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Becoming People of Substance

From a sermon on August 10 at the headquarters church.

IT is essential for us, as we tread the path of faith, to deeply know the heart of God, which is vertical, and God's providence, which is horizontal. God does not stay in one place, but constantly moves as He supervises the providence. It is very important to know where God is and what period of time the present is, in relation to the providence. It can even be said that this knowledge is the lifeline of our faith.

The time of the completion of the Providence

On the seventh Chil Pal Jeol ("Day of Eight Sevens"), held this year on August 4, and which commemorates the Declaration of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, Father told us about this time in the providence. What kind of time is the present in God's providence? We say this is the third year of Cheon Il Guk, but what are we supposed to do in the third year of Cheon Il Guk?

True Parents have set the date for the completion of the providence as April of next year, the year in which Father turns eighty-four. Establishing God's kingship, restoring Cheon Il Guk and its citizens, and holding the Coronation Ceremony of the King of the Blessed Families were successive events each marking a stage of the providence for accomplishing this. April 2004, reached after passing through all these processes in the providence, will be the time in which the will of True Parents will be completed in the universe.

True Parents have said that by April 2004 they will indeed complete the providence by making an organization and system in the United Nations under the direct dominion of God.

My fellow members, if we turn our faces away from True Parents' serious course even though we know the significance of the time we are living in, we would be committing the sin of violating the heart that is taught in the Principle. If someone falls after receiving the blessing, on top of the sin of the fall, the sin of violating the heart also accrues to that person. It would be the same in the case above, in that if you com-

mitted a sin without knowing it, there would be a way for you to be forgiven, but a sin committed in full knowledge of what you are doing cannot so easily be forgiven. The reason for this is that in addition to committing the sin, you have also violated the heart.

We are already firmly bound to God and the providence, not by our will alone, but also by the will of God and our ancestors before us. Through the Principle we have learned of God's will and the providence. If we did not know about it, we could live like non-members, but since we have come to know, we cannot sit still and do nothing. This is what True Parents have said to us.

God's substantial form

Then, how should we live in this time of great importance? At this year's Chil Pal Jeol celebrations, True Father spoke emphatically about God's anguish and pain. Brothers and sisters, what is God's bitter pain?

Throughout history, God has revealed Himself to us gradually. The Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament all speak of God in different terms. In the Old Testament, God appears as the judge. In the New Testament, God not only judges, but he also bestows salvation. Afterwards, True Parents came to earth and the substantial reality of God was fully revealed. They have presented to us the God of the Completed Testament Age.

True Parents disclosed that the relationship between God and people is that of parent and children. The relationship between parent and child is the relationship established between God and man of the original Creation. Since that is the nature of the relationship, the reality is that God is a being who is in agony over the loss of His children and in bitter pain on the path of recreation.

We can say that True Parents are both accomplishing the providence and fulfilling the prophecies that have appeared in history. Moreover, True Parents have equated God's having a heart filled with pain with His being the "God without a substantial form."



Rev. and Mrs. Hwang with True Parents at Hannam-dong; True Parents wrote a dedication for Mrs. Hwang on her birthday

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True Parents and the History of Restoration Through Indemnity

Sun Moon University, Korea
July 7, 2003

How fast does the spiritual world develop? It jumps thousands of years at once. It's different from the past. What has happened there in the last two or three years is equal to fifty years of Unification Church history. They have even gone further....

What went wrong in the one generation of Adam has been expanded to the other generations throughout history. Everything should be brought to a conclusion within my lifetime. When reform of the United Nations is accomplished, everything else will be fulfilled.

Until now, brothers and sisters have not been able to register their births. That was because the sons and daughters of God have not had a nation to register in. Since they have not had a nation, God and Adam couldn't register their children's marriages in order to become the heavenly and earthly parents respectively. Everything was taken over by the satanic world, wasn't it?

Do you know how much work was put into making the name of God's nation, Cheon Il Guk? If we don't have that, we cannot even get married. We cannot register our marriages. How is it that Koreans can register their marriages? It is because they have a nation, Korea, where they can do so. If people cannot register their marriages and births, even if they disappear into the blue and die out, there is nowhere to go to complain about it.

Since we recognize that the fall indeed did occur, we cannot deny the fact that God's nation does not exist, either. Adam and Eve were chased out. God's nation was supposed to be established centering on Adam and Eve, but they were chased out, and so there is no nation in which God can be connected to people. You cannot deny that. Once we acknowledge the fall, we have to acknowledge many other facts as well.

What happens when we do not have a nation? There is no foundation on which the sons and daughters of God can be married in holy matrimony or register their marriages. Even if they were to marry a thousand times over, without a nation, all is in vain. Since they could not register their mar-



On July 7, 2003, True Parents were at Sun Moon University to dedicate a new building, the Sun Moon Vision Center; Here, Father holy salts the new building

riages in their nation, they cannot register births, either. That is the way it is. Only someone who cannot think could deny this.

So the name Cheon Il Guk did not come about simply. Historically, restoration through indemnity had to be completed. Centering on the victorious foundation of the Second World War, we must enter the supra-national, supra-religious and supra-NGO sphere and fulfill everything so that no one can accuse us in any way. Only then can Cheon Il Guk be established.

Now the world cannot deny what Rev. Moon is doing. With the first few members of the Unification Church, I spread my work throughout Korea,

and from Asia, I expanded to the rest of the world. It is not easy to do so much work in forty years. It is almost like something from a dream. The reality is that God's nation has been restored and set up! What was needed to restore God's nation? God's kingship had to be established. The Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God had to take place, but could it take place without a nation?

Even with the preparations for all those things completed, and the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God being accomplished, the marriage of the Heavenly Parent and that of the Earthly Parents—God being the internal parent and Adam the external parent—could not be carried out centering on Cheon Il Guk, for the sake of God's lost nation. There is no way to deny that, and no one in the world could deny it. The question was when could these ceremonies be carried out....

Has God been a king merely in name until now? There is a connection to the origin. From the individual to the family, tribe, race, nation, world and cosmos to God, there is a standard of eight stages, through which, centering on the original family of Adam before the fall, the plans conceived as the ideal of creation were to be completed in order for the name "Cheon Il Guk" to be bestowed on heaven and earth. Since this was lost, we have been working to restore it. With the marriage of Adam and Eve, individual perfection would have been achieved and connected to the tribe, for tribal perfection, and then the race, nation and world. By connecting to the



The tape-cutting

eight stages, history was to progress. Such things as indemnity and salvation were never planned to be part of history. There was to be a realm of perfection and freedom. After the holy wedding of Adam, the sons and daughters born from his marriage were to have their births registered in that nation [Cheon Il Guk], and the tribe, race, nation and whole world were to become one in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Since all this was lost, it must be restored. If a hole is made in something, it has to be mended. In the same way, we need to mend the hole that was made by the fall. To do so, the standard of individual Adamic perfection has to be established. Yet who can do that?

That is why we need the Messiah. The Messiah is none other than the True Parents. Working on the individual level, the Messiah should discover all the secrets related to the spiritual world, the physical world, Satan and God, and resolve everything based on that knowledge.... If the fall had not occurred, would there have been a need for reconciliation?

God was in the position to trust the Archangel absolutely, but the Archangel, centering on himself, gave his love, life and blood lineage to human beings, became the king of all nations, and opposed God in every way. This is not the way it should have been. Nothing can be resolved if the world remains the way it is. That is why it should be turned around. But is that a simple matter?

Restoration through indemnity on the individual level, familial level, tribal level and racial level should be officially acknowledged by God and Satan, and, over the course of developments through history in accordance with the origi-

nal principles of the ideal of creation. That is why restoration through indemnity should be declared centered on the individual. Not even Jesus could declare this. The people of Israel—as individuals, families, tribes, a people and a nation—could not lay the foundation of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Everyone has fallen to a position totally isolated from God, regardless of whether he is Christian or believes in another religion.

People were supposed to connect to God through the Messiah, but Christ died before fulfilling all of his tasks, and only the spiritual foundation was completed in the two thousand years that have passed since he ascended. There is no substantial nation yet. America, a Christian nation, has no relationship with Jesus. The physical foundation must be connected as well. What I'm telling you is immensely important.

Now that you have come to know all this, you'll ask about the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God. To carry out the coronation ceremony in the realm of mainstream ideology, how big should His nation be? It should have more than 6 million citizens. There should be at least 7 or 8 million citizens in His nation.

The nation of Israel is adjacent to the Muslim world. When did Islam come into being? At the beginning of the seventh century. After the birth of Islam, the people of Israel were pushed out. The people were completely scattered. What this means is that the standard to restore God's nation had been established, and centering on this standard, and through Jesus, restoration through indemnity was to be carried out. Since restoration could not be fulfilled, however, and Jesus



world are opposing Satan and trying to follow the way of heaven, Satan will be eliminated, and based on indemnity, we will move toward the realm of true love. In the presence of true love, a love that inspires us to put others before ourselves, Satan has no choice but to leave.

Yet, individualism has expanded, hasn't it? Where can you find it? Is there individualism in the world of animals and insects, even among the smallest animals and insects? Everything exists in couples, and these pairs exist in large families. They live and feed in groups. Even the ducks out in the

was killed, the nation completely disappeared....

It has to be saved. If Rev. Moon is the Savior, he must save the world. Only then can he be the Messiah. The Messiah has to save all the lost children of the world. Who are these people without parents? They are the people born after the fall. They are illegitimate children. They don't have mothers, fathers or ancestors. Do they have ancestors? They have no ancestors who are connected to God. There are no traces of them in heaven, and so they will all end up in hell.

Now I'll speak about the meaning of the Second Advent. The Second Advent means that the Messiah will come again and become the owner. Why is this so? Since Jesus, who was the first Messiah, was unable to fulfill his mission, the Messiah has to come again as the Lord of the Second Advent. The bride and groom should have partaken of the marriage supper of the Lamb. That would have been the first time it could have been held centered on God. Did Jesus fulfill his mission? He could not. Only at the Second Advent can that marriage supper finally be held.

What that means is that it should have been completed in the one generation of Adam and Eve. Centering on the realm of the chosen people who were forming a nation—the nation of Israel and the Jewish faith—Jesus' family was to hold the marriage supper of the lamb. Only then could the nation of Israel have been the nation where the marriage supper of the lamb was held.

Then there would have been no need to have the work continue from the spiritual world—the task would have been completed right there and then, and Rome would have been absorbed into that nation as well. From our point of view, just as Jesus had 120 disciples working centered on Rome, in the time of the Second Advent there should be at least 120 nations. The reason we blessed the 120 couples was to equal the number of member nations of the United Nations.¹ In other words, it is restoration through indemnity. The Unification Church did not emerge at this period of history by chance. Everything has its time and place.

Why? Now that both the spiritual world and the earthly

pond take care of their ducklings by moving around together and feeding them all.

Did Jesus have a son? Did he have a family of his own? Are Christians a part of Jesus' family? They are not related at all to Jesus' love, life or lineage. It is as if they are floating in the air. Centered on their nation, the nation of Israel, and on the foundation of victory over Satan, and based on God's love, I am giving the blessing of God's love and lineage. But in order to give the blessing, there should be a nation where this blessing can be given, and parents to give it.

In this way, all the people of Israel could have been blessed at the same time. It would not have taken seven years, or even seven months. All of them could have been blessed in a week. Do you understand? In this way, they could have been engrafted. If there had been just a few dozen true olive tree families, those over eight years of age could have been engrafted onto them, and within a week the whole population of Israel could have been engrafted.

What is it that I have to do now? I have to bring reconciliation between God and Satan. If not, there is no way to go forward. What was the fall? It meant that there was no way for God and Satan to reconcile their differences. For eternity, there would be no way for them to harmonize.

What should be done to unite them into one? I must take in all the families lost to the satanic world, and, centered on Israel among the many tribes, races and nations of the world, I must absorb the other nations of the satanic world. There must without fail be a central nation onto which the other nations can be engrafted.

Can a family take over a whole nation? Only a nation can stand on an equal footing in terms of diplomacy with another nation. Isn't the world like that? If a director of a government bureau is invited to another nation, a person of similar rank, not someone who is higher or lower, will meet him. If the president of a nation visits another nation, no matter how small a country he is from, the president of the visited nation would receive him. A government minister would be received by a government minister. Doesn't everything hap-

pen that way?

That is why God's kingdom should have dealt with Rome on the basis of the nation of Israel [the national level]. Without a nation that was on the same footing as Rome, it was impossible. That is absolute. Then what is Israel? Israel means "to prevail," but to prevail over what? It means to prevail over the satanic world. Jacob did not win his fight against an individual; he wrestled with an angel through the night until daybreak. He won that fight only after a bone-wrenching struggle. It was not easy to merit the name "Israel." Jacob wrestled through the night at the risk of his life, and his hip was dislocated. Doesn't that tell us that the fight was fiercer than we might have imagined? That is why the angel lost to Jacob.

The name "Israel" also means that God has finally found someone who can win in the fight with the satanic world; but was Jacob chosen as this someone? In simpler terms, centering on true love and on the owner of love, life and lineage, the nation of Israel had to be formed. It could not be done by Jacob alone. Israel involves the realm of victory and connection to this love, life and lineage from the individual level to the levels of family, tribe, race and nation. This took two thousand years.

After a nation was established, though it may have taken two thousand years, the blessing could be bestowed on the national level. Only then, centered on God's love and on the national level of love, life and lineage, could all things of the four thousand years of history in the satanic world be returned to God's side.

As the lineage has changed, can Satan maintain dominion? In this sense, the blessing is truly frightening. Since people are engrafted to God's love, life and lineage, they become true olive trees; they cease being wild olive trees. Do you understand? You must be engrafted.

Do you know how sad it is that Jesus did not marry? Christians say I'm a heretic, because I claim that Jesus should have married. Well, they will see the truth when they die. You've read of Maria Park and Kim Hwa-lan in Dr. Lee's book. Until now, Christians persecuted us, beat us and did everything possible to us, but we have kept on expanding all the same. Now we are such a big group that they cannot even distinguish who is a member and who is not, and even if they know someone to be our member, they cannot do anything about it.

Who is the owner of Korea? The president, who is in office for just five years, is not the owner. There is no eternal owner. In your families, there are no eternal grandfathers, mothers or fathers. God is the only owner of eternal love, life and lineage. Since God was ousted from this position, and we separated from Him, the whole world has fallen to the bottommost part of hell. Therefore, there is no owner.

Do you think you'll find an owner of hell if you go there? When you go to hell, you'll see gangs from thousands of years ago fighting every day. Just as in the physical world, in the spirit world if one gang loses to another, it becomes subservient to the other gang. In hell,

it feels almost as if there is a championship match going on all the time. To become the champion or the leader, a person must do his utmost. They continue to fight, because those that lose have to become subservient to the winners. Can you imagine how chaotic hell is?

Could there be two owners? Would God have created two owners? After God was banished, children multiplied—who would those children say their owner or master was? Would they say it was God, or Satan? Satan is their owner....People have become the sons and daughters of the devil.

Therefore, would it be all right just to have the title, the "Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God," and nothing else? Is there even one person among you who believed it when Rev. Moon first spoke of such a ceremony?

God does not have a nation, and without a nation, He cannot marry people. You must know this. Since God lost His nation to the satanic world, until His nation was restored, isn't it the case that weddings could not be held and births could not be registered?

Is that true or not? Once we acknowledge the fall, we must also acknowledge the fact that we banished God. The sons and daughters of the first ancestors were not born before God was exiled. They got married and had children after He was exiled. Therefore, there is no connection at all to God. Since we banished him, the whole nation was handed over to Satan. The nation was built because of love and because of the owner of love changed, what was built was given away. God's nation completely disappeared.

Can you imagine how much God must have grieved at the moment of the fall to see Adam and Eve get married without a nation in His name in which to register their marriage, and to see them registered instead in the nation of the satanic world? If God had been an ordinary person, He would have put an end to it. He would have destroyed the entire universe. He would have destroyed the macrocosm, with the billions of star systems in it. Can you imagine that? People in the world are reluctant to give up even a small piece of land on their deathbeds, but God lost the entire universe.

*Rooftop Chusok celebration
at East Garden in September*



Think for a moment. Let us say there is a man with many wives, and that he has a thousand sons. If one of these sons dies, would he say, "That's okay; I still have 999 sons left"? Is there a parent anywhere who would respond in that way? Even though you have thousands of strands of hair, if you pull out just one, it hurts. Can you imagine what it was like for God, who was to be Lord of billions of people, to see all these people, who were meant to be His sons and daughters, come to destruction?



The realm of heart talked of in the Unification Church is not something the couples present here today, or your sons and daughters, are connected with. Who knows the deep heart of God? You live happily by yourselves without giving Him a thought. There is no connection between your lives and God.

Since this nation has no connection to God, the 70 million people of South and North Korea combined have no connection to God, either. That is the Principle, and a reasonable conclusion according to the Principle. Anyone who denies this is no better than a stray dog on the street.

Will people go to heaven? The whole religious realm, including Buddhists, Confucians, Muslims and even the Protestants, must go through me. Haven't I blessed even Buddha and Jesus? People are waiting anxiously for the blessing, although I have already blessed billions. They are not very serious about the ancestral liberation being done in Cheong Pyeong. Why do you think the ancestors are being liberated? It is in order to bless them.

Raise your hands if you've liberated your ancestors. Have all of you done that? Counting from Adam there are scores of generations, thousands of generations. Have you liberated them all the way back to Adam? [No, we haven't.]

If you haven't, can you say you have liberated them all when in reality you've liberated only the bud of the wild olive tree? You have to liberate back to Adam and even God. What is it that will save even Adam? Restoration of the owner of true love, life and lineage. Since this was not done before, four thousand years were spent in preparation for the advent of the Messiah, and for a house in which God can reside.

I've come to Sun Moon University, and I'm telling you these things. Do you know how serious this is? Don't boast about Korea as your nation. Don't ask for blessings to be bestowed on your nation, Korea, or on your home. Can God give blessings to the nation? Wouldn't it be nice if He could do so? God cannot bestow blessings on our church. We will need the church only when we have a nation. Our position is a sad one, trying to find a nation. It is almost as if we are living the life of parasites carrying our belongings like refugees....

In order to carry out the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, we had to first have a nation. We had to restore our nation. Could we have the coronation ceremony without a nation? [No.] In that case, do you know what Rev. Moon has done until now to carry out the coronation ceremony? Do you know what he has been through? You don't know this, but those in the spirit world have followed me. Serving True Parents in the position of unfallen angels, they

have followed me. Based on this, by connecting with the religious realm centered on their descendants in the physical world, I have blessed couples across the barriers of nations and religions. I have blessed Muslims with Christians.

On the fifth [of July]... a total of forty-seven nations participated in the blessing ceremony.² The leaders of seven religious denominations and the sons and daughters of famous

people also attended the blessing. I blessed 1,200 couples in total. What is more, they are marriages building bridges across national and cultural barriers.

I have matched Muslims and Christians in marriage several times before, as well. These people had no way of



meeting each other, but since they wanted to marry someone from a religion other than their own, I provided an opportunity for them to do so. I did not force them. I did not order them to do so. Do you think that could have happened if we had done nothing, if we had only spoken about this and done nothing about it? Since it was destined to be so from a very long time ago, it has been realized.

Did God say, "I am the Omega and the Alpha" or "I am the Alpha and the Omega"? [He said He is the Alpha and the Omega.] The Alpha is the cause and the Omega is the effect. Should the effect be greater, or should the cause be greater? [The effect should be greater.] So, you know how it is supposed to be.

At the time of our birth, we don't have anything, but once we are born, we have to live for Heaven. Everyday you say, "I report this in my name, so and so, as the owner of Cheon Il Guk." In other words, you give a report. Prayers are only needed in the fallen world. In the Unification Church, we should not say the word "prayer." I have already taught you everything. I have already taught you that you must reach individual perfection by uniting your mind and body. Husband and wife must unite as one. Centering on the parents, the children must unite as one, and centering on the family, the tribe must be united as one. It's simple.

Are your body and mind fighting or not? The fact that they fight with each other means that they have nothing to focus on. The mind and body of Rev. Moon cannot fight each other. In my mind, God's will is forever present. It cannot be removed at all. Even when I go to the bathroom, if I were to leave God's will behind for a very short while, Satan would attack me in full force. If you think even for a second about yourself before others, black clouds come over and envelop you. On the other hand, if you are determined to give your life for God, bright sunlight shines down on you like a searchlight. Did you know that?

Did anyone praise the establishment of God's kingship?



You must have read during hoondokhae that in the spirit world God and the spirits there all wept with joy. Is that a lie? Or is it true? Did you weep yourselves? Did you believe it? You might have thought to yourselves, "What is Rev. Moon doing this time? Who cares, whatever it is. Living in this busy world is hard enough as it is." When you hear about something like the establishment of God's kingship, do you think it concerns you or not? [It concerns us.] When I tell you these fundamental things, whoever has a head and five senses should become attentive, prick up his ears, sharpen his senses and open up his heart to accept what I am saying. He should throw away everything else to take these ideas in, if need be.

Was there anyone who understood the meaning of the coronation of God's kingship? Was there anyone who understood that since the nation was lost beginning with individuals, the Coronation Ceremony had to be carried out to regain the universe? Is there anyone who has prayed for and lived for Rev. Moon? All of you have lived for yourselves.

I don't need Sun Moon University for myself. I established it to educate the descendants of the people I have blessed. I did not build it for myself or for my children. I know God's situation very well.

Read my prayers during hoondokhae. Through proclamations, I saved even Satan and declared the liberation of hell. How did I do that? God cannot save the billions of people in the spirit world and the physical world at the same time. They must be saved one at a time, individually.

That is why we need the Messiah, and a church taught by the Messiah. The whole world must become the territory of religion, and all people, with no one excluded, must live in the religious sphere. So when the whole of humanity cries

"Heavenly Father!" it must echo around the world, and everybody must say "Heavenly Father!" Can you hear an echo in a flat area?

An echo must bounce off another object. If you went hunting deep in the mountains of Gangwon-do [the northeastern province of South Korea], you would be amazed to hear how the sound of a gunshot echos around like countless gunshots. In the same way, there must be echoes in our world. What echoes am I talking about? I'm talking about the echo of God's love, life and lineage, which would embrace the whole of the cosmos. God is waiting for such a response from us, but there isn't anyone or anything that can return such joy to God. Since it's as if God exists only in name, there is nothing He can do substantially.

In such times, you must think



about this. Cheon Il Guk was not made by putting a nametag on a piece of land. God has waited for Cheon Il Guk to be established, living each day as if it were a thousand years. I have also lived my whole life for Cheon Il Guk. Even when I was imprisoned, I longed for it. After I offer Cheon Il Guk to God, and go to Him to pay indemnity for this world, God on His throne will bow down to pray. For whom will He pray? For His sons and daughters. Isn't He praying for the families of His sons and daughters? Who would have thought that God, as one who is praying, has been working His providence through history to establish a people, nation, world and cosmos?

This is the truth of the matter. You must pay attention to what I'm saying. Do you know how serious this is? How nice would it have been if God's wish had come true and Satan had repented! For Satan to repent of his sins, God's sons and daughters must first repent and return to Him. Only then can Satan repent as well. On what date did I make Satan submit completely? It was March 21, 1999. Because this was accomplished, Satan is now asking God not to make Rev. Moon suffer any longer. Rev. Moon had been hated by God even more than Satan was. Who committed sin? Although Eve was the first to fall, and although the Archangel initiated the fall, they were not the cause of the problem; Adam was. Adam must indemnify it. That is why unless God punished Adam more than He did Satan, Satan would not submit to God. Look at the way things are in the world as well. When children from different families fight, one child might another child. When the parents of both children hear about it and arrive at the scene, the parents of the child who started the fight might punish their own child. Then the other parents should have the heart to implore them not to punish their child. Only then can restoration be achieved.

Do you think there can be any restoration without loving Cain? You might ask me, "Is there any law that says we must love Cain?" Satan may argue that something wrong was done even if it was not. That is why God must punish His own child first. If God punishes His own child too much, the

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Declaration of the Nation of the Fourth Israel



The Main Declaration Ceremony, at Sun Moon University

Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan on the Meaning of the Declaration

TRUE PARENTS are the first ones in history to clarify the causes behind the rise and fall of Israel, which had been entrusted with carrying out the providence of God. In particular, they have explained Israel's historical responsibility and failure in relation to Jesus.

Father does not see Israel as a specific race or people. From Father's viewpoint, Israel means a race or nation that has been victorious in faith or that must bring victory in faith. In other words, it means an elder-son race or nation that has a responsibility related to God's providence and that could stand in the position of glory if it fulfilled that responsibility.

A nation that God has called to accomplish the responsibilities of an Israel has always been necessary in carrying out the providence of restoration, so if a nation fails to fulfill those responsibilities, God has had to call another nation to take up that mission.

The first Israel disbelieved and rejected Jesus, who was the central figure of the providence, so the mission of Israel was passed to Christianity, which believes and follows Jesus. In that way, Christianity became the second Israel. However, Christianity did not believe in the Lord of the Second Advent, True Parents. Therefore, Korea, centering, on the Unification Church, inherited the position of the third Israel.

Father said, "The renewal movement for the peace and unification of the realm of the first Israel is the ideal of

the establishment of God's fatherland." God's providence based on the first Israel was to establish His homeland (fatherland), but that was not accomplished. How much disappointment and anguish this brought to God!

The duty of realizing His ideal had to be passed on to the second Israel, and it should have been fulfilled at any cost. At the same time, the bitter feelings that God has because of the failure of the first Israel had to be assuaged. In light this, Father has not been able to separate from the first, second and third Israels through which God has sought to fulfill His will.

Father has lived with the burden of God's pain over the first Israel. He has also embraced the responsibility of the Second Israel as he leads the current providence on earth. Furthermore, in promoting the substantiation of God's ideal in the future, he has to endure the inadequacy of the third Israel. True Parents are the focal point connecting the past, present, and future through the first, second, and third Israels. They are realizing this through their difficult "settlement of noon" way of life that casts no shadow....

The Jerusalem, Washington and Seoul Declarations

The three declarations, which are vertically and historically related with the first, second, and third Israels, are very significant.

The first declaration was the May 18 Jerusalem Declara-



tion. Representatives of Christianity, Judaism and Islam gathered in Jerusalem, Israel. Christianity and Judaism have been divided over Jesus' crucifixion, and Islam was born within this division. The representatives of those three religions reconciled with each other under God's love and True Parents' vision, and declared their determination to contribute to peace among the faiths.

The second declaration was the June 29 Washington Declaration, which was signed in the capital of the United States—which represents world Christianity as the second Israel. The representatives of the first, second, and third Israel, and the leaders of religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Sikhism and Shinto, as well as other kinds of leaders from the Middle East, signed the Washington Declaration.

The third declaration was the August 15 Seoul Declaration, which was signed in the capital of South Korea, the third Israel. Three hundred and sixty leaders, from the religious, political and academic fields, adopted the resolution at the IIFWP-hosted Summit of World Leaders. There were representatives there from ten religions and former heads of state, who, knowing of the precious teachings of True Parents and of their accomplishments, showed solidarity in signing the declaration. Present also, were nine hundred young people from Korea, America, Japan, Russia and China in Seoul at the time who participated in the ceremony where this declaration was presented. Many participants expressed gratitude to True Parents for their unmatched achievements. They listened to Father's proposal for improving the UN, which was to set up an interreligious council within the UN that would function as the American Senate does.

The content of the Seoul Declaration is very deep. There are 3 premises to it: 1) God is our invisible parent. 2) Father is the Savior, Messiah and True Parent, as the five saints in the spiritual world have testified. 3) The spiritual world surely exists; we should be interacting with it and striving for the ideal of unification of the physical and spiritual worlds.

This declaration is connected with God's providence for the first, second, and third Israels and is related with the Jerusalem and Wash-

ington Declarations. The signatories agreed on four issues: First, it is impossible to attain world peace without inter-religious reconciliation. Second, from God's viewpoint, the unit from which achievement of the ideal of peace can

begin is the family. So, the marriage blessing is very precious. Third, we have to repent for divisions of the past, eliminate boundaries and bring unity amongst us. Fourth, we agreed with True Parents' proposal to improve the UN, which they have been suggesting since 1998, and support the proposal for the interreligious council....

The Owners of Re-Creation

At the Seoul Declaration, Father encouraged us through his speech "The Owners of Re-Creation." It was a fundamental, internal speech focused on the center

of the providence. It included many difficult concepts for religious leaders to accept, such as that Judaism committed a historical sin in front of Jesus, and so forth. Even if the dignitaries present could not understand all the details, they understood and were humble before Father's ideas and achievements.

Thinking people can understand that Father lives and leads the world transcendent of religions, while they are living in one limited religion. It is true. For Father, there is only the heart and will of God who transcends all religions and nations. The reason Father points out the historical failures of religions is to clarify providential history with the intention of correcting it. His purpose is not to criticize.

In his speech, Father also taught us that neither God nor Satan is responsible for the history of restoration, the history of re-creation, but that the True Parents, representing

Adam, and the family of True Parents, are responsible. Moreover, Father emphasized the surprising truth that each of us and our families must come to resemble True Parents, inherit their victory, and be responsible for the restoration of history.

Introducing the Wives of the Saints

On this day when Father proclaimed the Seoul Declaration, he directed me to introduce the blessed wives who received the blessing

with the saints. In front of leaders from 120 nations, religious leaders from 10 religions and 900 students from the

The celebration banquet at Sun Moon University



The crowd of seven thousand people



world, I introduced the wives of Jesus, Confucius and Mohammed.

I had received this instruction just before entering the assembly hall. My mind went blank, and I could not see ahead of me at that time. When I told Father what I was feeling, he scolded me saying, "Those four saints in the spiritual world are thankful for having received the blessing from True Parents as a historical honor, and they want to be proud of it. If you do not introduce them on earth, it will upset them."

When Father instructs us to do something, we often worry about what people in the secular world will respond to whatever we are being asked to do. It may be because we have been persecuted so much, but when we think about that, no one has been persecuted more than Father has.

From my experience with Father, I can say that he is focused on God's will and God's desire 24 hours a day. He never focuses on the fact that he is walking down a thorny path. He is single-mindedly working to do what God desires. He does not avoid difficulty but rather chooses the most direct route to fulfilling God's will.

True Parents' blessing of saints with women on earth was a cosmic victory. It was a precious blessing, which made God happy. The saints are thankful for it. It is the manifestation of the truth and the practice of the heavenly way that we can be proud of in front of heaven and earth. Everything True Parents do is like that. Should we worry about temporary criticism from earthly people who know nothing about the relationship between heaven and earth?

Father has poured all of his energy into fulfilling God's will without worrying about what people have to say. Throughout his life, he has always gone the direct route. Our lives have to resemble his. This is one of the things we should inherit from him.

It was a historic day when the wives of the saints were introduced in front of an international group of leaders, who represent the past, present and future. I think it was also a



Father distributes the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine at Hannam-dong in the morning

great day for the saints. Father explained that it was a day of spiritual liberation on the family level.

The Beginning of the Nation of the Fourth Israel

Early on the morning of that day, Father bequeathed the Cheon Il Guk Holy Wine and Holy Salt following hoondokhae at the Hannam-dong residence.¹

Father said he would make a new proclamation that would connect the first, second, and third Israels on the victorious foundations of the three declarations and the one-day leaders' seminars held in each country of the world.

Seven thousand people joined True Parents at Sun Moon University that evening, August 20, to celebrate the signing of the Seoul Declaration and the 18th anniversary of Father's release from prison in Danbury. There, Father made a historic announcement. He said, "I declare in front of God and the cosmos that the Nation of the Fourth Israel, which is the hope of the first, second, and third Israels, begins now." Cheon Il Guk is internal and vertical, and the Nation of the Fourth Israel is external and horizontal. This Nation has finally come to life.

The first Israel was unable to become a family and nation that can praise God's ideal of creation and that God could dwell in. The second and third Israels were the same. The Lord of the Second Advent, True Parents, substantially indemnified everything, brought the internal Cheon Il Guk into being, and created the foundation upon which we can register our births as God's children through "The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk."

Now is the time when we can clear away the history of bitter pain, which resulted from God not being able to be part of the substantial family, tribe, race and nation of the first, second and third Israels. After opening the gate to Cheon Il Guk, we were inspired by the vision of improving the UN. On the foundation of the victory of the three declarations, which relate with the first, second, and third Israels, the Nation of the Fourth Israel came to life.

God's ideal of creation would have been to

Father's calligraphy for Heung-jin nim, done at Hannam-dong: "Victory for Heung-jin nim, Commander in Chief of Heaven"





True Parents receive commemorative gifts from Mrs. Kang Hyun-shil (National Messiah to Russia) and Mr. Kim Kyung-hyo (President of Korean CARP)

establish the true family, true tribe and true nation through Adam and Eve, the true parents. If so, naturally, heavenly sovereignty would have been established through those true parents. However, due to the fall, God's ideal through the family could not be historically established. Only with our True Parents' Holy Wedding in 1960, could blessed families become a reality for the first time.

Historically, during the time of the first, second and third Israels, people did not take responsibility, and Satan thus had conditions through which to accuse us. So even blessed couples are not free from accusation. However, the Nation of the Fourth Israel is an ideal realm, free of satanic accusation. It is almost a miracle to have proclaimed the Nation of the fourth Israel, which is the substantial manifestation of God's fatherland, in this external, horizontal, secular world.

Father has emphasized the mission of America in this providence. The purpose is to improve the present UN or establish the Abel UN. As a representative of the second Israel, America has to indemnify the failure of the first Israel, have the present world follow God's will and open the way of the third Israel.

In accordance with the providence, the UN ought to play the role of a world council or world government. America is an important factor in bringing the UN to fulfill its mission. At the Seoul Declaration, Americans and Christian leaders were instrumental in getting all religious leaders and participants to support Father's interreligious and international ideas for world peace. This is tremendously significant.

Our Attitude toward the New Age

We are standing at the gates of the Nation of the Fourth Israel. Father set a one-week period for prayer in order to reflect on our lives, examine ourselves and find a new determination. Who am

I? How should I change? What should I throw away and what should I keep?

The Nation of the Fourth Israel is God's external fatherland. It is one world nation under God. It is a global nation, in which there are no national borders.

All of us are brothers and sisters as God's sons and daughters. Emotional struggles among people should disappear. People in this Nation have to have an open heart and live a harmonized life. It is a Nation in which people become an embodiment of God's love and practice true love by living for the sake of others.

The Nation of the Fourth Israel is a Nation that is in harmony with the spiritual world. A citizen of this Nation has to have a developed spirituality, and be a person of character who clearly understands the spiritual world. It is a place without religion. All the people there will

have fulfilled the purpose of and graduated from religion. People will not "believe" in God but "live" with the living God, interacting with Him through true love. They will be intoxicated in God's love.

We have to raise ourselves to live in the absolute standard of true love, centered on God. We have a mission to become a substantial owner who can enter the Nation of the Fourth Israel, which True Parents have founded. Our mission is not so difficult. Reflect on your lives! What can you offer in front of Heaven? Throw away your fallen nature, which is covered with dirt. Practice a lifestyle of self-denial. Father has said, "When we go to heaven, our worst enemy is the concept of ownership, which we pick up in the fallen world." Do not have your own things. Let's enter a new era with a light step, carrying only precious things that we have received from God and True Parents.

The secular world is changing; it is different from the way it was in the past. We can feel the cooperation of the spiritual world here and there. Even though our abilities are limited, how happy we are because we can stand on the front line in establishing the homeland that God desires! ♦

1 Father called 50 Korean leaders, 50 Japanese leaders, and 4 leaders (including the continental director) from each continent to receive the new Holy Wine and then to distribute it to members worldwide.



Colors of Love perform as part of the evening entertainment



True Parents Proclaim th

August 15 is the day when Koreans celebrate the regaining of their independence from Japan. This year, the day marked another significant event—the final signing of the Seoul Peace Declaration at the closing ceremony for the IIFWP Summit of World Leaders and the International Young Leaders' Conference.

Present at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center were the participants of the Summit of World Leaders, a conference at which distinguished leaders from many spheres of society and from all parts of the world had convened to discuss "The World at a Turning Point: A Global Vision of Peace and Good Governance." The group included heads of state and government, members of the diplomatic corps, major religious leaders from the spectrum of the world's faiths, distinguished academics and media representatives. They were joined by the nine hundred or so younger people who had, for the past two weeks, been attending the Interna-

tional Young Leaders' ["Lasting Love"] Conference, which had a similar theme.

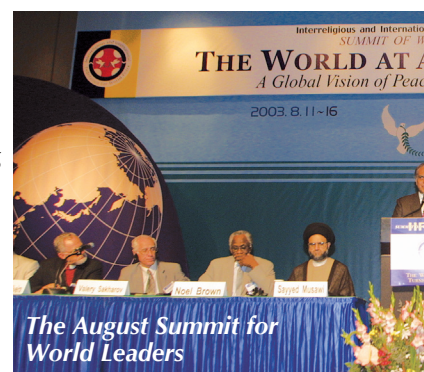
The Little Angels hall was full to the ceiling. With the participants of the Summit occupying the front half of the main floor, the young leader contingent filled the rest of the arts center—including the balcony levels. It was a union of two generations.

Following the invocation, three participants reflected on the events they had participated in. These were the governor-general of Grenada, the Hon. Sir Daniel Williams (representing statesmen), his Excellency Sayyed Mohammed Musawi, president of the Ahlul Bayt Islamic League (representing the religious leaders), and University of California history student David Hernandez (representing the young leaders). Each expressed that they had found participation to be of great value to them, and their belief that the conferences would bear fruit in many nations.

Governor-General Williams, for example, spoke about how comfortable

he had felt surrounded by so many religious leaders at the Summit, and that they represented a commonality of love and respect for God. He expressed that we already have the basis upon which we do not need to reinvent the wheel, as the message that can provide the solution to the problems humankind faces has long been in existence. He was certain that all the participants would go back to their nations with commitment to taking practical initiative for the cause of peace.

Following the briefest of introductions by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Father came out to give the founder's address,

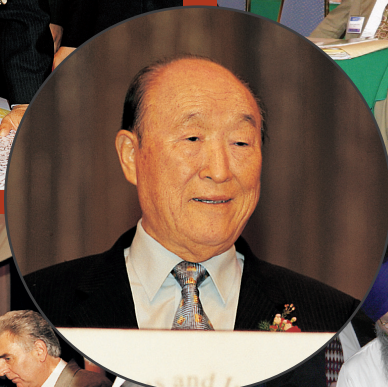




True Parents sign the Seoul Peace Declaration



A question from a religious leader at the IIFWP Summit for World Leaders



True Parents inaugurate new Ambassadors for Peace



Religious leaders sign the Seoul Peace Declaration

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"The Owners of Re-creation," which is a forthright exposition of the current providence. Before reading his speech, Father spoke with great seriousness about the importance of re-establishing the family as it was intended to be, with three generations living together in the realms of the love of grandparents, parents and children. In embarking on his prepared speech, Father frequently departed from the text he had personally prepared to add comments and to emphasize the main themes. He was

utterly candid in his references to historical events, such as the death of Jesus and the Jewish holocaust. The religious leaders (in par-

ticular) in the audience were no doubt challenged by some of what they heard. Nevertheless, all remained attentive to the end. Upon the conclusion of the speech, True Parents received bouquets of flowers from a member of parliament from Malta and his wife.

After Father's speech, the Seoul Peace Declaration, which had been signed by the participants of the Summit of World Leaders, was presented to True Parents, who then signed it themselves to resounding applause. The Seoul Declaration was the final of three. The first—the Jerusalem Declaration—had been signed in Israel in May, and the second at a conference in the United States (representing the second Israel) in June. This third and final act of such reconciliation, taking place in Korea, portended reconciliation and harmony between Judaism, Islam and Christianity in the era of the Second Advent.

A second declaration, which had been composed and signed by the young leaders at their respective confer-

ence, was then also presented to True Parents for their endorsement.

Next, Ambassadors of Peace were appointed; these included both statesmen and religious leaders. True Parents presented the certificates personally. Other Ambassadors for Peace were awarded a special prize for their efforts over a number of years.

When it seemed that the proceedings were naturally coming to a close, Rev. Kwak came out and spoke very quietly but warmly from his heart on the importance of everyone making effort to research the reality of our eternal existence. He introduced to everyone some of the senior sisters who are blessed with religious leaders in the spirit world.

Finally, representing each conference, participants presented True Parents with a special gift. The evening concluded with dinner followed by a performance of the Little Angels of Korea dance troupe. ♦





Nine Hundred Gather in the Name of Lasting Love

Nine hundred young leaders—180 from each of five major nations (South Korea, Japan, the United States, China and Russia)—gathered at Sun Moon University in Asan, Korea for the International Young Leaders' Conference for Good Governance and Global Peace. This was the most elaborate "Lasting Love" conference held anywhere in the world to date in that participants—many of whom were not members—stayed for a full two-week interactive workshop program that included a seven-day Divine Principle workshop and presentations on Unification Thought and the history of the Unification Movement.

The conference theme was, "Challenging Young Leaders to Realize Good Governance and Global Peace," and its goal was stated as to raise young people who can become the core force to revive a

youth movement for world peace, based on the campuses, through the renewal of the United Nations and the reunification of North and South Korea.

The conference was in three parts. The first dealt with an overview of leadership based on character; the second was an in-depth study of fundamental principles (Principle workshop); the third was to enable all participants to become owners of the vision through each national group developing a plan for action in their country and internationally.

All in all, it was hoped that the participants would catch the vision and dream for a peaceful world, and develop the conviction in the principles by which it can be brought about.

Following are two reflections:

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In this conference, the whole atmosphere is very different from the world that surrounds us. Virtually every day, I can see changes in myself here. I started to understand more deeply what I have been doing until now. I was graduating from university and preparing for my work as a teacher. I did not have the character to become a teacher, but here I've been taught a lot of humility. I experienced a lot of love from other people and I feel this will give me a lot of power to give unconditionally to future pupils and other people.

I'm quite a practical person. I don't

like to study just theory. I can study theory only if I can see that ultimately I can use it in practice. Before I couldn't see a way to answer the question of how to change myself or restore myself or restore other people.

Especially today, we listened to a lecture on the Principle of Restoration. I found this part the most interesting. In the afternoon, we're going to listen to an in-depth lecture in Russian. I'm really curious about that.

I encountered difficulty of internal character to acknowledge or recognize that some points within me are wrong, that not everything in me is good. To understand this point was difficult. Basically, the greatest difficulty was to understand my own shortcomings and overcome my selfishness. If I do that, other difficulties can be overcome.

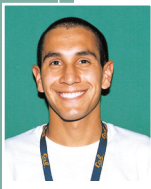
For example, before, I just thought I should just work in the field of pedagogical science. I was thinking about going to post-graduate school after I graduate from university. But here I realized that I actually really need spiritual development, or internal development, to realize my spiritual potential; so now, I'm again starting to think that instead of continuing my education right now, perhaps I can do it later in the future and now I can do something to develop myself; I can do some social work or work in the field of politics to help people.

Generally, my view of the world became broader. Before I always judged everything from the viewpoint of my country, because I was living constantly in my country, but now I could meet people from other countries so I can look at the situation from various viewpoints and find a golden middle ground, or harmony. Many times people fall into extremes, but I feel the truth is somewhere in between, in harmony, not just in extreme views. So here I could see situations from the viewpoints of various people from various countries, and that's why it's easier for me to find a harmonious solution. My heart helps me do this.

Already, before coming to today's conference, I had been following certain moral rules, for example, I quit drinking, I never smoked and I had decided to keep purity before marriage, but actually, I was not so confident it was necessary for everybody. It was my personal decision, but I was not sure whether I should teach this to other people or why it was necessary. I could not explain logically. But here, I was given the whole vision of why it is necessary and now I'm confident. It's not only true for me, but I can teach other people why it's true and why it's important. ♦

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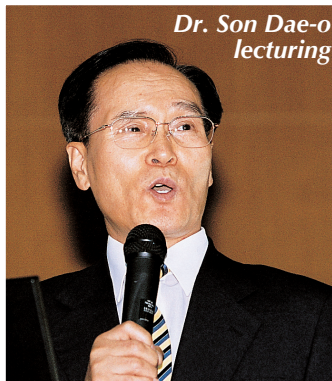
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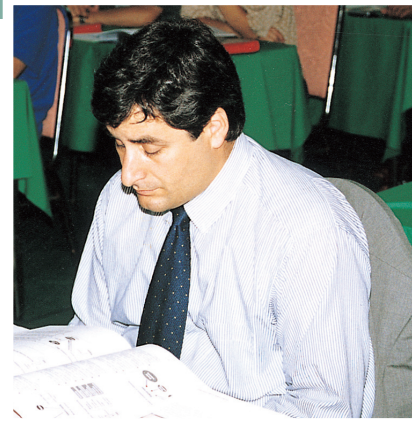
When I was in the United States and I talked to my friends about world peace and human equality and ...that we're all human; we should not go to war, we should not kill each other, we should work together and I tell them

if there could be world peace... I tell them that the problem is that there is greed. But I didn't know how to change... I didn't know how to help with that before. And they would tell me, "Don't worry about it; just live your life, love yourself, find peace of mind; and be happy that you have your family. That's all you can do. You can't change the world. You're only a student." Back then, it was my understanding that you can't change the world.

This conference has motivated me. It has given me more life to become more beautiful and to keep fighting for what I believe in. I believe that we all can live together in a peaceful world. It has motivated me...I will live for the sake of other and for their happiness. ♦



*Dr. Son Dae-o
lecturing*



*Staff and students alike took part
in the study and discussion*



The workshop content provoked serious thought



The 900 participants filled a large auditorium



Religious leaders attend a meal at East Garden with True Parents



Knowing what God has taught me, I myself must be in the world. That is why I am the one responsible to absorb more hatred and persecution than Satan does. In front of whom? In front of God. Does God love me? Of course He does. I must climb over this hill and then even bigger hills beyond. With higher hills, there will be deeper valleys that I must cross. Altogether, how many hills will there be? There will be twelve, at least. After the hills are crossed, there will be unlimited peace. Crossing over hills filled with poisonous snakes and crocodiles and other horrible, creeping things, I will finally arrive at the plains, where everything will be peaceful.

Only then can I go to the origin of the spring, made by God, and rest. That is the path of restoration. It is restoration.

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one who had done wrong will come to God and say, "Stop, I'm the one who did wrong, so beat me instead." Only then can everything be reconciled and the whole thing resolved. Can a person who does not love the children of Cain go to heaven?...

Communism is bound for total destruction. It must be gotten rid of. When the time comes, it will be chased out from the world itself.... God is trying to save communists, so that a good many of them will be saved. This is the love of God. Since Satan knew that, he submitted to God, because he also knew that even if he has to be humiliated for billions of years, he couldn't continue to rebel against God. With his submission, the water of life is springing from the origin of universal peace.

It is not rebirth. It is not revival. It is restoration. Since we fell, we must climb up again. It is much harder to climb back up. Since we fell, we are now living in hell, and we must be restored. We must climb back up.

In the Old Testament Age, based on the offering of animals and crops, a bridge was built for people to climb back up. By sacrificing these things, a bridge was built for the sons and daughters to cross. Jesus was sacrificed to build the bridge for True Parents to cross, and True Parents have been sacrificed to build the bridge for God to cross. Until we can reach the plains and become sons and daughters who can rule the world, God cannot come to live with us. Only when we reach that place, and God tells us that we have fulfilled the duties of sons and daughters, and that we are representatives of the eras of the individual, family, tribe, race, nation, world and

heaven and earth, and that we are centered on the corresponding realms of devoted sons and daughters, patriots, sages and saints, can we live with God forever and can we become God's heirs and inherit what will then rightfully belong to us.

Even when you are blessed, it does not end there. You have to be in the same position as God, in the realm of liberation where the fall does not exist. Even if the nation is liberated, you cannot be free if you are in prison; you must be released in order to be free. That is why I say resurrection through restoration, rebirth, liberation and release! Even after the nation is liberated, if you are in prison you need to be set free in order to be liberated. You are not yet ready to be liberated with the king when his nation is liberated. Even if you had passed through thousands of stages to liberate the

The calligraphy Father prepared for Hyo-jin nim's family on the birth of their fourth child and second daughter, born September 7



nation, you would still need to wait for the day on which you are to be released.

If people became aware of this fact, they would have to seem to be out of their minds to want to go to Heaven. When you curse, don't you sometimes say "son of a bitch"? What does "bitch" refer to? A woman. What does "son" indicate? A man. When you curse, you mention both the man and the woman. It is the same in Pyungan.³ Even there when people curse, they mention both the man and the woman. It is because the man and the woman, the father and the mother, must be rejected.

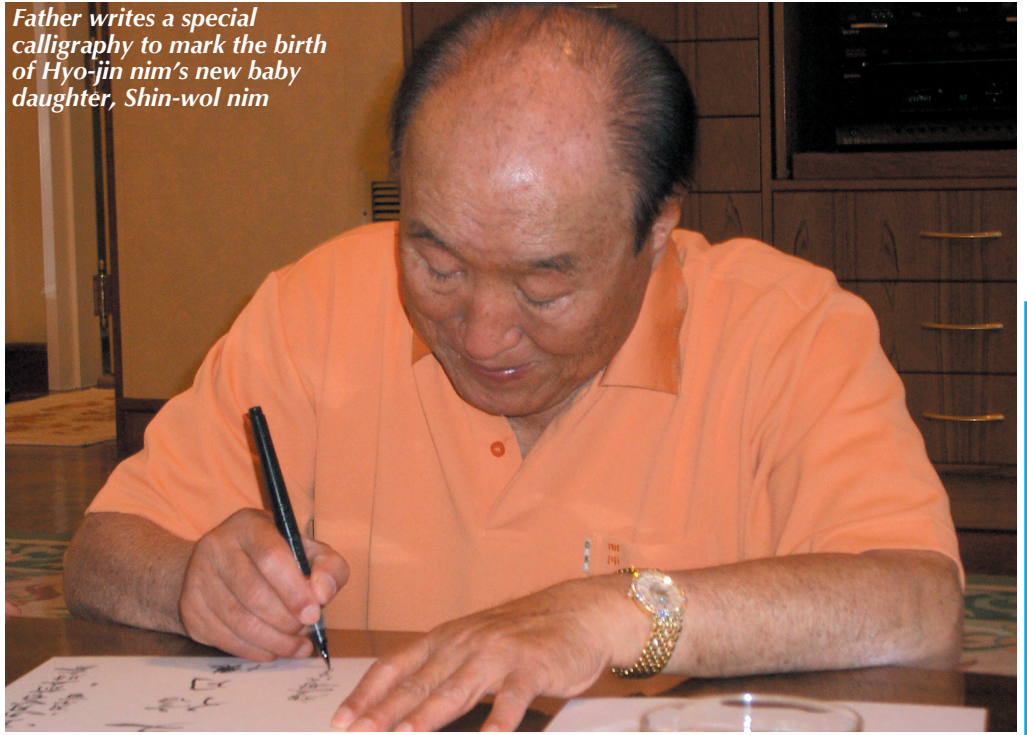
Do you think carrying out the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God was easy, or difficult? Can you imagine how difficult it was? Even if you were to give someone tens of nations, or even hundreds of nations, you couldn't exchange them for the Coronation Ceremony. Therefore, you must know how precious and valuable the Savior, the Messiah and the Second Coming is. God had to invest Himself entirely a thousand times over to hold the Coronation Ceremony, so that His sons and daughters could be registered in His nation, and so that they could become the owners of His nation through registering their marriages. Looking at the world as it is, how much God regretted the act of Creation!

We were chased out of Eden because of the fall, but along with us, the birds and the animals—which had done nothing wrong—were also chased out and spiritually died owing to their fallen owner. Even the great universe is enveloped in total darkness. Who will remove this darkness? An owner must come forward to shine a bright light through that darkness, both in heaven and on the earth. When that happens, God will be so happy that He will sing and dance with joy, and the heavens and the earth will be filled with the joy of receiving their true owner.

I'm not all words and no deeds. Everything I am teaching you came from the foundation of success built on the basis of what I have put into practice and fought for. No matter what the rest of the world says about me, God knows what kind of a person I am. He also knows what I am doing.

To pay indemnity I must suffer even more than Satan does. God is working hard to lead the world onto the path of righteousness. Satan is going through many hardships in order to lead the world in the opposite direction. Yet, unless

Father writes a special calligraphy to mark the birth of Hyo-jin nim's new baby daughter, Shin-wol nim



God makes Rev. Moon suffer many times more than Satan suffers, restoration cannot be brought about. I must know all of Satan's secrets in order to waylay him and force him toward the right path.

That is why I carried out the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God. When was it? [January 13, 2001.] That was the beginning of the new world in the new millennium. The year 2000 was also the year I turned 80, the age of Moses. Having passed that age, I carried out the ceremony on thirteenth day of the first month, when I was 81 years old [by Korean reckoning]. So the days that come after the thirteenth stand on the foundation of the Coronation Ceremony. In other words, they are on that level. That is why we were able to carry out the ceremony in the presence of God. Now that we have carried out the ceremony, we must prepare to estab-

Father and Mother in conversation at East Garden





Father and Mother (with Shin-kwangnim) in Alaska, in August

lish Cheon Il Guk. Don't you think—now that we have a king—that we must restore a nation and offer it to Him? We must become the kings of families, the kings of tribes; we must stand in a relative position to God, so that we can become the kings of families, tribes, races, nations and the world.

Therefore, we must accomplish everything by the third year of Cheon Il Guk. When did we proclaim Cheon Il Guk? [In 2001.]...The fact that we have the name Cheon Il Guk is amazing in itself.

Since we are standing on that foundation... Originally, I was supposed to become one with Christianity to make a new beginning at the age of 61. I was supposed to accomplish marriage registration. That should have been done when I was 61 years old. Since that could not be brought about, we were finally able to do it when Mother turned 61, since the husband and the wife are one in body. I had to liberate even Mother. When you read Dr. Lee's book you'll see it says that God appears as a light like diamonds, and when He moves, the Second Coming appears on His right. That is why Mother has also become a parent of the spirit world, and, as God's second-self she now appears spiritually.

A time will come when God can teach people as a substantial body. When that happens, the whole world—the whole universe in fact—will be like a big open space, with nowhere to hide, just as it is now on the Internet. The time has come. We can see this by the fact that nowadays we can reach anyone around the world through a mobile phone.

Think about the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk, conducted on True Parents' birthday. What that means is that, with the opening of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents were finally able to have a holy wedding ceremony while standing on the foundation of God's nation. Now that we have opened Cheon Il Guk, we must substantiate it in reality. In order to do so, we must include the True Parent of the Cosmos [God] and the Parents of Heaven and Earth in the nation, with the peace and unity of true love. When we say "peace and unity," people just understand it in a very ordinary way. The peace and unity of true love refers to the king of blessed families. It does not mean the king of the blessing; it means the king of

blessed families. Never before has there been a king of blessed families on earth. When Adam and Eve married, wouldn't there have been a king of the blessing? The very words, the "holy wedding ceremony of the king of the blessing" means that Adam and Eve, in unity with God, are joined together in holy matrimony.

Look at what happened: Eve fell and married Satan instead. We must take her away from Satan—he must return her to us—and restore everything to the way it was before. Eve must marry once more. With whom? With the Lord of the Second Coming. It is supposed to be like that.

The bloodline that exists in the world right now is a false one. People born of this lineage cannot go to heaven. You must completely reject it. The Lord, who can cut off this lineage, has come and is teaching others how to reject it themselves. He is not doing it by force, as Satan would. He must bring them to submit to him willingly. Even if the Second Coming does not do anything, the people themselves must come to him and say, "I don't want to be in this lineage. I want to reject it all and inherit your love, life and lineage. I need this, even if I have

to give up everything I have a thousand times over." Only people who can do that can receive the blessing. Have you ever thought about this?

How many hardships have I gone through because of the blessing ceremonies? The truth is, if the other churches had not opposed us, there would have been no indemnity. There would have been no indemnity for the blessed families. Because the other churches opposed and persecuted us, obstacles appeared in our path. I was supposed to unite the world while in my forties. Do you know how shameful it is for this old man to work for world unity at my age? You must abandon your nation and feel ashamed to stand in the presence of God. You have nothing to be proud of. It's something we have to face. We cannot go around it. Centering on the families, we must even go further than the UN.

By April 10, 2004, we must declare the existence of an



Mother with her personal assistant Wonju McDevitt, who took many of the photos of the True Family in these pages

Abel-type UN. If no one believes me, we will ignore the U.S. and everyone else, and go ahead and establish it. We have already started preparations for it. Centering on existing leaders we will start building an Abel UN, which will stand like a palace on the peaceful base of the heavenly nation. It's 155 miles. If that is too small for us, we will expand it to three times that size. How big would it be if it were three times larger? We will expand it to three times its original size, and build a blessed and peaceful world of God's kingship. We must strive for this. Then Korea will be the royal land of the world.

What do you think? Don't you think there should be such an educational institution and central palace of peace? In order for the heavenly fatherland to appear, we must have a place where we can build this main palace, and even if the world is in turmoil and engaged in a war, I will continue working for that. Even if the world persecutes and opposes me, and even if I am persecuted tens of times more than before, I will make a start on this, because I know everything will then be solved at once when I go to the spirit world.

When that happens, the people of the world will hear about my life and everyone must judge for himself whether I am the most evil person in the world, or the most righteous. Those who still think that I am an evil person after even hearing these words from Heaven are all mistaken. They are saying that because they

don't understand. Among the people who believe that I am a righteous person, there are some that say that as the king of kings, parent of all parents and teacher of all teachers, I have found out the secrets of heaven, earth and Satan. I have worked hard to bring out this truth down to its roots, and centering on God's royal domain of peace, I was able to conduct the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God. Not only that, Eve could marry again. But what is God supposed to do about her children? Should He kill them? God was very distraught over losing Eve. How can I say that more clearly? God was so crazy about her; He was even lovesick for her. So when she returned, He said to her, "After you married Satan, everything you did was abominable; you had his children, but now that they have no father I'll take charge of them." He took charge of Eve's children and is now nurturing them as if they were His own. Do you know how sad and miserable God's position is? Though He has been so miserable, there is no other way to bring about restoration.

Through the holy wedding ceremony, how many have I blessed? 360 million couples! If I don't give the blessing, there won't be any foundation upon which the seeds of true olive trees can be sown in fields of wild olive trees.

Until now I have not told you about these things, but from now on, you must know what is going on. If you don't know, you cannot lift your faces towards heaven and call out to God. Before you cry out for God, you must have tears in your eyes. Since Adam and Eve deceived God with their tears, you must shed tears for Him before you can call out for Him. That is the calling the Christians must answer, the responsibilities that must be fulfilled by the sons and daughters in order to establish heavenly law. You know what I mean by "God's calling," don't you? It is different from a mission. When you are called, you must fulfill the responsibility demanded by your mission.

By centering on God we have carried out the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and now have all become kings of the blessing, haven't we? When we do everything possible to make an Abel UN in the world, and God praises it, Satan will have no choice but to submit. So the more

people oppose our work, the more they will come to ruin.

Today is July 7, isn't it? Do you know what I am going to pray about today? I came here pondering what I should pray about and declare. What I am going to do today is to appoint people. Jesus should come back to earth and straighten out all the different denominations, and so should Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed and the leaders of Communism. They must fulfill their responsibilities.



I must make that

declaration. [Voice from the audience: Didn't you say you would make the declaration on August 15th?] What declaration? Did you think this was the same one? Those ones are the Jerusalem Declaration, the Washington Declaration and the Seoul Declaration. They are declarations made to connect the first, second and third realms of Israel. Weren't these realms divided? Since I have done that, I am able to carry on with my work.

Shall I conclude now? See for yourselves what the present looks like. Up until now I have married many couples, including those from the 360 million couple blessing, but since True Parents had not registered their own marriage or registered the births of their children, none of the other couples could do those things either. Then with Eve's return, True Parents must also take in her children and register them as True Parents' own children.

What do I mean by registration? I am not talking about the time when family registration was done centering on fallen Adam's family. Centering on the True Parents, who have conducted the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, and who are now in the position of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and centered on the kingship, both marriage and

birth registration must be carried out. Do you know what a blessing this is? Have you ever thought about it? Without this being achieved, there is no way for your name to be entered in the family register. For the children of Eve to be registered, they must be registered in their father's name. Although they are the children of Satan, they must be engrafted then registered, so that at the time of their registration they can become true olive trees just like the owner they have been engrafted to. Then the world of Satan, his clan and hell, will cease to exist. The time when this is to happen is coming soon.

That is why from now on the spirits will not stay only in the spirit world. Do you know what it is I am trying to say today? From now on, if you go to your ancestors' hometown or your own hometown, or where saints and sages were born, and have received the blessing from True Parents, your ancestors will come down from the spirit world in order to lead you to the Kingdom of Heaven, so that you do not fall in the satanic world.

So, who will go to the Kingdom of Heaven first? Adam, who is on earth, is the older brother. By serving him as the older brother, the ancestors in the spirit world who have aided him will follow him to the Kingdom of Heaven. The grandfather must become the grandson, the father must become the son and the older brother must become the younger brother. The whole world will be turned upside down. In this way, the Kingdom of Heaven, kept empty for thousands of years until now, will be filled in a second.

From now on, the ancestors will be decided. If True Parents are the first generation, the question is who will comprise the second and the third generations. That is why he who has learned all this and yet hesitates to make a move will find himself deprived by others of all potential benefits. He will lose thousands of generations to others if he hesitates even for a minute. Therefore, he must deny himself, the whole world, the universe and the satanic world; he must get a new seed from True Parents. Receiving that seed is resurrection. Resurrection is none other than the blessing.

Starting from individuals, everyone must love and admire Rev. Moon. Women cannot help loving Rev. Moon. Their original minds, feeling shame on account of the false husband, Satan, will bring them to deny themselves when they see the light of the true owner coming with true love. Yet, Rev. Moon will not let them sacrifice themselves. They will all receive the light, and the world will become the liberated realm in which men and the women can receive



the blessing and carry out their work freely as leaders.

I have bestowed the blessing, which cannot be repaid in any way in the world. No woman should still come to me to ask for more after having received the blessing. It is not right for people, already burdened to the ground with debts that they cannot repay, to come asking me for more favors.

What do you think? Do you think what I'm telling you are lies, or the truth? How could a person who doubts himself achieve so much and stand in the position of victory without knowing it himself? This was made possible through God, and so I am very much indebted to Him. That is why in January of this year I gave out all I had to the members in the United States before I left.

Now the people of the whole world are brothers and sisters, because they are the children of the True Parents. Since they have registered their marriages at the same time, and they have registered their births at the same time as well, they are like brothers and sisters in front of True Parents. Fathers and sons in the physical world will become brothers in the spirit world. God is a father to the ancestors going back hundreds of generations, as well as to the descendants who will be born in hundreds of generations. Doesn't that make them brothers? Knowing this, you cannot do just whatever you want to do if you consider how important it is to lead exemplary lives. ♦

Endnotes

1 There were approximately 120 member

Photos this page, top, Ye-jin nim, Kook-jin nim and Hyun-jin nim sing at the Chusok celebration at East Garden in September; Middle, Shin-bok nim, son of Ye-jin nim, working on a Service for Peace project in Mongolia; bottom, Shin-won nim, eldest son of Hyun-jin nim, on the Mongolia Service for Peace project (and dressed in traditional Mongolian garb)

nations of the UN in 1963

2 A very successful interfaith blessing ceremony was held in Chicago on July 5, 2003

3 The region of North Korea where True Parents come from

God is plainly the owner of the creation, but until now He has not been in a position to act as the owner. It is as if He does not have a substantial form because, although He is the owner of all creation and lord of humankind, it is Satan who has dominated all of this until now.

There wouldn't be a problem if the creation had not belonged to God from the beginning, but since everything was originally His, the fact that He has no substantial form is heartrending. For instance, let us say there is a married couple that could not have any children for a long time. If, finally, they were able to give birth to a child, but later lost him in an accident, their agony and grief would know no bounds. The absence of something that had not had substantial form would result in only a feeling of loss, but if something that had existed was suddenly gone, there would be endless grief and agony.

In other words, God's pain comes from the fact that his substantial form—humankind and the creation—was lost.

Jesus' bitter pain over losing his body

When Jesus came to earth two thousand years ago, the people of Israel did not believe him. That the Israelites mistrusted Jesus must have frustrated him beyond measure. The mistrust of John the Baptist would have been even more distressing, because John the Baptist's responsibility was to facilitate Jesus' mission.

However, what was really shocking was not the mistrust of John the Baptist, but the mistrust of Peter. Peter had served Jesus for three years as a disciple, never leaving his side, and so he knew Jesus better than any other person did. Nevertheless, when Jesus faced crucifixion, Peter denied him three times. The shock of his denial would have hurt Jesus more than the pain of the crucifixion itself.

Peter should have followed the Messiah and helped establish the traditions of heaven, but instead he denied Jesus three times and broke his heart. To Jesus, the bewilderment, disappointment and grief of seeing the inner resolve of his most trusted disciple crumble down before him must have been truly overwhelming. That is why Jesus made the resolution he did and kept to it.

What makes the Unification Church different from other religions is the belief that God's will is fulfilled in the course of history. In other words, the distinction lies in that God's will is not fulfilled in the spirit world or the mentality of human beings, but in the course of our physical lives.

This also displays our orthodoxy. What is the difference between the Unification Church and other religions? Christianity and Buddhism in Korea, however great, are not interested in bringing about the unification of South and North Korea. So, why are we taking an interest in it, and doing our utmost to make it happen? Is investing in North Korea part of our missionary work? Is it part of our relief work? Why are we investing in North Korea? With the money we are using for North Korea, we could be expanding our church just like the other religions, so why aren't we doing so? It is because our church clearly knows God's will to regain His true substance.

It is our position in the mainstream of history that distinguishes us. God's will must be realized through the course of history. That is why the issue of the unification of South and North Korea goes beyond missionary work or relief aid. It lies on the path of the realization of God's will.

In what he said on Chil Pal Jeol, Father told us that in the third year of Cheon Il Guk we must restore the realm of substance on the world level. He also emphasized that the restora-

tion of three generations should come first. Perfection can only be achieved through the restoration of three generations.

With just one generation, it all ends horizontally, and a vertical history cannot be created. It takes at least three generations to continue the blood lineage of goodness, and for God's will to be fulfilled three-dimensionally. In terms of the Principle, the four-position foundation must be established. Only with the formation of the four-position foundation can individual perfection be achieved.

Dear members, what is the four-position foundation of a family? It involves the three great kingships and the four great realms of heart. Once we are born, we grow up nurtured by love. And once we have grown up, we share our love with others. We reach perfection after passing through the four great realms of heart of the children, brothers and sisters, husband and wife and parents. Therefore, the home is where the family is perfected, the family is where the three great kingships of children, parents and grandparents are established, and from this, substantial fruit comes forth. To put it more simply, the substantial fruit is realized by passing through the three generations.

True Parents next told us that in order to attain the realm of substance, all blessed families must lay a tribal foundation. By laying a tribal foundation, we must also make the realm of substance in our physical lives. We must become tribal messiahs and the true parents of our tribes. And now we must become not just the messiahs, but the ancestors of our tribes on earth.

The task of creating the realm of substance vertically involves maintaining three generations, and horizontally involves restoring our tribes and becoming their ancestors. If we do not arrange our tribes into blessing groups, we will not have any substantial result. We will only exist in name, not in substance. We must become the ancestors of our tribes not in name only but also in reality, by reorganizing our tribes centering on God.

On Chil Pal Jeol, Father told us that in order for us to walk the path of the true parents of our tribes we must have substantial accomplishments. He emphasized that from now on, we must embark on finding blessing groups of 36 couples, 72 couples, 124 couples and 430 couples within our tribes.

So what we must do is to take responsibility for our families and tribes. We must fulfill the four-position foundation in our families, and reorganize our tribes centering on God. This is the message given to us by True parents on the seventh Chil Pal Jeol.

Finally, how should we go about living significant lives? True Parents told us that wherever we are, whenever it is, and no matter what circumstances we are in, we must live our lives as if it is always noon, casting no shadows behind us, or in front of us¹. They emphasized that this is how our lives can become significant.

Beloved members, it is true that we are walking a path that is totally different from the rest of the world and for which no precedent exists in history; and with the True Parents standing in our midst!

I hope it will be a meaningful week for you, in which you will ponder in your hearts how we can bring about our eternal universal homeland, Cheon Il Guk, in our families and tribes, with True Parents at the center.◆

¹ Father is metaphorically explaining the need for an absolutely vertical relationship with God, which he expresses as the "settlement of noon" in our lives



A Tale of Two Brothers

In September, members converged on New York from seven countries to prepare for the founding of the Interreligious and International Peace Council

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First of all I have to say that my departure was rather turbulent. I'm in my second year of studying Physics in university, and I learned of the mobilization while I was finishing my last examination. This year was so intense, full of new concepts that I had to wrestle with, that the examination took my full attention and consumed all of my mental and physical strength. I was so tired.

As soon as my mind was released from everything else, my thoughts fell on the proposed trip, which was then just around the corner. After a year of intense study, though, and with twenty free days ahead of me before the new academic year began, I had the idea that a nice rest at home would certainly have been nice. Paradoxically, I also felt a strong aversion to the idea of resting.

I awoke on the morning of September 12 not a bit clear in my head about what I should do and unaware that my brother Massimiliano had not only already made a list of things I should bring back from America for him (as if I had already decided to go) but had also boldly suggested to our parents that he go with me. Though I was still floating in a sea of indecision, Massimiliano had clear ideas. He wanted to go witnessing and fundraising and to have experiences he had never had before.

Massimiliano is fourteen years old. He was enthusiastic and couldn't wait to get going. It wasn't all that easy, though. The airline tickets were so expensive it was reason enough to reconsider the temptation of enjoying twenty days' of idleness. My brother was insistent though and told me to try another airline instantly. He spoke with a determination that left me surprised. Together we found tickets at a moderate price.

The trip was perfect; we reached New York in the afternoon. I had read about the importance of this mobilization, that it would involve people whose nations had fought against one another in World

War II working together to overcome their historical hostility and would also be a way of celebrating True Parents' victory in creating the foundation for the Fourth Israel. These were impressive ideas.

The Second World War decided the direction the world has taken since that time. On the one side were America, France and England and on the other Italy, Germany and Japan. These were the six nations that were mobilized. Father's nation, Korea, was the seventh one. Each of us would have to take responsibility and each of us would have to make his best effort.

We arrived at the hotel late in the evening. There was a procedure for registration and we were given keys to our rooms. You have to understand how tired I was from my school examinations, from traveling from Milan to Amsterdam and changing planes to go from Amsterdam to New York, and from the tension and anguish of the preparatory phase of the trip. I only wanted to rest. The hotel was sumptuous, but our rooms were not proper rooms for paying guests with comfortable beds.

Many of you readers would probably not find it surprising that almost all the brothers were in one room. They had already organized themselves and were looking forward to the adventures that were soon to begin. A wonderful light shone in their eyes and they were so enthusiastic. As for me, I paused to consider the external reality of what lay ahead. I sincerely felt I could not handle spending twenty days there; I feared that I would soon run out of strength and determination. I wanted to return to Italy the same evening.

Neither my brother nor I could sleep that night, because the next day we would be meeting True Parents in their

home, East Garden. We had gotten to the room at half past midnight and left for East Garden just two and a half hours later.

It's difficult to explain how much spiritual energy could be perceived during that speech and in that place. Father introduced the mobilization and its objectives and the corresponding determination that was required of us. During Father's speech, though there were hundreds of people in the room, I felt great strength, as if I were alone in the room in front of him.

In the following days, teams were created to work in various parts of New York City and some nearby areas, such as the neighboring state of New Jersey; and our mission of peace took off.

We had many things to do; we gathered signatures, invited people to Divine Principle seminars that were held each evening in the New Yorker Hotel and told people about the upcoming rally at the UN Plaza. We witnessed a lot on the sidewalks of New York and by going shop to shop distributing books such as "World Peace through True Love" and messages from the spiritual world that



Promoting the spiritual messages in New York City as part of

had been printed in newspaper form.

New York is a sensational city; it's a place where you are able to talk to people with different histories, religions, cultures, traditions and opinions. The most beautiful thing is that just a few minutes after meeting them, you can speak to them about deep, out-of-the-ordinary topics, such as how the welfare of society depends on recovering the value of the family, the deep saturation of materialism, the apparent differences of viewpoint between various religions and the wars that result from these, the need to communicate God's affection for His children and His deep desire to recover that lost, parent-child relationship.

In a few minutes, I had to instinctively chose the best strategy to use in communicating everything to the person I was speaking to, and I had to transmit to them all the energy that I was feeling directly from God.

I often found myself conversing for more than thirty minutes with people who had a deep faith in Jesus. It was fascinating and exciting, because we managed to touch on topics that it seemed impossible to be discussing in the middle of the street with someone that I'd never met before. It seemed as if they had been waiting for just that moment to meet someone and that they had indeed been guided by the spiritual world; sometimes people stopped spontaneously just to speak to me. Other objectives of witnessing in this way were to speak about the Messiah's coming, who Sun Myung Moon is and how he is working

to build a world of peace.

What we brought to those streets of New York was a powerful message. Sometimes I could read in people's faces how strongly struck—even shocked—they were when listening to the message we were communicating to them. I felt great energy; and every day I felt a sense of duty to reach more people. I wanted everyone to at least have the opportunity to know the truth. It was from the people's enthusiastic response that I drew strength and energy.

Good gracious! I felt an immense energy, and my brother felt no less than I did. Surely, it wasn't the most relaxing activity he'd ever done. It was intense. Following 5 AM hoondokhae, we would go out to witness; we'd be given more newspapers to distribute than we possibly could. You can imagine that for a fourteen-year-old boy, it could have been a heavy experience, but he never once skipped out on the work. When I saw him giving out the books and papers, working so hard and with so much enthusiasm, it left me astounded.

Max had, besides this work, a chance to take part in something special. One morning during hoondokhae, the emcee read a list of young people who would take part in a conference at the UN Plaza for the Interreligious and International Peace Council. When we heard "Massimiliano Mascoli" it was really exciting. Max was enthusiastic and truly happy. It was a day of peace that we celebrated at the U.N. Plaza. Each of the young people momentarily represented a particular nation, carrying its flag and announcing

its name into a microphone in front of a crowd of people. Massimiliano represented Lithuania. He was with hundreds of other young people, each holding the flag of a country. The experience is something dear to him.

The atmosphere was extraordinary! The spirit was even better than at the daily rallies that took place on roads or plazas around the city, where we sang songs and handed out material to as many people as we could. Two men would be dressed as Abraham Lincoln and George Washington and had to read out those presidents' messages from

the spiritual world directly to the New Yorkers who happened by. It was quite an original circumstance. All the teams, according to district, converged in various plazas in New York City. Massimiliano and I reached our assigned location with our team every afternoon. We were able to bring color and a sensational atmosphere wherever we went. We certainly broke the daily routine of those phlegmatic Manhattanites.

I have to tell you that though there wasn't enough time to rest or eat, we felt a great energy, a great strength within us. Our evening team meetings, where we could talk freely and reflect on our experiences, also helped to build energy. Our unity with the schedule and determination as a team were very important factors in carrying out our mission of peace. Days passed like a breath of wind and, what with one testimony after another and one rally after another, almost without our realizing it, the day of the conference at the UN building had arrived.

The day we spent around a stage that had been erected in front of the UN building was a festive day devoted to peace. Many religious leaders spoke; and the size of the crowd alone seemed to show how anxious people are for the world to take on a new face. They desire world peace. I was struck by the fact that people came from Boston and other parts of America. It touched deep emotions in me. In the days leading up to the UN conference, we had been working so hard, trying to inspire so many people with what was possible, but despite all the energy we'd expended, we felt stronger than we had before. Spiritual energy is really impressive!

There were aspects of our experience that seem unbelievable. This providential course is changing the direction of history. On that first night in the New Yorker, the challenge ahead seemed insurmountable, but I discovered that spiritual power that comes from love of God and True Parents is greater than any obstacle. Our strength grew every day. I'm grateful to have participated in this historic activity with my brother. ♦

Davide and Massimiliano are 21 and 14 years old. Their parents were blessed in the 360,000 couples in 1995.



the activities to prepare for the launching of IIPC

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE

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Taking part in the World Peace Volunteer Task Force will be one of the most memorable experiences of my life. In the past, I had never been able to take part in any of the providential crusades or rallies that True Father had directly guided, because I had been working in other nations. Therefore, I was very grateful for the opportunity to finally be able to participate in this campaign, even though I could only be there for the first week.

To be in the new hall at East Garden for nine hours was unforgettable. True Father poured out so much love, inspiring us to be on fire for God. To actually do hoondokhae with True Parents was an impossible dream come true. I was so grateful for the new vision, confidence

and strength that He breathed into us. Yet somehow, I felt sad that True Father was in the position of still having to encourage and motivate us.

The quality of True Parents unconditional love for us is incomprehensible. We are still affected by the circumstances of our environment and not able to steadfastly maintain an absolute relationship with God and True Parents, yet they have absolute love and absolute faith in us. I learnt at East Garden that absolute obedience means denying ourselves absolutely and that then God can use us. So I have hope.

That Sunday night I prayed to be more confident of God's love for me, so that I could share more deeply with the citizens of New York and be able to indelibly mark their hearts with God's love and the message True Father wanted us to

share with them.

The coming together of 840 people, all determined to do their best to fulfill the serious task we felt called to accomplish, created a highly charged atmo-



Approaching people on the streets of New York to promote the IIFP and the October 3 rally

It was very moving to see the faithful Korean elders who have been with Father through thick and thin and have worked with him on every campaign and rally to date.

An Encounter with the Secretary General

Testimony about meeting UN Secretary General Kofi Annan

Patrick Jouan
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With some members, we decided after the International Day of Peace rally Sunday at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, to attend the event to release (symbolically) gigantic, artificial doves of peace at the UN. I had already met Secretary General Kofi Annan twice on Saturday. The second time I shook hands with him, told him that I was Patrick from France, and showed him my IIFWP ID card.

I took three copies of the book of spiritual messages, and on the way to the UN, I was praying for God's providence and True Parents' hope for the United Nations.

At the security gate, I showed the IIFWP card to the guard and he let me in. He showed me where to go for the ceremony. At the same time, the Secretary General and his wife came in by another gate.

The Secretary General was holding the pole supporting the head of a dove of peace. The media were there taking pictures and there were many members around. I was five meters behind the Secretary General, when suddenly he turned around and asked if someone would help him hold the pole. I said, "Yes, I can do it."

He said, "Ah, it's you, Patrick from France." He went to the memorial, and I asked someone to replace me in hold-



sphere. Every morning at hoondokhae there were spiritual feasts. I had been longing to read the prayers Father has given when making the different proclamations and couldn't believe my good fortune at finally being able to hear some of them. I do hope that they will be published soon. [Note: A series of Father's prayers and speeches from was translated for these hoondok sessions; many of these are available on the FFWPU International web site at www.ffwpui.org]

Father inspired us even further through the moving and illuminating testimonies and lectures of our Korean elders, such as FFWPU international president Hwang Sun-jo, Rev. Lee Yo-han, and Rev. Chung Soo-won, who all poured out their hearts to us. Just being around so many Korean elders was an inspiration, in that they live in an atmosphere of such deep heart. It was also deeply moving for me to meet brothers and sisters I haven't seen for twenty years, and to see how they had matured into being such wonderful people, so caring, good and responsible.

I was on the street in Queens [a borough of New York City] collect-

ing signatures to support the goals of IIFWP. At times it was a battle to keep going, but there was also such a sense of God's love and presence that people were happy to support us and willingly signed. Moreover, they seemed to feel hope, since so many commended what we were doing. I enjoyed giving out the spirit world messages. I told people that

able to testify so directly to True Parents and to feel that we were, in some measure, indemnifying the failure of our nations at the end of World War II and working toward fulfilling True Fathers goal of establishing a World Peace Council.

We were able to speak about the work True Parents are doing to bring

peace, especially the reconciliation of religions. With pride I would point to the picture of the Imam, Rabbi and Christian Minister signing the Jerusalem Declaration. Then I would proclaim that another such conference was taking place that very day in Jerusalem, where the religious leaders were being reconciled in love and repentance and pledging to work for peace. That was particularly significant for me, because we had sent a pastor from Oxford, where I live, to participate in that



Eric Richardson (right) bringing the message to the UN ambassadors

they were very inspiring but might be shocking. I asked people to please read them, think about them and pray about them; and everyone said quite seriously that they would.

It was wonderfully liberating to be

conference.

My team, Queens 3, had a very wonderful and embracing Korean Leader, Rev. Lee Yeon-hoon. Even though some of us couldn't communicate freely he created such a warm atmosphere that

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ing the pole, and I followed him. He said a few words and I joined him there. Dr. Goodall, the famous zoologist, presented him a soccer ball—signed by some team that had won a big game—as a gesture for world peace.

Mr. Annan kicked the ball to some-



one who kicked it back. It missed the Secretary General and came to me. I kicked it back to the Secretary General, who caught it. I said, "Wow, you play football very well."

We then left and headed as a group toward the exit gates. Some people were exchanging greetings with the Secretary General. At that time, I concentrated deeply on how to give this book of spiritual messages to Kofi Annan. If I could do something, I prayed, let me do this.

I saw one sister speaking Swedish to Mrs. Annan. The inspiration came to me to speak to his wife. After we exchanged greetings, I said, "In the name of IIFWP I would like to give you a gift for your husband, a book of spiritual messages from very important people. Please, if you can take it with you now and your husband can read it." I prayed that she wouldn't give it to some minor staff member.

As we were going to the gate, suddenly the Secretary General turned around to me, stepped towards me and looked straight at me. Even though I had not said anything to him about the book, he asked, "Don't you have something to give to me?" I was very surprised. I said, "Yes sir, it is a book with messages from the former presidents of the United States. I gave it to your wife already, as you were so busy." As we shook hands I said, "Please read it, it is very important."

As their party arrived at the gate, the Secretary General and his wife turned and waved. I said "God bless you." We all waved until they were out of sight.

It was a very moving experience. I felt that the spiritual world had been guiding me. I prayed that he would read the book. Anyone can take a book—that's easy to do—but it is vital that the Secretary General read the book. ♦

The Frozen North Is Thawing



Pyongyang—looking along the Taedong River

For several weeks beginning in September, groups of South Korean tourists traveled to North Korea for five-day visits. This was a milestone in that these were the first South Koreans to visit Pyongyang purely for the purpose of tourism. For many—especially those whose homeland is the northern half of the peninsula—this was not an ordinary vacation. And as the tours were the fruit of True Parents' movement for unification, they were consecrated to an important role in advancing the cause of peace.

Lee Kyung-hyun
Family Party Media Relations Dept., Korea

"I did not feel that I was a simple tourist but a peace emissary promoting the unification of the Koreans."

ON September 19, at 9:30 AM, a half hour after having departed from Incheon International Airport, Asiana flight OZ1348 entered the skies of North Korea, carrying the 100-strong second Pyongyang tourist group. "We've just entered North Korean air space," the captain announced.

At these words, the tourists turned as a body to look out of the windows. Unfortunately, they weren't able to get a clear view from an altitude of 10,000 feet above the sea in cloudy weather. On board were some passengers with ancestral roots in North Korea, known collectively as *Shilhyangmin*.¹ They had been yearning for the day they could freely fly over the barbed wire entanglements that lie just north of Imjingak.²

Among the party, there were also ordinary tourists, people simply heading off to a novel destination. Despite their different reasons for making the journey, everyone gazed out of the

window for a while. While most of the passengers were *Shilhyangmin*, looked at from another perspective, the group included professors, lawyers, doctors, entrepreneurs and people of various other occupations. Forty percent of them were in their forties.

Previously, several flights along this sky route have been made for non-business purposes, most memorable perhaps being for the June 15, 2000, summit meeting between Kim Dae-jung and Kim Jong-il, but now, for the first time in fifty years, it is open for tourism. Our flight to Pyongyang took just an hour.

The route from the airport to the Potong River Hotel was adorned with cosmos blossoms and fields of harvest gold. Everyone was glad that this year there has been a good harvest. Our guide, Kim Nam-gil—a graduate of Pyongyang University of Foreign

Studies—greeted us with the words, "We warmly welcome you to Pyongyang. Our schedule is tight, but we will do everything possible to make your stay satisfactory." This came as something of a relief. Kim Nam-gil proved a generous-hearted person who guided us throughout the tour. There were also a bus guide, Kim Jang-hyuk, a graduate of Kim Il Sung University, a cameraman and a

bus driver who accompanied the party throughout our five-day stay.

In Pyongyang

Through the bus windows, we saw vegetable farms spreading into the distance. It seemed that as we approached the city the roads become more organized and the red and gray buildings turned pink and white. We could feel the spirit of the city as the citizens walked by. Since the 7.1 initiative,³ many kiosks selling ice cream, drinks and fruit have sprung up. I inferred that this was because of this year's good harvest.

The population of Pyongyang is about two million. In the rural districts outside the city, there are rice fields and vegetable farms. During the tour we spent most of our time in Pyongyang, a city North Koreans hold in high

Middle school students in Moranbong Park, Pyongyang



esteem. Pyongyang from the top of the 170-meter high Juche Tower near the Taedong River is no less beautiful than cities in other nations. Pyongyang is only twenty meters above sea level, and the city's name refers to its broad, level plane. Its nickname is the "City of Willows," because there are many such trees there. You can see ancient willows with their branches dangling to the ground on the banks of the Taedong and Potong Rivers.

After unpacking and having lunch at our hotel, the party visited the birthplace of Kim Il-sung, which is called Mangyungdae. It is on very well decorated grounds, where pine trees soar high into the sky and more than three hundred and eighty types of flowers can be found. Nearby is Mangyungdae Amusement Park, which can hold up to ten thousand people. The guide referred to it as "the holy ground of the revolution" and "the people's cultural rest area." It was surprising that we were able to enter the amusement park in casual clothes, because the North Korean custom is for people (other than students in school uniforms) to wear either a suit or traditional Korean clothes.

From a pavilion on the ridge of a hill named Mangyungbong, Pyongyang can be seen spreading out from the Taedong River. The guide explained that six locks were built along the river's length, creating an artificial lake to prevent flooding.

Entertainment, Shopping and Food

There were two opportunities to attend arts performances during this tour. The first took place in the cultural



hall of Mangyung University. A choir performed, and there was singing and dancing for an hour and a half. On the final day, we were treated to an awe-inspiring performance by the Pyongyang Circus, which included figure skating, jump rope and acrobatics. We watched the performance as part of a mainly North Korean audience that included around two hundred students and military men and six other foreigners.

We went as a group to the Keumgangsang Gift Shop to buy souvenirs. It is located close to Gaesongmun⁴ and in a general shopping area for residents of the nearby apartments. The Euro and American dollar are the main currencies accepted there. One tourist spent more than a \$1,000 on a 65-year old wild ginseng root, two bottles of liquor and some other goods. Most people purchased liquor, handicrafts, pictures and vegetable products such as mushrooms, sesame oil and red peppers.

The food served at the Potonggang ["Potong River"] Hotel was simple and tasty. Five to six different kinds of dishes were served. Kimchi is served at every meal alongside tasty dishes such as soybean soup, pollack, mushrooms, chicken, beef and squid. As beverages they'd prepared tea, pear drink, Ponghak Beer and blueberry liquor, which were followed by ice cream,

apples and pears for dessert. Professor Lee Ki-shik of Seoul National University expressed his satisfaction: "What you eat is as important as what you see during the tour. The food was delicious."

The Road to Chungju

One special sightseeing program took us out to the rural districts. Running through Anju and Bakchan, the road to Chungju extends deep into the rural area of North Korea. The 112 km road was still being paved as we drove down it; I remember a young working man wearing Nike clothes and a girl pouring water on bricks as vehicles laid down asphalt.

In the garden of some two and three-story apartment houses, people were busily making charcoal briquettes, which are mainly used as fuel for heating. The houses on the street seemed newly designed. We passed Anju, an industrial city, where many pulp and chemical factories are located.

Among the party, Seoul National University professor Noh Yoong-hui and his brother (whose hometown is Chungju), and two others, were originally from Pyong-An Province.⁵ Just for a moment, they felt relieved of the frustration that builds up from being away from their hometown for such a long time.

In Chungju we visited the birthplace of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose efforts lay behind the success of these tours.⁶ People in the North say that Rev. Moon is doing a great deal to encourage the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. The Chungju part of the tour was canceled from the third tour group's itinerary due to the work to pave the road, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The itinerary was altered to include a visit to Tangungrung⁷ and Bongsoo Church. Whatever the reason for the change



was, the tourists were sorry they weren't able to see the North Korean countryside.

Mt. Myohyang and Ryomoon Cave

The road to Mt. Myohyang is a four-lane road. Actually, there aren't any lanes marked. Sometimes people would even stop their cars on the side of the road just to take a break. We went to the Bohyun Buddhist Temple, where two monks famous for the spiritual power that they used in fighting Japanese, Seosan and Samyong, spent their monastic life. Here, in the international friendship exhibition, over 20,000 memorabilia⁸ are displayed. After having lunch, we climbed Mt. Myohyang. This was the best opportunity to interact with North Korean residents. The sights along the two-kilometer path to Manpo Waterfall, which are actually four or five waterfalls in a row, were beautiful.

The way up was so steep that we needed to grab onto handrails and some passages were only a meter wide. People had to take turns to get through. "Hello, we came from Seoul," we would say. "Nice meeting you!" The local residents warmly responded.

At each place along the way locals brought us packed lunches and we sat in groups and ate as people sang and danced. "Our wish is for unity. Even our dreams are for unity...." The harmonious voices of the North and South Koreans echoed over Mt. Myohyang. One North Korean brought a four-year-old child, named Jin-hyuk, to shake hands with the tourists. In their hearts was the wish for us to live together in one unified nation.

"Would you like some octopus?" A kindly North Korean couple handed me two squids. Here in the North, they use the South Korean word for "octopus" to also mean "squid." Throughout the period of separation, many terms and meanings of words have diverged. But everyone still felt an unchanging bond of brotherhood and friendship and a heart of sharing.

Ryo Moon Cave is about thirty minutes away from Mt. Myohyang. There, painted on the walls seven kilometers down, is a record of ten thousand years of history. Depictions of a rice-sheaf, pig's hooves, snow-white flowers, waterfalls... and the *Charangtuh* which reminds one of the shape

The Beokkuki model, assembled by Pyonghwa Motors



of a man's and woman's reproductive organ. Fluent in telling stories and fairy tales, our guide kept the three groups of us laughing as we walked. We held a small singing contest on our way back in the bus. Our guide sang "Nice to Meet You" (*Pangapssumnida*) and "The person in my heart." Several among our group also sang, including a Christian missionary, Ms. Lee Yong-ae, who sang "Seoul Tango," changing the lyrics to "Pyongyang Tango." Calls for an encore came from the audience. The bus shone with the unified golden souls of the people from North and South.

The Road to Nampo

The highway from Pyongyang heading straight to Nampo⁹ is called the "The Young Hero Road." This road is a 100-meter wide 10 lane highway with a bicycle path on each side.

Our guide explained that it was built during the "Marching Period of Suffering"¹⁰ by the hands of young

men using only hammers, shovels, and sand bags. "When a sand bag ripped," he said, "they tore their clothes and made patches to repair the bags. This road was completed through their tears and blood as they struck boulders over three hundred times each to break them." He added, "The equipment they used is now housed in a museum."

While passing through Tokhung village in the Gangseo region, he explained, "Here you can find carbonated water which is good for the digestive system. People from Pyongyang come here on bicycles to get it."

Pyonghwa Motors was also one of the hot spots of this tour. It is a successful model of a joint venture between the North and South. With Rev. Moon's support, Pyonghwa Motors was built just outside the city of Nampo. The company's name is carved in bold letters on its front gates. From some things that our guide said, such as, "In our nation, this is the only company that has been able to boldly put up a sign," we were able to catch several hints that the government intends to promote the company. The government has already ordered three hundred cars and set a policy regulating the import of foreign-made cars in order to support Pyonghwa Motors. Pyongyang's highway billboards are advertising the company's products and there are advertisements in the newspapers. This will be North Korea's first venture into capitalistic marketing.

Pyonghwa Motors is a joint venture with the Ryonbong Corporation; its yearly goal is the assembly of a hundred thousand vehicles. Factory

buildings under construction are spread over several acres of land and to date, just one out of the planned ten is complete. For thirty minutes we observed and took pictures of the production line of the *Whiparam* (Whistle) model, a car with a 1500cc engine, and a leisure vehicle called the *Beokkuki* (Cuckoo).

The Final Day

After dinner, the tourist party enjoyed the evening at standing bars, karaoke bars and billiard halls. At a standing bar, the guide and the tourists conversed freely. They spoke openly about topics such as the outbreak of the Korean War, the Hyo-soon and Mi-soon incident¹¹, North—South unification, and various sensitive issues closely tied to

Waiting for a bus in Pyongyang



ideological viewpoints. In the midst of such engrossing conversation, no one noticed how quickly time passed.

One forty-three-year-old tourist from Seoul who took part in these conversations commented, "I realized that a big ideological difference still exists between us. In one sense, having that confirmed was a bitter experience. On the other hand, the fact that we talked about sensitive issues is itself a big change." Despite the difference in perspectives on issues, reconciliation starts from the point of showing respect toward one another's opinions. If that doesn't happen, there will never be a starting point. I felt that we are in an urgent time when the scholars and experts in each area must work to clarify the facts of history toward a consensus.

In the morning, we were also able to jog along the Potong River. A tourist who went out jogging explained, "I didn't jog for long because people were staring at me, perhaps because I wore shorts. But I sometimes saw Pyongyang residents or students jogging."

It seemed that our five-days in the North had passed in a flash. After dinner on the last full day, the hotel workers sang "Let's meet again" for us. At that moment, we all felt that the time to say farewell was upon us. The lights of the Potong River Hotel glittered throughout that night.

As these mottoes—"Let's follow Kim Jong-Il and his will until the end," "Although the road is tough, let's laugh our way through it," and "Do not live today for today, but for tomorrow,"—express, North Korea is a nation strongly emphasizing philosophy and politics; and yet its economy is so very poor.

On the Way Home

Despite the differences in ideology, North and South Koreans are people of the same blood. Our stay was very

short, but through smiles, warm handshakes, singing and dancing together, and other expressions of conciliatory hearts, we were able to see the possibility for unity with the pure-hearted people living at the foot of the beautiful North Korean mountains. Wherever we went, we were able to experience the true character of the people. Those tourists who were nervous when they first came to Pyongyang now feel comfort at having been there. It is becoming a place where anyone can visit.

On the flight back to Incheon, the

unification activities. One Dr. Yoon Sang-won said, "We were easily able to harmonize with the North Korea residents through singing and dancing. If the politicians could work for the future of our tribes and nations, putting aside their personal ambition, the unification of North and South Korea would come soon."

Unification cannot be realized through words. Just a policy itself is not sufficient. This is not an issue only for the politicians and leaders. It starts from each individual and from the

spot where he or she stands. This Pyongyang tour is not an ordinary tour. Despite the difference in theory, unification starts from a connection with people who have the same blood. The stronger our wish to reunite, and the more we put reconciliation into action, the closer North and South will come together. Likewise, the deeper their capacity to interact becomes, the greater the number of tour sites we can have access to, and the more often Southerners meet Northerners, the quicker the day of unity will come.

Still, we will need to be able to provide them a new view of the world. I believe unification will be possible when we truly practice giving true love. As we interact, misunderstanding slowly shifts to the point of mutual understanding. Our interest in coming together should increase. Each among those on the tour seemed to have returned with the feeling of pride to have done something for unification and peace.

"Our wish is the unification of our homeland—to live together as one." This is the common wish expressed by North Koreans in general. Though they may be poor, deep inside they have a spirit that we have lost. Chasing money, fame and power, South Korea today is rapidly degrading herself with sexual

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passengers silently read newspapers. It didn't exactly seem like one of the business flights from Seoul to Busan, but the day will come when business flights between Seoul and Pyongyang are routine. Several tourists said that they did not consider ours an ordinary tour but a mission for unification. A Kyongnam University professor of Political Science, Kim Kun-shik, had this evaluation: "There were many opportunities to meet ordinary North Korean residents. I am sure the tour will contribute to the reconciliation of North and South Korea in many ways."

Jun Hong-yeon, a dentist, said, "Through this period, I've recognized that the unification problem is my problem as well." He expressed his determination to participate in North-South



Interactive Second-Generation Study

Vitalize Study of Divine Principle

The next phase of the Inheritance and Development

Thomas Schraemli
Brazil

Between July 16 and 25 this year my wife Benedita and I coordinated two five-day workshops for second-generation members from ten to fourteen years old and those from fifteen to twenty years old- in the main training center of Brazil, which is at a beautiful resort about twenty kilometers outside the Latin American business metropolis, Sao Paulo.

These workshops were built on the success of workshops held in July 2002 and January 2003, which emphasized leaving behind baggage accumulated during our time in the desert, which was one of the first points Hyun-jin nim spoke of when he took over CARP. As such, the focus of those earlier workshops was the healing of our second generation as a first step toward bringing about the revolution among those of the second generation that Hyun-jin nim is aiming to reach. Many hearts were healed and rescued through those workshops (see report in Today's World March/April 2003).

This time, from the beginning we felt we could start on a different level than in the past workshops; the atmosphere was joyful and clear. Especially in the workshop for the older children, the participants were very responsible. A new and very important aspect of the two workshops was having five second-generation members assist in leading the them. They took over substantial responsibilities and I have to say that they did a very good job. This gave those of us who belong to the first

generation a sense of hope and accomplishment and fit well with the motto of the workshops which was "Inheritance and Development," the motto of Hyun-jin nim's first speaking tour after taking over CARP.

The theory and practice of Tongil Moo Do covered the first morning of our workshops. I do not see Tongil Moo Do as something apart from the Divine Principle education but as its foundation. Before anyone can receive the word of God, there needs to be an awareness of the proper internal and external attitude and this can be learnt well through Tongil Moo Do.

The next lectures covered the foundation of faith, the foundation of substance and their application in real life. These lectures were followed by group dynamics in order to give the participants a chance to interact about the content of the lectures and to get to know of each other's experiences. My wife and I gave a lecture on "Inheritance and Development" (the second generation needs to inherit the foundation of the first generation), which covered all the practical challenges which need to be mastered-by both parents and children-in this process of inheritance. We had many wonderful experiences in the workshops, but I would like to write especially about a new way of approaching our second generation with Divine Principle.

Hyun-jin nim often speaks about how real learning takes place, that is, learning through experience. This is also one of my main concerns. I think that the practice in most schools all over the world does not engender real learning.

It is my innermost conviction that in God's original, ideal world, learning at school would be the most fulfilling experience that a human being could go through-an experience of joy

through discovering God and one's God-given divine nature and potential. Just observe a child playing and the joy experienced in learning through playing. Observe a child learning to walk, trying to take the first steps and falling again and again, yet without feeling shame. This is a natural part of the experience of a child. These essential elements of joy, developing creativity, trying and failing, trying again without shame and asking questions as one goes along are in most cases gradually eliminated as our children pass through the different levels in school. We should first seriously analyze this situation and not copy the mistakes of the schools in our own workshops.

Therefore, I was thinking about a new way of letting our second generation interact with Divine Principle in our July 2003 workshops. We had two half days of studying and teaching Divine Principle. We separated the participants into four groups. For Divine Principle study we used the new three-hundred-diagram manual from Mrs. Eu, which Father asked us to use. Each group

was led by an assistant coordinator (an older member of the second generation). Each group studied a different section of Divine Principle for forty-five minutes. They were given a chance to ask any questions they might have. Afterward came a fifteen-minute period of private study when each student prepared a five-minute lecture on the section his or her group had studied. The students were able to use the dia-



Thomas Schraemli and his wife



Second Generation Workshops of the Principle

and Development Workshops for second generation members

gram charts but had no access to the explanation of those diagrams. Four people were chosen to give their lecture to their group. Deep understanding of the Divine Principle comes through inspirations we receive when passing on the content of Divine Principle to an audience, which is a good example of learning through experience.

The internal goal-based upon an atmosphere of love and respect – was for the students to overcome internal obstacles like timidity, fear and insecurity. This is the kind of barrier each one of us has to overcome in real life in order to discover our true potential and become a true son or daughter of God. The external purpose was to see who has the potential to become a future lecturer. In the workshop for the younger children 90 percent were able to give a lecture and 100 percent of the older ones were able to. Considering that only 5 percent of them had ever lectured, it was a great success.

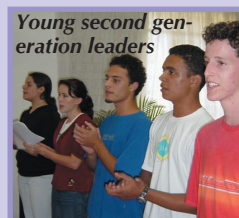
Each group then voted for the best of the four lecturers, which meant each group had a champion. These champions had to lecture the same content again in front of all four groups together, commenting on the graphics, which were projected on a screen. All four groups then voted for the best lecturer of the four, who received a prize at the end of the workshop.

During the two half days of studying and teaching Divine Principle, we passed through four such cycles, where the four groups together attended the lectures given by the champions of the groups. We heard lectures on the sections from the Introduction to Resurrection (6 chapters). In each workshop we had four champions who won a prize. Many had not believed they would be able to overcome internal barriers and give a lecture. Lecturing bolstered their self-esteem and motivation to study and teach the Divine Principle.

This interactive method was very

lively and all participants were involved. There was no way for anybody to feel tired. I was surprised to see how many of these kids demonstrated courage and competence in teaching Divine Principle, even among the ten-year-olds. Some showed great potential to be future lecturers in our movement. This way of study and teaching Divine Principle is now being used in several of our second-generation groups who meet on Sundays. I think that this way is more effective at engendering self-motivation in studying Divine Principle than the old style, where one is exposed to Divine Principle lectures for hours without offering them much chance for interaction and involvement. At the end of the workshops I asked who would like to prepare a more complete lecture for the next workshop. Twenty percent of the participants in both workshops volunteered without being pushed. I think it must be very inspiring for parents to see their children studying Divine Principle between the workshops without needing to ask them. I contacted all the parents of the ones who'd volunteered to prepare a lecture for the next workshop. The parents should know about the homework their sons and daughters have and work with them. This will certainly generate some spiritual life that the whole family can profit from.

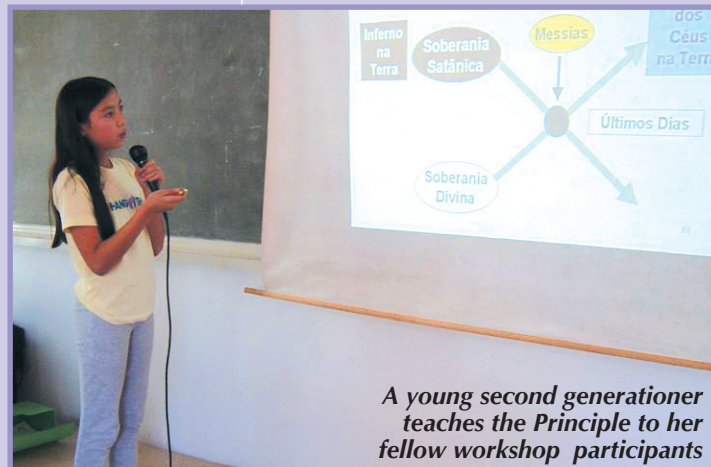
At the end of the workshop for the older students,



we discussed some future activities that might follow the workshop. One of the most meaningful results was the creation of a youth group for second-generation members in the region of Pinheiros, where the national headquarters of FFWPU is. The group meets every Sunday after church service. First generation members commented that they'd never seen any of the second generation at Sunday service before.

Our second generation is the hope for the future of Brazil and their presence on Sundays has been a very uplifting influence for the general atmosphere in our headquarters. The second-generation assistant coordinators of the workshops are taking care of this youth group. They have already planned many practical activities. I am convinced that once the original mind is touched, the brothers and sisters of our second generation will naturally want to respond to God's, True Parents' and Hyun-jin nim's call. May God bless them!♦

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A young second generationer teaches the Principle to her fellow workshop participants

The IRFF Family Service Project

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The year 2002 saw the beginning of a new adventure for IRFF, the "IRFF Family and Service Project" (IFSP), which was launched by IRFF Europe and held in Slovenia.

This year's IFSP also took place in Slovenia. We will hold one more IFSP in Slovenia next year and then move on to other countries.

The purpose of this program is to create a base for a practical testimony of the value of living for the sake of others. When a family comes together to serve others, the effect on society is much greater than an individual's would be, and all those connected to the projects and programs are also deeply moved.

Though the inspiration for those service programs comes from the Religious Youth Service Projects, we go a step further by involving the whole family. The program has the potential to provide an ethical and positive means of dealing with the kind of crises that families face. Surely, the idea [of serving others more when troubles beset you] is not new, but the application is.

The project came into being in a very interesting and unprecedented manner. Our work on youth service projects with RYS began in 1986. By 1999, our aim was to have our own approach and focus. In 1999, IRFF Europe initiated a new program focus-service projects carried out by young people. IRFF was trying with this new program focus to provide a pure service experience, particularly for members of the second generation and other young volunteers. With that in mind, several projects were organized by IRFF in

Europe and East Africa. Then a couple of years ago Service for Peace, with the support of World CARP, also began to focus on the second generation and in the service area. In order to provide a more open field for them and to avoid the duplication of Unificationist investment of manpower and funds, IRFF decided to stop its specific work in the field of service projects with a focus on young people. At the same time, we also realized the beauty of service and did not want our solid foundation and experience built up over the years of work on youth service projects to go to waste. We wondered what to do. The inspiration, when it came, was a fundamental and simple one that brought

year's project, and everyone involved is confident next year's will be even better. Many families volunteered this year, but unfortunately, we could not accommodate them all.

One of the impressive aspects of this year's IFSP was the incredible support that we received from the local community. Old ladies brought fresh fruit for all of us at the Silesian Brethren's center, where we were staying. Our meals were taken care of entirely by the directors of the kindergarten and the museum, where the volunteers worked. An outing on a river was also entirely sponsored. So many things, such as the material needed for restoration work, were provided by the local community.

All of this was a result of the director of IRFF Slovenia, Lara Z, doing such a great job in communicating what we were trying to achieve through the program to the local community leaders. Next year, we would like to see families from other faiths come and the mayor the city, who is also a congressman, said that we can hope for even greater support from the local villages. We hope that next year we can host many more families and that people from the local area will also volunteer.

With next year's project, we'd also like grandparents to be part of the Family and Service Project, so that this can increasingly become a family program involving all generations, representing the past, present and future, and thereby more completely fulfilling the project motto: *Realizing the Culture of Peace through the Culture of Heart.* ♦



Family Service Projects to life.

The pilot project in 2002 was the testing ground. Basically, it was a good start, but it cannot compare with this

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A Small Country with a Big Heart

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We had been looking for a meaningful and inspiring way to spend a good part of our holidays with our two younger children. The motto of this year's IRFF project in Ljutomer, Slovenia caught our attention: Family and Service: Establishing a Culture of Peace through the Culture of Heart.

The program promised to provide an attractive mixture of getting better acquainted with a former communist country that is going to join the European Community in 2004. We packed some work clothes and our swimming gear and started the trip to Slovenia, though we were still not sure what exactly to expect.

On our arrival at the home of the Salesian Brethren¹ for Verzej and Ljutomer, we were very warmly greeted with *Dobro-dosli*, ("welcome" in the Slovene language) by the organizers Lara Zmaher (IRFF Slovenia), Massimo Trombin (Luxembourg) and the Salesian brother. This feeling of *dobro-dosli* was conveyed to us over the following ten days wherever we went and whatever we did.

On a visit to the market in Ljutomer we met the local people for the first time, tasted the flair of that lovely small town, purchased some items and watched music and folk dance performances. In the evening, Sasa, a very enthusiastic student, gave us an inspiring lesson in the Slovene language and taught us our first Slovene song.

We attended the "Roman Games" in a small place near Ljutomer, where people from four different villages met to compete in games like throwing big stones or a funny ski race on grass, which called for three people to use

one pair of skis. Just for the record, the IRFF team came in second overall.

Quickly the 52 participants of the project from 14 different nations got familiar with each other as we formed teams. This process was speeded up by the first service project, which took us to a big kindergarten in Ljutomer. The staff and the children were happy to see us. The standard of that kindergarten is really high, but we could still do a lot of cleaning, gardening and painting in the large park around the buildings. A local firm provided the paint for free and also gave a small present to all IRFF volunteers. The Mayor of Ljutomer came to greet us at the kindergarten and showed his deep appreciation.

In the evening, a round-table discussion was held on the topic "Family: Challenge and Responsibility." Three ladies, among them the head of the kindergarten and the head of the social service department of Ljutomer, gave us valuable insights into the situation of the people and families in Slovenia.

Massimo encouraged us to invest ourselves during the service time, and everyone did that according to her or his capacity. It was remarkable to see how much the teenagers dedicated themselves and did their best. Working side by side also gave the participants a chance to share about their personal experiences. To listen to someone who had personally suffered throughout the war in Bosnia is different from reading reports in newspapers.

Whenever necessary, the smaller children were very well taken care of by some Slovene girls.



The nearby thermal bath with several swimming pools was within easy reach. In the evenings, movies were shown or a singer and his daughter from Madagascar got the crowd excited with their

unique, blended music performance.

In the category "unforgettable," rank a visit to the small but beautiful village of Jeruzalem, which crusaders had passed through many hundreds of years ago, and an exciting rafting trip on the river Mura, made possible and donated to us by the local fire brigade. They took us in five big inflatable boats along the river and also provided a delicious picnic for free.

Another highlight was a day spent in the home for old people. We took some people in wheelchairs for an outing, played with handicapped people, did handicrafts with and for the elderly and some painting. Finally, we IRFF volunteers sang and performed dances for our hosts. Local folk music and dance groups joined in and showed us the beauty of the Slovene heritage. We were very moved by several of the old ladies who had to bear diseases and pain but would not complain, and also by those who had suffered under the German occupation during World War II but would not utter any accusation or express bitterness. They were so happy to meet us and they expressed it many times by saying *hvala* (thank you).

Hvala is what our family feels when we think back of all the kindness that Slovene people showed to us. Hvala also to all the IRFF participants and others, who did a great job, set a wonderful example and thus allowed us to share in the experience that by serving others you do a service to yourself. ♦



With the mayor



¹ Founded 1845; members of the Society of St. Francis of Sales, a Roman Catholic congregation in Turin, Italy. They are dedicated to education and missionary work.

A New Dimension of Martial Arts in the Era of Cheon Il Guk



Starting in 2001, in order to realize True Parents' expectation, we have been holding numerous TONG-IL MOO-DO (TIMD) workshops all over the world in such locations as the Philippines, Kenya, Argentina, America, Russia, Mongolia, Moldova, Costa Rica and Thailand. This article focuses on selected recent workshops in Panama and at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), a demonstration in front of Father at East Garden and a special meeting with Hyun-jin nim.

The Panama Workshops

Panama is a small country in Central America with a population of about three million. It has more than 150 martial arts schools.

The TIMD team¹ held three seminars in Panama—two in Panama City and one in the second largest city of David in West Panama. In Panama City, they held a three-week long seminar for trained martial arts personnel from various government institutions, including the Presidential Guard and the National Police. There were 56 participants, including 22 black belts.

These trained professionals were extremely appreciative of the new unified approach of TIMD and the practical applications and unique approach of the TIMD self defense course taught by Master Don Harbour. Since Master Harbour is a former military man himself, he understands and teaches techniques that are especially useful for military and police personnel.

They also were very attentive and thoughtful during the TIMD philosophy lectures given by Master Giuliano, especially regarding their emphasis on family values and fidelity within mar-

riage as keys for personal success. The police and military are known to have problems with marital infidelity. Thus, during the lectures there were many pensive faces in the audience. They appreciated the TIMD system that martial arts should not just involve technical training, but also education in ethical and spiritual values.

One black belt participant from the military reported that during the seminar a neighbor made him so angry he wanted to kill him. Then he remembered the conflict resolution lecture he had heard at the TIMD seminar and was able to refrain from hurting his neighbor.

By the end of the three weeks, participants commented that they felt like "one family." For the graduation ceremony, several top officials attended to give out the graduation certificates and observe what their personnel had learned. There were many requests for the team to return and hold additional seminars.

Seminars for Directors, Instructors and Students of Panama's Private



Martial Arts Schools

Two-day seminars for directors, instructors and students of private martial arts schools in Panama were also held. Top leaders of the different martial arts schools (Taekwondo, Hapkido, Karate, Judo, etc.) attended. We were told that this was first time in Panama's martial arts history that the different schools of martial arts united to attend a martial arts event.

As martial arts school directors that work with young people, they are naturally concerned about the morals and direction of the students they teach. Many commented that they wanted their students to continue to receive the TIMD philosophy education.

The founder of the first martial arts school in Panama, a 60-year-old man, was not in good enough health to participate in the physical training, but he observed the seminar and later came to warmly congratulate the TIMD team for their new approach of values education.

The Korean head of Hapkido sent his two sons, who are martial arts school directors, to the seminar. In his thirty years in Panama, this is the first time he ever sent anyone from Hapkido to learn from another martial arts group. Upon arrival they looked a little skeptical, but by the end of the seminar the sons humbly showed deep respect for the TIMD team and expressed their appreciation for this new approach to martial arts.

The Panama seminars were a great success. The three workshops drew a total of 170 martial arts professionals and students including 70 black belts. The new techniques and unified approach of TIMD were recognized by the professionals in Panama—some of whom had more than 40 years' experience in martial arts—as a valuable and unique school of martial arts. Moreover, the TIMD philosophy, which incorporates universal values education (from the International Educational Foundation), was recognized as an important new idea. Ultimately, the deep heart and character of the international TIMD team, headed by Master Takahashi, was the greatest testimony to the value of

Tong-il Moo-do.

The Workshop at UTS

From August 24 to September 4, 2003, representatives from America, Korea, Japan, South Asia, Northeast Asia, South America, Africa, Oceania, and four Korean Tong-il Moo-do students from the Unification Theological Seminary, gathered at UTS in Barrytown, New York. A training workshop was held, at which many important issues relevant to the worldwide dispensation centered on our True Parents and the chairman of Tong-il Moo-do, Hyun-jin Moon, were discussed.

Participants had a very intensive training schedule for the whole duration of the workshop. Everybody woke up early in the morning for hoondokhae and then exercised for an hour before breakfast. From 9:00 AM to noon, participants focused on mastering the Tong-il Moo-do forms, circular motion techniques and worked on creating new ones. In the afternoon, from 2:30 to 6:00 PM, the participants concentrated their training on mastering one-step sparring techniques, free-sparring, and other issues such as how to officiate a tournament in preparation for the World Martial Arts Open Tournament. From 8:00 to 10:00 PM, participants focused on issues related to advancing the Tong-il

Moo-do dispensation worldwide.

On September 2, Tong-il Moo-do founder Dr. Seuk Joon-ho came and presented a model lecture on Tong-il Moo-do philosophy. All the participants were amazed by the organization of the presentation and its relevance to the education of youth and adults alike. The participants then sincerely committed themselves to using the Tong-il Moo-do philosophy as an instrument to educate members of the second generation and other martial arts groups, clubs or associations worldwide.

When UTS president Dr. Tyler Hendricks gave his closing remarks, he officially extended his support to Tong-il Moo-do at UTS by allowing the main function hall to be used for Tong-il Moo-do training.

A Demonstration in Front of Father

From September 3, Dr. Seuk invited all the Tong-il Moo-do participants to attend hoondokhae at East Garden with True Parents. It was a blessing for all of us to see True Parents. We woke up at 2:00 AM and left UTS for East Garden by 2:45 AM. After hoondokhae on the second day, all the participants went to the East Garden Holy Ground and offered a sincere prayer of commitment and repentance, as well as a pledge of determination to make Tong-il Moo-do an instrument to educate those of the second generation and other martial artists worldwide.

After hoondokhae on September 5, Dr. Seuk, Master Kensaku Takahashi, Master Don Harbour, Master Venus Agustin, and Master Gustavo Giuliano were invited to the breakfast table with True Parents. Dr. Seuk introduced the TIMD representatives to True Parents one by one. As they were introduced, they each offered a full bow.

After breakfast the Tong-il Moo-do participants were given the unexpected opportunity to perform a demonstration in front of True Parents. They were all very excited and humbled to take part. Dr. Seuk was MC, earnestly explaining to True Parents each aspect of the demonstration, which included various TIMD forms, free style sparring and TIMD self-defense techniques. According to those



Demonstrating Tong-il Moo-do for Father



Meeting with Hyun-jin nim

present, True Parents enjoyed each part of the event.

After the demonstration, Father encouraged the brothers to expand the Tong-il Moo-do all over the world. Most heartening for all participants was that True Parents consented to take a commemorative photo with them.

Afterwards, all the participants went together with Dr. Seuk to the Holy Ground once more to offer a prayer of gratitude. They then sang "Tan Shim Ga" and made a covenant of determination and commitment to meet True Parents' expectation for the Tong-il Moo-do providence worldwide.

A Special Meeting with Hyun-jin nim

While everyone was preparing to return to their respective countries, news came

from Dr. Seuk that there would be a special meeting with Hyun-jin nim in his residence at East Garden at 4:45 on the afternoon of the same day they had met True Parents.

Hyun-jin nim delivered a strong message to the main Tong-il Moo-do leaders, giving them a very challenging task to accomplish worldwide. He mentioned that Tong-il Moo-do must set a high standard in order to meet his expectation. He specifically mentioned that TIMD training should be very tough in order for trainees to develop their spirit. Also, he said that a Tong-il Moo-do black belt must be a black belt in both spirit and deed. A black belt holder must have a strong and courageous character and possess a spirit to change the heart of every person for the

better, especially in the area of second generation education, while building a strong healthy body. He reminded us that once someone carries a black belt degree, he should be sure that he deserves it. In this way, he expects "substance" in TIMD training as well as philosophy to prove that Tong-il Moo-do is the best martial art.

Dr. Seuk also showed Hyun-jin nim the newly published TIMD manual and TIMD philosophy book as well as IEF's educational materials. The atmosphere was very family-like. Hyun-jin nim and all the international instructors were united in heart to fulfill True Parents' desire in the area of education and martial arts training. ♦

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all remarks in the beginning about hard Germans and cold English soon changed to respect and love as we built strong bonds on our team. I experienced the reality of how people whose nations or races have had conflicts with each other could become one family of brothers and sisters. It was through our common love for God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and as we worked together for a higher purpose, that our hearts could open and we were able to embrace and accept each other.

On our first day in Queens one sister met a very dynamic Christian Bishop, Dr. Karen Kruz. She wanted to pray with us before we left as she said that she felt God's spirit with us, that we were God's children. She prayed very powerfully to support us. Praying to clear the area of demonic spirits, she prophesied that we would bring great victory for God. While we were praying together standing in a circle and holding hands, suddenly the faces of two American Presidents appeared very clearly in front of me, one after

the other. They had great dignity and authority and were very serious. I was very surprised and taken aback.

From pictures, I later recognized them as President George Washington and President Andrew Jackson. I prayed to understand why I had seen them. George Washington told me that he had fought for America's Independence and now wanted to support True Parents in the battle for New York's soul. He wanted to show his gratitude and love for True Parents by giving his whole hearted support to the seven providential nations' mobilization for World peace. Andrew Jackson wanted to show his gratitude and love for True Parents by supporting the mobilization. And they both desired with all their being to see True Parents recognized, honored, and elevated as they deserve, and were working for that.

I had to repent for not loving True Parents and America as deeply as they did, for not working harder for True Parents, for not witnessing enough with enthusiasm and pride in True Parents,

for not faithfully spreading True Parents' Word throughout the land, and for not giving more people the blessing. I also repented for not valuing the spirit world messages more, and for not really trying to spread them before.

I shall always be grateful for the chance to have worked with so many wonderful brothers and sisters. I carried away a deep respect for the American brothers and sisters, who had received us with such a generous and embracing spirit, and who are working so sacrificially to support True Parents. On my return, I heard that True Father had asked Rev. Kwak to telephone [European Continental Director] President Song to tell him how pleased he was with the European members' response to the mobilization. I followed the progress of the Task Force through the inspiring, amazing, spirit-filled testimonies. I must admit I really wished that I could still have been there when I heard of True Parents' visits to Manhattan, but I rejoiced to hear of the victories that were won. ♦

Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology Opens its Doors to Students

The Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology is scheduled to open its doors in March 2004 to forty students in pursuit of a master's degree. In welcoming students to the school, Dr. Kim Jin-choon, who was appointed its president in July of last year, wrote about the decisive role the school will play as we enter a period of time in which what has been a global village

becomes a global family. He writes:

"Our university emphasizes the raising of leaders who will build the heavenly kingdom on earth and in heaven—having true faith, true character, and true professional skills."

He envisions that people whose mind resembles

God's in bringing about "true freedom, peace, unification, happiness, joy, and gratitude" are needed in an era when "selfishness will fade away, and the attributes of altruism—co-existence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values—will gradually gain the upper hand."



The Middle East Peace Initiative



Following the successful May conference that included the signing of the Jerusalem Declaration by leaders of the three main Abrahamic traditions, leaders of mosques, churches and synagogues, and representatives of other organizations working for peace, were in Israel again in September in a bid to further reconciliation and thus ease the suffering in that land. Pictured at left is the September 22 walk for peace in Jerusalem, jointly organized by the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP).

Mr. Cho Sung-rak of the Family Party speaks to tour participants in North Korea; middle, with teachers of a famous Pyongyang kindergarten; right, some of its pupils



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As we arrived back at Incheon Airport in South Korea, I reflected with deep seriousness about our role in the historical cause of reunification that history and the present era beckon us to champion. ♦

Endnotes

- 1 *Shilhyangmin*: people who've lost their hometowns; displaced people
- 2 Imjingak is an observation tower, which, when built in 1972, was the northernmost point in South Korea from which North Korea could be viewed.
- 3 "The 7.1 Initiative" refers to the dramatic

introduction of market reforms in North Korea on July 1, 2002. At a stroke, the price of staple goods was increased—the price of rice rose by 55,000 percent; the North Korean currency was devalued by approximately 6,800 percent in relation to the U.S. dollar; wages were greatly increased and a wage tier system was introduced that placed workers into two vastly different economic categories. Source: <http://www.nautilus.org>

- 4 A gate based on the design of and named after the Arc de Triomphe in Paris
- 5 Father is from North Pyong-an Province, and Mother from South Pyong-an Province
- 6 Most of the participants on the tours were not associated with our movement.
- 7 Said to be the tomb of Tangun, the mythical founder of Korea

8 These are gifts given by, among others, representatives of foreign governments to Kim Il-sung or Kim Jong-il. [See April and November/December 2002 issues of *Today's World* for more.]

9 On the West Coast

10 An English translation of the North Korean term for the devastation their country underwent in the 1990s when drought and floods led to crop failures and starvation

11 This refers to the July 13, 2002, road accident, in which two 14-year-old girls, Shin Hyo-soon and Shim Mi-soon, were run over and killed by a U.S. army vehicle during a military exercise. Their deaths aroused anger among those who oppose a U.S. military presence in Korea.



Father and Mother visit the recently dedicated Gyeong-gi Province headquarters church in Suwon

We were chased out of Eden because of the fall, but along with us, the birds and the animals—which had done nothing wrong—were also chased out and spiritually died owing to their fallen owner. Even the great universe is enveloped in total darkness. Who will remove this darkness? An owner must come forward to shine a bright light through that darkness, both in heaven and on the earth. When that happens, God will be so happy that He will sing and dance with joy, and the heavens and the earth will be filled with the joy of receiving their true owner.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon
July 7, 2003