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LETTERS AND REPORTS

Berkeley, California

Farley Jones

Hi, Family!

Well, I am arrived. The trip was long, but valuable, helping me to understand better Father's heart. The beauty of this country is everywhere and overwhelming, and it truly was painful to think that it exists for man but has never been fulfilled in man. And truly, the Father's aching longing love for man is reflected.

I'll write more fully when I get settled and things get going.

In His Name, my love to everyone. Farley.

(Note: See Washington Center Report, below.)

Baumholder, Germany

David Flores

Dear Family,

How is all the Family there? I am looking forward with great anticipation to seeing you all again soon. I just got my port call yesterday -- 7 December 1967, 1000 from Frankfurt. Will arrive at McGuire; I don't know yet what flight it will be since I've only received vocal orders, but I've begun to clear post, so there must be some truth in it. Hopefully, orders will come down 1 December,

I almost can't wait to see you all again. It sure is going to be good to be in America again. I never thought I'd appreciate the land so much. The song, "This Is My Country" has constantly been on my mind over here in Germany. Patriotic songs arouse me more now than before. Though I'm not happy in my uniform, I am no less proud of the nation it represents. It is true we are ambassadors.

I'll keep you posted on any further changes in plans, but I don't expect any -- so expect me in D. C. sometime on the 7th of December.

Give my love to the Family. See you soon. Brother Dave.

Vivien Barron

Hartford, Connecticut

My dear Family,

It seems so long since last weekend, and I miss you all so much. I still can hardly believe all the things that have happened in the last two weeks. Every time I think of you, and Divine Principle, and our beloved Parents (which is all the time) I feel like jumping up and down and telling everyone, "Don't you know the Lord is here? Everything is new now!"

All these years we have been celebrating Christmas, but it has never truly been Christmas. Now, it has changed -- every day is Christmas! Oh, what grace and love has been poured out on us! It is so wonderful to have the book and study course and to read the chapters over. New things strike you every time. I am starting my notes now for steaching, and this helps to understand deeper too. Now I can't wait to be with you, and study and learn so much more.

I gave my notice, and the official day I have to work for the last time is December 15. But I might be able to leave earlier! So I'll let you know definitely. Everyone was very surprised but very understanding. I just can't wait for the day to be with you. There is such an urgency for God's work -every day is precious.

My love to all of you, especially Miss Kim. I think of you and all our brothers and sisters all over the world and of our dear Parents.

In Their Name I greet you, your sister, Vivien.

(Note: Vivien is our new sister, a friend of Gio Mathis, who is here in Washington. Vivien will be coming to stay in the Washington Center.)

New York, New York

Diane Giffin

Flash from New York! Our blessed event this month is the arrival of a new sister, Betsy O'Neill. An acquaintance of Farley Jones, Betsy is a student of psychiatric nursing at Columbia University and comes from the Boston area. Our many discussions of the Divine Principle increlation to her background of Catholicism have given us a heightened understanding of the way in which God has prepared mankind, through Christianity, for the final dispensation.

Our physical Center is in transition just now as Helen Ireland, myself, and sometimes Betsy are living with the Samuels while hunting for more suitable accommodations for all of us. Our mailing address, for the time, is

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Barbara Mikesell

My beloved Family,

It's late Sunday evening after a full day and week. George is in the living room preparing for his students. I'm glancing over the calendar at the month's activities. My heart brims over recalling how full this month has been with so much that is never placed on the calendar. How concerned our Heavenly Father is for even the smallest things of our lives -- how clearly He manifests this concern in all the tiny ways that He stimulates our growth and direction. From this example of His demonstration of concern, I pray that I can learn to be equally concerned about Him and His heart and for His children.

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The big news from the Philadelphia front is a move to a new Center for the happy reason that we outgrew the first one! Max, Trisha, and their two-year-old Jubal (Dugaw) will be joining with us in a lovely six-room apartment to lay the foundation of four as a base for Father's work here. Father really prepared the place for us; it was the first one we looked at late one Friday evening. We took it even later, and within the next 24 hours, it had been cleaned and blessed. We were so pressed for time that moving meant one, two or three loads an evening, generally after midnight. So, while the world slept, a most significant event was taking place in the history of this City of Brotherly Love. (There are reasons to believe, though, that Satan wasn't sleepy and was upset about it all.)

Of course, one of the highlights of the month's activities was joining with the NYC Family and Pauline Phillips for a most unusual Children's Day in Washington Headquarters. We arrived late Friday evening to find the Center in a carnival atmosphere with pumpkin and witch figures, paper chains, paper and paints everywhere, costumes being fitted, and of course food, song, and laughter. The occasion was a bazaar in the YMCA basement all the next day. We united in the effort, and had a full day. This unique Children's Day perhaps is a reflection of the new trend in the Family to be much more aggeessive in the world and there to meet people on their own ground, compete and share with them spiritually and physically.

Saturday evening we gathered to join our hearts with the struggles and victories of our sisters and brothers in Europe through a report from Miss Kim. Once again, I was struck by the blessings that we too easily take for granted here in America. It's hard for me to deeply understand the tremendous suffering, the loneliness and persecution of some of our members, and, I daresay, our Heavenly Father. My heart was moved by what Miss Kim shared with us Sunday morning, standing before a beautifully flower-bedecked altar holding our Parents' pictures, Col. Han gave us the Children's Day message. He impressed upon us the privilege and the advantages of these times when we for the first time in history can become the true children of God. Through is experiences of the early growth of our movement, he above many, I know, understands the price and thus treasures this privilege. He spoke of the need to establish and maintain an intense circuit with God so that His spirit might be released more and more until we can realize His final victory on God's Day. However, before that day we must be prepared to persevere even against great persecution that first may come.

Pauline Phillips blessed the Center with a brief visit to Philadelphia at just the right time to help us present the conclusion to our Free University class. (Actually, she introduced a new boy to the Principle in another room while we went on with the conclusion.) The final class was made up of three of the original fifteen that showed interest at first. But for even one of these to end up as a brother or sister, how happy we'll be! Two or perhaps three of these will go on to deeper study -- we pray that Father may make a victory from this first campus effort here.

Pauline also spent our last night in the old Center with us -- keeping us excited talking far into the early morning hours. I don't know how much <u>due</u> to her visit, but everything has been different since. We have a direction that we didn't have before.

George and I have now joined the St. Louis Family in studying Korean. Our <u>sun sang nim</u> is a student from Korea and our pay is to teach him Divine Principle. Pretty fair exchange, I'd say!

Love to you all from the Philadelphia Family, Barbara.

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Washington, D. C.

Philip Burley

Dearest Family,

Looking back over my diary for November, I'm elated to see how our Father secretly guides us to accomplish His precious Will.

At the close of October, on the evening of November 1, a reporter from the <u>Washington Post</u> visited us for an interview to write a story on the Unified Family for the religious section of the <u>Post</u>. As sometimes happens, the Principle may have been too much to grasp in one sitting. He left with many notes but as yet

nothing has ever appeared in print. On the 3rd of the month, both the Philadelphia and New York Families arrived for the weekend. Everyone here was happy if bedraggled when they arrived at 1:00 a.m. We were just putting the finishing touches on decorations, posters and games for a bazaar to be held the next day at the YMCA. As a first attempt to raise funds for our work, the bazaar was considered a success, thanks to the initiative of Anne Furnas.

We were further convinced that with the Spirit of God behind us we can succeed in whatever we truly seek to do for Him. Sunday, November 5, we three Centers celebrated Children's Day together. Mr. Han, who recently arrived from Korea, was the speaker for the day. In the evening, we watched a Korean movie. The following day, Miss Kim left to visit Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and St. Louis Centers. She returned on November 20. Thank you, Father, for her three months' successful and safe trip.

November 10, Martin Roberts returned from Chicago to take up the sword of truth here in Washington.

Pauline Phillips visited with us for two weeks in November after two years away in the field, in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Iowa. She jumped right in and worked with us as if she had been with us all along. Incidentally, Pauline made an excellent palm reader at the bazaar with rings galore and a real live crystal ball. And guess who made the most money? (Pauline, maybe you're working at the wrong job there! Anyone know anyone who wants to buy a used crystal ball, tell them to write to Washington Center.)

Mr. Won Pil Kim, our Leader's first disciple, blessed us with his presence at worship service on November 12 and again November 16, 19 and 20. Friday the 17th at 10:15 p.m., we presented a kaleidoscopic play to the public at a coffee house in the basement of a Presbyterian church. It was a propitious evening in two ways: Earlier in the evening through tear-filled eyes we gave a farewell party to Farley Jones, who left the next day for a new mission in Berkeley, California. (We miss you, Farley!)

The day before Thanksgiving Vivien Barron returned from Hartford, Connecticut. She had been away only five days, but during that time her entire heart was turned to the Principle. When she returns again around the fifteenth of this month, it will be to stay. (Welcome home, Vivien; it was He who led you to us.)

Barbara Mikesell dropped in from Philadelphia on Thanks giving evening as the Unified Family played host to contacts that have been made in Washington over the past two years. A week prior, we sent out RSVP invitations to every name written in our guest book. We were pleased with the results. Occasions like this once in a while keep us from appearing as a cloistered group. Besides, we need cousins, aunts and uncles. And who knows -- in time they may become brothers and sisters!

The following day Travis Jones, introduced to the Divine Principle in Washington and now studying in Chicago, where he is attending school, visited Washington Center. (It was a joy to see you, Travis! Keep up the good fight for Father!) Lynne Barnhart, a friend of Travis' who is also studying the Principle in Chicago, spent the day with us as well.

What a splendid day the 26th was! After practicing the night before with each other, all of us went door-to-door witnessing. The experience resulted in a new surge of spirit, new ideas and feeling that we were really reaching the heart of America -- families.

The exceedingly busy month of November came to a close with the tallying of the number of people contacted. Our goal had been 144; we reached 200. Sylvia Rogndahl was the runner-up for contacting the greatest number of people -- 25. In addition, she brought a new member to the Family, George Edwards! (Tell us your secret, Sylvia! And welcome, dear brother George, to Father's Family!)

For contacting the greatest number of people this month, 31 to be exact, an average of one a day, Walter Butler received a copy of the first edition of the Divine Principles. (Congratulations, Walter!)

That's all the latest news from your Family in Washington. May Father be with you all.

REMINDER: In writing to Washington Center or to Headquarters, wei recommend that Family members use the Center street address, 1907 "S" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009, rather than the post office box number. Since mail is picked up from the post office box only about every five days, your letter will receive attention sooner if you use the Center address. Thank you!

REPORTS FROM EUROPEAN FAMILY:

MISS KIM'S TOUR

AUSTRIA

Inge Meyer

October 5, 1967:

For a long time we waited, longing for our Leader to come to us. At last we heard that our Leader and his Family left Korea for Japan. Great joy and eager work were the answer, while we were waiting for further news. Then, in the <u>Sung Wha</u> <u>Monthly</u> we saw pictures of our Leader and his Family during their stay in Japan. What joy!

Then Miss Kim's coming was announced, and we prepared to receive her. At last the time was here. On October 5, early in the morning, two Volkswagen buses with Paul and Christel Werner, Inge Eisner, Bernhard Maierhofer, Inge Meyer, Harald Unger, Emmi Steverl, Beate Paul, Marianne Kolup, Christa Meglic, Edeltraud Stimpfl, Waltraud Horina and Aurelia Henökel left Vienna towards Salzburg, to receive Miss Kim at the Austrian border. Klaus Werner had to go to school, and also Elfi Schultermandl, Romana Maierhofer, Friedl Weber, Ingrid Bauer, and Franz Wasenegger couldn't come along, because they couldn't get off time from work.

Hilde Maierhofer from our Center in Linz was picked up on the way to Salzburg. Alfons Carda, also from Linz, had to go to work.

All of us were full of expectation and prayed in our hearts that we might feel the real significance and greatness of the coming moments. Our small group of simple and unimportant people will be the first ones in Austria to see Miss Kim. What a privilege! Such and similar thoughts filled our hearts at that time.

We arrived at the border. The expected blue Ford Taunus (the Frankfurt car) wasn't there yet. While we walked to the crossing point, a cloudburst came down and we had to go back to our buses. Full of expectation, we watched the cars crossing the border.

All of a sudden the great moment was here, and we stood in front of Miss Kim. Christel presented her a bouquet of roses. Paul greeted Miss Kim, and then she walked over to us and shook hands with each of us. Full of joy we greeted Peter, Elke and Barbara (from our German Family) too. Then suddenly the cloud cover broke and the sun came shining through. What did we all feel at that time? We met a woman, simple, natural, and yet completely different from all people we have ever met.

On our way home to Vienna Miss Kim visited the Center in Linz very briefly and prayed. At about 7 p.m. we arrived in Vienna. We had supper, which Romana and Elfi prepared with much love. Now we were united with the ones that had had to stay home. All of us were filled with great joy, and we made plans for the next day. Miss Kim wanted to get to know each one of us personally. That evening she retired soon.

October 6, 1967:

Right after breakfast we had a question and answer session about Principle. How wonderful it is to come to a deeper understanding of the Principle through Miss Kim! She makes us realize very plainly that our inner world is the real world we live in. She gives us so much, and we realize that we have to process these great thoughts within us in order to absorb them and align ourselves with them. That's why we're so grateful to Emmi for stenographing everything -- especially the new ones are glad.

After dinner the whole Family walked to the Holy Ground with Miss Kim. About two years ago she stood at this very spot with our Leader. At that time our Leader blessed ground all over the world. We stood there and prayed silently.

After dinner we had another meeting. Some of us sang a solo to Miss Kim, Harald in Turkish. A little later Alfons arrived from Linz.

It was so wonderful to experience how Miss Kim directed our questions. We sat there and felt how our heavenly Father works through one person and reprimands us sometimes too. At the close of the meeting Inge Eisner gave her testimony.

October 7, 1967:

This morning we listened full of joy to Miss Kim telling us about the work in the Washington Center and other cities in the USA, about the methods they are using and their progress. She also talked a little about our Japanese Family.

We realized even more clearly now that the Kingdom of God is being established spiritually as well as physically and that we should be lord over all creation. We should use all our talents for this purpose.

In the afternoon we heard about prayer and we realized what it means to suffer with someone. It is a spiritual experience. To love means to take part in the joy and the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Then followed a wonderful hour. Miss Kim talked about the significance of the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We all realized that our task is not easy. But was there ever a more rewarding one? This evening Johan van der Stok arrived from Amsterdam.

October 8, 1967:

Plans for the future were discussed this morning. Just like all the Families in America, united into one Family, all European Families should grow together and bring about a united Europe. One Family can learn from the others and more and more we will be one big Family under God.

Then we asked Miss Kim for advice in regard to our physical bodies. She stressed the importance of physical health and even demonstrated some exercises to us girls in order to keep fit. It was wonderful.

Before dinner Miss Kim visited our first Austrian Center, where she also prayed. In the afternoon, we once again had the opportunity to ask questions. To what extent can we understand the nature of God? Miss Kim explained the significance of the four positions and of our Leader's Family in their special positions in the most wonderful way. Then we took a walk to the park of the castle Belvedere and in the evening we had our Sunday open lecture, given by Bernhard. After dinner we talked about our spiritual experiences and dreams about our Leader and Miss Kim. This night Johan showed wonderful slides of our Washington Family and our Leader's home in Washington.

October 9, 1967:

We went for a walk to the castle Schönbrunn. On the castle grounds some of us danced a Vienna waltz upon Miss Kim's request, and Johan took some pictures.

The last night with Miss Kim was very special. She told us about our Leader. His whole life belongs to his mission. He is very sad that he couldn't come to us this year, but Father sent us Miss Kim.

We were so happy to hear Miss Kim sing her favorite song to us and then "Lullaby and Good Night" in Korean. Her closing prayer touched us deeply. She expressed her thanks for her stay with us, to get to know the Family and that Paul and his family had taken the message to Austria. Her prayer is very powerful. After Miss Kim retired that night, the whole Family went to the Holy Ground to pray.

October 10, 1967:

We departed with thankful hearts. These days were a wonderful experience for all of us. We could feel the love and the longing of our Heavenly Father and felt urged to work even harder for Him. Everyone wants to give all he has to bring joy to His heart.

ITALY

Martin Porter

Dear brothers and sisters,

I would like very much to share with you the moments we shared with Miss Kim. She arrived with the Austrian and German Families on the evening of Wednesday, October 11. After a great meal, we all retired to our rooms.

In the morning after breakfast we went to the Holy Grounds, Villa Borghese and then the Vatican. Later, for lunch we went to a lake just outside Rome, returning to Rome at about four in the afternoon. Time was spent talking privately, asking questions and discussing the future.

In her very quiet way, it seems as though Miss Kim has changed all of Europe. So many people have been moved to other mission fields. That night we had a Family meeting -- just intimate members -- so that we could ask many deep questions about Principle. The next morning I accompanied Miss Kim and Marion to get visas for England.

It was really a great moment, as there were many different Centers represented, so we could all share our experiences and how to best witness, teach, etc. Friday night again another meeting with many other members -- there were about thirty of us in all. Saturday breakfast was our last meal together. The German and Austrian Families returned home and Miss Kim, Doris, Johan, Marion and I left for Milan to meet the members there. Sunday afternoon many decisions were made, so after the open meeting Doris and Johan left for Amsterdam to be with Teddy, Marion to England. I returned to Rome, and Barbara returned to assist me in Rome.

These were really beautiful days, and the Father's Spirit and love were so strong amongst us; and we learned many new things. You are very lucky to have Miss Kim always with you. We loved having her very much, and her presence here was of the greatest importance to iron out problems, to understand more about our Master, and to plan about the immediate future.

So now that we have been fed and revitalized, we are fishing, fishing, fishing for Father's children before he comes. Our love and prayers are always with you. Your brother, Martin Porter.

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(See picture following.)



The picture shows some members of the Austrian, Italian, and German Families who attended a meeting with Miss Kim in Rome.

GERMANY

Miss Kim's Visit in Frankfurt

Friedhilde Bächle and Ingrid Schneider

Hello, brothers and sisters!

All last summer we were waiting for our Leader and his party to visit us here in Germany and finally we heard that it had not been possible for him to come this time, so of course we were very disappointed. But then we heard that Miss Kim would come, and we were all very happy again.

Most of us just knew her from pictures or by her articles in the Newsletters. We must confess that we were a little bit afraid of her, too! We did not know the exact date of Miss Kim's arrival here in Germany because she visited some other countries in Europe first, and so our excitement grew from day to day. At last Peter had a telephone call from Teddy in Holland that he could go and meet Miss Kim there with the car. From then on we could count the days till her arrival, because we knew that she just had to go to Essen and Hamburg first, so it could not be much longer than a week. Friday, the 29th September, around six o'clock at night, she arrived here at the Frankfurt Center. The first minute we realized this harmony, this happiness going out from her, even after such a long journey, we felt it was wrong to be afraid of her.

In the beginning of September we had got a new flat here in the same house, so with two big flats it was not difficult for the Frankfurt Family to have room enough for all the guests who might come. The night of Miss Kim's arrival we were fifteen for dinner. We were all waiting a little bit impatiently for her to speak to us. So after dinner she told us a lot about the Washington Family, their activities there and how they spend most of their days.

The next morning after breakfast there was time for some of us to talk over questions and problems with Miss Kim. We were very thankful for her understanding and for the help she could give us to bring us forward on our way to Father. Some of the others had gone to meet more guests, so at lunch time Miss Kim talked to us girls about our special tasks. It was not without humor that she stressed three important points for girls -- looking attractive, having a good heart, and being good cooks. We realized that we all had still a lot of work to do on ourselves.

After dinner that night we got together and there was an opportunity in a big circle to ask more questions. We were talking about the methods to explain the Divine Principle to new people. Miss Kim gave us a deeper and fuller explanation of give and take and of the restoration of the whole creation. Miss Kim answered all our questions with great wisdom, simple and clear for everyone. We closed that night with a prayer to thank our Heavenly Father.

Sunday morning we began our day on the Holy Ground in Frankfurt, to ask Father's blessing on our True Parents and on all our sisters and brothers everywhere in the world, so that He might give us wisdom, love and strength for our mission. The rest of the morning went by with questions, this time mostly about prayer. In the afternoon we had five more guests, and Miss Kim talked about her own experiences and about her life. She stressed different points of God's existence and His true love for each of us. Sunday night some of the guests had to leave, and the rest spent most of the evening with Johan, who showed us slides from Washington.

On Monday, some of us had to work, so it was only after dinner that we were all together again. Ernie Stewart had invited some English-speaking people, most of whom were Bahai's. Here we could see again how difficult it is to show a better new way to those people who are already so very settled in their own opinions.

Miss Kim talked that night about the various points we have to watch while our personality is growing. With impressive words she explained the importance of a healthy physical body to give our spirit the possibility of free development. She told us the need of a good education and a good profession which will help us with our big tasks in our mission. We will have to use our time wisely, so a good organization will help us a lot in our teamwork. We have to try harder to be in harmony with Father's Will, to make no basis for Satan to work on, and to practice daily our love to Father, to the people around us and to the whole creation. We all felt that one or the other point was especially stressed for us. We saw again clearly how our Father and our True Parents in Korea expect us to help effectively to restore all mankind and how they watch our development and our growth to perfection with longing love. We were very sad that night because we knew we were not always doing our best.

Wednesday was the last day of Miss Kim's visit to Germany. We spent that night singing together. We were filled with deep sadness, but at the same time with new courage and energy for a new, better start.

Thursday morning, Miss Kim, Peter, Barbara, and Elke left for Vienna after a short, hearty good-by. While we were waving, the thought came to our minds, When and were would we see Miss Kim again?

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Deepest love to you all, Friedhilde Bächle and Ingrid Schneider.

Miss Kim's Visit in Essen

Gerd Paschmann

Miss Kim stayed with us in Essen from Saturday, September 23, 1967, until Wednesday, September 27, 1967.

During this time we asked many questions, and each one could speak with Miss Kim personally. Miss Kim told us many things about our Leader in the beginning of our movement. Yes, we also must learn to understand all types of people. We can share God's love all mutually; is, then, the direction of all our wills not the same?

Two evenings we lighted the fireplace. We then asked questions and sang together. When Miss Kim left Wednesday morning, she had given us so much. We had wonderful weather during the days, just like springtime.

Miss Kim is a very wise mother to all of us.

We are now seven members living in the house in Essen: Elke Klawiter, Klaus Wanner, Elisabeth Reiff, Narayan Bihari, Gisela Grevenig, Suresh Patel, and myself, Gerd Paschmann.

SPAIN

Ursula Schuhmann

Dear Family,

At the beginning of this month, Miss Kim had advised me in a letter that she would arrive at Barcelona on the 21st of October. So I could hardly believe my eyes when she suddenly stood in front of me already on the 17th! I was of course more than happy to see her again after more than two years, and there was a lot to talk about. First of all, I had to rush off to Rosita to borrow some dishes and bedsheets, as I had just moved to another flat and owned only the most essential household objects. Then I phoned Rafael and Jordi who came over right after work to meet our guest and to help making a schedule of meetings and sightseeing trips. Fortunately, I could get three days leave after explaining the situation to my boss.

Wednesday afternoon and evening we invited Maria, Enrique and some others for a question and answer session for more advanced Divine Principle students. The following morning was dedicated to seeing the Spanish Village, a model town of famous houses and churches from all over the country. Later on, Rafael accompanied us to the Museum of Ancient Art and explained its famous collection of 12th century paintings. Next day we made a trip to the monastery of the Montserrat Mountains, the most important Catholic center of this province, Cataluña. The Virgin of Montserrat, a black statue, attracts many pilgrims; one even has to stand in line to get to see this shrine. Almost everybody kisses this statue when passing by. Due to bad weather we could not drive up to the mountaintop to enjoy the whole scene which served as a background for Wagner's opera "Parsifal," but nevertheless we spent the time very well by asking Miss Kim many questions while we were waiting for our train in a coffee shop. At night we saw a very good movie in Japanese with Spanish subtitles. Saturday we had a big meeting with old and new people and many lively discussions. So far I had been teaching the Principle on an individual basis or in small groups of two or three. This week almost all got to know each other at the various meetings and private talks with Miss Kim. Now I am very pleased to have a big living room.

Sunday morning we had a look at Gaudi's strange Holy Family Church, the facades of which are covered with many symbols. This temple was started at least sixty years ago and is still under construction. I wonder whether it will ever be finished at all. We just don't live in a time when we would need another big cathedral. On the way to Montjuich, one of the highest points of the town, we had a marvelous view over the Mediterranean Sea and the city of Barcelona. After a short stop at the Archaeological Museum we passed by some other local places of interest without leaving the taxicab. Rosita had prepared a wonderful lunch in the meantime. Miss Kim enjoyed very much getting to see a Spanish home.

In the afternoon I took Miss Kim to a bullfight. Most tourists go to see it, but the great majority of Spaniards are very much opposed to this cruel "sport." It turned out to be quite exciting: three bulls jumped over the fence into the passageway, one torero was hurt twice by the bull but continued fighting, all three of the bull-fighters were honored for bravery, and one bull's life was spared. This happens perhaps once a year that a bull can leave the arena alive. In front of us was a young American couple who also listened to my comments in English. When we found out that they are stationed at Baumholder in Germany, we immediately gave them the address of David Flores, who is also over there. Well, chances of witnessing are everywhere -- even at a bullfight!

After a short snack on our way home, we were ready for the last meeting. Miss Kim had planned to stay only two or three days; so I was very lucky to have her stay here almost a week. Monday morning she flew over to London. Saying good-by is always a sad occasion, but I hope to see her soon again. It was the first time a member of the Family visited me in Spain. Who will be the next one?

Even though I do not write too often, I still feel close to you in our common effort of establishing our Father's Kingdom on earth.

In the name of our True Parents, Ursula.

ARTICLES

Life Is a Preparation

Hillie Smith

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void. And darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1:1-2)

God created the earth and sea, the growing things of creation, the day and night, the living creatures of the air, sea, and land and the angelic kingdom in careful, loving preparation for man. No detail was too small to receive His absolute attention. Everything had significance. From the dawn of their lives, Adam and Eve grew with a mission -- that of <u>preparing</u> their spirits and their love for the ultimate blessing: marriage to each other with God, out of which union children would be born through the energy and love Adam and Eve shared with God.

During their years of growth Adam and Eve must have faced what seemed to them perplexing situations. What did it mean when they bent over a stream to drink and found themselves looking up at themselves from the water's surface? Throughout their young years Adam and Eve grew according to natural spiritual laws, prepared to help them perfect their love for each other and for God.

Picture them growing. They probably made mistakes and sometimes acted foolishly, but dwelling as they were in a state of innocence and beauty, they can only be seen as growing reverently, in awe of the universe around them.

It is our job to live as Adam and Eve before the fall -- growing in innocence and beauty -- reverently, as we prepare to welcome the Bridegroom and become brides of God. While we remember that each moment is an eternal building block in the growth of our own spirits and of our movement, no small act should be done, no exchange of conversation should be made, no song should be sung, no story should be told, without reverence. Reverence does not mean somberness -- or a continual state of awe. It means awareness of the presence of God and the day and age we are preparing for.

Prayer, worship service, writing sermons and letters to our Family, studying, teaching -- these are all times when we feel the presence of God most intensely. At these times we are very sensitive to, and disturbed by, "irreverent noises." At <u>all</u> times we should be aware of ourselves and our homes as dwellings of God. Then all sounds we heard or made would be sounds of purpose, building, or sharing in a constructive way.

God is with us wherever we are, whatever we are doing, alone or with others, whether we are aware of Him or not. We have been born children of darkness. We must <u>practice</u> our awareness to become children of light. We must and can joyfully discipline ourselves to live in reverence.

Where does inner peace come from? From centering, steadying ourselves on God's new truth, His love, and His presence within us. Each moment must be an exercise in developing this steadiness, this maturity, this responsibility to God. We must constantly judge to see whether we be true to His image. How privileged we are to have the means to do this! This is not just for our own good. It is for the good of Father's entire mission.

We are so few in number. This means that each of us carries a larger responsibility. Each of us is responsible to be true to our Father and to His representatives. Only by preparing, by weeding out irreverence, will we be allowed to assume even greater responsibility.

This Center is a small nucleus in America which must serve as a true example to Americans. As we grow, the atmosphere here will be more and more firmly established and less easily changed. For the sake of those who come after us, whose lives are so important to our Father, let us train ourselves to be acutely aware of His presence and of the needs of each other.

Somewhere in each Center, someone is always working quietly or intently. Then let us move about quickly, quietly, and with purpose. Preparing in this way, at this Center where we are privileged to grow under His direct guidance, we can learn to move about Father's world with firm direction and purpose. Let us banish idleness and noisiness. Tradition is being established now. History is in the making.

We are sewing our spiritual robes in preparation for the Bridegroom. Let us be sure that the stitches are small, strong and neat -- sewn with gratitude and humility. Each moment is a preparation. Let us live our lives reverently and so carefully prepare a home for our Father as bright and fruitful as the one which He prepared for us.

(A sermon.)

ANNOUNCEMENT: The invitations which the Department of Publications recently sent in rough form to the Centers are now available from Headquarters at \$1.00 per hundred. Blank cards may also be obtained at the same rate. We will be happy to receive any suggestions for further types of invitations to the Unified Family.

MR. WON PIL KIM, FIRST DISCIPLE OF OUR MASTER, VISITS HEADQUARTERS

The highlight of the month in Washington was the blessed visit of Mr. Won Pil Kim, the Master's first disciple.

Below is written his message as presented to the Unified Family November 12, 1967, at a special worship service-welcome party held for him.

His words speak for themselves.



Thinking of your wholehearted dedication and precious tears shed in this place, I couldn't help feeling hesitant to step into this place. Out of my joy in meeting you I immediately desired to hold your hands. But even that I was hesitant to do because I realized that you are heaven's most beloved ones and the fruit of God's loving care. Thinking of Father's Kingdom and His hope for you, His children, I immediately recall the passage of Scripture of God's speaking to Moses in a which He asked him to take off his shoes because the land he was on was holy ground.

Often people ask how long I've been with our Leader and when I first heard this message. Then I answer I followed him when I was young. Now I realize it has been twenty-one years. I see their surprise to find it has been so long. Whenever I give that answer, I feel ashamed of myself. Although I have known His Will for so long, I don't seem to have done anything greater than other people. It is not necessarily so important to have known His Will first and to have followed in early stages. The important thing is how much we do His Will and please Him now, not in the past, but now.

Though it cannot happen, what if after all His work, God's dispensation were not fulfilled? And our Leader's sweat and tears over forty years -- supposing this is not fulfilled? What will happen? When we think of this, the important thing is not what we have done in the past, but what we do now and will do in the future. It is essential that His Will be fulfilled. In this sense I have seen in Japan and America the evidence of His ceaseless labor in every direction, and the evidence of the Leader's hard work. Thereby I see God once again, and the living feature of the Father in every direction. An antique may have historical value and people may treasure it, but I don't want to become an antique. I rather wanted to progress constantly rather than this. Because I didn't want to be an antique, I always examined myself in the light of what God would like me to be. Therefore, I was never satisfied where I was. This doesn't mean I complained about my position, but I was hesitant to remain in a satisfied position.

You may not realize how much our Leader cares for you just by word of mouth. In Japan and also in Korea I saw our Leader getting up from his bed several times in the night to kneel and pray for the Americans.

Therefore, if I don't serve you, reflecting his heart to you, I will get spanked. The reason God has called us is not to be happy with us alone, but to bring all humanity to be with Him. Therefore Father's hope is not only with us but for all mankind. Realizing His hard labor, let us find many people for Him, that He will be glorified by many.

On behalf of the True Parents, and Mr. Eu, the President, I greet you. May God's grace and the Parents' love be with all of you.

ON KNOWING THE FATHER ...

DO WE EXPECT TO LIVE A LIFE OF EASE, JOY OR HAPPINESS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE KNOW-LEDGE OF GOD'S DIVINE PLAN? SIMPLY THE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS TRUTH WILL LEAD YOU INTO A HARD LIFE. IT WILL BRING YOU PAIN! TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE IS TO ACCEPT A STRUGGLE. TO ACCEPT THE MASTER IS TO ACCEPT HIS BUR-DENS AND PROBLEMS. WE MUST NOT THINK OF PERSONAL JOY OR COMFORT. COMPLETE JOY IS FOR THE FUTURE. BUT, IT IS BASED UPON THE RESTORED WORLD...THE KINGDOM OF HEA-VEN. WE CAN BE HAPPY BE-CAUSE WE ARE SUCCESSFUL FOR THE FATHER. BECAUSE WE HAVE FOUND OUR BROTHERS AND SIS-TERS TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH. WHO CAN LOVE THE FATHER? HIS CHILDREN! THIS BRINGS TRUE JOY. TRUE FULFILLMENT. TRUE HAPPINESS! IT IS GOOD BECAUSE IT IS BASED UPON A COLLECTIVE OR UNIVERSAL REASON OR PURPOSE. IT IS NOT TRUE JOY TO LONG TO FEEL AS INDIVIDUALS. PRIVATE OR SEPARATE ENTITIES. TRUE JOY IS BASED UPON COMPLETE RE-STORATION OF SPIRIT AND BODY...HEAVEN AND EARTH ... UNION WITH GOD! UNTIL THAT TIME WE MUST NOT

STRIVE TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL JOY OR SATISFACTION AS MUCH AS WE SHOULD STRIVE TO FEEL WHAT THE FATHER FEELS. THE HEAVENLY FATHER HAS A BROKEN HEART. THEN TO ACCEPT GOD IS TO ACCEPT A SUFFERING LIFE. A LIFE CONCERNED WITH GRIEF AND SORROW. WE MUST EXPECT TO FACE CONFLICT AND HARD-SHIP. THIS GOD WILL SHOW YOU. HE WILL REVEAL IT TO YOU. HE WILL SHOW YOU HIS HEART WHAT HE HAS HAD TO BEAR. WHAT HE HAS TO FACE AND EN-DURE BECAUSE HE WANTS YOU TO BE HIS SON. THEN YOU CAN KNOW HIM. THEN YOU CAN UN-DERSTAND HIM. HOW CAN YOU SAVE THE WORLD? YOU CANNOT SAVE THE PEOPLE BY IGNORING OR RUNNING FROM THE THINGS THAT BRING DISCOMFORT. you CANNOT HELP GOD BY BEING CONCERNED WITH ONLY YOUR OWN GOOD. GOD IS ANXIOUS TO RESTORE HIS CHILDREN. SO HE IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU. HE IS WORRIED ABOUT ALL OF HIS CHILDREN. WE MUST BE ANXIOUS ABOUT FATHER. WE MUST WORRY OVER HIM. BE CONCERNED FOR HIM AND WORK UNCEASINGLY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE WORLD! in the name of our True

Parents....

Jon Schuhart

TESTIMONIES

Vienna, Austria

Elfriede Weber

(Elfriede is seventeen years old and a student nurse.)

I am the firstborn of six children and was born October 19, 1950, in Horn, Austria. My father is Catholic, yet we children were raised in the Protestant faith, since my mother is a Protestant. In our early childhood Mother taught us to pray and also, later, when we went to school, she prayed with us every morning.

After I finished grade school, our minister arranged for me to go to Vienna to attend a school for housekeeping, run by the Church. Soon I realized that not everything in this home met my expectations. There was hatred and jealousy among the teachers. They still prayed, yet I could feel that their hearts weren't there. There was only one teacher I liked very much, Romana Maierhofer; and because of her I stayed at the school another year, upon my mother's request.

A short time before Romana left the home, she told about a group of young people which is working intensively for God, and she read to me from a book, <u>The Divine</u> <u>Principle</u>; yet I didn't comprehend very much at that time. After Romana had left the home, I was forbidden to get in touch with her. They even threatened to put me into a reformatory if I did. From this time on I didn't want to stay in this home any longer. I found employment as a nursery-maid and was able to visit Romana in my spare time and to attend the public lectures of the Divine Principle. I felt that this is the truth, and I have belonged to the Family for some time already.

I'm so happy to be one of the first here in Vienna, and I will do all I can to help build the Kingdom of God on earth.

London, England

Patricia Hardman

Dearest Family,

The way our lives have been directed is certainly no coincidence. Father has been leading us and guiding us from the time we received our first breath of life on this earth. Sometimes we were aware of Him and we felt the joy from His heart and would reflect it in our lives, but so often we would go astray and He would appear to have forgotten us. If only we had realized that it was we who had shut the door in His face and it was we who would have to humble ourselves and open that door and seek to do His Will. But Father is so merciful and so determined to see His true ideal fulfilled in this day. He sought us from among the captives of Satan and sometimes found us in the deepest and darkest dungeons, bound by heavy chains. His voice when it came sharpened our ears and cleared our vision, and we are thankful that we were not so deaf that we could not hear His call, or so blind that we could not see the light.

Sometimes, when things are not going well, I look around me and see thousands upon thousands of people who have not yet had the privilege of hearing this precious truth and I cannot understand why Father has chosen me to be among those who will enlighten them. Sometimes I wonder how this will be done, but Father knows and handles all things. He has established a unit of four positions in Korea, why then will He not show us our individual missions throughout the Restoration of His Creation?

It is exactly a year ago today (November 12, 1967) that I landed in London from my home in South Africa. England is the country of my birth, and I came here to do a nursing training. My sister, Eve, heard the Principle from June Darby in January, after which time I saw a remarkable change in her life. At this time I was suffering from a deep depression and was led to hear the Principle during the months of April and May of this year. At the end of July the whole of the English Family plus Peter Koch from Germany came to fetch me from my training hospital, and I moved into the English Centre. Father then showed me where my mission lay, and I knew that I had to give up nursing to do something far greater. I am now under temporary employment as a copy typist and plan to find a permanent job.

In these three months I have experienced many situations together with the Family and have been privileged to meet Miss Kim. She is truly an inspiring instrument of God, and I pray that we will grow more and more in our love for Father as she has done. I have had a few spiritual experiences since I heard Father's Principle, and I have read articles in our Newsletters which demonstrate without doubt the great power of His love. I thank you all for sharing with us your feelings and experiences, which are truly inspired by Father and express many aspects of His nature. I pray that we will all grow together as one Unified Family under His Principle and will follow in the footsteps of our True Father and True Mother.

In the Name of our beloved Parents, your sister, Patricia.

children's day 1967

Berkeley, California

Yvonne Owens

The San Francisco Bay Area celebrated Children's Day, 1967, on Thursday, November 9, at 8 p.m. at the Berkeley Center.

After group singing of hymns, Jim Adams sang a solo for the group. Then each of us there took his turn praying aloud. The prayers reflected that even though we have undergone drastic changes recently in the Bay Area, we are determined to work hard for unity and gaining new members.

Edwin Ang presented to us the meaning of Children's Day as follows:

Children's Day was postponed for 6,000 Biblical years. During this period God was sorrowful, lonely, and suffering. This is a very significant day for God. Children's Day was prolonged because of man's failure to respond so our responsibility remains to be carried out.

At this stage the condition for restoring the fourth position has been fulfilled on the tribal and national level. It remains for us here in America to complete the conditional restoration on an international level. To do this, we must shed blood, sweat and tears as an act of restitution. Our Leader mentioned that we must meet our Father at the Garden of Gethsemane and the Hill of Calvary.

Edwin concluded by saying:

We must work hard not only to bring back to our Family the lost children of God, but also to quickly build a solid foundation across the nation to accommodate people who in the future may suddenly come in great numbers. After the ceremony, we partook of a special cake decorated in yellow, gold and white with the words "Children's Day, 1967."

We regret we do not have pictures of our group as the camera did not work properly that night. Instead, we send our love.

In His Name, Yvonne Owens.

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London, England

Dearest Family,

The English Family sends warmest greetings and deep love to you and we thank you especially for your many strengthening and heart-felt prayers for Father's Center in London. We think and talk of you very much and often look at our pictures of the different Centers throughout America and Europe, feeling very grateful to be a part of this beautiful pattern of restoration. We earnestly pray to blend in harmoniously in all united actions for Father and know that He will lead us into securing strong roots for London this winter. Perhaps England may soon add, along with yours, a branch to Father's ever-growing tree.

We would like to share with you our happenings on Children's Day, which signified a joyful new beginning for us and was a very simple but deeply-felt occasion for our Family. The eve before Sunday, June spent time relating to us the great meaning of the coming Day, and we thought for a while on how it must have been for God to hold in His hands the first perfect child of His creation. What a moment in the universe for our Leader to bring the Lord full expression of His Ideal! What a precious treasure is His child! We prayed long for His future United Kingdom to spread across the earth and imagined how wonderful such a world will be. After placing bunches of assorted flowers around our Parents' picture and preparing the room for the early morning ceremony, we still couldn't leave for sleep, but lingered there. We stayed together a long time sharing ideas and finally discussing possible plans for a future Divine Principle school and how our Father would want His first generation of perfect children taught. They seemed to be inspiring our thoughts, and many happy hours later we finally parted, after the ending note that the most important necessity, as far as the Lord was concerned, was to find good teachers who could take care of children and spot Satan a week ahead.

We gathered again Sunday morning, when in quiet we arose and began our ceremony, singing, giving thanks, and then each one offered a gift to our Parents. These spirit-filled moments were perhaps the most memorable of the day, renewing in love and desire to serve. Right after, we departed for the Holy Ground, and by the time we reached our tree we all felt greatly expanded in heart and in touch with all the Family everywhere. We prayed that our Father's Will for the earthly foundation of four corners would be established in all His nations and that when His Son comes His children would be prepared in love and wisdom. The sun was not shining, nor the sky blue, but there was a crisp brightness in the air; and the unusually green grass was sparkling with wet and colored leaves. A beautiful morning! We walked home by Peter Pan's statue in the Park and watched the ducks come near, and we blæssed them all with names of Principle members.

Since we have no other members from outside the Center with whom we could share at the moment (Donald, Rennie and Bob were not able to come), June planned instead to make a prayer condition at four railroad stations on the northern, southern, eastern, and western sides of London. While the four of us stood and reclaimed those areas for our Lord, we knew that we must draw firmly close in love and harmony with each other that His Will might be expressed through our Family in a powerful and expansive way. We finished circling the city towards late afternoon and quickly returned home.

We prepared a traditional English dinner and later taught the sixth chapter to a young Hungarian girl who had stopped by to study with us and has been coming to us for about a month now. Finally, ver late, alone, we offered prayers again of thanks and expressed our desire for active days ahead in growth and discovery and understanding of His infinite Nature.

May many more hear His shout of victory and join us in the wonder of His Kingdom come!

Good-by brothers and sisters! Please write to us soon!

Love, in our True Parents' Name, June, Eve, Marion, Patricia.

Gary-Highland-Hammond-Chicago

May Virden

On November 4, the Gary-Highland-Hammond-Chicago Family celebrated Children's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schoon. Others present were Orah Schoon, Martha Vertreace, Sue Barnett, Frank Militich, Pam Cohen, Julie Antal, and May Virden. Frank, Pam, and Julie have just begun to study and are showing great enthusiasm. (Earlier, Orah, Martha, Sue Frank, Pam and Travis Jones gathered to begin the day at the Holy Ground.) Orah and Martha have been doing a splendid job of presenting Principle in this area since they came to Gary.

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The tone of our meeting was set by a long-distance call to Miss Kim; we are all grateful for her safe return to Washington.

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With Orah as our leader, the meeting was made up of songs, prayer, and talks about our first knowledge of Divine Principle. Orah shared letters from different members of the Family including Johan (van der Stok) in Holland, Diane (Giffin) in New York City, and Philip (Burley) in Washington. It is always a pleasure to hear from Divine Principle Family members.

Following the meeting Agnes (Schoon) served a most delicious dinner buffet style, from a beautifully arranged table.

All of this brought back happy memories of last year's Children's Day in Washington.

Warm greetings to all, May Virden.



CUTTING THE CAKE: Martha Vertreace and Orah Schoon. CHILDREN'S DAY IN GARY-HIGHLAND-HAMMOND-CHICAGO: (Seated, left to right) Agnes Schoon, Jacob Schoon, Orah Schoon, May Virden. (Standing) Julie Antal, Sue Barnett, Frank Miletich, Pam Cohen.



Susan Miller

Los Angeles, California

Dearest Brothers and Sisters:

Our Children's Day celebration here in Los Angeles was full of joy and love to be shared with all of you. We were especially happy that Zed (Robinson), Carole (Johnson), Roberta (Bullock), and Eva (Shanks), who do not live here in the Center, were able to join us. Our newest member, Gary Fleisher, who is a student, was able to participate also.

Although Children's Day actually fell on Thursday, we held our celebration on the following Sunday, since we would not have been able to celebrate together on Thursday. We prepared ourselves for Children's Day by working hard, especially at witnessing, to build up a higher spiritual atmosphere. On Thursday, we began a three-day fast to prepare ourselves to be spiritually united with the rest of the Family throughout the world and with our True Parents.

Everyone helped to clean and cecorate the house on Saturday. The pictures of our Father and Mother were brought out, and fresh flowers were bought to put beside them. We decorated some of the rooms with red and white and gold streamers and hung Oriental lanterns outside. For many of us this was the first celebration participated in since joining the Family, and it was full of excitement, anticipation, and gratitude.

We began our celebration by Eathering on the Holy Ground early Sunday morning. We sang and prayed, and Sandy gave a beautiful sermon on what Children's Day means to our Father. Everyone participated in the service by expressing some of his feelings in words or in song. The sky overhead was dull and gray and filled with smog, but the love that flowed from our Father filled our hearts and brightened the Holy Ground. The service was closed with an individual prayer from each of us.

We came back to the Center to enjoy breakfast together. Our table was overflowing with various kinds of Korean and American dishes and fruit.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, we all met in the living room. Everyone gave a performance of some type which would bring joy to our Father's heart. The entertainment ranged from Linda Jarmin's oboe solo to Sandy and Lisa's performance of Jon's play about a Divine Principle spirit trying to witness to St. Peter in the spirit world.

There was much love and joy felt and expressed throughout the day, and we all stopped often to think of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who were also celebrating and felt very close and united with you on this special day.

The big event of the day for us was dinner at the Luau, a Polynesian restaurant to which ourLeader took the members of our Family when he visited Los Angeles in 1965. We were really excited because we were able to sit at the same table at which they sat.

Our love be with you and our True Parents, Susan Miller.

Rome, Italy

Martin Porter

We started celebrating Children's Day on Friday night by climbing a mountain outside Rome, at Tivoli, that commands a view of the Roman plain to the sea. It was a long and stony climb with no moon to guide us. The night was very dark and it was as though our path were light for us. After about an hour we came to the top, and as far as the eye could see was a maze of flickering lights and stars. We sang together many songs and then prayed. At about 1:45 a.m. we started the trek down, slipping all the way, supporting each other and leaving the rest to destiny!

Saturday morning we were up early. Barbara left for work as usual very early, while Carlo, Dawn and I worked on with the new translation of Principle. At 3:30 Barbara was back, and we made arrangements for the evening celebration. Songs to sing, food to prepare. We celebrated on Saturday and also Sunday, as we knew people couldn't come on just one night.

Sunday morning we left for the two Holy Grounds at 7 a.m. It was a cool, still morning. Villa Borghese was quite empty, as it had rained earlier, so only the birds joined us. The Vatican too showed little life. Our Father blessed an area on the east side of the Obelisk which is in the centre of the square. We stood with our backs toward St. Peter's, looking towards the Tiber. As we began to pray, all the saints and martyrs were everywhere all at once; the spirit force was so strong and joyful, so thankful to our Father for this wonderful day. At 8 a.m. we assembled in our Leader's room. We sang hymns, and then I read an address given by our Leader, then we prayed, sang and closed with prayer. His room was very beautiful as we had decked it with yellow and golden flowers. The remainder of the day was spent translating and correcting the Principle. It is quite a long job as every phrase has to be quite right. Now, though, basically speaking, it has all been redone, and Silvana, Carlo and I are making final corrections.

At lunch Sunday, members came in from Tivoli, but the main body came in the evening -- many fewer members than expected as in the late afternoon torrential rains descended which didn't let up until late. I suppose the elements had to make up for an unusually dry summer! We sang many spirituals, hymns and songs in Italian, English, and in our best Korean. The Father's love was very strong.

After much singing I spoke on Children's Day, starting with God's desire for man in the beginning, then through some parts of the history to show the great significance of this day. Then we continued singing, praying and having a discussion group. Members present were: Filiberto, Luisa, Inez, Jean Louis, Roberta, Dawn, Barbara, Carlo and myself. Unfortunately, Silvana, Leyla and Carla were out of Rome. Then finally the evening closed with prayer in the Leader's room. So it was truly a wonderful time.

In His precious Name, your brother, Martin.

Vienna, Austria

Christel Werger

Beloved Family,

How wonderful it is to be a part of this universal Family, to feel this deep bond of love across oceans and mountains. This is only possible through our beloved Parents, the True Parents of mankind. At last God's ideal of creation has been realized, a true man and woman blessed in marriage by our heavenly Father, a marriage with God at the center. How long our Father had to wait for this day, but now He can rejoice and with Him all heaven and creation. Thus our beloved Leader opened the door for all mankind to return to the Father, to become His children. How can we express the feelings deep in our hearts, our love, devotion and gratitude? Oh, thank you, Father, for this glorious day! Thank you, Father, that we can take part in this joy!

Children's Day, 1967, was my first celebration in Austria. Since it was a workday, each of the three Centers in Austria gathered for prayer separately at 11 p.m. Here in Vienna we met in our Leader's room and each Family member gave thanks to our heavenly Father and Parents in Korea. I'm sure they must have felt all our love we sent to them. We felt so close to the Father. What a joyous day for Him!

Our Children's Day Family gathering was planned for the weekend. On Saturday the girls from our Centers in Graz and Linz arrived, and we had a wonderful Family reunion with singing, sharing, and playing games.

On Sunday morning the entire Austrian Family met in our Leader's room. Beautiful bouquets of flowers, a bowl of fruit, candles, and bowls of grain decorated our little altar since it was a day of thanksgiving. We sang Korean songs and other songs, and Paul talked to us about the significance of this day. Again we prayed with deep love and joy in our hearts. It was a day full of joy and thankfulness. For many hours Paul talked to the entire Family, inspiring and strengthening each one of us.

The atmosphere was high, and our Father was with us. The hours passed by too fast and after supper the Family members from Graz and Linz had to depart again. Everyone was filled with new energy, strength, and joy to work even harder for Father and to follow our Leader's example.

Love to each one of you in the name of our True Parents, Christel Werner.

Washington, D. C.

Sylvia Rogndahl

Dearest Family:

Children's Day in Washington was a time of such gratitude! Miss Kim was newly returned from Europe and Pauline (Phillips) was with us. Our cup was overflowing. Before the weekend of the celebration, we gathered to discuss its meaning. We recalled once again that the children of the Father must be restored to Him and that this is the meaning of Children's Day.

This is only my second Children's Day, so I can never talk about a unique one. But this seemed unique in that we reached out to others outside the Family.

The Family gathered here Friday evening. From New York came Diane Giffin, Helen Ireland, Betsy O'Neill, the Samuels: Wesley and Gladys, and the Penns: Mary, Ruthie, Mitchie, and Jimmy. From Philadelphia, Barbara Mikesell, George Fernsler, and the Dugaws: Max, Trisha and Jubal.

Anne Furnas had engineered a bazaar for Saturday with the intention of raising funds. Those arriving from other Centers landed in the middle of the energetic preparations for the bazaar. Everyone poured himself into the project. We were at work until the wee hours. In this preparation we felt great unity of spirit. We invited the public and all our friends, delivering many invitations by hand on Saturday.

The dark basement of the YMCA was gaily decorated with crepe paper and posters and Family members at each booth. After all the labor, only a few people came. They were all strangers. Shifts of the Family worked through the day and into the night. Finally, we packed up the extra gallons of cider and pans of cupcakes and went home. We shared what we could, though we couldn't share everything. We reached out. The meaning became still clearer on Sunday.

In the worship room were beautiful pictures of our Parents on a white table with flowers and candles. All the work on the bazaar intensified our appreciation of the blessing of Children's Day. Our disappointment in the response to the bazaar was small in comparison to Father's disappointment in the response to His work. He showed us the aching loneliness to renew our determination. He showed us the bleak basement of the Y to fill us with longing to make the world glow like our worship room. In the silence before the service I recalled our Leader's bleak life that had to precede our joy.

Colonel Han spoke. One sentence remains with me. Speaking of the complete resurrection, he said that then our uppermost thoughts would be "not what I want, but what He needs." Afterwards, Anne offered the profits of the bazaar to our True Parents. Though a small amount, it was a gift, we felt, of ourselves and, indirectly, a gift of His wandering children who have yet to find their Father.

The rest of the day was spent in sharing a meal, experiences and a crazy Korean movie which kept breaking down.

It was a wonderful day.



CHILDREN'S DAY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. (See caption on following page.)

CHILDREN'S DAY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.: On stairs, top to bottom, left to right: Row 1: Mary Penn (New York), Rebecca Boyd, Carl Rapkins, George Fernsler (Philadelphia). Row 2: Hillie Smith. Row 3: Glenda Moody. Row 4: Ruthie Penn (New York). Row 5: Max Dugaw, holding Jubal (Philadelphia), Ken Pope, Jack Nye, Row 6: George Norton, Trisha Dugaw (Philadelphia), Linna Miller. Standing in front, back row: Neil Salonen, Barbara Mikesell (Philadelphia), Albert Meighen, Sandy Singleton (partially obscured by arm), Gio Mathis, Sylvia Rogndahl, Wesley Samuel (New York, partially obscured by arm), Farley Jones, Col. Han. Front row, standing: Nora Martin, Diane Giffin (New York), Betsy O'Neill (New York, face obscured by hand), Pauline Phillips (Kansas City), Miss Kim, Mrs. Han. Seated, back row: Marshall Frothingham (partially obscured by arm), Helen Ireland (New York), Anne Furnas, Frank Christian. Seated, front row: Moon Hye Yoon, Cindy Efaw, Mitchie Penn (New York), Jimmy Penn (New York), Gladys Samuel (New York).

NOTE ON OUR COVER:

The cover for this month's issue of the New Age Frontiers is a reproduction of the Children's Day card which was sent to our Parents in Korea on behalf of the American Family. We wanted to share this card with you as much as possible and have therefore copied it for the cover.

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The original card was done by Linna Miller of Washington Center and was made of fine, heavy paper and lined with parchment on which a message was written. On the original card, the colors were opaque, creating a watercolor effect. The scene is National Holy Ground at the Capitol.

The inside message read as follows:

The Holy Ground which you blessed remembers you, Father. The tree adorning this precious earth stands most proudly representing you.

The Tree of Life which you are is making us your children of Life -- born again on this Children's Day 1967 unto our Heavenly Father.

We shall pray together across America on ground which you have blessed and as children rejoice and give thanks for this day.

Gratefully, Your American Family.



