational conflict.

The distinctiveness of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's teaching and example lay in their refusal to accept these ambiguities as part of the taken-for-granted fabric

of life. They also refused to concede that the contradictions of history were resolvable only in the afterlife. The essence of their message and ministry was that conflicts were to be resolved at every level of human experience. This, of course, was no easy thing. The "pain of loving" preceded the "Crown of Glory" as Rev. Moon put it in an early poem, and this included the loss of their second-youngest son, just before the turn of the millennium. Hell and heaven were inextricably linked. Unificationists were no easy idealists. In his more graphic descriptions of absolute sex, Rev. Moon noted how the "palace of love" and procreation was situated on the human anatomy next to the site of refuse and

elimination. There was no room to be squeamish about any natural thing. Beyond that, there was no room to be squeamish about any unnatural thing. Without waiting for offenders to repent or even to apologize, one had to "welcome with a smile those who know nothing but deceit and those who betray without regret." Every insult, every hurt or injury needed to be digested.

Most members acknowledged that they fell well short in these areas. However, this orientation underlay Rev. and Mrs. Moon's public ministry between 1959-1999. It explained their resource expenditures, why they embraced Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung, why they blessed the great criminals of history, and why the kingdom of heaven on earth had to start from a swamp in the South American outback. There would come a time for new insights and different methods.

However, it would be a mistake for the movement's succeeding generations to enshrine the efforts chronicled in this narrative as either relics of the past or as an unattainable ideal. In their tasks, they need to revisit and draw sustenance from the movement's consummate effort to realize God's kingdom during the latter half of the twentieth century. ❖



Hyun Jin Moon,
Vice-President, FFWPUI

had assumed a certain sacrosanct quality within the movement's tradition. However, that period mainly covered Rev. Moon's individual course. The period of his mature and public ministry remained to be grasped. The significance of the 1959-1999 years lay precisely there. During this period, Rev. and Mrs. Moon emerged as True Parents and carried their ministry worldwide. Their activities in America constituted only a portion of this development, but that portion was immensely important. Rev. Moon rightly saw the U.S. as the key to unlocking the rest of the world, and he concentrated the movement's efforts in America during the heart of the 1959-1999 years. In this respect, a strong case could be made that one cannot understand Rev. and Mrs. Moon's mature, public ministry without understanding the history and activities of the American movement.

If the period of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's mature, public ministry and their activities in America taught anything, it may have been that heaven and hell lay in close proximity to one another and both needed to be digested. This lesson was more apparent at the close of the period than at the beginning. Early on, members easily distinguished between the two. There was a simple formula. Heaven was in-here, and hell was out-there. However, this distinction did not stand





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News from the B.F.D.

by Jim & Hiromi Stephens, Co-Directors

Greetings from the Blessed Family Department. We want to take this opportunity to connect with you and let you know some of the things that are happening here in our department.

We are starting an email list. Anyone can get on the list by going to the following webpage and typing in your name and email address. Once you are on the list, you will receive regular updates about all the events and happenings related to Blessed Families. You will be sent announcements about upcoming workshops, reports about what happened, and helpful resources for growing and developing your family and serving your community. <http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/email.html>

We need your input. Early on we recognized that we would never be able to accomplish even a fraction this mission by ourselves. It has become our deeply held belief that Heavenly Father has already prepared brothers and sisters everywhere with a heart and mission for this work. He has called you and this kind of activity fulfills you spiritually. Many of you are already deeply involved through your own initiative in ministries helping Blessed Families. We want to find you and network together.

Our goal is to help you. We want to work together with you. We want to listen to you, network with you, and support you. We do not want to add any additional burdens to you. We want to liberate you to do what God has called you to do and help you find the joy in that responsibility.

We are working closely with the Blessed Family Association, which as you know is being

revived and we will be sharing resources and responsibilities with them. We hope that many of you will be able to join us at the October 22nd conference in Barrytown being jointly sponsored by the National Educators Conference and the BFA.

The following is a list of ministries that we have identified so far. If you have a "calling" in any of these areas, or some special experience or expertise, then please let us know. We have set up a webpage where you can go to contact us with this information. <http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/contactus.html>

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Please get in touch with us. As an alternative, if you are not comfortable on the internet, you can print out the form and fax it to us at: 410-997-5134.

We look forward to working with you. Your prayers for and your patience with us are always appreciated.

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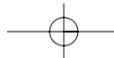
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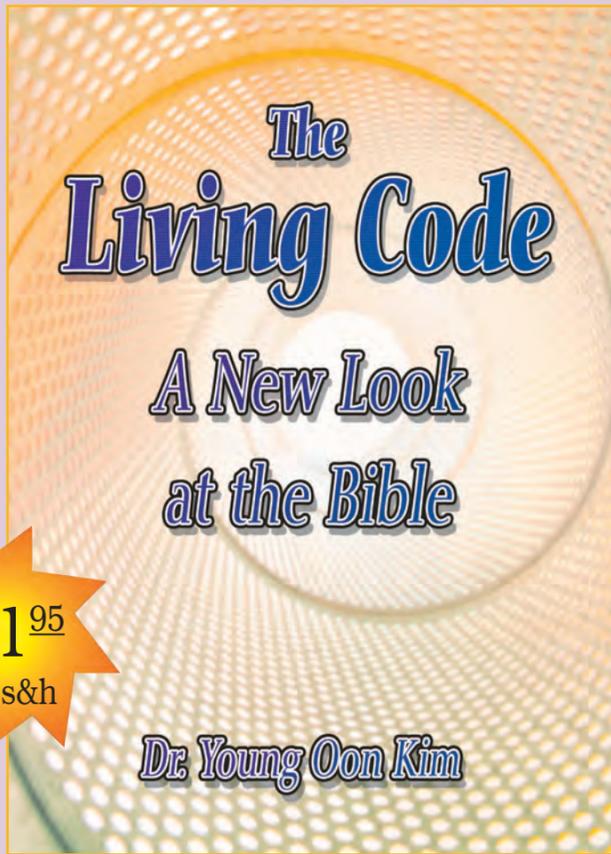
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