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Subject: Early Life

An important note from the editor:

Unlike in Section one: Ascension, Seung Hwa Ceremony and Memorials, an html document where the embedded links in violet will work, currently sections two through seven are in pdf format. In this particular pdf format, only the complete links beginning [www](#) in blue will work. We will update the entire tribute to an html document over the next several weeks, so check back.

Thank you for reviewing this.  
All the best,  
Mary Jane Despres

A Tribute to our Elder Brother Hyo Jin Nim

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True Father and Hyo Jin Nim circa 1974, Belvedere \*

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**Hyo Jin Nim's Eventful Life: Birth and Youth**

Hyo Jin Nim was born in Korea on December 3, 1962 lunar. Here are two photos of True Parents holding Hyo Jin Nim when he was a baby:



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True Father prayed on March 25, 1963, from page 468 of **Prayers: A Lifetime of Conversation with our Heavenly Father:**

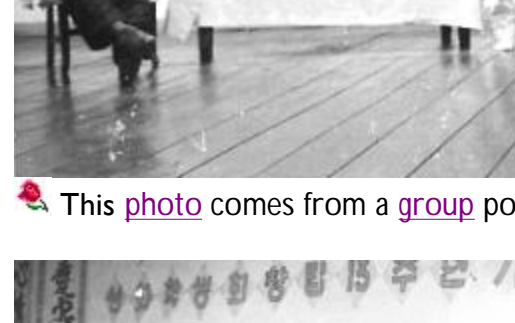
Please let the way we have gone be called the way of filial piety  
*and the way we have gone be called the way of loyalty*  
*on this historical course of the new heaven and earth.* ❖

All the faithful followers of our True Parents welcomed Hyo Jin Nim and took part in a memorable celebration of his birth. On [True God's Day 1997](#), Rev. Chun Hwan Kwak explained:

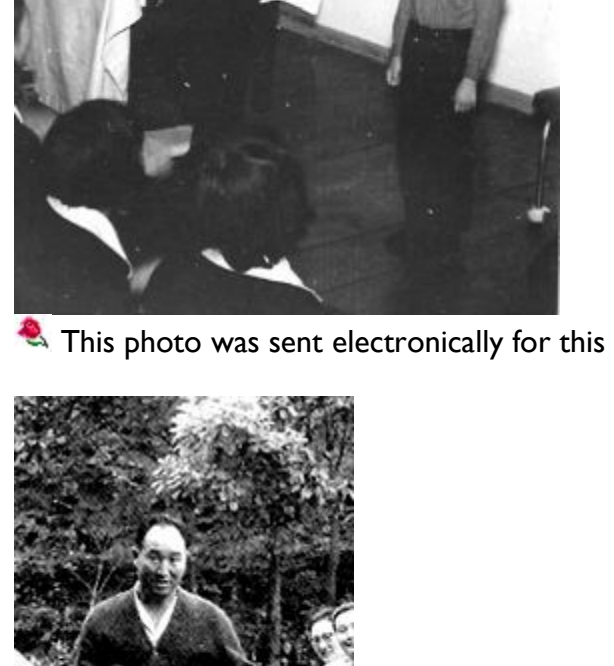
When Ye Jin Nim was born, all the church members were given milk and food representing being adopted by True Parents—also, when Hyo Jin Nim was born. As True Children were born, there was a special day of heart to inherit the heart of True Children. True Parents in numerous conditions and ceremonies laid the foundation to allow us to be adopted into True Parents' lineage, to receive blessing and the change of our lineage. ❖

Also, True Father said on [May 24, 1993](#):

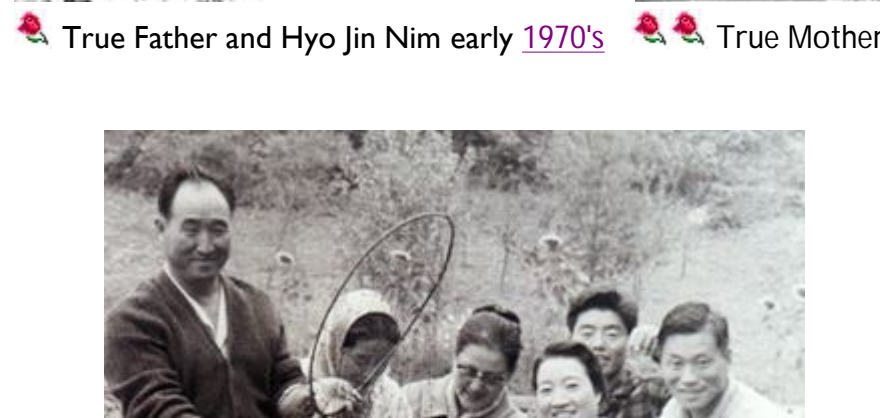
This takes us back many years to when Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim were born. Mother ate seaweed soup after their births. Father allowed us all to eat the same food at that time, to represent that we were being born again at the same time. To be born again is easy for Christians to say, but it is difficult and involves many things. All Unification Church members must be clear. We, representing the whole world, must return through Mother's womb to the bone marrow of Father and be born again at the same time as Father's own children. ❖



This 1963 picture of True Father and Hyo Jin Nim (who is wearing the kind of outfit worn on one's first birthday according to Korean custom) comes from this [collection](#) <http://tinyurl.com/cedr62> of early photos at FFWPU Korea.

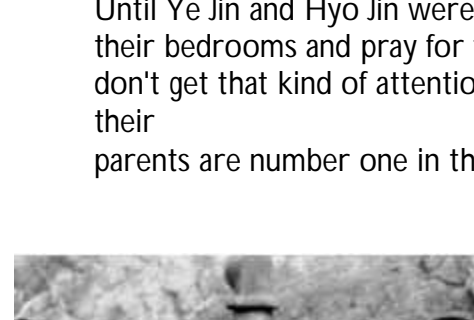


True Parents with Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim, in the 1960's from the Summer 1986 [Blessing Quarterly](#), p. 20 \*



True Father holding Hyo Jin Nim True Mother holding Hyo Jin Nim, Ye Jin Nim standing

The two photos above, shown as slides in the Saturday worship and memorial service for Hyo Jin Nim held by Pastor Hyung Jin Nim, March 22, 2008, in Seoul Headquarters Church, Korea, are from [the video](#) <http://tinyurl.com/dyk4em> broadcast of this service.



Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim in the 1960's \*  
From a photo sent to us electronically



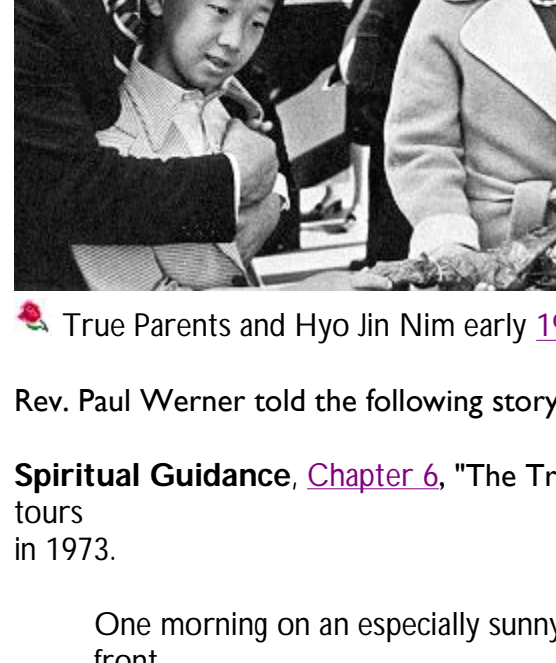
True Father holds Hyo Jin Nim when he was a little boy  
True Father's words [May 10, 2007](#)

True Father told us that when Hyo Jin Nim was only a few years old, one day when he took Hyo Jin Nim to pray with him, Hyo Jin Nim told him:

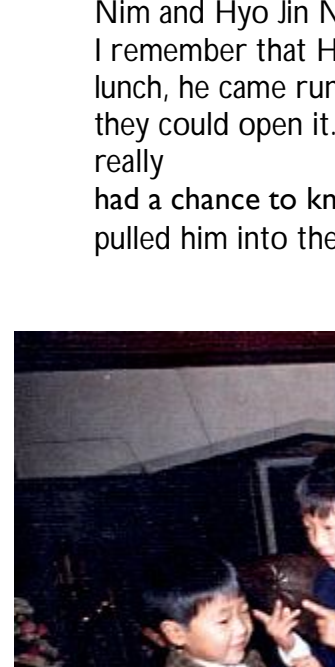
Dad! When I went to bed at 12 midnight, I heard a voice singing from heaven.  
❖



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This photo was sent electronically for this tribute. There's an enlargement of it at [Facebook](#)



True Father and Hyo Jin Nim early 1970's True Mother and Hyo Jin Nim enlargement



True Parents, Mrs. Choi, Hyo Jin Nim, others 1972

On [March 26, 1978](#), True Father said,

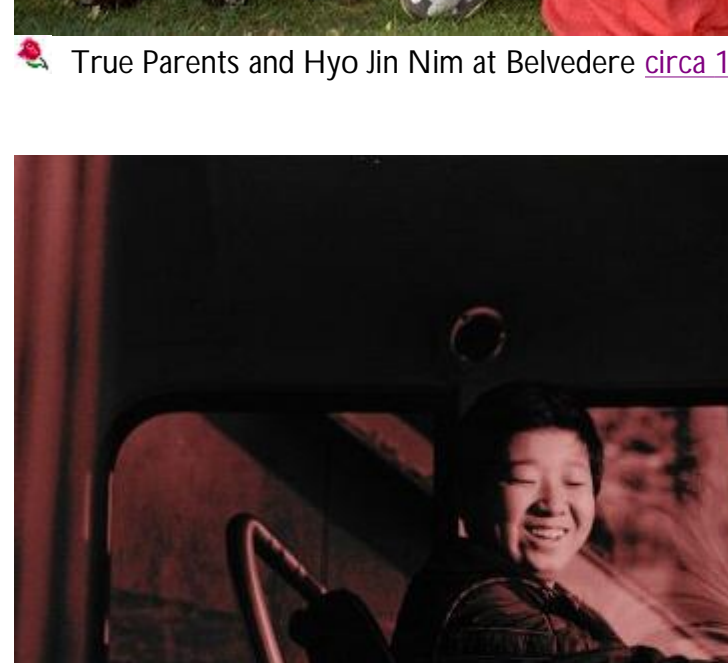
Until Ye Jin and Hyo Jin were twelve, no matter how late I came in at night I would always go to their bedrooms and pray for them. I feel rather sorry for the younger children now because they don't get that kind of attention. It is not easy to be a true father. Even so, my children feel that their parents are number one in the world and your children should feel the same about you. ❖



True Mother and Hyo Jin Nim, a detail, circa 1970, print #11 at this [source](#)



from a [video](#) showing this photo of True Children singing early 1970's  
Left to right: Kook Jin Nim (born in 1970), Hyun Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim, In Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim



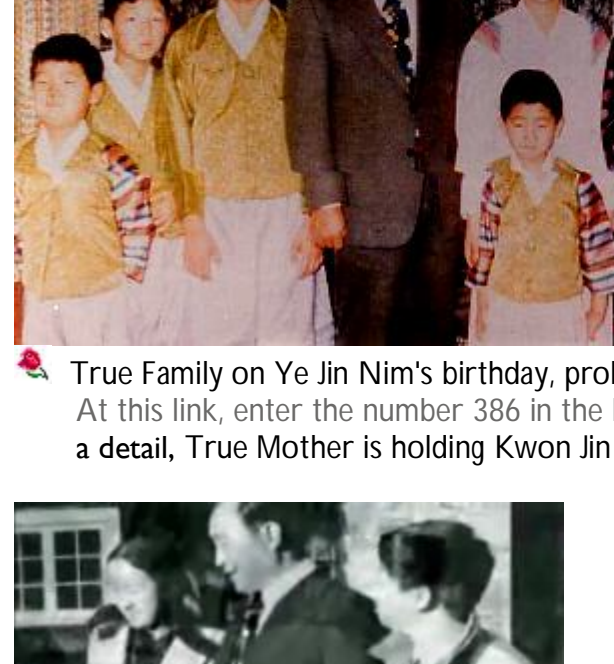
This photo comes from this [video](#) [fleshletter](http://tinyurl.com/cuw4m6) <http://tinyurl.com/cuw4m6>.  
Hyo Jin Nim hugs his brother Kook Jin Nim and his sister, early 1970's



Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim singing in the 1970's, from [this video](#) <http://tinyurl.com/dyk4em> which was shown as a part of the Saturday worship and memorial service at Headquarters Church, Seoul, Korea, March 22, 2008.



The True Children arrive to the United States, [December 1973](#)



True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim early 1970's

Rev. Paul Werner told the following story about Hyo Jin Nim in **Heaven Down to Earth - Words of Spiritual Guidance, Chapter 6, "The True Family"**. This took place at the time of the Day of Hope tours in 1973.

One morning on an especially sunny day, we found Father and Mother out on the sidewalk in front of the center in Phoenix, Arizona. Father had just fixed Hyo Jin Nim's toy plane and he and Mother were playing with it. It was a rare moment of relaxation for Father and Mother and their son. Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim were on vacation from school and had joined True Parents for a few weeks. I remember that Hyo Jin Nim was full of energy and after True Parents retired to their room after lunch, he came running in from the outside, banged against the door, and then disappeared before they could open it. He managed to get away a second time but the third time, even before he really had a chance to knock, the door opened just a bit and a hand came out, grabbed Hyo Jin Nim, and pulled him into the room. This really took him by surprise and it clearly showed on his face! ❖



(a detail) [True Children in 1974](#) talking together and smiling



Left to right: Heung Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim and True Father 1970's

from True Father's prayer  
September 5, 1971  
from page 336 of **Prayers: A Lifetime of Conversation with Our Heavenly Father**

This must be the time that we awaken to the fact that we must become  
the people of the nation and  
the sons and daughters whom You cannot do without, who  
*give filial piety upon filial piety and*  
*give loyalty upon loyalty,*

and who can maintain the mainstream of Your dispensation. And we earnestly hope and desire that You will allow this to be a time of not just our awakening, but rather of pledging with conviction. We have humbly prayed all these things in the name of the True Parents. Amen. ❖



A big hug for True Father 1970's



Hyo Jin Nim lifts up True Mother circa 1974 (a detail)



True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim at Belvedere circa 1974 (a detail)



Hyo Jin Nim behind the wheel of a bus, a photo taken by Joe Kinney  
This photo is among this [group](#) at Facebook.



True Father, Hyo Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim and Mrs. Choi together with world missionaries from the United States (a detail)  
April 19, 1975 in Barrytown, New York \*



Full image [below](#):



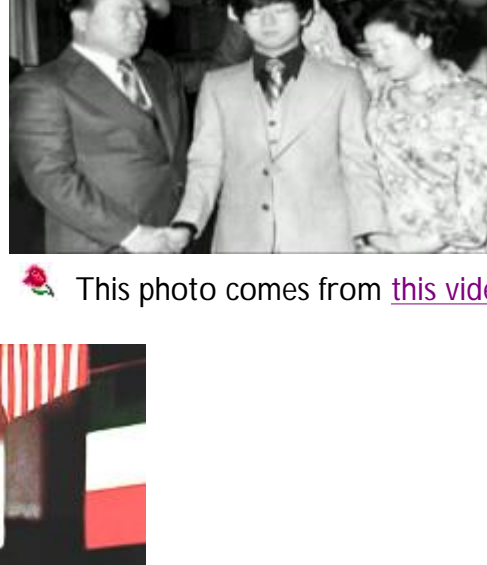
True Family on Ye Jin Nim's birthday, probably in December 1976 lunar  
At this link, enter the number 386 in the blank white space. In this picture, a detail, True Mother is holding Kwon Jin Nim, born January 1975.



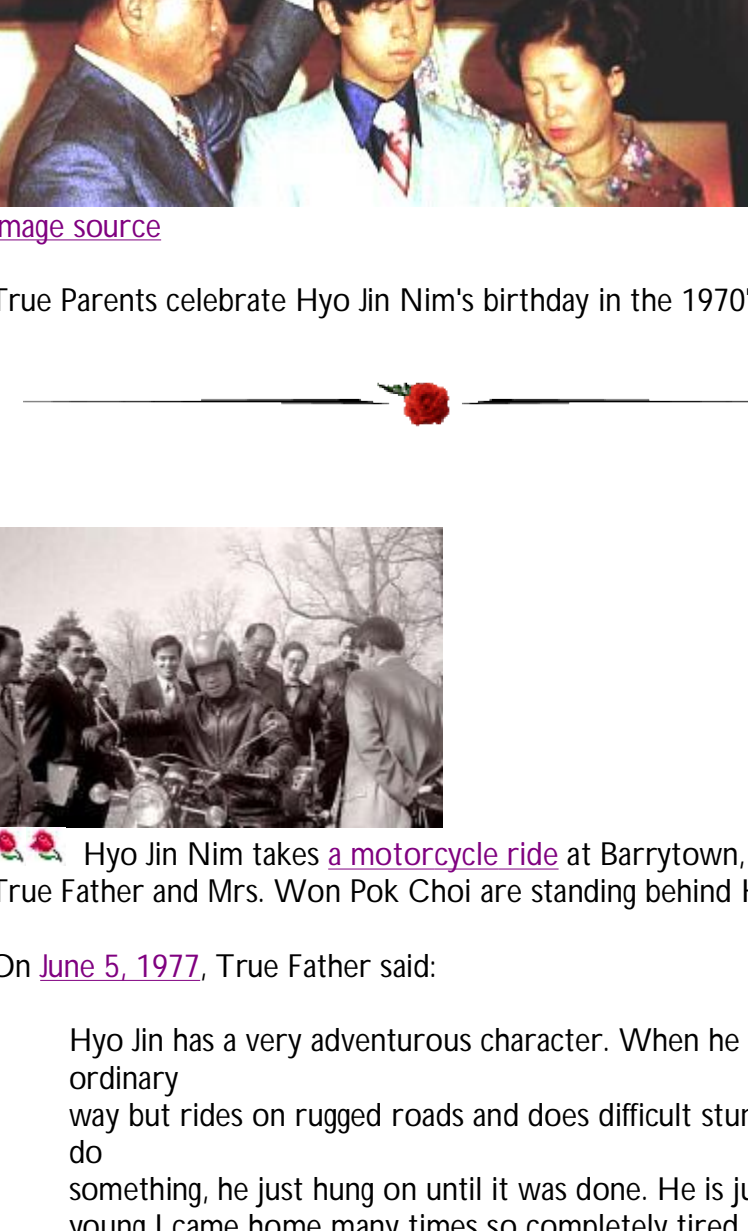
Ye Jin Nim, True Father and Hyo Jin Nim in the 1970's, a frame from this [video](#)



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True Parents celebrate Hyo Jin Nim's birthday in the 1970's, offering him a blessing prayer.



Hyo Jin Nim takes a [motorcycle ride](#) at Barrytown, New York, 1975 True Father and Mrs. Won Pok Choi are standing behind Hyo Jin Nim.

On [June 5, 1977](#), True Father said:

Hyo Jin has a very adventurous character. When he rides a motorcycle, he doesn't do it in an ordinary way but rides on rugged roads and does difficult stunts. Even as a boy, once he was determined to do something, he just hung on until it was done. He is just like I was in my younger days. When I was young I came home many times so completely tired out that I almost collapsed at the door. Hyo Jin is doing the same thing now. ❖



A slightly enhanced detail, [mid 1970's](#) from a group taken by Douglas Wetzstein.

On [April 17, 1977](#) True Father told us this about Hyo Jin Nim:

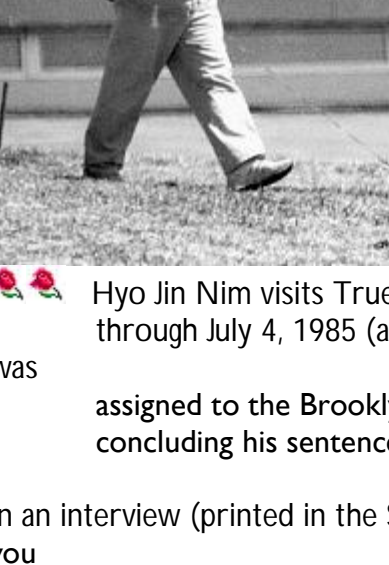
Hyo Jin is at a very active age. He loves music and riding horses and so forth, but he also enjoys quiet moments. He has a wild side but he also has a quiet and sentimental side; at 2 o'clock in the morning he all of a sudden got up and was playing the flute in his room one night. Later he told me about hearing heavenly music. ❖



A portrait of [True Family in 1978](#). To view an enlargement of this photo, at the link, choose # 5 from among the numbers "1 2 3 4 5." This photo, then, is the third picture down.

from True Father's words in [Cheon Seong Gyeong July 15, 1970](#)

... a true family, a family desired and shared by all humankind, must appear to channel God's greatest love. Without such a family, God's tribe cannot be instituted, and without such people, God's nation or world cannot be realized. ❖

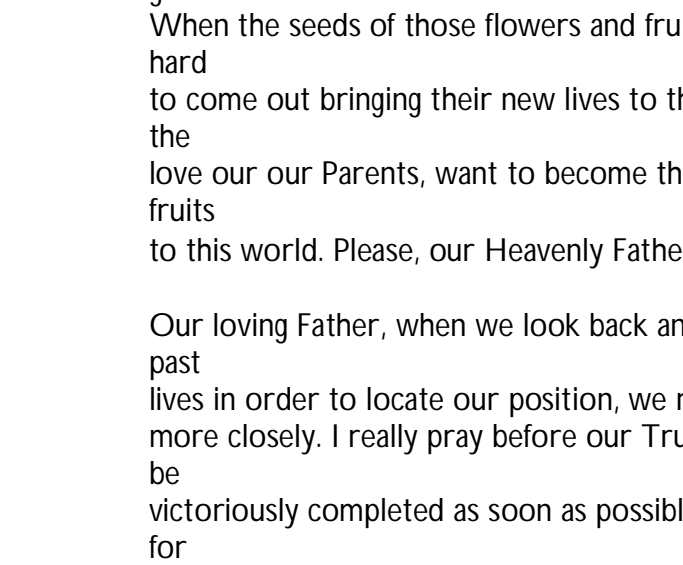


Hyo Jin Nim and True Father, early 1980's; a detail from this larger [photo](#)



This photo was shown as a slide at Hyo Jin Nim's memorial service at the Headquarters Church, Seoul, Korea, on March 22, 2008.

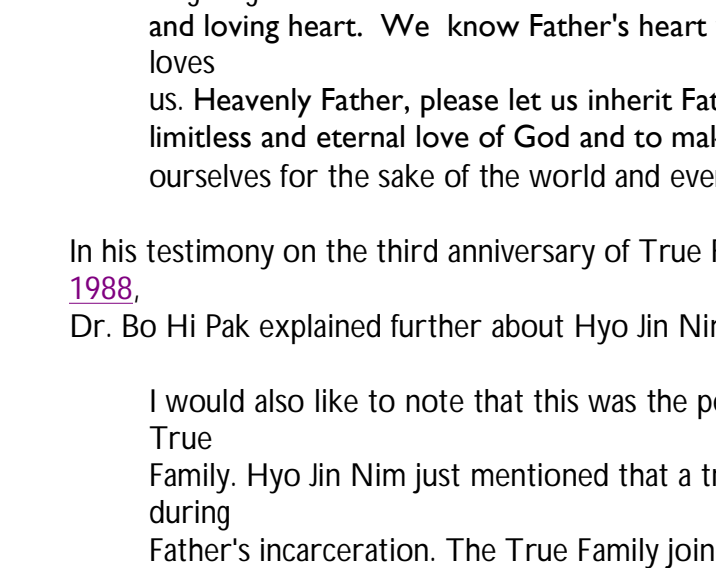
Left to right: Heung Jin Nim, True Mother holding Jeung Jin Nim (born June 1982), True Father and Hyo Jin Nim



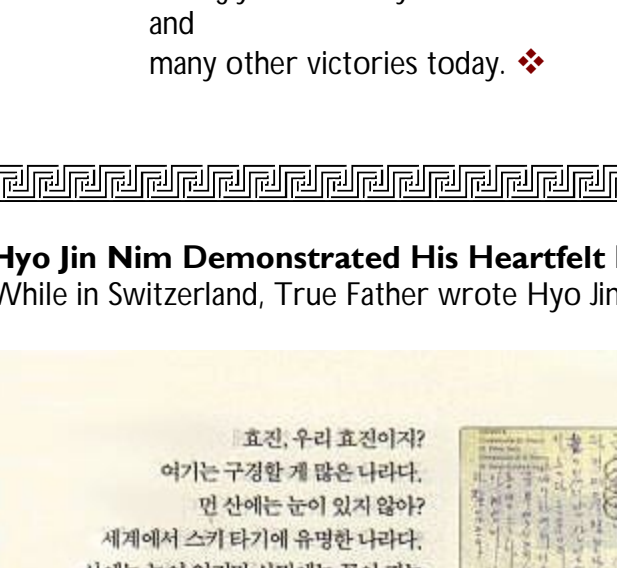
In the front row of this photo, taken during Heung Jin Nim's Seung Hwa, are (left to right): Heung Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, and Dr. Bo Hi Pak who is holding Heung Jin Nim's picture. Heung Jin Nim ascended on January 2, 1984.

On [January 2, 1980](#), in his Day of Victory of Love message in honor of Heung Jin Nim's sacrificial life, True Father related the following:

If Heung Jin Nim had not died, Hyo Jin Nim would have died, also by a traffic accident. Father expected at that time that difficulties were coming, so he told Hyo Jin Nim not to go out. Therefore Hyo Jin Nim was safe. ❖



[Enlargement](#) True Parents, five of their their sons, and Jin Sung Nim (blessed to In Jin Nim in 1984) on Kwon Jin Nim's 9th birthday



Hyo Jin Nim visits True Father at Danbury where True Father was in prison from July 20, 1984, through July 4, 1985 (a detail)—here's a link to an [enlargement](#). After Danbury, True Father

was assigned to the Brooklyn, New York, Phoenix House "half-way house" for another 45 days, concluding his sentence on August 20, 1985.

In an interview (printed in the Spring 1988 [Blessing Quarterly](#), p. 37), in answer to the question, "Can you recall some incident which captures Hyo Jin Nim's heart of filial piety to True Parents?" Dr. Joon Ho replied:

I mentioned that while Father was in Danbury prison, Hyo Jin Nim did his special prayer vigil for 120 days. In January and February, it is terribly cold at East Garden, particularly by the holy ground. But he persevered, holding his prayer vigil every night and praying deeply for True Parents, to inherit their heart and unite with them absolutely and truly become their filial son. ❖



Detail of the photo from Volume # 7 of [Blessed Family](#) (January 1986), p. 35 \* Left to right: Hyun Jin Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim, who offered a midnight prayer condition at Holy Ground, January 12-February 20, 1985

Here are excerpts from two of Hyo Jin Nim's prayers during this condition, from Journal # 7 of [Blessed Family](#) January 1986, pp. 34-38:

My Father has been actualizing the ideal of God's creation here on earth, overcoming hardship and suffering throughout his life. Please pour Your blessing upon his works. Let us also participate in completing them.

We know that it is due to the virtue of the sacrificial love of our Parents that we children can grow to be beautiful and strong. Blooming flowers and ripe fruits on the branches and trunks of the trees depend on their roots which live their sacrificial lives in the dark and deep ground. When the seeds of those flowers and fruit drop and are buried underground, they try very hard to come out bringing their new lives to the world. In the same way, we, who have grown in the love our Parents, want to become the mature people who will be able to bring rich fruits to this world. Please, our Heavenly Father, guide us in doing so. ❖

Our loving Father, when we look back and repent for our mistakes and reflect upon our past lives in order to locate our position, we realize that we have to become able to serve You more closely. I really pray before our True Parents that all the providence for mankind will be victoriously completed as soon as possible. I again thank You from the bottom of my heart for the precious time of being with You. We know that we will be able to subject more and more deeply if we have the heart to unite with the heart of God, the eternal growth of love, and if we have a heart of longing for Your heart even beyond our physical limitation. We know that this kind of heart cannot be measured by size nor weight. It is eternal and limitless.

The deeper the root goes downward, the thicker the trunk and branches become. The fruit will also grow richer with deep roots. Our Heavenly Father, in the process of polishing our character moment by moment, please let us not be those of the flock who are tempted by superficial glory. Guide us that we may be willing to take the role of roots which make all the trunks and branches grow richly. A temporary fire may warm us in a moment, but what we want is to become people who can make the glory of our Heavenly Father shine in eternal love, making our constant effort to love Him and long for Him.

Our loving Father, True Parents have opened the way for us through a long period of suffering and adversity. Father lived those long years holding and absorbing so many miserable and resentful situations inside himself. It is from Father's course that we have learned the forgiving and loving heart. We know Father's heart which always trusts and accepts us because he loves us. Heavenly Father, please let us inherit Father's heart completely. We want to inherit the limitless and eternal love of God and to make it our own. If we attain that, we can sacrifice ourselves for the sake of the world and even shed our blood for the glory of God. ❖

In his testimony on the third anniversary of True Father's release from Danbury, on [August 20, 1988](#),

Dr. Bo Hi Pak explained further about Hyo Jin Nim's prayer condition on behalf of True Father:

I would also like to note that this was the period of growth for everybody, including the True Family. Hyo Jin Nim just mentioned that a tremendous transformation took place in him during Father's incarceration. The True Family joined side by side together with Father in his suffering.

While Father was in prison, Hyo Jin Nim initiated a 40-day prayer vigil during the cold nights of winter. But then after 40 days, Hyo Jin Nim thought it was not enough, and he initiated another 40-day condition, and then another—120 days in all. Hyo Jin Nim's courageous example was willingly followed by all the True Family and the East Garden staff. We are celebrating this and many other victories today. ❖

### Hyo Jin Nim Demonstrated His Heartfelt Love for His Family and His Family Loved Him.

While in Switzerland, True Father wrote Hyo Jin Nim the postcard shown below:



This image comes from this [group](#) at Facebook.

Here's a translation of the words True Father wrote in the above postcard to Hyo Jin Nim. Hyo Jin Nim was about six and a half years old and living in Korea at that time:

Hyojin, our Hyojin - right? This is a country with much to see. There is a lot of snow in the distant mountains. It's a country famous for its skiing. There is snow in the mountains, but beautiful flowers bloom at their feet.. Hyojin, you should also study a lot, and come visit this country. Study hard! You should be in good terms with your older sister and younger brothers. Dad, Mom and the lady with spectacles are all fine. Well, bye for now. (Switzerland, April 1969, from Geneva - Abonim) ❖

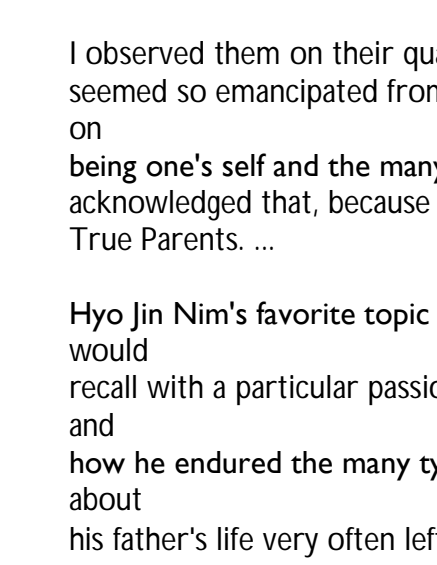


True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim visit Unification Theological Seminary 1988 \* (photos used with permission)

On the day these pictures were taken, True Parents came to the seminary to meet with the 1988 graduates. Hyo Jin Nim accompanied them. I watched as Hyo Jin Nim simply assisted True Mother to her chair. The tender love and attendance that he expressed for True Mother at that moment brought tears to my eyes.



Log in [here](#) to see an enlargement of this [picture from PeaceTV](#). Hyo Jin Nim here is offering a prayer for Jeong Jin Nim on her birthday in the late 1980's.



Hyo Jin Nim and his maternal grandmother, Soon-ae Hong, [Dae Mo Nim](#) (Great Mother), who ascended in 1989, a slightly enhanced detail from [this photo](#) at Facebook

Hyo Jin Nim said on [February 5, 1989](#)

Everything my parents give to me is for the sake of love—honestly, sincerely believe this. It is not automatic or easy to do so. You have to invest yourself for the sake of the relationship. Just like Father trusted me all these years, that one day I would come through. With that intensity and all that I love, I have to give back what he has given me. This is not a burden, but I want to do this with gratitude for the sake of love. ❖



[Here](#), Hyo Jin Nim prays together with True Parents and other members of True Family on the 25th celebration of God's Day in 1992.

On God's Day in 1992, True Father said:

Father's God's Day motto refers to the "new nation." God could not have that new nation, because God has not yet been able to educate the citizens of the new nation. God's intention is to have God's Day, God's nation and the perfection of all things. The only remaining thing is education. A manual shall be created on how children shall be educated from generation to generation. God's educational textbook. That is the major project. Father has a textbook which God wants to be used for the education of all mankind. There shall be no degradation. That textbook was not created because of the fall of man. Now, God is declaring a new nation, and Father's most immediate and urgent task is to create the textbook for the education of the citizens of God's nation. Do you want to have it?

God's sorrow was that He could not teach this textbook. First of all, the title is: "Education Textbook for God's Day and the Unification of the New Nation."

- 1) Absence of true education for true children.
- 2) True brotherhood education was not there.
- 3) True parenthood education was not there.
- 4) True couple relationship was not there.

These are the four major areas of education. This is what God's textbook includes.

First of all, how can we educate our children to become true children? Father is trying to make the invisible form of God visible. Within God there is plus and minus, which God extended into the world, which became children. They will be meeting in the most glorious place. ❖



True Parents congratulate Hyo Jin Nim on May 8, 2004, a photo from this [FFWPU Korea group](#) <http://tinyurl.com/djro4j>



Hyo Jin Nim with True Mother, May 10, 2004 a detail of a photo from this [FFWPU Korea group](#)

### Hyo Jin Nim enjoyed Horseback Riding, Fishing, Marksmanship, Hunting and other Sports



True Father, Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim in Des Moines, Iowa, [March 1974](#)



True Children and Lesa Elanson in 1974, Hyo Jin Nim wearing a blue denim jacket a photo from FFVPU USA members section [here](#)

In 1977 at Barrytown, Hyo Jin Nim was an enthusiastic student of horseback riding together with his brother Heung Jin Nim. Lesa Elanson writes about this (from pages 54-70 of the Spring 1988 [Blessing Quarterly](#)):

I observed them on their quarter horses fleeting across the vast meadows of our property; both seemed so emancipated from the world that I had known as a child, with all the limitations placed on being one's self and the many constraints upon one's original mind. I was envy such spirit and acknowledged that, because they were willing to try anything, they were worthy to be the sons of True Parents. ...

Hyo Jin Nim's favorite topic of discussion was always Father and how incredible he was. He would recall with a particular passion how Father survived his prison experiences, going without sleep, and how he endured the many types of horrendous torture. Hyo Jin Nim's sense of pride and pain about his father's life very often left us speechless. ❖



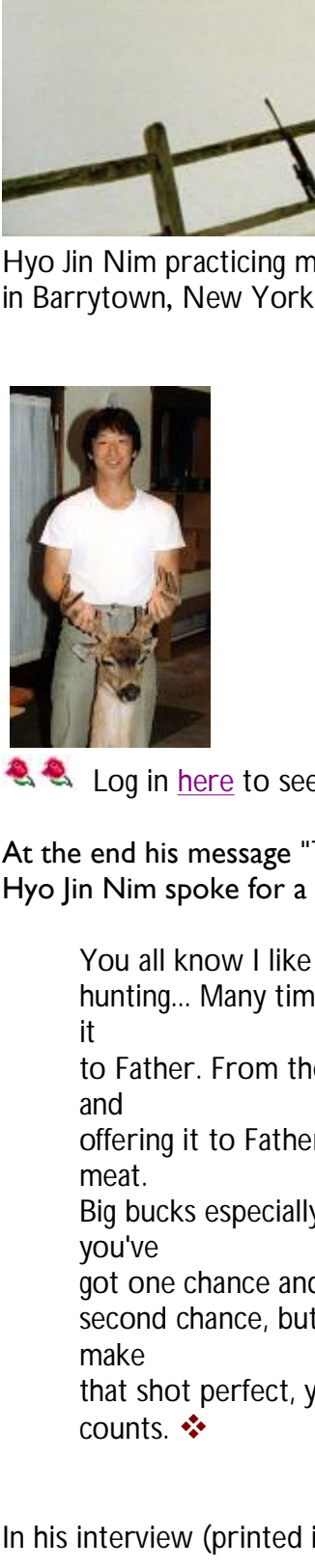
Hyo Jin Nim, Paul and Christel Werner and others in 1974 (a detail), enlargement <http://www.uc-history.us/Church/index.html>



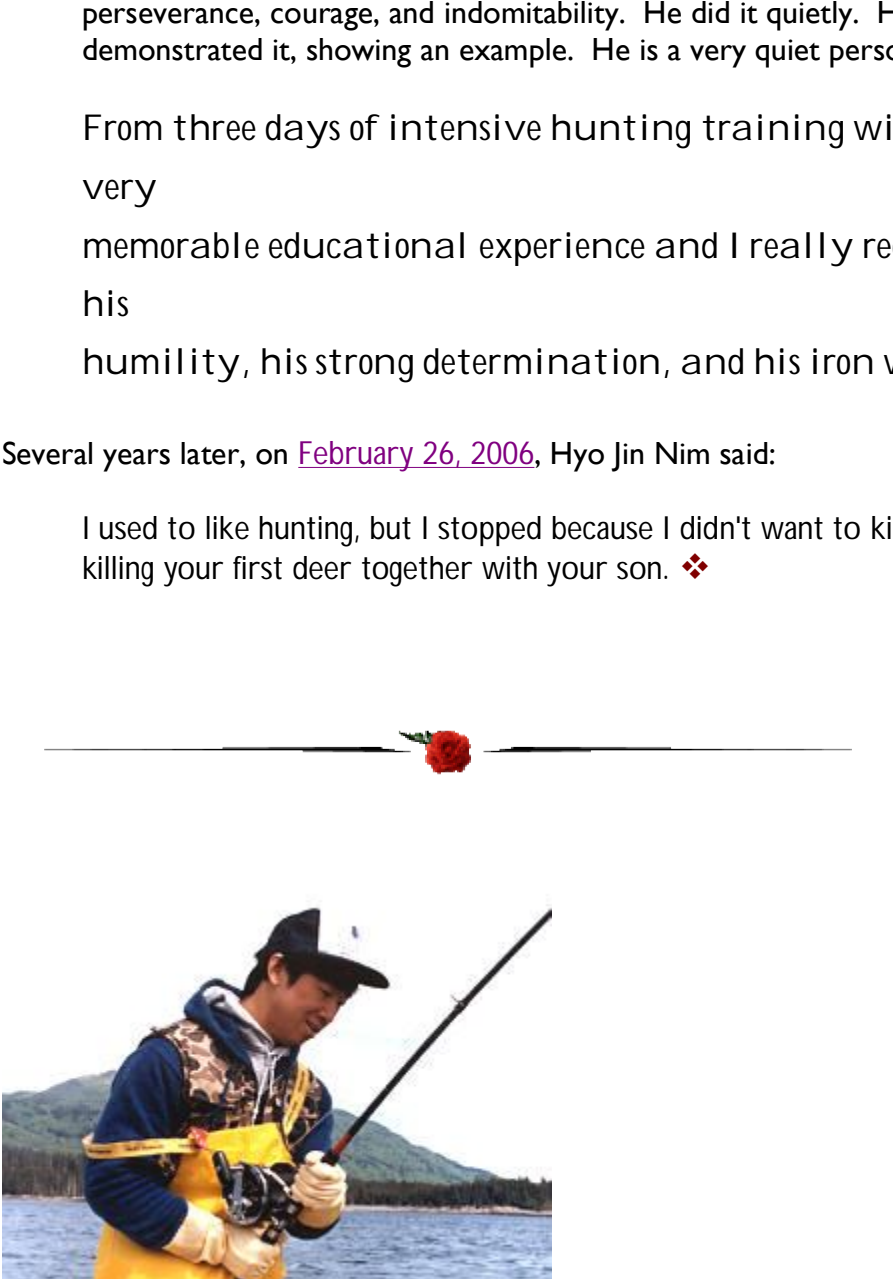
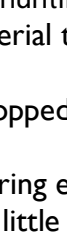
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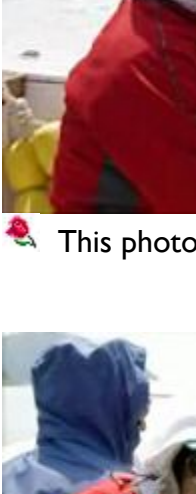
Here Hyo Jin Nim is practicing marksmanship while Reiko Thorne observes. This photo, taken by Douglas Wetzstein, a detail, is used with permission. Enlargement at [Facebook](#)



A slightly enhanced detail from another photo taken on the same occasion as the one directly above. The full image at [Facebook](#)



Hyo Jin Nim practicing marksmanship near the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York, late 1980's \*



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At the end his message "The Final Step To Our Perfection" given on [November 3, 1991](#), Hyo Jin Nim spoke for a few minutes about hunting:

You all know I like hunting. That is the only thing that stimulates me physically. But even simple hunting... Many times I catch a deer and I want to offer it to Father. I want to cook it up and serve it to Father. From the point of my desire to the point of actually putting the venison on the plate and offering it to Father is a pretty long process. It's a pretty long process to offer Father a piece of meat.

Big bucks especially have very keen senses. So if you are lucky enough to be facing a big buck, you've got one chance and you've got to make that chance count. If you are really lucky, you might get a second chance, but normally if you miss a deer, he's gone. He's in the next county. In order to make that shot perfect, you have to practice. Be sure, when you make that shot, that it hits where it counts. ❖

In his interview (printed in the Spring 1988 **Blessing Quarterly**, p. 36-43), Dr. Joon Ho Seuk said:

After the CARP Convention in Germany [1987] last year, Father called us to Alaska. I was just expecting to go fishing with him. Fishing in Alaska is very calm, very enjoyable. But Hyo Jin Nim wanted to go hunting. Father said to go hunting with him.

I thought we would go hunting nearby, but we were dropped off by a small airplane which really looked like vintage material to me! I asked the pilot how old the plane was and he said, "It was built in 1945." We were dropped off on a small island and the pilot said goodbye and that he'd be back in four days! We didn't bring enough food with us--no kimche, no rice, just some ham and cheese sandwiches. We had a little ramen for dinner. Then we climbed through the thick forest, with Hyo Jin Nim leading us. Hunting and climbing up mountains are external activities.

He was always far ahead of us, leading us. It was symbolic of his role. He showed such a spirit of perseverance, courage, and indomitability. He did it quietly. He did not say so much, but demonstrated it, showing an example. He is a very quiet person.

From three days of intensive hunting training with Hyo Jin Nim, I had a very memorable educational experience and I really rediscovered his loving heart, his humility, his strong determination, and his iron will power. ❖

Several years later, on [February 26, 2006](#), Hyo Jin Nim said:

I used to like hunting, but I stopped because I didn't want to kill anymore. But what a great feeling killing your first deer together with your son. ❖



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