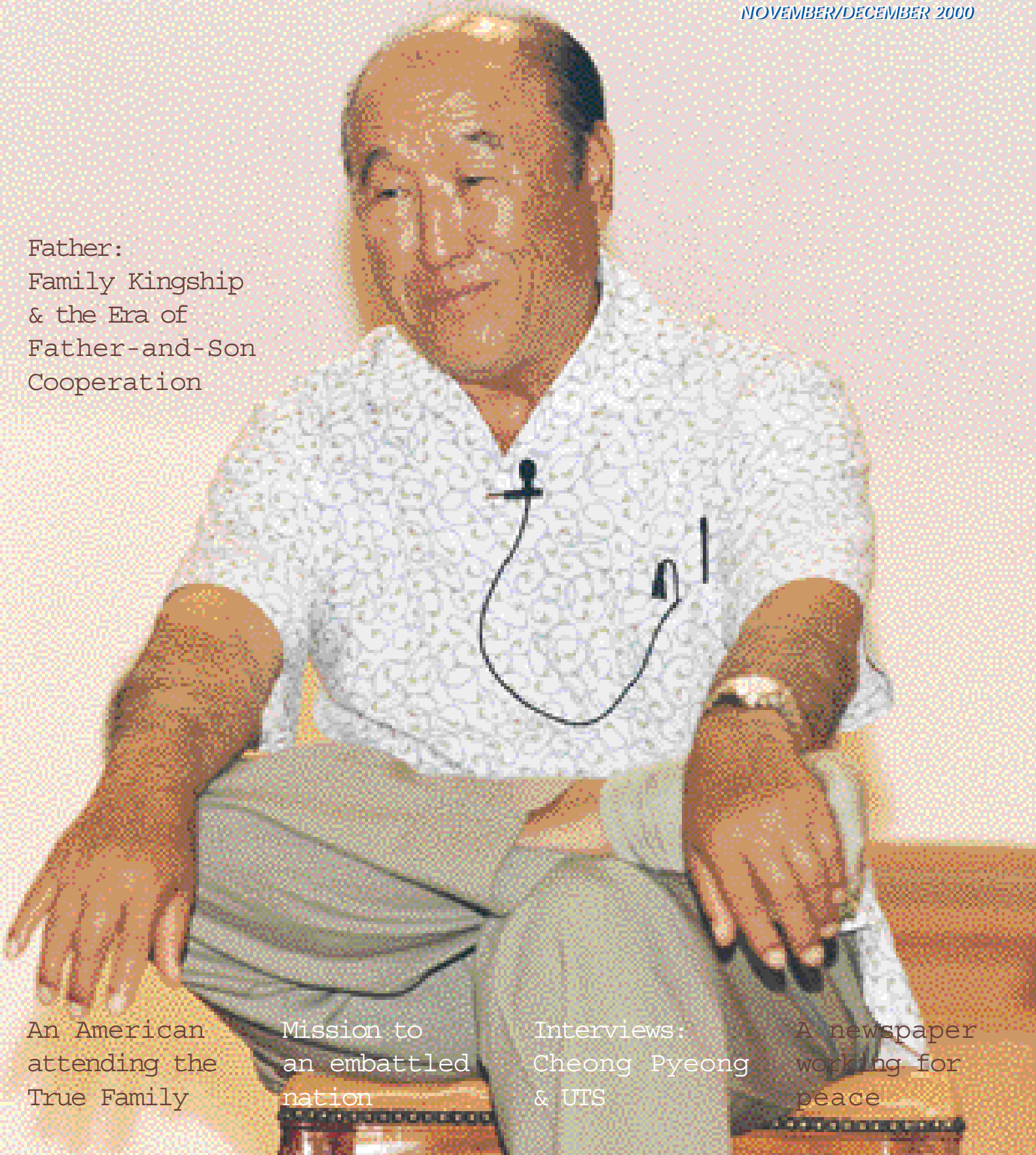


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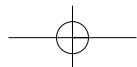


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Message from the Publisher

Reverend Sun Jo Hwang



Restoring the Homeland

Excerpted from a speech Rev. Hwang gave at a meeting on November 12, 2000, one of a series held for federation presidents and members who are mobilized throughout Korea. The theme of the meeting was the restoration of the fatherland.

WE have heard a lot about the providence. There is no other way to go in the right direction and to know what to do than to talk about the providence. The Principle tells us that human history is God's providential history of salvation. And history has demonstrated this itself, as we know.

We have learned that God's providential history of salvation is bearing fruit in True Parents' lives. True Parents' value is impossible to measure and unimaginably great if we think seriously about the fact that all of human history can change because of the lives of these two individuals. One day has twenty-four hours. It is a fact now as it was a hundred years ago, and ten thousand years ago. But today, twenty-four hours is so much more meaningful than at any other time in history. Twenty-four hours has ten thousand years of meaning and value.

The biblical history of the Jewish people is a living revelation God is teaching us through. The Israelites prayed fervently for their liberation for four hundred years during their exile in Egypt. However, God did not respond to their prayers until they had passed the four-hundred-year mark. After they passed through the four-hundred-year period of exile in Egypt, God led them through the wilderness for forty years with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, even though they disbelieved and disobeyed Him many

times. When you carefully study how God works, you will notice that there are times when God is silent, not responding to our prayers at all, and there are times when God actively responds. God's providence is a manifestation of those two different responses: silence, and active response. But there is no moment in any situation when God is not working. All of God's providence is bearing fruit through True Parents' lives. The time period True Parents live on earth has tremendous historical meaning for all humankind.

Maintaining a providential viewpoint

We can define True Parents' lives in various ways. However, we can call the forty years between 1920 and 1960 the age of the Second Advent. The two thousand years before this forty-year period can be defined as the age of the bride. Father's forty years prior to his holy wedding was the age of the Second Advent. Although the central figure of the providence was, needless to say, Father himself, during this period, we prayed in the name of Jesus. 1960 was the turning point where the age of the Second Advent changed to the age of the True Parents. For the first time in human history, humanity came to have True Parents on earth. Father's birth was the third great providential event. The human ancestor, Adam was born sinless; however, he fell. After four thousand years, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, who was sinless, was born to the world. But he could not fulfill his mission. So for the third time, a sinless man had to be born. We know him as True Father.

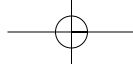
True Father's holy wedding, which enabled him to create the True Family with True Mother, had tremendous providential meaning and value. The appearance of True Parents on earth, something neither Adam nor Jesus had been able to realize, was a monumental event in history. From that point, for the past forty years from 1960 to 2000, it has been the age of the blessing centered on True Parents. The past forty years was the time of rebirth through the blessing, centering on True Parents, who are the true ancestors of all humanity. For this period, we prayed in the name of True Parents. And now we are beginning the third forty-year period. True Parents call the new forty-year period the age of registration.

We are witnessing new, historical change. Brothers and sisters, we can only understand the providence

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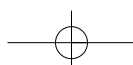
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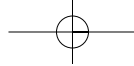
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— TRUE PARENTS —

Declaration of Family Kingship

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
OCTOBER 27, 2000 (41ST TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY)
HANNAM-DONG RESIDENCE, SEOUL

Father's prayer and excerpted contents from his speech to assembled leaders at the 7:00 a.m. Pledge Ceremony.

BELOVED Father, today, we are celebrating the forty-first True Children's Day, after forty full years. While the spiritual world celebrates today, centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth, we would like to proclaim this day as a day of joy and day of the morning sun, a day when we will perform a great ceremony of conversion to endow the title of children to all the descendants of Adam and Eve and create a new relationship of parent and child on earth; therefore, Father, please accept the entire ceremony of this day with joy.

We have entered the age when we must firmly establish, based on the victory of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, a country ruled by love before Your heart, which has to embrace and love Satan and his followers, and the age when we must go into the world transcending the level of the nation; in this age, we would like to initiate a day when we, by restoring Your ideal of creation and as Your second heir with the qualification of children, can serve You as the True Father, while the United Nations, oceans, lands, the earth, and the heavenly world are unified to protect the life of Your children. Please allow us this as we begin this day.

Father, since now is the age when all things in the heavenly world, all things on earth, and all people who have had a blood relationship with You can move towards the unified world of Your sovereignty transcending countries, the world, religion, and all borders, please accept this as a time to establish the ownership that can qualify all things on earth to serve and belong to Your children and qualify the children You have regained to be worthy of Your loving embrace.

Through this, please allow this to be the time to welcome and bless the age during which we can lay the worldwide cornerstone for the liberation of the nation of heavenly sovereignty by proclaiming the return of the oceans, return of the lands, return of the cosmos, return of the realm of heart of the fourth Adam, and return of the original ideal, by connecting the oceanic world, island nations, peninsular nations, and continental nations, and by standing in the position higher than that of having fulfilled all our plans towards the unified physical world, including the unification of the South and North.

All humanity should attain the liberated realm of blessing in which to serve Heaven as the True Parents and enter the age of the realm of blessing of the fourth Adam; and should become able to serve God as the absolute, unique, and unchanging True Father by restoring the mother and child



relationship in every family and by entering the age of restored father and son in which to establish an ideal father and child relationship. Please allow that through this, all the human descendants on this earth become Your blood kin and create families of Your dutiful sons and daughters by liquidating all their mistakes so far and pledging to follow the path of filial piety.

This is the day when You rule over the entire universe in the liberated position of the True Father, going beyond all the remaining conditions of sorrow and entrust-

ing everything to the True Parents and Heung-jin in the heavenly world. Today we would like to have time to gather as Your children, make a new determination and declare our intention to serve Heaven. We eagerly desire that You be present here to preside over the entire ceremony and allow this forty-first True Children's Day to be established as a day to commemorate this declaration to the universe.

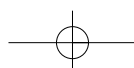
Under Your grace, and in the realm of unification and liberation of the nation of sovereignty through Your love, all our family members desire to stand as children of Your direct lineage who can fulfill the way of a dutiful child, the way of a patriot, and the way of saints and holy sons and daughters, and want to offer You all that we own in the cosmos; we eagerly desire that with the condition of accepting this, You allow the transition of the age to be one in which You can embrace Your children as family members of Your lineage.

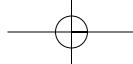
Through this, please open the gate to the place where we can celebrate the love between parent and child in a united heaven and earth, and make this the point of initiation from which we can tear down all the walls in the spiritual world and on earth and march towards the age of the bright light of love shining over all of heaven and earth. We sincerely beseech You. As we offer all this in this holy ceremony, I pray and declare that You will accept this in the name of the True Parents. Amen ! Amen ! Amen !

Father's Words

Now that everyone has bowed, let me say a few words. Today marks the fortieth full year of the True Children's Day, and October of this year also has to be the last month because it is the month of blessing and liberation... This year, with the fortieth anniversary of the True Children's Day, we should completely establish the relationship of parents and children. This is why today's celebration of True Children's Day is meaningful.

God and humanity have failed to form a parent-child relationship, and True Parents have been working to establish that





relationship. From where should this be resolved? It begins from your blessed families. Do you understand this? Blessed families should start serving God as Father and serve the True Parents as the ancestors of humanity. You should be a family that can serve the internal and external Parents and inherit love, life, and lineage; through serving and inheriting, the root that can raise the conscience straight and level becomes firmly settled in at a ninety degree angle in the family.

Who is God? Adam is the ancestor of the family and root of the family. So remember that from today, the Parents of Heaven and Earth will reign as king and queen of the family, do you understand? So far, there has been no king in the family. In the future, the family king should receive the throne of the national king and of the cosmic king. You should know that only through this is it possible for the original realm of the ideal Heavenly Kingdom to be connected. All this is for the sake of kingship.

Since kingship has oneness of blood with the love of True Parents and of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, its root, trunk, and buds grow with the same life, same elements, and same nutrition. They are growing together. This is why as the reign of the family king begins, it is connected to that of the national king, after which it is connected to that of the king of the world; now is the time of entering the heavenly registration list.

Since we have paid all indemnity and returned to the original point the realm of heart of the fourth Adam for the age of the ocean, age of the land, and age of the universe, we have now entered the age of original settlement, and thus the children and Parents should become one and decide on the day of settlement of the family beyond the forty-year hill. So you should remember that today is when the Parents of Heaven and Earth finally come to reign as the family king and queen. You should participate in the ceremony with such an understanding.

Hence, in your daily life, you should attend True Parents centered on the picture of True Parents in your home. This is not the style of a particular church or country; it is from your family that God's will for the church, for the country, and for the world begins. You should make a new beginning as a family that has inherited such a standard of lineage. It is only through this your entry on the heavenly registration list and settlement is possible.

Now we are performing the registration ceremony. Now, the families that have registered will proceed to the age in which to attend the Heavenly Parents as king and queen. Do

you understand this? I am trying to connect the realm of the sea, realm of the land, and realm of heaven, because we must conclude all this before the end of October. You should know that you must see everything as the age of equalization. All blessed families will start a life of serving the family king....

As the history of restoration of the four-position foundation through the baby, parents, and ancestors takes place in the family, you should become an exemplary family that is connected only to God's love and create a home in which to serve the Parents of Heaven and Earth as king and queen. This way, this home will serve the king in the future, and this country will serve the king of heaven and earth, thereby transforming every corner of the world into the Heavenly Kingdom on earth and the Heavenly Kingdom in heaven based on a unified realm and the standard of the blood lineage. Today is the day that this transformation starts, and you should attend this ceremony with a clear understanding of this, do you understand?

You do not have your own possessions-your things, your country or your self. The only thing you have is your family. After establishing love in your family, your self becomes connected to it through the value that conforms to the fundamental standard of that love. The entire universe becomes one centering on one core, and your family should stand in the position of this core, loving all things and becoming their owner to eat and digest them, for they are created through God's love and exist for your sake. This way, your family

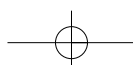
should form the realm of oneness through love before God, becoming able to be absorbed and to absorb. You should feel that your family is like a model, settled, and original cornerstone that serves such Parents of Heaven and Earth, who are the king and queen.

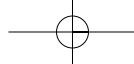
You do not serve the king in someone else's family; you should live such a life that you feel that you have the Parents of Heaven and Earth as king and queen in your own home-for your entire life. In the *hoon dok* sessions, you should have such a consciousness and set an

example of a life of attendance before your children. Otherwise, you will not be able to say, "I pray in the name of so and so, a blessed family member that has inherited True Parents' realm of victory (or: victorious authority) through the blessing." You should say, "It is so and so, representing my family, which has inherited the victorious authority over all" while serving them as king and queen, and only then will your prayer be in the right. What is the realm of victorious authority? It is kingship. We should live with the conscious-



Senior blessed members at Pledge Service on True Children's Day. From left to right, Kim Young-Joon (Korean CARP leader and Vice President of FFWPU Korea), Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, Rev. & Mrs. Chung Su-won, Rev. & Mrs. Moon Yong-hyun (Father's cousin), Dr. Pak Bo-hi, Rev. Kim Won-pil, Mrs. Yoon Jung-un (wife of Rev. Kwak), Mrs. Lee Jong-ok, Rev. Lee Jae-seok (behind), Dr. Lee Kyung-june (President of Sun Moon University), Rev. Hwang Hwan-chaee (behind), Mrs. Kim Myung-hee





ness that our family is the first family to serve God, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the king...

The kingship of the Parents of Heaven and Earth will be liberated in its entirety only when the family king is elevated to the tribal king, national king, king of the world, king of heaven and earth, and beyond. Liberation of the ages of the individual, family, tribe, nation....and age of eternity will take place...

From now on, there should be no one who is not blessed. Also in Korea at this time, we must make sure by all means that there is no one who is not blessed. The unmarried men and women, whether they are in a Kim family, Park family, Kwak family, or other families, should be led to the blessing, so that they are entered into the heavenly registration list instead of being sent to hell. For the sake of this heavenly name list, you should bring anyone by strong persuasion, even, for example, your elder brother who has left the country and has not yet been registered.

You must know this. There was a struggle over the body of Moses and that of Jesus in order that not even the corpse would remain in the satanic world. The families that have such a traditional standard as their core should come together with families of the world that are not blessed and digest them. This way, they should connect the root of their tribal standard with the original realm of heart of the True Parents. Unless you become such an original family of tradition worthy to be grafted onto the family of the True Parents, the family king will be unable to progress to the national king...

Now we are entering an age when I can rule over your families. Isn't this so? When you have a king in your family, you will have to follow him. Do you understand? Family kings will have to follow the national king. They are the citizens of the country. Next, when he rises to the worldwide level, national kings should serve him. Next, the world king must lay the foundation of the king of saints, after which he returns to the heavenly throne. This is the sovereign country of restoration, unification, and heart. The sovereign country in the form of kingship, do you understand? You should know this clearly.

From now on, only the constitution and law will judge sins, determine victory and defeat, and determine existence and destruction. If you live for the sake of others, you will be able to overcome all laws, while living for your own sake will make you stumble everywhere. In serving True Parents, if you do it for your own sake, you will stumble, and heaven and earth will be united against you. If a husband and a wife only serve themselves, all exchanges between the east and west will be stopped. Everything that flows like air and water, will all be blocked. Love flows even more freely than air or water. It can flow wherever there is a leak, but when you demand that your self be served, then it becomes blocked. Hence, understanding this, you should establish from your own self a family tradition of living for the sake of others...

Now, you should establish the pattern of a family. You should form a four-position foundation, and three families



Flowers at the commemorative service at Sutaek-Ri later in the morning

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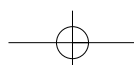
should unite to save one family that is in ruin; you have such a responsibility. That is the four-position foundation. Our Unification Church has now come into an age of good heavenly fortune. When you pray in your family you should say, "in the name of a central blessed family," do you understand? Please teach members to say that when they pray in their family. They are the center of the world and of heaven and earth. Since the ways of a dutiful child, a patriot, a saint, and a holy son or daughter have emerged through the historical ages, you can represent them all...

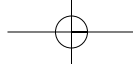
The central people who are blessed are the father and the son, and they become one with the king. Father should give the blessing, and everyone should be worthy of the blessing. Do you understand? When the blood lineage is correctly established, everyone can automatically follow. Now is the time we do this for the country. In every country, we should become the kind of families never seen before in history.

You should understand how fearful a thing this registration is. This is not something that will come and go. What of the three ages? Now is a great transition. History is turning a complete circle at a great transition, and it is through the settlement of the family that the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age, and Completed Testament Age are completed. Family settlement is the settlement of kingship. Do you understand this? It is neither democracy nor communism but the settlement of kingship. The settlement of kingship means settlement of the kingship of love.

The great transition of the three ages, four-position foundation...What's next? The registration of the four-position foundation. And next? It is the ceremony of unification and blessing. These are all included. The four-position foundation enters is registered on the heavenly list, in three stages. If God is the first generation, Adam and Eve are the second generation, and yet the third generation has not been connected.

What was the fall? It was the blood lineage going wrong. The three generations were lost because the blood lineage went wrong. This is a huge problem. What should have grown into a true olive tree ended up as a wild olive tree. This is why the history of restoration is taking place. The history of restoration starts with the three generations centering on God's flesh and blood. The three stages give birth to sons and daughters by connecting to the new blood lineage of blessing and this goes to the global level. In the realm of three





generations, each one has the same value. If you see this vertically, God is the first generation, my father and mother, the parents, are the second generation, and I myself am the third generation. Expansion starts from the third generation...

So everything will be over once we have restored a country. Korea has a great responsibility. We have to establish a country within the next four years. We should ask mothers to work for the establishment of the country. Mothers and the second generation must do it. Now is time when the second generation stand in the front. But do not think in comfortable terms. You should work as soldiers on the front line. You should coach your mothers. When a mother has gone beyond restoring the country, you should inherit her tradition and stand in the position to continue your father's lineage. Do you understand this?

The mother and children must be ones who stand in such a position in order to bring back the father, who was chased out. In other words, they can bring back Adam. It is the same with you. Now, you can attend me by restoring the nation. You can attend me by becoming one as a couple and making unity with your children. Do you understand this? You must become one with your own father in order that the vertical axis emerges centered on the family on earth...

As a Unification Church member, you cannot consider your possessions, your house, and other belongings as belonging to you. Now there is nothing. How can you inherit kingship in your family? You cannot think that your family is the realm of independence. There is nothing your self desires; when you fail to walk the central course to establish your country, you cannot desire anything that is greater. Do you understand this?

From now on, although I may not be here any more, or talk about *hoon dok hae* any more, you should still keep it eternally in your family. You must save your relatives, tribe, and village. You should visit the village and invite the people for *hoon dok hae*. You should fulfill the responsibility this way to



make connections. Gone is the age when you can sit comfortably and live your life. We must equalize the four directions. Whether we like it or not, we must do it. You will be restrained if you do not do this. At this point, that is the only thing I have left to do. We must do it no matter how difficult it is. We must go to North Korea and show the tradition and ideal of the Unification Church. We cannot go back even a step, because we have been dedicating ourselves for fifty years...

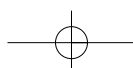
When we attain the fatherland, the whole of humankind will be one family. Your families are the root of kingship. The position of blessed families is the foundation for establishing kingship. A king is the basis for establishing kingship. Do you understand this? We must establish kingship.

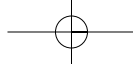
Japanese members, do things thoroughly. The country of Japan does not exist. Hence, when an environment is established in which Japan's position of original wife is lost you will have to move out. It is the same with the European members. No matter how difficult it is, you should move to Father's original country. You have to prepare. If you understand this clearly, you should put it into practice. You should bring results through continuous work. That way, you will be able to register on the heavenly list of Father's nation. ♦

[Translated from the original Korean]



Above, Father gives his True Children's Day sermon for all members; left, scene from the play "Sun" (the initial character in Father's name) presented for True Parents during the cultural evening at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center





The Era of Father-and-Son Cooperation

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
MORNING HOONDOK HAE, NOVEMBER 11, 2000
PRINCEVILLE HOTEL, KAUAI ISLAND, HAWAII



Father speaks to the 40-day workshop participants

THE most important thing you must understand from this speech is that the role of women in the providence is a weighty one. The purpose of God's providence has been to find Adam and make him God's tree of life. God also needs a woman who can multiply His seeds of love through Adam. But God's seeds were lost in Adam's family. Because of the fall of Adam's family, families throughout the entire world also have lost their true seeds. So the providential history of salvation has been God's recreation and raising of the lost seeds. For this purpose, many religions came into existence to support God and pioneer the creation of an environment in which His seeds could sprout and be substantiated in one true man through whom all the different cultures and nations in the world could be unified.

All religions basically teach people to be filial sons and daughters at home, to be loyal subjects in their countries, to be saints in the world and holy sons and daughters in the cosmos. This is because the way of restoration is to find a man that is not fallen and can therefore go beyond the individual, family and even the cosmic level of the fallen world. A man cannot grow by himself, however. He needs a mother to nourish and raise him. That is why the age of mother-and-son cooperation has been necessary.

Women have not received true love from their husbands. Instead, they have had to endure their share of suffering throughout history and still raise their children properly. Although neither mothers nor their sons have understood their destinies, history has been filled with the sacrifice of women enduring suffering and persecution while embracing

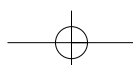
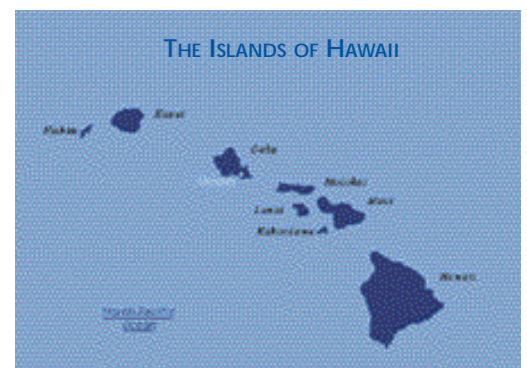
and raising their sons and daughters, in order to pass through the eight stages from the age of history and the age of the mother's womb.

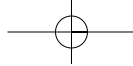
You must understand that women have had to walk a sacrificial path while being manipulated, beaten and broken apart in this archangelic world and yet had to take care of and raise their sons and daughters for the providence of salvation. Mother and son cooperation has been absolutely necessary, as is clear from the history of the chosen people. You know that struggles between Esau and Jacob, Perez and Zerah, and then Zechariah's family and Joseph's family centering around Mary had to be overcome. The external indemnity was accomplished through Esau and Jacob and the internal indemnity was completed through Perez and Zerah. Mary should not have had a relationship with any man, not even her lawful husband, during her life after Jesus was born. She should have overcome any persecution brought on by the Judaic law at the risk of her life. But she failed to do so.

After Jesus' crucifixion, the Holy Spirit had to come to earth. Jesus and the Holy Spirit have acted as spiritual parents to the world. After Jesus' crucifixion, the Holy Spirit, in the mother's position, has been raising people until now. And the providence of the Second Advent has progressed to the worldwide level having gone beyond the national level.

The providence of the Second Advent originated not from the West but from the East. If you compare the East and the West, the East is more internal and masculine, while the West is more external (materialistic) and feminine. Christianity is the religion in the position of the bride; therefore it is the mother religion. Christianity came into being out of the religious environment of the West, but it will lose the spirit of serving God when the Last Days come. It will be despised as women have been despised throughout history.

What we have to understand here is that the age of mother and son cooperation should pass to the age of father and son cooperation. Up until now, men have manipulated women, but a true man who has never fallen should come to this world and protect women. By this I mean that women have been responsible for restoring the blood lineage in the fallen world. But now the world is facing the Last Days, the time when they can meet and serve the Second Advent, who is in the position of the





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True Father.

Therefore, all the women in the world, no matter how strongly Satan opposes them, must turn to the true Adam, whom Satan cannot control. Women must restore what was lost because of Eve. There has never been a true husband and a father for those who are in the position of Eve, Cain or Abel under satanic dominion. When the Last Days come, women in the world will hold economic power. The United States is a good example of this. Since the end of World War II, American women have elevated themselves as queens. They had to kick away the archangelic realm to return to their true husbands in their original hometown, which means, to be the brides of the Second Advent. True Mother represents all these women. Based on her, children that possess God's seed of love could be born and become a family of the new Eden. True Parents' holy wedding was the first step to create the family on the worldwide level and that indeed was the marriage supper of the lamb.

As my own children were born, the age of mother and son passed to the age of father and son. Up until True Parents came into being, mothers raising their sons had to persevere through persecution. Since True Parents' own children were born centered on God, the age of the mother and son changed to the age of the father and son. By substantiating the true seed of love in a true family, the father and the children, especially sons, become connected.

The reason my family has had problems in the process is that blessed families, who are in the satanic position, did not fulfill their responsibilities. In order to rectify the situation, I



True Parents on a stopover in Hawaii en route to mainland USA, in October

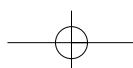
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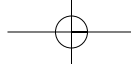
have blessed saints and evil people. Now it is the time to clear away all faults so that all the wrongs in my family can be forgiven by the authority of True Parents, who can break down the wall between hell and heaven.

I have to finish everything I came to do by the time I am eighty years old. All the vice my children have been tainted with must be cleaned up by December of this year. It goes along with the great transition in the providence. As you learned in today's *hoon dok hae*, you cannot be God and True Parents' direct children without having gone through the eight stages. It is quite a fearful fact. I am not making this up. Women have to live sacrificially, based on the original root that is the seed of true life. If they live self-centeredly, it will be as if they are recommitting the fall, which has been indemnified.

You must realize how many women have been sacrificed in the providence of mother-and-son cooperation throughout the Old and the New Testament ages. I am here to save those women. The sons in the age of mother and son cooperation are the Archangel's sons. That must be indemnified. The Archangel has manipulated women through love until now. Women's earnest wish has been that they meet true ideal husbands. Without meeting a true husband, a woman cannot receive God's original seed of life.

Can you imagine what kind of suffering lives women have been enduring for the past two thousand years while trying to raise their sons and daughters properly and waiting for the Second Coming as his brides, as Christians? St. Augustine's mother was the one who saved him from his degenerate lifestyle. Thanks to his mother, St. Augustine became an exemplary figure of Catholicism. Mothers were behind the history of the Protestants as well. The suffering and tears of mothers have filled the valley of Christian history. The Second Advent, the true bridegroom, must be





born on earth and connect himself to the worldwide spiritual foundation of Cain and Abel made through the struggles of the first, second and third world wars until he becomes mature enough to be married in a holy wedding. When he substantiates the worldwide spiritual foundation in his own life, the age of mother-and-son cooperation age passes to the age of father-and-son cooperation. In the age of father-and-son cooperation, which is the age of direct dominion, women who want to bear the seed of true life have to absolutely obey their husbands.

Going beyond all the sacrifices women had to make throughout history, women have to set the right path of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience towards their original true husbands. God set up this absolute standard when He created Adam and Eve; today's women must put this into practice. Women must do their duty of absolutely believing, loving and obeying their husbands. Having passed through so much agony, women absolutely have to obey God in order to receive His absolute love. Mothers have to walk the path of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in order to receive all the blessings that are the fruit of women's having paid indemnity throughout history.

After receiving the blessing, men must never think of other women, not even in their dreams. Otherwise, there will be frightening consequences. Do you know what kind of agony God must have felt to embrace and love His children who are being abused in the satanic world? You need to understand clearly that the age of mother-and-son cooperation changes into the age of father-and-son cooperation. True Parents have finished paying indemnity. They paid indemnity for women and Christians who did not fulfill their responsibilities and set the tradition so that you can move from the age of mother-and-son cooperation to the age of father-and-son cooperation with the words of the Principle. That is the only way we can arrive at a clean conclusion.

Since this is the time for us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven within the realm liberated by God and True Parents, who ultimately desire true liberty for the world, we have the Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony in Cheong Pyeong. Americans are proud of their democracy. But I will tell them that they should forget about democracy when it comes to influencing the world. Democracy will also decline. What happened in the presidential election in America is a sign that our time is coming. True Parents are in the position of a nation's kingship and will advance to world-level kingship. Once the United States acknowledges the value of blessed families we can create a unified world centering on the United Nations. We have come to such an important time.

Hawaii is the place where Japan and the United States can be unified. So I passed through all the four islands: the big Island (the island of Hawaii), Maui, Oahu, and Kauai. When I look at the four islands, I think of how to embrace the United States and Japan together.

During World War II, Japan attacked Hawaii. Japan must indemnify that. She should gain back what was lost, through True Parents and in the position of a mother. Japan's attack on the United States can be explained as Satan's mother having tried to occupy the heavenly archangelic world, the Christian cultural realm. Although Japan perished then, Father came and regained the mother's position on the heavenly side for her.

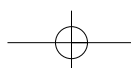
You can understand that what I am trying to accomplish has not changed. There has only ever been one direction.◆

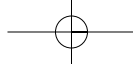
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True Family in Hawaii (they went with Hyo-jin Nim, Hyun-jin Nim and Kook-jin Nim's couples), top to bottom: at Pearl harbor; visiting some gardens; True Parents with Hyo-jin Nim and Yun-ah Nim; Daughters-in-law Yun-ah Nim, Jun-sook Nim and Soon-ju Nim



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TRUE FAMILY

Spiritual Food for Breakfast

Excerpted from notes taken by Debra Gertz at breakfast with Father at East Garden, USA, on November 28, 2000.

THE key to restoration is True Parents. We have to remind ourselves to inherit the quality of the Key...to absolutely resemble True Parents's faith life and tradition. Then we inherit the key from True Parents. This key comes in different sizes, such as the family, the nation, and so on, but the shape and quality should be the same. The key must fit. We have to restore the ideal of creation. There is one key to open the Kingdom of God—True Parents.

Keys can be of different material—wood, stone, bronze, silver, gold, or diamond. What kind of key do you have? Wood? It is easy to chip. Bronze or silver is more rare, gold even more so. How about diamond? What quality of key will you carry in order to enter Heaven? Our lifelong goal should be a diamond key. When you are challenged, what kind of key do you own? Stone, wood, bronze gold or diamond? The quality of the key will determine what level can be opened. To finally open the Kingdom of God, a diamond key is needed. Wood or stone will not even open the individual or family level of the Kingdom of Heaven. Stone and wood show the effects of weather. Bronze or silver tarnish. Gold is better.

To secure a diamond key you have to be trained through trials like metal being hammered. To have a diamond key for seven generations is the goal. Ask your conscience what quality of key you possess.

What determines the quality of your key? Love for the sake of others. Once we secure that diamond key through the practice of true love, it never changes. Whatever persecution comes, the diamond key will never break. In your life of faith can we reach the diamond level? No matter how tired he is, Father has been fighting and struggling to reach that level everyday, overcoming obstacles and persecution and gaining victory.

We have to remind ourselves what quality of life we are living. Are we shining like a diamond on each level—individual, family nation, world, cosmos and God? We must be shin-

ing diamonds, not a mirror that merely reflects True Parents.

Within our own family life we have to maintain the highest quality of life. Then even the spirit world will be restored. We hold the key. We have to keep this quality so that others can attain it. We have to be persistent and never change. We must examine ourselves. Ask, are my five senses mobilized to reach the diamond quality of life?

True Parents are the key to opening heaven and earth. We must understand how much suffering and anguish God and True Parents have had to endure in order to attain True-Parentship. There is a period of growth to maturity—with tears and sweat all the way. We have to constantly pray and make effort throughout our life.

God and True Parents cannot be identical. They resemble each other but are different. We want our love partner to be different from us, not the same. We must become True Parents. Then there will be no obstacles. Father asks himself whether True Mother and True Children have become diamonds or are just reflecting the diamond like a mirror. Everyone should understand that, even if Father is not around, they should shine nonetheless.

In Father's mind, even though his own family may be honored by others, they too need long training. Father feels that responsibility. Father feels he has to melt the children down and make new people—the same as with you. Without the diamond quality, we cannot be the melting pot that will produce a diamond family. We have to go through extreme levels of training.

If Father goes to Mt. Everest and asks us to climb to the top, we should succeed in doing so. The problem is that we have to bring our own family up there too.

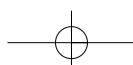
What if they can't make it? If your husband or children do not fully follow, and if they don't reach the top, Father himself has to do it. This applies also to True Parents' family even. When he goes to the spirit world he will come back and restore them. The same with our families. ♦



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Hoon-Sook Nim Honored in Russia

On December 30, Hoon-sook Nim was awarded the title "Honorary Cultural & Goodwill Ambassador" by the Russian State Department's Moscow House of Nationalities, in Russia. Hoon-sook Nim also received an honorary doctorate in the art of dance from the Moscow National University of Culture and the Arts.



In the Shadow of Civil War



Marilyn works on a self-help project with women in the locality

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*Marilyn Angelucci
New Delhi, India*

WE received our assignment as National Messiahs in September 1996. You can imagine how we felt when we heard “Afghanistan.” My husband and I were both shocked, but we shared the feeling that somehow God must trust us very much. Soon, we found that it was easy to love Afghanistan and to feel how much that country needed God, True Parents and us.

That same year we went to Afghanistan via Uzbekistan with Rev. Hwang Chi-hoon, our Korean national messiah and stayed about forty days to check out the situation. Then in February 1997 we went with the children and all our worldly belongings, which, believe me, wasn’t much. We felt so excited to be there. Such a feeling of doing good and being with a people that needed us. Even though my husband and I are both from a Catholic background, we felt very comfortable. I think that our ancestors were well prepared for this mission.

In the six months that we were there

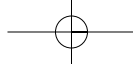
in the city of Mazar-i-shariff, we could open an income-generating project and an education program for women. We were helping about eighty women in two locations, one in our basement and one in the resettlement camp for people who came from war-torn parts of Afghanistan. The program was supporting them to learn to read and write and some practical math skills. Another part of the program gave them the materials and assistance to do their traditional embroidery work. These items were to be brought to our home countries to be sold, offering income for the women. We were also offering medical service to the people in our city. Our Korean national messiah is a qualified acupuncturist. The form of acupuncture he practices is an old Korean one concentrating on the hand. This was a great help to the people, many of whom had no other form of medical treatment.

I was also teaching English at the University and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I became quite popular and in demand. We were in the process of opening an orphanage when we received news that the Taliban were moving north. Mazar-i-shariff is a major

city in the north, mainly supported by foreign humanitarian organizations. There is no actual governing power, only a military force. We had no idea what to do at that time. Then we got a message from the Red Cross that they would have a plane (a fourteen seater) leaving the next day, for only foreign women and children. My husband and the rest of the staff insisted that we go. The next day the boys and I were at the airport with some other foreign officials, many scared men. Basically the airport was closed except to accommodate one of the military leaders of that area who was making his escape to Turkey, and us. For weeks before this time he had been on the TV every night proclaiming the superiority of his military force and the fact that the people need not worry and could trust him. I saw him with my own eyes running away like a scared kitty, thinking first of himself.

The Looming of War

Soon we were in Pakistan waiting to hear word of the others. My husband, two Japanese sisters, the daughter of the Korean national messiah and one



Afghan brother, Anwar, were left only to hide in the basement with some neighbors for a few days. There was a bloody fight for three days on the streets above. Later, my husband told me that seven hundred dead bodies lying all over the streets had been left to rot.

The head of the security forces for the city was a friend of ours, a good man. Many times he would come to check if we were okay, sometimes even leaving soldiers to guard our house. After the fighting he came to my husband to share a story, a story that indicates how the spirit world is deeply involved with our mission.

He said that there were more than a thousand of the Taliban in prison and that they were all sharing the same story about a young, oriental man. They said that they saw this oriental man riding a white horse and chasing them out of the city. They knew that it was a spirit and were still scared. They wanted to know who this figure was.

When the Japanese WFWP sisters went to Japan, they conveyed this story to the original Japanese missionary to Afghanistan. He said that in his time, the late eighties, the communists were attacking Kabul where they were living. There was fighting and bombing for many days. His wife prayed a lot and had a dream. In her dream Heung-jin nim was riding around Kabul on a white horse and he said to her, "Don't worry I will protect your country." Heung-jin nim was keeping his word. My husband felt strongly that Heung-jin nim could continue his vigil only based on the condition that members were still in the country.

The city had been bombed for several days when the UN arranged a convoy to evacuate foreigners. They would not take Anwar. For that reason my husband was unwilling to leave. He prayed to God with desperation. God responded, "How can I ask you to stay when I am worried that your life is in

danger?" He felt like Father had when he answered God, "Don't worry about me. I will stay." In that way he could protect Anwar. He was ready to risk his life. He remained in Afghanistan.

[Editor's note: During a recent visit to Seoul, Marilyn's husband Umberto told us that for several days the opposing sides were encamped in different buildings nearby the house where they lived. He had remained there with the other members while the shooting and missile attacks occurred. Afterwards, he and Anwar emerged to a war zone. Umberto mentioned that he found out that many of the dead had been stoned to death without mercy, even after they had been wounded and were unable to defend themselves. He and Anwar prayed on the road as they walked. Umberto had the feeling that there was so much historical resentment in this country that someone had to come to take responsibility to release it.]

As it turned out, the Taliban were driven back at that time. When the situation was calmer, he was requested to go to Pakistan with the rest of the foreign staff members to report to our Korean national messiah, who was waiting there. My husband had every intention of returning. But because of the danger of the situation he was not allowed to return.

We were very worried about the Afghan brother that remained behind. If the Taliban had found him with our literature and personal property he would definitely have been killed. He demonstrated such faith, representing True Parents link to Afghanistan. We knew that through his loyalty he could protect the country in their place.

Finally, after arranging things through friends and a dangerous trip to Iran, we could bring him to India. With the help of God he is now in Korea with his beautiful wife from Thailand. They are expecting their first child. He was studying at Sun Moon University and is

now working with our Korean national messiah translating and assisting in our mission. He has recently been accepted to the seminary, where he'll prepare for his future as a leader of our movement.

Unfortunately, three months after Anwar left, the Taliban tried again to oust the interim government and were successful at that time. Now the Taliban movement occupies over 90 percent of the country.

We want so much to go back but now even if we did, it would be difficult to continue our work because of the political situation. As you know at present even the UN groups have stopped operating there and have taken their staff members out.

Working with refugees in India

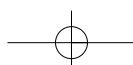
For the past three years, therefore, my husband and I have been continuing our work in India. We are working with WFWP, doing some projects to support Afghan refugees. We have an afternoon school for a hundred Afghan children and a sponsorship program for children who otherwise cannot attend school. We have many good contacts through our service projects.

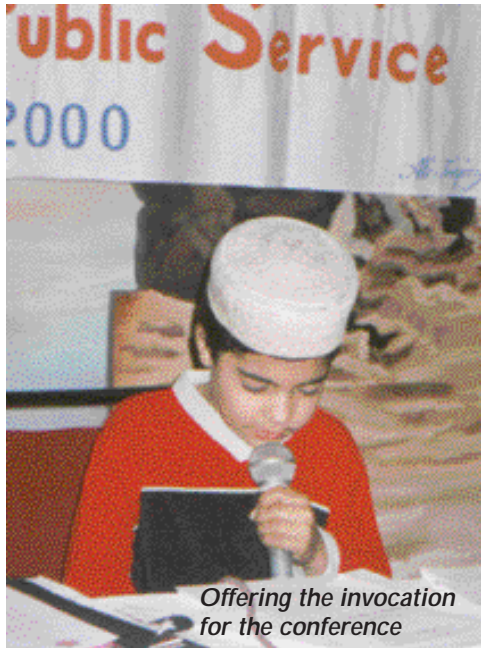
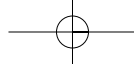
I think it was the beginning of November when we received the word that every nation in the world was to organize a *Hoon Dok* Conference for three hundred and sixty people before the end of the year. As there are only two of us, this seemed close to impossible.

First we sent our budget proposal to IIFWP and we were granted sufficient money to educate one hundred and twenty Afghanis. This was the first miracle. At this point we realized that truly Father wants to educate *all* the nations of the world and we were to facilitate that mission. Big ones, little ones, providential or not, every country is important in the eyes of God. So now we had the money and we had the motivation, but how were we to fulfill what was being asked of us?



The school for Afghan refugee children the Angeluccis began and developed





Offering the invocation for the conference



Umberto Angelucci addresses the assembled guests

As we seriously considered our situation, we realized that this was the time of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time of fasting for the Moslem people. Every day from sunrise to sunset, for one month they must fast according to Islamic Law. This year, Ramadan was from the end of November until the end of December. So how could we even do a one-day seminar when none of the participants could eat? And whether or not they would attend such a function during this time was another question.

We contacted our Asian HQ and were told that Frank Kaufmann was assigned to support our area. He was very helpful but still it was up to us. Considering that neither my husband

nor I had even attended a hoondok conference, it seemed so elusive. We couldn't even imagine the format or proceeding to follow. Unfortunately, we had never succeeded in sending an Afghan VIP from India to an international hoondok conference.

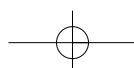
Small miracles are the best kind

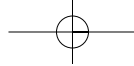
At that point, we received the phone call that changed everything. Dr. Kaufmann called and informed us that Rev. Kwak had decided that, because Dr. Kaufmann was to be in the area for another engagement he should come and support the Afghan conference. He also said that we should do a conference for forty to seventy people. When we

heard this news it felt like the hand of God had descended from the throne of heaven to save us from our despair. Now we felt that no obstacle was insurmountable.

Yet only eight days remaining we couldn't find a hotel, so where were we to go with our orphaned conference? Then the inspiration came. Just a few days previously, seventy of our children had been invited to the embassy by the ambassador to do a cultural program for him and his staff. They were very moved to see their children sing, and dance to their traditional songs. Of course, at the end of the show, the ambassador had said, "If there is anything I can do for you, let me know." So we made an official request to the embassy to use their conference facilities for our conference. The ambassador's reply: "We must help them because they are doing so much for the Afghan children." Here we could see the Principle in action, another small miracle. Because our members had invested for the sake of the Afghan people unconditionally, the embassy had no choice but to allow us to use their facilities. They were all very happy and enthusiastic to work together with us for the victory of the conference.

Holding it at the embassy solved the problem of what time of day to hold the conference. Because the embassy staff members had to follow the fast of Ramadan too, they were able to suggest a schedule that would be acceptable to all the community people. At this time, it seemed like we were on a magic carpet, one that had been created by our True Parents' foundation. But now we





could see results from our own foundation, which helped us to feel that we were actually contributing to Father's worldwide victory.

The day of the conference arrived. Everything was prepared. All the details had been worked out and we were ready to begin. Dr. Kaufmann had arrived the night before and we had sufficient time to brief him and create internal unity. As I stood on the embassy steps I could feel the support of the creation and the spirit world. I was listening to the birds and examining the beautiful roses in the garden. Suddenly I was taken aback by a beautiful robin that was singing so loudly, obviously to get my attention. I listened to his message and heard him say clearly to my heart, "Don't worry, they are coming." I was so comforted I went back into the embassy smiling.

Of course, it was true. The next time I went to the steps to look out, about twenty-five people were coming through the gates. Then another ten followed by a group of five, and it just continued until the conference room was full. Tears



A special advisor to the Afghanistan president attends a seminar for Afghan VIPs on the Unificationist viewpoint, in Seoul. Here, he is guest of FFWPU president Rev. Hwang Sun-jo. To his left, is Rev. Hwang Chi-hoon, Korean national messiah to Afghanistan.

came to my eyes as I realized that someone had called them and they were answering that call.

We had seventy participants, who gave their utmost attention throughout the proceedings. It was such a distinguished group and very appreciative of True Father's words. Most of them had been to the mosque earlier in the day, as is their tradition, and I know that Mohammed or one of his associates had reminded them of their promise to attend. The spiritual world was determined to make this conference a success.

I can feel God working especially at

this time. We are only a few people working for Afghanistan, a country that many people would rather forget. But when I look back I'm amazed at what has been accomplished. Now we must focus on educating the leadership for the future. We have no time to worry about ourselves. We need to worry about how to help the world to recognize our True Parents and their greatness. This is our task as their loyal sons and daughters. ♦

Umberto and Marilyn Angelucci belong to the 2075 Couples blessing group.

A Glimpse of Life at New Hope East Garden

Josette Rafil Mendonça
NHEG Staff



WHEN we heard about the NHEG project here in Jardim, Brazilian members felt so enthusiastic that some blessed families decided to move here from Sao Paulo or from other states to Mato Grosso do Sul.

We have shared our vision so many times with the people of the state through two-day weekend seminars that we have already passed the one hundred thousand mark in number of attendees.

How things are organized

Many people are working here. Some are members; some are not. There are more non-member workers than mem-

bers. For those who are living elsewhere, a bus owned by the farm picks them up every morning, starting at 5:45 a.m. in the city of Jardim and 6:10 in the city of Guia Lopes. Their workday ends and they leave for home at 5:00 p.m.

Only around 45 families are living here on the NHEG farm. They come from Korea, Japan, America, Germany, Spain, the Philippines and, naturally, Brazil. Every morning, all the residents attend *hoon dok hae* together with the forty-three-day workshop participants. There are many departments here, including a Maintenance Department, an Education/Workshop Department, an Administration office, a Security office, a Thirty-Three Cities and Missionaries Department (an office supporting the missionaries assigned to thirty-three local cities), a restaurant, a Korean kitchen, an *Avestruz* (Ostrich) Breeding Department, a Fish Breeding Department, and others.

Mato Grosso do Sul is one of the hottest states in Brazil. The temperature is usually

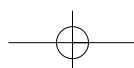
above 30 degrees centigrade and it even reaches 40 degrees. Even so, no one complains. Sometimes the weather changes and it rains very hard for days. During the winter season (June to August), there are times when it's very, very cold and windy, and there are times when it's hot like summer.

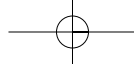
New Hope Educational Center

Our school is located inside the NHEG farm. Three school buses go to Jardim and Guia Lopes to pick up the students and teachers, starting at 5:30 a.m. The school covers kindergarten through to high school level. It has three basketball courts, a computer room, video room, library and laboratory. Most of the teachers are not members, but they have at least attended a two-day seminar. ♦



Photos: top, NHEG director Rev. Yoon reads Father a letter from Dr. Pak Bo-hi; left, a birthday party for some of the children living there.





THE MEDIA

Window on the Middle East

The Middle East Times: a consistent Unificationist voice in a turbulent region

THE *Middle East Times* is a publication established and run by Unificationists, about which some members might have heard but few seen. Yet for the past 18 years it has quietly been doing good work in one of the world's most troubled regions, translating Unification principles and ideals into a complex context of religious, racial, national and ideological divisions.

The weekly paper was established as a project of News World Communications, the parent company of *The Washington Times*, UPI and other secular publications. At the 1982 ICUS conference in Philadelphia, the Founder approved a proposal, submitted by Dr. Bo Hi Pak and Robert Morton, for a regional English-language newspaper that would promote understanding and reconciliation in the Middle East. A company to publish the paper was established in Cyprus in December that year and the first issue came out on March 7, 1983, put together on the kitchen table of our small apartment in Nicosia.

The first issue was assembled by Dana Watkins and Erwin Franzen, who had earlier been with the New York newspaper *News World*, Peter Ellis, the missionary to Cyprus and myself. Many other Unificationists (especially Floyd Christofferson, Grahame Bennett, David Richison and Marie-Therese Bond) have worked on the paper over the years, but most employees have not been members.

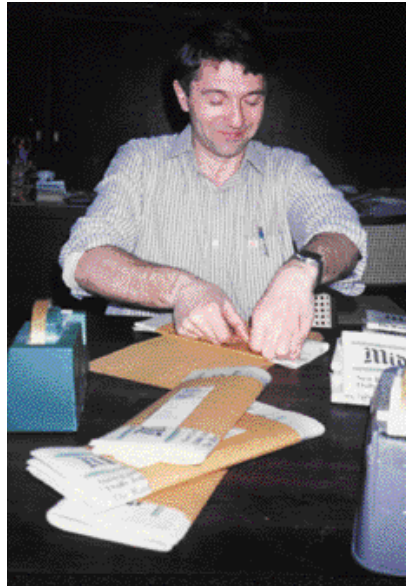
It is never easy to assess the effectiveness of your work. At best you might do something valuable for a few people. With the *Middle East Times* we hoped to offer a voice of reason in a media world full of the clamor of partisan voices, and

we hoped that at least some of the people who shape the policies and decisions that determine the direction of nations and the region might be influenced by our voice.

When the paper was started the region was divided most obviously by the conflict between Israel and the Arabs, but the Middle East was also one of the world's regions where the superpower conflict between the Soviet Union and the West was most sharply played out.

The establishment of a modern Jewish state in 1948 with the support of the United Nations was an enormous shock to the Arab world, which only since the end of World War I had itself begun to take on a modern form, emerging from four centuries of Ottoman rule.

In the post-World War II era, the Arabs shook off European colonial rulers, especially Great Britain and France. Given Western support for Israel and the conservative kingdoms and emirates of the Arabian Gulf, revolutionary forces in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Algeria all moved in



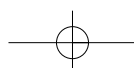
the direction of socialism, looking for international support from the Soviet bloc as they tried to fashion home-brewed versions of communist regimes.

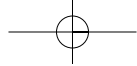
Banks and private companies were nationalized and one party took control of the government. In Syria and Iraq an Arab variation of socialism devised by Christian Marxists and called Baathism was instituted and these became the most oppressive regimes in the area.

But all the Arabs were united in their hatred of Israel and anti-Israeli propaganda dominated Arab media, both Arabic and English, with never-ending attacks on the "Zionist Entity."

The *Middle East Times* was not created

to defend Israel against these attacks, but to look more seriously and deeply at the issues faced by all the people in the region. For one, Arab governments used Israel and its great defender the United States as scapegoats for their own mismanagement and outright oppression. In most Arab countries to this day the mass media are either fully





Middle East Times

Your weekly source for news and independent analysis of politics, sport, business, religion and culture in the Middle East.

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in the hands of government or tightly controlled by it. Every copy of our paper sent to another country has to pass through censorship before it is distributed.

We have sought to show our readers the humanity of all the region's people, regardless of religion, race or nationality.

In this endeavor, Unification ideology is most helpful. It is a teaching of how to achieve reconciliation between Cain and Abel. It explains what Abel needs to do to win the heart of Cain and what Cain needs to do to overcome his resentment and hatred of Abel. Of course, in a newspaper such as ours you do not lecture about Cain and Abel, but rather you take that model and apply it to the very real situations of conflict. This is what I have tried to do in writing a weekly editorial since the first issue. That makes about nine hundred editorials in all!

We have always tried to use technology to our advantage, given a very small budget. We have been practically a guerrilla publication, moving our main operations from Cyprus to Athens to Cairo and now back to Athens, always seeking to make the biggest possible impact with minimal resources.

The development of the Internet has been a boon, and now many more people read the paper online than in print. During the recent troubles in Israel and the occupied territories, we saw a surge in readership, with over two million hits on our site.

I have seen how the *Middle East Times* has in particular become a newspaper that young people in the region look to for ideas and as a place where they can express themselves. Given the extensive government control of information in their countries, young Arabs who care about their future and the future of their nations need outlets to express their views.

Much has changed in the region since we started. In 1982 it was a crime for an Israeli to meet a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization to discuss peace, and the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, had to move his base of operations from Jordan to Lebanon and then Tunisia, never able to be among his people. Today negotiations for a final settlement are at an advanced stage, despite the recent violence.

With superpower rivalry gone, all the nations of the regions are moving towards market economies and the old authoritarian regimes are softening, with stirrings of real democracy in many countries.

The Lebanese civil war is long over and the country largely rebuilt. Yemen is united into one country. There are two young kings, in Jordan and Morocco, two young emirs, in Bahrain and Qatar, and a young new president in Syria. They are all working to reform their economies and modernize their governments.

But there are also major unresolved problems in the region, from the final terms of an Israeli-Palestinian settlement, to an end of Sudan's bloody civil war, an end of terrorism in Algeria and an end of Saddam Hussein's dictatorship.

The *Middle East Times* has always offered solutions to these and other regional conflicts. Many resolutions we have promoted have come to pass, probably not because we articulated them but because they were indeed the just and humanitarian solution. But

Unificationists can be proud that their just views have been disseminated continuously by a small yet persistent and consistent voice for almost two decades.

The Founder's unwavering support for the newspaper, often against the advice of advisors, is a testimony to his vision and determination to do something for the Middle East. After 25 years of mission work in the Middle East, including a raft of creative and effective regional conferences, the *Middle East Times* has become the one continuous Unification expression of concern and support for the people of one of the world's most important regions.

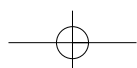
My own role with the paper has now come to an end. It has been a difficult yet fulfilling journey to keep it coming out all these years. I believe it still has a major contribution to make and I hope it will go on to flourish and prosper. ♦

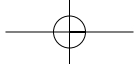
Thomas Cromwell has worked in missions and on projects relating to the Middle East for the past twenty-five years.

Photos: Facing page top; a Greek member mailing the MET to readers around the world; Thomas Cromwell holds the first issue of MET, printed on March 7, 1983, in Nicosia, Cyprus; below from left, the building in Cyprus wherein MET was typeset; the production department in Athens (at left is Wolfgang Schawaller); This page, the MET web site, and graph showing the increasing interest in the web edition



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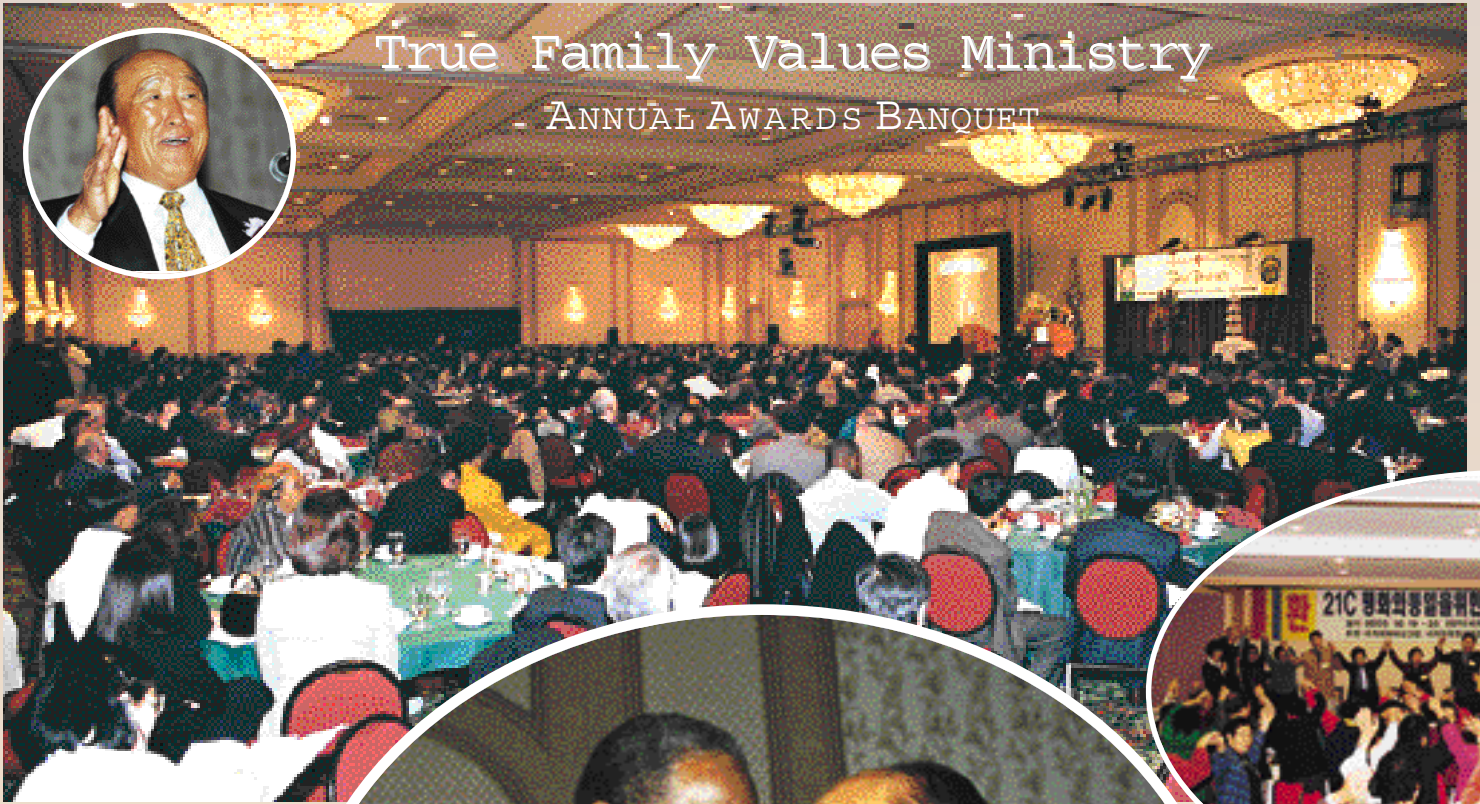




SPECIAL EVENTS

“EMPOWERING THE FAMILY, THE CHURCH, AND SOCIETY THROUGH TRUE FAMILY VALUES”

True Family Values Ministry
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



THE True Family Values Ministry in America, an interdenominational organization protecting the institution of the family, hosted its fifth annual awards banquet on December 16, 2000. True Parents were present, and Father spoke candidly to the 2,500 guests on the reality of the spirit world, Jesus, and the mission of True Parents, departing frequently from his prepared text to relate more intimately with the audience. Father called on everyone to pray to find out the truth of his words.

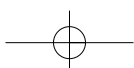
Awards were given to those who had distinguished themselves during the course of the year in the promotion and defense of family values.

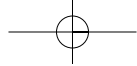
Father was himself the recipient of a personal letter from US president Bill Clinton, congratulating him on his ministry and wishing him a long life and future success.

Photos: top, Father delivering his message at the True Family Values Ministry Banquet; center, Pastor Barrett presents Father with the congratulatory letter from the President; below left, True Parents make their way carefully amid the crush of people; below, Father and Mother receive a certificate from the Coalition of Religious Leaders in the state of Illinois



CHICAGO FAMILY CHURCH





“CHARACTER, FAMILY AND PUBLIC SERVICE: BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE”

GLOBAL IIFWP PROJECT BEARS FRUIT International Education Program

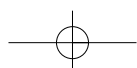
Photos: top, the conference for Asian nations held at the UN conference center in Bangkok; center of spread, Hoondok conference in Korea has a revival meeting spirit; center page, the participants of the conference in Estonia; bottom, the conference in Nigeria, the most populous nation in Africa, the basis upon which Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak met with President Olusegun Obasanjo (photo below) to introduce the work of True Parents and the movement

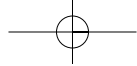


Launched by True Father in the latter part of last year, IIFWP's International Educational Program has spawned an array of conferences held in every corner of the world during November and December. Many important leaders, sharing the UN's vision of a "Culture of Peace" which IIFWP is promoting through this program, participated directly in the conferences. IIFWP representatives, such as Dr. Thomas Walsh and Dr. Frank Kaufmann, traveled from nation to nation supporting preparations for each conference and conveying the IIFWP ideals.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Combining Forces for Goodness

A government's public support for an initiative of peace



The seminars saw intense discussion on such subjects as character, ideal families, and building a world of peace. Distinguished participants included a former president of the Federated States of Micronesia and a former parliamentary speaker from the Philippines.

During the closing ceremony, President Note, Rev. Kwak, Dr. Salonen and Rev. Song Yong-cheol jointly presented graduation certificates to the participants. The certificates were signed in the name of both the president of IIFWP and the president of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The joint effort between IIFWP and the head of state in inviting participants and in hosting the conference seemed to be deeply significant, and a good model for other nations in the future.

Prior to the conference, continental director Rev. Song had prepared with five days of fasting, and the national messiahs and FFWPU members from the Marshall Islands had offered special devotions in support of the occasion. ♦

Photos: top center, the conference in progress; top right, Father and Mother cosy on a boat during their earlier visit; below left, President Note with Mr. Matsuzaki, Japanese sisters and local islanders; below, certificates of attendance are distributed to conference participants



The following is excerpted from a more detailed testimony by Rev. Choi Wan-su, national messiah to the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the south Pacific.

IT was while I was working in my assigned region in Korea that I heard the news of True Parents' historic visit to the Marshall Islands. My heart was filled with a sea of emotions. Forty days after True Parents' visit, a hoon dok conference was held in Majuro, the capital city, from November 25th to 27th, 2000, under the theme "Establishing a Culture of Peace in the Pacific Region: Character Education, Family and Global Cooperation," for representatives of sixteen nations of the Pacific.

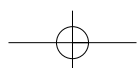
Invitations to the conference went out in the name of IIFWP and that of President Kessai Note of the Marshall Islands, as his government joined in sponsoring the event. President Note

spoke at the opening ceremony and other representatives of the government attended. Dr. Neil Salonen, president of the University of Bridgeport offered words of encouragement and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, international president of IIFWP, gave the keynote address. Following this was a banquet, with music provided by the Marshall Islands Women's Choir.

On the 27th, there was a special seminar addressing the theme, "New Vision, Education and Oceanic Development in Island Nations." Effective presentations about True Parents' teachings and activities were given by Massimo Trombin, director of IRFF in Europe, and Hiroshi Matsuzaki, president of the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace. At the evening banquet, which he hosted, President Note personally welcomed each participant with a traditional Marshall Islands sea-shell necklace.



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Assessment and Action

An Interview with UTS President Dr. Tyler Hendricks

From past experience we know Dr. Tyler Hendricks as a person with poignant insight into the challenges he has confronted as a leader in the American movement. After allowing him a few months to settle into his new mission as president of the Unification Theological Seminary, we sent him a series of questions hoping he would share his feelings on where the seminary stands and where he envisions it going.

Today's World: Would you feel able to say why you think God called you to this mission at this time?

Dr. Hendricks: When I completed the Ph.D. and reported to Father, he outlined a course he had in mind for me, which would culminate back at the Seminary. He wanted me to have a broad experience in the field and bring that back to the school for the sake of balancing and enriching what I might hand on to future generations of leaders.

As to why at this time, I would say that the Seminary and movement in general are entering the 4th Adam era, a time of transition, and new leadership (or a rotation of leadership) is required at such times. Father always said that the third president of UTS would be American, and I almost qualify for that, being from California.

From our continental director's point of view, it is good for us to have a more

evangelical and dynamic type, Rev. Jenkins, at the head of the church/federation, and a more scholarly, reflective type, me, working with the school, and yet have the two of us in close relationship, which we are. Dr. Yang has kept me in the position of Education Department leader, which indicates that the school and church/federation should come into closer, creative relationship.

TW: Would you feel able to say how you feel your life and work up to the present were preparation for this step?

Dr. Hendricks: My life and work are a preparation for anything and everything Father wants at any given time, at least as far as I can make it out through my periscope. Beyond that, I graduated from UTS, I have an academic background through further graduate studies, I taught at UTS in the 80s, and have been a UTS Board member for a few years.

TW: Now that you have been there a few months, can you say in what direction you intend to take the Seminary? If it is simply to maintain the straight course already set, could you outline what you see that as?

Dr. Hendricks: I want the Seminary to integrate more with the American

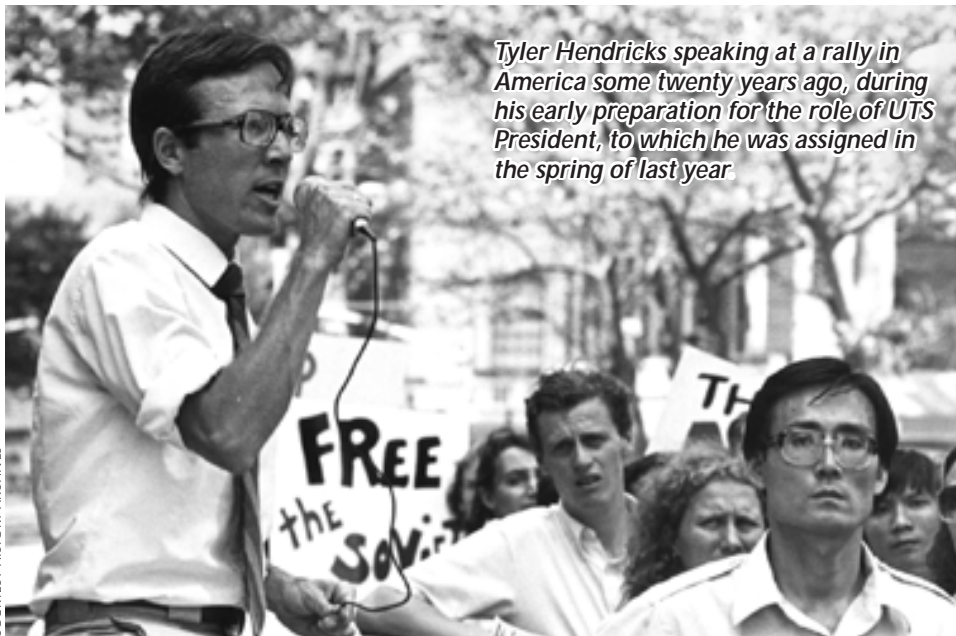
church. While loving and welcoming students from the world over, I am strongly aware that Father is interested in American students, and of those there are far too few. The Seminary should work with the church to upgrade our educational and evangelical tools so that ultimately we may be matriculating young American future church/federation leaders.

This means, to me, applying Father's practical teachings in the arena of church growth.

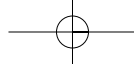
We often are overwhelmed and inspired by visionary vistas and providential pilgrimage, and overlook the practical paradigms that Father is calling us to practice. What is a "family system church," if we really apply it? How should a tribal messiah practice life for the sake of others in an American hometown, which is a somewhat different environment than a Korean hometown? Can we move beyond our individualistic paradigm for witnessing? What is the meaning of give and take action between subject and object when it comes to the marriage bed and breakfast table?

Father gives tremendous guidance about these things but we tend to overlook it, perhaps because it is not budget-grabbing or photo-friendly. Or perhaps because these real-life true love issues are where the rubber of the kingdom meets the road of our lives and almost no one really has overcome in a major way in these areas.

I'm being unfair to our members who have made incredible sacrifice out of their magnificent love for True Parents, true, but there's a point to be made here. Sometimes we can hide, or be concealed, behind the continuous emergencies of the providence, and fail to deal with the slow burning emergency of the lack of love we have for our neighbors. We have in America a surfeit of conferences, campaigns and corporations, but a paucity of congregations. The local church and home are where real life comes and where people are born *and* reborn. And God needs more reborn people right now, especially in America. I want to address that. If I can through the Seminary, then so be it. That's what I see as its value.



Tyler Hendricks speaking at a rally in America some twenty years ago, during his early preparation for the role of UTS President, to which he was assigned in the spring of last year.



TW: What kind of an impact do you wish to make on the Seminary as an institution and on its students?

Dr. Hendricks: A heroic, earthshaking, life-transforming, bone-chilling, blood-boiling impact. At least that's what I expected in the first two weeks. A few months into it, I realized that Rome wasn't built in a day, and it's all too easy to bite off more than one can chew. I guess the impact I hope to have is, well, to make a little bit of a difference for the good in people's lives here and there.

TW: In your recently published "Family, Church, Community, Kingdom" you suggest that the Seminary might take a more active role in training seminarians in the ministry and be less academically oriented. Is that going to be something you would think to implement now that you have become the Seminary president?

Dr. Hendricks: Yes, but I have realized that we cannot jump too far into the practical ministry arena. There is a great thirst for Unification Studies. Students, especially Korean students, want to delve deeply into Father's words and life. But it is a big challenge to handle that academically. Treating religion as an object of study turns it into a genus and species ripe for critical analysis. Penetrating Father's heart takes place more on the front line than in a classroom or library, unless one really creates the depth of good archangelic spirit world developed, say, through the centuries of monasticism in Christianity.

TW: You went through the seminary when the church was at quite a different stage from that of today. What kind of people are now coming to the Seminary, and what is their motivation?

Dr. Hendricks: The students today are almost all blessed in marriage; many have children. When I was here the student body was 80% American; now it is 95% from overseas. Those are external issues; the heart and dedication of the students to pursue the vision of our True Parents remains the same if not even stronger.

TW: Can you outline what you feel the Seminary can offer a member who has many other commitments yet who is seeking a theological education?

Dr. Hendricks: Let me just state our

mission. As it came through the hard work of the faculty, staff, Board members, and students, it sums up what we try to offer:

The mission of the Unification Theological Seminary is to carry out instruction, research and publication in an interfaith setting for ministries that foster

1. Faith and character development,
2. Godly families,
3. Healthy and growing churches, and
4. Communities of peace, justice and love beyond race, nation and religion

grounded in

1. Scripture
2. God's historical and contemporary providence,
3. The discipline of theological reflection, and
4. Field experience

and work with all churches and seminaries for the practical implementation of these ministries.



TW: What would your advice be to members who would like to be educated at the Seminary but are struggling to maintain a mission or job, and a family?

Dr. Hendricks: This is a serious issue not only for our seminary but for all seminaries, at least in America. Demographics are changing dramatically. The solution I see is for the seminary to adapt (as all other seminaries are doing). It cannot structure itself based upon the hope that its halls will be filled with young single men. The adaptation involves integrating more with the life of the church and community, so that there is more continuity and stability, so that people can maintain jobs and families and also gain a seminary degree, and so that what we learn is directly connected with what we do.

TW: Can you say anything about the rumors that UTS might move? What would happen to the buildings in Barrytown if the seminary ceased to be based there?

Dr. Hendricks: In line with my previous answers, it is not surprising that there is a strong potential for the seminary in an environment closer to the church centers and membership. We opened an extension in New York City in the fall and it is doing very well. Energy goes to where the give and take is happening.

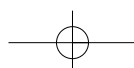
The Barrytown campus is a monastic model; after all, it was built by Catholics. I hope that we can continue to find singles and dedicated married members who can make the sacrifices necessary to enroll in an isolated location. Please realize, we can't even get a DSL line here! We had students receiving e-mail at eight bytes a minute! Things have improved on that, but still, there's no cable television; a regular television antennae picks up one channel. Isolation is nice, of course, if one likes rural living. Father likes it. I like having my family here. But it is costly, very costly. And Father expects us to run on a business model at this point, without subsidy, other than the generous scholarships he is providing to students from churches other than our own.

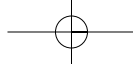
We have to triple our enrollment, maybe quadruple it, to make ends meet at Barrytown. And we have to increase the amount of usage for retreats and workshops by the church. Both these things are happening, but are they happening fast enough? A financial fuse has been burning for about two years now, and we've slowed it down, but we're not out of the woods.

We want to diversify what we offer here, by adding programs for members and others in the area of family and marriage counseling and preparation, and church growth seminars. But it takes time to build a foundation for such events, and again, people have to make a trip to get here and take a couple of days. But it's worth it, and amazing life-transformations happen to those who come here.

We're staying here and we're growing elsewhere simultaneously. My goodness, it's the best of all possible worlds!◆

Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks were blessed in the 2075 Couples Blessing in 1982





THE MEDIA

Making the News

TV stations take an interest in international marriage



IN recent months the media has taken an increasing interest in the Family Federation and the Unification movement in Korea, reflecting the deepening impact of Heaven's foundation.

One example of this is that two major television networks (KBS and SBS) independently made and aired programs about the lives of international couples living in Korea. And they focused mainly on our Family Federation's international blessed couples.

Although the programs did not specifically mention True Parents' role in the marriages, the video footage and the idealistic demeanor of the couples offered many clues that they were blessed couples.

The documentary style dealt quite intimately with the couples' lives at home and in the local community, the struggles with language and cultural differences and the couples' good-natured and patient efforts to build their

From the TV screen: above right, a Filipino sister and another blessed sister from Japan go shopping together in the local market; right, A KBS announcer introduces one of the programs (the hangul means "Filipino bride")

relationships. Very well depicted was the patient and generally very warm-hearted response of the husband's relatives and the local people to a foreigner coming to live within their midst.

In one program, the cameras followed a young Korean-Filipino couple through various aspects of their daily life. At one point our sister received an urgent request for financial help from a relative in the Philippines. The program showed the young husband's hesitation

due to the couple's own financial struggles. Ultimately, however, he found a way to come up with some money to send to the Philippines. The next scene showed the wife talking to her relative on the phone, teaching her with great patience how to say "Kamsa hamnida" to her husband directly.

This episode seemed to encapsulate the feeling that the marriage was one where love would prevail over the many challenges that would arise.◆

SERVICE PROJECTS



"Heal the Sick..."

by Pak Soon-jin

the Paraguay Medical Service project brought a variety of medical care to this South American nation. The project lasted from September 9th to 16th.

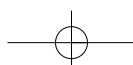
From Korea we sent a dental work team, and Japan sent an internal medicine and ophthalmology team. These were joined by Paraguayan pediatricians, obstetricians and gynecologists. Some fifty medical specialists plus supporting staff participated in offering medical services in the capital, Asuncion, and in nearby Fernando de la

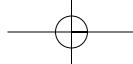
Mora.

As we successfully concluded the medical service, we hoped that, apart from having helped the local people, we had accomplished something good in terms of non-governmental diplomacy between the nations, and given a warm impression of our countries to the people of Paraguay.

This project made us realize once again that, no matter how busy our lives are, investing our time and sharing our medical knowledge and experience to take care of others is always worthwhile. It gave us the truly precious opportunity to give of ourselves for the sake of others.◆

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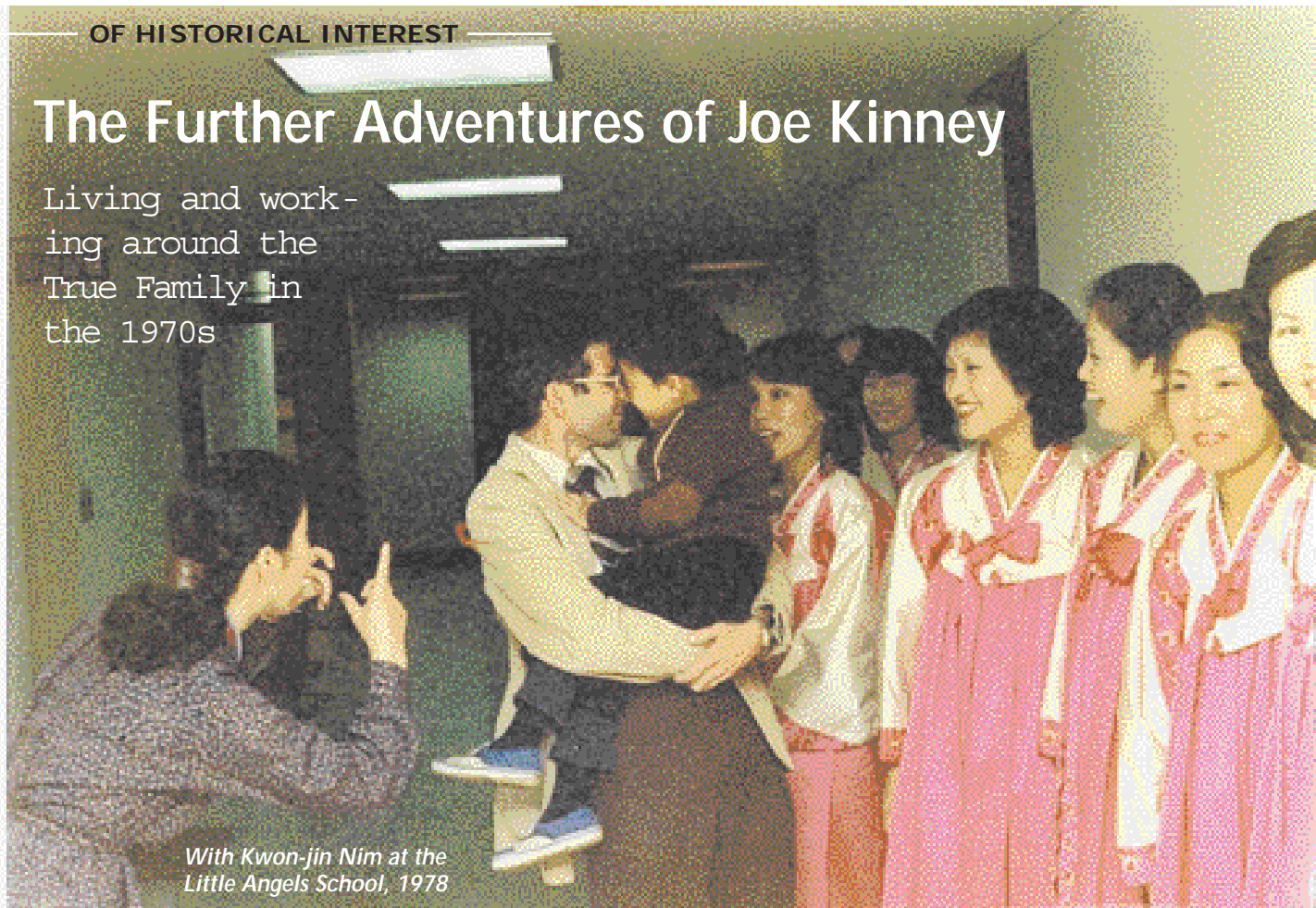


OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

The Further Adventures of Joe Kinney

Living and working around the True Family in the 1970s

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With Kwon-jin Nim at the Little Angels School, 1978

Joe Kinney worked as maintenance and general affairs brother at Belvedere and East Garden during the earliest years of the True Family's life in the United States. Here, he shares some of his experiences.

The Job I Liked Best

My first job at East Garden was night watchman. There was no security staff yet. I would walk down the hill to lock the main gate after Father returned for the day. There was no road lighting and it was usually pitch black, so I couldn't see my hand in front of my face. I was so scared. Every time a raccoon moved in the woods I was sure it was a group of assassins preparing to take me out before attacking the main house.

After the gate was secured, I would make sure the cars were washed and cleaned by a trainee from Belvedere, and then I would shine Father's shoes. After the security brothers joined the staff, I no longer had to take care of the gate or the car washing but continued to shine Father's shoes.

Shining Father's shoes was so precious because I could remove the traces of where Father had been that day and think about what Father had done. I

would think about the challenges Father faced the next day and literally try to make sure he could put his best foot forward.

I shined Father's shoes before and after his speeches at Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, and Washington Monument, and his appearances before Congress during these years. This responsibility was more important to me than any major project. It was being in touch with Father on a daily basis.

Abel and Cain

I was the second Western brother assigned to East Garden. When I started there were only three men there--Daikon, Mike Trulson, and myself. When Father brought in the security brothers prior to the Madison Square Garden campaign, I felt that since I was senior to them, I was in the subject position.

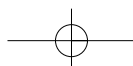
In the beginning, True Family and the new security brothers didn't feel so comfortable with each other and the close contact jobs, like driving True Family were done by us old-timers. Gradually, however, the security was traveling with True Family and Mike and I remained behind. Mike left for

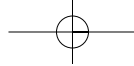
Japan, Daikon was driving, the security traveled with True Family and I was left behind cutting grass, fixing cars and plumbing. It wasn't easy to take, but still, out of old habit, I led the staff pledge service.

With all the campaigns and traveling going on at the time, Mike McDevitt, the security leader, was much more central to what was going on than I was as the maintenance guy. We developed a classic Cain-Abel conflict and didn't acknowledge each other's existence for about six months. It wasn't the right way for any members to be acting, much less those surrounding the True Family.

Mike and I walked into the living room for a Staff meeting one day and Father looked at me and said, "Mike is Abel, you are in Cain's position! You have to understand that." I was shocked. To this day I've never heard of Father spelling out a Cain-Abel relationship like that. I knew I had only two choices: accept what Father had said or leave.

The next Sunday pledge service, I told Mike that he should be leading it from then on. We have been close friends since.





Getting Father's Attention

One Sunday morning, after Father's speech at Belvedere, a truck arrived from Barrytown with some carp that Father wanted to stock in Belvedere's pond. As usual, Father wanted to be hands-on directly involved. Father was picking up the carp and putting them into the pond himself. Father's hands were covered in the smelly carp slime. It was awful. As True Parents headed back towards the training center, Father was holding his hands away from his body looking at them in disgust with no way to clean them.

I had learned to always carry two things when I was around Father, a Swiss Army Knife [a pocket knife with many small tools included] and a clean handkerchief, because Father needed the knife to tinker with things and the handkerchief to clean his hands afterwards. I called to Father and tried to offer the handkerchief, but at that time Father's security was very new and members were crowding around him and Mother and jostling them. Even though, I'd tapped Father on the shoulder several times, everyone was jostling him, so he didn't respond.

It was really important for Father to clean the fish slime off his hands, so finally, in desperation, I punched Father pretty hard, on his right arm. He turned around wide-eyed, wondering what in the world I was doing punching him. I waved the handkerchief. Father understood, took it, cleaned his hands and returned it to me.

An Unexpected Visit

My room was in the basement of what had been the main house at East Garden where True Family lived at the time. It was a nice, sunny room near the foot of the back stairs. It was a pleasure and a privilege to live so close to the True Family. It also made for some unpredictable encounters.

One night, around 9:00 p.m., I was working at my desk with my back to the door. I heard the door open without anyone bothering to knock. I was angry because staff members often showed little respect, entering my room and disturbing me at any time for any reason. I was about to say something like "Don't you know how to knock?" or some other angry words, but for some reason I caught myself before I spoke, and turned around.

There was True Mother with 8-year

old Kook-jin Nim holding her hand, silhouetted in the doorway. Mother gave me a warm "Mona Lisa" smile, pleased to see me working. It was a wonderful moment, which could have been ruined by my anger.

Early Morning Call

We needed to make some plumbing repairs in the basement of East Garden's main house that required shutting off the water to the entire building. We had actually consolidated two or three projects into this one shutdown. We obtained True Parents' permission to do the work late at night, so that we would



Hyo-jin Nim in the bus Joe used to drive

not disturb activities in the main house.

At about three a.m., the basement phone rang. I picked it up and heard True Mother's voice. "Joe I am so sorry to bother you, but I need to use the bathroom now. Can you turn the water on for a few minutes?" It happened that we had just completed one job and not yet broken the connections to start the next, so I could turn on the water.

About ten minutes later, the phone rang. It was Mother again: "Joe I'm finished using the bathroom. You can turn the water off again."

It always amazed me how objective True Parents would be when, for some reason, they were in the object position to me with regard to some technical work that I was doing. Mother was so humble to ask this maintenance guy, who was only in his twenties, permission to use the bathroom. I'll never forget her humility.

Mother Teaches Me to Walk

I'm from Tennessee and my rustic walking style, with toes pointed outward 45 degrees loping along kind of like Goofy from the Disney cartoons, didn't exactly fit True Parents' image of

the gait of a dignified, heavenly man. Mother commented often about it and I made efforts to walk in a more dignified manner. Obviously my efforts weren't completely successful.

One day True Parents and several staff members went on a day trip to a scenic attraction. I walked ahead of True Parents down a wide paved footpath through a park. I guess seeing my country boy walking style was disturbing Mother, so she left Father's side and ran up to me. Grabbing my right arm with both her hands and holding us tightly together shoulder to shoulder, Mother started showing me how to walk properly, counting "one, two, three, four, one, two, three, four! Now walk like this!"

I was amazed that True Mother would be so concerned with my personal behavior and do such a naturally motherly thing to try to correct my bad habit.

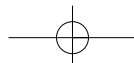
Driving Mother Shopping

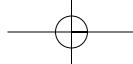
I used to drive Mother every couple of weeks when she would go shopping. Mrs. Choi or Peter Kim would come as translator and sometimes we would go with True Children to buy their clothes. I do not remember so much about the shopping itself, because, for a man, shopping with a woman—even a true woman—is not exciting. The part I do remember is that we would nearly always stop to eat at McDonalds or Burger King during these outings. Mother, never a big fan of red meat, would nearly always order the "Filet-'o Fish" and a lemon-lime soda.

I guess the reason I remember these times so much is that at lunch Mother would talk to me. It seems that the conversations always focused on my future marriage. Mother would ask, "How tall are you? Do you want a Korean wife? What is your educational background?" Mother would also make suggestions about how I could change my walking style or clothes, and so on, to make me a better "catch" for my future spouse.

Mother expressed her concern about my graying hair, and several times at these lunches and again years later when it was really white, she asked if I had thought about dying it.

From this and so many other experiences with True Parents, it is clear to me that they see themselves above all as our parents. They take a direct and personal interest in the well-being of those fortunate to be around them. They worry about your education, your





health, your clothes, your diet, your marriage, and your children.

Woman Made of Tears

To my knowledge True Mother has only publicly given her testimony once, at East Garden in 1976 or 1977. I had the privilege to be there. The words she spoke are recorded for posterity, but I would like to relate the emotions.

I had seen and spoken to True Mother nearly every day for three years. Mother would put more food on my plate and ask about my health. She would ask especially about what kind of wife I wanted. Always comforting others and giving love with child-like purity. Without exception, Mother was like a fountain of pure true love. To be in her presence, was to be bathed in radiant light. Even when she was scolding me, I loved it. It seemed that Mother was just this person that was happy all the time and never had a care in the world.

When Mother began to give her testimony, she revealed a side of herself I had never imagined. I thought that Mother was literally made of laughter, but I discovered that she was constructed of tears. Mother wept and sobbed as she explained the torturous course she walked and the incredible trials and persecution she had had to overcome. My understanding of True Mother changed entirely.

Oh, My Selfish Heart!

It is natural for children to want the attention and appreciation of their parents, but usually Father had breakfast, lunch and dinner together with leaders and members. It was rare for the True Family to have any private time together. I'm sure this was very hard on the True Children.

On one unusual evening, all the guests were gone before the True Children's bedtime. They had a rare moment to have the attention of their parents. Three of the kids came into the dining room to play instruments they had started learning in school for True Parents. I believe one had a trumpet, one a violin, and the third a clarinet. The instruments were new to them and they played simple songs like "Mary had a Little Lamb." Their instruments squeaked and squawked and they stopped and started over again. Still for the True Family it was better than a performance at Carnegie Hall--until I ruined it.

I was a pretty good amateur trumpet player. In college, I'd even majored in music one year. I wanted to play for

True Parents too. After the three True Children played I played. Of course a college level player is much better than an elementary school student is. Out of my desire for True Parents praise, I ruined the Children's precious time with their parents. Their musical accomplishments, that had seemed so wonderful before I had played, in contrast seemed so small. They just walked away angry and hurt.

At the time I was so dense that I didn't even realize how selfish I had been or how much I hurt the True Children by putting on my own show. They were children (at the time) and I was supposed to be an adult. Why didn't I act like an adult and rejoice in their per-



Kwon-jin Nim holds Rev. Peter Kim's newborn daughter (who is now a mother herself!). Directly behind is Heung-jin Nim, and Sun-jin Nim being carried.

formance instead of competing with them? It took me a long time to understand that the True Children needed to be with True Parents without any competition or interference. The moments that True Children had alone with True Parents were rare and precious, and I had ruined one of them.

Burning Down the Garage

A three-story building used to stand where the new East Garden main house is now. On the first and second stories were a garage and a storage area and the top floor had three apartments with

a large attic. Mother had asked a group of Japanese security brothers to paint various buildings around East Garden, including this garage.

They were using a butane torch to soften the old paint so they could scrape it off the buildings before applying a new coat to the bare wood. Theoretically, I was the man in charge of all the maintenance work done on the property and I felt that the brothers weren't being cautious enough. I tried to express this on several occasions. Since these brothers had received their instructions directly from Mother, they had no use for any of my opinions.

To make a long story short, the three-story garage burned to the ground before the painting was completed.

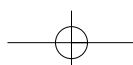
This was bad for several reasons. One, we had burned down a building on Father's property. Two, it was humiliating to Father because it turned out that one of the volunteer firemen was also a reporter for the *Tarrytown Daily News* [Tarrytown is the nearest town to East Garden], and a huge picture and negative story about the fire made the front page of the paper. And three, worst of all, Father's schedule had been affected and he couldn't return to East Garden, but had to spend that night at Belvedere instead. Father had been forced to follow a schedule dictated by the results of our failure, instead of the schedule he had planned. He was not pleased.

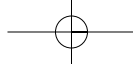
The following evening at 7:00 p.m. Father called all the staff for a meeting in East Garden's main house. I sat in the back expecting the Japanese brother leading the painting team to get slammed. Father asked me to stand up and explain why I had burned down his garage. I was flabbergasted! I thought "What? Who, me?" but I knew it was better for me to accept the responsibility. I apologized and bowed in submission.

I think there are two reasons I had to take responsibility. I was in the official position to be responsible for the maintenance of Father's property, but at least as important, the Japanese brother was not culturally or emotionally capable of accepting this responsibility without some drastic personal humiliation. The look the brother gave me after the meeting was of gratitude and sincere appreciation.

Head First in the Mud

I'm sure many readers have seen the pond at Belvedere, at least in pictures. This pond was man-made by one Dr.





Cole, who built Belvedere in the 1920s as the ideal environment for his children. The pond was designed to be filled and drained by opening and closing valves concealed in a pit under a bush on the north east corner of the pond.

Father took an interest in the pond and its maintenance because He wanted to keep some fish in it. So one night after dark, with lights set up and several staff members gathered, Father came to participate in this project. We opened the hatch to the pit and, being the smallest, I was "elected" to be the one to enter and open the drain valve.

The opening is only about two feet square and the bottom of the pit was goeey mud so I had the "brilliant" idea that "Big" Gerhard Peemoeller could hold me by the ankles and lower me upside-down into the pit. So here I was like a rag doll being lowered head first into this pit, calling "Down.... down.... more.... more... a little bit more..." and then Gerhard suddenly lowered me about two feet, putting my face right into the mud.

I started kicking and yelling "Up! Up!" Big Gerhard lifted me out. I was hanging upside-down and my face looked liked the old black-face vaudeville comic Al Jolsen. There was Father squatting down about six feet away laughing a hard belly laugh at this comedy act. It was good to see Father laugh so hard.

Concerns for Security

Between the 21-City Tour and the 32-City Tour, all the IOWC bus teams and other members gathered in a large basement meeting room at a hotel in Washington DC. It was, I believe, early 1974. This meeting closed one tour and kicked off the next. Father was speaking to us from the stage in the middle of the room. Father was the right side of the stage. Without warning there was a loud crack that sounded almost like a gunshot from the opposite side of the room. I never found out what caused the sound. What impressed me so much was that Father, like every one else, was startled by the sound. Everyone else jumped and was ready to take flight,

but Father stamped his foot loudly down on the stage, assumed almost a fighting stance and turned boldly to confront the apparent threat. His posture was erect and his expression that of a man ready to confront death and win over it yet another time.

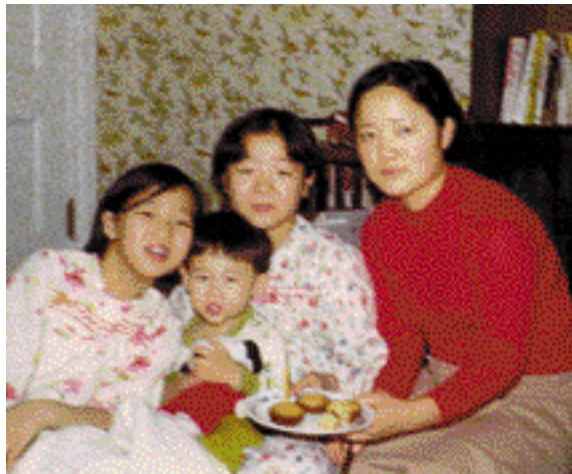
A Movie about the Holocaust

Father's tradition when seeing a movie at the theater was to enter the auditorium at whatever time he arrived at the theater, watch the movie from that point and then leave at that same point at the next screening. He sees the movie exactly once but he doesn't necessarily begin and end his viewing when the movie begins and ends.

eral minutes and Father noticed this. Father apparently assumed that I was crying because of my broken matching, and after he had been speaking for more than an hour he called my name right from the stage and said "Joe Kinney! Why are you crying for yourself? You should be shedding tears for Heaven!"

At that point Father looked right at me, into my eyes, and a spiritual channel opened for a brief moment between us where we could look into each other's souls. (I think Father planned to check my spirit out and didn't think I'd look into his at the same time.) Father saw the pain and sorrow in my heart and all my feelings and motivations. I felt he was "reading me like a book."

The unexpected part was that I was able to see in Father's spirit that this brought back memories and feelings of the much greater suffering Father had endured over his first wife. Father quickly disconnected from this and returned to his speech, but not before I saw his face flush and tears well up in his eyes.



Left, Kwon-jin Nim on his tricycle at East Garden; right, a bedtime snack served by nanny Tong-nim Lee for (l to r) Un-jin Nim, Kwon-jin Nim, and In-jin Nim

One time several staff members attended a movie about the Holocaust with True Parents. It was a graphic, terribly sad and realistic portrayal of the suffering of the prisoners in Auschwitz. The movie got to the point at which we had entered and we all rose to go. Father remained unmoving and watched all the way through a second time. This is only time I ever saw Father watch a movie twice in a row.

For us Father's prison experiences are interesting and moving testimony. This showed me that for Father those experiences are in his bone marrow.

A Spiritual Connection

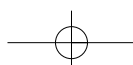
After serving at East Garden for four years I lived in Korea for another four years, where I experienced a broken engagement with a Korean sister. Father was aware of this and knew my situation well. I returned to America and attended Father's Belvedere speech for the first time in years. When Father went on the stage so many memories flooded back that I began to cry for sev-

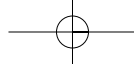
Longing for their Homeland

In October of 1978, True Parents took a group of members from Japan and all the foreign members working in Korea for a six-day sightseeing tour of Korea prior to the large matching at the end of the month. The most unforgettable moment was when we went to see North Korean invasion tunnels discovered near the border.

True Parents walked away from the main group and walked up a hill to a fence. I was carefully observing True Parents. They walked up to a fence where North Korea could be seen across the valley that was the demilitarized zone (DMZ). True Parents walked hand-in-hand solemnly up to the fence touching the fence with their free hands. They were silent. No words were exchanged. The seriousness of the moment was so heavy. I could feel their life and death determination to return and liberate their homeland. ♦

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Translating between Heaven and Earth

An Interview with Soonja Pak Richardson

Members from around the world that have come to Cheong Pyeong have benefited from the hard work of one sister who has served as a bridge between Dae Mo Nim and Western members. We thought you'd be curious to know more about her and to get a behind-the-scenes look at the unique place she works. Our editor, Julian Gray, made the short journey from Seoul and interviewed her recently.

Julian Gray: What brought you back to Korea in the first place?

Soonja Richardson: We came to Korea in the summer of 1990 originally, because we were thinking of our children's future and education. We took care of foreign children here [the program Father established for Western blessed children-Ed.]. I began to see that I could be useful, that there was a need for a Korean that could speak English. I started working as a volunteer in the World Mission Office, working with blessing preparations and so forth. Then when the Filipino sisters came I became quite involved in working with them as a world missions staff member.

Then in 1996, those missionaries that had been active for twenty-one years were given an award and asked to come to Cheong Pyeong for forty days to prepare for their new missions as national messiahs. The World Mission Office sent me to take care of the English-speaking members for the duration of the workshop. I stayed with them for forty days, translating and taking care of their needs, because there was no one else who spoke English.

After that concluded, there was an immediate call for Western leaders to come to Cheong Pyeong, and I knew

that Dae Mo Nim was going to continue the forty-day workshops for members from around the world. I didn't see anyone who could take my place. I didn't think it was right to just drop it and leave just because I belonged to the World Mission Office. Of course, by then, my main work with the World Mission Office had come to an end.

So, I asked Dae Mo Nim, "What do you think, Dae Mo Nim? It looks like you maybe need a person like me around here." She kind of smiled and said, "Maybe so." Well, she officially accepted me as a staff member at Cheong Pyeong from then on. So that's how I got here.

al power, some truth, behind the Cheong Pyeong providence. I think that is how Cheong Pyeong has drawn so many people. This place must be providing something people really want and need. The atmosphere is such that people feel they have to be sincere and honest about themselves and look at things straight.

People see the result themselves, and we've seen many, many miracles occur. Without our knowing I'm sure that many miraculous things have taken place after people have returned to their countries too, but they are not told to us. After they go away, feeling good, they don't say anything. Sometimes they don't even know that it was

caused by Cheong Pyeong. They feel better, but it doesn't click.

JG: We have heard about the physical healings, and people conceiving children after many years of being unable to...

SR: Yes. And people have changed their lives totally! After, for example, struggling with their spouses, coming to Cheong Pyeong brought such drastic change. Some people who had been miserably unsuccessful

in everything they did improved so much after coming here. They can now do things so much better. People go where they see some benefit. Honestly speaking, we have been willing to sacrifice all of our lives. But here we can see some benefit. It is not something selfish if you want to improve and do better for God and True Parents.

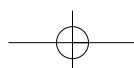
I think people are more confident after they look at themselves, face themselves and find hope. Because after you get rid of evil, resentful spirits, your mind becomes clearer. Because



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TW: What are your overall impressions of the Cheong Pyeong phenomenon?

For me, it has always been so hectic and busy. So many people have showed up at Cheong Pyeong. I've never been able to sit down and think about it; workshops just happened one after another, continuously. It's really a miracle that such a place exists, that there could be such an atmosphere that draws people. It is not just that people have been told to come; they want to come. That can only be possible if there is some spiritu-



people feel better, they feel hope--physically and spiritually.

Dae Mo Nim would say that this place is like a big spiritual bathhouse. When all the clouds clear up then you can see God and True Parents in a much clearer way. At the same time, on the other hand, it's a spiritual hospital. There is cleansing and at the same time there is healing. It's especially effective for unborn babies. It's amazing how many babies have trouble. Every Sunday there are people wanting to speak with Dae Mo Nim. Most of the pregnant women come because there is some problem with their unborn baby, such as Down's syndrome.

JG: I heard that there have been instances where such babies have been born normal...

SR: Yes, that's right. And the funny thing is that after the pregnant woman goes through this process, they have their babies so easily, without so much labor pain. We get phone calls reporting, "Oh, we are going now to the hospital." Two hours later, they call to say, "We've already had the baby!" It often happens like that. I strongly recommend that pregnant women, whether or not they have had a report from their doctor about trouble with their baby, come to Cheong Pyeong. It's really worthwhile to spend forty days here.

JG: What does your own work mainly involve?

SR: Well, mainly I do the translation from Korean into English, and I have to be a kind of go-between for Western members and Dae Mo Nim if someone has a serious problem. I translate in those cases. I also try to keep a record of the help Dae Mo Nim gives Western members.

JG: Could you tell us something about your experience with Hoon Moo Nim (Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim)?

SR: Well, actually I am amazed by her. As a woman, I respect her. Her capacity as a person...

JG: You're speaking now about Mrs. Kim, Hoon Mo Nim, rather than Dae Mo Nim...?

SR: Well, actually, she's always with her, so you cannot separate them in that sense. I can sometimes, but not always, tell when she's speaking to me as Dae Mo Nim and when she's speaking to me as Mrs. Kim. She doesn't identify who is speaking. It's just like talking between you and me. Although most of the time, Dae Mo Nim is there.

She's always loving, smiling and embracing, radiating a warm feeling toward everyone. She has so many responsibilities; she is under so much pressure--from so many directions. All



long. She has no time of her own.

I don't think she feels pressure so much as strong responsibility. Her personality is such that she is not one to get depressed. She only gets deeply worried when troubles come, deeply serious trouble. She only thinks of how to solve it. She is not crushed. This is her strong point. She only thinks of resolving the situation. This is my impression. She does not ask, "Why do I have to carry this heavy burden?" This is a little bit different from me. I would just be grouchy.

JG: Could you tell us something about her background?

SR: Ever since she was little she has had the potential to do this kind of work. She explained once that when she was in fifth grade, her mother was laid aside as someone almost dead. Doctors had given up on her. She just lay in a corner of the room, waiting for the moment of death. At that time, young as she was, Mrs. Kim thought, "I can't just let this happen like this. I have to do something."

She was only in the fifth grade and couldn't even make rice cakes. So, she just put a layer of rice and a bowl of water on an altar in her home, and she prayed to God seriously. She said, "Heavenly Father,

please help my mother. If you do, I'll do anything for you." She thinks about that pledge she made at that time, that she had to take responsibility, and that she would have to do anything that God asked someday. The next day her Mom got well, but their cow died. The cow went as a sacrifice.

She has been different then, in a way, from most people. She is such a devoted person. Before she joined, she belonged to another church to which she was also very dedicated. Then she joined our church. After she received the blessing, she invested totally, 100 percent, into whatever she was told to do. She made conditions, prayer conditions--this is a difference, this level of devotion. She gave 100 percent in whatever she did. During the three years of public work after the blessing, everyday she was the one cleaning up the bathroom, praying at midnight and so forth. Although she wasn't a leader of any sort, she did these things on her own.

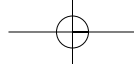
She really has a good family. She has

the problems come to her. When I see such a person who has to deal with so many things...

JG: How does she cope with what must surely be heavy demands on her?

SR: You know how it is when you build a house, how much pressure there is. She is into everything; she has her hand on every stone that is laid here. She has to direct everything that has to be done, because it has to be done according to the Heavenly standard. She's under such pressure, but still she can give and give. To me as a person, it's so amazing that she doesn't lose herself.

She also has to deal with the spirit world. She goes into her room, but she's not there resting. She's praying. People are constantly asking for her. Forty-day, twenty-one-day, two-day participants: people are constantly calling and talking about their problems. She's dealing with problems all day



three children. All three are upstanding members in faith. Her husband, too. They have a real solid family. She couldn't have confidence to tell everyone to build an ideal family without making progress on this herself.

JG: Hoon Mo Nim has mentioned that her husband struggled in the beginning. Why was this?

SR: That was because of the idea of his wife being a spiritual medium. Because he'd never seen anyone successful at it. They always had tragic endings and he did not like it *at all*. Later on, when her husband saw Father accepting this work, he relented. You know, he's a good member too! He saw that Father was giving his approval, so he had to come around!

JG: There have been many spiritualists in our church, but they generally seem to fade away at a certain point.

SR: I do respect some of those spiritualists who have devoted their lives for God and True Parents, but according to Dae Mo Nim, God was looking for *one* person to be chosen for this job that she has. Yet somehow there were not enough conditions to be able to use this or that person for the task. Finally, God worked through Dae Mo Nim and Kim Hyo-nam.

JG: Was Mrs. Kim always spiritually open?

SR: No. She had not been a spiritualist. She didn't like it at all. The first time, True Mother came to her in a dream told and her she should be doing spiritual work. She told Mother she did not want to do it. She didn't really accept it, but ten years later, Mother came and asked again. The second time, it was not a dream. It was just like you and I sitting here. She spiritually appeared to her. She saw her, so she was obviously spiritually open at that moment. And Mother gave her the gifts that you may have heard about, the jade ring and the telescope. True Mother gave her those so that she could see spiritually, totally,

and have the ability to heal. And so, after that, Dae Mo Nim came down and said, "Please work with me. I have work to do." I don't know the exact date that she opened up spiritually.

JG: And she set these formidable physical conditions...

SR: Ordinary conditions could not reach a level that would make Satan go away. She had to go to a level that Satan could not reach.

JG: It's amazing that she didn't die....

SR: I think she was willing to die; that's why she was able to live.

Satan could not take her life away, but he had to drive her to that point. Her devotion and heart is what made it possible. A normal person would just draw a line and refuse to go beyond it, but she was willing to die.

This is an interesting point. Mrs. Shim Woo-ok, the wife of [Africa continental director] Rev. Im Dow-soon, who works at the Hannam-dong official residence, gave an interesting testimony: When she was serving True Parents, she never drew lines. Whatever True Parents asked she would immediately respond to. There was never a thought that it was not possible. She'd just charge forward and do it. She had that absolute, automatic willingness to respond. Hoon Mo Nim is the same. She's that type of person. Hoon Mo Nim has to be Dae Mo Nim's absolute body. There can be no limitation, no hesitation at all. She cannot have her own mind at all. It has to be totally tuned in to what Dae Mo Nim wants. She has to absolutely be her body; otherwise this providential work cannot be done. Everything, every step she takes, has to be Dae Mo Nim's. Dae Mo Nim does not have a body; Hoon Mo Nim has to be her body. But a body has certain limitations. Sometimes, she does feel really tired and wants to rest, but she cannot.

What's happening here is like a dream. The whole idea of getting evil, resentful spirits removed from you and they get restored and come back as

helpers. And to get our ancestors totally restored as absolute, unchanging spirits who will go to the kingdom of heaven along with True Parents later. All of these ideas were unimaginable...

JG: What would you say to members who cannot easily believe all this?

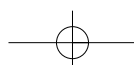
SR: They should just come and experience it. Relax and come have a look. You pay money to travel to different places. This is a place that is said to be full of angels. Instead of just looking with skeptical eyes, being unwilling to even come near, please come and experience it. You have nothing to lose.

Editor's Note: Some days after this interview, I called Soonja Richardson and asked her one final question, about the reason we need to make monetary offerings for the liberation and blessing of our ancestors. I include Mrs. Richardson's points here for the benefit of all: First, among our ancestors there are always those who have abused money, either through theft or other forms of dishonesty. This leaves a serious spiritual problem (sin) to be resolved by the descendants. Some forms of dishonesty with money are so serious that spirits have attached themselves to us purely on the basis of these particular ancestral demerits, and can only be removed by financial sacrifice whereby we voluntarily (even if painfully) commit our private money to a public purpose. Second, the money that is donated at Cheong Pyeong is dedicated only to projects that are in the most public of realms. Mrs. Richardson explained how strict Hoon Mo Nim is with the finances at Cheong Pyeong, down to the last 100 won (10 cents). And the staff are the same: they know the serious consequences that have accrued for us through the misuse of money in our lineages, and they are so serious about not inflicting such difficulties on their own future generations.

I feel sure that as more good conditions of this sort are heaped up, releasing the debts of our ancestral lines, as our ancestors are also those of many other people, the benefits of this will help those who have, up to now, been completely unaware of the providence, or who are unable to contribute to it personally for the time being.

Michael and Soonja Richardson are from the 1800-Couple Blessing, and are the Abelnation national messiah couple to Austria.

Photo: Soonja Richardson arrives in Frankfurt with Dae Mo Nim (Hoon Mo Nim) and Kim Hee-soon, wife of Europe FFWPU President Sa Kwang-kee



A Love Story

Eirik Seim
Illinois, USA

I JOINED the church in 1979 and got blessed in 1982. Five years later, the sister I'd been matched to left. We had never started our family life, but our engagement was quite tumultuous. In 1989, I was matched to another sister and we went to the blessing. We started our family the following year. From the beginning our relationship was very chaotic, and it deteriorated rapidly over the following year. It was constant conflict, confrontations and provocations; my limit was reached when she started circulating false rumors of domestic abuse. At that point, with the counsel of our central figure we separated for a period of time to let things cool. She eventually left the movement.

Around this time, I got in contact with a spiritual lady in our church and she told me right away that I had a terrible fortune when it came to married life. "Even now your ancestors are fighting each other, husband and wife, in the spirit world," she told me. She continued to explain to me that my fortune was such that women would be to me like a big crushing stone due to the abuse the women in my ancestry had suffered at the hands of their husbands. Her recommendation was to stay single for at least 3-5 years; focus only on God, Divine Principle and True Parents; and by setting good conditions try to change my fortune. But she also said that I needed to be prepared for the possibility of having to stay single for the rest of my life if my fortune did not change.

Another spiritualist in the church told me that my personal problems were due to severe family problems in my ancestry. Obviously my situation was not borne of coincidence. She listed the sins of my ancestors as being alcohol abuse, spousal abuse, lying to others, feuding, unresolved revenge and distor-

tions of love. These sins were present both on my father's and mother's sides.

Somehow these words gave me considerable peace of mind as I finally could see that there was some kind of justice being worked out historically in my life. It didn't seem as unfair as it had before. I committed myself to doing the best I could to live a life that could indemnify these sins. So, following True Parents was clearly the only option. I could not, in my wildest dreams, imagine that I'd ever live a



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Richardson explained my situation to her. Dae Mo Nim looked at me and told me that I had a very angry female spirit in my stomach region, and that she had contributed to a lot of the problems I was having. She told me she would take that spirit out. She worked on me for about twenty minutes, on that area, and also on my chest, back and neck.

When she was done, I bowed as we were told, and at that time she said to me, "You can now have confidence to go to the blessing. I made you into a new person." It really astonished me, because my prayer every morning and every night during those forty days was for God to make me into a new person and that I would leave Cheong Pyeong a different person than when I had arrived. I will always be so grateful to Dae Mo Nim for what she has done for my life. Walking outside I remember feeling as light as a piece of paper blowing in the wind.

In February of 1999, I attended the blessing in Korea. By my side I had the most peaceful and loving daughter of God I could have ever hoped for. Now almost two years later I am still amazed at her kind and loving heart.

In October, we got to go to Cheong Pyeong for the registration workshop, and to me it was a wonderful experience to go there to offer my family to God—my wife, myself and our unborn baby boy, who is due in January. He is such a precious child, because although I have three siblings, none of us have been able to have children. My parents had all but given up on having any grandchildren until he came along.

Cheong Pyeong truly changed the course of my life and Dae Mo Nim in her kindness and love resurrected my hope for the future. I will be forever grateful to the Cheong Pyeong providence, and the sacrifices of True Parents, Dae Mo Nim and Heung-jin nim. They have made this piece of Heaven on Earth a reality, a place where we can receive such abundant love and have hope to change the fortune of our lives and liberate our ancestors from suffering and bondage. ♦

Eirik and Teiko Seim celebrated the birth of their first baby just before this issue went to print.

married life again; I resigned myself to remaining single for the rest of my life. That was in 1992.

In January of 1997, I was able to go to Cheong Pyeong for ten days, and a year later, I participated in the forty-day workshop. It was the twentieth forty-day workshop, held in January, and only eighteen Westerners participated. I really relished every day of it. On the very last day, Dae Mo Nim told us that she wanted to meet with the Western participants. I thought she would speak to us as a group, but we got to meet with her one by one in the prayer room and we received *ansu* from her.

When I came into the room, Mrs.



when we look from a providential viewpoint. Think about what happened two thousand years ago. The most important providential event two thousand years ago was the coming of Jesus Christ. He came to the earth, lived his private life for thirty years, then his public life for three years and was finally crucified. The biggest event in Jesus' life was his crucifixion. Jesus did not die alone. To his left and right, there were two robbers. They all died by the same method. If you do not look at the three deaths from a providential perspective, you cannot tell the difference between them. They were crucified as lawbreakers, two because they had robbed other people, and Jesus because he had violated the Jewish religious law. They were all executed because they had violated the law of the society to which they belonged. Their deaths were the same to the secular world. But from the providential viewpoint, the death of the two robbers and the death of Jesus had totally different meanings. The deaths of the robbers were deaths within the satanic realm; however, the death of Jesus opened the way to resurrection that could save all people. You can see the providential meaning and value only when you look at things from a providential perspective.

True Parents' final destination

Now is the age of registration. The world does not know this. But we know it, thanks to True Parents. We must understand how great the changes are that the coming new historical age will bring. True Parents have led so many providential events. True Father was born in 1920. In 1945, he started his public life. In 1960, the holy wedding was held, and Father successfully completed a period of wandering in the wilderness in 1985. The Completed Testament age began in 1992.

Father has led countless providential events. And what is the final destiny of all these providential events? It is the age of registration that we are experiencing. The final mission of True Parents ends with the providence of the age of registration. True Parents completed the age of True Parents and

opened the new age of registration centering on True Children. The center of the age of the Second Advent was the Second Advent. The center of the age of the blessing was True Parents, and the center of the age of registration is True Children. Through the age of registration, True Parents have reached their final destiny and the new era is dawning. The smallest unit in God's purpose of creation is a family. The smallest units of the four-position foundation, families, are being registered in the Kingdom of Heaven through registration blessing ceremonies. That is the meaning of the registration blessing.

We register births, marriages and deaths. In the same manner, we register ourselves in heaven as a family, the smallest unit of God's purpose of creation. Individuals cannot register in heaven, because individuals are incomplete by themselves. The Four Position Foundation Registration Blessing is an important event that legitimized us as the people of God's nation.

In order to understand our own individual life of faith as well as this era, we should keep in mind how precious this time is for all of us. We know that new wine should be put into new wineskins. We are experiencing a lot of changes brought about by the new providence. One of the changes is the mobilization. Mobilization is a big burden for all of us. Brothers and sisters, it is for the providence, however.

True Parents' family also had to go through a restoration process. They could not be an exception. They were not perfect when they started their missions. Just as for Adam and Eve were to grow to perfection, True Parents had to do the same. Then how did the True family register? In 1971, Father explained in detail about how True

Family registered and what we should do to do the same. True Family held their registration ceremony three years after the first God's Day proclamation. The condition that made True Family's registration possible was Unification members' three-year mobilization and their absolute faith in True Father's direction. Father said: "The second mobilization was the absolutely necessary condition for True Family to be registered. Then when will you be called again for the third three-year mobilization? You will be called again when it is the time for you to be registered."

Our mission

At this turning point of history, we have been given the heavy providential mission of mobilization. This is for the sake of the providence. Therefore, we can never give up, and it is a responsibility that we can never abrogate.

We are witnessing a major providential change today. We met True Parents during our own lives on earth, received blessings and have walked the way of faith thus far. We have received all the blessings True Parents can give us. We have received the greatest blessing; therefore, we owe the most to human history. What should we do to pay back our debt? True Parents gave us the mission of liberating our homeland (fatherland). When should we accomplish this? By the year 2004.

The course leading to this era

Father had to pass through the age of wilderness until 1985. And then he had to start over the mission that he had originally been meant to begin in 1945. For seven years, his main mission was creating unity between the bride and the bridegroom. Starting from August 16, 1985, Total Victory Day (*Il Seung Il*), the

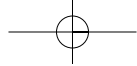
providential task to fulfill, over the next seven years, was to create unity between the bridegroom and the bride, Christianity, that had been prepared by God for the previous two thousand years. And there was the important providential event from July 6th to 9th, 1992--the first proclamation of True Parents' messiahship.

Brothers and sisters, who should proclaim True Parents' messiahship? That is the responsibility of John the



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Three cheers of "Mansei" conclude the meeting at which this speech was given



Baptist. And who took the role of John the Baptist that time? True Mother did. She took the responsibility of John the Baptist proclaiming Father's messiahship, as the representative of the Women's Federation, on behalf of Christianity and our Unification movement.

And then the new age began. The seven-year course that had begun in 1985 finished, and the Completed Testament age began. As soon as the Completed Testament age began, we could see there were visible changes in our movement. What kind of changes? True Father once said, "Communism developed through demonstrations but God has developed the providence through public speaking engagements." Until 1992, all these were held centered on True Father. Starting from 1993 to the present, there have been about seven hundred public speaking engagements all together and 70 percent of them were hosted by True Mother. That is because the Completed Testament age began the new providential age of mother and son cooperation.

God's portion of responsibility is to create Adam, Adam's is to create Eve, and Eve's is to give birth to Cain and Abel. However, because Eve fell, she bore evil fruits. So Eve must return to Adam by restoring Cain and Abel, and Adam must return to God. The era of mother-and-son cooperation started in 1993. When did this providence end? It ended on June 9th. And on June 14th, 'True Parents Cosmic Victory Congratulatory Proclamation Ceremony' was held. On that day, True Father gave an award to True Mother.

Mother's providential path, the providence of Mother and Son Corporation continued from 1993 to 1999, exactly seven years after it started.

Father told us once, "The third seven-year course should start in 2000 and end in 2007, however, providentially we are in so much of a hurry." Then Father prayed and set July 7 (lunar), 1997, the day of the proclamation of the cosmic settlement (sabbath) of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, as the starting day of the third seven year course. Thus officially, the third seven year course is from July 7, 1997 to April 2004. Then what should we achieve by the year 2004? Our task is to liberate our homeland (fatherland). In any shape or form, there should be the liberation of our homeland. We cannot step back, because it is God's will.

A serious time for Korea

True Parents selected Korea as the



Senior members have some fun on a retreat organized by the church in Korea

first candidate to be our homeland. However, if Korea fails, what is going to happen? True Parents, who are leading the entire providence, cannot help but consider other possibilities as well. However, they are investing all their effort into Korea first.

The test period is six months. After six months, if a foundation is not made in Korea, they will change the central nation of the providence. If that hap-

pens, all of us will have to move. No matter what happens, True Parents must make the providence successful, if not in Korea, then elsewhere. Wherever it may be, True Parents must succeed in creating a restored homeland by 2004. If Korea is not the place, they will have to go to their second or third choices. That is the unavoidable destiny True Parents have to carry out.

Within six months, we must create a sufficient foundation for the liberation of our homeland in Korea. Otherwise, no one can predict what kind of heavier cross we might be burdened with.

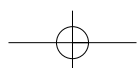
We are trying to reach the land of Canaan. If we compare this with the hardships of history, our hardships are not really hard at all. True Parents have shown us the way and we also have accumulated some experiences. We have so much stronger a foundation than did people in the past. When I toured the whole country this time, some Federation chairmen told me that after four years of being abroad, they could clearly see changes in Korea. People's perspective on our movement has changed greatly. They said that whenever they mentioned Father's name to non-members, no one had said anything against him. We should know that now is the right time to make a new determination to face the challenges the new age brings, and restore our homeland...

If we cannot fulfill the task True Parents have given us, we should take our names out of the heavenly family register ourselves. We should begin with that kind of serious determination.

I know you have many difficulties, but you must set the condition of mobilization. You have to set this condition by reaching the goal in your own area if you cannot go to your mission place. Not a single family must be left behind. With one heart, let us all carry out our task at this historical turning point. I am certain that you will make it and I will lead you on the front line. Let us all successfully realize the restoration of our homeland. This is what we must do for the providence. If we succeed in this, not only will we be free, but our ancestors and descendants will also be free at last. If we cannot do it, everyone will go down with us. If we do not carry our burden, then our children and their descendants will have to carry it. Let us make a strong determination and let's make it happen!

Thank you.◆

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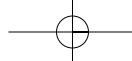
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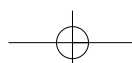
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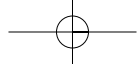


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A group of church and organization leaders visit Keum Gang San (Diamond Mountain) in North Korea, in November 2000

The way of restoration is to find a man that is not fallen and can therefore go beyond the individual, family and even the cosmic level of the fallen world. A man cannot grow by himself, however. He needs a mother to nourish and raise him. That is why the age of mother-and-son cooperation has been necessary.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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