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LETTERS AND REPORTS

Kansas City, Kansas

Pauline Phillips

The time is 3:55 a. m. My Father has awakened me from a deep sleep to tell me to write this letter.

Dear Family all over the world! Can I just say I love you? No, because the words "I love you" can be used in so many different ways. It sounds cheap to just express oneself in words that even Satan will use to get his own way.

I have been with you, dear Family, since March 1960. I wish I could say I have been with our Leader from the beginning of his mission. I wish I could have suffered along beside him. I wish I could have been there and held him when his tears ran as a river when he found the awful truth about Satan. I wish I could have been there when he was in prison. I wish I had been beaten instead of him.

Oh, Family, we all have at some time in our lives wished we could have known Jesus and his suffering and suffered in his place. I am sure each one of you that has the Father's heart and is one of His children can know and understand my feeling.

My Father in heaven knew how weak I am in spirit and in the physical body, so He did not allow me to be there when my Lord suffered so much for the greatest truth ever to be revealed to mankind. Now, dear Family, is our turn as a whole to suffer. Our Father suffered all alone with God. But we as his children can share our suffering and together as a Family, as a state, as a country, as a world can make the suffering easier for those to follow us. Our True Father suffered to give to us the truths of the universe. Now let us suffer to give this truth to our nations.

Do you not think we are so lucky to be able to suffer even a little for His Kingdom?

My heart cried the other day when I heard these words come from the mouth of a person studying the truth. When she heard our beloved Father was not going to be able to come to this country at this time, all she said was, "You mean we paid all this indemnity for nothing?" This person is still on a personal base, with himself as the center, instead of the whole Family or the whole world in mind.

Yes, we go through these times. It is all a step up a ladder in growth.

In this early morning hour everything is so peaceful and quiet. Our Father is kissing each one of His creations good morning. He created this life, and as it is sleeping He can look upon it with such love and peace. Oh, dear Family, this is how we must grow to feel, loving even the ground under our feet, loving the most unlovable. Love those who hate the very fact that life is. Let us make them see the beauty of

belonging to the one True Family. Let us show them how they too can become a branch of this Family, or even a leaf of the whole tree. If there are no branches or leaves, the tree looks naked and almost ugly.

I travel a lot. Last winter when I was sent down into the mountains of the Ozarks, as I drove along, there was no life showing in the mountains. I longed within myself to see spring come so the beauty of life would come back to these trees and the mountainsides.

Then I went back to the mountains at the first sign of spring. I stopped the car and got out and looked for a little flower that maybe had come out after the long winter. My heart filled with joy at the first little beautiful flower I was able to see!

This is God's feeling for His creation, His children, made in His image. When I was able to see the beauty of the mountains in full bloom -- with the green and yellow and red -- oh, just all colors blending together -- my whole love flowed to this creation. This must be how our Father wants His beloved Family to blend. Each one is a different color; each one -- if a flower, or a leaf, or a weed -- makes the whole beautiful when you look at it from the top of the mountain and see the whole picture.

Dear Family, let us suffer now in the wintertime, because spring is already coming; and the beauty of our Father's children is beginning to blend together as the rest of His creation.

Each one of us is needed to make this a complete whole.

Oh, Father, let us reflect your beauty. Let us reach out our arms to you as the trees and grass and all the rest of the creation reaches out. A pine tree grows next to an oak tree. They do not fight. The little animals play together in the forest, and the birds fly together in the sky. Why can we -- man, who is made in the image of our Father -- not do the same thing?

Let us suffer together. Let us play together. Let us laugh and be happy together. Let us share all things together with our beloved Leader and his family and our heavenly Father.

Love to all of you in our True Parents' Name, Pauline.

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St. Louis, Missouri

Wilma Edwards

Dear Family: Hi everyone! The chain reaction has begun here in our St. Louis Center. As of this date we have thirteen members and we are beginning to see just how Father uses each new person and his personality to contact more people for His True Kingdom.

There have been at least five who have recently completed the study course and are still digesting all the new things they have heard. They are all great people. I must tell you more about one of them, however -- John. He has told so many people about Father's Truth and several of them are studying now. We were especially proud to see two young college students studying. They have almost completed their study and later on will return to their respective colleges -- Ohio State and Harvard. Leonard and I are especially glad to hear that one attends Ohio State since Leonard's job has transferred him there and we are moving to Columbus, Ohio, shortly.

We have seen such growth in our Family during the past year -- from a "foothold" of four couples to a large, wonderful family that bursts with enthusiasm for our Father and the Truth our beloved Leader brought to us, which we all searched for so long.

~~Miss Kim, our love and thoughts go with you in your travel to Europe and our Family~~ there. You know, the word "family" is such a warm, loving word. A world-wide, world-encompassing Family is our goal, a goal that with our Leader has become possible.

In our True Parents' Name, Wilma Edwards.

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Frankfurt, Germany

David Flores

Monsay! Monsay! Monsay! for our Father has once more been victorious in spreading His word. Friedhelm Binder has accepted our message and in a short conversation a few days ago said that he is preparing himself for teaching. He is outlining the Divine Principle. I keep him busy with much reading these days since he grasps this way faster. He will be an asset in a few weeks. He told me he has looked into other groups since he heard the Principle but says he sees their shallowness or narrowness of mind. He wrote his parents and told them that he has found what he's been searching for. I'm so thrilled!

Ernie Stewart came down and we went to Landshul to a Bible discussion group where we witnessed. Ernie spoke to the leader of the group for about three hours. Wow! he must have hit him hard. You know, this group is the Navigators, and they

have a surprisingly high spiritual atmosphere in their center. They too believe in the family association as essential. There are several with whom I want to work, so please pray for this effort.

Give my love to all and tell Miss Kim that I'll write soon. Love always in Their Name, Dave.

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Gary, Indiana

Orah Schoon

Well, I guess I don't have to tell you how wonderful it is to be out in the field! Everything has such a new and deeper significance now -- so much is just taken for granted in the material and spiritual richness of "home." In the struggles, battles, and victories of the field you can really see God's working and He's sweating it out right there with you -- then who can be afraid?

Already here we have crossed many bridges -- some have burned behind us and others will have to be crossed again. Father has a reason for all things, and it is our responsibility here to work out situations as they arise.

Politically speaking, things are really hot here. There's a Negro (Hatcher) running for mayor. (Gary is 55% Negro.) It's a close race and it's predicted that whichever way it turns out there will be riots. It's very dangerous here -- more so, I feel, than D. C. There was a knifing at Martha's school the first day, and all over are many types of gangs.

Last week we went into Chicago and went to the Holy Ground and several places to claim the city for our Father. I love Chicago so much. I can hear its crying need. We went to Old Town and saw all the hippies and found some coffee houses.

Martha sends her love and is so glad her mother is coming over. My folks also send their love, and they have just been so good to us! Thank you, Father -- it's so good to be alive!

In the name of our beloved Father, Your sister, Orah.

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Gary, Indiana

Martha Vertreace

Dearest Miss Kim: When we arrived in Indiana, we were tired and hungry. Our baggage was heavy, and we had to carry some of it. Mr. and Mrs. Schoon met us at the station and took us to our efficiency apartment in the Gary Hotel. Our room is spacious, cheerfully furnished, and clean. Mrs. Schoon had put flowers on the TV and desk and on the smaller tables. She even had food for us in the refrigerator and cabinets. We cannot

be grateful enough for the help the Schoons have given us. Our room even has air conditioning. This room truly suits our needs. Father must have helped Mrs. Schoon pick it out.

Mrs. Schoon did not stop helping us there. Through her help, I found a job at Roosevelt High School, teaching English in the 11th grade. Without her advice, I never could have known the right people to contact. Orah is applying for a job as a substitute teacher here in the Gary system.

Tomorrow I go to the Horace Mann School for a breakfast with other teachers. I'm very anxious to do this. The principal at my school and one of the administrators in the main building are two very positive and dynamic people. I have found that here in Gary the people are unusually warm and friendly.

Please give my love to all our Family. In Their Names, Martha.

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Columbus, Ohio

Leonard Edwards

Dear Family: It has been so long since I have written the Newsletter that I don't know where to begin. ~~Probably the best news is that Father has begun His re-establishment~~ of a Center in Ohio through my recent job transfer to Columbus. I have been employed with Norcross Greeting Cards since March of this year. I just finished my six months' training and was given the territory of central and southern Ohio. I am very excited over the physical and mostly spiritual opportunity assigned me. It is a very free position inasmuch as I am almost 100% my own boss. My sales manager lives in Indianapolis.

I have been here alone since the day after Labor Day and returned last Friday to St. Louis to pick up Wilma. We have both been here now for five days. We are very impressed with the city. It is very clean and the metro-area has around three-quarters of a million people. I feel confident that with the recent influx of Father's children, Columbus will produce her share.

Wilma and I are still in a motel. However, by the time you read the Newsletter we shall have moved to our apartment.

Please pray for Ohio. Much indemnity has been paid here by Pauline, Becky, Orah, Ken, and Johan. I feel so blessed to have spent a year studying with the St. Louis Family. I hope that some of their spiritual and physical maturity has rubbed off on me and will show by the fruits of Columbus.

So please pray for us here, and I hope that we all shall be worthy of our Master's return soon. Our prayers and love extend to all of you. In Their Name, Len.

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Washington, D. C.

Cindy Efaw

Greetings to our American Family from the Washington Family. Our Center has undergone an awakening during the month of September. In Family meetings we have come to the conclusion that more and varied witnessing is essential to the continual progress of the movement. A new addition to the program is that of public speaking in surrounding parks in the area. Several members each deliver a planned talk, concluding with an invitation to attend the Tuesday evening meeting. It has invigorated the Family's own spirit besides bringing new people for study.

Our Tuesday meetings have also adopted a different character. Background music greets visitors before the lecture; refreshments are served afterwards, and the members intermingle with the guests, discussing and explaining points relating to Principle which may not be clear. It is generally agreed that an improvement has been made.

Several are studying the Principle, and we are praying for Father to guide them at this time. Some emphasis is being put on our paying more voluntary indemnity for our mission. Gio Mathis has arrived at the Washington Center, having formerly resided at the Center in New York City. Our Family is delighted to have her.

Dear Family, work with the Washington group to really bring in more members. We are renewing our effort to witness regularly and have established a quota of one per day. Philip has reminded us that in witnessing we must make the Father's heart ours. It is true we are able to establish a common base by discovering how best the desired response may be cultivated, yet we should feel and demonstrate always a genuine concern and love for that person, or there can be no response. Let us remember this in our witnessing, dear Family, for only first by discovering and understanding the Father's heart and secondly by letting ours dwell within His, may we ever hope to begin the establishment of His True Kingdom.

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Something new! As you will see in this issue, we are beginning a new section in the New Age Frontiers. Each month we will be calling your attention to one of our Centers, giving all the Family an opportunity to get to know brothers and sisters long-distance, share ideas and perspectives, and catch the "flavor" of each part of our country. We are delighted to feature our Denver, Colorado, Family this month. It's a joy to get to know them! In November we will be zeroing in on Los Angeles. And your turn is coming!

ARTICLES

To Follow in His Steps

Hillie Smith

The responsibility of the Unified Family is to wage a war against Satan. Our way is not too far. But, without firm resolution and determination we will not be able to follow What is necessary is unification in hope, heart, and action. Although I live across the sea, you have to be one with me in heart. In sorrow, in difficulty, in joy, we have to be one We have to establish the world of freedom so that wherever we go we can live without restriction We have to establish one world with the True Parents and true brothers and sisters. This is the world which God desired to establish and all mankind desires to see: In this world there will be no trace of Satan. There will be no question about the presence of God in such a world. In this world God will rule directly our lives, our family, our national life. This is the hope of God and our hope. To do this we have been called to fulfill our mission. I wish you to make a new resolution and renew your determination. (Leader's Address, February 19, 1965.)

To make a new resolution we must first understand our mission. We must unite our perspective with that of our Leader in breadth and depth, in order to realize the urgency of our mission.

We live in Father, and He in us. Therefore, if true happiness is ever to be possible for us or our Father, then our job is to live in accordance with His Will. His concern is for the universe as well as for each person -- ours must be also. What is our Father's greatest concern? It is for the restoration. He longs to see the free flow of love and energy permeating the universe -- received and returned by man in grateful beauty. Only then will God or man know true joy. When we stand before Him as one Family of man, growing in Him, responding to Him, returning His love, then and only then will God or man know true beauty and joy fully expressed.

In a world in which man and the universe were incapable of perceiving or responding to God's love, one had to come first whose eyes would open and see God's plan, then painfully lead his blind children, one by one, to receive their sight. God has worked throughout history to find this man. No matter how lax man has been, each moment has been saturated by God's work to prepare the way for him -- to build a foundation on which he could stand. We know by studying the history of Adam's family, the stories of Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses and the Israelites, and Jesus, how painfully this foundation was built. Think of the Egyptian slaves pulling in teams tremendous slabs of stone, some dying in the effort, crumbling under the weight, to build a foundation for the Great Pyramids of Egypt. This is nothing in comparison to God's labor in gathering the men on whose spiritual shoulders we now stand. We can see, looking at

history, that He has used even parts of the lives of individuals who partially succeeded. Not one breath or one drop of blood did He waste which He could salvage, so tediously from His ruined world.

Of what does the Providence of the History of Restoration consist? From the time of Adam, God has never wavered from the one thought of bringing about His ideal. He has suffered through wars, pain and faithlessness, never turning from this goal. How has He worked? Originally, man was created to grow quickly to maturity, becoming the responsible companion, the joy of God, sharing His infinite love and beauty, the width and depth of this relationship continually expanding. From the time of the fall, man has been serving a different, temporary purpose: That of allowing God to use us to restore the universe, thereby finally realizing our original purpose. Each life has been precious to God only in terms of what each life could be used for to hasten the restoration. Therefore, the history of restoration has been a history of missions -- completed, partially completed, uncompleted. We must realize that our lives have one purpose and one purpose only in a fallen world -- that of reconforming to the will of God in terms of accepting our mission. Thinking of our personal happiness or comfort will only frustrate our Father and destroy our usefulness. Can that bring any happiness? God has lived with His mission since man fell. We must make our lives one with that mission. It must dwell in our very bones.

In America, it is time to take dynamic steps. We know our mission on a universal level. That is easiest to see clearly. Let us refocus our perspective on the mission of this country. We have been told, and we can parrot back, that America's late discovery, her great wealth, her rich blessing of freedom, her relatively unviolated land, has been God's preparation of this country for the mission we must take on our shoulders today. America, and that means the Unified Family in America, and that means you and me, is responsible for leading the world, through our Leader, to God. This is a large task. It seems to me that we have sat in our small group and prayed for the vast mission of America, sensing the great gap between what was done and what was left to do. We have cried and we have longed for guidance to find a way to fulfill the mission of America. But we were so small, and our mission so great. In an effort to make our daily lives conform to our purpose we have filled the days with activity. We have made shelves, cleaned the kitchen, published the Newsletter, written sermons, witnessed, taught. What is the total sum residue of all of this activity? The concrete results of our effort is the true reflection of its merit.

In seven years' time, since Miss Kim first began our work, consistent dynamic effort would have yielded abundant fruit. Could any people anywhere have greater cause for ceaseless, steady work? Yet we have still only a handful of people in God's Family -- and our mission work is struggling and stifled.

Seven years have passed. Symbolically a cycle should be completed. But God measures time in terms of mission. His first son was Adam. The next man he really "saw" was

Noah. To Him, Noah was like the second generation. Our mission is great. If we succeed, we will be welcomed as true sons and daughters of God. If we fail, we will be nameless among history's lost generations. How can we consider failure -- knowing all we know?

As individuals we have struggled and fought with Satan in the form of selfishness, pride, laxity and resistance to God. As a Family, we have known disunity and treachery, reflecting our individual betrayals of ourselves and God. As a nation, our work has not even begun. NOW IS THE HOUR. The American movement has been like a seed under the ground, struggling to break the hard earth -- to be "born." Now is the time for us to burst forth and begin growing, flourishing, and bearing fruit. We must "think BIG," as our Father does. Let us give ourselves the choice: Either stay and give all unconditionally, or leave now.

Where can we find direction for our giving? This is clear. We know our Father's great mission: We know America's mission: We are America. We must take over the wheel. As a Family, we must obtain and use her wealth for our missionary work. We must find God's children, representing all nations and send them to make all nations His. Or God's careful preparation of this country will be wasted.

But we must not just decide to do this. We must do this. We must follow our Leader's example and take great steps. Let each of us pause and re-evaluate our use of Father's time. Are we riding the waves in this Family? Flowing with the current? We must be the current; see our goals clearly, and begin to plan in detail in order to reach them quickly. Let us show Father that we are not useless after all -- and that we CAN, by careful planning and strong commitment, begin to realize our mission. We must as individuals, give 100%, plus. The percent of our time and commitment that we hold back measures the distance between us and our Leader, between us and God. Giving everything, plus, is the only way we can live and die without bitter regret. If we give ourselves God will use our lives for His mission. What greater privilege can there be?

Our Leader's imminent arrival forced us to see ourselves as he could have seen us, experiencing deep sorrow and disappointment. The postponement of his trip was the gift of a second chance. What will we do? Will there be a dynamic change? This is up to us.

Do you want to go with me on this road? This road is the road of fear. And those who follow the road have to fear. Those who follow the Leader, Master, Teacher must go the stony path. You must be ready to walk. On the way, you may be killed. The world you live in is unfortunate, but this is not the true world. The farther you go, the greater the hope that comes to you. The more you fight, the greater the courage that comes. The greater the enemy appearing in front of you, the greater the message God will provide to you. For each step you take, the taste of

victory is greater. Live like a man, live like a lord. Bear the fruit of victory. Be a hero. That comes from me! Be a teacher. That comes from me! Know love. That comes from me! The true nation, that comes from me. And the true God, He comes from me. And when you think of this, how valuable you are as a group tonight, then we'll be wedded and become one. If you feel today as if you cannot go one year, I will go ten years. If you cannot go one year of your life, I will go even after death. I never quit. (Leader's Address, April 2, 1965.)

(A sermon.)

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Wholehearted Freedom

Rebecca Boyd

We know from the Principle that the gift of freedom was the most precious thing that God gave His children. And we also know that this wonderful gift was stolen by Satan from man and God. And we further know, both from the words of God and from our own inner lives, that all people long for this mysterious something called "freedom," and seek it in every aspect of life -- freedom of thought, freedom of expression, freedom of action.

We all want to be free because we all want to return to the state God planned for us to live in. When you realize how many people have sacrificed everything for the freedom of their country, or their family, or their race, then you cannot doubt that this fierce longing is related to the deepest part of man's nature -- and that therefore it is very close to the heart of the Father. Man's burning desire for freedom is an expression of his ultimate desire to escape from the suffocating bondage of Satan and to return to God.

Satan holds man's freedom; man must buy it back. People have been fighting for centuries for freedom, but none before us have had the opportunity to fight and sacrifice for the ultimate freedom, not only for ourselves but for all mankind -- the possibility to set all people free from the prison into which Satan has put their hearts, and often their bodies as well. None before us have really known that God is fighting beside them and struggling with them.

Until we have bought our freedom completely out of Satan's hands, we can never wholeheartedly love God and receive His love.

There is a link between freedom and responsibility. Many have recognized this. Modern existentialists have seen an anguishing relationship between freedom and responsibility. Jean-Paul Sartre, for example, has written:

Man is condemned to be free. Condemned, because he did not create himself, yet is nevertheless at liberty, and from the moment that he is thrown into this world he is responsible for everything he does.
(from Existentialism and Humanism)

Because Sartre and other atheists see no intrinsic purpose of meaning in life, and therefore they accept no standards of value, to them responsibility and freedom are great, great burdens.

The limited freedom we can have under Satan is always unsatisfying because it is really a counterfeit; true freedom is a full relationship with the Father. So the "freest" people have always been the most restless, almost tragic; existentialists, who do not accept any kind of moral rules established by others and therefore could be considered "free" in that sense, find their freedom agonizing -- because it is empty. The solution to this emptiness, according to some existentialists, is to become totally involved in the world, to assume the greatest responsibility for everything. Otherwise, they say, life has no meaning at all. In any case, it has no joy. The escape from the agonizing freedom from meaning is in responsibility.

But still there is confusion for them. If they assume responsibility for the world, toward what goal are they going to direct it? They have none. They can only be concerned, which just leads to greater and greater despair since they can never really "set things right." Think of these people: They have everything but a goal. They are concerned about the world, they are anxious to accept responsibility for it, but they have no goal because they have never tasted the love of God, and they do not know His plan for His creation. They are suffering at the mercy of Satan because they care too much and because they do not have the truth that will show them the way to express their concern.

Let us think about our own country. America was born with the cry for freedom, and through its history it has meant freedom to immigrants from all countries. In the World Wars, America became synonymous with a liberating force for the millions of people suffering under the Central and Axis powers and the Japanese.

Freedom! That powerful word! Freedom for what? Why is America foundering today? She has too much freedom and nothing to do with it. People are free from having to work twelve hours a day just to keep their families fed and clothed. They have so much spare time, and they don't know what to do with it. We waste because we are free from want. We are undisciplined because we are free from having to be disciplined to accomplish things -- we can live quite comfortably without putting forth much effort at all.

Think about this country: It has everything but a goal. No more frontier to conquer. No more railroads to build. Toward what purpose is all the abundance of this land going

to fat on people's free bodies and laziness in their free minds and lack of concern in their free hearts? America has no purpose for her freedom, and our people waste their lives away in an effort to escape from the freedom to do nothing. This is not heavenly freedom.

Sometimes we forget this: The only way freedom was ever won was by some kind of revolutionary action, through which people were set free from some kind of bondage. Did these revolutions "just happen?" No. Someone saw the need, someone felt absolutely concerned about that need, and someone undertook the responsibility -- often risking everything -- of making that revolution, bringing about that change, taking that action. Freedom can only be obtained through active responsibility. There is no other way.

In 1775, Patrick Henry stood in the Virginia Convention in Richmond in support of a resolution that Virginia join the Revolution. Listen to these urgent words:

. . . They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance, by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak, if we make a proper use of the means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. Three millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations; and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat, but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable -- and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come!

It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry peace, peace, -- but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!
(from Famous American Speeches, Steward H. Benedict, ed.)

Can you not catch the fiery spirit of those words? Can we not share the great spirit of our ancestors, their faith, conviction, courage and determination? Our cause is far greater than theirs. Can we be less wholehearted?

If the desire of God is to set all mankind free in order that they might establish a true relationship of give and take with Him, then that must be the desire of His children. It must be our desire to secure the ultimate freedom for everyone. How do we do that?

We must take responsibility for everything in the world. This whole world belongs to the heavenly Father, but it has been stolen and corrupted by Satan. Have you ever had the chance to go back to visit a home in which you had once lived, where you had painted and planted flowers and made curtains? How have you felt about that house? Did you not wonder if the people who lived there were taking care of that special plant you planted? Did you not wonder if they were appreciative of the beautiful tile you put in the kitchen?

God cares about every little thing in this world, because everything is His. Nothing is too little for us to be concerned about. Of course, everything has its relative importance, and some things are more worthy of time and care than others, but we must remember that every little detail of this world was something He planned with love and thought. Then it is so precious! How can we waste? We want to appreciate every little bit of everything. How can we be careless of our time, our possessions, ourselves?

Why would you have been concerned about that house you once lived in? Because you put yourself into that place. If you had never cared about it -- as you feel toward a hotel room -- you would forget it. But wherever we have spent some of our love, we have invested ourselves. And vice versa. In restoring this world to God, the Father wants to make us His agents. He wants to send us out into the world to reclaim every tiniest thing, and every greatest thing, for Him. We can only do this by taking the most serious responsibility for our lives. When you train yourself to have responsibility for the things you have, the things you say, the things you feel, think, and do, then love will begin to grow. If you take the responsibility of the Father for the people in this world, then His love will grow in you for them. Do not wait for the love to "happen" to you! You must bring about a revolution by taking action and taking the truth to people. When God finds His image reflected, His heart will be there too.

Think of all the people who have gained their freedom in the world today! After centuries of war and misery, all kinds of freedom! Freedom must be regained, the Principle tells us, before man's lost love can be restored to God. The freedom is there, people everywhere are waiting for us! We must give a feeling of ultimate responsibility and concern where people don't care. We must give a sense of direction and true goals and purpose to those who have none and are desperately seeking. The freedom that God has won for man at such a great cost is just the preparation for His new dispensation. Now He is waiting for us. The stage has been set.

In creating man, God wanted to have children who would recognize the precious quality of everything He had made. He wanted to make Parents for all the millions of happy generations to come, and those Parents would see the unique beauty and value in each and every individual who reflected His image. God made man to not only take the greatest care of His world, but to perfect it, adding more beauty and glory by man's love and creative effort. We can never, never be true children of God until we have cultivated this loving responsibility. But it will not be automatic. As children of Satan, we have even been taught to mind our own business, to be responsible for ourselves and let others take care of themselves. This is not God's heart. So do not wait to have the Father's love "happen" to you. Don't wait to suddenly feel responsible for things. You will have to cultivate this as you cultivate discipline and as you cultivate prayer.

But I would like to point out one additional thing. You have to be strong to be really free. When you become dependent upon something, you lose that much of your freedom. If you always depend on others to take care of your room or your getting up in the morning or do your witnessing for you, you will have only that terrifying freedom to do nothing. Mature love is not dependence or possessiveness. Mature love is active, concerned, giving, responsible love. So only people who are disciplined can be free. It's a paradox. It's really saying that only people who have become fully grown by having become -- or mastered -- the Divine Principle can enter the Direct Dominion, where they are truly free in the love of God.

To be free, you must undertake responsible action. You must become stronger and stronger to bear greater and greater responsibility and thus become more and more free. In your freedom, the love that flows from the Father's heart will grow in you. For example, our Leader undertook the responsibility for the whole world. Having invested himself completely in the world, his love is that great. And he is the first absolutely free man that has ever lived.

Two summers ago, several of us met our Leader and his party at the Miami Airport as they were enroute to South America after their stay in Washington. As we talked with him about our work, long questions were asked about what sort of people we should contact -- boys, girls, older people, teenagers, students, -- Suddenly our Leader interrupted and sharply said, "Never mind that -- just attack!"

We can sit around all day long thinking about what we are going to do, we can lecture to thousands of people telling them what we are going to do; but unless we take responsibility, act, and accomplish for God -- what we are doing has no meaning.

It is better to do little things for God than to just think great things for Him and do nothing at all.

The people of the world are agonizing for the truth we have in our hands. Some know they are seeking it and some do not. Father is anxiously urging us to do the work which there has never been opportunity to do before. And our ancestors, many of whom gave everything for goals far less than we have today, in order that this day might come -- can you not feel their urgent pressure?

No one else is going to find His people and build His world. And no one else is going to live our lives for Him. Let us take action and serve Him wholeheartedly.

(A sermon.)

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I THANK YOU GOD FOR MOST THIS AMAZING

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any -- lifted from the no
of all nothing -- human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

-- e. e. cummings

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Once it was the skeptic, the critic of the status quo who had to make a great effort. Today the skeptic is the status quo. The one who must make the effort is the man who seeks to create a new moral order.

--John W. Gardner,
Self-Renewal

TESTIMONIES

Milan, Italy

Carla Castelbarco

Dear brothers and sisters: Guided by the Virgin Mary, who has protected me since I was a child, I learned of the sorrow and love of Jesus Christ. I had my first communication from the spirit world in 1958. I received beautiful words from the Father, Jesus and Mary at that time, words which were not fully comprehensible to me. I was told that salvation was near, and that Jesus would come down from the cross to help me.

Then all communication ceased until 1966, when I heard the Divine Principle. My spiritual senses opened again, and I began receiving from Sun Myung Moon and spirits. The messages I received in 1958 were explained to me by the Master, who informed me that some of those messages actually came from him. The spirit of Sun Myung Moon is always with me, consoling and guiding me. He gives me all the love I need and helps me nearly every day; he heals my distorted spirit and helps me to grow spiritually. He also keeps revealing to me all that will happen in the world in the very near future.

Little by little the light is entering my spirit. I know that this love of God will triumph over all things and that He will never abandon us.

In the name of our True Parents, Carla.

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Milan, Italy

Mercedes Montaguti Bucceri

At a very early age I discovered that God had given me the gift of mediumship, and from then on through sacrifice and service I tried to do my best for humanity. However, my life has been one of suffering. I lost my parents when I was eleven years old and we orphans went from rags to riches. But all this suffering made me realize that God was always with me. With great faith in the Almighty and the practice of healthy principles, I was able to accept misfortune and suffering as a blessing and was always ready to forgive my enemies, knowing that a better life awaited me in the next world.

In 1935, I became completely open spiritually and was accompanied by a high spirit guide. Then in 1955 the most wonderful thing happened. I came in contact with Sun Myung Moon. He appeared to me in a sublime vision as an entity all dressed in white. He took me by the hand and led me into a garden full of the most beautiful flowers. I immediately knew that this was heaven on earth. The Master began teaching me many spiritual things and revealed to me the world in its satanic state. He showed me a road full of thorns and great sacrifice and told me that I would have to pass through this very road seeking souls who would look toward me for protection and guidance. He revealed that I would

have the task of taking them away from the satanic jungle, freeing them from Satan himself. He showed me the misery of mankind and bade me pity them. I was told by him that I was elected as one of his disciples to help in this great work of the reformation and restoration of the entire world. It was not until 1965 that I actually had physical contact with the Divine Principle. I was told about the Center in Rome and the great movement of the Unified Family. I was not at all surprised, having had revelation before. I have accepted the call, and I shall do my utmost to fulfill this delicate mission.

I am indeed grateful to God and hope I shall prove myself worthy of choice.

In the Name of our True Parents, Mercedes Montaguti.

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London, England

Eve Hardman

Dearest Family: Miss Kim left England this morning (September 15), and I must tell you that it was wonderful to have her physical presence with us after so much waiting. (I was specially privileged to have my college vacation at this time and so be with her many hours. Father has a BIG heart! Thank you, Father.)

I haven't written my testimony yet, so may I include it now?

My father's line has sought the Truth for some generations. They are not church-goers. They had many dreams. They are English. My mother's family, particularly my mother and her mother, have more belonging with the Christian church and are more practical people. They are of Irish descent and have spiritual gifts. Both parents are South African, one by citizenship, one by birth.

I am the eldest in the family. I have a younger sister, who is following the Principle, and a much younger brother. I was born with a physical deformity of left hand and arm. This "handicap" has been a blessing in many ways. (I have learnt naturally things that may take someone who has a complete physical body longer to learn.)

Truth and love had been two things that I could never seem to fit together. I had longed for the greatest love and the greatest Truth that must fit together.

From about the age of ten years (my very early life was rich with experience), my life seemed to get increasingly more empty. I "watched" the Christian church in action; I watched spiritualistic people. I read about some philosophy and I started to increase my knowledge. I began to understand more, but still where did faith and deep personal love fit into this pattern? Jesus seemed to have united Truth and Love, and yet, what were followers of Christianity -- the ones I watched -- doing?

At the age of eighteen I went to university for eighteen months and at the end of this time -- June, 1964 -- I knew that something was desperately wrong with my life. I left university, and thought that I should do some kind of voice work. I was offered a job in South African broadcasting and turned it down because I didn't want it. I worked in a day nursery for severely deaf children for a few weeks. This was better. So I decided to start training as a speech therapist (pathologist), which I would have to do overseas. I left South Africa in October, 1964. The circumstances of this move to England were very unusual.

In about April, 1966, I "went to pieces" spiritually and physically; I remained in a very depressed state until August, when, also under unusual circumstances, I re-met a South African friend in Scotland -- June Darby. My reaction to her was very negative and puzzled me greatly at the time. I started to get better -- ready to start life again. June tried to contact me several times, but I was still very negative.

Then, one afternoon in January this year, June visited me in the hostel where I was staying. My sister Patricia was with me for the weekend. We talked about Jesus, particularly, and his mission. She invited me to have dinner one day the next week with her and the girl she was sharing a flat with. She mentioned that her friend (Sandi) would talk with me more. It seemed perfectly natural and, after some delay, I was at the English Centre, listening to the Principle.

Here was the Unity of Love and Truth at last! I felt much joy and awe. I committed myself for the first (and last) time. I moved into the Centre and shortly afterwards began to have conscious spiritual experiences, which confirmed my commitment. (My last conscious spiritual experience had been when I was eight years old.)

I am so thankful for all of you and have learned so much from you -- from what you wrote in the Newsletter. We will meet sometime -- soon, I hope.

I long to understand the Principle more deeply. I will follow Him and serve Him whatever His plan for me is. I have had such an easy path to the Truth and cannot be thankful in words. Isn't it glorious to have True Parents!

Your sister, in Their Name, Eve.

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If liberty is to be saved, it will not be by the doubters, the men of science, or the materialists; it will be by religious conviction, by the faith of individuals, who believe that God wills man to be free but also pure.

(Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Aids to Reflection.)

Brightly beams...

THE DENVER FAMILY!



The Pumphreys ~

Patty, Galen, and Loyd.



The Carrs ~

Top to bottom, left to right: Laurie, Wilma, John, Kent.



...and everybody else ~

Left: Judy Barnes.

Right: Row 1: Bob Spencer, John Korthuis, Jack Korthuis; Row 2: Shirley Spencer, Gladys Korthuis, Jimmy Spencer and Kris Korthuis; Row 3: Bobby Spencer, Ruth Korthuis, Naomi Beyer.



The Center -

During the latter half of 1963, Galen and Patty Pumphrey moved to Denver in order to share their knowledge of Principle with people who were in search of truth. They struggled for almost two years, praying and looking for people who were ready for the message of the Divine Principle.

It was at this point that Jack and I approached Galen (through a letter from Gordon Ross) and began our study of Principle. The next year, 1966, was one of seeking and sharing. We were successful in sharing Principle with several people, most of whom have made a commitment to Principle. We now number twelve people (excluding children). There are contributions from each family unit in this New Age Frontiers which tell the story of how they came to the knowledge of Principle, so I won't elaborate further.

The Denver Center is composed of people whose ages range from 30 to 55. They are well established in the community with family responsibility and good individual characteristics. Therefore, they had to be very sure of Principle before commitment, and for most of us it was a long, slow growth process. We studied, prayed, and finally stepped fully into the light of TRUTH.

We meet each Sunday afternoon for two or three hours of study, prayer, and singing. Our members are faithful, and we all gain much strength from give and take together. The subjects of the meetings are proposed periodically by all of the members. Then a planning committee makes final decisions and preparation on those subjects which are studied in meetings.

We have just completed a review of Principle. The purpose of this review was to prepare the members of this Center to take the test covering Principle. Last Sunday we began a study of the words of Jesus in light of Principle. After we complete this study we will look at the problems and possible solutions of raising children in light of the new truth.

We share in the responsibility of conducting meetings, although the meetings are led by one person for reasons of order.

Galen Pumphrey is the Denver Center Director. We feel that the Center itself is not a place -- but the people, just as the Church of God should not be a building but God's people. We hold meetings one month at Galen and Patty's home and the next at our home. The Holy Ground is located a short distance from our home, so we are able to visit there often.

We could say much more, but this report must come to an end. Our hearts and homes are open to all of you in our most beloved Family. United we stand for the Father and

His goal. Be happy in the fruitful life of our Lord!

In the Name of our True Parents, Gladys Korthuis.

From the Family -

Dear Family: A long overdue report from the Denver Center! Our activities here are being covered in detail by other members of our Denver Family.

We feel this past year has been very good in many ways. We have all learned and grown a lot. Soon I believe we will see great things happening, not only here but all over the world. This past year I have had a feeling that we are all being prepared for a great spiritual upheaval, and we must all be prepared to face it. So with patience and love for our Father we keep moving along.

We enjoyed so much a short visit with Vivian Oswald. It is always so wonderful to see any of our Family when they stop by to see us. Our love and prayers go to every one.

Love in our True Parents' Name, Galen and Patty Pumphrey.

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Dear Family: Ever since I was a little boy I longed for some great frontier to conquer. I searched for an unknown field or world in which I could have a part. I wanted to discover something new, have a cause, help my fellow man to a better way of living. Life for me turned inward, however, because I had not yet discovered that Utopia for which I was searching.

In the midst of this struggle came an unusual letter from Gordon Ross, whom I had met while in the Navy. Gordon told me about his life and his discovery of the Divine Principle. I kept the letter for about a year before I acted on it. On Childrens Day, 1965, I called Galen Pumphrey to ask him about the Divine Principle. He came into our home and shared with Gladys and me the wonderful new truth which God is sending into the world.

I was so high spiritually I wanted to shout the new message on the street corner. This new vitality which the message of truth created within me began to change my living and thinking in a very dynamic way. Gladys and I began to share Principle with our parents and friends -- and have made a complete commitment to our Father and his struggle to change the world. At last that new frontier which I sought came into view, and the fantastically beautiful concept which our Father has for man and the universe has begun to be realized.

These concepts which we now share enable us to have a foundation upon which to build our Father's new world. Rejoice with me, dear Family, in this discovery of a vital and growing relationship with Father!

In the Name of our beloved Lord, Jack Korthuis.

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Dear Family: I've never written a testimony before, but feel it's about time I did so. First of all, I have been a traditional Christian all of my life. I went to church and Sunday school and loved God in a sort of far-off way. I thought I had the Truth, but somehow down deep in my heart was never completely satisfied with the religion I knew. After having been a soloist in several different churches, I began to realize just how limited my knowledge was.

My husband and I are blessed with two wonderful children, Jack and Pat. Jack and his wife Gladys were in Europe for almost two years, then returned to the States. They had been searching for more truth. Jack met Gordon Ross while both were serving in the Navy, and a few years later Gordon wrote Jack and told him about Divine Principle. After a time Jack and Gladys became more interested and were told to contact Galen and Patty Pumphrey. Very soon there was a remarkable difference in the lives of my son and his family, and when they asked us to at least hear the Principle we were curious enough to listen.

I must confess there were many stormy sessions that followed, but after much prayer, thought and discussion, the whole idea began to make sense.

I am so thankful for all of those dedicated children of our Father who have worked long and hard to bring us the truth. My attitude has been so completely changed. I feel free to receive Father's love, and in a very small and imperfect way, as yet, to return it. When things seem to go wrong and temptations are numerous, I am assured our Father loves us so much He will help us to overcome, if we only ask and believe. Each day I pray that all of God's children will grow to the point where our wills and lives are one with His. May we each be aware of the part we must take in helping the Lord of the Second Advent bring about the restoration of the world to God, our Father.

It has been my privilege to know only a few of the Unified Family. In time I hope to meet more of you. All glory, praise and thanks to our heavenly Father through Christ our Lord! Ruth Korthuis.

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I am thankful that God has prepared many of us to receive the revelation of His Principle. This revelation has brought together my faith in the Word of God and the knowledge I have in astronomy, history, and science. This logical presentation produces within me assurance and a great calm.

Still, I feel there is an urgency that much must be done. I must prepare myself and my family for the growth we must share together in living according to the Principle. Remembering the Scripture, "Study to show thyself approved," I find this is not an easy task. While we may continue to study there comes the time to seek others who are called and share with them this great new revelation. This is what I and others of the Denver group are now starting to do. Knowing that we grow not only by study, but also by sharing, our understanding will increase.

We were glad to have had the opportunity this summer to visit both the St. Louis and Washington Centers. This was our first experience with Principle groups away from Denver. We found a great love bound these people together. We will always remember how St. Louis Family all gathered together on such short notice to share with us their understanding of Principle, and especially the hospitality of the Weirs' home. Our Washington visit was truly heartwarming, and we will long value the insights we gained on the Principle. Robert Spencer.

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Dearest Family: Even though I do not know you, I do feel a close relationship because we are all striving to give true love and adoration to our Father, who has given us all so very much.

I was born in 1914 in a Lutheran family of six children; was baptised as an infant and confirmed at the age of 13; was married at age 21 and have three lovely children -- Bernie (31) is not married; Terry (28) has a very sweet wife and three children; and Judy and her husband Bill were married a year ago last March.

For the past eighteen years I have been very disturbed with my life as a Lutheran. My husband Ed and I have had many material blessings, but I have not been happy with these. Then last summer I visited my sister Ruth Korthuis in Indian Hills, Colorado, which is twenty miles from Lakewood. We had coffee together. She had just learned the Divine Principle from her son Jack and was so eager to pass it on. But in her initial attempts she had been rebuffed several times, so she was determined not to mention anything to me that day. As our conversation progressed, she related much of the Principle. It made sense to me. Ruth then made arrangements to have Jack and his wife Gladys share Principle with me. I thank God for these two enthusiastic young people!

Soon after I started learning about the Divine Principle, I related some of the Principle to my daughter, Judy Barnes. She was very interested at that time, but I did not want to push her too much. Two months ago, she came to me and said that she wanted to learn all about the Principle. I know that very soon, with sincere prayers and dedicated living, more of God's children will be added to our Family.

It is wonderful to hear from the Unified Family from all parts of God's world through the New Age Frontiers. Please, dear Father, help us to bring others to your Divine Truths. In the name of our True Parents, with love, Naomi Beyer.

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Dear friends: Even though Wilma and I do not know all the members of the Unified Family, we have heard stories, seen pictures, and read articles written by most of you. We may never actually meet, but you are very near and dear to us -- our very best friends.

Our special greeting to those of you who work hard and produce the wonderful study materials which light our lives and make us more and more earnest seekers for God's word and truth.

We pray for an ever widening and deepening knowledge of God to each and every one. John and Wilma Carr.

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A song -

(Tune: "He Lives." New words by Jack Korthuis -- who sings professionally himself!)

Verse 1: I serve a living Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever men may say.
I sense the time is urgent -- let all men change their ways
And rise to meet the challenge of this New Age.

Chorus: He lives, he lives, our dear Lord lives today!
He knows the heav'nly Father's heart and shows us all the way.
He lives, he lives; the new world has its start!
You ask me how I know he lives. He lives within my heart.

Verse 2: In all the world around me, I see a need is there,
For truth to fill the void in the wake of man's despair.
I know that Christ is leading; I know that he is strong.
I'll follow in his footsteps to right all wrong.

Verse 3: Rejoice, rejoice, oh Christian; lift up your voice and sing!
Our hearts are filled with joy, for His Truth so clear does ring.
The time of man's fulfillment is here for us at last.
Oh, Father, lead us forward to do this task!