

"You, the owners of future, should become the Seonghwa youths who fulfill True Parents' dream."

True Parents' message on 16th day of the 7th month by the heavenly calendar (August 29) during the closing ceremony for the World Youths and Students' Assembly



True Mother conveying her message



Group photos taken after the 2015 Youth and Student World Assembly

The closing ceremony for the 2015 World Youths and Students' Assembly was held on 16th day of the 7th month by the heavenly calendar. The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, as well as various leaders of the Unification Church, came to join the ceremony held in the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. The following is a summary of True Parents' message during the event.

The UN should attend Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

You are young Seonghwa warriors from over 70 nations. The future will be yours. This is a special year. We are one day away from the third anniversary of Father's Seonghwa. I understand that Unification Church members around the world have been offering their sincere devotion and repenting their past wrongdoings.

This year marks also the 70th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Imperial Japan, and it also marks the 70th anniversary since the inception of UN. The UN has done a lot of good things for the world. First of all, had the UN not intervened during the Korean War, Korea as we know it today would not have come into being. It was Heaven that created the UN to protect this nation and True Parents.

However, the member nations in the UN think only about their own interests, while completely unaware of the Heavenly Providence. Since there is no center, they may try as hard as they can, but they cannot move towards the same direction. When

I visited the UN's European executive office during my tour of Europe, I told the people, "There must be a movement to bring God into the UN." I urged that the UN must place Heavenly Parent and True Parents at their center.

Father tried to save humanity through America

America began to decline in power since the 1970s. World peace and unification would have been difficult unless America, the representative nation of the free democratic world, stood on firm ground. That is why True Father, in his love for the world and humankind, went to the United States and lived there for 40 years.

America during the 70s was slowly becoming ill from narcissistic individualism and their belief that they were the greatest nation in the world. Heaven had worked for 200 years to build America up. However, America was no longer able to think about the world, since it was riddled with her own problems of family breakdown, drugs and conflicting ideologies. America was unwilling to do anything for the world because she was thinking only about her own preservation.

Father came to such a nation as "a doctor and a fire fighter." He toured 50 states and awakened people in the fields of politics and economics, the upper echelons of the society. Many people came to respect Father during the early days. However, short-sighted politicians began to fear Father's expanding sphere of influence, and they began to persecute him. Regardless, Father

continued his journey with his head held high because he was the True Parent who came to save humankind through America.

6,000 years of biblical history, and the principle of paying indemnity

Unbeknownst to you, the history of the Providence has been advancing with much tension. Think about it. God created human beings so that He may become the True Parent. Had the first human ancestors obeyed God's command, persevered and grew up to be fine people, the world we live in today would have become a very different place. However, their mistake became a painful burden on God's shoulders.

The Providence has advanced throughout 6,000 years of biblical history only by the means of paying indemnity. You learned this through the Divine Principle. Heaven had worked hard for 4,000 years before Jesus Christ was born on this earth 2,000 years ago. It had taken as much as 4,000 years because guiding the people of Israel, the chosen people, to form a nation was a path filled with many obstacles.

God, thus, sent Jesus Christ, his only begotten son, to earth after many hardships. However, not only the people of Israel, but also Judaism, and even Mary, failed to cooperate with Jesus. You have to understand that such a principle of indemnity is often recompensed behind the scenes. (Continued on page 2)

You must become the embodiments of love who resemble True Parents

We serve True Parents. You the Second Generation members of the Unification Church, who came to this earth through True Parents, are different from the people out there in this world. I ask you to grow up as fine people. You, the 3,500 Seonghwa youths who have gathered here today should resemble True Parents and become embodiments of truth, life and love.

You should not become the kind of people who only try to receive things with a sense of entitlement. As True Parents have shown you, you must live the life of true love, which is a life of living for the sake of others. You should never be satisfied with simply giving to others. With such an attitude, you need to create a community filled the spirit of sharing. That is the path that leads to one unified world.

You are like pure water. Pure water should not engage in politics. Pure water should continue to flow downstream, giving birth to many lives. You should not become muddy water when you are inside the realm of true love. All who are within that realm should become pure water. In other words, all the people in the world need to serve and attend True Parents.

Did you see the award ceremony of the Sunhak Peace Prize on television? Because we are True Parents, we have been thinking for a very long time about things that this nation is unable to think about. True Father was greatly concerned about the issues of hunger and global warming, and he worked harder than anyone at the forefront to alleviate such problems. He worked his entire life in order to create the world envisioned by God at the time of creation. He tried to do so by fulfilling God's dream and liberating Him from His sorrowful heart.

Seonghwa youths who will fulfill True Parents' dream

Humanity today wants to take ownership of this world, even though they are unable to solve the problems that plague it. Superpower nations with great resources are creating weapons to wage wars against one another so that they can claim even more resources. Such weapons are unnecessary for the path that leads to a peaceful, unified world. That is why even the Bible tells us to smelt our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Humanity today is wasting money on frivolous things, and this world is becoming sick with disease. Desertification is happening not only in China, but now in America as well. The melting ice from the Arctic is causing sea levels to rise and gradually destroy the environment. The chaos created by human beings is destroying the environment and polluting the oceans. Coral reefs, a natural resource essential to the

oceans, are also dying. Should we stay put and do nothing when such destruction is occurring all around us? We have to educate the people who are unaware of this. I have so many things to do. I need your help. Have a dream for your life: "I will become a great expert in a field that True Parents need. I will become a great scholar. I will become a famous person." I ask you to become such Seonghwa youths who will realize such dreams and also fulfill True Parents' dream.

Future leaders who will lead the world with a heavenly vision

The following was the program for the closing ceremony for the 2015 World Youths and Students' Assembly officiated by the CARP World President, In-Seong Kwon: True Parents' entrance, offering of kyeongbae, flower presentation, musical performance by the Sunhak Choir Group, offering of hopes, True Parents' speech, three cheers of Eog Mansei led by the Vice President of FFWPU-Japan, Tomihiro Tanaka, taking a group picture, True Parents' leaving the stage, speeches from the president of FFWPU-Korea, Kyeong-Seuk Ryu, and the President of FFWPU-Japan, Yong-Cheon Song, the presentation of youths and students' agenda for the Vision 2020 by Mr. Kwon, offering of personal goals, prayer and the closing declaration.

The President of FFWPU-Korea, Mr. Ryu, said in his speech, "The world will be yours if you, the 3,500 youths and students gathered here today, make a solemn determination that you will become the owners of Cheon Il Guk. I ask you to seek your identity from True Parents' teachings and become the youths who will fulfill God's hopes." Mr. Ryu continued, "You must have a sense of purpose to advance to the future. I ask you to engrave the dream of Heaven deep in your heart, become the embodiments of love who resemble True Parents and march forward to fulfill God's Will."

The President of FFWPU-Japan, Mr. Song, told the youths who were present at the ceremony, "True Father lived as a youth his entire life. He overcame unimaginable challenges to fulfill his dream, and he came out victorious. True Mother is now living such a life as True Father once did. You who have met True Parents will become great leaders who will guide this nation and the world. I ask you to become the future leaders with God's vision in your hearts, who will renew this nation and the world." Meanwhile, the President of World CARP, In-Sung Kwon, talked about identity, brotherhood, education, witnessing, the True Family movement, the reunification of Korea, world peace and protection of the environment during his presentation of the Vision 2020 agendas for youths. The participants of the ceremony then had time to write their own individual goals for Vision2020 and offer them up to Heaven.☺

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1. True Mother receives a bouquet of flowers
2. True Mother takes this commemorative photo with the youths and student members of our Unification Community as they dedicate themselves for the future
3. True Mother speaking to the young members of the worldwide Unification movement
4. Participating youths expressing their determination to lead in the future through the three cheers of of mansei

Tunnel Foundation for World Peace, Conveying the Peace Road Vision to the World in Commemoration of the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial

Peace Road Journey, Forum, Seminar and Symposium - Conducted in Korea, the United States, China and other countries

Peace Road Journey, Forum, Seminar and Symposium were conducted in Korea, the United States, China and other countries to commemorate the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Tunnel Federation for World Peace, to construct the International Peace Highway, to establish a culture of reconciliation and culture that transcends the barriers between races, culture, religion and nations, and to achieve peace and prosperity on earth. Peace Road is a worldwide peace movement that upholds True Parents' legacy.

Peace Road - A Worldwide Peace Movement to Uphold True Parents' Legacy

The first commemorative event planned by the Tunnel Foundation for World Peace was the Peace Road Journey, which was held for eight days from 4.10 to 4.17 by the heavenly calendar (May 27- Jun 3). Twenty-eight leaders from Korea including Chairman Chung Tae-ik of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations, Former Minister Jeong Seung of the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Former Minister Lee Gwan-sae of the Ministry of Unification, Adviser Om Ik-dong of KCC Construction and others, participated in the trip, which took place in Las Vegas, with the desire to follow the path of peace that True Parents walked.

Vice-Chairman Kim Byeong-su of the Tunnel Foundation for World Peace led the Peace Road Journey team with a heart sanctifying every place they visited. On the third day of their visit, on 4.13 by the heavenly calendar (May 30), the visiting team participated in the 1000-Day Universal Seonghwa Memorial. They were able to listen to True Mother's message and her words of blessings. After the event, they also participated in the Global Launching Ceremony of 2015 Peace Road.

Chairman Chung Tae-ik of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations said, "There are many groups or organizations that possess a vision for peace; yet, it is rare to find one that puts it into practice like the Tunnel Foundation for World Peace. It is my hope that you can all become part of that foundation upon which this vision can be practiced."

Peace Road Forum was the second conducted commemorative event, which took place at the 63 Convention Center at Yeouido, Seoul on 5.2 by the heavenly calendar (June 17) at 7 a.m. in the presence of about eighty leaders from all walks of life. The Peace Road Forum began to be held on September 2012 to educate leaders from home and abroad on the vision of the Korean-Japanese Tunnel and the Bering Strait Tunnel, which are part of the Peace Road project advocated by True Parents, and to expand consensus about the project through it.

A special guest invited to this 15th Peace Road Forum was Former Minister Lee Yong-seop of the Ministry of Transportation. He analyzed the impact troubles occurring in China would have on the Korean Peninsula and said, "Only by repenting and preparing ourselves can a future Korea stand as a central country in



1. A commemorative photo of the Peace Road exploring team in front of the International Peace Education Center
2. Leaders from all fields participating in the 1st Peace Road Symposium
3. A full view of the First Peace Road Symposium



Asia and the world." Participants at the forum concurred with True Parents' peace ideology and vision within Peace Road and promised to work together for this cause.

Continuing Developing the Movement to Realize True Parents' Peace Ideology and Vision

The Peace Road Academy, an affiliated group under the Tunnel Foundation for World Peace, conducted the 2015 University Student Peace Road Journey for five days from 5.22 to 5.26 by the heavenly calendar (July 7 - 11). Thirty-two Korean and Japanese students studying in Korea participated in the trip. The students went on a 1,460 km long journey that passed through Dalian (China), Dandong on the northwest, all the way to Tumen in the northeast.

Korean and Japanese students from about twenty universities including Seoul University, Yonsei University, Sun Moon University and other universities, flew and arrived at Dalian International Airport on 5.11 by the heavenly calendar (July 7). Upon their arrival, they held a resolution ceremony at Ahn Jung-geun Memorial Hall and set off on their journey. The team visited historical sites where activists conducted fights against the Japanese occupation and where ethnic Koreans lived in China. At the journey's mid-point, participants chose the Super Trail Course, walked all the way up Mt. Baekdu, a mountain cherished by Korean people, where they held a ceremony praying for peace in the Korean peninsula and in Northeast Asia.

Kobori Kunika, who studies psychology in Yonsei University, said the following: "The unification of the Korean peninsula is not just a problem between North Korea

and South Korea. For Korea, Japan and China to live in harmony, I believe this is a task all three countries must resolve," expressing her support for the Peace Road Project.

Meanwhile, the Tunnel Foundation for World Peace and the office of Congressman Lee Gang-ho, head of the Saenuri Party Unification Committee, co-hosted the 2015 First Peace Road Symposium in small conference room n0.2 of the National Assembly Members' Office Building on 6.21 by the heavenly calendar (Aug 5) at 10 p.m. The symposium was held under the theme, "Seventy Years of Division - Solving the Conflicts between North Korea and South Korea through Peace Road." Around seventy leaders from all walks of life including Chairman Choi Yun-gi of the Tunnel Foundation for World Peace, Chairman Chung Tae-ik of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations, Secretary-General Hwang Jin-ha of Saenuri Party and Vice-Minister Yu Il-ho of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, participated in the event. Congressman Lee Gang-ho and Vice-Minister Yu Il-ho each gave congratulatory messages on this day.

Chairman Choi Yun-gi gave the opening address, through which he emphasized, "It is important that we help North Korea understand that cooperation between the two Koreas is more hopeful than the development of nuclear weapons when it comes to rebuilding the economy and pioneering for the future.... The Trans-Korea Railway Connection is the way to co-existence and co-prosperity for the Korean people; it is the central axis in building the Peace Road and will become a tremendous power in endeavoring peaceful reunification."

Youth Federation for World Peace Spreads the Unification Vision of Pure Lineage through True Families

Events for Youth, College Students and Local Residents to Mark the 3rd Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa



1. A family survey panel program held by seonghwa students and families participating in the campaign
 2. Team leader Lee Jeong-hyeon conducting prior education on proper sex values and happy families
 3. Group photo taken after second campaign of the 2015 Happiness through Harmonious Family Festival

To mark the 3rd Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon, True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the Youth Federation for World Peace (Youth Federation) held a number of events, including their 2015 Good Families through Proper Sexual Relations Campaign and a 2015 Youth Unification Imagination Presentation Assembly. The Youth Federation also applied for support under the Ministry of Unification's Citizens' Unification Activity Support Program and their 1st Unification Photography Contest was selected to receive a grant.

1,000 Participate in 2015 Good Families through Proper Sexual Relations Campaign

Marking the 3rd Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa the Youth Federation held a 2015 Good Families through Proper Sexual Relations Campaign, under the theme Healthy Sexual Relations Beginning from Me, Making a Happy Family. The campaign, which sought to deliver a message of true families of pure lineage was held in three divisions, for Sunghwa students, CARP members and local residents, which were attended by more than 1,000 people.

The 1st portion of the campaign was held for citizens of the Guri, Namyangju and Gapyeong areas on the 3rd day of the 6th month by the heavenly calendar (July 18), by 49 Youth Federation members at the Jangja Lakeside Park. Before the campaign, team leader Lee Jeong-hyeon educated the members about the theme of the campaign, Proper Sexual Relations and a Happy Family.

The Sunghwa Students prepared for the campaign by setting up eight activity booths for making love bracelets, cotton candy, family question panels, instant photo service, writing family postcards, giving out family balloons, happy family signature campaign, lovely water tattoos, and spread a message of "The Shortcut to a Happy Family through Healthy Sexual Relations" to the more than 400 people who attended.

The 2nd leg of the campaign was held on the 10th day of the 6th month by the heavenly calendar (July 25) for the Yeosu and Gwangyang areas, with 52 Sunghwa students staffing the event at the Turtle Ship Park. Eight activity booths were set up, the same as with the 1st event, and promotional flyers were distributed to local residents inviting them to participate. Rain was predicted, but Heaven intervened and the weather that day was brighter and clearer than ever. Responding to the enthusiastic preparations of the Sunghwa students, more than 350 local residents attended the event.

The 3rd stage of the campaign was held on the 18th day of the 6th month on the heavenly calendar (August 2), organized by 15 CARP members at Hyojang Park and in the neighborhood of Sookmyung Women's University. Rather than focusing on activity booths, the program of the 3rd-stage campaign used Family Question panels and street preaching about Healthy Sexual Relations and a Happy Family. About 250 local citizens participated in the campaign.

Sunghwa student Shin Ye-ju, who participated in the campaign testified, "We gave

packs of wet wipes with a message about our Good Families through Proper Sexual Relations Campaign to the local residents. It was very interesting. In the future, I want to be sure to make a beautiful family that creates true love focusing on God." CARP member Jin Saet-byeol offered her experience, "Giving out the message 'Good Families through Proper Sexual Relations' made me happy because we were directly passing on the teaching of True Parents. Participating in the campaign gave me a chance to feel the pure love in my heart."

2015 Youth Unification Imagination Presentation Assembly and the 1st Unification Photography Contest

The 2015 Youth Unification Imagination Presentation Assembly was part of the program of the 2015 National Sunghwa Camp, and was held on the 24th day of the 6th month by the heavenly calendar (August 8), jointly sponsored by the FFWPU Korea and the Youth Federation in at the lecture hall at the World Jamboree Grounds. The Presentation Assembly which started with a lecture by Kwon Eun-byeol, a young refugee from North Korea, and also included presentations by five Sunghwa student teams chosen during the preliminary round, gave the participants a chance to share their vision of a bright future for a reunified Korea.

Moon Sang-pil, President of the Youth Federation spoke to reinforce the dreams and hopes of the youth from the Unification family, saying "We can see that you Sunghwa students are thinking deeply about the reunification of Korea. I hope that you will continue to nurture a fervent desire for reunification and become leaders who can help to make reunification a reality."

The five teams who participated in the assembly gave presentations on "A New Reunited Korean Peninsula" (Cho Ye-jin, Hong, Ju-yeong), "Communicating the Future of a United Korea through Culture" (Lee Yeong-jeong), "The Future of North-South Unification Seen through Social Culture" (Lee So-jeong), "Until the Day we are United through True Love" (Yoo Beom-mu), "Our Unification will Lead to Great Things" (Kim Hye-ra). The first prize went to Cho Ye-jin and Hong Ju-yeong, whose presentation was eye-catching as they dressed in a South Korean costume and a North Korean costume. They compared the economic situations of North and South Korea, describing the financial difficulties that will accompany reunification, and presented solutions including a culture of financial support and volunteerism.

Korean CARP director Ra Hun-il gave a lecture on the "Attitude of Sunghwa students regarding North-South reunification," explaining True Father's providential work toward the reunification of the Korean peninsula. This gave not only the students who gave presentations, but all the Sunghwa students who attended the opportunity to think deeply about the time of reunification. 🙏

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True Parents' Providential Footsteps; True Parents Forgave Japan, and Embraced and Blessed Japan with Love (Part II)

Going overseas with God's Words, Harmony and Unity of Religions and Japanese Missionaries' Contribution

While marking the third anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, we want to introduce to you the sacrificial history of Japan. Japan, the mother nation, has been serving True Parents while they have been leading the providence of liberating God and saving humankind. We present this story to you in two parts. In Part II of this special publication, we will review the history of Unification movement for Harmony and Unity of Religions and Japanese Missionaries' Contribution.

Going overseas with God's Words

The Unification Church has rapidly developed into a world-level religious organization within only half a century. Looking back on its history, we perceive a conspicuous phenomenon that the Japanese followers have contributed extraordinarily much to its development in many countries except Korea and some Europe nations.

If you visit countries in Asia, South America, the Middle East, Africa, and Oceania, you may meet not a few people among their early church members who tell you they were cared in various ways by Japanese; they were taught, preached or got married in the Blessing through Japanese members.

In USA, too, early followers may admit that the Japanese missionaries dispatched in 1970s helped develop the American church. Even in South Korea where the Unification faith originated, the church activities after 1990s could not be maintained without thousands of Japanese women who got married to Korean men through the Blessing. Visiting local churches, you actually observe Japanese women speaking the Korean language fluently and managing the churches with energetic power equal to their Korean counterparts.

Later, True Parents publicly endorsed Japan as 'Mother Nation' in terms of the providence of salvation for the world. True Father appreciated Japan's contribution openly on many occasions. "You are the people assigned with the mission of Eve Nation. You shall ultimately embrace all the people of the world and give birth to them.

"Full-fledged Overseas Mission launched, "Be the ancestors of a nation!"

The year 1975 was the first year of the worldwide providence through the Third Seven-Year Course. Corresponding to the providence, one member from each of the three countries, that is; USA, Germany and Japan, which were enemy nations but developed most successfully after the WWII, was to be chosen and the trio would be dispatched to each of 120 nations around the world. True Father explained the significance of the third seven-year course, stressing the necessity

of the world propagation. The nascent missionaries were directed to depart by the end of April in 1975.

The long years of struggles by the Japanese missionaries began this way. At first, they thought of five years or so in the mission abroad. In the end, some of them stayed in Africa or the Middle East for over two decades. Also they never really anticipated a martyr among them.

On December 18, 1980, Sasamoto died a martyr in Tanzania. According to the authorities there, at about 7:30 a.m. True Parents acknowledged Sasamoto as a martyr, instructing the followers world over to conduct memorial services in his honor.

Mihoko Hamasaka, mentioned earlier, remembers True Father touching his desk said as follows: "You know I sometimes fall asleep at night with my face down on the desk like this. I must be attentive to prayers offered for me by the members at the other side of the globe. Some people committed themselves to go to a communist country to propagate the Unification Church teachings, only to die unnoticed by anyone." Hamasaka saw his back trembling with tears of unbearably deep sorrow.

Mobilization of National Messiahs and Women Missionaries

Having predicted the end of communism clearly, True Father endeavored through his private diplomacy hopping from place to place. Nonetheless, a new world order did not emerge in the 1990s and beyond. While this important opportunity was lost, frictions among races and religions became rampant and severer, almost in proportion to the extension of freedom and democracy.

Under such circumstances, True Parents envisaged a new peace movement by women, establishing the Women's Federation for World Peace in April 1992 in South Korea. It was shortly decided that 1,600 Japanese women, with educational backgrounds higher than junior colleges, vocational schools or universities, should go to 160 nations by ten members to each nation from 1994.

After the 1,600 missionaries managed to grasp the circumstances and were engaged in volunteer services or cultural events in the assigned countries, True Father initiated the more substantial world strategy, namely; the providence centering on National Messiah.

National Messiah providence advanced depending on local situations of the assigned countries including local foundations of the Unification Movement. True Father clearly focused on the global mission in the latter half of 1990s. Partly to supplement the National Messiahs, more Japanese women were dispatched to the world in stages. Their first destination was South America. True Father tasked 4,200 Japanese women to 33 Latin American countries as well as Canada and America in November 1996.



1. A scene of a prayer session at a teachers' workshop in Gaseon (Miura Peninsula, April 1975)
2. Missionaries and local members celebrating the new year in Sudan, a Muslim country
3. Group photo taken after second campaign of the 2015 Happiness through Harmonious Family Festival

Harmony and Unity of Religions, Japanese Missionaries' Contribution

According to True Father's providential perspectives, America which represents the New Testament Christianity of 2,000 years is in the position to realize the providence of the Second Coming. As the USA is the pivotal nation for the world salvation, there must be the strong church foundation in USA.

In April 2000, Japanese women holding college diploma or higher academic carriers were to attend one of the two 21-day workshops, their number reaching 500 in the end. On 4th July, the Independence Day of USA, they drew lotteries in the presence of True Parents to have their respective states determined. With stronger linguistic capabilities, they were expected to make immediate impacts on the mission in America.

Thanks to their strenuous endeavors, many American Christian clergies were to visit South Korea in the inter-denominational program. The clergies had a special spiritual intuition in Bussan, South Korea, which ignited their initiative to eventually form the American Clergy Leadership Council (ACLC) in May 2000, thus laying a foundation on which the New Testament Era is connected to the Completed Testament providence.

On this basis, True Parents' 50-state Speaking Tour was launched under the banner "We will stand!" for 2 months from February 2001 in close collaboration with Christian ministers. Right after the tour was successfully concluded, the Blessing Ceremony

of 60-Couple Inter-denominational Clergies was conducted on May 27th 2001. In the ceremony, the religious leaders from diverse background including Catholic, Protestant and Islam took the vow for the renewed matrimony under the Blessing of True Parents.

And also, the 144,000-Couple Inter-denominational and international Clergy Blessing Ceremony was staged magnificently at a hotel in the suburbs of Washington DC on April, 27th 2002.

Turn the world's frontier into Victorious Holy Ground

At the end of July in 1999, a major turn around in the mission was announced to the Japanese National Messiahs who had been investing in the restoration of their assigned nations around the world. True Father gave a direct instruction: "All the Japanese National Messiahs! Gather to Olimpo in Paraguay, where the special 40-day workshop will be held from 1st August."

This workshop was officially named as the 40-day Special Workshop for Pantanal Development. In the meantime, True Father paid frequent visits there and gave lots of words regarding the environmental protection and development in Pantanal.

The first group arrived in Leda in October 1999. Concerning the Leda development project, True Father had some concrete plans such as: ①planting trees, ②cultivating crops ③facilitating sightseeing. True Father made Leda Development an indemnity of Japan, encouraging Japanese National Messiahs to be

ready definitely.

Leda's environment became fairly accommodating with necessary facilities arranged. In the year 2000, we welcomed the first group of Young Volunteer Corps. Since then, in every August, Leda received college students from Japan and America, consisting of 10 to 20 youngsters, who visited Indigena villages for friendship and educational assistance.

True Father stated Pantanal's beauty and his philosophy on protection and preservation of the natural environment rather extensively. Directly reciprocating to his vision, the Japanese national messiahs have endeavored there. Thanks to their dedication, a new hope has sprung up that Leda region, the isolated frontier that had been deserted by the state and people, may be turned around to develop into the land of delight for God and the humanity. It would take time. But the firm foundation of 'Victorious Holy Ground' has been laid spiritually and substantially through the 14 years of sacrificial endeavors.

International Marriage Is a Shortcut to World Peace

The marriage blessing, which True Father has been promoting, has the theme "the realization of a peaceful world through ideal families." The following sentences are drawn from True Father's autobiography, As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen:

"World peace is not such a huge undertaking. It starts with peaceful families who create peaceful societies and eliminate conflict among countries. This will lead

to world peace. This example shows the importance of families that are intact and the immense responsibility such families must bear."

He especially emphasizes that marriage between people from different nations, different cultures and different races is the key to realizing a peaceful world.

"Marriage is not something that involves just the bride and groom. Marriage creates a relationship between two families, and it brings reconciliation between clans and countries. Each accepts the other's different culture and overcomes the resentment and hatred built up through history. When a Korean and Japanese marry, it contributes to reconciliation between the two countries; when a white person and a black person marry, it contributes to reconciliation between the two races. The children of such marriages represent harmony because they inherit the lineage of two races. They represent a new beginning for humanity that transcends the races. When this continues for a few generations, division and hostility among nations, races and religions will disappear, and humankind will become one family living in a world of peace."

This type of vision of world peace, which is True Father's view of the family and peace, is consistent with Exposition of the Divine Principle, which is our fundamental ideology. From among Japanese members that attended the Blessing Ceremony because they understood True Father's concept well enough, increasing number of women applied the belief that "international marriage is a shortcut to world peace." 🙏



National messiahs, missionaries and peace ambassadors carrying out activities in Grenada in the mid 1990s



Sisterhood relationship established between FFWPU woman leaders of Japan and Central and South America (Nov 24, 1996)



True Parents inspecting Leda before pioneering work begins (Sep 21, 1999)



The Leda Youth Volunteering Team taking a commemorative photo with the then president of Paraguay Fernando Lugo