

## World Leaders Meeting Alaska-Style

by Dr. Tyler O. Hendricks—NYC

You can't get there from here, unless you have a boat or plane or happen to be a salmon. It's called Chignik, and it's a ways out on the Aleutian peninsula. That makes it closer to China than to New York. To get there, get in a puddle-jumper and fly an hour and a half southwest out of King Salmon. What, you're asking me where King Salmon is? Well, I don't exactly know where it is, but it has the only gift store I've ever seen that sells fur-covered nose warmers.

I've never been anywhere like Chignik. The closest thing I can compare it to would be an almost-abandoned mining town in the Nevada desert. Combine that with scenery from Vail, Colorado and weath-



er from the inside of a refrigerated truck. This is where True Parents come for relaxation.

My great grandfather Frederick Godbolt came to Alaska in the 1890s searching for gold. He died there, having not found the gold of Alaska, and is buried in Haynes, Alaska, according to family lore.

His great grandson Tyler Hendricks found the gold of Alaska on his fourth attempt. Three times, promised trips to Alaska fizzled out. Number one: the musical group I was with once was offered the chance to play on an Alaskan cruise ship; then the offer was

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## Pure Love Alliance Goes International

by Allen Shaw—Chicago, IL

With the success of last summer's 26-city tour behind them, the Pure Love Alliance headed for Japan and Korea in August. It is now the largest international abstinence organization in the world.

Over 200 youth from around the world, together with more than 2,000 local participants, gathered August 4 in Tokyo's Shibuya district to begin an 8-city tour of rallies, marches and demonstrations. Their aim was

to encourage youth sexual purity and offer an alternative to Western pop culture's typical portrayal of casual sex.

"We respect our sexual purity," said college sophomore Bo Jones, this time on his second Pure Love tour. "And we are fed up with a world that disrespects our purity,



a world that brings sex down to the lowest level, that tells our children that sex is nothing more than fun and games."

The core participants in Japan were about 300 students, the youngest 14 years old. The tour began in Tokyo and moved through four more of Japan's largest cities—Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima and Fukuoka—where rally participation ran as high as 2,500 people. In Korea the number rose to 400 students, traveling together to rallies in three cities: Pusan, Tae-Jon, and Seoul.

In Tokyo, thousands of supporters rallied to see a rousing performance by rock and rap acts, dance troupes, and singers, as well as appearances by political leaders and professors from local universities. Dancing in the sweltering heat, one rally-goer says he almost fainted twice before the humidity turned to rain and soaked the crowd.

One participant went because he expected a "tour of Japan and Korea." But these youth clearly were not vacationing. Over the next two weeks these young people would spend most of their days marching in either sweltering sun, rain showers, or a fog-like blanket of humidity. Mornings

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## FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

## GLORIOUS TRUE FAMILY

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

*This is an excerpt from the sermon given August 9, 1998, at Belvedere, Tarrytown, New York.*

Is there any non-Korean who can read the title? The Korean is "Yong-gwang-twen Cham Kajong," which in English means "Glorious True Family."

What does "glory" mean? If we analyze the Chinese character for "yong," it has two fires on top of a roof, and underneath there is a big tree. You can see how bright and how glorious it can be. "Gwang" means shining light. All Chinese characters have the subject symbol on top, and the object symbol supports from below.

I have just returned from Jardim, Brazil where we established the "International Ideal Family for World Peace Education Headquarters." Do you understand what that means? In order to build a world of peace, there should be the ideal family as the root. Ideal means that it cannot change; it means eternal and unchanging. Therefore the ideal world is an unchanging world. There is only one ideal world, not two. When we say ideal man, we are talking about one unique ideal man, not two. Thus, the concept of the ideal implies absolute, eternal, unchanging and unique. First, absolute; second, unique; third, unchanging and fourth, eternal.

These four attributes are God's internal attributes. Absolute. Unique. Unchanging. Eternal. This is what God wants to see in human beings also. Since God wants this standard, as human beings we all want that same standard. What is the ideal for which God has been longing, and what is the ideal for which humanity has been longing? When an absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal standard is achieved, then both God and humanity will like it. These are the four attributes and also the standard which God and human beings desire.

Then what does God desire? Money? Knowledge? Power? God already has these. Then what does God want most? True love. True love should also be absolute, eternal, unique and unchanging. Centering on what kind of love? True love. God cannot fulfill true love by Himself. Can you fulfill love by yourself? Can Father fulfill love by himself, by looking at himself and touching himself? We absolutely need a partner to achieve love. No matter how handsome a man may be, he cannot achieve love by himself. Similarly, no matter how pretty a woman may be, she cannot achieve love by herself. This same principle applies to God. No one, not even God, can fulfill love by himself.

If we are created to fulfill God's love, we should have certain organs, certain instruments that can help us to fulfill God's love. God needs Adam and Eve, who are center of the universe. In order to fulfill love, Adam and Eve need all things. Of course, God created His entire universe, including nature and all things, for Himself as well, but in order for man to be able to find love, mankind needs nature as an object, as a love partner in order to fulfill love. And when we say

man, we are talking about man and woman together.

Why are they made this way? When God created Adam first, God said it looked lonely. That is why God created Eve as the partner of Adam, after which God said, "It looks good." What is the essence of Eve that made God feel good? Was it His creation of her face, eyes, hands, which part of the body? It was the final stage of the creation: the sexual organ. God perfected the ideal of "convex and concave." When God created Adam, He shaped Adam's love organ convex. Then as the partner of Adam's sexual organ God created Eve with the concave shaped love organ. That was the essence of Eve's creation from God. Why did God create Adam's love organ and Eve's love organ in such a way? He did so because without having them they cannot make love.

The reason God said it was very good after completing the creation of Eve is because knew that by having these two different types of sexual organs, which would allow Adam and Eve to unite in love, through their lovemaking God would achieve love too. Thus it was good for God, good for Eve and good for Adam. Centering on what did God say that? Centering on the sexual organ.

Do not think this is a strange concept; it is not. Because of the human fall, the meaning or concept of the sexual organs became strange, dirty or embarrassing. But in truth the love organ is the origin of life, love and lineage. It is the source of an eternal spring of love. Why did God chase Adam and Eve out of the garden right after their fall? It was because their love organ was contaminated and already destroyed, so God didn't see any purpose in them.

Some people still believe that the human fall was caused by the ingestion of a literal fruit, but that is ridiculous, because the original sin it entails a problem of lineage. Everybody admits that as fallen descendants we have original sin. Inheritance of original sin means that we are of a fallen lineage. Also, the product of original sin is a self-centered thinking and way of life. Everyone exemplifies this self-centered concept. No matter where one looks in the world, everyone's thinking is self-centered. This applies to men, to women, and to all eras of history.

Why do we have two eyes? We have two nostrils, two lips, two hands. The power that can combine and harmonize two different objects is the power of love. Wherever and whenever there is a give and take relationship between subject and object, there is a center. That center represents love, true love. True love means the original, God-created essence of love.

In that sense we can interpret the human fall as the exchange of love without true love as the center. Even in the instance of eyesight, the two eyes function on their own, yet they are focused on the center, a point inside our head. It is the same with our nostrils. The four directions always have a center. Why do we need East, West, North and South? It is because the unchanging east, west, north and south reflect the existence of one unchanging central

point.

Whether externally beautiful or unattractive, each person desires to become the center of the entire world. Man is to be the plus center, and woman the minus center. This is the way of man and woman harmonizing. If we extend this model, we can see this phenomenon on the surface of the earth, in the mountains and the oceans. Which part of this diagram do you think should represent plus, the lower section or the upper section? [The diagram was a capital M directly above a capital W.] I ask in particular the American ladies here: who is in the position of subject, husband or wife? American women conceive of themselves as subject. Do you follow Father? (Yes; and Father is a man, and this teaches that) the wife is not supposed to walk in front of her husband. You are supposed to follow your husband's footsteps. It is natural that since usually you are smaller than your husband, your stride is shorter than his and in a normal circumstance you need to make greater effort to keep up with your husband. This simple concept is very important for American women, because the wrong concept here destroys the family, leading to a proliferation of problems.

Who is in the position to be influenced by the environment more easily, the husband or wife? If there is a beautiful flower, women have a tendency to draw closer and to try to touch it, whereas men stand at a distance and try to figure it out, asking to whom it belongs, what is its name, or analyzing its beauty. So are men or women, husbands or wives, more changeable?

By the same token, whose love organ, the husband's or wife's, is activated first and most easily? When spring comes, what arrives on the trees first, the flowers or leaves? [In most cases flowers, but there are exceptions.] Then which lasts longer, leaves or flowers? [Leaves.] Then what has potential to grow twigs or branches? [Leaves.] The flowers do not have the ability to extend the cells, but the leaves keep growing and can multiply and they can have ...

So then between a flower and a leaf, which comes first? American woman says, "Flower." The American woman's concept, "woman first," is not so good. What do you want? Do you want to see God as a female God or male God? [Both.] Father is asking you to make a choice. [Male.] The reason is that man carries the seed of life. Is that true? I don't know.

Who is in the central position? Between man and woman, who is vertical, man or woman? [Man.] What about woman? [Horizontal.] When this vertical figure, man, and horizontal figure, woman, meet, that angle should be perpendicular. Only true love can establish eternal settlement when it comes to the vertical and horizontal relationship meeting in the center point. Who is bigger in terms of size between man and woman? [Man.] Because man is vertical, he is naturally supposed to be bigger than woman, so when woman sees her love partner, her husband, she goes and embraces him and swings around his neck. Making that 90 degree angle, how beautiful they are. Do you like that? But men do not.

In terms of the human body, man is in the position of bone, and woman is in the position of flesh. You may argue about why man should be bone and woman flesh. Bone can exist without much water, but flesh is over 70 percent water. That is why woman's shape is concave, like a container receiving water. The shape of man's love organ is like a bone. That particular organ

## CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 2 Shin Goon Nim's 15th Birthday  
Shin Kwon Nim's 9th Birthday
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)  
Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 In Jin Nim's 33rd Birthday
- 10 Hwa Jung Nim's 21st Birthday
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
- 20 Shin Ji Nim's 4th Birthday
- 22 Shin Joong Nim's 5th Birthday
- 26 Hyung Jin Nim's 19th Birthday
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification (1988)

## OCTOBER

- 3 FOUNDATION DAY FOR THE NATION OF THE UNIFIED WORLD (1988)
- 4 Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Soon Ju Nim's 26th Birthday
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 21 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 27 Shin Myung Nim's 12th Birthday
- 30 In Sup Nim's 27th Birthday  
6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

## NOVEMBER

- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 4 Shin Eh Nim's 9th Birthday
- 6 Shin Ok Nim's 9th Birthday
- 8 Hwa Yun Nim's 21st Birthday
- 19 TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY (1960)
- 22 Shin Sun Nim's 8th Birthday
- 24 Yun Ah Nim's 20th Birthday  
Shin Hoon Nim's 4th Birthday
- 29 3.6 Million &  
36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

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should be strong like a bone. Then you can make love and function really well. Suppose that particular organ is like regular flesh, then what will happen? Flesh mixed with bone is man's sexual organ. Flesh mixed with water is the woman's body.

Therefore, I am the combination of bone that I received vertically from my father and flesh that I received horizontally from my mother. The combination of these two, vertical and horizontal, is myself. Which lasts longer, bone or flesh? The vertical being, the bone lasts longer. Who is the vertical figure? The husband. The wife is the horizontal figure. While woman turns

around 360 degrees, man is in the center, not going around 360 degrees. Can we say man and woman in the vertical and horizontal positions can exchange positions as they start to turn? Also, while this turning is going on, a complete circle should be formed there, but then can man and woman change the nature of a circle? If some external force intervenes and disrupts their love, then the angle will be thrown off the perpendicular. If your watch breaks, you will open it and repair it, but it will never return to its original state. There is always some shortfall.

What is the meaning of true love? When vertical love and horizontal love meet in the central point forming the 90 degree angle, that represents true love. Why is the meeting point of true love in the center? Once you form a 90 degree angle

at the center, then you can make the woman vertical and the man horizontal without making any difference; the center point remains the center. Its value is unchanging. Its magnitude remains the same; everything is in balance, equal.

Thus, in an ideal family the wife can function in the place of the husband, vertically forming the 90 degrees. There is no difference when wife plays the role of husband in an ideal family. If there are no parents, the children can play the role of the parents; if there is no son, then the daughter can play his role. Can we find such a family in America? Once such an ideal family is formed, husband and wife can interchange their roles. They can play the roles in shifts.

So we must have bone and flesh together. When you look at a fingernail, is it an extension of the bone or the flesh? It has to be connected to the bone to have stiffness; if your finger were just flesh it would get smushed. Without toenails, we could not maintain balance. But we usually don't think that way. Our fingernails and toenails are very important because they are the extension of our bone structure. Some animals have horns or hooves as a major weapon. Bears have strong claws. Therefore, upon what should we rely, bone or flesh? Which helps us

more? [Bone.] When you touch bone, you make no trace and impart no sense of feeling. But if you push flesh hard you see some indentation or mark. By the same token, between man and woman, that kind of difference exists? Do you ladies want your husband to be feminine or masculine? A man-like man is unchangeable. A changeable man is like a woman. The woman's way is to change easily. I don't know, but you understand what I am talking about. Again, who is more changeable, man or woman? [Woman.]

Then do you want to see your husband standing like a rock or pillar, not talking too much but having a stern

ily, also your nation, will be in crisis.

This good cushion which woman has naturally, women should be able to embrace all the children and grandchildren and eventually present them to the husband and grandparents. So woman is in the queen's position to raise the children of your own family and tribe. Whereas husband is in the king's position of the entire nation. That is why the husband is supposed to go out and to move more. Suppose Father just stayed in Korea for God's providence. Then you wouldn't have any chance to learn about the reality of the Kingdom of God. Instead, Father came out of Korea and came to America.

Father is giving you the truth of the original organs. So then aren't man and woman supposed to kiss each other? I don't know. Just like when the husband goes to work every morning, if the wife is left behind without having been kissed, then all day long she will feel kind of lonely and sad, saying, well, my husband doesn't feel good today. Oriental wives don't feel that way. True Mother is not that way. When it is a busy time, if Father tries to kiss her, she runs away. She is very wise. Think about it, if there is a fire, or even an important telephone call, something really urgent that needs to be taken care of, if you have to give a kiss to your

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim on the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, Shin Ha Nim, born August 2 in Tarrytown, NY

appearance, or should your husband be more like a pet dog, moving around and around. [Like a pillar.] One time standing forever continue settlement exists unchangeable.

As we continue our life in this world, what kind of life do we maintain, having family life between man and man, or between husband and wife, or wife and wife or husband and husband? Man laughs out loudly. When women laugh, they usually have the tendency to look down. This is a natural phenomenon. One is going down the other up. Woman is in the position to show humility. If a woman shows herself to be humble, a man will come along and say, "How beautiful woman is." Then man will enjoy watching the woman. According to Father's teaching, in our family the wife should be like woman and the husband should be like man. That is the only way we can build ideal, glorious and true family. Between man and woman, who has bigger hips? Why? They are like a cushion for sitting long time. That is woman's life. That is natural law. Man's hips are sharp, therefore he cannot sit a long time and goes out running around and working. How wonderful woman's place. That is why woman is originally shaped such a way as a gift from God. Therefore if a woman goes out more than husband, your fam-

So women must clearly know the identity of woman, and man should know clearly man's identity. And we should know the relationship between man and woman in our family. That is the only way we can build an ideal family centering on true love. Between man and woman, who cries more easily. [Woman.] Why? Because woman always faces four different directions, east, west, north and south, they keep crying. Why? Because of the marriage you have, you shed tears easily, your husband can comfort you and extend his sympathy over you. I will tell you a secret. When the wife makes a small mistake in your family, just shed tears in front of your husband, that is the superhighway through which you can guarantee your husband's forgiveness and love. Instead of shedding tears, they just keep shouting and lose that marriage privilege. So when the wife starts shedding tears, the husband feels, "Oh, she must be missing my love."

Have you really thought about how much God thought about Adam and Eve's fitness right after he created them? How well they fit and how exciting they could become when they fit each other like that. Even if Father explains about this and like the sexual organs and kissing, don't take it strangely, because

wife, then it is a nuisance.

So do you still think husband should kiss wife before leaving? [Yes.] Oriental woman: "No, no, no. That much difference. Oriental woman says no, it's okay; western woman says, yes, they should. So Father came up with a brilliant way of harmonizing these two completely different ways of life and thinking by exchanging husband and wife between the orient and the west. Of course, Father is the king of matchmakers. So Father has dealt with many western husband candidates, and out of ten, usually about seven or eight want to have oriental wives. What do you American and western women want to do, then? You cannot find your husband? If all western men go after oriental women, then where can we find husbands for the western women? Korean and other oriental men are not so big. Think about it if the woman is tall and the man is short, how can they make balance?

So after sincere study and research, Father came up with the solution. In order to build a world of peace, exchange marriage between enemy families, enemy nations and races takes place, then there will be natural peace, world of peace, natural harmony established. If such a world in which enemies marry

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their children together, and give their blessing to their enemy's children when they marry and pray for their happiness, that world will become the real world of unification, harmony and peace.

Is there anyone who does not want your family to be a glorious true family? Does everyone want it? Like Father, who is over 70 years old may think, is worried about glorious true family, because all these 70 years have passed already, how can I build it? Don't you think as young people, in your twenties thirties and forties, you still have plenty of time to build your family as a glorious true family. But people like Father who is over 70 years old do not have time? Then Father has no hope, only despair? Why does Father have hope? Because the spirit world exists there is hope. Once you join the spirit world, heaven, you remain at your prime age for eternity. Also, as you keep improving your internal qualities, such as your thinking, your appearance will become more beautiful and more inspirational.

Once we know the reality of the spirit world we can be connected to spirit world right away. In this physical world up until now because of the human fall, we human beings do not know the reality of the spirit world? What about the Unification Church—what do we do here? This is where we seek the glorious true family in our family. Those who have confidence that you will never die physically, raise your hands. In this area, everyone is equal. Whoever you are you have to pass into the spirit world. The origin of this bone, the vertical feature, is God, not the changing beings in this physical world. Our mind will be in the position of flesh in the spirit world. Where does this mind stem from? From our parents true love. So in the spirit world, the bone of our being will be true love, because that bone is directly connected to God's children. Just as if one strand of Father's hair is plucked out of his head and really studied under a microscope, then Father's DNA and everything about Father can be found. By the same token, when we join the spirit world, because the origin of this bone, the entire spirit world, is God, we can meet God's attributes

and God's characteristics by meeting other people in the spirit world who are representing God.

When we join the spirit world, love will shine like light, because that is the origin of our life. Just as in this physical world the sun is the source of life, isn't it. So when you join the spirit world, God Himself will be there, shining like the sun. So every existing being in the spirit world will turn toward God, God's light of love. Then as long as we as individuals are ready to receive this love light from God, just as when a switch is turned on a light bulb immediately receives electricity and shines out, we will be able to shine out. Thus in the spirit world people will shine like stars. They will be sun and moon and stars, like king and queen, and the stars representing the people. But only one sun and one moon. There will be one each of sun and moon, Father and Mother, but there will be many stars of differing size and brightness. When we join the spirit world will there be a distinction between night and day? Once we leave this physical world and enter the spiritual world we can go anywhere. We can even penetrate this planet, even going into the earth. As long as you go with God's true love, nothing will stand in your way. Also the speed of love is the fastest. The speed of light is as fast but the speed of love is thousands of thousands of times faster than the speed of light. It is just a matter of thought. As long as you have true love as a motivation then the vast spirit world is your ground upon which to move around.

If that kind of world is waiting for us and we are to play the major role there, do you think we will have to carry this physical flesh with us when we go to the spirit world or just leave it behind? So is the shorter our earthly life the better or the longer? You want to live here longer? [Yes.] [No.] In this physical life, if we want to go for example ten miles away we need a car, or if we walk

we will sweat—there is always limitation there. Isn't it true? So then in this world which way is better: to live here and pass into the spirit world as an elementary school-age child or to grow up to adulthood and achieve a Ph.D. degree and remain in that state in this world. Which is better, a pure elementary school state or a Ph.D. state. [Ph.D. state]. Why? Those who have a Ph.D. degree may feel, well now I have completed study, so I don't have to read any more books, but elementary school kids should continue studying. In this physical world we can be told to do good things, to serve for the sake of others, yet we usually don't move. But when we join the spirit world, if we are not prepared we cannot get near to that kind of state.

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What do we call a funeral in Unification terms?[Seunghwa.] Seunghwa—Ascension Ceremony. What does this ceremony mean? This ceremony explains that we are going up to another dimension. It is like moving from one house to another house, but vertically, going into another dimensional world. This world is the limited, finite world. But we are talking about moving on to the infinite and unlimited world.

Glorious, true family means the family which is happy in this physical world as well as in the spiritual world. The owner and center of the entire spirit world is God. In other words, glorious true family means the family in which the owner and center of the universe can dwell. This family is the family you will like for eternity. In this family between husband and wife you will eternally appreciate each other because without your husband you cannot have your eternal subject love partner and vice versa. So there will be positively a flow of gratitude and appreciation. Even God needs a true love partner. Sarang, sarang. Who is in the position of God's love partner? When you say "man," it is man and woman inclusive,

humankind. Centering on true love, man as plus figure and woman as minus figure should become one. Is that true? We resemble God's invisible original sung sang and hyung sang. When this invisible, original sung sang and hyung sang of God divides into the visible sung sang and hyung sang it becomes man and woman, plus and minus. The same value.

In the individual, the mind is in the position of plus, the body in the position of minus. It is the same for both man and woman. They all should become one. Man represents plus, woman minus. So we all want to become the center of all humanity. Then we need our family. We want to become the center of our family, center of our tribe, center of our people, center of the world and center of the cosmos. These are different levels, but we want to become the center of all these levels. Whether we like it or not we all have that kind of desire. The same is true for woman, to become the center of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos. The expansion of the individual reaches the cosmic level.

Through having give and take relationship there will be spherical movement in a complete circle. In order to form a sphere you cannot be by yourself; there should always be an object. Man wants to have the best woman in the world; woman wants to have the best man. Is that true? God has the same desire. God wants to have the love partner who is better than God Himself. That is why we have the same kind of desire.

The same principle applies to our children. Adam and Eve were in the position of the children of God, but in front of God, Adam and Eve were in the position of object, like between husband and wife; if God is in the position of husband, Adam and Eve are in the position of wife. Man's position is equal to God's mind's position. Woman in the minus position is in the original hyung sang's position. That is why we absolutely have to have our mind and body united. Because of the fall of man, this oneness between original mind and body was destroyed and broken. That is why the history of restoration was needed. ❖

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year and 5 months away. Should we prepare and bring victory now or should we struggle to bring victory after the year 2,000? Which way is better?

After MSG, True Parents went to South America. Father then ordered the start of IOWC worldwide. IOWC formed in 1972 by Father and Reverend Kamiyama in America. This movement has started again. Father also prepared an education center in Jardim, South America capable of educating 10,000 people at one time. It is located in beautiful and pure wilderness isolated from civilization. It is like the Garden of Eden. Father prepared this area and is inviting Blessed couples there from all over the world.

So far I have talked about our mission and dispensation and the dramatic changes going on in the world, but what is the purpose of our physical and spiritual life on earth? What is the purpose? To become a man and woman of perfection. What is perfection? To become a muscle man like

Hulk Hogan or to become like Bill Gates or Mohammed Ali? Is that perfection? Perfection is to become the fruit of true love. We have to practice and experience true love. Even homeless street people or handicapped people who are not physically beautiful can become perfect if they own true love. To own true love though they need a spouse. They need God because true love is God + love. Please remember that true love means making the 4 position foundation with our spouse and children centered on God. This is true love. This is perfection of our human life.

By the year 2,000 our blessed couples and everybody have to reach the perfection level and direct dominion level. Restoration or recreation is to separate from Satan and to arrive to the perfection of the growth level and then through True Parents matching we become husband and wife. But this is not good enough. We have to follow True Parents and True Family to arrive to the perfection level. Up to the top of the growth stage, our ancestors pioneered, but the perfection level is unexplored and there is no model. One of

True Parents' greatest difficulty is to pioneer the perfection level and to establish a model so that we can follow. They are ahead of us and calling us to reach their level. For this, we have to follow True Parents successfully to reach perfection. With God and True Parents we establish the four position foundation on the perfection level. This is very serious. This is our most important challenge before the year 2,000.

God gives the truth. The truth is the road map and manual to go back to God. True Family Values, the Divine Principle and Hoon Dok Hae are the road map. This is why True Father said that every morning we should do Hoon Dok Hae. Father and Mother are also directly teaching which is why they prepared Chung Pyung Lake. Who is conducting CPL? Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim. Chung Pyung training is like a jar that we need to empty and clean out. We are sinners but Father gave the blessing. Even though we received the blessing, we still have a lot of fallen nature and bad habits. In Chung Pyung we can have strong repentance and study the Divine Prin-

ciple. This will help our growth to perfection. Actually, we received the blessing without even reaching the top of the growth level because dispensationally True Parents need 36 Blessed Couples, 72 Blessed Couples, etc. Even though we are not good enough, Father gives the blessing conditionally. So by going to CPL, we can clean ourselves—a clean jar.

But this is not good enough. We need to fill the jar with new truth and our new personality filled with the Holy Spirit. We do this by going to Jardim. So we have two different education centers. Father said we should not come to Jardim alone but to come with our family. The full name of the Jardim Training Center is "Education Institute for Ideal Family for World Peace." In the Garden of Eden, God expected a family with the original standards of Heaven. Jardim is like an ideal family mass production factory. This means that space for 10,000 couples is not good enough. We need capacity for 100,000 couples or a million couples. ❖



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in North America.**

# Paradigm Shift for the New Millennium

I would like to share with you how the dispensation is changing and developing. First of all, do you have a memory of the MSG victory. We cannot forget, don't you think so? Sometimes when I think back to the MSG event it feels like it was 10 years ago or 1 year ago. I have this kind of feeling because Father's dispensation is moving forward so quickly and there are so many new directions coming. Because of this, my sense about time is a bit confused. However, I have only good memories related to MSG and I feel proud and deeply appreciative when I think about this time. This was truly an exciting time when we could show our deep and valuable life of commitment and dedication. I have this kind of fruitful feeling about this time. I believe that everybody here had that kind of experience as well.

For a successful life we always need to build up more. We often say I did enough, but Father always challenges us. Father has brought great victory and result throughout his life and will soon change the entire world and cosmos, but in front of God, he always feels sorry and repentful and pledges to do more. Father always has this kind of humble, sincere and pure attitude before God. This morning I encourage everyone to make a new start. Together we will make a victory hundreds of times greater than MSG and soon we will offer to God and True Parents a new history. Amen?

The year 2000 is just seventeen months away. Some scholars say that the year 2000 is not important and that the year 2001 marks the new millennium. However the year 2000 is coming soon. Think about it. God is the almighty creator and owner of the cosmos and human life; He's the origin of the cosmos and human life. His dispensation is millions of years old even though the Bible records 6,000 years. The year 2,000 is not only the year 2,000. From the point of view of God's dispensation it represents 6,000 years. From the time of Jesus it represents the third millennium and from God's dispensational view it represents the beginning of the 7th millennium. So actually, from Jesus' point of view the year 2000 marks the beginning of the 3rd millennium and from God's point of view it marks the beginning of the 7th millennium. This is very serious. The world is changing and God will become the almighty God and ruler. The history of pain and suffering marked by struggles, divisions, divorce, etc. will continue to go down. The conclusion of this type a history is drawing near. We will bequeath a better legacy to our second and third generation.

The providence of restoration advances through the payment of indemnity. Only through sacrifice and indemnity can we bring about this kind of world. Until the year 2,000 we need to once again unite and sacrifice; once again we need to invest all of our energy and knowledge and unite to challenge Satan. This is the history of indemnity. This is what outside people don't know.

How is history changing? Economy is changing; politics are changing; culture is changing. How is today's economy different from 2,000 or 4,000 years ago? Even in America, poor people have enough clothes. The clothing material we use is stronger. So the worldwide economy is much better than long ago. Today we eat food and wear clothes imported from all parts of the world. Even the Roman emperor of 2,000 years ago did not have this type of luxury and yet this standard of living is considered average in today's economy. Amen? People thought that America's economy is the strongest. Some Americans were even happy to witness the current economic crisis in Asia taking pride in their own wealth. But now America is realizing that if the Asian economy goes down so does the American economy. Why? Because now Asia can not afford to buy American products. Now we are realizing that we need to have a global perspective; we are a global village and we need to have global solutions. Without this kind of mentality, we cannot survive and make a peaceful life and world.

Hyun Jin Nim mentioned recently that globalization represents a paradigm shift in our thinking. All over the world now we see that globalization is facilitated by the boom in computer and telecommunication technologies. We also see these technologies applied to ocean and space research—for example, the unearthing of the Titanic wreck; a probe to Jupiter. This kind of development and globalization is quickly changing the world. Because science is so developed, people are now discovering the unseen world. Soon they will discover the spiritual world. There will soon be complete communication between the spiritual world and the physical world. Who is conducting this program? God. Why? For His world of perfection.

America is now the political center of the world. Only America can help solve such problems such as the fighting in Yugoslavia and the nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan. America is like the world police and the world government is heaven. Satan is now invading the White House. This is the climax. Would you like Clinton to be kicked out of the White House and receive the Holy Wine and to start promoting True Family Values?

True Parents are the Messiah. Through True Parents, for the first time true love appeared on earth. What is true love? We need to write on paper our definition of true love. What is the meaning of true love? There is a simple answer. True love is simply: love plus God. Why do we need true love? Because we have untrue love. We need to overcome untrue love: false love, fake love, Satanic love. This is the history of restoration and salvation. So the meaning of true love is very simple: love plus God. Love is not created alone. We need a partner, don't you think so? Subject and object, husband and wife, parents and children, Cain

and Abel, whatever. We need a partnership for give and take centered on God. Centered on Satan is un-true love.

In 1960 True Parents appeared in Korea. True love started in Korea. Because true love came, true life and true lineage started. Korea is very important because True Parents come from there and true love starts from Korea. The Messiah's responsibility touches all things: technology, science, art and culture, politics, etc. Most important though, the Messiah is a spiritual giant; a religious giant who brings the revolution of heart, the revolution of love and life style and the revolution of blood lineage. In this way he will build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven before the year 2,000.

The year 2,000 is 1 year and 5 months away. The leadership of New York and America, especially New York as the center of America and the world, needs to bring a revolution. In our meetings

2,000. To change the world and cosmos is our responsibility. Do you understand? Yes! Bill Clinton is responsible for World Politics, Wall Street is responsible for the world economy, Bill Gates and Microsoft are responsible for technology, Steven Spielberg is responsible for Culture and Michael Jordan is responsible for world sports. What then is our and True Parents responsibility? Family revolution and true love revolution. This is very simple! Don't have complicated thinking—Principle is very simple. The formula is very simple.

Now we are witnessing dramatic changes in technology, politics, science, economy, culture, etc. Sometimes is good if we don't watch TV for 10 days because there is too much to digest and follow. All of this will just confuse us. Why is human life changing so suddenly? Because of the dawn of a new millennium. This is the conclusion, the alpha and omega! Are you excited? Yes! We are simple people but because we joined the Unification Church we could reach this point and participate at this time.

In preparation for the Madison Square Garden event, Father made serious prayer and indemnity conditions while in South America. We just made the external preparations by bringing top religious leaders, the 2,000 voice choir, over 1,500 ministers, etc. etc. We brought an amazing victory but we were only responsible for half. The most amazing thing about MSG is that we laid the foundation to open the doors of the Kingdom of Hell. Represented at this event were 34 saints and sinners: the four saints were Jesus Christ, Confucius, Buddha and Mohammed. Among some of the sinners represented were Karl Marx, Hitler, Mussolini, Lenin, Stalin and Kim Il Sung. These people were blessed on the same stage at that time.

In Dr. Sang Hun Lee's book, one of the most important things he expresses is our ancestors' anxiousness to be liberated from hell. Father did this on June 13 in MSG. Can you believe this? Even Kim Il Sung who led the attack against South Korea during which time I lost my parents was forgiven. Kim Il Sung is my worst enemy. But even Kim Il Sung was forgiven and liberated. He even became a Blessed couple. He is my younger Blessed Couple. This is a dramatic change. So we prepared half of Madison Square Garden. If we go to the spiritual world, is it going to be exciting or boring? Exciting! We'll sit down to talk about MSG with Kim Il Sung. But those who complained about MSG and did not work hard will not have good memories to take with them to the spiritual world.

Normal people's attitude is to recognize the importance and significance of an event after the fact. But a prophet, a forefather and pioneer's way is to always be wise and to understand early on. Such a person anticipates and makes all the necessary preparations beforehand. The year 2,000 is only 1

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we should be concerned to discuss, plan and develop programs, make unity and develop a model of victory. This is very important! This breakfast meeting is not a joke and should not be conducted merely out of habit and routine. We should take ownership as representatives of God and True Parents. We are the creators and conductors of a new heaven and new earth. We are now in the central position of the new world. Our leadership is very important. Knowing this, we need to develop ideas and new programs based on our meditation, thinking and discussions. We have to bring victory.

So True Parents brought true love; True Parents sacrificed and paid indemnity for all people of the world. We are now giving the Holy Wine. We are blessing, witnessing and educating people in True Family values and helping and guiding them to become true sons and daughters of God. Before the year 2,000, Father wants to guide all people on earth to perfection. This is Father's goal and mission before the year 2,000. Do you follow what I mean? Yes. So True Family Values and the blessing are very important for the year 2,000.

This morning, our IOWC leaders will discuss ideas and strategies to teach True Family Values and to invite people to the blessing. They will discuss how to teach True Parents and True Family's tradition through Hoon Dok Hae study and how to reach the level of perfection. We all will become children of God in the household of God and become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. That's very simple! This is the goal of the year

# World Leaders Meeting Alaska-Style

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rescinded. Number two: in 1973, Kristina Morrison invited me to join a team pioneer witnessing in Alaska. I said yes, and then the direction changed. Number three: True Father, at the close of the 1983 Ocean Challenge, asked me if I wanted to go to Alaska. I said yes, and then the direction changed. Number four: finally, in 1998, the call came to come to Alaska, and this time, the direction didn't change.

I was on the 6 a.m. flight to Anchorage the next day. By that night, I was flying on a little propeller plane across the Alaskan tundra into a village called Chignik. The bush pilot who flew us there invited anyone who liked to sit in the co-pilot's seat, so I did. A half-hour out he popped open a bottle of Pepsi; he exuded a feeling of confidence as we flew blind through the low-lying clouds. I asked about some of the gauges and dials; some worked, some... well, didn't. "Does the man know," I thought, "that these are top disciples of the Lord and his wife, snoozing in the back of his plane? Should I tell him?"

I decided not to. The landing was soft as a feather. "It should be," he said, "the plane is so light." The runway being dirt probably helped as well. Later I read that the accident rate for bush pilots in Alaska is five times that for small planes in the lower 48. But there are no roads, railroads or regular airports, so what can ya do?

We jumped out of the plane and were greeted by a few local children riding quads. Our landing provided some entertainment for the day. The pilot became the ground crew, unloading our baggage. The airport terminal was a barn. We set out by foot to our lodging. The town has, as far as I observed, one broken-down pickup truck. And we were renting it. The other vehicles, besides simple tin boats with outboards, are quads. The age of the driver averages about 12, and the number of passengers per trip about three, usually younger than the driver. The pickup truck took our luggage, and we walked to the house. It was full daylight, around 10 p.m. True Parents were there, sitting cross-legged on the living room floor, awaiting our arrival.

It is here that Reverend and Mrs. Moon bring followers and friends for training and education. Here we would spend the next seven days, fishing all day, sometimes until 10:30 at night, and meeting with True Parents morning and night until 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. There is one what you would call middle-class home in Chignik. It's where we stayed. The house has three bedrooms. One for True Parents, one for the sisters and one for the luggage. If I count up correctly, that leaves none for the brothers. We continental directors, newspaper publishers, world and national

church leaders slept toe to toe in the living room. But not to worry, there was no time for sleep anyway. Welcome to Reverend Moon's hobby life.

### Daily Routine

The schedule of each day is as sim-



ple and majestic as the environment. Each day began with *hoon dok hae*, usually around 5 a.m. or even before. Start time depended upon the time of retirement the night before. Usually we had about a four-hour break for resting. Around True Parents, I find it a

verity there is lots to eat but no time to sleep. It held true here. After reading an hour, with everyone except the reader and kitchen staff in a state of deep meditation, Father would share guidance. It was as it must have been forty years ago: big visions for world peace and the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Three of us then would be invited to sup with True Parents at the dinette table, and the rest of us would sit around a makeshift cardboard table in the living room.

Stepping out into the great outdoors, it was revisiting Eden. The green forest, mountains blue and brown and white in the distance rising up into the clouds and blue sky. It is untouched, as the saying goes, by human hands. It is the North American equivalent of the Pantanal in Brazil, an area primeval and wild.

Returning home there would be time to clean up and shower, as the boats usually returned one at a time, in pleasant contrast to the crowded morning. Then all would gather for dinner. The food was delicious and plentiful. Korean and Chinese-style, in general, with ever-present salmon sashimi. Our excellent meals were prepared by sisters from Kodiak and Kum Hee Fontaine from East Garden. Kum Hee also proved to be an intrepid fisherman.

After dinner we would reconvene with Rev. Moon, and teaching and discussion would continue into the night, usually until between midnight and 2 a.m. It was a notable collection of participants. They were about 16 in number, including the top leadership of Korea, Japan and the USA. Men whose responsibilities encompass millions of people, following the schedule I mentioned above. Sleeping side by side like sardines in sleeping bags on the living room floor. Sharing one bathroom. It was a peaceful group, harmoniously bespeaking the future harmony of the world. We all struggled with the same fishing gear, raggedy fishing boats and recalcitrant salmon. One welcome addition to the group was two second-generation youths, Tweeran Verheyen and Yoni Drucker.

On the boats we had bags of fruit, pbj's, cup'o'soup, crackers, chips and candy, as well as spring water and coffee. Like I said, you get no sleep but lots of food. Even with that store on the boat, we often came home for lunch. Our fishing grounds began a few hundred yards from the beach, and went as far as three miles down river. So everything was close at hand. And the house was about a five-minute walk from the beach, past a little clapboard Russian Orthodox church, with its little graveyard.

The weather, cloudy and rainy at first, turned fair on our fourth day, to reveal to my happy surprise the most stunning scenery I've ever seen. Imagine floating downstream, trolling for salmon, at every turn of the river your eyes welcome a new vista, a new range of mountains, covered with snow, soaring into the blue sky.

When the sun appeared, the animals came out. We saw bears on the shore, a single one, and a family with a mother and three cubs. They were brown bears, very big. They are amazing, really, in some ways resembling dogs and in some ways cats. There was a warning in the village to look out for them. We saw on a beach very close to the village. We were told that if a bear approaches, start yelling at it very loudly to frighten it away. A bear killed a child a few weeks before our stay, bit off the 6-year old's head. "Human beings are on their food chain," said Barry, our local general affairs staff. Bill Gates, he said, had recently come to Chignik to hunt for bear, and he got one. But you need several hunters, as one gun's bullets may ricochet off the beast's skull. "I'll take salmon, thank you," I thought to myself.

We saw seals and beavers swimming. We saw eagles flying and perched grandly on various perches. Floating downstream there would not be a sound other than the soft lapping of water and the cries of birds.

### Eternity And Father's Feet

Light remained in the sky well past midnight. The days stretched into a peaceful Zone of God's abundant blessing in the long evenings. Time stood still because, for me, this is time which is usually scheduled for travel home, dinner, and various doings, but here the hours slipped by in the most simple mode of fishing. Once one gives up struggling with the whole idea, one receives incredible grace. The body is subjugated by this point, no longer struggling with sleepiness or with what I should rather be doing.

I actually found myself one evening, around 9 p.m., with rain falling, dripping off the visor of my cap, sitting in the boat, fishing line in the water, feeling there is no better place to be on earth or in heaven. I thought to myself, "Hmmm... I've accomplished something here."

It was like a wonderful fundraising evening after a long good day, having a lovely evening going door to door, oblivious to the time. The state of mind in heaven may be "being oblivious to time." At least that is one dimension of the reality of heaven. Just enjoying the moment as it by itself stretches into eternity. Completely satisfied with the moment for what it has to offer, and spending the rest of your life in it. Caring not for the next moment, caring



street light. Actually, I should say, dirt-road light. But not to worry, it's dark only two hours a night.

Most of the village's 25 or so houses have the same last name on their signs. It's a Russian name, and the people look like Eskimos, but they are not Eskimos; they are Aleuts. That explains what happened when we came in from fishing my first day. It was starting to get dark, about 11 p.m.

not if it ever ends or changes, letting the day's own troubles be sufficient for the day.

General affairs were the province of the dedicated Mr. Yoshihisa Inoue. He captained True Parents' boat. He is one with fishing. His motto is, "Don't stop fishing to eat." He said that we should keep fishing, because people are much happier if they catch fish than if they

His expression was beatific. I know, I'm getting syrupy here, but this is what I observed and felt. It was like Jesus washing the disciples feet, and they didn't like clean feet? No; because it was too intimate. It was too much love to bear.

Well, that's what I felt, looking at Mr. Inoue. I could hardly bear wit-

from Mr. Koo Bae Park. Another encounter with a beatified saint, this "businessman," Mr. Park. I observed him talking with Father. His face is very round, like the sun. It reflected delicate feelings so sensitively, so expressively, so lovingly. He was speaking and listening to Rev. Moon—about some issue I'm sure the world would consider very trivial—and I saw the love of a perfect object in his face. Gentle, quickly responsive, cajoling, not pushing his point of view, although he had one, making supreme effort to unite his heart with that of his Teacher. Short of my own wife's face, I've never witnessed such a beautiful human visage.

**Girl On The Beach**

And there was the morning after the night before. We had stayed up until past 2am. And, just as in your family and mine, it was so late that accidentally on purpose no one had set an alarm clock. Except for our parents. So here are Rev. Kwak, Rev. Pak, Rev. Kamiyama, President Hwang, President Otsuka, President Joo, Rev. Peter Kim, Dr. Yang and my unworthy self, all snoring away, and in the shadows of my awareness I see True Mother entering the room, lightly but sternly advising everyone that hoon dok hae starts in five minutes. Hi mom, oh sorry about that. You'd never believe that so many high-level bureaucrats could transmute themselves from sleeping babies to studious disciples in only five minutes, relying on one bathroom, but it has been known to happen.

Chignik has no stores, although a few days after we arrived an enterprising resident with a home next to the beach where our boats landed put up a sign advertising snacks for sale, 24-hours. I didn't see much business going on. The village has, at last counting, one street light. No, not "stop-light,"

the boat were wrapped up tight in rain gear, parkas, sweaters, jackets, boots, sun-glasses, etc., etc. We were literally freezing. And there on the beach was a little Aleut girl, maybe eight years old. She was wearing shorts and a tee shirt. She was barefoot. She was playing in the water. *Playing, mind you, splashing in the water*, with us grown men bundled up for subfreezing weather.

Is that an allegory for our status in



eat. He proclaimed, "I love to fish, 15 hours a day." We wanted to use his (True Parents') boat, late one night, and told him to rest, but he insisted on piloting us, saying with finality, "I come with the boat." Later, he confided to me that after a summer of True Parents' and True Family's activities in Alaska, it takes him weeks to recover. Where does he obtain his power?

I found out one night, when Mr. Inoue became my hero and role model. As I arrived in the living room after cleaning up, there he was at Reverend Moon's feet, massaging Reverend Moon's feet. He was calm and in a meditative state.

nessing his degree of childlike love, but I could not take my eyes off him, and I just sat down and watched. Oh, I wish I could have that much love for True Father, so much love that I would not be embarrassed about massaging the man's feet. I imagined myself easing up to Father, taking off his socks, and plunging in with a good massage. But the gap between thinking about it and doing it... "Oh," I thought, "Us stuffy white Anglo-Saxon Protestant male chauvinist pigs!"

Later, I brought up my feelings to Mr. Inoue. He said it was not easy for him to do that, but he had learned it



comparison with True Parents? Father and Mother are out there working and playing in the cosmos, embracing all the forces of nature, spiritual and physical. We disciples are bundled up like crazy, trying to protect ourselves... from what? Father is saying, toughen up in order to live a life of freedom in true love.

This was the lesson of Chignik. It is the lesson that True Parents teach everywhere they go. Let's loosen up and catch salvation moon fish. ❖



# First Anniversary of the Declaration of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth

by Christian Lepelletier—Jardim, Brazil

I was part of a group of eleven people to leave Sao Paulo on the 26th at night to travel 16 hours by van to go Jardim to attend the celebration held at Jardim, South Matto Grosso, Brazil, August 28, 1998. Our National Leader, who was included in this group, had made some arrangements for us to stay at night in the city of Jardim (30 km away), because the Center for Education for the Ideal Family and World Peace was already packed with 800 members mostly from Japan and Korea. Many of them came as a couple or family including children. The Korean National Messiahs, participating in another seminar at Forte Olimpo, near the border of Paraguay, came also.

On August 28 (July 7 by lunar calendar), we gathered before 7am in the hall, on the 2nd floor of the restaurant building. Rev Kwak was in the front making the list of the representative groups to be called to bow in front of True Parents and the offering table. Rev Oyamada was helping to translate from Korean to Japanese. When he saw me, he called me to come to stand in the front row next to Rev Zin Moon Kim, and he gave my name to Rev. Kwak to represent the National Messiahs. The process of the ceremony

went as usual, after the representative bows, recitation of the Family Pledge, True Father prayed, cake cutting, three Manseis and Father spoke.

I cannot report about the content of the speech, because of the language. Father spoke often in Japanese; the Japanese members were the majority in the audience. Rev Oyamada was translating from Japanese to Korean and vice-versa when Father switched back to Korean. One small group of American families were in one corner as participants of the 40-day workshop.

In the afternoon was the sport tournament, soccer, volleyball, running including men and women teams were competing for a \$500 prize. True Father, together with the Korean elders, was watching from underneath the official tribune and listening to the loud shouting, plus the many types of noise made by the Korean and Japanese groups supporting their teams. The Japanese and Koreans teams finished equal and shared the prize.

In the evening we gathered in the main hall for entertainment which start-



ed after 7:30pm, after True Parents entered. The back stage was beautifully decorated with a large painting representing the natural surrounding of the New Hope Farm. One Korean

man and one Japanese lady shared the work of master of ceremony, in their respective language. The program included: Korean drummers, singers, second generation dance and skit, Japanese songs, magician, ballet dance, etc.

On Saturday True Parents spent many hours sitting on their chairs in the shade of a large tree in front of the farm house, posing with the couples finishing the 40-day training. The couples were well dressed and made lines and waited for their turn to stand a few seconds to take a picture together True Parents.

Sunday morning we had another chance to participate in pledge service with True Parents at 5 am. Father then spoke, mostly in Japanese, at some point asked the Japanese women to stand up, He walked a few steps in the middle alley in the crowd, he continued to speak and asked them to pledge and commit themselves, with loud voice and by raising both hands.

After lunch, a little before 2pm, True Parents departed from the farm house in a jeep driven by Pres. Kim, director of the New Hope Farm. Both side of the dirt road were lined with many members waving good-bye, until the car disappear over the bridge. ❖

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by Steve and Jeri Tamayo— Kuri City, Korea

Steve and Jeri Tamayo are Head Teacher and Dorm Parents for the Western students in the program.

If I had the time I would write each and every Parent a personal note encouraging you for to allow your child to come to Korea and have this wonderful experience in the Fatherland of our faith. Instead I am using this wonderful technology which allows me to save time and yet express my sincerity to all of you at the same time. In this letter I hope to convey to you the value of this program.

Also, I would like to encourage you to find the speech Father gave to Blessed Children in 1986, the *Unification News* reprinted it in the March 1997 issue. In this speech Father states what his goals are for the program and the children who attend it. It is very clear.

Until now parents have had the idea or impression that this is a one-year study in Korea program. But actually it is a very competitive program. Students compete for the highest grade in order to be able to continue their studies in Korea. From this year the top 13 students of each GOP class (the General Orientation Program) has the opportunity to be chosen to continue on into the prep. program for attending Middle School at Sun Hwa Junior High (known in America as, (The Little Angels School, founded by Father) It is one of the best schools in Korea and their is great competition among Koreans to be able to attend it. They even have a waiting list for their Elementary school. For the middle school a special and very difficult written test must be passed as well as an Art test (whatever the major might be, music, drawing, dancing etc.) Our students only qualifications are that they are in the top 10 of their GOP class and that their Korean grade is over 80% and that they set a good standard of a life of faith and action.

I believe it is important for you to understand that as soon as your children arrive they begin to learn and understand that this could actually be their first mission that they receive in life. And that mission is to study Korean in Korea for a long time. Until now, some parents (most parents) have been shocked and surprised when their child has called them and said, "Dad, Mom, I want to continue to study in Korea. I really feel like this is where Heavenly Father wants me to be, if I make the top 13 will you let me stay?" This will happen, guaranteed. I want to help you to avoid that shock when it comes, and I would hope that you read Father's speech together with your child and talk about the possibility of such a thing happening.

The lifestyle that is created here in our program is based on our church traditions handed to us by our Father. The following is an outline of one typical week day here in our dorm. 6:00 AM Morning Service (Hoon dok hae)

7:00 AM Breakfast  
9:10 AM First class begins  
3:20 PM School Finishes  
3:30 to 4:30 is special tutoring time.  
4:30 to 6:00 is free time  
6:00 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM mandatory study time  
9:00 PM Evening service. This time is used for Divine Principle study, internal guidance, birthday parties, song practice, and group meetings.

Groups consist of a leader (an elder

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student) and about 8-9 students. These groups are held for the elder student to give internal or practical guidance of dorm life or Principle life education based on his or her personal experiences or based on the internal guidance elder students receive from the Teachers. It is also a format students use to take turns giving Divine Principle lectures and honing their public speech abilities. Group meetings are held once a week and the students look forward to them. Also evening service may consist of group play outdoors especially in the Spring, Summer and Fall. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday The teachers give internal guidance, Divine Principle study, or Principle life education.

10:00 PM to 11:00 PM is free time, and bed preparation time.

All students must be in bed at 11:00 PM and all lights are out at that time. Students are allowed to stay up longer for study purposes, or as permission is granted.

It is a pretty full schedule and of course Saturdays and Sundays have a slightly different schedule but this can give you a general idea of how time is spent here. By the way, students do go to school half days on Saturday. Of course all Holy days are celebrated and attended by everyone. As well as weekly and monthly pledge. We celebrate birthdays individually and also once a month the students have a birthday party day where they spend 3 hours playing games and celebrating all the students birthdays for that month. Often on Korean Holidays and especially Holy days we play traditional Korean games and or attend entertainment when True Parents are here.

Students have also discovered that when they have been able to create a good relationship with their teachers and the dorm parents their experience and time here is greatly enriched. So I would like to encourage you as their parents to guide them in this matter. This is a very important point for them to understand and it will help them to adapt quickly to their new lifestyle.

Steve and I try our best to be there for each student as they need us. This being our fifth year here we feel we have learned and grown a lot and of course hopefully we will continue to do so. Steve and I came to this program with a very strong desire to be here and to help raise our families blessed children. We take this mission very seriously. We have found that prayer and patience are important factors in our lives in order to develop the right heart and to create the correct atmosphere where your children can best begin to realize their great potential and their intrinsic value as blessed children. These are not just fancy words I'm sharing with you this truly is our heart and desire. Unfortunately we don't yet have the highest of standards but we pledge to you we will always try our best to be better every day, for your children's sake and for the sake of God's Kingdom.

This year we are welcoming a new support couple to our staff James and

Katya Chisolm. James is from England, and Katya is from Germany. They have both worked on CARP in America for the past 7 years. They have had much experience in witnessing and workshop training. Both have been lecturers and workshop leaders. James will be helping Steve on the school side and Katya will be working dorm side. We are very happy to have them with us and look forward to the new year with a new sense of gusto.

Another very important part of our dorm life is that we have the blessing to also live, study and work with blessed children and teachers from Japan., they eat and attend school together. Although the their classes are held separately because of language differences, they're just across the hall from each other. We have pledge together, we attend our Sagam Sun Sang nimis (Dormitory Supervisor) speeches together. We celebrate Holy days, Holidays, and birthdays together. We study and play together.

Their is one very big difference between our western program and the Japanese program. That difference is, the Japanese who attend this program have no option to return home after one year. They come with the built in plan that they attend Middle School, High School and University in Korea. As is Father's original plan for this program. Personally I'm a bit jealous of the Japanese program, because since 1986 they have graduated at least up to 18 students into High School each year, and since 1989 have graduated that many into Universities every year. Thus far we have one western student who graduated into University this year, another one in twelfth grade and two presently in 11th grade High School. This year we had 4 ninth grade graduates who have stayed and attended Korean High School. When I think about the fact that Father began this program with western blessed children in mind, so that they could learn the Korean language, and eastern culture as well as Heavenly traditions so that they could become the world leaders this world needs, I feel sorry. But,

then again I realize that people just don't know and haven't known what this program is really all about.

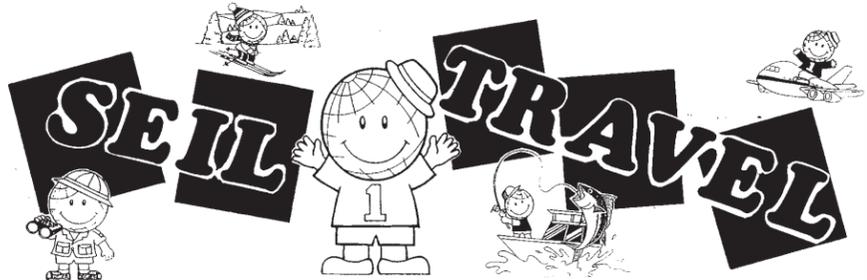
These past two years have been extraordinary for us here at Sun Hwa dorm. One reason for this has been the Chungpyung providence. Last year we were able to attend three weekend workshops at Chungpyung. November, April and July. This year we attended in February April, and June. It truly helps to set the pace for our students to have a most remarkable and memorable year. Not to mention the Dorm parents too. We are of course planning to attend the Chungpyung workshop with each new class every year. In the past Dae Mo Nim has spoken directly to our students and they most assuredly reaped the benefits of a good cleansing and liberation. Of course the Chungpyung workshop is not a part of our school curriculum, so students had to receive special permission from their parents to attend and the workshop fee is an extra cost of \$20.00 per workshop for our first year students.

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# Youth & Family Camp in Pennsylvania

by Rob Sayre—New Tripoli, PA

Over 170 adults and children gathered in Eastern Pennsylvania Aug. 10-16 for lectures, prayer and fun. A Youth Camp for kids 9-15 features two lecture tracks, one for 4th-6th graders and one for 7th and up.

The Camp Shehaqua is a former Girl Scout Camp located in Hickory Run State Park in East Central Pennsylvania. It is maintained by the Dept. of Environmental Resource. The Camp itself has 40 individual cabins (w/o electricity) for sleeping and many other buildings that were used for staff quarters, lectures, crafts and dining. It's surrounded by State Forest in a beautiful wooded setting approximately 2 hours drive east of New York City of I-80.

The Family Camp consisted of 14 families with kids younger than 9. Excerpts of the kids reflections appear below.

*The camp was very good. I liked it because it was in God's creation. (True) Father said that now we should care about our surroundings.*

*I didn't like the fact that there was no electricity or mirrors, but I lived. Probably I would have been late to lectures and things if there were those things.*

*I was not excited at all about coming to this camp, basically because I came from far away and I didn't know anyone, but now I am very glad I came because it has been a good experience for me.*

**Making Friends**—90 kids aged 9-15 attended Youth Camp, 11 younger kids of Youth Camp Staff joined the Family Camp, which consisted of 14 families and 34 kids.

*Before, I didn't want to go because none of my friends were going, but I made new friends and saw people from last summer.*

*I made many new friends right away, it's hard not to when everyone was so wonderful and open. I find it so much easier to relate to them, seeing as how we share a very important thread, True Parents.*

*Also, during this workshop, I liked my group and having group discussions and stuff. Our group leader was really great. No offense to the adults, but I liked having a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation elder as a group leader because she gave us a lot of advice about school, the blessing, and stuff like that.*

**The Square Dance**—the Virginia Reel

and others!

*I loved the square dance. I liked it this year that we could dance with our friends at the end.*

*I could take up pages about it. I prob-*



*ably had the most fun square dancing. I felt God's presence with us, like he was having as much fun as we were. I understood then about when my dad said that God needed us to experience joy through.*

*At first I really, really didn't want to square dance but when I did, I really enjoyed it.*

*I thought the dance was very fun despite the partner I got (he was very short and couldn't waltz with me).*

**Other Activities**—Evening activities consisted of campfires & singing, a candlelight prayer, a pictiory tournament, and an evening of entertainment by the children. Afternoon activities included crafts, swimming, sports and a hike.

*I especially liked the candlelight prayer and pictiory.*

*Crafts were great and so were the sports...*



*I loved the square dance, candlelight prayer and especially pictiory because we won! I bet the talent show will be good too!*

*The evening programs like the candlelight prayer, campfire, pictiory, the dance I really liked, the camp & lectures. I liked everything.*

**Being with other BC's**

*Whether it be at camp or not, I am happy to be with other blessed children.*

*I really love being here in this atmosphere with other BC's. I rarely get the chance to do this, and when I do,*

*it becomes all the more special.*

*I met a lot of people and got to hang around with other BC's which isn't something I can do often.*

**Growth & Overcoming**

*I learned to overcome difficulties (such as the fear of spiders) very quickly. Instead of concentrating on external things, I was able to concentrate on my relationship with God because of the heavenly atmosphere.*

*But I think the most important part was that I think and hope this camp made me a better person. I gained a lot of new knowledge through the lectures and also felt God's presence during the campfire and our prayers with candles...*

*Establishing a relationship with God was, on the other hand, not as easy. I really didn't know where to begin or how to start. The prayer over candlelight was wonderful. This is when I felt closest to God. Being in his creation, just pouring out my heart to him through tears and average conversation. It was the most wonderful experience, and truthfully, I felt and I knew He was listening, this was, to me, the best part of camp.*

*I made a lot of new friends and my relationship towards God improved (mostly from the candlelight prayer and lectures).*

**The Lectures**—there was two lecture groups. Noah Ross lectured the 4th-6th graders and Scott Simonds the 7th and up. During the 70's Noah taught in N. California and Scott in Southern.

*The lectures were very good because he (Uncle Scott Simonds) explained so well and made me understand even more about the Divine Principle. I feel a little more close to God now. GOD RULES!!!*

*The lectures and lecturer was interesting, as was said before, no matter how many time I hear DP, or certain areas, it always sounds wonderful, and something new hits me, I learn every time. He (Scott Simonds) was also very thorough and clear and allowed everything to be easily understood.*

*My relationship to God improved because of Noah's lectures.*

*The lectures were interesting. Scott was good at explaining things.*

*The lectures were really good too. I learned a lot more about True Father, Abraham, Noah, and all the other people we learned about. God really did speak through him. THANK YOU NOAH!!!*

*This camp helped me work on more of my intellectual aspect of my life of faith. I learned more than I thought I would from*

*these lectures. I learned about my heart and position in the world. This was a very good workshop for me to learn leadership position over the little ones (younger children) when I'm usually the little one.*

**Growing Closer to God**

*Every time I come to a camp like this I feel that I become closer to God and I understand everything a little more clearly. I feel more like an older sister and I found myself really loving everyone as if they were my younger brother or sister.*

*I especially liked the candlelight prayer. I really felt close to God, I actually cried!*

**The Food**

*The food was a lot better than most of the other camps I go to so that was definitely a plus.*

*The food? . . . As last year, flawless!*

*The food was good and the servers were friendly too!*

*The food was "Da Boom!"*



*PLEASE KEEP THE COOK! She made the BEST FOOD! I LOVED IT. All the food was GREAT.*

**Future Activities**

The Pennsylvania Camps (Youth & Family) are organized and staffed by parents. 1998 was the fourth year and represented a milestone in our development. While the Camp began with parents in Pennsylvania, they have grown and serve families from a wide geographic area. To continue to grow and serve the needs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation and their families will require helping others to start similar initiatives in their areas. We intend to offer information and instruction about how to go about this.

To this end we are establishing a web site, planning activities throughout the year as well as many new activities and initiatives for next summer. We also video taped Noah's lectures and plan to edit and offer these for sale with proceeds going to fund other youth activities. The participation and active involvement of parents, their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to a bright future for our children are our only limits.

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# Summer Programs at Camp Sunrise NY Hit the Spot

by Dr. Kathy Winings—NYC

Camp Sunrise was the scene of cheers and tears, challenging activities, fun and sun and, of course, God. The summer of 1998 may be over, but the memories linger on from this summer's three youth ministry programs that were held at Camp Sunrise. Directed by the Second Generation Committee, Rev. Brian Sabourin, and Dr. Kathy Winings, all of the programs focused on encouraging the young men and women of the second generation to "Set the Standard."

The first program, a two-week workshop from July 11 to July 25, gathered 95 teenagers together from around the globe. Our program began with a profound and heartfelt welcoming address by Hyun-Jin Nim Moon in which he set the tone for the workshop. Hyun-Jin Nim challenged the participants to understand clearly what the standard means—the establishment of an ideal family—and what it takes to create that standard through the practice of true love and living for the sake of others.

Starting then on Sunday morning, Rev. Ken Sudo began the first cycle of Divine Principle teaching sessions. Rev. Sudo emphasized the basics of God's existence and nature, establishing a deep relationship with our Heavenly Father, the Fall of Humankind and its modern implications for the four realms of heart and love, and what is required today by God and True Parents to be a true son and daughter of God. The second cycle of Principle was taught by Rev. John Williams of IEF with support from Mr. Rollain Muanda of UTS. Rev. Williams focused on the second part of Principle with a deeper look at the need to develop a profound sense of faith and living that faith substantially as the next generation.

Of course, the workshop also included a wide variety of activities which were designed to support what was being taught in the mornings. Group discussions allowed the teens to talk about the Principle and their own questions and concerns of how to live it. A one-day service project allowed the participants to emphasize living for the sake of others through serving Harriman State Park. Teens were also able to hear inspiring testimonies from older second generation.

During the second week, the teens were led through the woods and hills of Harriman by Mr. Keith McMurty—a specialist in outdoor activities for youth. The group was also blessed to be able to spend two days in Gloucester, absorbing True Parents' foundation of fishing and the ocean providence. Testimonies were shared by the Gloucester members and of course, everyone got to experience a one-day fishing expedition.

The program ended with two special events: an inspirational talk from Jin Hun Nim and a candlelight prayer walk

and rededication/reflection time. Through the hard work of Matthew Jones, Jonathan Kirst and Dohi Ang, the workshop provided a good experience for these young men and women.

## Second program

The second program, for younger teens, began right on the heels of the first program. This program was slightly larger in number with 145 participants in the camp. While the focus was the same, the content was very specific. We chose to create a program that taught both the character education material from IEF and some of the absolute sex material from PLA. Utilizing interactive learning and games, each lesson challenged the young teens

and encouraged many people to respond to our call for help and we ended up with an awesome staff of dedicated and caring counselors.

The vehicle for teaching about God's standard in this camp was the Old Testament central figures along with Jesus and True Family. The theme of setting the standard was carried through each lesson with a clear emphasis on how we can learn to set the standard in our families and community. Teaching sessions were creative and interactive and really allowed the children to get into the concepts and look at them with fresh eyes.

The children also had the opportunity to do many exciting activities such as experience God's creation through a nature hike, go on a service scavenger hunt, swim, learn new games and sports, and see how many new friends they could make in a week. The campers also had the

blessing of participating in the Park's annual Regatta. Everyone who raced received a medal and Camp Sunrise received a trophy. Arts and crafts was also a highlight of this program with Mrs. Cynthia Toffey leading the children in their projects. Through an inspiration of the Holy Spirit, our concluding activity was to form an unbroken chain of second generation and par-

to re-examine their own lives and standard and to remain pure and righteous for the sake of the future. Again, the standard of true family and true love was strongly emphasized.

Though the program was only one week long, it was varied and active with a full day service project, a challenge hike, special testimonies, and lots of fellowship. From Human Bingo, to Race for Life, to life in the Republic of Congo each teen had the opportunity to consider their lives, their goals, and their purpose.

The ending project for these participants was for each team to create an advertising campaign and strategy that could be used in their schools to encourage their own peers and friends to remain pure and to value God-centered families. The Thursday evening fellowship, purity pledge signing, and candlelight prayer walk was a high point in the program.

If that wasn't enough, as soon as Program Two finished, the third and final program began on Saturday, August 1st with 180 children ages 9-11. This was by far one of our most challenging years because of the sheer size of the camp. Added to that was the fact that we were low on staff. However, because of God's deep desire to guide and educate our young children, He motivated



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ents around the lecture hall, which started with God and True Parents, and visually emphasized God's hope that this chain remain unbroken and to recognize how precious each person in the chain is to God. The program ended with plays written by the children showing their newfound understanding of Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and a Completed Testament family. After a family worship service

on Sunday, the Camp ended with tearful good-byes and a new set of memories and friends.

Each of the programs would not have been possible without the guidance, support and hard work of the Second Generation Committee, Brian Sabourin, the older second generation men and women, parents, and the Camp Sunrise staff led by Bruce and Debbie Grodner. This year we had the added blessing of guidance and support from Hyun-Jin Nim Moon in his capacity as the new international Vice President of FFWPU and leadership for the Second Generation.

The summer of 1998 certainly provided us with a great catalyst for the coming school year and all of our youth and family ministry events. We look forward to continuing our faith development activities through our children's ministries and youth ministries around the country throughout this year.

Youth Ministry, in cooperation with IRFF, will conduct a service project during the Christmas break this year for teenagers. The location is in the process of being decided, however, we are looking at sites in Guatemala and Haiti. The project will involve painting and restoring either a school or orphanage. For further information, please contact Dr. Kathy Winings at: (914) 366-0558 or e-mail: IRFFint@aol.com.

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# Camp Tongil: Summer in the Northwest

by Vanessa Nishikawa—Seattle, WA

The morning bell clangs out over the sleeping camp—ding dong, ding dong, ding dong—resonating over the lake, breaking the stillness of the quiet summer morning. A new day at Camp Tongil Northwest begins for youth from five different states—Washington, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, and Idaho, plus British Columbia. This was the fifth annual event for youth ages 8 - 14 and the second year that it was held at the beautiful and rustic site of Miller-Sylvania State Park, Environmental Learning Center, 12 miles south of Olympia, Washington, from July 19 - 24, 1998.

This year's camp hosted 84 very lively children with 30 attentive adult staff to guide and organize the multitude of activities. The camp theme, "Becoming a Champion for God," was enthusiastically applauded—with special emphasis during Divine Principle Education presentations being placed on the life and mission of Jesus Christ.

Over the past five years, the camp has grown steadily both in numbers of participants and staff members and duration. For comparison, the camp in 1995 had 24 children with six staff members, and was held over a weekend.

Tongil means "unity" and that is most effectively accomplished by the internal camp structure—teams comprised of eight children and two adult counselors each. This somewhat conservative ratio is not just a safety precaution but also enhances the quality of the campers' and counselors' experience. Camp Tongil is a learning environment as an extension of the family, and the adult volunteers, largely parents of campers, are the ones who create the circumstances through which true family values are taught and practiced. In a unique campfire ceremony, which the children have come to love, the campers state ways by which they may become champions for God. Some of the promises clearly show just what is valued at Camp Tongil: "to be kind to others, even when they are not kind to me,"; "to speak the truth when it must be spoken"; "to respect everything God makes,"; "keep a positive attitude,"; "trust God,"; "help Mom more at home,"; "be helpful to people,"; "challenge self to be strong,"; "be obedient to parents."

## Team structure

The teams stay together for most of the activities for the duration of the camp, and by the end of the five-day experience, there are many moist eyes among team members saying farewell until next year. Each team wears a different color T-shirt (i.e., the "Red" team, the "Periwinkle" team, the "Sage" team) with a beautiful logo designed by David Hose, Jr. emblazoned on the front. The specific colors have been cause for endearing titles—this year, on skit night, the "Blue" team did a take-off on the "Men in Black" and presented a skit by the "Boys in Blue".

An early start to the day is necessary in order to fit in all of the exciting activities, and campers are roused from sleeping bags at 7:00 AM. Exercises follow, then Hoon Dok Hwe by teams. Morning clean up and "teamwork" with assigned chores are accomplished prior to breakfast. Appetites do not present any problems, as campers have healthy ones at each meal and snack time. Extensive appreciation is shown to the hard-working cooks, Helen Abelseth and Helen Downey, by the fact that there are very few

leftovers. Divine Principle Education in the form of brief "youth-friendly" presentations are next in the schedule, followed by skits including adults and campers as actors. This allows for a fresh understanding of significant religious principles. David Malloch guided the presentations and skits for the "Junior" campers while Eric Sylte offered guidance and led discussions for the "Senior" campers (the Mountain Challenge participants—the Sage and Silver teams).

After team meetings, teamwork and lunch, the afternoon is divided into four sessions, including "Hands On Education" directed by Toni Lee Curry, swimming and canoe-



ing, plus "Team Choice" activities such as sports, games, hiking, etc. After a bountiful dinner, each evening program has a particular theme: promises to "Become a Champion for God", skit night, songfest around the campfire, culminating in an extraordinary "Awards Ceremony." Lights out at around 10:00 PM concludes the official camp day, however, many treasured stories are in the hearts of campers and counselors who found themselves still awake after official "bedtime".

## Mountain Challenge

An innovative and very exciting highlight of this year's camp was the Mountain Challenge experience. Led by Craig "Mountain Man" Dahl and "Aunt" Penny Frisk and assisted by Eric Sylte, Teddy Hose and Mary Hose, two teams of "Senior" boys and girls (Sage and Silver) went on an off-site overnight hiking/camping adventure. This expedition, by all accounts, was an incredible experience for all that challenged themselves to trek up Mt. Ellinor in the Olympic mountains.

All Mountain Challenge participants went way beyond their personal limits of physical endurance, and in so doing, were blessed with deep spiritual experiences of the presence of God. At the top of the mountain, besides the spectacular view of the world below them, they were amazed to find mountain goats coming up to lick their hands. The Seniors were treated to a day of technical rope work and utilized their new skills to rappel off a 50 foot vertical wall. Upon completion of the cliff challenge they enjoyed the coolness of a swim in a pristine mountain lake.

## Testimonies

On the final afternoon of camp, all participants spend time to fill out a reflection and take a quiz to assess the educational development, progress and effectiveness of the Divine Principle presentations. Eric Sylte challenged the "Seniors" with three essay questions. A few excerpts from their

responses follow:

*Q: How could Adam and Eve have protected themselves and avoided "fallen" relationships.*

Response from Rachel Curry, age 14, (Silver team): First, Adam and Eve could have been more careful with each other (Eve convincing Adam into a sexual relationship) and others (Lucifer convincing Eve into a sexual relationship). If Adam and Eve were more careful, Eve wouldn't have fallen and neither would have Adam. Second, Adam and Eve had to trust God completely and with absolutely no doubt. (Satan convincing Eve to have a sexual relationship by saying that God wouldn't care). If she did trust God and not the archangel, she would have eventually become the Queen of the universe = True Mother. In turn, Adam would have become the King = True Father.

Response from Josie Wells, age 14, (Silver team): Eve allowed herself to be alone with Lucifer. If she had not done this it might have been avoided. Yet this did occur and even then it could have stopped there if Eve had not involved Adam. I have my own wonders though. What if Adam and Eve had been

honest right afterwards? Also, what if they had taken the blame themselves, and said, "it was all my fault". Instead of blaming each other. They were given everything, Freedom to choose, ability to bear children, and a rule, not to "eat the fruit" until they were married and mature....If Eve had listened to God and not Lucifer, the whole fall could have been avoided. If Adam had listened to himself, God, and his conscience, instead of Eve and Lucifer, he would have been able to protect himself and save mankind from "fallen" nature and relationships.

*Q: What do we mean by the term "True Parents"?*



Response from Gregory Nishikawa, age 13, (Sage team): "True" meaning what is more pure or spiritual implies that "True Parents" are the parents that are most pure or spiritual. "True" Father and Mother are therefore more spiritual than other people; they're more religious, understanding, loving and "True". It's also said that they can speak with God and understand God or God's heart. Since God is spirit, and Jesus (who brought the "Sword of Truth") was the Son of God, this also makes "True Parents" more spiritual. I believe this because I am part of the Unification Church; and "True Parents" are the leaders of the Unification Church. So, naturally, I was brought up being taught that. Also, if I take "True" literally, it would mean that "True Parents" are more honest and truthful. That would mean that they tell the truth about religion and God. And, thirdly, since "True Parents"

are more spiritual than other people, they have stronger spirits. And, because of this, they act as protectors or guardians to our spirits. Therefore, acting as spiritual parents. Also, because they are the leaders of the Unification Church, they guide us in teachings and blessings, again acting as parents to all of the followers of our Unification Church movement. We also look up to them when things become difficult.

*Q: Why do we call Jesus a champion for God?*

Response from Yoshiko Araki, age 13, (Silver team): Jesus...dedicated his entire life to God. Jesus loved God and understood his heart; he was willing to do anything for him. Jesus would go and speak God's words to the people wherever he could. He knew that all the people on earth were God's children and loved by him, so Jesus loved them just as much, even when he was thrown in prison. When Jesus knew that he was going to die on the cross, he did not back down. He did not go run and hide but sacrificed his life for God and his children. It was probably really painful for Jesus because he could never experience having a wife and children, having a family. Jesus knew how important it was to restore this world and allowed himself to go through worse than hell to indemnify all the sins of all the people. Jesus gave his sweat, blood and tears for God; Jesus gave his everything for God and therefore is a champion for God!

## Incentives

For the past four years, an innovative "incentive program" has been developed by Assistant Director, Vanessa Nishikawa. This year, campers collected tickets for good deeds and healthy attitudes from counselors and other adult staff and exchanged tickets at the Camp Tongil Store which was open nightly and offered some fun prizes that truly excited most of the younger campers. Some campers earned alphabet beads to spell out their names or the acronym of our camp theme B.A.C.F.G. (Be a Champion for God) and promptly made necklaces or bracelets. Next year, we will focus more on heart and intent, and seek to elicit and reward selfless behavior and heavenly attitude. At the Awards Ceremony each camper received a beautiful, laminated Certificate of Participation and congratulations from many of the adult staff members, including a handshake from Rev. Won Geun Kim.

Each year, the Camp Tongil experience gets bigger and better. Feedback from campers and staff is reassuring—Camp Tongil Northwest is a very good thing that is here to stay. Next year, we are seeking to add on one more day and will create a precedent to embrace children of newly blessed couples in the program.

In addition to those already mentioned, we'd like to extend our appreciation to the following staff members: Dreux Amaral, Diane Araki, Yoshinori Asaoka, Michiko Barrett, Izabela Byrne, Will Couweleers, Sun-Hee Davies, Deloise De Goede, Fred Dehen, Junko Jones, Mubina Lagare, Ray McCready, John Natrass, Tom Picard, Dario Pisano, Richard Stumpf, Eva-Maria Taylor, Lucy Wells and Katsuya Yamauchi.

For more information on Camp Tongil send email to [camptongil@aol.com](mailto:camptongil@aol.com). We are interested in comparing notes with other summer camps. ❖

# Religious Youth Service International: Slovenia '98

## Building the Community Through Youth Service

by Simona Zbacnik and Edita Ibrahimovic—Bloke, Slovenia

Based on beautiful experiences from two RYS projects which Simona attended in Croatia '95 and Birmingham '97 (the last one together with Larisa Zmaher) the idea to make a project in Slovenia came about.

In February '98 Slovene RYS staff (Simona, Edita, Larisa) met for the first time. We were trying to understand how the RYS could best serve the needs of Slovene community. We decided the theme of the project ("Building the Community Through Youth Service") and made the schedule.

We started to look for places to do the project and quite soon we made a contact with VITRA- Organisation for Sustainable Development, which is actively working in most underdeveloped southern part of Slovenia. We sent out a letter to different villages to apply for the project. For one month we were waiting for reply and we've got the answers from two communities (Slivnica and Velike Bloke).

Later on in April, Marshall de Souza (British RYS Co-ordinator) came to Slovenia in order to help us with starting the preparations for the project. We all felt that with his visit everything became more concrete. We went to visit the sites where we met with people from VITRA and explained the purpose of our project. Our main contact person became Tamara Krasevec, 21 years old student of management from Bloke. We got very good feeling about Vel. Bloke which later on became the place of our project.

We started to plan the accommodation, food and other important details. We made approximate financial plan, set responsibilities of staff and discussed about inter-religious cooperation. In days to come we sent out information and application forms to different countries. There were quite few challenges on our way. During the time of our preparations, the project was even cancelled one time, because of the problems with accommodation. We started to look for another project in northern part of Slovenia where the earthquake happened in that time.

But finally things worked out and we continued to work with community in Bloke. The other big challenge was to find sponsors. Slovenia is not very charitable country (yet), but on the other hand we ourselves didn't know how to deal with this kind of situation. We were trying to find sponsors in other countries as well. We got big support from Great Britain which was mobilised through Marshall de Souza.

After the Blessing in Bratislava, Simona went to London to help out with preparations. Apart from many donations which were given by different companies, University of Westminster Students Union in London, Sufi community in USA (Atlanta), UC members, etc., we made some fundraising event in London. One of them was a big Charity Bazaar, supported by many UC members who gave many

donations in material and helped during the event itself. Next weekend we had two car-boot sales and during the week we worked on participants and preparations for the weekend. During that time the communication between Britain and Slovenia was intensive as on both sides we were very busy.

After all the efforts we got 2000 pounds of support from England. Apart from that the British team brought many other materials coming from England. Also in Slovenia some companies responded, specially with materials (paper, films for photo-camera, medicine for urgent cases, 500 DM from Slovene HQ, pens and telephone cards, and some donations from Slovene UC members (around 150 DM).

Janez Marinko contacted different religious groups inviting them specially for inter-religious seminar on Tuesday evening. There were many ups and downs, struggles and victories, but our inspiration and vision always moved us on. All of us had a strong desire to complete the project successfully. Finally the project came about- we felt great excitement and



nervousness as well.

Our first feeling of RYS spirit came with the arrival of Dr. Sherry Hartman, professor from Mississippi and educational director during RYS project. For many years she has been supporting RYS with her whole heart and dedication. Soon after the British team arrived with mini-bus hired from British HARP. The very special part of this project was RYS Educational Training for RYS alumni. It started on 8th July and was attended by all RYS staff, everybody who wanted to learn how to lead RYS educational program. We were taught by Dr. Sherry Hartman who led us through social service learning program. As staff we really got deeply involved with each other which made a good foundation for participants to come.

They arrived on 11th July in the evening after the Staff Orientation which took place on 10th-11th July. Around 30 participants and staff gathered from 13 different countries: England, Malta, Eritrea, France, Uganda, the Czech Rep., Slovakia, USA, Italy, Romania, Japan, Bosnia and Slovenia; representing the following religions: Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Unificationism.

From the very beginning we were warmly welcomed by the local community. We were invited to the local church where we could meet the local priest and very well known Slovene

priest Mirko Zerjav who is at the same time world-wide known magician, hypnotist, bio-energyst etc. he was celebrating his 50th anniversary of being a priest. For that reason he came to Bloke, his home village. Behind his tricks he gave us very deep message



about unity between different religions and races and our value as God's children.

Next day we met by chance in the local restaurant where we had our daily meals. He was celebrating with his family, relatives and some priests. We opened the big door which was dividing our rooms, brought the guitar and sang a popular song "More". We all were so moved by the wonderful atmosphere.

Finally Mr. Zerjav stood up, took his celebration cake and gave it to RYS participants. He again emphasised that no matter what religion we come from we will finally come to one God. We shared the delicious cake with beautiful roses and specially made host on the top after the inter-religious pilgrimage.

The project officially started on Sunday 12th of July with participant orientation which lasted two days. During the orientation the RYS vision and norms were discussed together with several other exercises which included sessions on Fears and Expectations, Listening Check, Character Building. All the participants had the opportunity to visit the work-site before the work started on 14th July.

We were working with the local community officials to paint windows and doors and clean up the compound of the church whose roof had been recently restored; at the village playground we painted the walls around the bowling alleys, finished off the walls of the playground hut and weeded the entire compound; we were able to paint all eleven street lamps; and completed painting the railings of the two pools in the village.

The opinion of the local people was that the work wouldn't have been completed for many years if we didn't come. All the materials and tools were provided by local community. Its president Mr. Brane Krasevec and his assistant Rajko Zakrajsek explained the

work to us and led us through it with lots of care and concern. They were inspired by our work and accomplishments and we were inspired by their hospitality. Already through the work we could achieve great part of our project theme.

We were living in a military building and enjoyed delicious food in the nearby restaurant of family Moklavcic which treated us with so much attention and made us feel like at home. The work period ran each day from Tuesday till Friday (starting each day with morning meditation from different religions) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., which was lunch time.

Almost every afternoon and evening an educational or cultural program was organised. These included a presentation on the Bloke community given by local representative Mr. Skravec; testimonies from previous RYS projects by RYS alumni, talk on Family Values, site-seeing of Ljubljana and Postojna cave.

We visited four homes of old people who were in need of help. We talked with them, sang songs, cleaned the house, chopped wood etc. We had two very special evenings which were for the participants, but open also for the local community and others. On Tuesday, 14th of July we had inter-religious seminar. Representatives from various religions (Islam, Hare Krishna, Mormons, Unificationists and evangelical group New life) came to speak on the topic "Respecting Different Religious Traditions", followed by discussion. More than 60 people attended the seminar. We think this was a very special event for Slovenia regarding the fact that inter-religious co-operation in our country is very poor apart from meetings organised by the government four times per year.

In the afternoon before the inter-religious evening we had very interesting inter-religious pilgrimage which was held in our living place because of the rain. We were reading from the holy scriptures of 7 religions including prayers and other rituals.

On Friday more than 100 local people gathered in the church hall in the

neighbouring village Nova Vas for the Cultural evening. All the evening was one big joyous and inspiring event. The special flavour was our MC- black brother Edward Mukasa whom people will never forget. Different



songs, poems, skits, martial art presentation, Hindu dance, Japanese bells and other performances followed. From late news this was the first event of its kind in Bloke region.

One big connecting point with local people was also bye-bye picnic on Saturday evening. They wanted to show us their gratitude and appreciation for what we brought to their village. It was

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# PURE LOVE ALLIANCE FAR EAST TOUR

## PLA TESTIMONY

### More to Purity

by Inbok Jenkins—Chicago, IL

I had a really good experience on the tour. I heard about the tour last summer and I saw a lot of videos. It sounded so fun. I wanted to go so bad to the '98 tour. So I went, but it was so different from what I expected. It was fun, but also a lot of hard work.

Before the tour I knew about purity and I believed it. But more externally than really deep in my heart. On the tour I could really experience it deep inside of me. And that made me also realize how important it is for your future and even now.

There were hard parts. Many times

when we were marching I would think how I was hot, tired, sweaty, hungry, and thirsty. There were plenty of times when I just wanted to sit down and fall over, cause I was so tired, but then I would look at the Japanese and Korean people. When I looked at them and they wouldn't pay attention to us, it made me want to shout and scream more, to get the message out. I wanted everybody to hear the message of purity. Just to get one more person to hear you made a big difference. That made me even want to work harder.

In the beginning when we were marching, it was really hard. The chanting was very united. The back would be chanting something different from the

front. It got a little frustrating. Fortunately each march got better, and things went much smoother.

There were also really fun parts. Like being together with all the other young people. We had a lot of good times. I made really close friendships. It was like we had known each other for many years, even though we'd only just met each other three weeks ago. It was cool that we all went through the same experiences and challenges together.



My experience helped me realize that there is more to purity than just abstinence and stuff.

Inbok Jenkins is 15 yrs. old and a PLA member in Chicago. ❖

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usually involved packing and toting luggag, and nights meant unloading, toting again, and unpacking. Sleeping was in close quarters as a matter of routine, air-conditioned on occasion. (At one stop, they discovered after two days that the heat kicked in automatically after midnight.)

"It's not like a holiday or something that you'd want to do just for fun to enjoy yourself," said Margaret Hill, one of the tour's performers and a second-year participant. "It's very taxing physically: You're marching in the hot sun, chanting until you get hoarse. But then being able to see the participants, to see them become really strong on what they believe and working out a lot of things in their own lives. . . I think that to me makes it worth it."

That was the kind of experience rally organizers were hoping for. Joni Choi, assistant tour coordinator and "tour mother" explained just before the first rally, "My hope for the tour is not only

that we can have a positive impact on the people in Japan, in the streets and in the media, but that we can change ourselves through doing this. We should really come to realize what purity is, in ourselves and as a group. Once you're empowered with that, you're no longer influenced by all the junk that people put forward."

Like many on the tour, Eri Hashimoto says friends often challenge her stance on sexual purity. "Some of them told me to change," she says. "They said, 'Hey, what's the problem with you?' " Despite her determination to remain pure, she says it was difficult always to "be sure if what I believe in was really right." Joining the tour, though, she discovered that "people all around the world, from America, from Russia, from Europe, from Asia, they all believe in pure love, they all believe in pure love, Absolute Sex instead of free sex. And it gives me confidence and courage to keep on going and believing and doing what's right."

Eri is not the only one with such a story. Others, like Japanese-American Naokimi Ushiroda and Yemi Pickard of Pleasantville, New York, also say they're better off for having come. "It really helps," says Yemi, "to know that you're not the only one." Naokimi says that with the experience of the tour behind him, "When I go back to college I can really speak out with a stronger conviction" for the value of purity.

To the public eye, however, the purpose of this tour was to be accomplished on a larger scale, in working with public educators and in utilizing the mass media.

In Japan, Pure Love Alliance leaders met with scores of educators and representatives from national, prefectural and local ministries of education. Some were surprised at the PLA's approach to sex education. The Minister of Education in Chiba Prefecture, for example, offered apologies to American PLA president Robert Kittel for Japan's being, as he said, behind the United States in sex education. He offered assurance that his schools would soon be instituting comprehensive (condom-based) safe-sex education.

"I told them," Mr. Kittel report-

ed to the tour later, "Please, do not introduce comprehensive sex education into your schools. You will destroy your children." "

As a result of such meetings, Mr. Kittel says that educational leaders in Japan have "responded positively" to the Alliance's absolute sex curriculum, wanting to introduce it into the schools in place of comprehensive sex education. He says that Japanese educators were amazed that US citizens were coming to point out the failures of the American education system with concern that those mistakes not be repeated in Japan.

In Korea, where the Pure Love Alliance is already working with the public education system, rallies were covered on prime time national television and cable television news broadcasts, as well as in newspapers in every city the tour visited. The nation's top media outlet, KBS, has plans to feature the PLA in an upcoming documentary of the worldwide youth movement for purity.

#### Why An Asian Pure Love Tour?

Some participants from last year's tour, familiar with the popular Hollywood image of sex without consequences, wondered at first over the need for a Pure Love tour in Asia. They were surprised to discover the negative impact of Western culture in Japan and Korea.

There's a growing trend in Japan's major cities known as *enjo kosai*. Simply put, it's freelance teen prostitution. With the help of commercial "telephone clubs," middle-aged men receive phone calls from junior-high and high-school girls who are willing to give one evening—often including sex—in exchange for gifts or spending money. Their aim, they say, is high-priced high-fashion brand goods: Gucci, Prada, Fendi, and the like, Western designer labels whose handbags, for example, sell regularly for \$500 and \$800. Such finery is otherwise unaffordable to these 12- to 16-year old girls.

No one suggests that sexual immorality began with Western society. But the validating power of American culture is a powerful part of what the tour sought to address. There's a common understanding among tour participants, Asian and Western alike, that American pop culture is being absorbed en masse by Koreans and Japanese. English text—with or without any mean-

ing at all—appears regularly on clothing, notebooks, billboards, virtually anything intended for a young audience. In most urban areas, American fast food chains, from KFC to Subway to Mr. Donuts, seem always to be within walking distance. Western faces (or blond-haired, green-eyed Asian ones) are found advertising almost everything from shaving cream to long distance service.

Advertisers have discovered that the way to attract customers to a product is to associate it with America or the West. Combining that with American advertisers' and entertainers' reliance on casual sex as a marketing tool yields the ideal formula for rapid social decline in Asia. It is worth noting that in Japan, out-of-wedlock pregnancies, the availability of pornography, sexually transmitted diseases, and divorce are all on the rise, along with a corresponding frequency of homelessness, graffiti, gang violence, and drug use among youth. With all the goods America exports to the East, it is our endorsement of free sex that has made the deepest and most damaging impact.

"We owe it to Asia and Japan," says Joni Choi, "to come here and show them a different image, show them that not everyone in America is like that, and we are sorry that we've exported such bad things here."

What remains for the Pure Love Alliance in these two countries is to further the success of the contacts already made with educators and community leaders. In Korea PLA curriculum has already been taught in over 900 schools, and thousands of students have taken the Pure Love Pledge. Organizers now hope to reach out to religious institutions and social action groups to reach a wider audience.

In Japan, educational leaders requested detailed information from America regarding the dangers of pre-marital sex and the importance of marriage and family. They were especially interested in learning more about the benefits of stable, committed family life for the well-being of children and society in general; and conversely the consequences of broken dysfunctional families. Plans are being made for a conference of concerned Japanese and American educators, to be held in the spring of next year. ❖

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# PURE LOVE ALLIANCE FAR EAST TOUR

by Miho Yoshida—Chicago, IL

## PLA TESTIMONY

**H**olding a pure love tour in two countries very different from America was a very bold idea. Having been a participant in the cross-country tour last year, I rushed to sign up for this year's international tour.

As an American, I felt incredibly responsible for the crisis that Japan is facing. Korea is starting to face problems about family breakdown, but Japan's problems are full blown and ready to explode. The Hollywood lifestyle exported from America to the world has created this concept in other countries that free sex is okay and popular.

Of course as Americans, we had to show the other countries that not everyone in America followed this lifestyle. We also needed to tell them how much "free sex" hurt and how to have a more fulfilling life by practicing "Absolute Sex," which is abstinence before marriage and fidelity within. I believe that these are both essential to both ones physical and spiritual well being.

Being in Japan was a whole new

experience. It seemed really crowded and small compared to America. I remember that sometimes at the places we were staying, we would cram our sleeping bags on the floor, and there would still be a few people who would not fit. So we would cram some more until we fit, which meant we were like sardines in a can. It was pretty funny.

Although the media did not cover us very much, we still got the attention of many people on the streets of Japan and in the buildings surrounding our marching routes. It felt really good to be screaming out for

purity and family. I could see on the faces of the participants, how meaningful it was to be doing these activities.



The Japanese people were very organized and really took good care of us. After Japan, we had the opportunity to take a ferry to Pusan, Korea. It was fun, the ocean was really beautiful. Korea was completely different from Japan. The culture and people were very different.

We were less organized, but the rallies and marches had lots of the fighting spirit that characterizes Korea. We also had a brother and sisterhood ceremony where each World PLA member was matched to a Korean PLA member. My partner was my age, and I really felt like she was my sister. She was very helpful and friendly. I am really glad that I was able to participate in the PLA tour this year, and I feel that it really changed the lives of many people.

*Miho Yoshida is 19 yrs. old and a PLA member in Chicago. ❖*

## PLA TESTIMONY: A Very Different Experience

by Miwa Krishnek

**M**y experiences on the Pure Love Alliance's 1998 Japan and Korea tour was very different from those I had on last year's national tour.

From the beginning I really felt that God didn't want me to remain the "silly little girl" that I was last year, but wanted to use the tour to prepare me to be a leader of the future, as True Father wants us all to be. For instance, the day after I arrived at the LA CARP center from Seattle, I was asked by the central figure of the center to give a 10 minute testimony about my experiences on the Pure Love 97 Tour. I very vividly remember giving my life testimony on a bumpy bus as we drove on across America last year; my palms were clammy, my elbows down to my knees shook uncontrollably and I talked so fast that a majority of my listeners couldn't understand a word I was saying. Yet, in that center in LA, something pushed me to agree to give a tes-

timony and although my hands shook a little, I was confident, managed to convey all my points, and I didn't talk that fast. Also when we arrived in Japan, I was shocked to find out that not only was I a team assistant, but I was also the youngest team assistant by at least a year and a half. Although it may not seem like a huge deal, being a team assistant was definitely a major jump from being the incapable, youngest girl on last year's tour.

Externally the tour was also very different from last year's tour. The humidity in Japan was unbelievable and it took a lot to overcome the heat. Fortunately, come rally or march time, the weather was always bearable thanks to rain before or during the rally.

The rallies were fun (I was one of the dancing sexually transmitted diseases!) and the marches were huge, and although our media coverage was

close to nonexistent in Japan, I know the PLA made a lot of progress with major educational leaders.

In Korea the K-PLA has already been influencing a lot of schools so the situation wasn't quite as

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serious. During our visits to the 3 Korean cities, it rained constantly but the Korean PLA participants were so bright, bouncy and energized that the rest of us didn't have time to reflect upon our soaked condition. Although our marches were a tad unorganized, we still

had plenty of media coverage and lots of fun. One great thing about the Korean portion of our tour was having our "Korean Matching"; each of the World PLA members had the opportunity to be paired with a member of the Korean PLA whom they got to know and spend time with. It was a sad day when we separated from our partners to go

to Chung Pyung, even a few tears were shed.

Chung Pyung was a very wonderful way for the tour to end and it was my personal highlight of the summer. When I first arrived at the site, although we were surrounded by lush forests and rivers, my stomach was in knots. But, even then I was awed by the determination and inspiration that shone on everybody's faces. As I listened to lectures about the spirit world and the importance of ridding evil spirits from our body to liberate them and ourselves, I really began to feel inspired. I could feel the angels helping and guiding me through the many Ah Soo sessions and Dae Mo Nim's scolding lectures brought forth many tears of repentance and gratitude.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank Jin Hun Nim, all the PLA staff and all the Japanese and Korean members for supporting and helping us so much and for making the Pure Love 1998 Tour of Japan and Korea possible. It was GREAT. ❖

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not just the accomplishment of work but also our genuine relationships. Women from the village baked all different kinds of sweets. We were not able to try all of them. When the darkness came we gathered under the playground light and sang songs to each other, exchanging songs from various cultures and danced together as well. We concluded with group picture hoping to see each other again.

The final part of the project was the reflection led by Massimo Trombin, Marshall de Souza and Simona Zbacnik. Reflection is very important part of RYS project. We were led into reviewing the goals, norms and what we had

learned during the project. For some time we could reflect in the beautiful nature near Bloke. Massimo gave "World Vision" slide presentation showing the reality of today's world. After lunch everybody set new goals for the near future. We enjoyed together an exercise for building self-confidence by recognising the strengths of each one's character.

On Sunday we had a beautiful Universal Worship Service in the nature. Readings and prayers from all the religious traditions, present and not present were heard. Trevor Davies gave an inspiring sermon on Joy and Happiness. We closed the worship service with a Sufi song, which brought everyone even closer to each other.

We concluded with writing out the

reflections. The official closing ceremony took place at lunch time that Sunday. It was attended by all participants and staff as well as by some special guests (our main contact person Tamara, her parents and Rajko). Following the delicious lunch we recognised the guests mentioned above, listened to organisers comments, participants' testimonies and delivered the certificates and gifts to participants. The local community prepared for each one of us a beautiful souvenir - wooden spoon saying: "Always welcome to Bloke!", postcard and Bloke brochure.

At the same time tears of happiness and sadness filled up our eyes. We didn't want to say good-bye. But we knew these experiences connected us in our hearts forever.

Most of us left Bloke on Sunday and some stayed to do final clean up in the place we were staying. As staff we are reflecting upon the project and it seems it didn't end yet. It is still going on in our hearts. Man cannot forget all the joy, inspiration and all the beautiful friendships which were born during the project. We deeply feel that RYS is bringing vision for the future through dialogue and action. It gives a rebirth experience to so many young people. A lot of effort was made to accomplish the project but all the worries and difficulties were forgotten by wonderful and unique experiences.

Together we stand, divided we fall! God bless RYS! ❖

# PURE LOVE ALLIANCE FAR EAST TOUR

## PLA Breakthrough in Japan Tour

by Robert S. Kittel—NYC

If you saw a Junior High school friend stroll into a red-light district wearing her school uniform to more easily sell herself for sex, could you remain silent and uninvolved? If you saw teachers feeding poisoned candy to children in public schools wouldn't you be desperate to intervene? That is how the Pure Love Alliance (PLA) members felt as they saw the consequences of the free sex in Japan.

The PLA may not have had the extensive media coverage of our *Pure Love '97* tour in the United States last summer, but I believe *Pure Love '98* will

Department of Juvenile Delinquency in the Management & Coordination Agency.

In addition, to meeting government officials, talks with individuals in the private sector were a little less formal because these people were free from government restrictions forbidding moral issues to be integrated with public policy. We were warmly received by leaders from the National Assembly for Youth Development, the National PTA Congress, the National Council for Education, the Mother's Forum of Japan in addition to 5 different religious groups (1 Muslim and 4 Buddhist).

Just holding friendly, engaging meet-



ings have a direct, long-lasting impact on Japanese school children. Why?

### Japanese Policy Makers

For three weeks (one week prior to and two weeks during our 5-city Japanese tour) the PLA public relation team, (including Michelle Myers, PLA's Director of Public Relations in the United States; Aya Goto, Director of Public Relations in Japan; Testuo Omurai, translator and visited nearly a hundred Japanese educators and prominent public figures. Specifically, we met seven Ministry of Education officials, including the former Minister of Education, the Hon. Nobutaka Machimura. We also had the honor of holding discussions with 35 Board of Education members, 22 Assembly Members as well as representatives from the Women and Youth Division and the

ings changes nothing, of course. Our goal was to highlight the failures of comprehensive sex education (CSE) in the U.S. and make a strong case for character-based abstinence only education. The agenda for each meeting had several points:

∞ As an American I wanted to personally apologize for the way the United States is exporting the free sex culture to Japan and the rest of the world.

∞ We explained to Japanese educators the faulty, humanistic reasoning that lead to the introduction of sex education—and condom distribution—in American schools.

∞ We shared frightening statistics which showed that actual results from CSE curricula had had an exactly opposite effect to its intended goal.

∞ Finally, we discussed the current abstinence movement trends in Amer-



ica, both government and private initiatives, that are working to correct the fallacies and damage done by CSE.

### Visionless Leaders and Sightless Followers

As wayward Japanese youth blindly mimicked American pop culture, it seemed that Japanese educators copied U.S. educational trends. CSE, a total misnomer, is not comprehensive; it is an agenda-driven outgrowth of the 1960's Sexual Revolution that has permeated primary and secondary education in America. Their agenda has

innocence. Early discussion of sex is encouraged, in fact, the younger the better.

∞ Sex is openly talked about, encouraging free and frank discussions. In this way, CSE breakdowns the natural intimacy and uniqueness of conjugal relationships.

∞ Children are encouraged to experiment with unlimited variations of foreplay, as well as so-called protected sexual intercourse.

### Active Listening

Our meeting with the Superinten-



been to delink sex from marriage, justifying sex for personal pleasure negating responsibility.

Sadly a similar product has now been introduced in too many Japanese schools. And like the American model, the pedagogy behind Japanese sex education is flawed:

∞ Sex is seen as a personal right with little or no mention of marriage or family.

∞ Human reproduction is taught as a biological science; in the name of scientific objectivity, sexuality is presented in a non-directive manner. In other words, there is no right or wrong; morality and family-building are stripped away from the conjugal relationship.

∞ There is no pre-puberty age of

dent and the Board of Education in Chiba prefecture was an example of how powerful and positive our effect was even in a government bureaucracy. After a typically formal introduction and an exchange of name cards, the PLA was invited to address the meeting.

I first mentioned that America has a strong influence on Japan, especially the morals of Japanese youth. Everyone easily agreed. Then I said that this influence was not always positive. Again heads nodded. At this point I simply said, "I'm sorry." I repeated myself, "I'm sorry. In the name of freedom my country has no right to destroy the young lives of other people and the vitality of nations." Often tears begin to well up inside as I spoke.

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# PURE LOVE ALLIANCE FAR EAST TOUR

## The Land of Morning Calm and Burning Dummies

by Mike Balcomb—NYC

Night and Day. Chalk and Cheese. Fire and Ice. However tired the old cliches about two places being so different may be, they certainly applied to the experiences of the PLA on tour in Japan and Korea.

Don't get me wrong. We had a great time in both countries, and accomplished a lot. But Korea was, well, different, starting even with the weather. Japan was hot and humid, in the 90s everyday. Korea was wet. It poured almost without ceasing from the moment we arrived till the end of the Seoul Rally.

And it wasn't just the weather that was opposite. So was the organizers'

unruffled.

"Good," said Young Shin Chang, Koran PLA President, "You're here in time. Now we have you down here as providing three speakers and two entertainment numbers. We have the rest covered. Ready? We are!" And they were, ready and well prepared. Fortified by some instant language lessons on the boat from some of our Korean American participants, we were soon able to join in a full throated chant "*Chol dae sarang, chol dae soonkyol*" (absolute love, absolute purity).

The next surprise came with the appearance of the "Free Sex Man," a casually dressed effigy of a playboy, Eastern style. Enthusiastic handlers doused the dummy with at least five



attitude toward time. For example, in Japan we went over and over the schedule again and again, looking for bottlenecks or delays. We came early — sometimes too early — for most everything. All that was to change in Korea.

We arrived in Pusan, Korea's second and southernmost city on the very same morning of our first rally. By the time we cleared customs and made the short journey to the rally site at Pusan Station, it was 10.50am and we were due to start at 11.00am. Many Americans and certainly all Japanese would be tearing their hair out at such a late arrival, but the Korean PLA hosts were

gallons of kerosene and then, right there in front of the stage, set fire to it to the cheers of the onlookers. I remembered our cautious burning of the Playboy Bunny in Chicago last summer, but that was nothing. Flames twelve feet high shot upwards, temporarily making everyone forget the incessant downpour.

In fact, the PLA has been active and activist in Korea for almost two years. They've conducted Pure Love Seminars and pledge signing sessions in thousands of elementary and secondary schools throughout the country. A number of Korean students came out



to the USA last year for Pure Love '97, and they made good use of their field experience in putting together this year's program.

That night in Pusan, each of the 200 international students was paired up with a Korean volunteer. Our hosts had put a lot of effort into preparing this simple ceremony, with all the Korean students bearing small gifts for their new friends. Some could speak English; most not. Yet when it was over we had ten mixed groups of 40, ready

was *Daehangno*, literally University Road, and the time was 11.00am on August 15<sup>th</sup>, Korea's Independence Day. More than 1,500 showed up for a charged and powerful event. Korean, American and Russian speakers vied with each other in intensity and passion. The march held up the traffic for many long minutes at a time, until the police gave in to the outraged horns of motorists and let the traffic flow briefly.

Finally, the marchers stormed into



to board their ten buses the following morning for the ten hour drive to Seoul.

At least, that was the original plan, but a few days before the Korean PLA had proposed breaking up the trip with a rally-to-go performance in Taejon, an important industrial and university town south of Seoul. "Just driving all day is too boring," they said. "We should have some fun!" The fun turned out to be remarkably similar to the rest of the tour program. We marched through the downtown and held a sizzling rally on a blocked off city street. Right on cue, the heavens opened as the Free Sex Man (Taejon version) burst into flames at the end of the rally.

Arriving in Seoul in torrential rain, well after midnight, the participants gamely tried to grab a few precious hours of sleep before the final event of the tour, the Seoul rally. The venue

a private apartment complex where a desultory soccer game was in progress, and without missing a beat swept onto the field and up to the bleachers for a final cheer and call to action, led by President Robert Kittel and the Korean hosts. Sensing that the end of the tour was really there, the cheering went on and on, in English and Korean, the sound reverberating across the field and off the apartment buildings nearby. The Korean PLA Tour was over.

Well, not quite. In another stark contrast with Japan, the Korean mass media were very keen to cover the tour. Four national newspapers covered the Pusan rally, while three TV cameramen, including KBS National TV, jockeyed for position around the stage. A cable corporation released the footage in their seven major outlets that night,

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# PURE LOVE ALLIANCE FAR EAST TOUR

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Next we introduced our *Pure Love '97* American tour. "We do not want to promote ourselves," I said, "but to show that even though the PLA is only a few years old, the issue of sexual purity is being well received throughout America. *Pure Love '97* received extensive media coverage and had non-partisan support from governors, mayors, senators, congressmen and civic leaders in each of the 26 cities we visited.

### Sex Education in America

We then quickly summarized the historical development of sex education in the United States. Sex education programs were introduced in the American high schools in the 1960's. Instead of lowering non-marital pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases (STD), the stated goal, teens became more sexually active and at lower ages of initial encounter. As a result the problems of STD and teen pregnancy accelerated out of control.

Then came the AIDS crisis. And the failed logic was only amplified. If kids are having sex at younger ages and it might be deadly, the argument went, then sex education classes must be more explicit and taught in lower grade levels. Condoms began being distributed in schools, not just on demand from the school nurse, but via vending machines placed in high school bathrooms.

Years later the problems escalated beyond the realm of personal consequences as sexually active teens tried their hand at marriage. It didn't work. People who had engaged in pre-marital sex were much more likely to divorce later. In fact, rising divorce rates bore out this truth as the United States rose to the top of this category worldwide, according to the National Commission on Children.

The Japanese educators were startled by the extensive research demonstrating the relationship between family breakdown and the rise of crime. As families began to fall apart, the inevitable rise in crime (murder, rape, assault, and robbery) followed. Reports from The Heritage Foundation state that for every 10% increase of single-parent families in a given community, there is an equivalent 17% increase in crime. When the number of single parents reach 30%, that community collapses because it no longer nurtures but threatens its own children. Local businesses are among the first to flee.

Japan is witnessing the beginning of this kind of social breakdown: homeless people, graffiti, drugs, juvenile delinquency, gangs, gang violence, out-of-wedlock pregnancies, availability of pornography, and the rise in STD and divorce rates. When asked, "Do you really think these problems can be solved with more police, more laws, more prisons, more courts or more street lights?" there was silence. Sexual morality is clearly the horse that pulls the cart of all other social values.

### Wrong Methods for Sex Ed

We pointed out that there have been two wrong ways to teach sex to kids. The first was like a mantra. Parents repeatedly told their children, "Don't

have sex. Don't have sex. Don't have sex." When kids asked why, instead of offering deeper explanations, the mantra was repeated, usually emphasizing parental or scriptural authority. The other wrong way to teach sex to children is to explain the mechanics without attaching any morals, the CSE approach. Children need moral guidance based on clear reasoning and adults around them that live that lifestyle.

"Why should sex be reserved for marriage?" It is a difficult question. If two people love each other, are committed, and want to have a consensual relationship, why not? The question becomes trickier because parents might have engaged in pre-marital sex themselves. Adding fuel to the fire, the media—entertainers and advertisers—condone sex outside marriage, and peer pressure pushes kids to go all the way. The Pure Love Alliance character-based sex education curricula deals head-on with this and other teen-related issues (see conclusion).

We concluded our remarks by highlighting new programs and policies, public and private enterprises in America that are attempting to correct 30 years of half-truths and deceit. For example, this year a \$250 million federally funded abstinence only education program was implemented. Another bill before Congress has proposed a \$2 billion fatherhood initiative package designed to teach young men the value and skills needed to be good husbands and dads. Mayor Giuliani ini-



tiated a long-term project to clean up New York City by first limiting the number of sex shops. Real estate prices made a dramatic upswing and Disney opened up a store on 42<sup>nd</sup> street. In Oklahoma City, the police and District Attorney worked together to close pornography and prostitution outlets. Crime rates plummeted. In many states welfare and social security reforms now penalize unwed mothers who are on public assistance and become pregnant.

### Positive Feedback

The response from Japanese leaders was overwhelming.

Mr. Yoshinari Nakamura, the Superintendent of schools in Chiba prefecture, said that they had been debating the pros and cons of introducing comprehensive sex education into their school district. He was very grateful to



speak to Americans and get an alternative view. Our discussions strengthened the board's resolve to work against programs that distribute condoms to kids. Instead they wanted to provide purity education curriculum to the 44,000 teachers under his jurisdiction.

The National Congress of the PTA in Japan said she wanted to explain about the PLA's work to the National Mother's Forum, since she is also on their board. "Mothers," she said, "will understand this issue."

Rev. Tomoyasu Ichikawa, head of the Ikegamihonmon Temple, a Buddhist group with over 10,000 temples in Japan, said that in the name of freedom and human rights, human desire is raising up too much. Since these ideas came from America, he was happy to see young Americans speaking out against unrestricted self-indulgence. In a separate meeting, Mr. Hiroshi Morita from the National Assembly for Youth Development agreed. "Parents cannot control their own children because freedom of expression and human rights are such powerful concepts." He was sincerely grateful that the PLA was addressing not only sexual self-control but character development as well, and wanted to work with us in the future.

"This is the first time for me to hear that you have this kind of abstinence movement in America," a member from the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly told us. He continued by saying that the words, "pure love" and "abstinence" have almost been deleted from the Japanese language.

The Executive Director of the National Council for Education lamented because CSE programs are being taught in some schools. "We have to teach what, in our mind, we know is bad!" Continuing in this vein he said that if the concept of free sex remains unchanged then "Japan has no future." He agreed wholehearted with the concepts taught in the PLA and wanted to help in any way possible.

### Sex Education in Japan

Looking at CSE programs in Japanese schools it is no wonder. For exam-

ple, Naohide Yamamoto, who takes his cue from SIECUS, encourages pre-school toddlers that "sex" is when, "You stick the Dad's penis into the Mom's vagina to transports the many, many sperm that come flying out." Yamamoto cites Western sex educational sources, adding that this material should be taught "as early as possible."

As head of the Human Sexuality Education and Research Center, Yamamoto was delighted to use mythological figures in cartoon characterization depicting the male sexual organ as the nose and the female organ as the mouth. He emphasized direct and open discussion of sex, along with objective scientific information and romantic lore. To his credit, he did show the couple married, though it was probably more to make the book sellable than support the institution of marriage itself.

In essence, we continually implored Japanese leaders and educators to learn from the decades of failure of sex education programs in the United States. We told Japanese educators that if they want to copy trends in American education, then for the sake of their children and nation replicate the current policies that exclusively teach abstinence and strongly promote family values. Please do not duplicate those value-neutral CSE programs that have had unsuccessful, even reprehensible failures.

The Japanese media blocked coverage of our events. Moral issues, editors contented, were religious ones impossible to cover in an objectively manner. Interesting enough though, Japanese national TV, NHK, aired Yamamoto's "Humans and Sex" series. Nevertheless, *Pure Love '98* received worldwide coverage through the *Associated Press* news agency, and national coverage through the *Kyodo News* wire service in addition to two stories printed in the English language *Japan Times*.

### Next Steps

Many of the people we met wanted to know more about PLA comprehensive character education curricula. The highly interactive lessons, we explained, are being taught in communities throughout the country and have already been translated into Japanese. Even more are being written. We also included preliminary pre- and post-testing results that showed a strong increase among older inner-city teens (the most difficult group to work with) in their determination to lead an abstinent life till marriage.

The PLA is planning a conference between Japanese and American educators, tentatively for this coming spring. Japanese public servants we met openly and actively solicited more statistics from America about the importance of marriage and family as well as the dangers of pre-marital sex. Especially, they sought to know more about the benefits which strong, stable, loving families have on the well-being of children and society as a whole.

PLA will continue to expand our work in Japan and throughout the world because we cannot remain silent or inactive in the presence of such easily avoidable suffering and blatant destruction of human life.

Robert Kittel is the President of the PLA. ❖

# PURE LOVE ALLIANCE FAR EAST TOUR

## PLA TESTIMONY

# Making it all Happen

by Grace Hill—Los Angeles, CA

As hundreds of blue capped young people cheered and clapped, strains of "I saw you in my dreams last night..." filled the air. It was rally time and the western performers awed the crowd with everything from dancing STDs, to rap, to hip hop dancers. I glanced at the STD's to make sure everything was okay and hurried off to find the next group of

performers. Unlike last year, when all I had to do was sit back and relax, this year I was in charge of the entertainment.

My responsibility began in New York three weeks prior to the tour. During those three weeks, my team designed costumes, chose music, and choreographed numbers until we had enough entertainment for three tours.

This year our dancing STD team increased or shall we say "spread" to fifteen. Our biggest worries was, how to transport them all, across the seas! However, with the help of extra duffel bags and a lot of helping hands, we were able to have our larger STD crew, which never failed to infect the crowd with delight.

Mark Lukyn,

Jamal Johnson, and Dylan Otto's rap had everyone jumping for the PLA. This year's buzz line, "Free Sex - Family Killer" became the battle cry of the tour.

We brought back the hip hop dance team, again this year and once again the crowd was not disappointed. The dancers always gave an electrifying performance, and never missed a beat.

The PLA choir always managed to fire up the crowd with their upbeat, four part version of Lean On Me. By the end of the tour, the crowd was

singing along and "assisting" Dylan with his beat boxing.

Reminiscent of the GI days, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boys pepped up the crowd each time they appeared. Then there was Margaret Hill's rendition of "My Heart Will Go On" from the movie Titanic - which was popular with everyone.

Having their "One Moment In Time," Margaret and Kiyomi Kobayashi were all that they could be. The beauty and harmony of their song had the whole crowd swaying in time, and brought tears to not just a few eyes.

Add to this the Korean and Japanese performers and you have a great group. They probably worked harder than anyone, giving up their precious few hours of free time to hold rehearsals. Without their hard work and high spirits the success of the rallies would never have been possible.

Grace Hill is 19 yrs. old and a PLA member in Los Angeles. ❖



## PLA TESTIMONY

# A Life Changing Experience

by Takami Hosokawa—Chicago, IL

The Pure Love Alliance was a great success this summer. Over 200 students from around the world gathered to have the first international worldwide tour in Japan and Korea. We have spread our message of Absolute Sex - abstinence before marriage and fidelity

The issue of purity is very important. You can see that the free sex lifestyle is not an ideal way of living. When you look around the world today, you can see rape, divorce child abuse teenage violence flourishing. Free sex has done nothing to help us; it only made things worse and more complicated. The morality of the countries are declining because they have copied the free sex lifestyle from America. That is why I believe that family is the solution. By keeping abstinent before marriage, you can focus on your life goals and build your own character. After marriage, a husband and wife should other eternally, so they can build and ideal family life.

When we first arrived in Japan, we immediately had to start practicing for

the march, because we only had one day before the first rally. The next day was the first and most important rally in the capital city of Tokyo. Over 2000 people joined us that day to take a stand for purity.

The following few days we went sight-



seeing. We went hiking on Mt. Fuji, and visited Osaka castle, Kinkaku Temple, and Kiyomizu temple. The rest of the week we were rallying and marching through the streets of Japan.

Arriving in Korea by boat, I found the Korean people very friendly. We stayed mostly in church centers. Korea was very challenging for me because it was not as organized as Japan. But during that time, all of the PLA members were paired with a Korean PLA member. Even though in the beginning the language barrier made it hard to communicate, by the time we went home most of us had become close friends.

I'm sure everyone who participated in this tour found their personal connection with God and their own reasons for wanting to live a pure lifestyle. I know this tour was a life-changing experience for myself and many others.

I encourage those who did not participate in Pure Love '98 to come next year, because I guarantee that you will not regret that you came. I see many changes in peoples faces since the beginning of the tour, and I feel changed, too. I'd like to thank all of the people who came to this tour, and all the people who supported us and made this possible.

Takami Hosokawa is 16 yrs. old and a PLA participant in Chicago. ❖

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and the next day's newspapers carried good pictures and stories. The TV and Press were again out in force in Taejon, and in Seoul KBS sent their documentary team, interested in making a program about pure youth. News of the tour continued to spread even as

we folded our banners and flags for the last time.

After so much frenetic activity, what do 400 teenagers and students do? Rest? You've got to be kidding. While older staff (yes, including me) entertained dreams of hot baths, beds and plane trips home, the volunteers charged out to take full advantage of Seoul's shopping, the bargain hunter's paradise. At the airport it seemed touch

and go whether the plane could even accommodate all the extra stuff, but with what seemed like an extra shudder the 747 left the runway and the tour was finally over.

Next year? Pure Love '99, of course. Europe? South America? We don't know, but the first inquiries are already coming in. Sign up early if you want to be counted in! ❖

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# PURE LOVE ALLIANCE FAR EAST TOUR

## My Experience on the Pure Love Alliance Tour

by Pavel Gavrichev—Moscow, Russia

The PLA Tour was a success. It lasted for almost 3 weeks — August 2 -19. During that time we toured almost all of Japan—we had rallies in 5 big cities: Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima and Fukuoka. In Korea our schedule included 3 rallies: in Pusan, Taejong and Seoul and after that the 3-day workshop at the Chung Pyung Lake Training Center.

The Tour was lead by Jin Hun Nim. I really want to thank him and all the staff for making it possible.

In Japan we were about 300 people, including 200 from the World-PLA and 100 local Japanese members. Also in all the cities many members joined us just for the rally and march. For example, in Tokyo they were over 2000. We were traveling in buses (17 of them) and we were staying almost every night in different Church centers in different cities. Everywhere we've been to the local Church members were very glad to meet us and did all their best to make our stay the best way possible. Actually sometimes it must have been very difficult to accommodate and feed 300 people but anyway, they were able to do it. We were all very much moved by their sincere heart.

Our typical schedule included a rally and a march in every city we went to. The whole program usually lasted about 3 hours. The rally was a combination of different pieces of entertainment, like traditional drum band, Pure Love rap group, hip-hop dance, Pure Love Choir and many more and speeches by both PLA representatives and local VIPs. Every

time we had few people from either the local parliament or universities speaking which was pretty inspiring, even though we couldn't understand a word. Anyway we tried to make as much noise as possible when we felt like the Japanese speaker wanted a response from the audience.

In Japan the meeting was bilingual, basically in English with great Japanese translation, in Korea it was more "nationalized"—the major part was in Korean with a partial, but very good English translation. Together with the Japanese or Korean speakers we had Robert Kittel and some of the Western PLA students speaking at each of the rallies. All of those speeches were also very moving, and what made them even better - we could understand the content. Actually each tour participant had a chance to speak during the rally. We had a special Pure Love speech contest, where the representatives of all the 7 buses, chosen earlier, presented a short, 3-minutes speech. The winners got a cash prize from Jin Hun Nim and a possibility to speak at the rally, which has actually happened later on.

Anyway, the rally lasted usually for about 1,5 hours with all the audience reciting the Pure Love Pledge in the end. After that we quickly lined up and started the march. We had many banners and pickets (I'm not sure how they are called in English) that had something either in Japanese (Korean) or English on them. Usually it was something like "Love Alive", "Pure Love" or "Absolute Sex". So we marched through the streets

of the cities holding up these banners and screaming out different chants, that we've already learned by heart during a few hours of practice. The chants were also in different languages. But they were limited in number, that's why we were



repeating the same ones for more than 100 times during each rally. Anyway, it was a lot of fun.

Actually, Japanese and Korean people were responding very differently to our activities. Most Japanese pretended that they didn't see us as they were walking by our rally or march. On the other hand, many Koreans showed interest in what we were doing. They were coming up to us asking what this was all about, and many of them were supporting the things we were promoting. Many times our brothers tried to wake the Japanese up—they ran into big department stores along our way and screamed the chants there. I think that it was pretty unusual for people and they will remember it

for a long time. Of course not all the Japanese people were indifferent to us, many of them were really showing their support by clapping and chanting together with us. That was inspiring.

Our program included also some sightseeing (actually there was a lot of it). In Japan we visited a few places in Kyoto and Osaka, climbed Mt. Fuji and hiked in a very beautiful place in the mountains near Hiroshima. Also we visited the Peace museum in Hiroshima. The major part of the sightseeing was actually watching through the bus window, since we spent a real long time traveling by bus. Anyway all the sightseeing was very good, it truly gave us power to do more during the rallies.

In Korea, on our way to Seoul, we visited the Sun Moon University for some short time. Then we all had a chance to see the True Parents home at HanNamDong. At that time Hoon Sook Him spoke to us there. She had been asked by True Mother to address us on behalf of True Parents. It was a great blessing for us that she came and spoke. We all didn't know that this would happen. We were just invited into the big room in the basement of the building, and then suddenly Hoon Sook Nim came and gave a short speech.

When we were in Pusan, during our first day in Korea, we held a special ceremony with both World PLA and K-PLA participating. They called it Brotherhood-Sisterhood. It means that each of the World- PLA participant got "matched" with a Korean brother or sister. Many brothers and sisters later testified that it was a real great experience for them, like they have really found a new brother or sister. I felt like that, too.

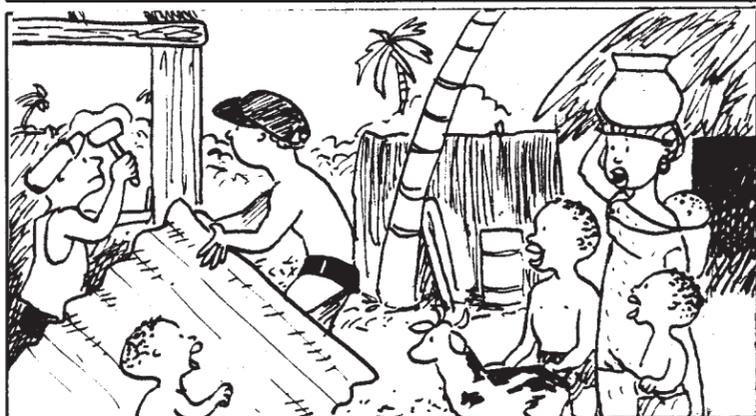
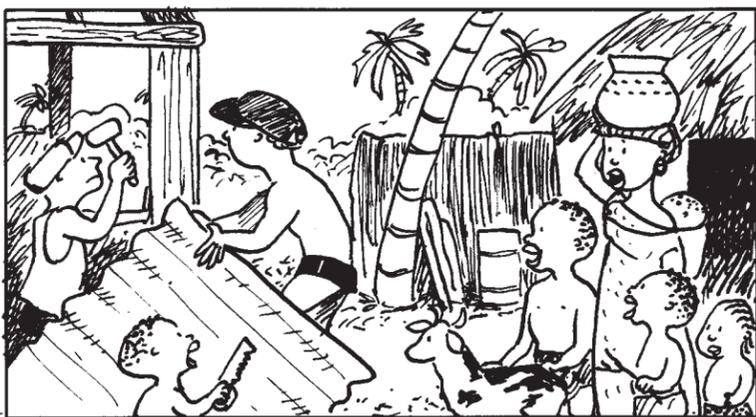
The part of our program together with K-PLA finished on Sunday, August 16, at Im Jin Gak, a place on the 38th parallel, N-S Korean border. There we had a "unification" ceremony led by Sun Am Moon with all of us praying, singing Tongil and cheering Mansei. It was a very moving experience, and many of us really felt the heart of Korean people whose families got separated during the WW2 and their desire for reunification.

After that we had the best, in my opinion, time during all the Tour- 3 days workshop at Chung Pyung. For many of us it was the first time being there, that's why everything was surprising and sometimes shocking—how real is everything what is going on there. The workshop was great, just if I start to describe all that was there, it will take too much time and disk space. I will just say that it was a great experience, at least for me and I want to go there again for a longer time.

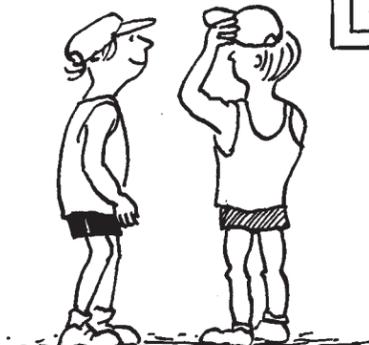
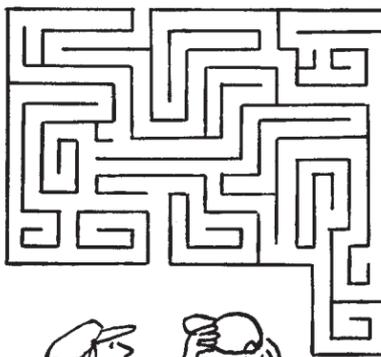
The tour was great, it gave a lot to all of the participants, this I can testify from my own experience. We all were able to realize once again what purity means for ourselves and how we can witness about it to other people. I believe for some it was a life changing experience, during which they've decided to lead a pure life, not being sure about that before the tour. I think that PLA has a big future, since it can make a real big impact on the society by its activities and also change lives of the people taking part in them. ❖

### FOR KIDS

by Françoise



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# A Time for Prayer and Healing

This is the text of a statement released to the membership by HSA Headquarters, New York City, on September 10, 1998.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, You may or may not be aware of negative stories currently in the media. Much of it revolves around the recent publication of a book called *In the Shadow of the Moons*, by Nansook Hong (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1998). It may not be a pressing matter for you to read this book, but occasions may arise in which you find yourself called upon by friends or family to respond to issues raised.

We write at this time to offer information, positions, and reflections which will help, should such occasions arise.

In the book and related negative media, you are likely to encounter certain recurring themes and attacks. We have identified approximately six such areas and have given these matters very careful consideration. As you prayerfully develop your views and understanding please make use of the following aspects which should be considered when addressing these points:

## Issues of Personal and Marital Abuse

As you know Father and Mother both teach and embody the noblest ideal of love and mutual respect between husband and wife. We have been taught from day one that our spouse is God's own child. For men, our wives are daughters of God. ANY form of abuse or disrespect, and certainly physical abuse, is absolutely unacceptable.

## Issues of Financial Misuse

Father teaches and practices the principles of honesty and integrity in financial affairs. All of the businesses and non-profit organizations affiliated with the Unification Church (HSA-UWC) are audited by a firm of certified public accountants every year and are in compliance with IRS regulations.

## Issues of Political Power

All evangelical religions have as part of their mission the spread of Gospel, the "Good News." Unificationists believe God wants His love to reach all people and naturally invest in spreading Unification teachings.

Father's opponents argue that father personally seeks political power. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Father is a 78-year old religious leader. He has never sought political office or power. He simply leads the life of a devoted religious leader. As with other religious leaders, Father seeks to influence society and culture to embrace spiritual values embodied in his religious teachings.

## Religious Freedom

Father has a deep and abiding love for the United States and its tradition of religious freedom. He has great respect for America's Judeo-Christian foundations, and for the many great religions which currently influence American culture. As a religious leader, Father adds his voice to the many who express concern over current trends toward extreme individualism and excessive materialism. True Parents are completely sincere in their work for the sake of America, its freedoms and its traditional Judeo-Christian, family values. These works, including those listed below, are in no way a ruse in order to gain membership in the Unification Church, or to "legitimate" True Parents' religious teachings. Father has initiated a great many projects to support spiritual values in America. These include:

- True Family Values Ministry
- Women's Federation for World Peace
- The International Coalition for Religious Freedom
- Pure Love Alliance
- The Washington Times Foundation
- The American Constitution Committee
- The American Leadership Conference

• The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

## Teaching and Practice of Family Values

As we all know, the restoration of the ideal family means everything to True Parents. It is the core of their life's work and the unending content of Father's teaching. Families are the dwelling place of God's love, and the place where people learn the basic patterns of living an upright and positive life.

But the family is not an isolated and self-centered entity. Father teaches that the family should be dedicated to serving the welfare of the society, nation, and world. No one applies this concept more fully than Father and Mother, and as such their dedication to the world mission has entailed an enormous sacrifice for their children. Sadly, problems can arise from this, and have. Still, Father and Mother did their very best to love and educate their family, even while they devoted themselves sacrificially to their world mission. Despite difficulties, they are a model couple in terms of living as True Parents for their own family and the world, and this remains as valid today as ever.

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## Lifestyle Issues

The property that houses Father and his family is owned by the Unification Church and serves primarily as a center for local, national and international con-

ferences, and secondarily as housing for his large family and the conference center staff. The constant presence of church leaders and guests, at times numbering over 500, creates the very opposite of self-indulgence. Family members live without normal privacy enjoyed by others.

It is widely known that True Parents maintain a severe spiritual discipline, dedicating long hours in prayer and teaching and conducting a public ministry at great cost to themselves and their family.

Furthermore Unification doctrine has never encouraged poverty for its own sake. Father encourages members to develop their talents, and devote their blessings and prosperity sacrificially for the public good. He encourages his children to pursue their extraordinary talents, but this parental impulse is not limited to his children. Reverend Moon enthusiastically invests in ideas and projects arising among church members in many areas, ranging from performing arts, to fishing industries, technology, and manufacturing.

We think you will come across these themes generated by negative media and recognize where particular aspects of the above information are applicable.

Even though this information, applied together with your own life of faith can help you to digest and respond to upcoming challenges, please always refer all media to Mr. Chris Corcoran, the official spokesperson of HSA Family Church headquarters. His phone number is 212-997-0050 x213; his fax is 212-719-4784; his e-mail is pr@hsanahq.org.

As always we are praying for you and for all Blessed Families. Please continue to pray for one another.

We fully anticipate that our faithful dedication to God will allow for this event, as with all things related to God, to work together for good. ❖

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# Who Has Responsibility for the Second Generation?

by Mr. Nobuhiro Igarashi—Denmark

The education of the Second Generation (Blessed Children) has become more important since the victory of the 40 Million Couples Blessing. Even when we accomplish 360 million blessed couples and FFWPU is accepted in the world, if we do not realize ideal families, many people will be very disappointed. So we should think seriously about the education of the Second Generation.

When I was in Japan, I worked with the Second Generation Department for three years, from 1989 to 1991. I had the position of Dormitory Superintendent in a hostel for Blessed Children. At that time I had many precious, wonderful, difficult and unforgettable experiences. Unfortunately I had many failures. From this viewpoint, I want to tell of my experiences of educating the Second Generation.

I took care of 30 children, 15 boys and 15 girls. They were all 12 years old and first-year (seventh grade) students. At that time I didn't have any experience with older children, because my eldest daughter was only seven years old. So I

didn't know how to educate children of their age.

Surprisingly, I found there were three types of students. One third was a more Abel type, another third was the normal type and the other type was the little bit more difficult type. Although the last type were children of blessed couples, they had lonely minds and were a bit mixed-up. This was partly because their parents were too busy to look after them properly. Even though the Second Generation does not have original sin, they have lonely minds when they do not receive the full amount of love from their parents.

Since I didn't know how to educate the Second Generation fully, I endeavored to teach them according to the Divine Principle. In a sense their lifestyle was like a workshop. Each day they had morning service, and in the evening they had a night meeting. On Sunday, of course, they attended Sunday service, and on Saturday they were given lectures on Divine Principle.

Many of the students, especially the Abel types, developed their spirits at that time. I was honestly surprised and many

times moved by their prayers and their attitudes of attending True Parents. They read the Divine Principle several times, and some read the Bible all the way through. Quite a few children were elected, by students of their school, to be leaders of sports clubs, class monitors and leaders of their school. Also they usually got high grades on their exams. Now they are the leaders of the Second Generation in Japan.

However, there were some who couldn't follow such a lifestyle, especially those who had lonely minds. They wanted to be loved by our staff members and me. Nevertheless, I only gave them the words of the Divine Principle and True Parents. Gradually, they began to get love by other means. It appeared in the form of mischief. At first some things such as candies, cakes and stationery were lost. Next furniture was broken and some money disappeared. I didn't know the reason. For more than half a year we had staff meetings every night to discuss how to take preventative measures. I tried to read many kinds of books on education and con-

sulted with elders on how to educate the children. However, I could not find a solution to the problem. Consequently, that period was a very painful time for all of staff children and ourselves alike.

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# Belarus Republic Ministry of Justice Withdraws Suit Against CARP

by Konstantin Krylov—Minsk, Belarus

On June 25 the final court hearing took place in the suit brought by the Minister of Justice of the Belarus Republic, Mr. G.N. Vorontsov, to liquidate the student association CARP.

The suit had accused the student association of conducting activities aimed at violently changing the constitutional order and kindling national, religious and racial hatred, while violating the regulations contained in Article 3 of the Belarus Republic law "On Public Associations."

The trial which a Belarus business newspaper called "unprecedented" started June 18 in the Supreme Court of the Belarus Republic. An expert conclusion submitted to the court by Belarus State University, Journalist Department graduate Ms. Galina Ruzova stated that while being a part of the Unification Movement of Rev. Moon, the founder of the Unification Church, and while delivering lectures on "Pure Love,"

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During the trial the CARP representative submitted to the court more than 50 letters of gratitude which the student association had received for its campaign to prevent AIDS and drug abuse, its charity work with orphanages and boarding schools, and its lectures given on campuses and in dormitories about preparing for family life.

During the final hearings the Ministry of Justice withdrew its suit completely, accepting that the activities of the student association CARP are entirely lawful. After the court's decision Nadezhda Dudareva, a associate of OSCE—Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe—said that the case set a precedent, because until now the Ministry of Justice of the Belarus Republic has never withdrawn a demand to shut down a public organization.

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## RESPONSIBILITY from page 21

Then a big problem occurred: two children were caught shoplifting toys with their school friends. Of course, they did it on impulse, being lured into it by other students. I discussed the problem with

their parents, and then one boy's parents said to their son, "You made a big problem, because we couldn't bring you up properly. We cannot become an ideal blessed family. We have decided to make a three-day fast, and you can also do a meal fast if you think you are wrong." He felt deep love from his parents in their deep and strong determination. He also

# Second Generation Recreation Institute Established in Liberia

by Augustine S. Arkoi—Monrovia, Liberia

I am honored to you the 2nd Generation Recreation Institute of Liberia. As a result of the eight-year civil war in Liberia, the parents of many children were killed, leaving many homeless and in orphanages. Such children became a very serious problem for society, as they found their only means for survival by taking up guns (child-soldier), thus prolonging the war.

The 2nd Generation Recreation Institute was established three years ago based on the motivation of transforming and remodeling the lives of these destitute children into a desirable fashion benefiting society. It first started as a kindergarten school with less than 15 students, and was soon recognized and accredited by the Ministry of Education as a Middle School after just one year of excellent performance. The school now boasts about 400 students.

Since our Institute is not geared toward profiteering. We rely on donations from friends and sympathizers to run the Institute. We are right now making an emergency appeal to raise the sum of \$4000 (four thousand dollars) for the effective running of the remaining 1998 and 1999 academic year.

Projects to be implemented include:  
1. Balance two-year's payment (of the five year lease agreement) for the

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did a three-day fast, and then he changed a lot. Now, he is one of the leaders of the Second Generation in Japan.

This occurrence taught me a big and valuable lesson. I realized who has responsibility for the Second Generation children. Obviously parents should be responsible to educate and raise up their children. However, parents tend to avoid their responsibility when their children have problems or some evil character. For example, sometimes parents discuss their children's problems, and then argue with each other over whom their children resemble, their father or mother.

When children have some evil character and have a problem, there are a few reasons. The first is usually some kind of problem inherited from the parents. The second is an ancestral problem from spirit world. The third is their own personal problem. The fourth is a problem of the environment. If parents take full responsibility for their children, they can protect them. However, if they avoid responsibility for their children and try to blame other reasons for their problems, they cannot bring up their children well.

After one year, I learned a very important point about education of the Sec-

ond Generation. Then I endeavored to love them with parental love. They also learned my character, thinking and love. Then we had very good relationships from that time on.

Let us reconfirm who has responsibility for the Second Generation. Of course, it is the parents. The main point is to be responsible to raise them up as true children. However, it is important how parents think when their children have problems. Even though there are other reasons for the problems, if the parents accept them as their own problems and cope with them, the children can change their thinking.

To take responsibility for the Second Generation means to love them, pray for them and bring them up and educate them with parental love. The goal of education for the Second Generation is to build a true family. However, parents should at least bring up their children better than their own parents did. When we, as parents, truly take responsibility for the Second Generation, they will grow up to be true children.

Mr. Nobuhiro Igarashi is the Japanese "Eve" National Messiah to Denmark. Reprinted from The European. ❖

The words in the word list are hidden in the diagram of letters. Find them by reading forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Some of the letters in the diagram are used in more than one word and some are not used in any words. If two forms of the same word (RICH and RICHEST, for example) are in the word list, they will be found in different places in the diagram. When you locate a word in the diagram, draw a loop around it. Cross out the word you found in the word list.

This month's topic:  
Quotation from Christology

The quote is from "Exposition of the Divine Principle" page 165

"Human history is the (history) of (the) providence (of) restoration. Its goal (is the) realization (of the) Kingdom (of) Heaven on earth when, (at the) end (of history, the) tree (of) life which was lost (in the) Garden (of) Eden will be regained."

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# National Parents Day Blessing in S. California

by Isabelle Sarah Davati—Ontario CA

**T**o Celebrate True Love and Claiming God's Blessing upon our Families" was the motto for the Second Annual Parents Day Awards Ceremony in the Inland Empire. On July 26, Ontario, California observed National Parents Day by holding its Second Annual Awards Ceremony. The First United Methodist Church of Ontario was hosting an Awards Ceremony and a "Blessing of Holy Juice" Ceremony at the same time.

Councilman Gary Ovitt from the City of Ontario, who is an elder at the First United Methodist Church, was the Master of Ceremonies. There were many Christian pastors and their congregations, mayors of various cities, two Congressmen, senators, assemblymen, and city officials of many cities across the Inland Valley gathered to commemorate this national holiday.

The program started with the national anthem and an invocation by Rev. Marie Estrada. It was followed by a congratulatory message sent by Assemblyman Bill Leonard. Opening remarks by Inland Empire NPD representative Sarah Davati were next.

Designated "Outstanding Parents of the Year" were chosen not only for their strong parenting skills but for their sacrificial service to their communities. Congressman George Brown sent a certificate of recognition to the National Parents Day Coalition for promoting



From r to l: Ontario, Cal., Councilman Gary Ovitt, Mayor Paul Eaton; City of Montclair, Eara Thompson, Rev. Barbara Reynolds; Chino Centerpoint Church, Vice Mayor Elizabeth McDonough; City of Upland, Isabelle Sarah Davati; Inland Empire ND representative, Mayor Eunice Uolloa; City of Chino, Pastor David & Charleen King, Isiah's Rock, Rev. Marie Estrada, Pastor Paul & Helma Vander Pol, Calvary Chapel

healthy families in the Inland Empire. Three councilmen from the cities of Pomona, Ontario and Upland read proclamations from their respective mayors issued in agreement with the members of the councils. The contents echoed True Father's words in his Inaugural Speech for the FFWPU in 185 nations read by True Mother in her speaking tour. For example, here are some excerpts from some of the proclamations:

WHEREAS healthy families are the foundation of the healthy, well-adjusted nations because the values which promote peace in the world are a direct

extension of values which promote peace within individual families....

WHEREAS God-centered families and the pursuit of world peace are not two separate goals.... Without families which embody the love and ideals of our creator, reconciliation and peace among divided classes, colors and creeds remain an unattainable dream....

Designated four categories of awards: Parents of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Professional Parents' Organizations, Charitable and Ethical Organizations. These received recognition from NPD Honorary Chairman Mayor Bill Alexander (city of Rancho Cucamonga) and

Honorary Co-Chairman Mayor Gus Skropos (city of Ontario) for their outstanding service to their communities and their sacrificial love toward their families.

The First Tongan United Methodist Choir was absolutely captivating, and the audience and Ballet Folklorico Huit-slin were among the recipients of awards.

At the closing remarks, the audience were asked to sign the small card containing the four vows of FFWPU. As the program drew to a close, Pastor David King from Isiah's Rock offered the benediction. All the audience held hands in a great circle and sang together the song Amazing Grace. Right then, Ms. Yoshiko ushered in the trays of "Holy Juice Cups" and everyone lifted their cups in a toast "to celebrate God's True Love and God's Blessings upon our Families." This was an awesome ceremony. The presence of the Holy Spirit was overwhelming, the audience gracious and cooperative.

This event was fully sponsored and organized by the five local Christian churches and city officials under the leadership of the local Tribal Messiah, Sarah Davati. My heart felt gratitude to them who invested themselves in this program by their sacrificial contributions. Their unconditional love and devoted service and commitment to NPD ideals made this event a memorable one.

This successful event was a victory for True Parents! Congratulations to all those who received the Blessing at this ceremony. ❖

## Calling all CARP "Ghosts"

by Michael Balcomb—NYC

**A**re you now, or have you ever been, a member of CARP?

No, this is not a question from some futuristic version of the Spanish Inquisition or House Committee on un-American Activities. But we would like to hear from you, very much.

For the past four or five years, CARP has been focused on three main issues: creating a Purity Movement; educating young members and 2nd Generation through the STF; and rebuilding a foundation on America's campuses.

These days, our main CARP centers are in Los Angeles,

San Francisco, Chicago, Washington DC and Bridgeport, with smaller activities in San Diego, Boulder and Seattle. But we'd like to expand again, especially in those schools where our members and 2nd Generation students are studying.

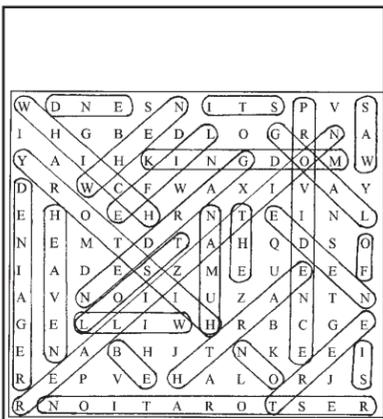
Under the guidance of Jin Hun Nim, we are gradually streamlining CARP membership to a basic course of seven years. The first one or two years out of High School are spent working full time on the STF. Then comes four years of full time college, followed by a graduate year in a leadership role. This marks a big change from the past.

One thing that would really help is to have an active alumni association. Father once said that people never truly leave CARP, but just become CARP "Ghosts." In that spirit, we'd like peo-

ple who are joining CARP today to learn about the activities of the past, hear the testimonies of the immortals, and perhaps get a larger perspective on how valuable the CARP training can be.

The first step is this appeal. Make yourselves known! Please send your email, snail mail and fax and phone details to Michael Balcomb by email to worldcarp@aol.com, or by mail to 4 West 43rd St., 3/F, NY, NY 10036. In return we'll put you on our mailing list for our CARP newsletters and other exciting activities, including the World CARP Academy and the Pure Love '99 tour. If you want to, please include a photograph of you and your family, or even a testimony or anecdote for our upcoming Alumni newsletter.

Hope to hear from you! ❖



**COMMUNICATE WITH THE UNIFICATION COMMUNITY THROUGH THE UNIFICATION NEWS**

# B.C. Summer Camp '98 Boulder CO

by Steven Hale—Lakewood CO

After many meetings with our summer camp committee, we could finally make it happen! Our Blessed Children's Workshop was underway. Nestled at the foot of the Colorado Rockies, we began a very short but intense summer camp which involved over 30 blessed children and six staff-parents from Colorado and Wyoming.

The Boulder center, home of World CARP and now used by the Pure Love Alliance (PLA), is an ideal facility for workshops. Our challenge was to engage the hearts and minds of children whose ages range from eight to fifteen years old. As parents we face the passage of our offspring from children into teenagers and adolescents. There is often a tension between allowing creativity and freedom and yet retaining boundaries and discipline. A tension which increases exponentially as they grow older.

We began our program with a well-appreciated pizza party. This was followed by an evening of charades, in which we got to know each other very quickly. Getting the group to bed later was another matter entirely! The next morning began bright and early at 6am with the quest for our vertical connection, literally, to God. We hiked up to the Holy Ground high above Boulder, accessed only by a stony path made more treacherous by recent rains. After a short Hoon Dok Hae from the Way of the True Child volume, we carefully descended from the mountainside, a little more enlightened and a lot hungrier than when we started. I was surprised by the willingness of each person to make the climb and the excitement of reaching the holy rock.

Following a hearty breakfast, our first presentation by Mrs. Alice Fleish-

er attempted to give our children an understanding of the Last Days. Many of the children were excited by this topic, especially by Bill Cosby's rendition of Noah talking to God about the Ark! Giving a lecture to an audience whose inert nature seems to be that of bouncing off walls is no easy task, as I was to discover after the break.

In my presentation I wanted to emphasize to each person that this is a time of preparation in their lives. Father talks about combining this preparation with ability in order to make a foundation. It is upon our foundation that we bring result. Without these elements there is no result, and it is result that history remembers. We then watched a short video of Father's life which clearly demonstrates these



fruits of a lifelong struggle by True Parents to bring about God's will. Following lunch it was time to be more physically oriented. Some of the group were involved in making crafts. My fate was to join the older boys in a game of soccer. What started as a drizzle that afternoon turned into a down-



pour. The experience of running around in the rain took me back to my boarding school days in England. At the age of 13 we often played rugby in "mud fields" during the rain. I love soccer but I'm not 18 anymore. Even so I played my heart out and so did all the boys. Rain? What rain?

Being so wet, we were ready for the trip to the local recreation center swimming pool. There were other activities than swimming, but the water slide was probably the most thrilling for everyone. I appreciated the hot tub as my 42-year-old body was experiencing a kind of rigor mortis effect after two hours of soccer! Dinner was received by ravenous mouths and still the boys

had energy to play ping-pong. We were now all preoccupied with preparing our skits, for each group had to prepare their own. Six groups performed, acting out various messages from being drug-free to surveying people's view of the last days. One of the funniest skits was for one person to try and feed another person without being able to see their mouth. The morning came quickly and we were off to the holy ground again. The pace was a little sluggish compared to the day before, but enthusiasm abounded. We returned for a bountiful breakfast, after which Mrs. Cynthia Hiromitsu gave the third presentation on Life of Faith. Morning activity took some of us to Boulder Falls, a short drive up the canyon from Boulder. As we sat watching the powerful falls above, I realized it had been 10 years since I had been there with my wife one moonlit evening. A great deal has passed under the bridge since then, including the birth of many of the children in our care, who were now stepping carefully over the craggy rocks.

Rev. Shin, our regional director, gave the closing presentation, focusing much of his effort toward the older children. He pointed out that each of the children will eventually marry one day, so they should prepare themselves to be the best men and best women with much prayer and study. I am grateful to the parents who worked to make this camp possible, as well as the PLA who allowed us to use the center. My thanks also go to the children who participated. With the Rocky Mountains on our doorstep, we hope to be able to offer many experiences together in the future. ❖

points in action. Seeing Father's accomplishments flash before me caused a well of emotion to emerge from within and I was left sobbing in front of the class trying to pray to end the talk. I felt that these children are some of the

## My Learning Experience at One Heart Camp

by Rosa Davies—San Diego, CA

As I reflect on my experiences on my way back to San Diego, I cannot stop being so thankful for Heavenly Father's presence at One Heart Camp.

One Heart Camp was the first priority for our kids this summer. We couldn't plan our schedule until we knew when the workshop would take place. Finally, we received the notice, but another problem had to be worked out—that was transportation. The camp is about 12 hours from San Diego and I could not drive all the way there. So we decided to make our journey going by Amtrak from San Diego to Vallejo. We transferred four times (altogether, two trains and two buses) and from Suicin City my brother drove us to Aetna Springs.

In some ways this year's camp felt the same as the others. On the other hand, it was externally different because we had a lot of second generation on the staff. Led by Eunha Stein and Mike Lagrasso, the second-generation staff

planned some fun activities and games where the kids could review Divine Principle and Bible questions in a more fun way. Internally, the second-generation young adults helped our middle and high-schoolers immensely.

By the middle of the workshop, I started to feel some personal struggles. I realized that I had not visited the Holy Ground as we used to do in past years to pray deeply for the kids, not just routine shallow prayers. The kids were having fun and were united, but I was not seeing a breakthrough and deep understanding with the older kids. My daughter was not in our team, but when I tried to talk to her, she seemed very distant. I felt things were getting worse. I have helped at many workshops over the years and I have never felt a feeling of running away. I called my husband one night and I asked him to pray more for us. But it was myself that had to pray more desperately as well. Gradually my prayers were beginning to feel deeper. I prayed for a breakthrough, not just for my daughter, but especially for all the other

kids who needed it the most. I begged Heung Jin Nim and Daemo Nim to come and help us. They sure did! One older second-generation sister, Grace Hill, was so influential in the spiritual lives of most of the kids there. She spoke to them so openly. Heavenly Father really used her to convey His sorrowful Heart to His children.

When I visited the Holy Ground on the last day, I did not know what the kids' reflections had been since we did not have group meetings after the yut game. So I was still unaware if there had been a breakthrough spiritually—not just the fun of feeling good and high-spirit. That morning at 6:30am, I walked from my cabin to Holy Ground. As I passed Robin Cox's house, the three dogs started walking with me. Suddenly, tears started coming down. When we finally reached Holy Ground, I was overcome with tears and a great warmth and a feeling of relief. The dogs were surrounding me, just watching me as I prayed. I did not want to leave this place, but I had to go back for morning service. This morning some

kids would give their testimonies. All the kids who shared their feelings that morning were very sincere.

Almost everyone had left by 6pm. Aetna Springs was quiet and peaceful. It was easy to reflect and be with nature. Sitting outside the Social Hall and looking at a hummingbird suck the nectar from the flowers and looking towards the other side of the fence, just next to the road, a deer was wandering about. Suddenly a special warmth overwhelmed me again. Deep inside I heard, "You asked for my help and I did it."

There was a breakthrough in many of the kids. Some may not have got the message and some may have been too young to understand deeply, but they sure had a good experience.

A special thanks to Rev. In Hoi Lee, Rev. Thompson, all the parents who were praying for this camp, especially to all parents who took their time to be there for a week to help. Also to all the older second generation who inspired our middle and high-schoolers, who are going through a very critical part of their growth. ❖

## DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

# THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING

Volume Two • Part Nine

**W**hat are the consequences of the Fall of Man? How has it affected our world? Certainly we can say that with Adam and Eve's failure to establish a true parenthood, throughout history their descendants have been unable to live as true brothers and sisters.

In other words, without true parental love we have not had true brotherly or sisterly love. But why is this so? What are the specific effects of the Fall? Let us examine some of the most basic ones.

If Adam and Eve had reached perfection, forming a four position foundation with God, they would have been able to love each other as husband and wife with God's love, and they would have borne children as expressions of that love.

But because our first parents fell, forming a four position foundation with Satan, God's love was not realized on earth. Adam and Eve created a family centered on false "love", and initiated a satanic lineage based on self-centered love.

Reflecting this reality, the gospel of John reports Jesus as telling the people: "You are of your father the devil." (John 8:44)

In another passage from the New Testament, Paul deems Satan as the "god of this world." (II Corinthians 4:4)

To state that the world is under satanic dominion is to suggest that there are negative spiritual forces operating in our lives.

Although this reality is testified to almost unanimously by such spiritual teachers as Jesus, Paul, Buddha and Mohammed, it is questioned by some in the modern age. Ever since the Age of Reason there have been fewer and fewer educated Western people who have accepted the existence of malevolent or benevolent spiritual beings other than God and the immortal souls of departed humans.

### Satan as deceiver

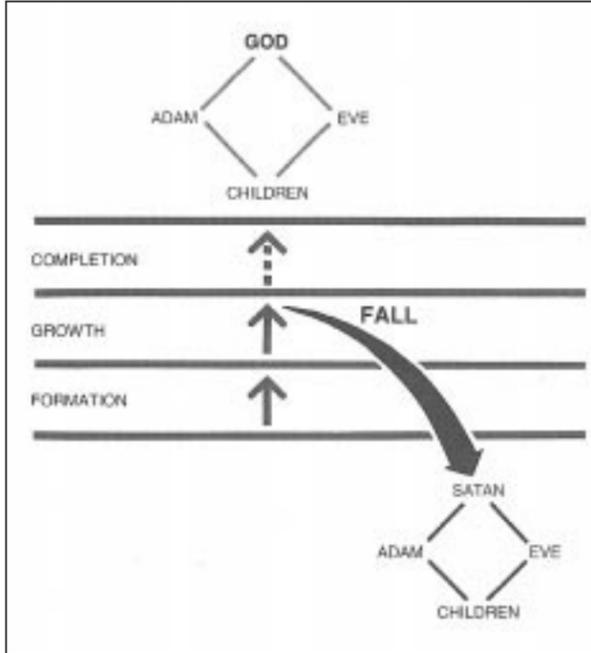
Someone, perhaps C.S. Lewis, has quipped that since Satan is the father of lies, his most effective deception has been to tell people he doesn't exist. If we are not looking for him, he can do his work without much fear of discovery. If physical objects can skip our notice simply because we are preoccupied with other matters, how much more difficult it is to perceive spiritual reality which we cannot easily see, hear or touch. This is particularly true in the modern age in which Western man has largely restricted his attention to the temporal rather than the eternal, the material rather than the spiritual, the human instead of the divine. Regardless of our awareness of spiritual forces, they are still realities.

It is nevertheless imperative to distinguish the actuality of Satanic forces from popular misconceptions handed down to us from folklore. For example, Satan is supposed to have horns and a tail, yet otherwise look like a human being. If we actually conceive Satan in such terms it would be highly unlikely that we will ever receive a visual confirmation of his existence.

It is important to recall that Satan is an expert of disguise and appears in a variety of ways depending at least in part upon what we expect. Baudelaire, the poet—and for a time a confirmed Satanist—reminds us, "The devil's first trick is his incognito."

If he sometimes manifests himself in a manner which makes his identity crystal-clear, more often he appears masked in an attractive form.

Ultimately, the best teacher in these matters is experience itself. As one begins



to walk a spiritual path, he will frequently encounter all kinds of disturbances, obstructions and temptations. It is such experiences as these which have led those who have gained a certain spiritual enlightenment to conclude there are satanic forces that work against individuals and that have contributed to the destructive nature of human history.

Satanic influences can affect a person only as long as he cooperates with them. Man is influenced by Satan only when he makes a base for him. Ultimately, each person is responsible for his own feelings, thoughts and actions.

Claims that "the devil made me do it" are futile. If one were to rid himself of the negative, destructive or evil elements he has within himself, Satan would become powerless.

### What is good?

The argument may be made that since the actions of Lucifer, Adam and Eve were based on love, then they should have been all right. After all, love is good, isn't it?

From the point of view of Divine Principle, nothing is good or evil itself. All things are created neutral and their goodness or evilness depend on their purpose.

A person, for instance, may pursue a great deal of money. If, beyond providing for his personal needs, his goal is to use the money to provide for his family, serve his community, or help his nation, this is a good act. On the other hand, if his goal is purely selfish or even destructive—for example investing in a drug ring—then this action is evil.

This principle applies to human nature itself. For instance, human ambition is often considered evil, but in fact, is part of the original nature given to us by God. Without ambition, human history would be barren of great men and great events. Moses would never have led his people out of Egypt. Lincoln may never have seen his divided country united again. Edison may never have invented the light bulb.

All too often, however, human ambition has been directed to less public-minded purposes. Ambition directed toward selfish ends has led people to steal, dom-

inate others and even to kill.

In this same way, man's capacity for love is neutral. When used in accordance with Godly ideals and principles, it is the most creative and constructive force in the world. Apart from such principles love can be selfish, destructive and merely an expression of lust.

The problem then is in defining what is good, or in arriving at a universal standard of goodness. However, ever since the Fall standards of good and evil have been relative.

At one time the values of one group predominate while at another time another party with entirely different values sets the standard.

Two hundred years ago in the United States perhaps the credo "all for one and one for all" expressed the dominant ethic. Today "doing your own thing" seems to be what is sanctioned by society's opinion leaders. Politically, for the communists, state ownership of all means of production is good. For capitalists, private ownership is what is most desirable.

As a result of such conflicts in standards, history has been filled with struggle. These conflicts will continue until a universal standard of goodness is found, restoring the standard that would have been established if the Fall had not occurred.

### The emergence of sin

Although scholars and theologians have identified different types of sin, the sin of Adam and Eve is almost unanimously regarded as the primal, original one—the root all sin. For Divine Principle, it is the cause of the spiritual death that has beset humanity from time immemorial.

But what is sin? For different people, the word has slightly different meanings. The ancient Hebrew understood sin in terms going astray or missing the mark. Others stress that sin is an act separating a person from God. People wander from the path of righteousness, breaking the covenant binding God and mankind together. For Divine Principle, sin may be thought of as any act or thought which violates God's law and which inhibits negatively our own growth to perfection. Sin is thus never simply against God. It is also against ourselves, in that it violates our own deepest essence.

Even though we may not identify it as such, in one way or another, we all have the experience of sin. This fact is proclaimed in the apostle Paul's famous words "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) In a similar vein, Jesus' disciple John writes to the early Christian Church:

"If we say we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (I John 1:18)

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by Catherine Ladolcetta—Irvington AL

This is part two of a three-part series

‘It is possible, Elmer, but, ya know, nobody has ever asked to go back so soon as this before. At least, not with a sincere heart. I’ll have to ask my boss. He’s my dad, ya know. May be y’ll need a little bit more training afore we can send ya back. Yer lucky, though; time was when we couldn’t let anybody go back. Not even with the best of intentions. Right now’s the Returnin’ Resurrection and, as ya might have noticed, it’s mighty empty around here. Nearly everybody has gone on back to try to help. Mostly, it’s just the newcomers and a few late bloomers as stay around here anymore.” Billy dug his long, thin fingers into his denim pockets and hunched up his skinny shoulders. His face took on a far away look and he seemed to be talking to someone as he nodded and shook his head back and forth. “Okay, Boss. I got it. Yep. O.K., I’ll do ‘er. Back later.”

Elmer watched Billy as he slipped back into his usual happy self, lifting his thin shoulders up and down and rolling them to relax. “What was that all about, Billy? Who were you talking to—were you talking about me?” His face with tight with a sudden anxiety. “Come on, Billy, was that your boss? Hey, who is he anyway?”

“Boss says yer not ready yet, Elmer. He says y’ve got to learn a few more essential tools of the trade afore ya go back on across to work. Say, haven’t ya figured out yet who’s the Boss? I mean, where do ya think ya are, anyway?” Billy’s mischievous grin flashed like starlight and calmed Elmer’s fears.

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“Okay, Elmer, now this is the tunnel. Ya remember it? Ya came through here on yer way in. In fact, ya spent quite a while at the Earth end of it. We thought ya might change yer mind and head on back to the living. Uh, y’know what I mean. Ya stood right here, when ya got to this side, and ya looked over yer shoulder. Then do ya remember how ya put yer hands over yer eyes and just walked on in? We all felt like clapping, but the Boss thought that it might scare ya right back on down the tunnel.”

# Hello, Elmer!

Elmer stood, floating gently to one side of the great brightness that was the tunnel. “I was so scared, Billy, I remember that. I didn’t want to be here. I—I knew where I was, but I thought it was a mistake. I guess my real mistake was going on vacation alone and not keeping my promise to my family.” Elmer’s face was long and sad. His mouth turned down just as far as it could and still be in the right place.

“Why, Elmer, y’ve got it all wrong.” Billy put his arm around his despondent charge. “Yer not here because ya made a mistake. The Boss said ya were ready to come on. Do ya think He makes mistakes?” At this, Billy turned and looked right into Elmer’s eyes. “Believe me, He doesn’t. He’s been watching ya all yer life and saw that ya were ready to move to a new place in yer heart. He said it was too hard for ya to keep on growing where ya were and that ya better come on home. The Boss never brings anybody that doesn’t need to come. Don’t be so hard on yerself, Elmer, this is a good place to grow ya a better heart o’love.” Billy hugged Elmer and patted his cheek softly. “Ya got a good heart, ole Buddy, yer gonna do right well.” Billy grinned reassuringly. “Now, how ‘bout some lunch?”

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“Billy, Billy! Who are those people? Why do they look so unhappy all the time? I’ve been watching them all morning and all they do is wander around looking lost. Don’t they have a home or some place they can go?”

Billy craned his neck over the ephemeral side of his favorite observation spot and stared at the crowd of empty-faced folk who walked up and down in the

dimness. He sighed. Teaching Elmer about these ones was the toughest job he had met up with so far. He reminded himself that it was always hard, but his boss trusted him to give the newcomers a heartfelt explanation; that’s why he, himself, hadn’t gone back as a Returning Resurrectee long ago. “Well, Elmer, it’s like this: these people made an easy choice. What I mean is: they took the wide road.”

Elmer looked confusedly at his friend and teacher. “What road? I don’t see anything like a road. Not even a bike path anywhere.” Elmer leaned way out over the edge and searched the plain with serious eyes.

“Fact is, when the time came, those folks couldn’t make up their minds to walk on through the tunnel, Elmer. Ya kinda had a hard time, too, right? But, then ya just sorta closed yer eyes and followed yer better feelings. I’m afraid those poor folks down there just plain chickened out. Maybe they couldn’t trust the situation—maybe that’s part of their struggle, ya know? Not trusting anybody, that is. Maybe it was just easier to stay on the other side than to trust. Not trusting is a wider road than trusting.” He saw Elmer nodding in agreement and he went on.

“Some of them down there are ashamed.”

Elmer’s morose expression showed his understanding of feeling shame. Billy shook his head sadly as he watched Elmer’s profile dissolve into tears.

“Shame is real hard to get over, Elmer. I’m glad ya can feel for those who suffer from it. Ya must try to forgive yerself, though; it’s important if ya want to progress. To feel ashamed is the first step toward resurrectin’. To go past the shameful mistake ya made is the next step. That is, ya forgive yerself. Can ya guess what comes third, Elmer?” Billy’s watchful eye caught Elmer’s expression as he thought about it. Elmer’s face began to show hope. Hope and a new willingness.

“That’s it, Elmo, ole boy! That’s the thought I was waitin’ fer! Ya just say “good-bye” to that ole excuse of being ashamed and start goin’ an’ growin’! Don’t ya feel better already?” Billy’s wide-open heart lighted up his round face and Elmer had to smile.

“You know, Billy, I do feel better. Maybe I can talk to one of those people sometime. Maybe they don’t feel any hope. Do you suppose that’s why they’re so alone down there?”

“I’ll bet that’s at least part of what they feel, Elmer. There’s another feeling they might have. I wonder if ya can tell me what that is?”

Elmer looked right into Billy’s

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midnight-blue eyes. “It’s guilt, isn’t it, Billy? I wouldn’t feel ashamed if I weren’t guilty of doing wrong. I did lots of wrong things, especially to my family. I was so ashamed, I didn’t think God—I mean, the Boss....” Here Elmer swallowed hard. Billy held as still as he could, hoping Elmer would go all the way. “Gosh, Billy, it’s so hard to call Him that, I’m not sure I should....”

“Go ahead, Elmer, He’s waitin’ to hear ya say it. He’s been waitin’ a long time—all yer life.”

“Well, then...Heavenly Father—my Father. I was afraid my father wouldn’t want me after—after all that....”

Tears poured down Elmer’s thin, pink cheeks. Billy stuck his big, gold-as-the-sun hanky into his hand and wrapped his long, loving arms around Elmer. “Ya gotta cry, ole buddy. Around here, we call it repentin’. That’s the only way to get it all out of ya. The guilt and the shame, that is. Cryin’s the best ole thing ya can do. Dad’s cryin’ too, ya know; why, He’s so happy!”

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“Look over there, Billy! Do you see that man? I think I know him. He looks like a man I got convicted of robbing a Speedy Mart back home. He got surprised by a night guard and pulled a gun and shot him. He—he got the death sentence. He’s dead. But that can’t be him...he’s been dead ten years.”

“Well, sure, Elmer, that’s him all right. He couldn’t get up the nerve to come on through the tunnel and he’s been wanderin’ around on the other end for all those years. Just waitin’.”

“What do you mean, waiting? Hey—look over there!” Suddenly Elmer pointed far off to his right. Through the cloudy, grayish atmosphere, they could just see the bright glow of the tunnel’s end.

“Golly! It looks like somebody’s gonna try to come on through! Gee, Elmer, I gotta go. It’s my job to meet these late-comers. I’ll see ya later. Say, Elmer, why don’t ya go on over and have a talk with yer old friend? He’ll be mighty glad to see ya.” Billy was gone in a blink, but before Elmer could turn away, he saw Billy step right into the tunnel; he carried a huge, yellow cowboy hat in his hands and wore an even bigger loving smile on his face.

“He’s not going to want to see me,” Elmer turned to look toward the dead man. “He’s going to want to kill me.” He sat down right where he was in the soft, gray nothing of the lost people’s world. He watched as the man he knew was dead walked up and down, back and forth in the dim light. “It’s so dark here, how come?” Elmer realized that he hadn’t thought about the difference between this dull, cool place and the bright warmth of the world he and Billy lived in. Looking up, he couldn’t help himself as he searched overhead for the sun.

“What did Billy tell me when I first got here? Oh! There’s no sun—the light is the light of love.” Elmer felt a chill as he understood. “This place is part of Hell.” Nervously, Elmer glanced over his right shoulder to see the fires or at least some smoke. He saw nothing like that. The chill dimness felt like nothing at all. Elmer realized that’s what it was. No feelings. “Well, that means that Hell is a place without love,” he thought. “Still, I can see something here. I can see Beau Dillon down there. Maybe there is a little love around here. Maybe this is just the edge of Hell.”❖

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## WFWP Hold Bridge of Peace in Moscow

by Konstantin Krylov—Moscow, Russia

On the 3rd of September a meeting took place between women of Japan and Russia within the framework of the international “Bridge of Peace” project. More than 100 heads of women’s organizations, female public figures and government officials attended the forum in the Marriott Grand Hotel of Moscow.

“Bridge of Peace” ceremonies have been held by the Women’s Federation for World Peace since 1994. These international conferences of friendship among women aim to establish neighborly relations between all nations of the world through creating ties of sisterhood among women representing different cultures and traditions.

The organizers of the Moscow conference, which took place during the Days of Japanese Culture in Moscow, believe that

friendship between the women of Russia and Japan will offer a new impetus to strengthening the family and solving youth issues. It should also help mend the historical conflicts between Russia and Japan. In 1992 the international president of the Women’s Federation for World Peace, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, addressing the inauguration of this U.N. non-governmental organization, said, “If women become sisters, the men will stop their wars.”

Duma Deputy Svyatoslav Fyodorov, Alevtina Aparina, the head of Parliamentary Committee on Women, and Mrs. Maureen Reagan addressed the audience on issues relating to women and family. The participants of the conference signed an unofficial peace treaty between Russia and Japan. Next comes the turn of the politicians.

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**TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN**

by Linna Rapkins

The time had come to return to the heart of Korea—the city of Seoul. Father had tried to start his work there almost ten years earlier and was thoroughly rejected. Then he had moved North and suffered so many things in Pyongyang and Hungnam prisons. On their way south to Pusan in 1951, Father, Mr. Pak and Won Pil Kim had passed through Seoul. They had seen a city overrun with soldiers and army tanks, with most of the other people heading further South. No one wanted to be around when the communist soldiers arrived.

On a pleasant autumn day in October 1953, Father once again entered Seoul, and what met his eyes was not so pleasant. Where little houses

and busy shops had once stood along the winding roads, there now lay piles of rubble. There were bombed out shells of old buildings and little footpaths winding in and out among the piles of broken tiles and household items.

The rest of the world had already done much of its rebuilding following World War II. But in Korea there came the Korean War, and it had still been a time for tearing down; not building up.

# Back to Seoul

Father remembered the Korean myth about the phoenix bird, who rose up out of its own ashes to live again. Now, Korea must rise up from its own ashes and live again. Looking at the miles and miles of ruins, however, it seemed impossible.

“Oh Seoul! Seoul! Look at you! How many times I tried to reach

out to you and you wouldn't listen!” The pain that stabbed his heart brought tears to his eyes. “How long before laughter and happy voices can fill your air again—your streets again—your homes again. Homes?

Can you really call these shacks and lean-tos homes?”

Father observed ragged families rummaging through the garbage for bits and pieces. The sparkle had left their eyes. The years of war and hunger had worn them down.

Father wandered around with tears flowing down his face. He wanted so much to shout to everyone about the coming new age for Korea and the world.

He wanted to give them hope. He wished he could be a big mother hen and gather them all under his protecting wings.

If he had stopped to think about it, Father could very easily have felt hope-



less about his own life. He could have said, “I'm already past 30 years old—and look at me. I have nothing—no money, no nice clothes, no job, no family, no home. Other people are poor, but at least they have their families. I have no wife. I have no children. Poor me!” He could have thought it; but his

thoughts, as always, were for other people—and for Heavenly Father.

The days passed by. He kept praying every day, spending long hours alone on mountaintops in Seoul. Spirit world sometimes sent people right up to him, and then he told them about God's message. His heart would reach out to them, and as he taught them The Divine Principle, he gave them all the love and power he had.

It was very difficult, however, to convince anyone to listen. They were just trying to survive.

For two months, he worked in Seoul. Besides his busy schedule of praying, witnessing and teaching, there was another topic continually on his mind—his disciples in Pusan and Taegu. There were no telephones, so he couldn't talk to them.

“How are they doing?” he wondered. “I miss them so much—Mrs. Oak, Mrs. Kang, Mr. Aum, my dear Won Pil. I've never been separated from him since I got out of prison.

I wonder how he's doing. I wonder how they're all doing. I wonder if they found new people. Maybe I shouldn't have left them alone.”

In December, he could bear it no longer. He would make the long trip to Pusan and pay a visit in time for Christmas. ❖

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## Mid-Summer Gospel Extravaganza at Macy's in Brooklyn

by Christine Libon—Clifton NJ

Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, inspired by the idea of Rev. Dennis Dillon, master of ceremonies at Blessing '98 in Madison Square Garden, suggested we organize our choir members to participate in this event which would feature performances by choirs or groups rotating on Wednesday and Thursday night, Aug. 5-6.

Song and music are universal. Throughout history, folktales and songs have been passing down traditions. Lullabies have comforted babies. Love songs have expressed the inner passion of mates. And hymns of praise have filled us with the Spirit and united us in heart. Songs can touch the hearts of all, even beyond the barriers of language.

Our director, and also accompanist for this event, Francesco Santelli, chose three melodious numbers: “If I Can Help Somebody,” “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” and “Let There Be Peace On Earth.” Onlookers were definitely impressed and appreciative, judging from the applause and reaction. One woman remarked, “I've truly been blessed tonight.” Another was a man whose parents had both been ministers, one a Baptist and the other a Methodist. He himself had also been a minister for a time. “What Church are you with?” he asked. “Well, to me, we're

all just one big church. This is my daughter....” She received Holy Candy. In effect, we definitely raised the spiritual atmosphere in that secular place. We also hope more members from the region will turn out to participate in upcoming events with Christian churches.

Reflecting over dinner, later with participants, brought back memories of street-preaching and fundraising by performing in the subways (where we still find our Muslim brothers and sisters).

Special thanks go to Rev. Holt for making it possible for the choir to participate in this and previous events and also to Rev. Hong for his complete support in purchasing robes, encouraging participation of members, and treating us to dinner. We are also deeply indebted to Mrs. Kono for her effort and investment

of time in coordinating the Regional Choir. With Mrs. Kono as the ever-bearing mother, classically trained professional singers, an original New Hope Singer, and others with many years of music training, the New Hope Chorale has plans for fall and winter performances. But basically we're just a bunch of good people with the right way of living hoping to heal the wounds of racism and trying to steer this modern-day American culture in the right direction. Please address any inquiries about joining us for future events to Mrs. Kono (973)235-1868. ❖

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## The Shelter of Each Other

reviewed by Cathi Close—Arlington, VA

In *The Shelter of Each Other*, Mary Pipher does for the American family what she did for adolescent girls and their parents in her best-selling book *Reviving Ophelia*: she opens our eyes wide to the desperate realities we are facing and shows us a way out.

Drawing on the fascinating stories of families rich and poor, angry and despairing, religious and skeptical, and probing deep into her own family memories and experiences, Pipher clears a path to the strength and energy at the core of family life.

“A canny mix of optimism and practicality gives Pipher's fans a way to resist the worst of the culture around them and substitute the best of themselves.” *Newsweek*

“Using her analytical and story-telling skills, Pipher lays out the cultural, technological and economic forces that are tearing families apart and creating a crisis of meaning and values in the society as a whole .... The Shelter of Each Other generates a feeling of warmth and a sense of possibility that families need not be doomed. What families need today, Pipher says, is hope—and her book



**The Shelter of Each Other, Rebuilding Our Families by Mary Pipher, Ph.D. \$12.95**

succeeds in showing how to build it.” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

I highly recommend this book for anyone who is trying to make more sense out of the struggles we experience in the context of our families (doesn't that include us all?). It's honest and I like that. Just as

much as we need high ideals to strive for and work toward, we also need frankness and honesty. Without micro-analyzing our pasts, we still need to understand where we are coming from and why we are the way we are.

Mary Pipher attempts to do this and, in my opinion, does a very good job of it. We are living in a culture that offers the potential for the best and the worst of possibilities. This book is encouraging reinforcement toward what we all hope to achieve. Family love and

unity. Easier said than done, I'm sure we agree, so the more help we can get, the better. Some books are food for the soul, this one is nourishment for our families and one that offers what we need most, hope. ❖

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**PAUL  
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This article is aimed primarily at our members, especially the Second Generation. It was inspired by something I read in one of our monthly publications; some interviews with older Blessed Children, mostly teenaged girls.

The girls shared a lot about their relationships with secular friends and schoolmates. One spoke of *pretending to have lost her virginity*, in order to "fit in," to avoid being teased or rejected. It is lamentable that society could put such terrible pressure on God's special sons and daughters. It's time we cranked up the pressure in the other direction!

An earlier version of this article appeared in August 1992, and many of the changes referred to have occurred since then.

#### Dating

It is easy to criticize American culture. Its failures, and those of the other westernized societies, are all too apparent. Brutes like Osama bin Laden have no shortage of material for their hateful diatribes.

Actually, it's rather sad. In popular songs, boy meets girl, they hop right into bed, then vow to love each other only and forever. Country-western songs are sadder, but more realistic. I won't even bother to quote any perverted rap lyrics.

In Hollywood—on TV, in movies, and in their real lives—about 90% of the sex is between unmarried people. On screen, they rarely catch any nasty diseases, and virginity is often depicted as "a problem to be solved."

Popular culture projects a "perfect image" for men, women, and children, one that changes every few years. With considerable expense, many try to match those images. For women, the "slim leg and waist, large bust" image can be achieved—with plastic surgery.

Stable relationships are hard to find. Many wealthy singles are employing professional "matchmaking services." (Even True Father's self-appointed enemies have to admit his success in that area!)

Those who enter the dating scene are aware -or not- that it can be violent. Women afraid to reveal their phone numbers in a bar are handing out voice mail numbers instead. "Date rape" is an ever-present menace, sometimes involving potent drugs like Rohypnol®.

After casting away all tradition, dating couples now lament the lack of "rules." Men are free to expect sex early on, even during a first date. This is fraught with another kind of danger, for accusations of harassment and rape can bring heavy penalties, even if they're false. The new "one strike" laws are especially draconian. Of course, if stupidity—not to mention violations of the Principle—could be prosecuted, they'd be justified after all...

#### Relationships

Singles who want easy sex agonize over the "limits," especially whether to give their current partner a key to their home. This was depicted in a particularly annoying movie called *Key Exchange*.

How often do people end up with broken hearts? The figures for contemplated, planned, attempted -not to mention successful- teen suicides are unbelievably high.

Traditional marriages aren't doing well either. The divorce rate remains high, even in Utah and the Bible Belt states.

This author spent eight years in the fish business, so I had dealings with some very rough guys. Though married, they had one thing on their minds—and it wasn't fish! A word to you women: the raunchiest comments are often made *after* you pass by. And to you feminists: most women seem to *enjoy* the attention. In fact, they try very hard to get it. The market for spandex jogging outfits is booming.

Wives who suspect their husbands of cheating are hiring not only detectives but "professional tempters." Sultury women who will approach the errant spouse and -on hidden camera- attempt to draw out any lewd tendencies!

It is said that: "A fish rots from the

head down." President Clinton's shameless liaisons (plus the millions of citizens, mostly women, who are defending him to the bitter end) are a very bad sign for America.

In many cases, conservatives are no better. Britain's scandal-plagued Tory leaders were a grotesque example. Conservative writers bemoan the "sexual harassment lawsuit mentality," with nostalgic talk about "the lost art of seduction." Both are against God's ways, especially since the advent of True Parents.

#### An Alternative

Thanks to our ever-larger Blessing ceremonies, Unificationist marriage traditions are known to the world. They've become a subject of popular discussion, if only superficially.

God's people have different standards for themselves, and for their relationships. Images of perfection can emanate from Heaven, not just Hollywood or Madison Avenue. Expensive fashions and surgery are not needed to reach God's Ideal! Women have always wanted to appear beautiful, and that's good and natural. "True Hearts" bring out the greatest beauty, which any fallen world fad or fashion could never hope to match. Mrs. Moon is a shining example of this.

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Take a fresh look at your lifestyle. We Unificationists can be fiercely proud of our traditions, and our moral standards. We have much to offer, and we can save our friends a lot of heartache.

The tangled "Gordian Knot" of fallen relationships is cut right through by True Father's "Alexandrian Sword" of Blessing tradition. The popular way says "anything for fun," and we all see where that leads. Our way is more difficult at first, but it takes a completely different road.

Consider: the Marine Corps runs ads that depict exactly how severe they are, and thousands of people respond, hoping they can measure up to that fine tradition.

#### History

Let's take a closer look at our own still-evolving traditions.

Our Blessings have always been ornate, almost regal ceremonies. Originally, the True Parents alone presided over the full series of marriage rites. They had lengthy, personal consultations with each and every one of the candidates.

After 1979, with hundreds of participants, the in-person matchings were done in a series, leading up to a single, larger Blessing. As thousands more members qualified, from all over the world, some of the matchings were conferred via picture. Later, Blessings were given via satellite link.

Our family-level traditions have evolved as well. As the Providence advanced, our families gained the right of Tribal Messiahship, and we began to give "pre-Blessings" at gatherings in

every part of the world. These started out as fancy occasions, and sometimes they still are.

In 1997 the Providence expanded again, and we all went out giving pre-Blessings door-to-door. In each case the couple's names and photographs were recorded, and there was personal follow-up.

The "numbers" increased rapidly, and the ceremonies became simpler. We gave them in public areas, with only a sign-up sheet for the people's names; thus tens of thousands could be reached, but recontacting was limited.

As of this writing it's being given to millions, out on "the highways and the byways" of America and the world. (And at parks, tourist attractions, flea markets, and beaches!) The people's identities aren't even recorded.

#### Matched

Those persons matched by True Father (with the help of our leaders and the Blessing Dept.) have always been central. This was acknowledged in the official reports on the RFK Stadium Blessing, where the "already married" couples in the stands were described as "spectators." While the ultimate spiritual value is the same, the newly matched couples down on the field were the "stars of the show" for the news media and everyone else.

The responsibilities of our families are growing year by year. Eventually, it may be that Tribal Messiah couples will be able to match and Bless people by themselves, whether their own children or members of their "tribe." (Within strict heavenly guidelines, of course.)

However, that may not spell the end of the "stadium style" ceremony! Customs have a way of sticking, especially now that we have an emerging Third Generation. As the old saying goes: "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." Our new generations will want to experience just what their parents, and grandparents, did.

#### Conclusion

I know what it's like to be teased and persecuted. Most Unificationists have experienced it. With the ongoing Second Generation campaigns, our young people are now getting the same tough but valuable hard-knocks treatment.

Recent news reports, from all around the world, have carried many spirited proclamations by our campaigning members, both young and old. More and more people will be looking to us for an alternative, and we've got to be ready. To know it, to be able to teach it, and to be living it ourselves. If teenagers want to rebel, instead of swallowing phony "popular culture" trends, they can rebel against the fallen world itself!

Nobody is saying this will be easy. My household enjoys "The Simpsons," liberal though it is, but our Pastor finds the show repellent. The Second Generation is hotly debating whether it's okay to watch MTV. (I *never* liked MTV, and there *are no* Principled cartoon shows...)

No doubt our community will sort these things out, and year by year we'll approach the Heavenly Ideal more closely. Others will follow. It will be well worth it. ❖



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# Our National Contradiction

“I Take Full and Complete Responsibility. Let's Go to the Vineyard.” Thus cartoonist Jules Feiffer depicted the essence of Mr. Clinton's response to the long arm of the law. It reflected my sentiments well. The president admitted to the American public that he had done something wrong and then acted as if that's all there is to it and we can now get back to the business of governing the nation.

Apparently the entire point of the independent counsel's exercise was to get him to admit what he had done and to say that he is taking responsibility for it. But Mr. Clinton never outlined what exactly he intends to do in taking responsibility for it, other than heal his strained relations with his wife and daughter.

More important, in this instance, is that he heal his strained relations with the country. There are two dimensions to this. One, he has revealed himself to be an adulterer (to put it most simply). Second, he has admitted himself to be a liar. There are two of the Ten Commandments broken right there. And compliance with a third, that we should worship no gods other than the Lord, depends upon exactly whom Mr. Clinton is referring to when he says “this matter is between me, the two people I love most, my wife and our daughter, and our God.” I mean, why doesn't he just say “God”? Why is it “our God,” when “our” refers to his own family? Do they have a shrine to their god at the White House? Has Hillary Clinton been hanging out with Eleanor Roosevelt again?

The point is that the sanctions against adultery and lying have their root in God, the almighty, Old Testament God. If we substitute the god we create for the God who created us, then our real authority is opinion polls.

The opinion writers of the nation's newspapers reflected a somber and serious judgment upon the President the day after his television statement. Here

are some excerpts, as published in *The New York Times*:

“I misled people.” The President said. No, he didn't mislead people. He lied to them. By using the word ‘misled’ instead of the word ‘lied,’ the President lied to the American people. Again.” *New York Post*

“...a President who shamed his wife and daughter and his party and the people of the United States.” *Helena Independent Record*

“Clinton fell back on a legal point to defend his lies and placed the blame for his predicament elsewhere. That won't endear him to anyone. The country Clinton leads deserves better than the superficial finger-pointing performance he delivered Monday night.” *Austin American-Statesman*

“Clinton has dishonored the Presidency. He has diminished his stature as a leader. He has damaged the trust that unites the people who form his Administration. He has embarrassed the country he swore to protect and safeguard. He should be profoundly ashamed, and the shame should haunt him for the rest of his life.” *San Jose Mercury News*

“It is almost beyond comprehension that Clinton is so lacking in self-discipline, so reckless, that he engaged in a sordid liaison with a youthful intern under the same roof with his own family, at a time he was under scrutiny for alleged sexual misconduct.” *The Des Moines Register*

#### Vov Populi, Vox Dei Est

The August 22 edition of *The New York Times* published a poll in which 48% of Americans approved of Mr. Clinton, with 40% disapproving; some 50% approved of Mrs. Clinton with only 20% disapproving, and only 19% approved of Mr. Starr, with 45% disapproving, and only 5% approved of Ms. Lewinsky! And the August 25 USA Today poll revealed that if the election were held on that day, Clinton would have easily defeated Dole again.

Is this a nice nation or what? But if we go to the polls, we find a different story. Most people say that consensual sex between adults is not a crime. Then what are the editorial writers so upset about? Apparently, we have a tough time pinning down exactly what is bothering us. Somehow, Bill Clinton embodies something that we are very attracted to and yet very repulsed by. He represents our national contradiction.



Mrs. Clinton is, according to her spokesperson, “compassionate and steadfast” in her love for her husband. That's the first time I've heard the King James Bible quoted by a White House spinmeister. Opposing Mrs. Clinton, Ms. Lewinsky is a “kiss and tell” temptress, it looks like, playing on our good-natured President's vulnerability. Like Delilah, she has cut Mr. Clinton's locks and shorn him of his power. Obviously, she is a tool of the vast right-wing conspiracy.

Mr. Starr, by this reading, is a Janvier, obsessed with bringing ruin upon a man with a good heart. Clinton, after all, is doing his best to see that his private weakness is not exploited by the vast right-wing conspiracy to obstruct him from carrying out the hard work of governing the country, a job he does so well.

We see it now! The problem is not that Mr. Clinton is obstructing justice, but that Mr. Starr is obstructing the governance of the country! Mr. Clinton is only doing his duty to prevent this picky-picky hymn-singer from shutting down the Executive office. And meanwhile, back at the ranch, Hillary is compassionate and steadfast.

What we have here is an example of the “let's just be nice to each other” syndrome (identified in the late 1970s by then graduate student Frank Kaufmann). Democracies love nice people. They elect nice people. In fact, being nice is more important than being righteous. This is why the more visible our leaders are, the nicer they have to become.

For most Americans, those who are not part of the vast right-wing conspiracy, being nice in fact is the culmination of being righteous. Being nice is the very definition of righteousness.

As Luther said, God counted Abraham's faith as righteousness (Romans 4:3-5). Well, the American people seem to count Bill Clinton's niceness as righteousness.

#### There are exceptions...

Of course, niceness does not apply to our dealings with the Islamic world. Muslims see American niceness as a symptom of decadence, which makes them just a little worse than the vast right-wing conspiracy. The Islamic world sees righteousness in more traditional terms—order, justice, punishment of evil, reward of the good, sexual morality. They have not entered into the modern deconstruction of good and evil, and do not appreciate our morally profound, deeply edifying television programs.

Hence, in dealing with the Muslim world, if they don't like our television programming, it's no more Mr. Nice Guy. There is no effort made to comprehend the driving force of the Islamic world, which sees itself as a clear option over-against the Christian or post-Christian west.

Principles sometimes require that we not be “nice.” A nice-guy finally has no principles, in a fallen world. In the ideal

world, we can be nice and succeed, but in the fallen world, nice guys finish last. Nice guys who finish first are only pretending to be nice. I suspect this is the case for Mr. Clinton.

Consider Abraham Lincoln. He was criticized terribly for keeping the union at war over principles—anti-slavery and national unity. He could not, by his principles, be a nice guy, seeking to please everyone.

Consider the Beatles. Not to compare them with Abraham Lincoln, but John Lennon stated that the Beatles became number one because they were the biggest bastards. Look what they did to their poor workday drummer Pete Best.

This also applies to “family values.” General opinion is that family values are “nice.” “What a nice family you have.” Hence, the Clintons are a nice family, even with Mr. C. having affairs.

#### Family Values May Not Be Nice

But there are family values that override “niceness.” Any parent knows that we cannot be “nice” to our children when they want to violate standards. Any parents who has not been judged mean and oppressive by their children at some point probably is lacking the power to discipline.

This point was well known to Americans of an earlier generation. Our ancestors were aware of the alternative to unmitigated niceness: discipline. Once upon a time, families were three generations, and marriages entailed tying two entire families together. There were strict formal codes for spouses in relation to their in-laws. Filial piety was a strict code. In played strongly upon a new bride in relation to her husband's parents, in particular in Confucian societies. The ethic of filial piety has all-but disappeared from today's society. It is practiced, thank God, but to practice it is to swim against the cultural tide.

Filial piety means that the child, whether ten years old or sixty years old, puts the parents' interests above their own. The child sacrifices for the parents. This might not be a very nice situation for the child. They may feel that they are giving up their dreams. And yet the 10 commandments tell us to honor our father and mother, just after honoring God. God nowhere commands, “Thou shalt live thy own dream.”

The old adage, spare the rod and spoil the child, carries in it wisdom. Parents often want to be nothing but nice to their children, to be their children's peers. This creates problems for the children, and eventually for the entire culture. I would like to see Mr. Clinton take a stand for discipline, even if it is not very nice.

Mr. Clinton, I would rather have you true than nice. If your wife and daughter are the people you love most, then please act that way. If you think the United States should be run as you ran Arkansas, then come out and say it, and let us vote on it. Before you tell Mr. Yelstin to drink the bitter medicine of fiscal responsibility in Russia, please drink the bitter medicine of moral responsibility here. ❖

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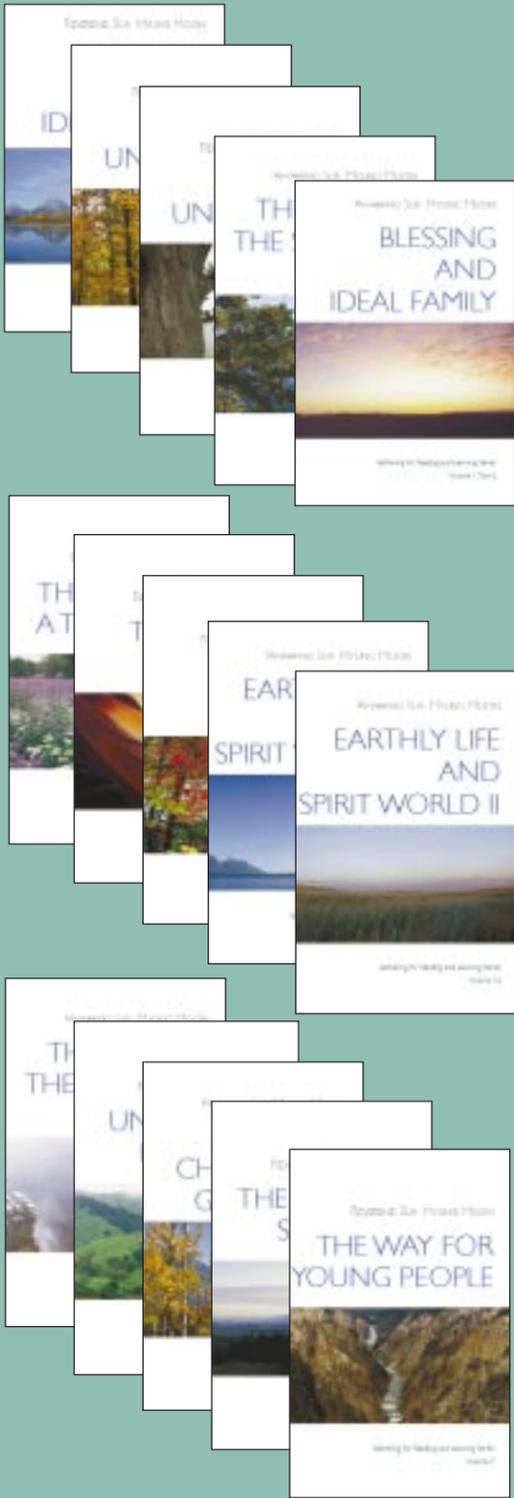
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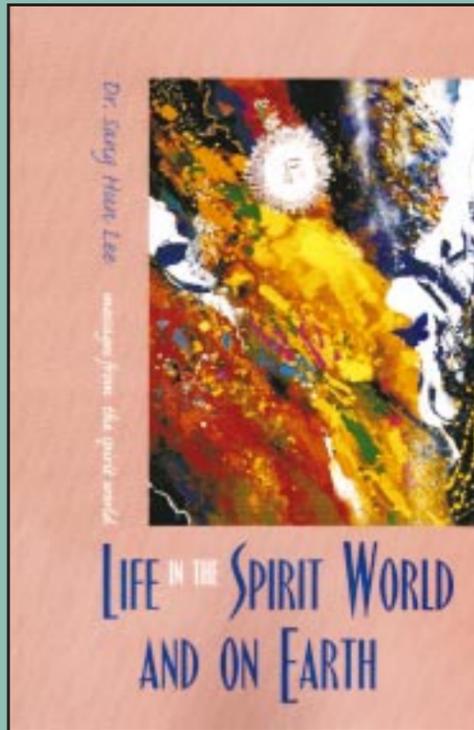
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