

120 Clergy on 4th UPF World Tour True Parents' Commission at CPL

True Parents met with the 120 ministers on the 4th World Tour at the Peace Palace and Museum for Peace at Chyung Pyung Lake on October 27, 2006.

Rev. Kwak read the address that is being delivered on the Fourth International World Tour for the Universal Peace Federation entitled, "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World." (see page 2). Father then addressed the ministers.

This speech that you are delivering on the fourth world peace tour is a priceless treasure for you to carry around the world with you as you represent America and all humanity. You must now take this message



secuted and even God denied me. Why? Because Satan caused Adam and Eve to fall. Therefore to restore Adam's role I had to go through incredible suffering. I have to go that critical path. Did Jesus accomplish all that God had desired? The Kingdom should have come, but because of the rejection of the people Jesus went the way of the cross. That is why we must take this fallen world back from Satan completely. We have to get rid of all the divisions of denominations. National boundaries must dissolve. Did God create the mind and body to struggle? Does your mind and body struggle now? How will you prevent that struggle? People were born with that kind of struggle, but really it came from the

and will open the way for you if you step forward for God. This world is filled with such strife and conflict; however, in God's heart there is no conflict. Christianity has been so divided. How can we have that and have the kingdom? How can we have the ruling party and the opposition? That era has to come to an end.

Why do we need a savior and messiah? All we needed was a True Par-

ent. But that was never realized by Adam. No one has known how important the lineage of heaven is. The only one who can resolve this problem of lineage is Reverend Moon.

I did so much for 34 years in America. Now with the fact that you are going out to the world, people may think you are crazy from the human perspective !! (Laughter). I was born on a farm in North Korea. I was per-



to the world as Ambassadors for Peace without borders. (Aju !) What does that mean? It actually is more clear than "Amen". It means that you, as an owner of the Kingdom of God, affirm God.

Now the world cannot deny what I have accomplished. Billions of spirits are pouring down from the spirit world



Fall. You have to understand the entire providence of God.

In 1945, just before Korea was divided, there were many Christians in Korea, but they were all divided. Christian ministers from China, Japan, and Korea could not be united as one at

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God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is the address being given by the 120 ministers on the 4th World Tour. It was first given by Father Moon during the Universal Peace Federation Rallies for the Restoration of the Homeland, which took place from March 25 to April 3, 2006, at the Seoul Olympic Stadium and other major cities of the Republic of Korea.

Distinguished world leaders, Ambassadors for peace and blessed family members who have come from all parts of the world in hopes of bringing about the realization of world peace, and building the ideal hometown in heaven and on earth:

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for coming together in the midst of your busy schedules to take part in this rally to expand and elevate the Family Party for Cosmic Peace and Unification to a global level, so that it may be reborn as the Cheon Il Guk House for Peace and Unification; to make the Universal Peace Federation a model UN-type organization; and, to make Cheon Il Guk the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world through the concerted efforts of all the nations of the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we begin the twenty-first century, we find ourselves at a truly historic turning point. We are at a point of decision. Can everlasting world peace take root, or are we doomed to repeat the twentieth century's dark and oppressive history of war and conflict?

The twentieth century was a period of ceaseless struggle, including wars for colonial dominion, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and the Cold War. Living through this

era, I dedicated my life entirely to the accomplishment of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. I have always prayed sincerely that the United Nations, founded after the Second World War, would be an institution of peace, and that it would uphold God's will for the realization of eternal world peace.

The United Nations has made important contributions for peace. Nevertheless, at its sixtieth anniversary last year there was a broad consensus, both

inside and outside the organization, that the U.N. had yet to discover the way to fulfill its founding purposes. The number of member states approaches two hundred, but the offices of these states do little more than represent and even insist on their own interests. They seem inherently unable to resolve conflicts and achieve peace.

For these reasons, I would like to once more declare today before all humanity the message I gave throughout the Universal Peace Federation inauguration tour, which was launched last year on September 12 in New York and took me to 120 nations around the world. It is entitled, "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World."

The Universal Peace Federation's mission is to renew the existing United Nations, a "Cain-type" UN, and provide a new level of leadership as an "Abel-type" UN. It will unite heaven and earth and form the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world.

This message should be engraved in the hearts of humankind. It is Heaven's special blessing in this Age After the Coming of Heaven. It is also a warning to us that we should take to heart and put into action.

God's Ideal Family

Respected world leaders, what do



D E C E M B E R 2 0 0 6

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 3 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (10/13/63)
- 4 Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association Est. (1966)
- 8 Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 13 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 25 Yeon Ah Nim's Birthday (11/6/78)
- 30 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)

J A N U A R Y 2 0 0 7

Ahn Shi Il • 6th, 14th, 22nd, 30th

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
Sekkai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 9 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (11/21/?)
- 11 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
International Federation Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 20 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
- 21 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)

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29 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)

F E B R U A R Y 2 0 0 7

Ahn Shi Il • 7th, 15th, 23rd

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)
Inter-religious & International Federation World Peace Established (1999)
- 7 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 11 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 13 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 17 International Security Council Established (1985)
- 18 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
Montevideo Declaration of the World University Federation (1996)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 True Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
True Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 24 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)
Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 One World Crusade Established (1972)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Yun Ah Nim's and Un Jin Nim's birthdays are not celebrated in 2006. Contact me if you come across any errors. (c) 1999-2004 Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

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of the Peaceful, Ideal World

you think is God's ultimate purpose for creating human beings? Simply put, it is to experience joy through relating with ideal families filled with true love. What does an ideal family look like? First, each person in the family is an owner of true love. When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men, and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. The quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love was to secure a parent-child relationship with God, whereby they could live in attendance to God as their Father. They were to have followed the path of living as one family with God.

I invite you to enter into a mystical state and prayerfully ask God, "What is the center of the universe?" The answer you hear will undoubtedly be, "the parent-child relationship." Nothing is more important or more precious than the relationship between parent and child. This is because it defines the fundamental relationship between the Creator God and human beings.

Then, what defines the parent-child relationship? Three things: love, life and lineage.

The first is love. We can love with true love because God, our True Parent, first loved us with true love. God created human beings out of His absolute love, to be His partners in love. This relationship forms an axis of love, linking God the Father with human beings as His sons and daughters.

Is there anything higher or more precious than to be a son or daughter of God? If anything were higher, then surely human beings would aspire to attain it. But there is nothing higher. Do you think that when the omniscient and omnipotent God created Adam and Eve, He secretly reserved the highest position for Himself and made Adam and Eve to be only second best? We cannot imagine that God would do that to His children, to His partners who share absolute love with Him.

As our eternal True Parent, God invested Himself 100 percent into the creation of human beings and endowed us with the right to have equal status with Him, to participate in His work as equals, to live with Him, and to inherit from Him. God bestowed upon human beings all of His attributes.

Though God is the Absolute Being, He cannot be happy alone. Adjectives such as "good" and "happy" cannot apply to any being that lives in isolation. They apply only where there is a robust mutual relationship. Imagine a professional singer who finds herself exiled to an uninhabited island. She may sing at the top of her voice, but with no one to listen, will it bring her happiness? In the same way, even the self-existent God absolutely needs a partner to share love with in order to experience joy and be happy.

Next is life. How shall we live to

become God's partner and return joy to Him? In other words, how shall we live to become children of God, people whom God delights to call "My son," or "My daughter," because He sees in us a divinity equal to His? How can we become God's partners in completing the work of creation, partners who will inherit the entire creation? I answer: We should emulate the ideal that God set up at the beginning of His creative acts. In the beginning of creation, God acted upon the principle of living for the sake of others. In other words, everything that He did was for the sake of His creations, whom He hoped would

develop into His partners of true love. The practice of true love is the nucleus of God's creative activity.

Therefore, to become God's children, our first responsibility is to resemble Him. We need to embody true love. The way to embody true love begins by living as a filial child, then a patriot, a saint, and finally a divine son and daughter of God. At that stage we can experience the innermost emotions of God's heart and resolve the grief that He has experienced for tens of thousands of years ever since the fall of Adam and Eve.

God is almighty. It was not due to any shortcoming or lack of ability that

grief over the long history since the fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage. And with the loss of His lineage, He lost His right of ownership.

Let me talk about lineage for a moment. Lineage is more important than life and more important than love. Life and love come together to create



He has been imprisoned in great pain and has endured immense suffering behind the scenes of history. Rather, there are provisions in the Principle of Restoration, which He was not free to disclose, that called Him to wait with forbearance until Adam and Eve's positions, lost at the human fall, were recovered with the appearance of the perfected "Second Adam." Although God is all-powerful, He will not set aside the eternal laws and principles that He Himself established.

The Importance of Lineage

Do you know what has pained God's heart most, causing Him the greatest

lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among the three qualities that define the parent-child relationship, love, life and lineage, lineage is the fruit.

God's lineage contains the seed of true love. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life. Hence, for us to become the ideal people envisioned by God, that is, people of ideal character, and to create ideal families, we first need to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation. Only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. Please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough.

Without lineage, neither life nor love can endure. You strive to set a good tradition, but it will endure only through your lineage. Lineage is the bridge allowing the parents' spirit to carry on through subsequent generations. In other words, lineage is the first and final condition necessary for parents to harvest the fruits of their love, the fruits of their life and the fruits of their joy. We need to know this with certainty.

Yet when Adam and Eve fell, this lineage, more precious than life, was lost. The fruits of true life and true love never matured. They became the fruits of Satan, lacking any relationship with Heaven. From them descended the six billion people now covering the earth.

God intended for the seeds He planted in the springtime of the Garden of Eden to grow into a bountiful crop that He could harvest in the autumn. The ideal of God's creation was to raise Adam and Eve, His son and daughter, to the point where they would blossom

in true love, flourish with true life, and bear fruit in a true lineage. God desired to harvest owners and families of eternal life, eternal love and eternal lineage, and to harvest His kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world as their homeland.

God's Suffering in Search of the True Parents

Instead, false love, false life and false

lineage infested the earth. God's love, life and lineage fell into the hands of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love. Heaven and earth were suffocated and transformed into hell. The world became a wretched place, far from God's presence. Yet humanity to this day lives in ignorance of this.

People are deluded into believing that the lineage of the enemy is the lifeline upon which the world depends. This is the wretched truth about humanity descended from the fall. That is why we refer to this world as hell on earth. God views humanity's tragic situation with a heart full of pain.

After creating Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, God intended to wed them with His Holy Blessing and bequeath to them Heaven's right of ownership. God wanted Adam and Eve to inherit from Him the ownership of the entire universe.

Because of the fall, however, all this came under Satan's control. God is like a father who worked and sweated his entire life to accumulate assets for his children, only to have a thief steal everything in one night.

Who can comprehend the sorrowful, painful heart of God? God lost His lineage, lost His children, and was forced to hand over the ownership of the nations and world to Satan. There was only one way to recover this lineage and ownership. This was the path to win the natural subjugation of Satan, to have Satan surrender voluntarily. What is the secret to accomplish this? It is only by the power of true love, when we love our enemies more than we love our own children.

Was there ever a time when God could rejoice with human beings as their True Father and True Mother, enjoying the natural bonds of parent and child? Has God enjoyed even a year of comfort with His children, knowing that what He created was good? The answer is no; God has not enjoyed it even for one hour. And has anyone been able to comfort God in this pain? No, because no one has known the reason for the unbridgeable gap that has separated God from humankind for tens of thousands of years. No one has known why God and humanity are in such a tragic circumstance.

The biblical account of Cain and Abel reveals the beginnings of human con-

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flict right in Adam's family. It provides the archetype for humankind's unending history of struggle, war and conflict. We are conflicted on many levels, beginning with the war between body and mind within each individual and extending to wars between nations and even to the global conflict between materialism and theism.

Extreme selfish individualism threatens our prosperity even today. We deem young people to be the hope of humanity holding the promise for the future, but drugs and free sex enslave them. Advanced countries seem to believe that material goods are all that matter. They recognize only their own interests while ignoring the misery of tens of thousands who die of starvation every day.

Who can untie this ancient knot of Cain and Abel? It has been tightened for thousands of years and grows ever more tangled. Do you think the United Nations can do it? The U.N. at its founding proclaimed a movement for world peace, and for sixty years it has dedicated itself to this task; yet world peace still remains far distant. Peace among nations can never come when those entrusted with the task have not resolved the Cain-Abel relationship between their own mind and body. Therefore, the time has come to launch the Abel-type sovereignty for the peaceful, ideal world that will set its course according to God's will.

God eagerly anticipated that someone would appear and resolve these tragedies, but no such person appeared on earth. God waited and waited, looking for anyone who would take on the role of the True Parent. If someone had come forward, I am certain that God would have appeared in his dreams, carried the sun and moon to him, and showered him with lightning of joy and thunder of ecstasy from the heavens.

In this sense, it is a miracle of mir-

acles that for the first time in history a man has succeeded in attaining the position of Adam. He has secured the status of the owner of true love and received God's anointing as the True Parent of humanity. It is an amazing fact that his lifetime coincides with yours, and that you and he breathe the same air. He is the horizontal True Parent, who comes to rescue fallen humanity. I, Reverend Moon, gained victory in that position. And on



that foundation, on January 13, 2001, I dedicated to Heaven the "Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship." By that ceremony I liberated and released God, the vertical True Parent who has taken responsibility for the Providence of Restoration. In all of history, this was the highest and greatest blessing humanity has ever received. This victory was absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Through this absolute providential victory, God's body and mind are completely liberated!

The Way to Peace Through the Holy Blessing Ceremony

Respected leaders! Our bondage to the lineage of Satan has caused so much suffering throughout history. Let us now boldly step forth to sever it and be grafted onto the root of the lineage of the True Parents. Why should we foolishly continue to live and die as wild olive trees? A wild olive tree, even if it lives a thousand years, will only continue producing the seeds of more wild olive trees. Where can we find the path to escape this vicious cycle? It is through

lage opposed me.

I had to go the reverse way from heaven. I had to go down to hell and liberate this world. All people here and your ancestors would be struggling and suffering with no way out. If you do not fulfill your responsibility, you will create another hell. People will go to God and ask for forgiveness, yet will God say its okay to not fulfill your responsibility? I am working to cover all the mistakes of this fallen world and create a new heaven and earth.

I have to close all the doors on sin and close all the ways of evil. I must create a new heaven and a new earth. We must create a heavenly culture. Is America the heavenly culture? We must create the heavenly culture. It is a culture that goes beyond the borders of any culture and yet captures the essence of what God instilled in each culture. ❖

the Holy Blessing.

The Holy Blessing Ceremony offers the grace of being grafted onto the true olive tree. It was instituted by the True Parents, who bring God's true lineage to humankind. Once you change your lineage to God's lineage, your offspring will belong to God's lineage naturally. The Holy Blessing is received in three stages: resurrection, rebirth and eternal life. Once you receive the True Parents' Holy Blessing, you can give birth to pure, sinless offspring and build an ideal family.

The best way to receive the Holy Blessing is with someone from another race, nationality or religion. I call this an "exchange marriage." This contributes to the enormous task of transcending the barriers of race, culture, nationality, ethnicity and religion and creating one family of humankind. In God's sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not recognize national borders. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture. They are nothing more than the Devil's tricks. He has used them to rule over humanity as a false parent for tens of thousands of years.

Imagine two enemy families who have cursed each other throughout their lives, people who would never dream of living together. What would happen if these families joined together through an exchange Holy Marriage Blessing? A son from one family and a daughter from the other family become husband and wife, love each other and build a happy home. Would the parents in each family curse their own children? When their son loves this beautiful daughter of a hated enemy, and she as their daughter-in-law gives birth to Heaven's grandchildren as pure and clear as crystal, the grandparents would smile with pleasure. In time the two lineages that were once soaked with enmity will be transformed.

What method other than exchange marriage will empower Whites and Blacks, Jews and Muslims, Orientals and Westerners, and people of all races to live as one human family? The ideal family is the model for living together in peace. The ideal family is the nest where we live and learn to become one. There we have the foundation of love and respect between parents and children, shared trust and love between husband and wife, and mutual support among siblings. For this fundamental reason, you should receive the Holy Marriage Blessing from the True Parents and establish Heaven's tradition of ideal families, even if it means risking your very life.

A Life of True Love

Let me reiterate: To resemble God, the original Being of true love, we should become the owners of true love. We should embody true love and practice it in order to develop our character. This is the way each of us can become true parents.

What is a life of true love? True love is the spirit of public service. It brings the peace that is at the root of happi-

ness. Selfish love is a mask for the desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake; true love is free of that corruption. Rather, its essence is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, as with a filial son who gains his greatest satisfaction in helping his parents. God created the universe out of just such love: absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, investing everything without any expectation or condition of receiving something in return.

True love is the wellspring of the universe. Once we possess it, true love makes us the centers and the owners of the universe. True love is the root of God and a symbol of His will and power. When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually increasing in the joy of each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissipate the barriers fallen human beings created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

Respected leaders, you are now living in the age when all marriages can receive God's Blessing. God's promises are coming to fruition. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth, God's ideal of creation, is being established before your eyes.

I dedicated my life of more than eighty years solely for Heaven. It has been a lonely path, stained with blood, sweat, and tears. Yet now it is bearing victorious fruit for the sake of the world's six billion people. From the spirit world, the Founders of the world's religions, tens of thousands of saints and your own good ancestors are watching your every move. Whoever, therefore, strays from the heavenly path will be punished accordingly.

In more than 180 countries, Ambassadors for Peace who have inherited Heaven's will and tradition are making serious effort, day and night, to proclaim the values of true love and true family. They are moving forward with full force to establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world on this earth.

In the Middle East, one of the world's tinderboxes, Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of dialogue. In past decades my Unification Thought played a decisive role in ending the Cold War. Now I am successfully leading behind-the-scenes efforts to bring about the reunification of my homeland of Korea.

But I am not yet satisfied, because

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that time. That is why communism took over. If Christians had united in the name of Jesus Christ, communism could have been defeated.

The world powers do not know the reality of what is coming. We have to be the mainstream. Why did I sacrifice 34 years in America? It was to find you. You can't imagine how much I suffered. Now you have grown and you are ready. You have big bodies. If we had you twenty years ago, the whole world would be totally different now.

The failures and the mistakes of ancestors must be taken care of by their descendants. Once I make up my mind, no one can change it. Even when I was young, I determined that I would do something 20 or 30 years later and my name would be known. All my family and people from my vil-

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I began my life's work at the command of Heaven. I have come as the True Parent of humankind with God's anointing, and I am determined to keep my promise to Him. I am determined to obliterate all national divisions and barriers that have poisoned this earth and to establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, where all people everywhere can live hand in hand.

Ambassadors for Peace are Heaven's Secret Envoys

Respected Ambassadors for Peace: I believe you have learned many things through this message from God. You represent Heaven, and as long as humanity continues to drift aimlessly, it needs your help. Please take this opportunity to make a new determination to be Heaven's envoys, prepared to uphold Heaven's command. With this in mind, I would like to summarize today's message so that we can all take up Heaven's mission and inscribe it deep within our hearts.

What did I say we lost by the fall of Adam and Eve, who were created as God's children? First, we lost the realm of the lineage given to us by God. Lineage is the most special among all gifts parents bequeath to their children. By the fall, Adam and Eve inherited the false lineage of Satan and descended to the status of his children. We must understand with certainty that all human beings today, without exception, are descendants of the fall and have inherited the lineage of Satan.

When God created Adam and Eve, He invested His entire being, 100%. He created them based on the standard of absolute love, absolute faith, and absolute obedience. He gave them His lineage as the seed for their love and life. Likewise, from this moment, God is re-creating you as new people. The path is open wide for you to change your lineage through the Holy Wine Ceremony that the True Parents have instituted. The Blessing is yours, either as newlywed couples or as already married couples, that you may establish true families.

Second, the fall caused the loss of the realm of sibling love, when in the family of Adam the older brother Cain killed his younger brother Abel. God's original family structure was full of blessings, including love and harmony among siblings. The fall degraded the sibling relationship to a rivalry filled with envy and resentment.

To restore this problem in the lineage, I am leading humanity worldwide to join in exchange marriages. These marriages restore the original family structure, when those who are "Abel," relatively closer to Heaven's side, take on the subject role and the position of the older brother.

Ladies and gentlemen, because I spent my life discovering and disclosing these secrets of Satan, it was inevitable that I would face persecution. At times the suffering was so intense as to be indescribable in words. Now, however, I am victorious over all obstacles. I can therefore declare the Age After the Coming of Heaven, the age when the power of Heaven becomes manifest.

On this foundation, I am building a worldwide Abel-realm that brings together religions and nations representing 78 percent of the current world popu-

lation. To create a corresponding worldwide Cain-realm, I am bringing together all those born with the Mongolian birthmark, which includes some 74 percent of the world's population.

Now these two, the worldwide Abel realm and the worldwide Cain realm, must become one and unite with the Universal Peace Federation, which has been initiated as the Abel sovereignty. To establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, we must transcend religious affiliation and nationality and remove all national boundaries and other barriers. I would like to reiterate that this is the only way humankind will be able to achieve the original ideal of creation. It is our destiny to fulfill this responsibility. By doing so, we will establish the original right of ownership lost by the fall of Adam and Eve.

As you form this new Abel realm, please remember that now you are charged with digesting the Cain realm throughout heaven and earth. By doing so, you will create the conditions to establish the new heaven and new earth, the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, with God's complete authority.

A Project for Peace

Leaders from around the world, let me take the opportunity provided by today's distinguished forum to reiterate the proposal I made for a truly providential and revolutionary project. For the sake of peace and human welfare, and also for building God's fatherland and original hometown, I propose that we build a passage for transit across the Bering Strait, that remnant of Satan's historical division between east and west, and north and south, and where the North American and Russian landmasses are separated.

This passage, which I call the "World Peace King Bridge and Tunnel," will link an international highway system that will allow people to travel on land from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York, across the Bering Strait, connecting the world as a single community.

God is warning us that He will no longer tolerate separation and division. Carrying out this project will bind the world together as one village. It will tear down the manmade walls of race, culture, religion and country, and establish the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world that has been God's cherished desire.

The United States and Russia can become as one. The European Union, China, India, Japan, Brazil and all nations, and also the world's religions, can combine their energies to succeed in this project. The success of this project will be decisive in establishing the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, where people will no longer make war with each other.

Ladies and gentlemen, some may doubt that such a project can be com-

pleted. But where there is a will, there is always a way—especially if it is the will of God.

The science and technology of the twenty-first century render it possible to construct a tunnel under the Bering Strait. The construction costs are also not a problem. Think of how much money the world is wasting on war. Humanity needs to realize that we are committing fearful sins in the presence of history and our descendants.

Let us take one example. How much money has the United States spent on the war in Iraq during the past three years? It is approaching \$200 billion. That budget would be more than enough

earth in agony and regret? Heaven is summoning you to be the wise leaders who will set aright this world of evil and establish a new heaven and new earth, a new culture and an ideal kingdom.

The Universal Peace Federation, which was born through the concerted efforts of those here, represents God's victory, the fruit of the True Parents' blood, sweat and tears, and the world's cherished hope. It will carry out the role of an Abel-type counterpart to the existing United Nations, a new sovereignty for building a realm of universal peace known as Cheon Il Guk. Please bear in mind that you are given the heavenly mission to build God's substantial homeland, which is nothing less than the ideal which God intended at the time of the Creation.

Think of the peacekeeping work of the United Nations. Sometimes it withdrew its forces before the mission was completed. The Korean War was one such example. For this reason, on October 20 in Ukraine, during the world tour of 120 nations inaugurating the Universal Peace Federation, I declared before the world the establishment of the "peace kingdom police force" and the "peace kingdom corps" for the welfare and future of humanity.

These two organizations will safeguard order and peace in the new world. Humanity is still ensnared in the traps of division and self-interest, which are remnants of the Age Before the Coming of Heaven. These two organizations will be the vanguard for educating humanity in true love in the Age After the Coming of Heaven. The purpose of this education will be to create the true individual, true family, true nation, true world and true universe.

I hope that you will put on new "true love armor" in this new age and be wise and brave activists in the universal peace kingdom corps, for the sake of humanity's future.

Please inscribe this warning from Heaven deep in your hearts. Remember that the only way to inherit Heaven's lineage and establish the realm of liberation and complete release is through the Holy Marriage Blessing instituted by the True Parents. Furthermore, the Holy Marriage Blessing provides the means to establish God's ideal family and the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world.

I ask you to devote your best efforts, as the True Parents have, for the development and success of the Universal Peace Federation, and toward creating God's ideal family, ideal nation and the peace kingdom. Please become true princes and princesses who can attend and live together with God, the eternal Peace King and True Parent of humanity. Let us live up to the standard of a true filial child, patriot, saint, and member of the family of God, and create the eternal kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world.

May God's blessings be with you, your families and your nations.

Thank you. ❖



to complete the Bering Strait project.

In this age, war is a most primitive and destructive means of resolving conflict, and will never lead to lasting peace. Now is the time, as the prophet Isaiah taught, to beat our swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks. Humankind should end the perverse cycle of war, which only sacrifices our children's lives and squanders astronomical sums of money. The time has come for the countries of the world to pool their resources and advance toward the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world desired by God, the Master of this great universe.

Ladies and gentlemen, humanity is traveling down a dead-end street. The only way to survive is to practice my teaching: the peace philosophy of true love, true life and true lineage. Now that we have entered the Age After the Coming of Heaven, your good ancestors are activated and the heavenly hosts are sweeping down upon the earth. Soon the countries and peoples that appear strong and mighty will change course and shift in this direction.

Our Mission

I leave you with a choice. There can be no perfection in ignorance. The message from Heaven that I convey to you today is both a blessing and a warning to this generation. I will take the lead in establishing true families, true societies, true nations and a true kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. Will you join me as I rise and gain strength in accordance with heavenly fortune? Or will you remain captive behind the same old walls, all of them Satan's handiwork: the wall of your religion, the wall of your culture, the wall of your nationality and the wall of your race, and spend the remainder of your time on

4th UPF World Tour

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

One hundred and twenty cities in Korea welcomed the Ambassadors for Peace. It was very uplifting and at the same time challenging. Archbishop Stallings traveled to the southern tip of Korea by KTX Train and then local trains for 5 hours from Seoul and 5 hours back that night. Rev. Im was his host. The Korean family poured out their hearts to welcome this historic tour.

My wife and I attended the event with Rev. Mark Abernathy of Georgia. He is a pastor that has suddenly come on fire with ACLC. He has a very substantial ministry in Georgia. A good friend of ACLC Executive Committee Chairman, Rev. Jesse Edwards, he gave a most powerful presentation of the Message for Peace. He testified that True Parents are setting the standard for the direction of young people and all churches and religious people must wake up and realize that we are los-

ing our young people to the ways of the materialistic culture. Father Moon is bringing a reawakening to youth and to families alike that the essence of joy is love and a good balance of spiritual life and successful lifestyles in the world. Strong marriages and fam-



ilies are the key and the True Parents are showing the way through the blessing. He testified that a Christian leader Jesus definitely has anointed Father Moon for this hour. He read the 50

minute address with conviction and heart. It was deeply stirring.

Rev. Gil Ja Eu, Rev. Yu and many other Korean dignitaries were in attendance. This event was packed out at the Marriott Central City.

The next morning we went for our 5 am prayer with True Parents at the Peace Palace and Museum. It was uplifting and Father later said he was inspired that these religious leaders would drop everything to respond to heaven's urgent call. He also said that he was moved by their quality and seriousness. Father said, "From the point of view of normal logic, people think you are crazy to respond to God like this!!" Everyone laughed heartily confirming that this was everyone's experience. Family, friends, colleagues --- all questioned the clergy as to how they could leave for a world tour with three days notice!! All of them in different ways gave the same answer - its a most urgent time

to sacrifice for Peace—God called me!

Father Moon guided all that if we had this group of 120 clergy 20 years ago the world would be completely different now. However, you are here now. This is a day that God has longed for for ages. - The day when religious leaders would unite with the providence of God.

He also stated how serious it was if Christianity could have united after WWII. They should have united totally centering on Jesus and Jesus' call for all to be one. Because they didn't do that Communism rose up. This group is restoring that and today through this unity beyond denominational and racial barriers America can fulfill a new role in history. One in which through the spirit of Jesus we sacrifice for the world and love all people and all religions.

After that we read the spiritual messages from the founders of the World Religions. Father shared clearly to unite the world Christians must love the Muslims, the Jewish people, the Buddhists, the Confucianists and their own

120 Ministers' Declaration at the DMZ

We Ambassadors For Peace, who are religious leaders from the United States, having spoken in 120 cities in America, Japan and the Republic of Korea on the need to build a world in which all differences are peacefully resolved have come to the Demilitarized Zone to pray and call for peace in this land where so much blood has been shed in the past 100 years.

The Korean people have suffered through colonization, division and war. Today Korea not only remains divided but is a flashpoint of tension and conflict which could lead to the outbreak of another war that would affect all Asia and the world.

The present situation cannot continue; no one will benefit from this heightened tension. In war, all would be losers. We call upon the United Nations and particularly the major powers - the United States, Japan, China and Russia - to work together constructively for the sake of building permanent peace in the peninsula.

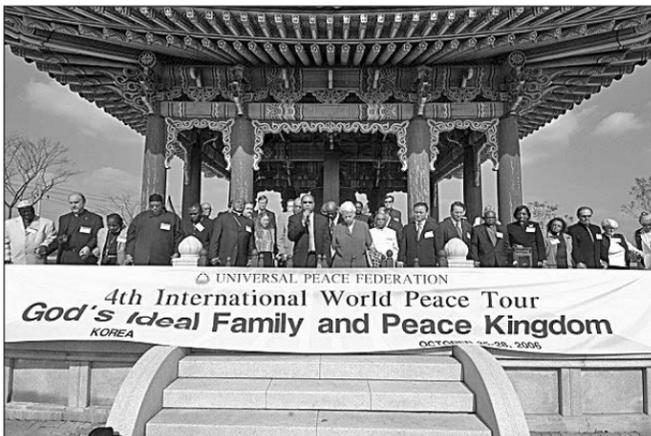
In UPF's peace building efforts, we keep in mind the two core principles common to all the great religions that guide our work: The principle of true love - of living for the sake of others - and the principle of unification that calls us to seek mutual understanding, respect, harmony and cooperation between people of diverse races, religions, nationalities, cultures and world-views.

Of all the major powers, the U.S. is perhaps the best positioned to solve the problem of North Korea. It must do so in strong unity with South Korea and Japan. We American religious leaders voice our concerns and recommendations especially to our own government because of the indispensable role

it plays.

1. We must treat North Korea with dignity. America must ultimately relate to North Korea with a heart of respect, not contempt. This is the example that was personally set by UPF's Founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, when he visited North Korea in 1991.

2. We advocate an approach of firmness and engagement, coupled with fairness, rather than disengagement and confrontation. A policy of confrontation risks pushing North Korea to the



brink, with destruction to the entire Korean peninsula as the unintended consequence.

3. The ultimate goal should be peace, prosperity and freedom for the entire Korean peninsula. We propose the U.S. promote change through participation and engagement, rather than confrontation, for the survival of the Korean peninsula

4. The United States should prioritize its issues in addressing them to the North. By making multiple demands at the same time, North Korea may only reason that our overwhelming pressures are intended to cause their system to collapse. Let us first solve the nuclear issue. Then the U.S. can more effectively and naturally deal with other vital issues including human rights.

5. The U.S. should adopt a policy of embracing both Koreas. In this post-Cold War era, China has relations with each Korea. America should also have relations and influence with both Koreas. America needs to retain a strong presence in East Asia. Normalizing our relations with North Korea will in fact help prevent the North from pursuing its ambition of overrunning or causing upheaval in the South. U.S. help in the improvement of North Korea's overall position will also serve to improve North Korean human rights.

6. We also support the presidential appointment of a Special Envoy to North Korea who will enjoy the full authority and confidence of the President to build trust and understanding between our two very different nations and political systems. We believe that North Korea earnestly desires senior-level engagement with the United States, and that as trust is built, friendship can grow, resulting in normalized relations. In the end, with sufficient trust with the U.S., and the resulting sense of security, the North is very likely to fully denuclearize in a verifiable and irreversible manner.

7. To establish a greater trust, the United States should engage North Korea in a wide-ranging manner, including through athletic, cultural, and academic exchange, as well as through provision of necessary humanitarian aid, and technical assistance to enable the North to feed itself, power its homes and industries, and build a stronger economy so it can benefit from the region's prosperity. The Universal Peace Federation has exemplified this approach with North Korea over the last 15 years.

8. We support United Nations Security Council resolution 1718, unanimously approved on October 14, 2006. But beyond international sanctions,

earnest and constructive efforts at dialogue and engagement are needed to permanently resolve this crisis. We support this week's efforts by Secretary General-designate Ban Ki-moon to visit the regional powers and seek ways the United Nations can play a more vital role in coordinating a peaceful approach to this problem.

9. We emphasize the importance of an interreligious council that will help focus on the values of dignity, respect for all people, and a firm belief in absolute principles of goodness that surpass all human frailties.

10. We call for an international peace conference of scholars and world leaders, with representatives from both North and South Korea.

11. UPF Founder Rev. Dr. Moon is highly respected by many in South and North Korea, and his principles of Korean unification widely acknowledged as the best solution for Korea. Inspired by his principles, the UPF and its affiliates have long been in the forefront of facilitating peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula. Since the emergence of the first North Korean nuclear crisis in 1991, UPF's affiliate, the Summit Council, played an important behind the scenes role in encouraging the U.S. and North Korea to begin high-level dialogue that was previously non-existent.

12. Rather than continue to discuss the "Axis of Evil," let us create an "Axis of Peace," which should include the U.S., South Korea, Japan, and other nations willing to join. We call for former President George H. W. Bush and former President Clinton to unite together, as they did after the December 2004 Asian tsunami and again after last year's Hurricane Katrina in the U.S.. They should be empowered by the President to work towards bringing about a permanent peaceful resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue that will safeguard the entire Korean peninsula.❖

in Korea and Japan

denominations. Without that there can never be peace. We cannot just tolerate. We have to see others as part of our family.

The atmosphere was very deep and then Father lightened it up. He asked Rev. Kwak to sing. He sang the "Way of the Pioneer" Hyun Jin Nim sang "If I could Dream" by Elvis then Hyung



Jin Nim and True Mother sang. Everyone was on cloud 9.

The religious leaders, Christians, Jews and Muslims were moved. We were invited to a beautiful breakfast and Dae Mo Nim came and served. True Mother went down early to prepare the breakfast for the 120 Ambassadors for Peace. There was so much love there. We were melted.

From there we went to Im Jin Gak at the DMZ and prayed for peace. We released 120 Doves in prayer and the Universal Peace Federation Statement was delivered by Archbishop Stallings. The Clergy called for the President Bush to appoint President Clinton and President George H.W. Bush as a special Presidential envoy to reduce tensions by engaging Pyong Yang directly. (With the same spirit with which they represented Americas heart to help the world during the Tsunami disaster.

The clergy called for "loving ones enemy" and treating all nations, particularly North Korea with dignity and respect. The Clergy also called for an "Axis of Peace" to be created in the region. The event was widely covered by Korean Newspapers and Television and the Internet. The clergy brought the message of Father Moon to the DMZ.

The next day we were special guests at the World Peace Queen Cup tournament in which 8 International Women's Soccer Teams competed. The line up included, America, Canada, Brazil, Korea and many others. We saw the opening and the first game between Korea and Brazil. We were treated as guests of honor. It was exciting.

We concluded with our fellowship and testimonies last night. Dr. Yang shared deeply concerning God's heartfelt appreciation for the Religious Leaders and their sacrifice. Archbishop Stallings encouraged the clergy as to their DIVINE role and historic position



to open the way for peace as Ambassadors for Peace. Korea and Japan did a magnificent job. It is on to London now!

We are building momentum and strength as we trace the footsteps of our True Parents and True Family on three world tours. The Fourth World Tour of the Universal Peace Federation has secured the victory in Korea, Japan and America. Father, Mother and Elder Son. Now it is on to bring true love to all the nations of the world.

Japan

The Japanese UPF meticulously organized events in 120 Cities in Japan. As if prophets of the Old Testament went out to each and every mountain, 120 prophetic voices resonated with the hearts of the Japanese people. All want to see peace. It was a beautiful sight to see clergy from every denomination and race going by train, air and

even ferry to cities of all sizes throughout Japan. Archbishop Stallings spoke at a large event in Tokyo with 1,200 delegates. Father and Mother Moon watched his delivery by Web Cast and we heard that they were very pleased. Bishop Stallings pronunciation of Cheon Il Guk and other Korean terms was excellent. Father got so inspired he added more content to the speeches from the ministers. One minister said to Bishop Stallings, "Well you did so well with your Korean that Father Moon thought we should bring on more terms." The new text had a few more new terms, such as Pyong Yang, Sygman Rhee and Cheon Jeong Goong.

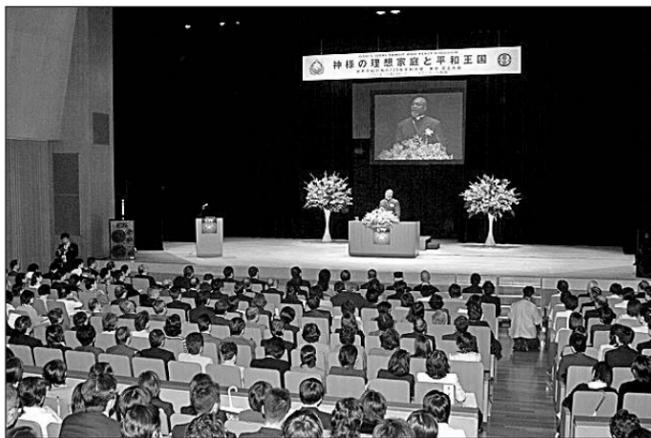
Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, Professor Emeritus of Garrett Theological Seminary went to Kyushu in the south. Rev. Harold White of True Light Baptist church gave the message in a Buddhist temple. Pastor Robert, an Apostolic Pastor, went to a Shinto Shrine. All gave the message of Peace. Dignitaries,

Mayors, Congressmen and many other key leaders from Japan attended. The excitement in the Japanese Movement was truly sincere and from the heart. Never before in the history of Japan had there been such an occasion in which 120 religious leaders went out to Japan as representatives of True Parents in 120 cities to say from Amer-

ica - "We love you Japan. We want to be strong friends together and build a culture of peace. We also thank you for the thousands of missionaries you sent to America to help us bring the Blessing to our families and Unity to our Churches. We pray that war will be no more!"

In Korea the welcome was deep and profound. At the welcoming banquet Dr. Chang Shik Yang Chairman of the US Region of UPF was the Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak gave a message of welcome and the significance of the event. Rev. Sun Jo Hwang offered the opening prayer and welcome. Every major leader of the Korean UPF movement was there including Dr. Lan Young Moon the Chairman of the Women's Federation for World Peace International.

120 Clergy were paired with 120



translators and 120 host pastors. We conducted a sisterhood/ brotherhood ceremony in which they signed documents of friendship. Rev. Marion Bennet of the Methodist Church of Las Vegas and Bishop Pugh, Presiding Bishop of Christ Alive Ministries in Atlanta were the representatives of the group to join their Korean counterparts on the stage for the signing.

Archbishop Stallings proclaimed that we were here to spread the "Message of Peace" and to embrace Korea and pray for the peaceful reunification of Korea.

In the morning 120 Christian clergy went out with their Korean brothers and sisters - many with no common language. The clergy went as far south as Yeosu and Cheju and on to Pusan. All in one day!!! Crowds of 100 - 1,000 gathered in each location to see the phenomenon of Christian leaders who were totally united with the spirit, work and message of the True Parents - the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. Many in the audience cried as there had been a history of great

persecution from Christianity in Korea toward the Moon movement. However, on this day the Christians who had come were totally on one accord. Urgent to bring prayer and peace to the DMZ; Urgent to bring a message of Love from America; Urgent to bring the spirit of

spiritual support. The Holy Spirit has moved in a massive way upon Christians in America and they more and



more are coming to accept True Parents as the ones anointed by Jesus to fulfill the work of the second coming. There were many impossible situations. Many. Yes, there was a delegation that picked up Rev. Debra Lojmadere and drove away only to find she was the wrong one. She was blond just like her colleague Rev. Kotulek so the host thought she was the same. Oh well, this only proves that only God and the Holy Spirit could make this high-speed operation a great success. Not one pastor missed their event.

All were overwhelmed by the love and respect the Korean people showed for our Pastors. Rev. Abernathy was in a large event in Central City at the Marriott. He proclaimed that Father Moon's message is the one that can make enemies come together. It is the message that can turn the youth to God. "Are you with me he asked?" The crowd roared, "NEY" meaning, "Yes." Then he delivered the address that Father Moon gave throughout the world that proclaiming only through a Blessed Family that has the Lineage of heaven can peace be achieved. Only through a True Family can we see our families become the dwelling place of God and the root of the Kingdom of Heaven. Pastor Abernathy, a Pastor of the Apostolic Faith of Christian Life Fellowship was magnificent. He is a rising star in the ACLC movement. Korea is on fire with the spirit of True Parents and with the hope that the religious leaders understand that God has anointed, appointed and approved True Parents as the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace. ❖



UPF 4th World Peace

The international tour of religious leaders, clergy and Ambassadors for Peace moved on to the European leg, November 1, starting with the United Kingdom. Everyone came right off of the airplane directly to our UPF headquarters in London at Lancaster Gate. The delegates were a little weary after yet another transcontinental flight, but in high spirits.

After a welcoming banquet, the British Clergy Leadership Conference, represented by Rev. Marshall DaSouza, Rev. Abbey George and Rev. Dr. Paul Adams welcomed the group. "We never dreamed such a day would come," they said, "This is a day of great importance for England."

In response, Rev. Robert Pyle of the Church of the Brethren said, "We move together and we are gaining power from nation to nation. The Message of Father Moon that we are delivering has profound contents that have the power to bring unity." Another US clergyman, Rev. Roach testified, "I want you to know that the clergy and Ambassadors for Peace are very serious about Father Moon's mission and work in the world. There is no one else that has ever sent a delegation of religious leaders, Muslims, Christians and Jews as Ambassadors for Peace."

The next day we events were held in 40 cities throughout the United Kingdom. Archbishop George Stallings was the keynote speaker at the main event in London. A noted heart surgeon, Dr. Khan gave the opening remarks. "I believe t the Ambassadors for Peace movement of Rev. Moon will transform the world," he said. Khan went on to report the encouragement he had received from the leadership and commitment of Sir James Mancham, Founding President of Seychelles and Chair of the UPF's Global Peace Council. "Sir James told me that if we as Ambassadors for Peace in 200 nations now double our efforts in 2007 we will see the world turn upside down," he said.

Another event was held at the Harrow Borough Football Club Hall in Middlesex. It is connected to the Earlsmead Stadium, home of a semi-pro team that creates stars for the full professionals such as Tottenham Hotspur - one of the most famous teams in Europe and Champions of last years FIFA-endorsed Peace Cup in Korea. Michael Jenkins delivered the message of peace. Many in the audience had been to Israel with MEPI and had met with Sheikh Kiwan and Father Hatoum in the Nazareth area

Finally, all the Ambassadors for Peace went to the clinic to get Yellow Fever shots in preparation for the visit to Africa.

These are excerpts from the reports received so far.

England

A Welcoming Banquet was held by European Region One of the Universal Peace Federation last night in London. I had gone on ahead to prepare and Archbishop Stallings arrived as the leader of the 40 member clergy delegation. He literally took care of the whole

group. He saved several delegates from losing their luggage and basically made sure everyone "made it" safely. David Franklin and Peter Staudinger made sure every detail was organized.

Everyone came right off of the airplane directly to our UPF headquarters in London at Lancaster Gate. The delegates were a little weary but we began with song. Many clergy of the British Clergy Leadership Conference were in attendance and there was a great spirit of revival and inspiration. When you think about it, the religious history of England and America are so deeply tied



together. The Baptists came from England to America, John and George Wesley started the Methodist church from England which thrives to this day in America (my heritage is Methodist) and of course Rev. George Whitfield, the great evangelist that unified the "spirit" of the Colonies just before the revolutionary war came from this great land. I am sure they were all with us last night at Lancaster Gate.

Rev. and Mrs. Song, European Region One Chairman of UPF read the book of Revelation 19:11-16. Rev. Song then proclaimed you are the Peace armies that are going around the world clothed in White Clothes. You are the Peace Ambassadors going with the authority of heaven - you will revive Europe and change the World with True Parents! Everyone jumped to their feet with excitement.

Rev. Tim Reed National Chairman of UPF guided us through the evening of testimonies, song and fellowship. The younger generation provided Scottish bagpipes and Irish dance. The meal was beautifully prepared with great care and love at Lancaster Gate. The Clergy were uplifted. Our brother, Bernard of Bromley, got up with his daughter and blew the roof off with (what else would you think in the United Kingdom)—the Beatles. However,

he and his daughters are professionals. What a powerful spirit. The songs that were chosen were all so meaningful. "It's a long long road... Imagine...." The best and most inspirational music, how did the clergy respond? They started dancing. It was a spirit filled evening.

Another highlight was Rev. Marshall Desousa, Rev. Abbey George and Rev. Dr. Paul Adams. The British Clergy Leadership Conference grew from collaboration with Bishop Stallings, Rev. Daugherty and our ACLC clergy. They have become quite strong here and Rev. Adams and Rev. George totally embraced the clergy and say that we never dreamed such a day would come. We are so inspired by this fellowship and this movement. This is a day of glory for England and the work of the church.

Rev. Roach testified, "When I heard the call I knew I had to let someone else handle my church. It was the call of God!" Rev. Robert Pyle of the Church of the Brethren, a white pastor testified, "We move together and we are gaining power from nation to nation. The Message of Father Moon that we are delivering has profound contents that have the power to unify the body of Christ. We are brining unity. It is the by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Rev. Carolyn Sion said, "Many said I couldn't go on this trip. I said if God wants me to go I am going. I came with that heart and spirit and I see the glory of God revealed as we bring love and truth to this world.

The next day we went to 40 cities throughout the United Kingdom. It was a glorious day.

Archbishop Stallings was the keynote speaker at the event in London. Mr. Robin Marsh was the mc. Rev. Tim Read and his wife officiated the blessing. Dr. Khan a noted heart surgeon gave the opening remarks saying how he really truly believes that the Ambassadors for Peace movement of Rev. Moon will transform the world. He testified to the conference on the Mongolian Federation that he just attended and how much he was inspired

by the leadership and commitment of Sir John Mancham, Founding President of Seychelles.

Rev. Jenkins spoke being able to clarify that the United Kingdom is one of the nations chosen by God and when we look at the religious history so much of what became the spiritual underpinnings of America came from the Protestant movement in England. We must become one and realize there is a greater power than weapons.

ALBANIA

Our main event was on Nov. 2 in "Tirana International Hotel" located in the middle of our capital city, Tirana. The event was really wonderful! There were around 220 participants, and among them were 70 Ambassadors for Peace--seven were appointed that night.

Rev. George Stalling started with testimony about Mother Teresa and shared

his personal experience which he had with her. He didn't know that she was Albanian so far. He felt, her spirit was present during the event. After testimony he read speech very enthusiastically. During Blessing Ceremony everything went so smoothly and it overhelmed people's heart. People liked it so much and in the end they rushed to take pictures with Rev. George Stalling and made long queue to get signatures from him. One of the new appointed AFP sang for the pleasure of all. During dinner time Rev. George Stallings shared that the meeting in Albania was the best since after Japanese event.

Tirana's Center Event: The speech was given by Rev. Margret Bocanegra. The event hall, our Tirana city center, was full. There were mostly students. Unfortunately we didn't have electricity. We are sure it is only Albanian situation. We put many candles and the situation became more familiar and with a warm atmosphere. When Rev. Margaret Bocanegra was giving speech first she said wow, it is really holy!!! She was so happy because audience was such young and with an enthusiastic response. Also the Blessing Ceremony was very good guided by young blessed couple. We really felt full of Holy Spirit during event.

Elbasan: The main speaker in the event in Elbasan was Rev. Fermin Bocanegra. The Rev. Bocanegra was welcomed by audience very enthusiastic, maybe because most of the participants were students. During dinner time he shared that now he understands why True Parents sent them to this world speaking tour. It is because they could have marvelous experience through content of speech, blessing ceremonies and many different audiences. He was so much moved by Albanian's such warm welcoming hearts.

Shkodra: The program started with some instrumental music which was performed by three professors from Art school of Shkodra city. They were invited by Mr. Paulin Selimi (one of our AFP), who also gave the welcoming speech. After that the Rabbi, Mark Waldmann, started his speech by giving first the blessing to all of participants' according to Judaism style. It was very special ceremony and all audience attended it carefully and with curiosity. He shared with the audience that he was very happy because Albania was the only country that saved Jewishesses during the Second World War. And for this he was grateful and he would like to say Amen! On his message he was very joyful and he transmitted it with action in this way people could have his attention. We nominated three new AFP.

Blessing ceremony was guided by our AFP, Ferid and Elsa Kola. He could talk directly to all audience to start a new determination to build a strong family based in true love and to give their contribution building a world of peace. There was given a special gift to the Rabbi Waldmann, offered and made by Mr. Ferid Kola. Mr. Waldman was very happy that he could give the True Parents message in such a warm atmosphere.

Peace Tour in Europe

BULGARIA

The preparation for the event was hectic. There were many tasks to be done—translations, preparing invitations, shopping for the event, meetings with Peace Ambassadors to explain the meaning of the tour, inviting new guests, etc. The date of the event came unnoticeably.

At both events we had inspiring sharing from our Peace Ambassadors about their impressions from True Father. Prof. Kalchev shared an experience that touched all of us. "I have been to many different conferences and have met many prominent world leaders", he started his sharing and mentioned names of dignitaries from around the world he had had the chance to meet personally and even share thoughts and ideas with them. "Yet, nothing can be compared with the intensity, straightforwardness and cordial reception that I have experienced on different occasions in my meetings with Rev. Moon."

Then he shared how warm and natural was the atmosphere in True Parents home in America and how joyfully very different people could enjoy the time together. "But there was one very special experience of which I still think a lot. It was at one of the conferences of IIFWP. We were listening to Rev. Moon. But suddenly he stopped talking and there followed long silence. The silence was so long that it became a bit awkward. The people next to me were wondering if Father Moon has felt ill and what's going to happen after that. The closest people to Rev. Moon tried to offer him water, but he wouldn't move a bit from the podium. The silence was too long to bear. Rev. Kwak went out on the stage and was just about to start reading when Father Moon pushed him aside and he continued himself. And as he continued he stopped briefly and said, 'Many of you may wonder why I stopped my speech so suddenly. Probably, you think that I am ill. Actually I am OK. I just now had a meeting with God.' saying this Father Moon was so serious and so natural, that it seemed so, then he added 'When God comes to me, I cannot but keep silent and listen carefully what God wants to tell me, then I cannot speak. Remember that you witnessed my meeting with God.' I still think a lot about this experience and I believe what he said. He is such an extraordinary man. It seems that God is really working with him in a special way." All were impressed by what prof. Kalchev shared—both members and guests.

Other peace Ambassadors also had their sharing during the event.

The keynote speakers were welcomed cordially. They could touch the heart of our guests. Rev. Betty Tatalajski being able to communicate with the spiritual world enlivened us by making interesting comments about how the spirit world is and how important is Father Moon's message because he speaks in such a real and concrete way about the spiritual reality. She also shared many from her own experiences in Middle East Peace Initiatives and the Peace Ambassadors visits and efforts for peace at the DMZ in Korea.

After the meeting an evangelical pas-

tor was moved by what he heard and wanted to have a heart to heart prayer with our guests. We did pray together. This pastor is a precious man – together with his wife they take care of many gypsy children, educating them in moral values and encouraging them to become good citizens. Rev. Tatalajski shared with him about the historic and spiritual role of the gypsy people as she had deeply realized it from her own experiences.

These pastors from America turned out to have really deep understanding about Father and very sincere desire to cooperate with him and to work together with him. This very fact was of very deep inspiration for our members here in Bulgaria.

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Our main event in Prague started with a beautiful piano presentation by our 2nd generation Benjamin Lajda (11 years old). There was a very warm feeling from the people gathered. Our guest speaker Mrs. Rev. Marilyn Kotulek was very well received. She testified about her recent experiences with our movement, especially her trip to Israel with MEPI, where she met a very wonderful Jewish lady, with whom she made sisterhood and is working on various peace projects. She believes that God asked her to do this tour and to testify about being an Ambassador for Peace. She testified how she feels that God is with us, when we work as one in Christ. We thanked her for standing up for True Parents as a Christian minister. Her husband is from the Czech Republic with an American passport. She expressed her great joy to be able to serve the country of her husband's roots through this occasion.

To our surprise during the flow of the event Rev. Jenkins walked into the room. He had missed his connection flight to Sarajevo and was redirected to Prague. This was a great blessing for all of us, as he was reading Father's speech with such a great spirit. He also made a few passionate comments thanking a few times the Czech members for hosting his son Miken, who was here last year on STF and could find God in the Czech Republic.

Our Ambassadors for Peace and our guests were all overwhelmed by this wonderful evening and joined us later for a short sightseeing in the city of Prague.

Rumburk: Rev. Henry Coaxum is a bishop at the New Jerusalem Church of God and Christ in New York City. Together with Alena Disha and Vlada Panek we drove to Rumburk a city next to the German border.

Bishop Henry Coaxum knows the Unification Church since the 90's and he is deeply convinced that True Parents are the True Parents of all mankind. He gave his testimony on how God spoke to him about the tour three months before

Father Moon announced the tour. He explained why the Christian churches are still in darkness, expecting Jesus to come on the clouds. He went on to describe how God's spirit works in us and how the spirit of the antichrist operates.

Everybody listened intensively and did not want to go home, wanting to know more about the spiritual world and how he is communicating with God. The program finished late and we drove back to Prague through fresh snow.

Ceske Budejovice: Rev. Carolyn Parker came to Ceske Budejovice. Because of the delay of her flight Mrs. Parker could only arrive shortly before the start of the event. Even so Mrs. Parker was very tired from her trip she gave so much love and inspiration. The atmosphere was warm and the participants mainly students felt good especially about the blessing ceremony where eternal loyalty as a couple is expressed.

We managed the reading of the speech and had a prayer in a circle holding each others hands. It was a moving conclusion of the evening. Everybody

the centre. Now she can experience and feel a new dimension of love, the universal love which breaks all barriers and is taught by True Father. She shared about the interracial vision of True Father and how the roots of her denomination are close to True Father's vision and teaching. She also mentioned how she studied Divine Principle very deeply and closely.

It took her more than seventy minutes to read True Father's speech but people kept following attentively. At the end of the program, which concluded with the Blessing and cheers of ok-mansei, we freely shared about True Father's heart who never wants to miss any opportunity to give love and embrace everybody.

We are so grateful that Rev. Julia Horton could come to Pilsen to bring True Father's words and thank you to all brothers and sisters from Pilsen for organizing this event.

Denmark

Three pastors from America went to Denmark as part of the fourth World Peace Tour: Byron Filus, Carlos Manuel Torres and Carolyn Sion. Coming from big events in Korea, Japan and England, they adjusted well to a smaller nation and smaller setting.

The weather changed remarkably with their arrival. October had been mild and warm, but the new month began with cold temperatures and snow. Strong winds shut down bridges and delayed flights.

Two local Christian ministers had lunch with the visiting Americans. The American ministers described the moving experiences they had in Japan and Korea and suggested to the local pastors that they start meeting for prayer breakfast. Local ministers were impressed by the interdenominational spirit of the American pastors and their readiness to change their busy schedule in response to Rev. Moon's invitation to spread the message to the world.

About 50 people came to the main event, including four ministers. Rev. Carolyn Sion read the speech with a strong spirit and heart, adding her encouragement to follow Rev. Moon's example of responding to Jesus' call. "If we don't speak the word of God, it is not the word of God," she said. "It only exists when it is shared." She asked one person to stand beside her while she was talking about how people build walls around them and stop talking to each other. "The core teaching of Rev. Moon is about tearing down these walls by practicing true love," she concluded.

The program opened with the Bramsen family (mother and two daughters) singing "Santa Lucia," and Sibeal Gubser singing a song about peace. At the end of the program everyone sang "Amazing Grace" together. The audience was moved by the charismatic spirit that Carolyn Sion brought. One person said, "This is the first time in the 20 years since I came to Denmark that I suddenly feel a longing for America."

The two other meetings were held in homes. Karsten and Hisami Nielsen hosted Rev. Carlos Torres, a minister and teacher from California who gave

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liked it.

Even the event was small it was a wonderful evening. I would like to thank Ivan Vodicka. Without his help I couldn't do anything and Michal Zatloukal for his wonderful translation work.

Pilsen: Rev. Julia Horton spoke. Guests were warmly welcomed by music played by two of our brothers. Everybody joined happily in the Holy Juice ceremony. Mrs. Brunhilde D'Alberti, National Messiah for the Czech Republic, read Rev. Kwak's key note address followed by a video presentation introducing UPF and the works of Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

Our main speaker Rev. Julia Horton from Marietta in Georgia is a Pastor of the Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ. Even though her trip was very tiring we could see that she came to give God's word with the heart of our True Parents. She spoke a lot about love and how four generations in her family served as pastors to the community. In her family love and service to others is and was always in

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the keynote address and his personal testimony to God's work and his response to the divine call. He talked about what he called 'reading between the lines' of the speech. Rev. Torres filled the intimate setting with a spirit of dedication and love.

Thomas and Gertrud Vad hosted Rev. Byron Filus, who talked about Father Moon going a similar course as Jesus, forgiving his enemies as Jesus did.

Finland

A typically Finnish winter cold welcomed the seven USA clergy with snow on 1st November. They arrived together at the Helsinki airport in the early afternoon. One retired Lutheran bishop also welcomed them with us. We went to the hotel at first and had lunch together. Even though we met each other for the first time, we felt that we were brothers and sisters. Each event coordinator explained to his/her clergy about the event.

In Finland we had seven events and those events were held at almost the same time. Five events were in Helsinki, one in Espoo and one in Heinola where it took one and a half hours from Helsinki. Each event was unique, organized by two or three families. The events were held at our National HQ, Lutheran Church Ecumenical center, local community centers and in private homes.

Because American clergy came this time, we could invite religious leaders and members from Christian groups such as Mother Teresa community, a Lutheran pastor's daughter, a representative from evangelical Church, Islamic community leaders, and a Buddhist nun. Our guests could enjoy the events because those clergy were very powerful to convey the message of Peace.

Minister Amar Nath Gupta testified about his personal cancer having been healed at Cheongpyeong, and about his experience with Mahatma Gandhi. Minister Gupta said Gandhi taught people to go beyond religion and with a deep spirit of love to embrace one's enemy; that this is also Rev. Moon's message at this time. Rev. Carolyn Parker mentioned that she got an invitation to participate in the Tour just four days before the starting of the Tour. She said that she was sure the message was true and came from God and had no hesitation to answer the call.

In addition, Rev. Lauri Oinonen, a Parliament Member, sent his welcoming message to the American clergy, regretting the fact that he was not in Helsinki and could not attend the event.

GERMANY

BERLIN: The weather forecast had predicted cloudy and rainy weather. However, the sun came out beautifully in the morning, as if God would smile on Berlin. God was right, it became a very joyful day. It started when we picked up President Song and our guest, the Reverend Augustus Stalling, from the airport. How excited the Reverend became when we showed him parts of the city of Berlin. Especially when he saw a remnant of the Berlin wall he

became so moved and said: "All of this Father Moon had predicted already so many years ago", almost getting tears in his eyes. He had gotten up already 3 o'clock in the morning to catch an early flight from Albania. So he was happy to have a short rest, while we rushed with President Song to the oldest Mosque in Germany, where our friend and Peace Ambassador Imam Neef and Amir Herzog were waiting for us. We were very happy when our second guest arrived as well in time from Budapest, the Reverend Yousef.

It was impressive when we entered together with several Muslims into this Holy Place. I felt how much God and our True Parents love the Muslims as they are ready now to open their sacred

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beautiful address of Dr. Preusser-Franke, representing the Jewish faith, who testified about her overwhelming visit to the Peace Palace in Korea. Of course, both of them could not keep the given five minutes; too much God wanted to express through them.

Then everybody was happy to hear the powerful voices from Africa praising the Lord Jesus. We became one family of God, representing all faiths, because there was also a representative of the Buddhist congregation.

The smile of the morning sun continued and became even bigger, when everybody joined into the precious ceremonies True Parents had installed:

the burning ceremony and the Holy Juice Ceremony. The spirit was so high, that there was no strange atmosphere, when we conducted them, rather we understood deeper how God wants to restore mankind back to his lineage

It was significant for Berlin that our Continental director President Song addressed the audience as well, underlining the significance of the German capital.

With all this input we were already more than 30 minutes late and I started to wonder if the audience could bear another 50 minutes speech from the Reverend Stallings. But my worries quickly disappeared. The Reverend Stallings spoke with so much vigour and enthusiasm. It seemed not that he was reading the speech of Reverend Moon; rather it felt these were his own words given to him by the Almighty God. The words became alive to the extent that one of our Moslem friends testified that even though he doesn't know English, it seemed to him he could understand it suddenly. No, the time went so quickly, even the teenagers

stayed so attentively in the room. Thank you, Rev. Stallings, for your wonderful presentation! This gave hope to everybody, especially to brothers and sisters, as we realized what great people are supporting our True Parents!

We could appoint seven new Peace Ambassadors this evening. This was a total success for the Berlin community! Thank you all brothers and sisters in Berlin.

BONN: To our surprise we received a phonecall from Peter Staudinger of the European office asking if we could arrange for our visiting pastor Patricia Slabaugh a yellow fever immunisation since she would be continuing the tour in Africa. It was very hard to find a doctor and a practice that would do it on a Friday evening. But finally we got an appointment at 6:30 pm, exactly the time the event was scheduled to start. Would she be able to speak at all just a few minutes after the vaccination?

We were impressed how calm Mrs. Slabaugh took the news after her long journey from Sofia, Bulgaria. She didn't leave any doubt about how much she was united with her mission to pass on the message "God's ideal family and the Peace Kingdom": "I want to deliver the speech as well as possible, the way

Rev. Moon is doing it".

When Patricia came into the centre after the vaccination she was beaming: "It was the best shot I got in my life. I didn't feel anything!" With that an unforgettable evening began.

She explained that in the beginning she didn't want to have anything to do with the Rev. Moon, although she felt the urgent call to participate in the Middle East Peace Initiative. But when her main pastor Betty (of the Temple of Universality) reminded her of the principles of the universalists she took part in the MEPI. By now she has visited Israel and Palestine as many as seven times and will continue to do so.

After the main programme, many participants surrounded Patricia. She explained in an impressive way why she thinks Rev. Moon is the only one who can bring world peace at this time in history surpassing all single interests. She also expressed her respect for the members of the Unification Movement by telling about the many personal encounters she had had with them on this tour and at other occasions.

We were very moved by what she told about her experiences in Israel and Palestine. Only if our deeds are motivated by love, not by fear, will they lead us to peace.

DÜSSELDORF: After extensive preparation for the event, the great day, November 3rd, came closer. Bishop Henry Coaxum and Rev. Mike Jenkins as a special guest arrived in Düsseldorf. Because it is a regular church building, holding around 300 seats, we asked the Dutch movement to support us in attending the event. So, altogether around 80 people came for this special program.

Everything had been prepared and we started the program with a couple of praise and worship songs guided by their Assistant Pastor Daniel. The Invocation (Opening Prayer) and the Reading from the Holy Scriptures set us up for a testimony of Bishop Coaxum to our True Parents as the Lord of the Second Coming, being the body of Christ, as each one of us is called to become the body of Christ. Bishop Richard Aidoo mentioned to Rev. Jenkins: That's like a revelation to me. Immediately, Bishop Coaxum had been asked to preach at the upcoming Sunday Service - but as we know, each night a different city in a different nation.

Being already on fire for the Lord, Rev. Jenkins read Father's speech with such a passionate heart and several explanations, introducing the spirit of Father behind the message. Bishop Aidoo from New Life Fellowship sitting beside me, told me: Werner, I like his message.

Next, we put the Holy Wine Ceremony, the Holy Water Ceremony and the Burning Ceremony in one block after the speeches. We concluded the evening with the beautiful hymn "Amazing Grace", holding hands with one another. Myself, as the MC of the evening, offered a final prayer for peace and reconciliation.

After the service, one member of New Life Fellowship said that she had been guided by God to attend this World Tour and that her heart got filled with the Holy Spirit. This young lady even asked



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for videos of our movement.

Not mentioning a few obstacles with the technical and organisational preparation, I would say:

It has been a great success and our Heavenly Father once again worked in mysterious ways.

GIESSEN: We had a wonderfully warm event in our center in Linden, Giessen. Rev. Kelly gave an honest testimony to his appreciation of Father Moon's work, about how after some hesitation he came to hear about and take part in it and how it is anointed by God.

He read Fathers speech powerfully and with conviction. At the end of the event we were inspired to sing a couple of Christian songs in English together which really inspired him.

Our brother Peter Valenta stood up and expressed his feeling of an impossible dream coming true! A Christian Minister coming to us and teaching us Fathers Words!! Rev. Kelly then expressed his heartfelt appreciation of all those following Father Moon and what a unique love he experiences in every community of his followers that he meets. Wherever he goes in the world our atmosphere of love is the same, he emphasised how unique this movement is, we are!

FRANKFURT: Rabbi Mordehi Waldman came to Frankfurt together with his wife Susan Jean Will Waldmann. While Mordehi is an Orthodox Rabbi, his wife is of Lutheran faith. Both were blessed in marriage by True Parents.

In the afternoon, we visited the Jewish community in Mainz, a city famous for great Jewish scholars in the past. We were received by the President of the community, who was very interested, of course, in the Rabbi and his connections with the Federation for World Peace. Rabbi Waldmann testified to how he met his wife and was blessed by Rabbi Moon (at this point the lady president looked at me quite startled and I had to explain that Waldman bestowed this title on Dr. Moon out of respect and reference and that, of course, he is not a real rabbi).

During the evening event in Schmitten, we had close to 40 participants, 6 of whom were new guests and 4 STF members. Before the event, Rabbi Waldman lightened the traditional Shabbat candles and distributed Matze, the unleavened bread to be eaten on the Shabbat. Before reading the speech, he testified again to his connection with the movement and the greatness of "Rabbi Moon" and shared about his miraculous survival after having cancer and his matching with his new wife. He then called the angels to support the event with his ceremonial Jewish horn and chanted some traditional Hebrew liturgy, which gave the event a solemn character. He then proceeded to read the "holy words of Father Moon" in full length with great vigor and theatrical expressions, captivating his audience from the first to the last word. Our guests - and we ourselves - were amazed that such a through-and-through Jewish rabbi was connected so deeply in heart with Father Moon and his vision of world peace through overcoming all boundaries, even of race and religion. It was a miracle!

Our musical programme included

some traditional Jewish songs, which caused Rabbi Waldman to remark that he felt like being in his synagogue back home in Michigan. The event concluded with the performance of our HARP youth band SOM ("Sons of Moon"). The music inspired the Rabbi to dance with some of the ladies, which he did very well since, to our surprise, he is also a disco dance teacher!

The next morning we brought him and his wife to the airport. Right there, just before entering the security check, he gave us a last blessing, putting his hands on our head and singing loud (and to everybody else's amazement) his blessing in Hebrew and English. Then he turned around and quickly moved into the security area. - That was quite an experience. All of us were reminded of how much our own Christian heritage and occidental culture are actually rooted in Judaism of the ancient times.

The program was entitled "4th World Peace Tour Universal Peace Federation (UPF), In Service for Peace and Dialogue." Two Pastors from the Hermannsburg Mission agreed to give a report about their work. Our visiting pastor, Rev. Betty Tatalajski from Arizona, was the main speaker.

I was so impressed by her motherly heart, attendance to True Parents, and her commitment to the 4th World Tour. She arrived at the Hannover airport and was immediately taken to Hermannsburg for our event. She didn't even have time to change her traveling clothes, but she remained poised and confident.

Soon after her arrival, two pastors from the Mission arrived. They were to give a small history of the Mission in our program, and when introduced to Rev. Betty, they were "love-bombed"! She embraced them with her motherly spirit and they were completely moved. They sat together at one of the tables and helped translate the opening of the program by Lothar Schlichting.

Then Pastor Stegmaier gave a short introduction about the history of the Ludwig Harms House. Afterwards, Pastor Meyer reported about his mission work in South Africa. When Rev. Betty came to the podium to read TF's speech, she first wanted to give a few words about the content. She said, "I cannot speak German, so would Pastor Meyer please translate for me?" With a large smile, he eagerly went forward and stood next to her. She spoke of how Rev. Moon had given her this mission to spread his word of peace to the world. "You might not understand everything, but please listen with your heart". Pastor Meyer translated this to the audience.

At the end of her testimony she said, "Pastor Meyer is doing similar interreligious work in South Africa. I think he should become an Ambassador of Peace, don't you agree?" We cheered, and Pastor Meyer left the stage with a big smile.

Rev. Betty read TF's speech with poise and dignity. Everyone listened

attentively, including the pastors.

Afterwards, we fulfilled the different parts of the program and then had time for coffee and cake before departing. We had 14 in attendance, including Rev. Stegmaier and Rev. Meyer. Two members from Bremerhafen traveled for 2 hours to also support the event. We gratefully appreciated their help in setting up and attendance.

MUNICH: Six messengers of heaven, US-American Pastors of different churches have spread God's word in six different locations Munich and other parts of Bavaria. Filled with the Holy Spirit, with live and enthusiasm, they shared with an excited audience on the 3rd of November the message of Rev. Moon: God's Ideal Family and the Peace Kingdom.

Even they don't belong to the Family Federation of World Peace, they still consider its founder, Rev. Moon, as a man of God for this era, expressing God's true parental love for humankind.

The six events of Munich were part of the 4th World Peace Tour leading 120 pastors to 120 nations and altogether to several thousand cities of the

listic Ministries International, Chicago, Illinois in Regensburg and Rev. Debra Lajimodiore from the Interfaith Community Church, Seattle, Washington in Hurlach. Altogether 150 people, including 6 clergy from the Free Catholic Church, the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Christian Science Church and the Christian movement Youth with one Mission.

We felt so much God's urging heart to bring peace to this world, to unite the Christians and religious communities to one family under God and to reconcile the conflicted parties.

Every place felt that the right pastor had come to them. Also it became clear, that God wanted to wake us up to stand tall preaching and doing his will and especially spreading the Intercultural Marriage Blessing.

The Blessed couple and the family is the base for lasting peace and for God's Peace Kingdom.

In 12 other Munich homes of families the meetings were also held in this 44th historical week of the year 2006.

HAMBURG: On Friday, 3rd of November, we came back home quite late. But

we were very happy, satisfied and grateful to God and True Parents. And I was amazed about Pastor Solomon, who could so quickly respond to receive a minister from America and us.

Pastor Solomon Enofe, the head of the "United Church of God - Grace Arena," is one of the friends of our brother Josias Johnson (from Benin), who continuously is contacting and serving African churches in Hamburg. We as Hamburg community had to hold three events: first event was with Mr. Ken Owens conducted by family Ganz, second one was with Rev. Richard Sapp done by family Graef. All families who attended those events gathered together at 7 pm at the United Church of God. Including 12 members from the African community we were altogether over 60 participants. MC was Reinhold Merta. The event started off with a prayer of Pastor Solomon, and it went through smoothly with Rev. Sapp, who read powerfully True Father's speech. The Blessing ceremony was held with all the audience in a peaceful atmosphere.

In the end, we had music from the African church, and the musicians made us quite alive. I saw Pastor Solomon dancing, and my mind said: Yes, let's dance together in front of God! One by one stood up, and the circle of dance

became bigger and bigger. We were all united in one. And indeed there was amazing grace of God in the "Grace Arena". It became quite clear that there are more people like Pastor Solomon, who was immediately open to receive

NÜRNBERG: The testimony of Pastor Carolyn Parker was very moving for us. Her life has changed completely during the past 2 years since she has become an ambassador for peace. Her determination to give everything on this tour is a real inspiration to us.

In her introductory words our peace ambassador Margarita Afanasjew emphasized how precious it is for her to participate in these events. The vision of

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world. The day before they spoke in East Europe and the day after in France, moving forward from country to country to all six continents.

Rev. Andre W. Jackson from the Carriage Hills Community Church in Richmond (CA) gave his delightful sermon in the Freecatholic Church in Munich with the active cooperation of MSGR Archbishop Ungerer and Bishop Umipig. It was a wonderful ecumenical service for peace. 30 people from different backgrounds and churches attended the program.

Rev. Robert Lee Pyle from the Salem Brethren Church in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, spoke very inspired to 40 participants in the center of the local Family Federation.

Mrs. Sharyn Bebeau, founder of the Archetypal Academy of Healing, Boulder, Colorado, spoke in the Cultural Center of Munich-Riem; Rev. Greg Odlin from Maine in Neumarkt-St.Veit, Rev. Willie Weston from the Hope Evange-

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Rev. Moon and his work for a better world gives her much hope. Especially she is inspired by the remarkable efforts of our 2nd generation. The two songs she contributed were a wonderful support for creating a good atmosphere on this special afternoon.

During the presentation of True Father's speech I could feel deeply God's love and aspiration to build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth through true families.

STUTT GART: Ee received Mr. Amar Gupta as a speaker for our event. Before the event we went to meet the Hindu Priest of the Hindu Temple in Stuttgart. For me it was the first visit to the Hindu community in Stuttgart. Mr. Gupta testified in a very nice and efficient way about our movement and opened the door wide for further cooperation. He left a lot of business cards with the people at the temple, offered his help to them in many ways and never forgot to testify about True Parents' peace work.

In the evening at 7:30 pm we had the gathering in our home (home of the Hausmann family) where we could welcome 14 guests + 15 members altogether 29 people.

Mr. Gupta was very efficient and gave a wonderful testimony how he had met our movement, how he was healed of cancer in CP, how our TP are the Messiah and do the work of Ghandi, Mother Theresa and all the great saints of history. He encouraged us to double our number of peace ambassadors and never failed to say how great Father Moon is and how the message of all religions is the same in essence, i.e to live for the sake of others.

He went on to say that now is the time that heaven is coming down on earth and we can all experience miracles as he did, once we work together with Reverend Moon and join his peace work.

Later he gave an interview to one of our AfP who is a radio journalist and works for "Freies Radio Stuttgart".

Mr. Gupta is a very qualified, but humble person who had a very good impact on our guests.

We are very grateful for his coming and his contribution and to our True Parents who made all this possible.

HUNGARY

As part of the 4th World Tour, Hungary welcomed five US Clergy on November 2nd 2006: Mrs. Carolyn Lincoln, Mr. Nath Amar Gupta, Rev. Isaac William Artis Jr., Rev. Nagi Fouad Yousef and Rev. Notburga Maria Hutcherson.

After their arrival at Budapest Airport they immediately left for their various venues. Those who had to go to other cities did not have even time to settle in the Hotel and eat something and ate fast food in the car while traveling. After finishing their speech events they traveled back to Budapest late at night and the next morning left early for another nation. What a challenging schedule! During their stay in Hungary they were very energetic, kind, smiling and encouraging never expressing disappointment or struggle because of their age.

Rev. Artis went to Szeged, Mrs. Lincoln to Pécs, Rev. Yousef traveled to Győr and Mr. Gupta and Rev. Hutcherson delivered their speech in Budapest. It was so beautiful to see how these US clergy from different religious background loved each other sharing freely and working together for God's will!

All the speakers gave very moving testimonies. Mr. Gupta testified how he had fully recovered from incurable cancer after receiving the Holy Blessing from True Parents. He also testified in front of the audience that Father Moon is the living Messiah on Earth and that because of True Parents we are living in a very blessed time when Heaven can come down to earth with full support and authority. Mr. Gupta also said that because of his health conditions he had wanted to stop the tour, but when he heard that Father Moon is very con-



cerned about him, changed his mind. He said, 'If Father Moon wants me what can I do? Only continue'.

Rev. Hutcherson testified the benefit derived from Father Moon's 34 years work in America. She spoke from the bottom of her heart and shared with tears her experiences with True Parents in Korea.

She recounted that Father Moon was moved to tears to see the 120 ACLC members joining whole heartedly to support this speaking tour and explaining that if Father Moon could have worked together with those religious leaders 30 years before than the world would be in a very different shape.

The Netherlands

On November 1, 2006, All Saints, or All Hallows, Day, the day after All Souls Day, All Hallows Eve, celebrated in modern American popular culture as Halloween, after the old pagan festival of Samhain, 16 venues in the Kingdom of the Netherlands were scheduled to be visited by 16 saints of the new era, the era after the Coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. The clocks had just changed on Sunday to winter time, and the season had changed too. The day

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was rainy, windy, stormy.

The main Rally for Family Values and World Peace was in Utrecht, the geographical centre of the Netherlands and also significant for the Union of Utrecht of 1579 which set The Netherlands on the road to independence from Spain, and, in particular, to establishing freedom of religious belief as a cornerstone of the principles of the emerging nation.

In order to support the main event, some of the other rallies were held in the afternoon. In the Dutch capital, Amsterdam, there were three meetings.

In the UPF Dialogue Centre in "Old South", Rev. Damon Rocah prefaced his reading of True Father's speech,

"God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World", by saying, "I came not with my words, but I was commissioned by Rev. Sun Myung Moon". He said his church was going through a major transition, involving the sale of the main property, "but it was important for me and my congregation that I be here. I have been pastoring for 29 years and have never missed Thanksgiving, but this was more important, these words are so dear to my heart", and he testified, "as a Christian, that Jesus anointed Rev. Moon". The speech may not have been his words, but he made them his own, speaking with the fervour and passion that Europeans associate with the likes of Martin Luther King. Outside, thunderclaps accompanied his speech!

Three ministers arrived in Germany, not the Netherlands, and the meeting in Amsterdam West was without a minister, but the meeting continued, the official speech being read by a Second Generation sister.

Amsterdam New South, the Bijlmer, is a post World War 2 development, with a large immigrant community, particularly from Africa and the Caribbean. The Dutch National and Assistant National Leaders and other members also live there and a meeting was held in the Nieuwe Stad, a church purpose-built to be used by different denominations. Amongst the guest were a number of Christian ministers who had not known us before, one heard about the meeting just after returning from a visit to Africa and felt immediately from God that he should come.

The new city of Almere, one might say an outgrowth of Amsterdam, was visited by pastor David Scholet, a 45 years young pastor with a lot of lifetime experience. After being a successful real-estate manager for almost 15 years he had a spiritual experience which caused him to change his complete life and become a theological student!

He thanked the UPF for inviting him on the world tour, and said he was honoured to be chosen to deliver Fathers speech to us. He hoped that having Father as an example, working for over 70 years, overcoming great obstacles, would inspire us to overcome problems in our own lives. He gave a very inspiring testimony at the rented church centre, and all, including ten new guests,

listened with great enthusiasm. The whole audience was very attentive listening to Father's speech, and reading the Dutch translation, and at the end all joined in three loud cheers of Og Mansei, followed by the cutting and eating of a very nice victory cake.

In the Utrecht area, a meeting was held in the home of Elfi Verstraeten, UPF-NL PR manager, and her husband Jean-Pierre. When an Ambassador for Peace certificate was being handed to an Austrian lady, Rev. Betty Tatalajski saw two spirit beings, female Roman Catholic saints, standing behind her and handing her roses. When told about this vision, the new AfP affirmed that she felt connection with these saints. She said she felt she did not really deserve the honour of being an Ambassador for Peace: what she did, speaking with different people and uniting them, was a blessing from God. Rev. Tatalajski commented on the holy atmosphere and one guest stayed afterwards to clear and wash up so Jean Pierre and Elfi could attend the main event.

There were two events in The Hague, the political centre of the Netherlands. Rabbi Mordehi Waldman spoke in the afternoon and his wife Susan Will spoke in the evening. They were very tired (he lost his stomach to cancer, so has a special eating regime), but very happy to be on this mission; and there was a nice atmosphere. City leader and UPF representative Rita Salaris said the rabbi "really lived the speech"; it is fascinating how each speaker makes the speech their very own.

In Nijmegen, in the "Far East" of the Netherlands, Jan van Winden testified to the great hospitality contribution of his wife Inger and said he was "very happy" with the visit of Bishop Henry Coaxum and with the response of his guests.

In Alkmaar, North Holland, in addition to guests who already knew UPF, two new guests had just seen the poster and were not yet aware of the activities of Reverend Moon. Rev. Margaret Bocanegra gave a personal account of her life and family, her motives for participating in the tour and how the tour had gone do far and part of the speech was read in Dutch. Deep and very thought-provoking discussion over coffee and cake, particularly popular with the Dutch, led to a truly beautiful blessing at the end of the evening, when a guest who was reluctant to introduce himself at first said "my heart has been moved" and gave his contact details.

Archbishop Stallings said it was "an honour and a privilege to be here in Father Moon's stead" and read the speech with distinction and dignity and a growing passion.

At the cake cutting, Rev. Jenkins suggested a young female come up and cut the cake, together with one of the ministers. Afterwards, he handed a 50 Euro note, about 65 US dollars, to the volunteer, "to show you that when you stand up, blessings will come"! He afterwards proclaimed "we won a victory today".

Norway

Seven American clergy arrived in Norway on a beautiful sunny day with clear blue skies and a white blanket of snow. They were driven to the church HQ

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where they enjoyed a lunch party together with Norwegian members. After a short rest at the hotel, they split up to go and speak at the different venues.

Our meeting was held in a local community centre. As we had to hold seven meetings all in one evening, our members had to spread themselves out. At some of the meetings, the roles of MC, officiating couple, reading Rev Kwak's speech and demonstrating how to take the holy juice as a couple, had to be filled by one and the same person. With such distinguished guests, we wish we would have been many more people at all of the meetings, but anyway, the spirit was great.

At this particular meeting one Japanese volunteer managed to bring a deacon from the Lutheran state church. That was a breakthrough as this church represents about 85 % of the population, at least on paper. So they have been difficult to bring to any of our events.

The American minister did a splendid job reading Father's long speech in spite of having to pause several times to cough. It is really great to have someone like that testify to our True Parents and read a speech with so much in it. We really need to pray for the clergy's health. All the long distance travelling, a new country every day, meeting lots of people as well as sub-zero temperatures in Northern and Eastern Europe may take its toll.

The sharing after the official program had ended was very good. Our lady peace ambassador attending the event shared deeply with the American lady minister. And the deacon had stayed through the whole program as well and could definitely benefit from hearing the positive discussion. We give thanks to God for a great evening, especially for those fortunate few who could attend these precious events.

POLAND

On November 2, 2006 we had a chance to promote the vision and words of True Father by hosting five ACLC pastors in Poland.

Pastor Andre Wayne Jackson came to Warsaw to participate in the main national event. The conference was scheduled at 6.00 pm. The venue was the famous Nowy Swiat Cafe located on Warsaw's prestigious Nowy Swiat Street (New World Street). The Cafe is well known as we held two IIFWP exhibitions there prior to visits from the True Family in October 2005 and July this year. Thanks to these exhibitions we could find a way to successfully welcome True Parents to Poland.

We had to delay our start as more people kept coming and new seats have to added. All together we counted 110 people. The conference started with a short introduction by the MC Grzegorz Galacki. He presented the history of the World Tours and then invited Mr. Włodzimierz Prokopiuk, Pastor of the Unified Polish Brothers and 76 year old Ambassador for Peace, to give the invocation prayer.

A presentation on UPF's principles was given by Mr. Krzysztof Gago, the president of UPF Poland. Then we listened to an inspiring poem by Mrs. Iwona Czarnecka-Budziszewska, our Ambassador for Peace.

After the holy wine ceremony and burning ceremony, we could finally welcome Rev. Jackson. He testified about his work and his love and support for Jesus and Father Moon. The way he read the True Father's speech was a very special and lively experience. Generally European people are more restrained in showing their emotions and have more reserved attitude to God's word, but our American clergy are very different. We could feel a vivid expression of heart and spirit typical of American clergy that was very moving for everybody. This made the simultaneous translation of the speech into Polish a big challenge.

After the speech we had the blessing ceremony lead by Krzysztof and Harujo Gago followed by poems read by Mrs. Iwona Czarnecka-Budziszewska.

The final comments were given by Grzegorz Galacki, who invited everybody to participate in MEPI activities and the UPF Symposia to be held in the Netherlands, and Mr. Krzysztof Gago who expressed his appreciation to the participants for attending the conference.

After the conference finished many people took time to have private talks with our guest speaker and other UPF staff.

SLOVAKIA

Slovakia had the privilege to receive five of the precious people for God. They responded to Father Moon's calling to bring the message of peace to the world. So it was possible to organise five wonderful events where some guests and Unificationists could really experience God working through these lovely American clergy.

In capitol of Slovakia, Bratislava there were three events. First of them had special significance. For the first time we were invited by an other church to hold the event in their prayer room. The president of the New Apostolic Church in Slovakia pastor Lubor Kucera received Rev. Victor Sanchez of Second Apostolic Church of Oakland in the beautiful hall of his church. Among the people present was also another minister of the New Apostolic Church and other guests. Two of our guests received also the certificate of Ambassador for Peace. Rev. Sanchez was very happy that he could come to Slovakia and that he could deliver the message inside the Apostolic Church.

On his arrival at the airport he commented to Mrs. Gertrud Koch, National Messiah for Slovakia, that he feels to be among God's people. He expressed his desire to come back to Bratislava with his wife sometime in the future.

The second event in Bratislava was held in the rooms of our Embassy of Peace. Despite her painful tooth problems, Rev. Carolyn Sampson could bring much love and a powerful message to the audience. Among them have been representatives of the Muslim community in Bratislava and scholars. She was greeted and introduced by Ambassador for Peace Mrs. Nadja Michalska from the Ministry of Education.

The third event was held in the Training Centre of the Family Federation in Dunajska Luzna near Bratislava. Unificationists and guests welcomed Rev. Byron Filus. It was a very impressive experience for them to listen to the personal testimony of Rev. Filus.

Another two events were held in the city of Nitra some 80 km from Bratislava. First of them was of a special significance. The archbishop Alfred Adelekan was received by the bishop Augustin Bacinsky, the head of the Old Catholic Church in Slovakia, in his church. Archbishop Adelekan felt very happy and at home in this place. Even after the meeting finished he did not want to leave. He kept talking with bishop Bacinsky, another ministers of the church and guests

The second event in Nitra was held in the training centre of Family Federation. Ms. Sharyn Bebeau, who is also a spiritual healer, could meet with Ms. Eva Slovakova, a Unificationist who also has the gift of spiritual healing. For guests and Unificationists alike, the event brought a strong revival.

In all events in Slovakia we felt the

Jardin Metropolitano. It was a fantastic trip into the realms of the spirit. The audience was rapture by the emotional power of the event. The 180 people attending were deeply enjoying and responding aloud to the spiritual rhythm of Bishops Stallings words. I was looking to the nuns and priests in the audience to see if they will faint at some point. But the Holy Spirit does wonders and they seem to enjoy.

Since two ministers could not give their speech due to the airplane delay, they used the main event for giving their heart out. At the end of the program we had a testimony by Rev. Andre Jackson and by Rev. Damon Roach. The spirit was getting higher and warmer so it was just natural to ask Bishop Stallings to come to the stage and sing us a song as a finale. He has a powerful and beautiful voice. Then Rev. Alain LeRoy also came to the front and sung a traditional Christian hymn, "We have a story to tell to the nations". We were in a church and we were the family of God gathered under the wings of True Parents.

In the city we had two events before the main one. The one we called "the Jewish event" in the Hotel Zurbano and the one called "the Hispanic event" in our IIFWP headquarters. Rabbi Mordehi Waldman and Rev. Victor Sanchez were the speakers. Both programs were scheduled to start at 17:00 but the speakers appeared in the locations at 18:20.

Even though the group was small (about 30 people) some of the ladies of the synagogue were the first time to come to our events. One of them was very touched that Rabbi Waldman praised in his speech one of the members of her family without knowing she was related. He gave a beautiful testimony about his blessing and his wife found through the mediation of True Parents. He prayed and blew the shofar. The audience was very touched by his sincerity.

In the Hispanic event, a similar situation took place. Members had prepared enough food to feed the entire neighbourhood. There was a feeling of "fiesta", a celebration of the Latin community in the city. We had a Peruvian singer. The room in our HQ was full (around

50 people). We had everything but not the speaker. The organizers were calling me desperately to the airport to check what to do. Finally Rev. Sanchez appeared one and a half hours late. But I was told that his testimony was so beautiful that people were crying and really inspired.

The only event in the city that went on schedule was the 12:00 o'clock one with Rev. Debra Lajimodiére in our HQ. About 40 people came. We had some of our nuns attending plus other friends of the Federation. Rev. Lajimodiére was very sincere and she explained how he got to know us and what moved her to work with us. She has difficulties to walk and carries a wheel chair with her. It's amazing the faith of these ministers. The members had prepared Paella (typical Spanish rice meal) for everyone and they stay for a long time after the event talking and sharing.

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guiding hand of God. Each of the American clergy matched very well with the hosting city and people. God is always giving us precious blessings. This time especially by being able to have two events inside a Christian church. A breakthrough for Slovakia. It is a sign and gives hope for the future.

SPAIN

Sunday, November 5, we had in Spain 23 events as part of the 4th World Tour. This was a formidable challenge for the 40 families across the nation and an incredible opportunity for growth and getting to know new friends.

Madrid: We scheduled four events in the city of Madrid and seven events in the nearby towns. In the end, two of those events had to be cancelled due to the enormous delay of the planes coming from Paris.

The main event with Archbishop George Stallings took place in the Hotel

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I felt sorry for Rev. Lajimodiere to ask to please do a second event in the afternoon since the appointed minister was coming too late. She accepted and off she went to the historical town of Chinchon. There a city council woman friend of ours had given to us the meeting place of the city hall. We could not let this opportunity pass by. About 30 people gathered, mostly guests.

We had one event in the Hotel Galaico, the city of Collado Villalba, with Princess Julia Mae Horton, organized by Osamu & Mercedes Tomita. It was a very happy event with the participation of 15 university students, members of a "Tuna" (medieval tradition of male university student's choir in traditional costumes) who sang typical songs. Among the participants there were leaders of three organizations: AIESEC International (for University students), the National President came and two local presidents.

In Madrid area we had three more events:

In Colmenar, the town where the ginseng company is located, we had 26 people. The main speaker was Rev. Damon Roach. The event took place in a new age center. The director of the center was present as well as a local politician from the United Left Party, what a contrast!

In Guadalix we had the event in the Cultural center of the city. The main speaker was Rev. Carolyn Lincoln. In this town, due to the long friendship of our members with local politicians, the Family Federation for World Peace has been granted officially a meeting room in the cultural center to organize programs. A circular letter was passed days before the event by the United Left politicians open up the whole issue of the "Moon threat" in town. The controversy was good. Many of our friends defended us.

In Aravaca the event took place in the home of one family. The main pastor was Rev. Richard Sapp. In the rest of Spain we had five events in Barcelona, three events in Malaga and one each in Valencia, Zaragoza, Sevilla and Pamplona.

In Barcelona the event we thought it was going to be the smallest turned out to be the largest one. 35 people came to hear Rev. Greg Odlin at 12:00 in the metropolitan town of Sant Cugat. It's interesting that Rev. Odlin's wife is from Barcelona. Among the guests, were eight members of a family invited by one relative that is in our movement.

We had two events in the Hotel Universitat, in Barcelona's downtown, one at 17:00 and the other at 19:30. We

had many problems to find locations and finally the local community organized it in this way. At 17:00 we had as speaker Elder Kay Anderson. At 19:30 we had Rev. Fermin Bocanegra. We felt sorry for them to have a small audience but they showed a great attitude and witness to our True Parents with a sincere heart.

In our IIFWP HQ in Barcelona we also organized two events, one at 17:00 and the other at 19:30. In the first event we had Mrs. Margaret Bocanegra. Among the guests were seven nuns. In the sec-

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very important people came: The head of the Central Mosque of Valencia together with prominent leaders of the mosque, a famous journalist and university professor, the head for Ananda Marga for Spain, France and Portugal, the head an important NGO. All of them received the Ambassador of Peace award. The members there were very happy since for several years we never had any pub-

the event, Pedro Muruzabal met with several evangelical ministers with the idea to connect them to Rev. Nagi Yousef, our speaker of the tour. Finally these ministers invited Rev. Yousef to have lunch with them at a local evangelical church. Two ministers came to evening program.

Sevilla is the birth place of our Spanish church. We have few members there.

And this was the opportunity to do something public after quite a few years. Our speaker was Rev. Carolyn Parker. The meeting was a gathering for the local community. Rev. Parker imposed her hands on several people and prayed for their spiritual and physical health. All of them were very moved by her humble and serving spirit.

In Malaga we had three events scheduled. In the area we had two national records of the tour, the record disaster and the longest event.

Rev. Carlos Torres was scheduled to speak in Torremolinos at 18:00. It was clear that the plane was delayed, but the person to pick him up at the airport gave up after several hours waiting. He left a contact telephone in the information desk just in case the Reverend appeared. And he did. At 10 o'clock in the evening, he called miraculously from the airport. To make things worst he had lost his luggage and, of course, he had to leave early in the morning. Everybody felt sorry about the situation. The people had already left the meeting which was conducted without him, but he showed a great spirit with the members left at the house.

In Estepona, a beautiful town in Costa del Sol, we had the minister Harvey Kendricks. The event was done in a local cultural center.

In the city of Malaga we had the event in the home of one blessed couple, Jose

Manuel Zuñiga and Catherine Noël. This event was the longest one. Mrs. Sharyn Bebeau arrived earlier than scheduled and spent the whole day with this family and their friends. It was a big one day family reunion. At 17:15 started the "official event". We had a singer from Paraguay offering some religious songs.



ond event we had Rev. Marylin Kotulek. We were altogether ten members. We didn't have guests in this event.

In Valencia, we had the event in a centrally located hotel. We have few members in the city but they organize beautifully. We had as our main speaker Rev. Moses de la Rosa. In this event,

lic program in the city.

In Pamplona we have only one family of our movement but he is doing a wonderful job with the Catholic Church there. The event therefore was done in a meeting hall of the Catholic parish next to the home of this family. Interestingly enough, in the preparations for

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We showed the video of the previous tour and Mrs. Bebeau read the speech in English. The translation was done by volunteers of the audience. Mrs. Bebeau was thrilled by this new method. The guests participated a lot. The event ended officially at 21:00 but over ten guests stayed talking with Mrs. Bebeau until eleven at night.

Overall it was a great opportunity for our Spanish brothers and sisters to take care of all these faithful ministers and connect their foundation to the large providence of True Parents. It was a moving experience filled with the spirit of God.

Sweden

The events in Sweden were all delayed due to a sudden snowfall which caused traffic chaos. The city of Stockholm was almost shut down.

Sundbyberg, Stockholm: The main event started at 20:00, a bit delayed because the American minister, Rev. Andre Wayne Jackson, was stuck in the train and could not come. In his place, Rev. Calvin Louis Kelly read the speech. He had already delivered the speech in another venue earlier in the day in Stockholm. Rev. Alain LeRoy and Rev. Robert Lee Pyle also attended the event after they had delivered the speech in other places in Stockholm. There were 61 people in attendance. Two people received certificates as Ambassadors of Peace: a board member at the Women's Centre in Tensta and a former politician who is raising money to build a school.

In the snow that blanketed Stockholm, Rev. Andrew Wayne Jackson and his host Olga were traveling to Sundbyberg on a train that became stuck in the storm. After more than a hour they got out of the train and looked for another way to reach their destination. They went down into a subway station. It was already 8.30 pm, and Rev. Jackson decided to start reading the speech on the platform. He told Olga that he felt the Holy Spirit told him just to go ahead and do it. Olga gave the following account of what transpired next:

"He said to me, 'Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon is my friend; he helped my life and my family; he sent me throughout the world to give the message of Peace, and I will give it to you, Olga.' He cried, and I was touched to the bottom of my heart.

"While he started reading, he was crying at times, especially at True Father's words on his suffering and life course. I felt that the two of us were incredibly spiritually protected, as if we were sealed, it was a very special atmosphere all around. People were passing by and

paying attention, listening now and then. All together, around 10 people stopped to really listen. One young teenager, while listening, even wiped with his scarf the tears which had fallen on Rev. Jackson's hands. It really was incredible!

"In the middle of the speech, I felt as if Father was giving the speech. I remem-

bered the testimonies from early times in Korea, when Father would preach outdoors and people gathered around to listen. I told my feeling to Rev. Jackson, he said he also felt Father's spirit, while reading.

Finally, when we were approaching the end of the speech, I started to feel

very clearly, the spirit became more and more uplifted and high. "When Rev. Jackson finished, he was so excited that he began singing and dancing.

such a joy, and that Sweden got the victory tonight. I felt it

tour."

Solna: The speech was presented by Carolyn Lincoln. The audience included a minister from the Swedish church, a leader of the Odd Fellows Society and two artists. The minister gave the invocation prayer. After the speech was read a Blessing toast was given. Afterwards, Carolyn Lincoln shared about her work as a counselor and the helpful insights she has gained from Father Moon. A stimulating discussion followed about how to promote spiritual and family values as a path to peace and human development.

Uppsala: A Sri Lankan Buddhist monk and an imam were recognized with Ambassador of Peace certificates. Pastor Moses de la Rosa had great style and a very gentle grandfatherly attitude toward the 20 people in attendance. The audience was intrigued by his comments about the speech from a Christian perspective.

Malmö: The weather was freezing and even snowing a little when the event was about to start, but fortunately the ten guests arrived safely. The event started with songs and a reading of Rev. Kwak's speech (in Swedish). The speaker read Father Moon's speech with a lot of feeling, which was appreciated by all. Two Ambassadors for Peace certificates were awarded.

Enskede: Twenty people assembled at a local meeting room which was beautifully arranged by Kikuko Isacson. People were seated at tables and enjoying coffee and cake as they waited for the main speaker. He came 20 minutes late because of the extreme weather conditions and traffic problems. He read Father Moons speech very powerfully and people were very impressed. One of Kikuko's neighbors, who does not understand a word of English, was the most inspired, she asked when the next meeting would take place. ❖



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God knows why the weather was so crazy, but I feel it was a historic day. It was also All Saints Day in the Swedish calendar. Rev. Jackson reported that he will never forget that experience and that he experienced Father's speech at a deeper level than before, and it will be the foundation for the rest of the

As most members know, our dear elder brother, Dr. Bo Hi Pak, was a victim of unscrupulous businessmen who targeted our movement by using Dr. Pak's prestige and national stature in Korea to become unwittingly involved in what is known as an "African business scam."

In the trusting heart of Dr. Pak, these criminals found an easy mark who at the time was trying desperately to make his mission area self-sufficient by raising funds for the performing arts projects associated with the Korean Cultural Foundation. Those Koreans and Africans who participated in this scheme absconded with the money raised, and unfortunately, left Dr. Pak to face the legal suits from investors who had been promised very profitable returns. After serving 2 years and 3 months of a five year sentence, on Nov. 3, 2006, Dr. Pak was released on probation by the court with the balance of his sentence suspended.

Dr. Pak overcame severe challenges and survived to begin a new life. We thank In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim and all our brothers and sisters throughout the world who supported Dr. Pak and Mrs. Pak and prayed for him during this time of tribulation.

In this letter, in a demonstration of his rectitude and sense of honor, Dr. Pak assumes full responsibility for his actions, as well as past experiences, and apologizes to True Parents and the movement for the pain and humiliation that he caused. Presently, Dr. Pak is resting and recuperating at home. The photos were taken the evening of his release from prison as he worked on the letter at his apartment. He is wearing the same clothing that he wore when he was in prison.

Free At Last! A letter

The family of Dr. Bo Hi Pak is deeply grateful for everyone's heartfelt prayers and support. ❖

by Dr. Bo Hi Pak

Dearest True Parents!

It is to my eternal regret that this unworthy child has burdened our True Parents, whom I dearly love, with such deep heartbreak and distress through my stupid mistakes.

How great has been the heartbreak and sorrow of the True Parents who have more compassion for the suffering of the one lost lamb than for the other ninety-nine!

Lying with my face cast down, I beg True Parents to take pity on this child who has safely returned to the bright outside world like the prodigal son in the Bible.

True Parents have once again saved the life of this unworthy son.

True Parents! I, your unworthy son, Bo Hi, cannot help but shed endless tears of gratitude on this day as I leave prison and re-enter the bright daylight of the outside world.

Was it not our True Parents who allowed me to reach this day of freedom safely after enduring the not inconsiderable time of 2 years and 3 1/2 months of confinement in prison despite my advanced age of 76 and a body beset by many chronic diseases?

From the time of my birth I was not blessed with great toughness and stamina. Both my physical parents were not able to live long lives and passed away before reaching old age.

In the past, True Father, you expressed concern for my health and once remarked, "Your family is not blessed with longevity. You must be very careful about your health."

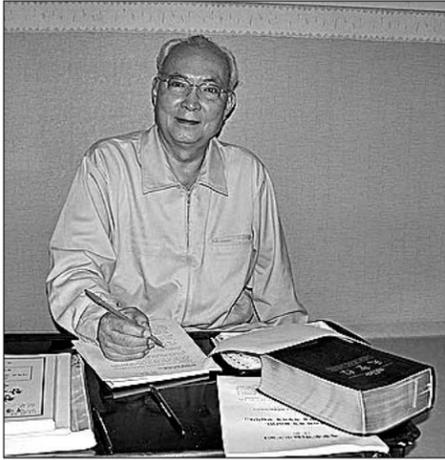
In the first phase of the original trial, the prosecution asked for a sentence of 12 years and the judge handed down a sentence of 5 years. This was due to the magnitude of the damages incurred by the injured parties.

This meant I would have to serve time in prison until I became 81 years old. The outlook was pitch-black.

Being able to live to the age of 76 was already a great blessing, but in my physical condition, I could not conceive how I would be able to serve time in prison until I became 81. I thought of John the Baptist 2000 years ago. He came with the mission to bear witness about Jesus but ended up dying in prison.

I, Bo Hi, have lived with the conviction that I was born with the mission of John the Baptist for the time of the Second Advent. If it was my mission and destiny to die in prison in order to indemnify the failure of the first John the Baptist, then I was resolutely determined to solemnly receive my fate.

However, it is my belief that the work of the Second Advent is to indemnify and restore the failure of the first advent. Given that the True Parents have come into the world as the Lord of the Second Advent and have overcome the hardships of the cross and naturally subjugated Satan and ascended to the throne of the True Parents of mankind, in the time of the second advent, I as the John the Baptist of the second coming should not follow the precedent of the first John the Baptist, but rather through steadfast faith and perseverance I should leave these prison walls and pass out of these prison gates alive and well.



But surviving inside prison till the age of 81 was beyond my power. I resolved that if I were to die inside prison I would do so with dignity. I passed each day resolutely pledging to myself every day that when the time should come I would depart this world calling out True Parents' "mansei" on my lips and in my heart.

My True Parents, what a great blessing you bestowed upon me so unexpectedly. Even while you were in the midst of cosmic history — making the world tour of 120 nations to proclaim the "Universal Peace Federation" — you took time to remember this unworthy son. How great and intense the labor and exertion must have been to accomplish this work of immense importance in every corner of the globe, yet even in such bone-weary circumstances you remembered your lost son, Bo Hi.

While you were in Uruguay you called my younger brother, No Hi Pak, to come all the way to Uruguay to give a report on my situation and condition. After hearing the report, you ordered Chung Hwan Kwak, the world chairman, then and there to "reach agreements with the injured parties quickly and get Bo Hi released from prison."

This can be nothing other than the gracious blessing of the True Parents. I am in prison because of my mistakes. But yet again the True Parents of all mankind have reached out their hands in pity and compassion and lifted up their wayward son from the pit of death.

Finally it is November 3, 2006! On this day the Appeals Court of Central Seoul passed a suspended sentence on Bo Hi Pak and allowed me to walk out of the courtroom a free man.

By the grace of the True Parents, I have been spared the fate of a slow death in prison, and after more than 2 years I am able to walk out the prison gates alive and well.

Even though I prostrate myself and shed tears of gratitude, it is impossible to express my feeling of gratefulness to our True Parents. In this manner, True Parents have saved this unworthy son both spiritually and physically.

My dearest True Parents! This is the second time that you have redeemed my life. In the fall of 1985 when I was the president of the Washington Times, I was kidnapped by a communist group plotting to derail the comprehensive victory over communism campaign being exhaustively waged by the Unification Church. Since this was a politically motivated kidnapping, the objective was not to obtain ransom money but rather to frustrate the Church's anti-communism campaign by eliminating a key leader. So my situation was one of acute danger.

I was handcuffed, bound and gagged, and taken to a hideaway house somewhere in the suburbs of New York City, subjected to terrible electric shock torture, and then finally told by the gang that I would be executed at midnight. They declared to me that "after we have killed you we are going to stuff you into this metal barrel, fill it with gravel, tie it shut, and sink it in the lake nearby, and neither the police nor the FBI are going to ever find your remains."

I was tightly bound to three chairs and blindfolded so that I could not tell how much time had passed. In the middle of the night I could hear them moving a metal barrel in the basement.

"Ah — now the time must be nigh!"

I had a distinct feeling in my bones, and I resolved

to go out gloriously as a victor. In a flash with all of my strength, I lifted up the three chairs as high as I could and with all of my power I shouted out at the top of my lungs "Chambumo Nim Mansei" three times.

The ruffians came rushing toward me from every direction saying "Damn you! You think someone is going to come and save you because you cry out for the police! You fool!" They started battering me and kicking me and then started tormenting me with the electric shock machine again.

At that moment I blacked out and lost consciousness. Then, while I was wandering between consciousness and unconsciousness, True Mother appeared before me and shook me awake. She said to me, "There is no time! However, they will not be able to kill you tonight. By whatever means you must get out of this place within the next 10 hours. True Father is praying for you at this moment." It was a dream. True Father was bearing the cross at Danbury prison.

Upon hearing True Mother's words, my exhausted body was filled with miraculous energy and I could feel the light of hope. At that moment I did not fear anything. I fearlessly called for the leader of the gang and shouted at him.

"What you are doing is a foolhardy thing. Who has put you up to this? I am the president of an important daily newspaper in the capital of the United States, the Washington Times. I am under the protection of the U.S. government. Within 2 hours the FBI is going to figure out my location.

"Do you think you are going to remain safe after killing me? This is American soil. Do you think you can escape to safety after committing a felony in this country? You foolish scoundrels! You must listen to me. I do not want all of you to die. I swear I will not file charges against you so you will be able to live and I can live. I can vouch for your safety. Tomorrow will be too late."

I am certain that True Father's spiritual power emanating from his prayer was controlling the situation.

They did not kill me that night. The new day arrived. Then the ruffians surrendered. The gang members made me assure them 10 times over that I would not file charges with the FBI. They blindfolded me, put me in a car and drove for 2 hours, and let me out. Then they sped away.

When I took off the blindfold, I found myself standing at LaGuardia airport in New York. I was released 48 hours after I was first abducted. During this time True Father had been hunched over in prayer all night at Danbury prison.

When I returned to my house in Washington, D.C., alone after being freed by my captors, the FBI agents stationed at my house were stunned and amazed. They reported to their headquarters by phone saying, "It's a miracle. The kidnap victim Mr. Pak has miraculously come back alive and in one piece." They said that victims of kidnapping in the U.S. usually end up coming back in pieces in a box.

This miracle was brought about by the power of True Father's prayer.

True Mother found me through the Holy Spirit. Upon hearing a report of my safe return from True Mother, True Father said to brother Kamiyama, who was inside with him, "Now that Bo Hi has returned safely I am going to rest!" and straight away lay down to rest. Brother Kamiyama had never seen True Father sleep in such an exhausted state and snore so loudly before.

I have no qualification to receive True Parents' love and blessing again and again. I am overawed by True Parents' love.

from Dr. Bo Hi Pak

My gracious True Parents! You are not only the savior of my immortal soul but several times during my life of 70-some years you have seen me through life-threatening crises and become the savior of my physical life as well.

Now that I, Bo Hi Pak, the John the Baptist, have been restored to freedom, how can it be possible for me to leave for the spirit world without spending the rest of my life giving witness to the victorious True Parents and radiating their resplendent glory through the entire globe?

How can a prodigal son such as I be worthy of being saved from certain death in prison and returned to freedom even after True Parents have already saved me several times in the past?

I can only lie prostrate before them and shed tears of gratitude.

My Unification family members around the world! My true brothers and sisters!

I, Bo Hi Pak, an inadequate elder brother, through the boundless grace of the True Parents, have been able to walk out through the prison gates and regain my freedom and return to the care of the True Parents after only serving 2 years and 3 1/2 months of the original 5-year sentence.

I unexpectedly received True Parents' gracious consideration as they worked miraculously to shine the light of freedom and restore a bright future upon me even though it seemed my certain destiny was to perish in prison.

Just as in the parable of the prodigal son, the mistakes committed were 100 percent my doing. They were deeds that I am responsible for from the beginning to the end, but True Parents reached out to this prodigal son with pity and compassion.

The fact that I did not cause injury to the assets of the Church and that no Church funds were lost through my mistakes I consider the greatest good fortune within my misguided project.

Naturally I was not pursuing these projects motivated by personal gain or to try to enrich myself, and it is my fervent hope that all of you Unification family members can understand that my motivation was out of fidelity to our movement and in the same manner as I had lived my entire life heretofore. My only desire was to advance the work of our movement to a new level.

However, I did not submit to True Parents' will. This is a sin for which there is no forgiveness and I was determined to indemnify this terrible sin even if it meant dying in prison. But the True Parents reached out their hand to offer salvation. They brought back to life this prodigal son. I was able to return to the world in freedom.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that because of my troubled affairs I caused a controversy in society and thereby tarnished the most heavenly and holy name and reputation of the True Parents. There can be no forgiveness for the sin of causing damage

to the honor of the True Parents and the Church.

As someone who has received True Parents' dearest affections for the past 48 years of my life of faith and as one who has had the inestimable honor of personally attending to the True Parents and working as one of their closest associates, when I face the fact that my actions created a negative influence upon the shining honor of the True Parents and our Church, I am compelled to confess that this was the greatest mistake of my life and I can see no possible way of finding forgiveness.

Nevertheless, many family members around the world have been praying for this inadequate elder brother throughout this time. I received many letters of consolation and encouragement. Especially I could not hold back the tears when I received encouragement from the True Children. Particularly Injin Nim's

family took the initiative to get the news out to the worldwide family through the creation of an internet webpage and even personally toured many cities to directly ask for your cooperation. People responded to Injin Nim's call from Korea, Japan, America, and every part of the world. Letters of consolation and precious contributions were donated.

I am at a loss as to how I could adequately express my gratitude for all you have done. I wish I could meet with each and every member individually to express my deepest appreciation, but since it is impossible to do so, please forgive this limitation and accept my deepest heartfelt appreciation through this letter.

My dear brothers and sisters! I have been so deeply moved by all of your warm brotherly love poured upon this foolish elder brother. Thank you so very much for participating in the compassionate love bestowed upon me by the True Parents.

Moreover, I would like to express my deepest thanks to Injin Nim's family and all of the True Children and their families for all that they have done.

What all of you have brought about will become an historic legacy of good and a part of the beautiful Unification Church tradition.

My dear Unification family! I along with my family offer you our tearful gratitude.

My two-plus years of confinement in prison in a way were a great blessing. The history of the God's new providence of remaking the world through the work of the Second Advent has been stained throughout with True Father's tears and blood.

Two thousand years ago at the time of the first advent, Jesus Christ endured the misunderstanding, spitefulness, and jealousy of established Judaism. At the end of his 3-year public ministry, he eventually suffered the hardship of the cross but was victorious in bringing about the spiritual salvation of mankind.

The True Parents who came into this world as the Lord of the Second Advent survived the providential course of bearing the cross and finally succeeded in subjugating Satan and, by guiding President Reagan and liberating the evil empire of the Soviet Union, saved the world from the final deception of Satan in history in the form of worldwide atheistic communism.

Before this time Satan had already attempted to frustrate the providential work of the Second Advent by True Father by raising up the communist party of North Korea and using it as an instrument of repression against True Father and eventually sending True Father to Heungnam prison to die.

Eventually God put in motion the emergency measure to rescue True Father. On September 15, 1950, God sent the UN forces under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to execute the Incheon amphibious landing and soon thereafter liberated Heungnam prison, rescuing True Father after 2 years and 8 months of captivity in that living hell. From the viewpoint of God, the Incheon landing was not only a measure to repel the North Korean communist aggression, but more importantly it was an operation to rescue the Lord of the Second Advent.

Before this time True Father worked to oppose the Japanese occupation of Korea. Satan's forces, who were constantly trying to oppose the work of the Sec-

ond Advent providence, put True Father in prison no less than six times in total.

This has been the historical backdrop of the Unification providence. It is a history filled with the blood and tears of True Father.

Finally True Parents were completely victorious in completing the work of the Second Advent and ascended the throne of the True Parents of humankind.

As one of the young children attending the True Parents, I am grateful to God for my recent travails and the experience of imprisonment and consider it a great honor to be allowed to participate, even if it is only to a slight degree and only in a heartistic, conditional fashion, in the tribulations that True Father suffered while in prison.

Compared to the conditions in Heungnam prison that True Father was sent to, prison life in present-day South Korean prisons is heavenly by comparison. Thus I am embarrassed to even suggest that I shared in True Father's suffering during his imprisonment.

However, during my months of confinement, I constantly maintained an attitude of gratitude and happiness, never allowed myself even once to express complaint, and always conducted myself as a model inmate.

Heungnam was the wellspring of my strength to overcome the hardships of my imprisonment.

I studied a lot while in prison. Furthermore I could take a respite from the never-ending harried and hectic pace of the providential course and reflect upon and repent for the shortcomings of the past 48 years and take this precious time to renew myself.

Today I have been reborn a more complete son before the True Parents and I have repented for the many mistakes I have made in my life of faith and only ask for forgiveness. I write this letter from prison in tears of gratitude and pray only that hereafter I may become a son more closely aligned with God and True Parents.

During my time of training behind prison walls, I have come to the following four great realizations and awakenings.

First, I did not attend to our true parents adequately. True Parents have restored Adam and Eve, the fallen ancestors of mankind. They have subjugated Satan and, finally, they have liberated Heavenly Father. I have repented for thinking that I was attending our True Parents well when in fact my attendance was unsatisfactory and inadequate. In a word, I was a poor unfilial son.

I failed to completely become one in heart with the True Parents who came to this world as the Lord of the Second Advent after 2000 years to completely relieve Jesus' sadness. They came to this world completely understanding Heavenly Father's suffering heart of a parent who has lost all His children through the fall of mankind. The True Parents have cried an ocean of tears comforting God's long-suffering heart. True Father has lived his entire life of more than 80 years in passionate single-hearted, never-wavering devotion to liberate God from this suffering.

Finally, True Parents have gained total victory by naturally subjugating Satan and overthrowing his dominion and sovereignty over this world as well as in the spirit world and ascending to the throne of the True Parents of humankind.

I had been living without fully realizing how precious and glorious a privilege it was throughout the entire heaven and earth to be a person who had attended the Lord's "feast of the lamb" which was prophesied in the glorious book of Revelation.

Finally on January 13, 2001, by reaching the summit of providential history and adorning it by completing "God's Sovereignty Coronation Ceremony," True Parents were able to wipe away all tears from God's eyes and place Him on the throne wearing the royal robes and diadem. True Parents are the heavenly filial son and daughter who will shine for all eternity. At this moment, God and True Parents were united completely in one body: Heavenly Father, the vertical True Parents, *see Dr. Pak on page 18*



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and True Parents, the horizontal True Parents of humankind.

This was the first day since God created the universe and man that Heavenly Father smiled and was filled with nothing but joy.

The invisible Heavenly True Parents and the substantial True Parents!

The True Parents of heaven and earth are completely one body.

We are all destined to be loyal true children attending the vertical True Parents and the horizontal True Parents in heaven and on earth and to become second incarnations of them.

During my months of imprisonment, there were countless times that I shed tears of gratitude because of the great happiness of being able to attend the True Parents. To be able to live at the same time and breathe the same air and to be able to gaze upon the holy countenance is such an ineffable joy. It is surely the greatest blessing we can possess. For me the power of this sublime blessing transformed the prison into a heaven. To awaken to the realization of the true value of the True Parents is the same as being resurrected.

Second, my former life of faith was full of pride and affectation. During my imprisonment I awakened to the realization that my former life of faith was filled with pride and affectation. I deeply, deeply repented for this and made myself into a new person.

During my 48 years of faith in the Church, feelings of pride that I had done and accomplished as much as anyone in the Church had sprung up. This is nothing other than arrogance.

This feeling that I had accomplished something was from Satan. "I translated True Father's speeches more than anyone else." "I attended the True Parents on their trip to Pyongyang." "I attended the True Parents at the conference in Moscow." "I attended the True Parents when they met with the American Presidents."

I hadn't realized that all of this emphasis on "I did this" and "I did that" was coming from Satan. What was shocking and startling was the realization that in fact I had not done anything at all. Therefore, there was in fact nothing that I could boast about. I came to realize that the very thought that I had accomplished something was Satan within me. Everything was accomplished by God and True Parents. All I could claim was that I was given the honor of being present.

Even now my continuing to breathe and move even a finger is not by my doing. It is by the will of God and True Parents that I exist and move. I am merely able to be present. If the thought that "I did this" and "I did that" is present within you, you become sensitive to all manner of things and feel resentment over the smallest things and feel alienation over things that are irrational.

There is actually nothing that I have accomplished. It is a great honor and blessing that God allows such an unworthy son as I to be at the side of the True

Parents. After coming to this realization, my spirit could not be more happy or at peace. My mind became clear and pristine like the autumn sky, and the feelings of resentment and alienation that had sprung up in my heart melted away like the snow in springtime.

Just to be able to know and be face to face with the living God, the True Parents, is an infinite honor. To have been able to become a member of the Unification Church, to be able to meet God and the True Parents, to be able to live reciting the family pledge, to receive the Blessing from the True Parents — for all of this I can only feel grateful.

"My cup overfloweth." When I feel that my cup, which is nothing but a crude earthen bowl, is overflowing, my soul is imbued with happiness and peace.

So during my prison life I passed my days calling out to True Parents many dozens of times each day and shouting out my grateful heart. It is so clear to me how I will be living out the rest of the days of my life.

Third, in my life heretofore I did not know the true value of the Blessing. The Blessing of the True Parents exists only in the Unification Church. I was living my life without knowing the true value of the Blessing. My understanding was that True Parents had cleared away original sin and we were receiving God's lineage.

However, we were not living lives that were actually experiencing the deep and precious principle of the Blessing. The Blessing of the True Parents is a blessing which opens up heaven. True married life is found in the spirit world. The Blessing of True Parents is not for 100 years, nor for 10,000 years. It is for eternity. Believers of the Unification Church meet the True Parents, receive the Blessing from them, and are grafted onto a lineage with no original sin without paying meritorious service for it. Based upon just this one Blessing and special privilege, there is no way we could be grateful enough.

This is a Blessing that we are totally unqualified to receive nor competent to bear. Even if we spent our lifetime giving thanks, it would not be sufficient thanks for receiving the Blessing.

Existing Christian churches believe that married life is only during one's lifetime on earth and that in heaven everyone becomes gender neutral and lives celibate lives like the angels. This is not true. The Blessing that the True Parents bestow upon us is a Blessing of marriage from this world to eternity.

Our Blessed couples are couples for eternity. Our brothers and sisters are brothers and sisters for eternity. Have I completely become one in body and spirit believing that I and my wife are eternal spouses? Have I truly loved and thought of my Church brethren as my eternal family?

I have been lacking. Completely inadequate. I was ashamed. Everything was due to my not attending the True Parents properly.

The Unification Holy Blessing is a life together forever. True Parents' Blessing is an eternal blessing. It is a Blessing that restores you to eternal youth.

It is a Blessing that opens up a new heaven.

This being the case, what does it matter that we grow old? What difference does it make if we become white-haired senior citizens? What is there to fear because we pass away from this earthly life? Dying is merely departing for a much better life. True Parents have taught this philosophy thoroughly. The only thing that we must do while on this earth is love our Lord God, love our True Parents, with all our mind, with our entire lives, with all our character, and love our neighbor as our own selves.

Fourth, during the remainder of my life I will become the embodiment of true love. After 2 years and 3 1/2 months of special training, I have emerged from prison with a firm understanding of how I should live the rest of my life.

In short, I will become the embodiment of true love in accordance with the teachings of our True Parents. Armed with True Parents' teachings and the Cheon Seong Kyeong holy scriptures, I will give my entire life in loving the True Parents and loving my fellow man. We have a gospel which must be shouted out from the top of Halla mountain to the Chunji lake on top of Baekdu mountain. We must shout out that the True Parents have come and we must all enter heaven believing in and attending the True Parents. Our Church must become the smelting furnace of love.

It is our responsibility to make sure that all of mankind partakes and participates in the Blessing of the True Parents. The True Parents during 80-plus years of their life, by their sole and solitary efforts, have paid for the sins of mankind, subjugated Satan, and delivered mankind from certain death. They have constructed a highway leading directly into heaven.

Now it is incumbent on us to gather and lead the people of the world and travel this highway.

Globalizing the victory of the True Parents is our responsibility as children of True Parents. As recently as the Universal Peace Federation world tour, True Father, even at the advanced age of 86, put his life on the line and completed the historic proclamation in total victory. I heard that he departed on the tour resolved to press on even if his body were to collapse. I could not help but shed torrents of tears.

When True Parents are leading in this manner, how can we not fight with all our might even unto giving up our very lives? I will follow True Father's example and shout out the teachings of our True Parents on the world stage until my throat explodes. And if I should collapse and die on the rostrum giving testimony to the True Parents, what greater duty is there that I can do?

My dear family members! I have not spent the last 2 years and 3 1/2 months idling away the time. Since I have come back with great enlightenment, can you agree that I have received the most excellent training?

Brothers and Sisters! Let us rise up. Let us advance into the heaven of hope!

I close this part of my message from prison praying for eternal long life and health of the True Parents.





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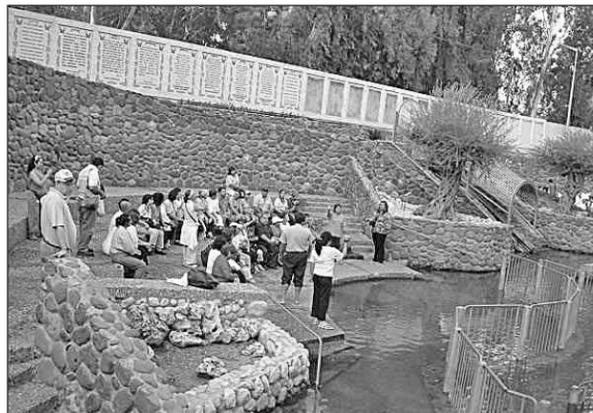
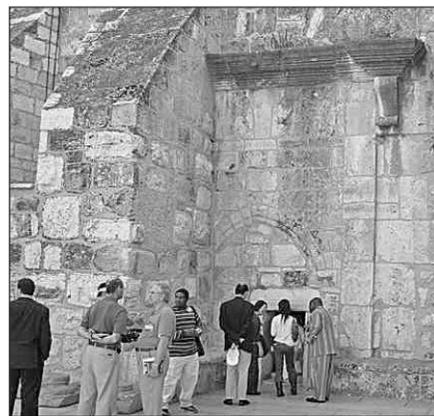
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IN MEMORIAM Linda Triggol

Our sister Linda Triggol, who was honored this year directly by True Parents as the most outstanding American member of 2005, passed on November 2nd into the spirit world.

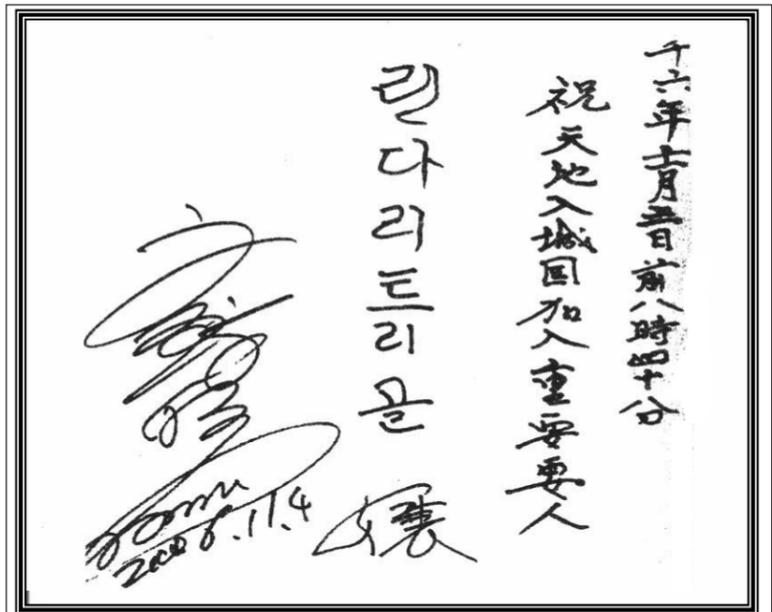
The day before, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, and District Directors Rev. Michael Lam-



son and David Rendel came to visit Linda. Dr. Yang bestowed upon Linda a special holy wine and blessing of grace and forgiveness.

She left this world shortly after giving a birthday card to her husband John. She asked John if he would be upset if she passed on his birthday, he replied, "I would be honored; I could celebrate your ascension and my birthday on the same day." A few minutes later, Linda took a deep breath and left the physical world.

She is one of the truly exemplary American women, raising a big family, with her husband John. Linda will be honored with a "National Level" Seung Hwa. She truly lived for the sake of others as the State Director of our Church in Indiana for many years. She led the way for the Middle East Peace Initiative in Jerusalem going many times and one time staying for 3 months. She touched hearts and opened doors.



National Level Seung Hwa Ceremony
Caligraphy written by
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Rev. Sun Myung Moon

She was always positive and had that spirit until the transition. She passed on her husband John's birthday, she was able to give him a card and asked him if it was ok for her to pass on this day. He said it would be fine and that he would then always celebrate his birthday together with her glorious transition to heaven.

Linda we love you and are inspired by your heart to your family, your nation and especially for God and True Parents. ❖

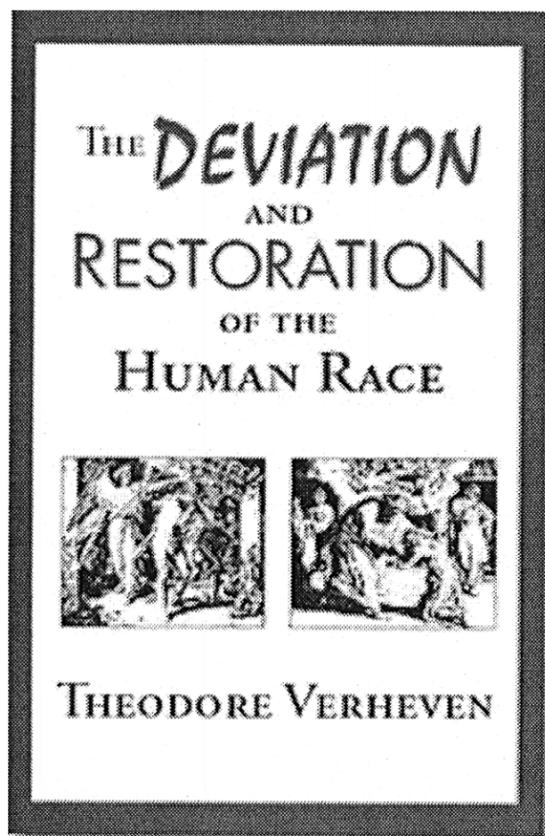
The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race

by Theodore Verheven

Teddy Verheven was sent as a lone missionary in 1965 from Los Angeles to Holland (his country of birth), by the leader of the Unified Family, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

This writing not only explains the purification and development of the inner personality (moral and intellectual), but also the unfoldment of the innermost spark, by awakening and feeding the growing soul with the Love and Truth of God.

For more detail, go to: "The Deviation and Restoration of the Human Race" on AtlasBooks.com - "Category" Biblical Studies or Body, Mind, Spirit. See Summary and Testimony and click on "excerpt" for Foreword and 10 pages of Table of Contents.



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IN MEMORIAM

Daniel Clipper

Our dear brother Daniel Clipper passed on to the next life October 24, 2006 at 1:26 pm. He had been battling cancer for the last six months.

Daniel was born April 4th 1956 in St. Louis Missouri, and at age 18 he ventured to Minneapolis.

One day he saw a small ad about our church in the paper, visited our church and joined in 1976. Daniel and Reiko were Blessed in Madison Square Garden in 1982. Reiko went to Alaska to work in the fish business while Daniel devoted himself to MFT and other church work.

In 1990 they began their family and then went to their mission country, the Canary Islands off the North West coast of Africa.

They soon returned to live in Minneapolis and eventually became National messiahs to Hungary. Daniel and Reiko earned money and went to Hungary as much as they could.

He delighted everyone on God's Day 2004 when he brought a large popcorn machine to the celebration and made popcorn for everyone. That same year he made buttons for everyone that said "Happy God's Day 2004." Please keep Daniel and Reiko in your prayers. ❖

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Minnesota Parent's Day Awards

The majestic marble halls of the rotunda in the capital building provided the background for the 11th presentation of the Minnesota Parent's Day Awards. The Minnesota capital has been the site for the awards since Minnesota began having the awards in 1996. On October 14, 1994 President Clinton signed into law the joint resolution of Congress that established the fourth Sunday of July each year as Parents Day. Its purpose was to uplift and to support the efforts of those who were providing models of good parenting. The resolution read, "All private citizens, organizations and government bodies at the local, state, and federal levels are encouraged to recognize Parents Day through proclamations, activities and educational efforts in furtherance of recognizing, uplifting and supporting the role of parents in rearing children."

Spearheading the effort in Minnesota for recognition of Parents Day have been Jim and Gudrun Gavin, residents of White Bear Lake. Every year the events have been somewhat different based on the co-sponsorship of the event but each year they are the scene of a tremendous amount of joy.

Beginning in 1997, awards have been presented in the rotunda, signed by the governor and the mayor of the



capitol city, St. Paul. Governors Arne Carlson, Jesse Ventura, and now Tim Pawlenty have signed these awards to parents who have demonstrated exemplary giving and serving in their families and in their communities.

Awards were presented for the eighth year by the Secretary of State, Mary Kiffmeyer. Our governors, Secretary of

State, representatives, and senators and other members of Minnesota gov-

ernment have supported the awards, knowing the value of the family on the success of the society and the state. This year the halls echoed with strains of the national anthem sung by Rev. Carolyn Arnett, a minister from the area.

Twenty-one couples received the award that bright, sunny morning on July 18. As usual, the group encompassed a wide range of ethnic, religious and social backgrounds.

The atmosphere there was celebratory and joyful. Most of the awardees were there supported by family and friends. Recognizing these models of good parenting is important. These are people who daily do the right thing by their families without seeking recognition. Plans are currently underway for the 2007 Parents Day awards celebration. ❖

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German Supreme Court Overturns 11 Year Ban Against True Parents

True Parents won a major victory in the German Supreme Court on November 9. The court overturned an 11 year long ban preventing them from entering Germany or any of the other 14 nations party to the Schengen Treaty.

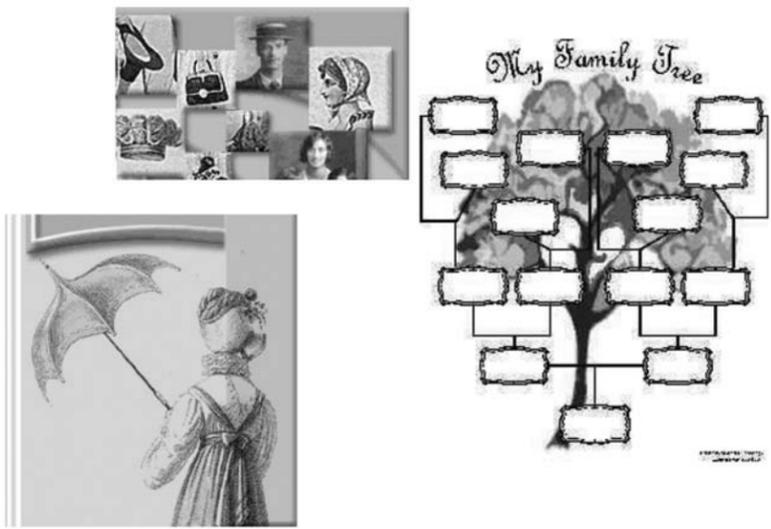
The case had aroused indignation around the world, including a number of official statements in support of Moon from the U.S. State Department. In 2001, then U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell had lodged an official protest with the German government that has been renewed each year.

In June, forty international statesmen wrote an open letter to Chancellor Angela Merkel calling for the ban to be lifted. It had also been the subject of litigation for the past 11 years.

The Supreme Court stated that it overruled the verdict by the lower court because it violated the German Constitution's provisions on Religious Liberty and the Right of Free Religious Practice. Lower courts had not thought that preventing Rev. and Mrs. Moon entering Germany to meet members of the religion and its supporters was a sufficient violation of religious freedom to warrant their intervention, but the Supreme Court strongly disagreed. It said:

"The lower court based its decision on evaluating genuinely religious concerns, belonging to the internal affairs of the plaintiff, which governmental institutions are not supposed to interfere with."

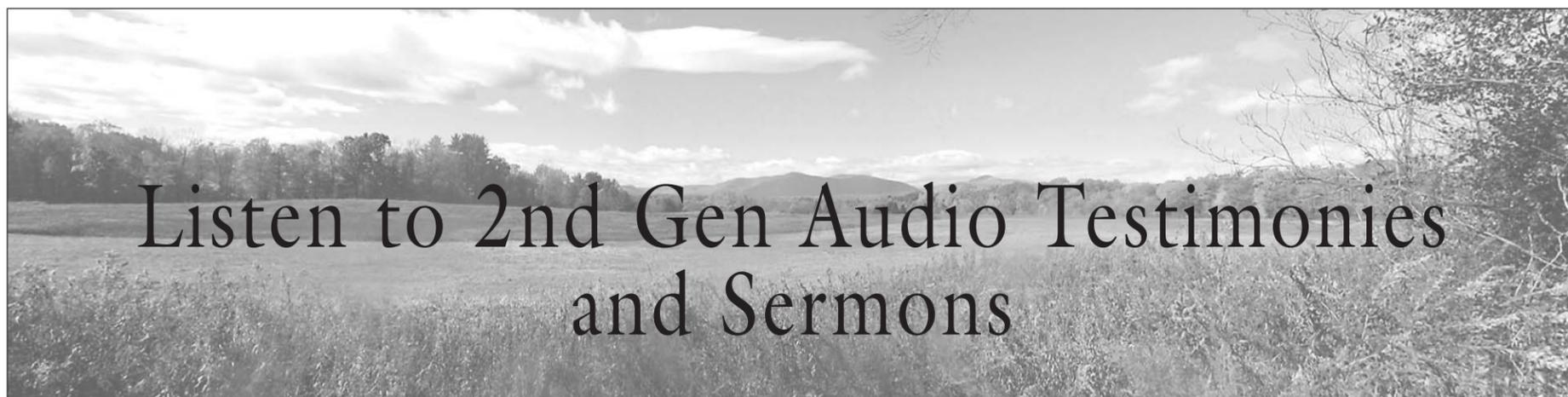
The German government had tried to utilize the Schengen treaty to prevent the development of the Moons' religion. The court also found that the government's insistence that a visit by the Moons would threaten national security was spurious. A similar ban on Moon visiting London was lifted a year ago. ❖



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STF kids give testimonies. They are often in tears when they refer to Hyun-Jin-nim and to their own parents.

Those listed are 2nd gen sermons which might be good for your kids to listen to. Here is a snippet from one testimony.

"...We're born into the church, so obviously, what happens from that is we don't understand why our parents joined the church. We were just born into it. We were taught the doctrine of the church, we are taught the Divine Principle, but what does it mean to us? Where are we coming from?"

Because my parents were always so open about their history, I really came to understand, my 'true' parents. I really came to understand where my parents are coming from. Why did my parents sacrifice everything for the church? Where were they spiritually, mentally, and physically when they joined the church? This is all really important information that we have to know as (second generation). After we understand this about our parents, we can be more complete.

Now I'm going to share a little something - my mom told me not to share this, but I think it's really important..."

Go to <http://trueparents.org/sermon.html> to listen to more. this site has sermons and testimonies posted on a regular basis.

Message from the Editors

The New Voices of Our Generation has now been running successfully for half a year and the editors at UNEWS would like to thank all those those contributed an article to this section. Spread the word, communicate, and link yourself to the rest of America by subscribing to the paper and submitting your voice at newvog@gmail.com for this section. We are looking to fill this section of the paper with the following submissions: **articles written by our first and second generation focusing on second generation – that includes ALL second gen's!**

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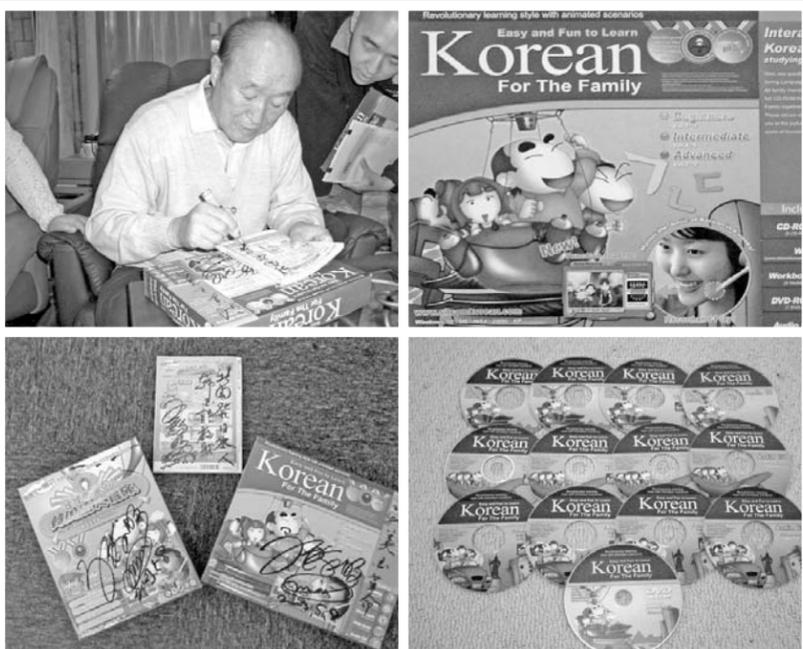
Dear RYS Friends,

We are happy to announce that our 20th Anniversary video is now available on the RYS website. Please go to our home page at www.RYS.net and click on the video announcement.

We want to thank all friends and alumni for their participation and/or enthusiastic support over the years. You are the ones who have made the RYS what it is today. I hope this video will bring back fond memories to former participants and serve as an introduction to youth who are looking for a means to having a life changing experience.

Knowing Korean is the Beginning Point for Establishing the Absolute Culture

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While the essence of the Principle remains the same, its contents have been presented in various ways according to the readership to which it is addressed – be it adults or youth, university level or younger students, or the very young. It is recognized that the Principle content needs to be organized in ways that make for easier reading and study. This two volumes, were prepared in particular for people in their mid teens. Younger people – and indeed anyone wishing to systematically study the core precepts of the Principle – will no doubt find this book beneficial too.

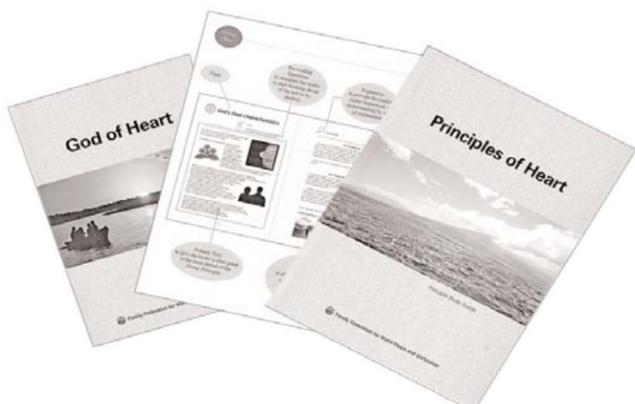
Efforts were made to avoid an over abundance of information, without omitting any core areas of the Principle. The books particularly seek to light the way for those from the younger generation of our Unificationist community, so that they may lead their lives based on True Parents' guidance.

Father's words are therefore juxtaposed to the relevant text from Exposition of Divine Principle as additional materials for greater understanding. Each chapter has a page of exercises that prompt reference to the original texts and also deeper thought. It is hoped that the reader will find much to inspire him or her to live an exemplary life, and, as a young leader of the future, to be well positioned to play a substantial role in shaping a world of hope and peace in the new age now unfolding.

Dear Reader,

To understand the God of heart, and True Parents, who are advancing the providence of restoration on the earth in God's stead, we must inevitably pass through the words of Divine Principle. Published as a manual to help younger people to grasp the inner workings of the Principle, Principle of Heart and God of Heart can be a solid stepping stone for them in the quest to understand God and True Parents.

I am very happy and grateful that these meaningful volumes could be published in English at the time of the commemoration of True Parents' Day, 2002. In conclusion, I would like to offer my deep gratitude and give glory to God and True Parents who have cared for us unceasingly with loving kindness up to the present day.





THE NEW VOICES OF OUR GENERATION

The Fifth National Educators Conference A Great Success

by Dr. Kathy Winings

The Unification Theological Seminary was again the site of the Fifth North American Educators Conference, held October 13 to October 15. Like each previous conference, this year's program offered its 250 participants a weekend of inspiration, ideas and encouragement. This year was especially successful because of the conference theme. Whereas each previous theme challenged participants to look outwardly toward the wider community, forging effective partnerships, this year's theme – "My Mission and Vision as an Educator" – encouraged participants to look inwardly and to reflect more deeply on their educational work, where they are going, and to reflect on the future.

The Conference began with the Friday Pre-Conference programs. This year, participants could choose from two full-day Programs and one half-day Program. Working in partnership with the National Education Department and Rev. Philip Schankar and Mr. Dave Hunter, the Educators Conference offered a new "Train-the-Trainer" Program. Taught by Dr. Kathy Winings and Rev. Brian Sabourin, this Program is the beginning of an effort to develop District-based trainers for Sunday School teachers and Youth Ministers. The goal is for each of these District trainers to find one person in each state within their Districts who can become state-based trainers. Eventually, this program will supplement the Certification Program that was begun last year and is being further developed this year.

The other full-day Pre-Conference Program was sponsored by the Character Education Initiative of the IIFWP. Organized by Mr. Alan Saunders and Mr. Bob Beebe, panelists were brought in who have been working with the Initiative in various regions around the world. Panelists and participants were able to seriously examine the new international Character Education curriculum that is being developed by IIFWP, and to consider how they might use the

curriculum in their own communities. A special internship program developed to train young adults to introduce and teach the curriculum around the world was introduced and discussed at length in the session.

The half-day Pre-Conference session introduced participants to the newly revised Il Shim Curriculum and Program. Trading off with the Train-the-Trainer Program, Rev. Sabourin and Dr. Winings took participants through the key changes that have been included in the revised plan. At the same time, participants were able to discuss their own experiences in using the Il Shim materials so far and to raise questions and offer suggestions as to how to improve the curriculum.

After dinner, the Fifth Educators Conference began officially with the opening Orientation program and an evening of fellowship. By the time participants went to bed that evening, it was clear that the weekend would be rich with strong breakout sessions, powerful exhibits and endless networking.

Each year, an effort is made to provide participants with a rich and innovative Hoon Dok Hae experience. This year was no different. Rev. Schankar and Ms.

Harumi Kawamura, a Divinity student at UTS and developer of young adult programs worked together to offer an inspiring time of study.

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is to tell; (2) To tell is to know; and (3) To know is to do. If we learned anything this weekend, we learned that those who came to this conference have not fallen into the trap of these myths. Instead, it was clear that the participants and each of the presenters have, either through the programs that they have created, through their tireless work, or through the resources that they developed or shared, clearly demonstrated that they have learned that good education and good teaching go far beyond simple telling; that knowing something involves multiple methods; and

that living a faithful, godly life requires more than simply knowing the Principle and True Father's Words.

This year, the conference steering committee looked hard for an inspiring keynote speaker who could offer each participant something valuable. We were guided to the right person when we invited Dr. James Garbarino to speak. A professor at Loyola University in Chicago, Dr. Garbarino is a prolific writer and researcher in the areas of youth

development, counseling troubled youth, and parenting. His wealth of knowledge and research into our social environment and how it is poisoning our children and families was immense. His focus on the 7 impediments that need to be overcome if our children and families are to successfully reach their god-given potential, offered us insight into the destructiveness of our modern culture.

Garbarino's encouragement and advice to become good role models, provide solid character education, provide effective leadership and to change our toxic environment certainly prove that good teaching goes far beyond telling and simple knowing.

Our breakout sessions not only attacked the three myths of education but also demonstrated what can result when we deeply reflect on our mission and vision as educators. From the depths of reflection arises dynamic and innovative programs as well as creative and valuable resources that benefit all of our families and youth.

What kinds of programs were highlighted this weekend by our breakout presenters? We were introduced to two alternative young adult training programs with the NextGen Leadership Academy and the True Family Health Training Academy. Closely related is the service-oriented Martin Luther King Service Day Program – sponsored by Service For Peace.

In terms of youth education programs, in addition to the Il Shim Program, we were introduced to the energetic WAIT team program; a newly-developed College-Age Ministry Program that is distinct from a traditional CARP chapter; and another form of young adult ministry with YAM in New Jersey. Along similar lines, we were also acquainted with a re-organized STF program that promises to be more effective with a new curriculum and experiential learning focus; and the Vision Seminar Program for young adult blessing and life education.

On the broader family and community level, we were able to examine both the Neighborhood Community Center in Chicago

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and the Hoon Dok Family Churches that have been established to see how we might begin to develop these specialized small group ministries in our own communities and districts. A final program effort was seen in the Youth Partnership Program of Maine as a means to bring multiple clubs, organizations and civic structures into an effective partnership.

The list of resources that were offered was equally as impressive. This year, for the first time, we were acquainted with grant writing so that we might begin to fund some of our innovative Programs. Many resources dealt with effective teaching, whether the target is a child, a teenager, a young adult or an adult. They included utilizing story telling more effectively, using physical materials such as the Unificationist felt board from Quebec, or methods of teaching that rely on people who have influenced our lives, or using literary and graphic arts utilizing the technological advances of today.

Other teaching resources that were presented in the Breakouts were the DP Forum in New Jersey, or instant messaging – the language of the youth, emphasizing Pure Love Skills to our young men in training sessions, making use of nature through experiential field trips that include moose hunting, salmon fishing, or whitewater canoeing, or teaching Divine Principle through discovering God's heart – a specialized form of teaching at UB.

When it comes to resources, participants were reminded that parents are the primary moral and spiritual educators of our youth in one session, while in another session, we were well-acquainted with the young adult culture and sense of spirituality by our young adult presenters. At the same time, participants were offered a resource in how to be aware of and how to deal with internet pornography. Counseling skills were offered for non-counselors to support that valuable work and leadership training skills were the focus of yet another resource-focused breakout session.

The Blessed Family Department offered itself as a tremendous resource in diverse ways from understanding the ideal sexual relationship of husbands and wives to guidance to parents on matching their

children. Along similar lines, another matching resource that was offered concerned matching special needs children – a topic that has been relatively new to the Educators Conference.

Finally, participants were acquainted with two other resources: being a caregiver for those with special needs or chronic illness and how to create an adoption culture and adoption alternatives within the church for couples hoping to experience parenthood.

Everyone agreed that this was a full but productive weekend and one that highlighted what can happen when committed people reflect on their mission and vision as educators and then make that vision a reality - outstanding programs and outstanding resources.

The closing plenary was once again combined with the Red Hook Family Church's Sunday Service. The first part of the service was the closing conference report from Dr. Kathy Winings.

In the closing report, the participants were challenged to look at the next steps that they can take after this weekend. First, participants were asked to look at what was suggested at last year's conference. The suggestions made at that time involved creating an educational committee in their own communities, sharing their experience and insights from the conference and to share their educational resources with the Center for Education. Participants were asked once again to follow through on these suggestions so that others may also learn from the conference.

Second, participants were also reminded that the work ahead of us – the work of changing our socially toxic environment and our work to feed a spiritually hungry world – cannot be done by just a handful of people. An effective way to develop and strengthen this educational network is to multiply the work of the Educators Conference throughout each district. Therefore, participants were encouraged to organize both an educational steering committee and an educators conference within their own districts. Expanding their work in this way will serve to motivate more people to share their gifts of education as well as enhance the professionalism and quality of our educational efforts nationwide. In doing this, participants were also encouraged to make their

educational work intergenerational as there is a great deal of talent among the teens, young adults, and adults throughout the movement.

Finally, participants were challenged to submit proposals for grants from the Center for Education to help them take the resources that they have created to a more professional level and to make them more available to the wider movement. These applications are now available on the Center for Education website.

In closing her report on the conference, Dr.

Dr. Winings offered True Father's words on education as encouragement to the participants: "When our entire life is connected with the realm of education, it can stimulate everybody. The strengthening of education in our own life is the beginning of social development and the source of new hope for the world."

After the closing report, Dr. Michael Jenkins, president of the Family Federation in America, continued the closing session by offering the sermon. Through the sermon, Dr. Jenkins further encouraged everyone to take education seriously and to be mindful that our coming generations need a strong, supportive system that will guide them to maturing into men and women of godly character who will continue to bring about the changes needed around the globe.

Dr. Jenkins was also able to share with those gathered the new structure of the movement. This gave participants further insight into the importance, depth and breadth of their educational

work – both for our families as well as for all families in each of our communities. Dr. Jenkins was also able to put our work into a more global perspective.

Once again, the North American Educators Conference was a tremendous success and set the stage for another year of innovation, inspiration, and growth in our educational work touching the lives of children, teens, young adults, adults and families everywhere. ❖

Curriculum Mini-Grant Program

The Center for Education at UTS is announcing the Curriculum Mini-Grant Program. The mini-grants program offers grants between \$500 - \$1,000 for the creation of professional curricula and teaching tools for the diverse age groups within the Unification movement. The Center for Education at UTS wishes to encourage the development and publication of effective and creative curricula or teaching tools that can be used throughout the country.

There is a tremendous need for effective curricula in each of the target age groups. Currently, some centers are using the national curriculum while others have simply done their best to teach Divine Principle or the Bible or a combination of the two. Then there are other church centers that are not doing any kind of educational program because they don't have any type of curriculum or outline from which to work. Therefore, we wish to encourage those with the desire, experience or means to develop curricula that can be used in: K-6 Sunday Schools, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministries and even Adult Ministries.

In addition, there is a need to create effective teaching tools such as games, activities, specialized felt board teaching tools, dramas and similar creative tools for use in each of these ministries. Have you designed a game or teaching tool that you have found to be effective? Why not professionalize it or expand it so that others can use it?

Those who wish to apply need to review the grant requirements and submit an application. go to www.centerforeducation.net for more Grant Information and details.

Special Needs Blessed Children

by Eugene & Lynelle Curtin

Raising Blessed Children in a world full of traps and temptations is difficult under the best circumstances, but for a small group of parents within the Unification movement those trials have been multiplied by their children's mental or physical disabilities.

A group of those parents met at the Unification Theological Seminary in October to discuss the future of "special needs" Second Generation children.

A breakout session during the 2006 Educators Conference held Oct. 13-15 at UTS, together with a second session held after the conference ended, brought five sets of parents together to discuss how these children might be brought fully into the Unificationist fold. Particular emphasis was placed on obtaining appropriate matchings and blessings.

No formal count has ever been made of how many "special-needs" Second Generation exist in the American church, though participants made a best-guess estimate of about 100.

Conferees agreed the first difficulty is to define "special needs." The best definition appeared to be: Any disability, mental or physical, that will prevent a person from living a fully independent adult life. If a child is likely to need lifelong assistance in order to function in the adult world then he or she is "special needs."

The possibility of blessing these children in marriage was a central concern, although their ability to lead a full married life, even perhaps raising children, obviously depends on the severity of their condition. That condition can range from profoundly handicapped where a child can expect to spend much of his life in a wheelchair, to mild retardation, where a significant degree of adult functionality appears possible.



THE FIRST STEP WHERE ARE YOU?

Clearly, the first step is to find out how many such children we have in the movement. Yoshi and Fran Ichijo, who live in Maryland, have a special needs son who has been blessed in marriage. Kenji, now 21, was blessed to Sonja Yoder, the special needs daughter of Steve and Susan Yoder. Theirs is a pioneering match, the first and only "special needs" blessing of which we are aware.

Yoshi and Fran reported that Father spoke extensively about the importance of

finding matches for the disabled second generation after seeing photos of Kenji and Sonja, and urged that an effort be made to identify children in need of such matchings.

That effort is underway. The Ichijos have a list of special needs children which they are eager to expand. Those wishing to add the name of a child can reach

Fran at: ichijoy@aol.com. There is also a special needs page on the website of the Blessed Family Association, accessible at www.Blessed-Families.org. A password for accessing the special needs

page can be obtained from Fran.

THE SECOND STEP SUMMER CAMP

A second step under consideration is to convene a camp in the summer of 2007 for special needs BCs. The camp probably will be held at New Hope Farms, an equestrian facility operated by Lowell and Lesa Ellanson in Port Jervis, N.Y. The parents very much hope that a significant number of fully capable BCs can be found to volunteer a few days to help care for - and also mentor - their disabled brothers and sisters. We are confident that this would be a wonderful experience both for the special needs BCs, who are always happy to make new friends, and also for the mentoring BCs who will have an opportunity to serve a very important cause.

The possibility was raised that fully capable BCs around the nation might consider conducting local fund-raising projects to sponsor a disabled child to attend the proposed camp, since the cost of travel is often daunting to a family already burdened with the costs of caring for a child with disability.

Anyone who feels called to aid this new Special Needs Ministry can contact the Ichijos at ichijoy@aol.com or Eugene and Lynelle Curtin at ecinomaha@yahoo.com. ❖

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