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Let Us Learn from True Mother's Example

By Jack Corley



In her memorial speech on the third anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, on August 30, at the Peace World Center at Cheongpyeong, True Mother asked the question:


What do you want to say to True Father? I want to tell him: Father, from now on, you have nothing to worry about. We will fulfill our responsibilities at all cost. Therefore, we hope and pray that you will now be free to go and come as you please, and to comfort God, our Heavenly Parent, who has been lonely until now, in the eternal garden of the original homeland.

All who observed the original seonghwa memorial for True Father in 2012 will remember how burdened our True Mother looked as she had to face the reality of shouldering the leadership of our worldwide movement without the presence of True Father by her side physically and to respond to the many challenges she was faced with at that time. Yet, at the conclusion of the original seonghwa ceremonies, True Mother boldly stepped forward and asked us to move on together with her and complete the work begun by True Parents. From that experience, we could understand that True Mother would not allow the grief of Father's passing and the other challenges that she faced to stand in the way of her clear-eyed vision for 2020. Since then, she has amply demonstrated her wise and focused leadership ability. Through the establishment of such programs as the Universal Peace Academy, the Top Gun workshops, the Cranes Club and the Sunhak Peace Prize, True Mother is offering a positive and uplifting way to inspire our youth and affect the world.

In May of this year, our European movement was honored by True Mother's visit to Vienna, Austria, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the Unification Church in Europe. Her visit was on the one hand an opportunity to acknowledge the foundation made by the early missionaries in establishing the movement in Europe as well as an opportunity to honor the underground missionaries and the early members in the communist world, who had risked their lives to teach the Divine Principle. Yet, it was a forward-looking visit, through which Mother could warmly embrace the more than four hundred members of our second generation who had gathered to greet her at the inauguration of the European branch of the Cranes Club. Although Mother spoke at the main event in the Austria Centre to more than 2,500 members and addressed a gathering at the United Nations in Vienna, her longest speech was devoted to the vibrant second-generation young adults who greeted her in the Hilton hotel at the Cranes Club inauguration. Before traveling on to the United States, True Mother also visited several other European nations in an effort to understand the Judeo-Christian roots of European society.

Inspired by the visit of our True Mother, we here in Europe are determined to learn from the example that she has shown throughout her whole life. True Mother at a very tender age accepted the call of God to be the bride of our True Father and for fifty-two years remained absolutely loyal, going through untold difficulties and winning the victory that allowed for the establishment of the eternal True Parents. She demonstrated the same unwavering faith when faced with the sudden passing of True Father, in her determination to complete the providence of restoration.

At the recent Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Assembly 2015, held at Cheongpyeong, True Mother related the story of the French saint Joan of Arc, who at the young age of sixteen was called by God to save her country. Similarly, God called both True Father and True Mother at a young age to fulfill a seemingly impossible mission. Starting their course amid the ashes of the Korean War, True Parents faced decades of poverty, unspeakable persecution and betrayal, and the heartbreak of losing several children; yet True Parents' love for our Heavenly Parent and humankind remained unchanged. They paid the price that allowed for the proclamation of the Cheon Il Guk era. Given their example of victory, we have nothing to fear and everything to look forward to. True Mother told us that we too can bring extraordinary results when we have deep faith and unwavering conviction.

With the victorious example of True Parents and on the foundation of the faith of generations of religious people in Europe, we are determined to realize the ideal of Cheon Il Guk in this region. 

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God's Homeland and One World

This text is an excerpt from the October 16, 2002 speech True Father gave at the Central Training Center in Guri, Korea, during a Rally for Harmony and Unity in Heaven and on Earth.

The Messiah is the person who comes with the mission to break down all the walls of heaven and earth and to unite everything into one. The nations founded on philosophies of the earth may perish. However, the nation founded on the belief system demanded by the moral laws of family relationships must be established without fail; that is God's will.

God's hope for Adam was not focused on him as an individual; his hope was that from Adam would come a family, a tribe, a people and a nation. When the people of Israel failed to unite with the Messiah or to support him in leading their nation, Israel collapsed. Thus, the returning Lord has the responsibility to perfect Adam and to complete the mission of the Messiah. I tell you that he has the mission of perfecting Adam and then perfecting Adam's family, tribe, people, nation and world.

Although God has advanced the work of establishing one absolute nation by sending his beloved sons and daughters to earth, at each point in time there was no base through which a nation could be restored. Because that work has always failed, continually God has had to send people of heaven to earth to manage the work, to push it ahead and to accomplish it.

This is how the history of the providence of restoration has been unfolding up to the present day.

We ought to be grateful even if God were to sacrifice us as individuals, and we ought to be grateful if God were to sacrifice our family, tribe, people or nation. It is only when we have that attitude and when a nation with that attitude appears, that the world can be changed through that nation.

However, no matter how much an individual may sacrifice, if that nation is not established, the sacrifices of individuals, and the sacrifices of families, tribes and people, will also have to continue. It is under that principle that God has pushed forward the providence to find a nation during the course of history. Therefore, whenever there was an individual who could think of such a nation and benefit that nation, God used the family that had inherited the individual's tradition of sacrifice for that nation, and God had tribes and peoples inherit that family's tradition so that they could sacrifice for the nation. In this way, God has pushed forward the providence to find that nation.

Ladies and gentlemen, what was the purpose for which we were born on earth? It was so that we could love that nation. The purpose of God's providence up until now was also to

love that nation. A person without a sovereign nation to call his own is pitiful indeed. Thus, Jesus said, in consideration of this, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." [Matt. 6:31-33] Did Jesus say to seek first a son or to seek first God's kingdom? He said to seek the nation that God is seeking. God's hope to establish his kingdom and his righteousness is not realized apart from us and the things of creation. Rather, it is realized through us.

God's hope is that true people will serve as the center of harmony between God and all things. Therefore, God sent Jesus to earth as a substantial being that represented him in front of fallen people, as a person who could represent the Heaven's lineage. In other words, Jesus was the very first person who came to earth to realize God's historical hope. He was the first son of God, established in such a position after four thousand years. Jesus was the son established on earth as a seed within one nation, centering on Judaism, in the family of Joseph. At the time, Satan already had estab-

lished nations through which he was attacking Heaven's side.

Consequently, Heaven's side also needed a national standard as a perfect foothold. Thus, God worked hard for four thousand years in order to form a nation. God's achievement would have been crowned when the Israelites accepted Jesus and become a global foothold so that the entire world would center on God and Jesus.

However, due to Jesus' passing, that world was realized only spiritually. In his three-year public course, Jesus tried to restore through indemnity everything that had been lost centering on Judaism. However, when Jesus died on the cross, the Israel that God had established as his foothold nation and as a substantial entity on earth was broken both in spirit and in flesh.

In the end, through Jesus' death, Christianity had a national base in a spiritual sense. Moreover, the Israelites became the outcasts of Satan's world, a people forced to wander in isolation without a nation. As a result, no nation embodies Christianity in both spirit and flesh. The returning Lord must restore the providence of God that established Israel based upon four thousand years of preparation, which was lost due to ignorance and disbelief.

Ladies and gentlemen, Jesus came to earth to find a nation. He came to establish a single nation. However, while Jesus was unable to establish a nation of both spirit and flesh, he did establish it spiritually. Therefore, the Christianity of today does not have a substantial nation on earth. This means that there is no nation or people on earth of whom God can say, This is my beloved nation; this is my beloved people.

It means that there is not yet a foundation for God's nation on the earth. If Israel had become one with God's son, Jesus, at its center, in his time, that nation would have become God's nation and God would have restored the world centering on that nation. However, the death of Jesus, in other words, the loss of the substantial being, meant that the base upon which God wanted to connect to earth in spirit and in flesh was restored only in spirit. Until now, the church has had neither a nation nor sovereignty. Thus, saintly believers have been



killed wherever they went. Christianity developed through the shedding of martyrs' blood. Because Christianity was planted that way, its development could not have been otherwise. Now that the era requiring persecution with bloodshed has ended, Christianity is not supposed to die out. Instead, based on the belief that the Messiah will return, people need to eagerly await the Lord and revere the lost ideal of the substantial nation that must be sought and realized globally, centering on the spiritual foundation of Christianity.

Even Jesus said he is waiting in paradise. I tell you that he could not approach the throne of Heaven. Jesus was supposed to establish a national sovereignty for God, govern that nation and create a nation that would have the authority to connect people directly from earth to the kingdom of heaven. Jesus could not make such a nation, so he cannot stand directly before God.

Paradise is a waiting room on the way to the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven is a place that one cannot enter alone. If the Fall had not happened, the kingdom of heaven would have been the place that blessed families would have entered centering on Adam and Eve. We must enter there together with our sons and daughters. In order to restore that through indemnity, Heaven fought for two thousand years and made the base to connect with the world up until now; yet on this earth without a national standard, who will inherit the national base? God has prepared to fulfill this purpose by gathering many holy people through a new religious movement centered on Christianity.

Respected leaders, now, as we enter the third millennium after Christ, we are the beneficiaries of new heavenly fortune. All religious people ought to join in one accord to act upon the proposal that a council representing all religions become an upper house of the United Nations.

The loftiest achievement the United Nations could accomplish would be to recover a universal human spirituality based on God's true love. What could be greater than that? Therefore, I have been selecting responsible people from all areas of society, the religious sphere and the political, philosophical, economic and cultural spheres also, and teaching them about true love, about "living for the sake of others."

On that foundation, I already have appointed many tens of thousands of ambassadors for peace. These people now are carrying the flag of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, which I founded, in all parts of the world, and are doing their utmost to realize the peaceful world that God and humanity have desired for so long. The will of the all-knowing, all-powerful and absolute God will be realized soon.

In conclusion, I want to express my hope that all of you leaders in attendance today will re-establish your families and nations with true love and become stars who realize a true and everlasting peaceful world beyond borders. I pray that Heaven's blessings will be with you and your families. ♪

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True Parents' Providence is to Find a Nation

When all the main events held in commemoration of the third anniversary of True Father's ascension had concluded, True Mother held a Victory Celebration Special Assembly. Church leaders and staff members attended this on September 17, at Cheon Jeong Gung. The Special Assembly began with a reading from Chambumo Gyeong: 'Establishing Educational Institutions and Nurturing Human Beings' (Chambumo Gyeong, Book 9 Section 3). In her message, True Mother stressed not to cease working after successfully concluding the ascension commemoration but to do our best to achieve Heaven's providential goals. The following is the main content from her message:

Regarding the third anniversary of True Father's ascension, you may think that because you repented to Father for your shortcomings and for not having done better that you finished the anniversary event successfully inside and out. Isn't that right? However, that is not the end.

God's providence, which is working to save the fallen world has purpose. That is, establishing a nation. The standard of a nation! However, even though you know this from listening to True Parents, you did not fulfill your responsibilities before Father ascended. Within the six thousand years of God's providential history is a history of Heavenly Parent's grief and pain as he personally tended to the providence for four thousand years. From awakening individuals and families to separating them from the fallen world, he cultivated people until his providence reached the standard of a nation.

At the time when God sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, the Israelites should have united with Jesus, completed the national standard through which Heaven could reign, and attend Jesus as their king. Instead, the Israelites had to pay a frightening amount of indemnity for two thousand years as lonesome wanderers with no identity. Do you understand this? Therefore, through Christianity's two-thousand-year providential culture, wouldn't this nation, where the Christ in his second coming, the True Parents, came, have responsibility? I wonder how much you are aware of the seriousness of this.

From now on, our providence, True Parents' providence is to search for a nation. With the world as the object, we should meet God with at least seven nations on a restored standard by 2020. Are you ready for this? Do not simply respond—show results.

We have one goal. All our organi-

zations should educate others about True Parents and guide them to develop into blessed families engrafted with new life through True Parents. In order to do that, we need to fulfill our responsibilities as tribal messiahs, which Father had requested us to do at his end. Many countries in Asia are developing at a surprising pace. How is Korea doing?

How many students are there at Sun Moon University? How many members are there among those ten thousand people? How are you going to tell students who are not members about True Parents before they graduate? You must work hard and bring results. The results are important.

"Going to Sunmoon University is an honor to one's family. It is an honor to the student. I was able to newly discover myself and learn the purpose for living big by going there. It is a most prestigious school." You should speak proudly in this way. Do you understand?


Next, how many members are working at the Il Hwa Corporation? You should speak to your employees and have them do a forty-day sanctification. Those who pass the forty-day sanctification should do the Three-Day Ceremony. Only then will miracles happen. They will know that they have been born anew.

The work Regional President Yong is doing in Asia is exactly that. During the Three-Day Ceremony, you can see True Parents, one hundred percent. In this way, all the employees should be educated by reading from the Holy Scriptures of Cheon Il Guk.

The same holds true for other organizations, as it does for educating UPF Ambassadors for Peace. If they cannot pass this, they cannot come in True Parents' presence. They need go through engrafting. The world needs salvation, revival. Doesn't it? With what can we do this? It is not possible with just the word. We need to prac-

tice the word. Human beings, a true family, perfected spiritually and physically... What will happen if the people of the world come to know about this in detail? Even if we are in a situation where we cannot receive anymore, they will try to break through and come anyways.

Ladies and gentlemen, even the organizations should fulfill the responsibility of tribal messiahs to bless more than 430 couples by 2020. It should be made so that the hearts of the people, the citizens, follow. Isn't that true? What do we have to be afraid of now? Be confident. Why can't you be proud? UPF, from now on you need to have them actually come to church. Those people need to receive education. You need to help them know that church is a place worthy of appreciation where their families have been saved. It does not matter how much worldly fame someone has; that is temporary. However, within True Parents' ideology, whatever results one had and what responsibilities one fulfilled, those are eternal. Those who have them can become true owners, become pioneers. That is the path to becoming filial children and loyal subjects of our Heavenly Parent.

We must focus all our attention on that. The church needs to grow in order to restore the nation. The growth of the church means that we need more families that are blessed. By doing this, ours can become a good nation, God's homeland. You must teach others about True Parents while awake or asleep. Only on that path can you, your family, your nation and the world live. Thus, we will hold an event lauding the birth of True Parents during the next Foundation Day. It should be prepared as an exceptional event that can show how extensively True Parents are present in each nation or region all over the world. Therefore, you must let them know about of True Parents. 



The First Global Top Guns

True Mother gave this speech on August 19 in Korea to participants in the midst of the Global Top Gun workshop.

All right, I heard your testimonies from the workshop so far. This Top Gun workshop has one more G added into it. Global Top Gun. GTG. You are the first graduates of GTG. There are many Top Gun graduates in Korea and Japan. Can I expect more from you?

I have always told you that you are different. History has lasted six thousand years according to the Bible. Human history would have been much longer than that. God had a dream. God created heaven, earth, and all of humankind with this great dream in mind. God planned to work with human beings to achieve this dream. The first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, were supposed to obey God's command and fulfill their responsibilities. Yet, what hap-

pened? What happened to them? They became greedy. God wanted to give them everything after they had fully grown, but they became greedy before that time. What was the result of that? They were kicked out of Eden. God had planned to become the True Parent through the first human ancestors. Human beings destroyed that dream. That is why human history has continued as the providence of restoration through indemnity.

When people do something wrong, they are punished. They have to pay a cost for their wrongdoings. This is the same. Six thousand years passed before the arrival of True Parents. God should have been the owner of all things and the owner of humankind, but on that day, he became a lonely God filled with pain,

grief and anguish. He wanted to be with humankind. Therefore, God looked for individuals who could be central figures in history and had them pay indemnity for the providence. Those were the people of Israel, the chosen people. God gave them the designation, "chosen people," and raised them in the fallen world. The result was the only begotten son of God. He was the only person whom God could dwell within and he carried God's lineage. Yet, it was impossible with just God's only begotten son.

For four thousand years, God had prepared the proper environment. However, though the people anticipated his return, waiting patiently, they did not recognize him when he came due to their own disbelief. That was the Cain world era, the age of the

Roman Empire. Israel did not even have a nation. Through the Messiah they would have established a great nation and found a way to work together with Rome. However, they did not understand God's providence. The tribe of Israel, the leaders of Judaism and the people close to Jesus did not fulfill their responsibilities. Mary, even more so, did not fulfill her role. Moreover, people who did not fulfill their responsibilities formed the root of today's Christian culture. You have to know that.

What did Jesus say when he was crucified? He said, I will return.

What did he say he would accomplish when he returns? The marriage supper of the Lamb, which means, when he returns he will become the True Parent. Yet, Christianity could not figure out this one point for two thousand years. Even to this day, Christians are still waiting for Jesus to come down from Heaven on clouds. That is the problem. A spiritual being cannot come down and fulfill the providence of restoration through indemnity. Fallen people lost God's lineage. They have to receive the blessing from True Parents and change their lineage. After that, they can form blessed families and be called God's children. While this amazing providence is being accomplished, for the world it is still in the

middle of the night.


In today's world, many problems—religious disputes, racism and disputes over national borders still exist. Wealthy countries are becoming greedier. How, then, can we solve these problems? It's not just that. God's beautiful creation is being destroyed because human beings are not fulfilling their responsibilities. Isn't this a serious issue? The ones that can solve all these internal and external problems are the True Parents. If we look at the four major religions, we can see how desperately humanity has been waiting for the True Parents, whether they were aware of it or not. The four major religions have been working in their sphere to educate fallen people to purify their hearts and connect them to their original minds. However, they have no center. They are too far away from the mainstream, the truth.

They cannot help it, can they? None of them can become religions that explain God clearly. Christianity is the same, but we are different.

You should not forget how blessed you are. I do not know how all of you are feeling, how you are thinking or how you're living right now, but I heard that you received much from this workshop so far and have felt deep gratitude toward our Heavenly Parent and towards your own

parents.

Though you may not know this, all around the world the forty or fifty-year missionary history has set down deep roots. Please grow well and build the greatest Cheon Il Guk, where we proudly attend True Parents in the presence of the world and of God. Cheon Il Guk is to be a nation where all of the world's seven billion people attend Heavenly Parent together. To do that, can you just stay still and watch the spot where you sit? You must run. You must fly. Therefore, you must save your brothers and sisters in all parts of the world who do not know True Parents and are miserably dying.

I have said this repeatedly: In this generation, everything will be short-lived if you go alone. You must go together. Even great countries that have a large population like America, China or India cannot go alone. The same is true of all nations. You must communicate with those in countries around you. You must unite. Do you understand? There True Parents are at the center. Thus, there is a cure, internally and externally, that can solve all problems in every part of the world. I hope that you will stand in the center of the Cheon Il Guk mainstream and shout out in front of the world. I hope you will become proud first Global Top Gun graduates. 



A Singing Contest and Yut Game to Celebrate the Chuseok Holiday



True Mother enjoying the singing contest



One of the participating teams singing and dancing



The Heaven and Earth Training Center team receiving the Chambumo Prize



The Japanese headquarters' team receiving the grand prize



The Korean headquarters' team receiving the gold prize



The International headquarters' team receiving the silver prize



The CARP team receiving the bronze prize



True Mother closely observing the yut game

Paying Respects at Paju Wonjeon During the Chuseok Holiday



Some members annually honor deceased True Family members and elder church members during Chuseok



Sun Jin Moon, FFWPU international president, lighting the holy candle

Harvesting Cheon Jeong Gung Apples



True Mother harvesting the best fruit



Some fortunate members spent a pleasant afternoon with True True Mother



A Message to the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council

This is the message that Sun Jin Moon, in her capacity as chairperson of the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council, delivered at the sixth meeting of the council on September 7 at the Cheon Jeong Gung Palace.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be here with you today for the sixth Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council Meeting, centering on Heavenly Parent and True Parents. We have important work to do, and I appreciate all of you for your faithful attendance on True Mother at this time.

We convene the sixth Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council meeting at a very historic time.

The past several days have been filled with an inspiring array of programs honoring the third anniversary of True Father’s ascension. These included the Sunhak Peace Prize, the UPF World Summit, Peace Road, the Cheon Il Guk World Leader’s Assembly, the Youth and Student World Assembly and the publication of

Chambumo Gyeong, centered on our beloved True Mother. It is clear that our movement is strong and moving forward under True Mother’s leadership.

At the same time, the events of the past week have given me a renewed sense of purpose to make sure that we develop the Cheon Il Guk Constitution as a worthy roadmap for the future of our movement that Heavenly Parent, True Parents, and brothers and sisters worldwide can be deeply proud of.

Each one of us in this room is here because True Parents have planted deep roots throughout the course of their lives, with unyielding passion, dedication, and a profound heart of love, compassion, and sacrifice for Heavenly Parent and humanity. The

roots of the true olive tree are deep and secure, centered on True Parents’ words. We are all recipients of their grace through the blessing, which connects us together as one family under God.

As we know, once the root has been settled to provide nourishment, which is God’s love and True Parents’ blessing, the trunk can begin to form. The trunk needs to be a pillar that is connected to the root. With this in mind, let us work to make sure the Cheon Il Guk Constitution will provide clarity, stability, and support, as a mainstay to connect our worldwide movement to our True Parents well into the future, beyond our own lifetimes.

We have important work to do during this Supreme Council meeting,

which is a continuation of the work initiated during the fourth and fifth Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council meetings. One important task is to continue to deliberate on both the proposed amendments to the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and the rules of procedure or by-laws of the five *wons* [five branches of the Cheon Il Guk government.] Throughout this process let us always keep in mind our True Mother's guidance.

Let us also be mindful of feedback we have received from our brothers and sisters from around the world. While the Cheon Il Guk Constitution has been affirmed, True Mother also asks that we continue to review and discuss this historic document. Moreover, as we identify areas of improvement that necessitate an amendment to the Constitution, we should bring these to True Mother's attention for her guidance. We are very fortunate that True Mother is with us during this time, so that any proposed amendments can receive her direct guidance.

Throughout our meeting, I ask that we keep the following fundamental questions in mind:

1. How will the Cheon Il Guk Constitution protect True Parents' legacy?
2. How will the Cheon Il Guk Constitution best serve our global community of brothers and sisters?
3. What is the scope of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution in terms of its application?
4. How can it become the pillar for True Parents' words, blessing, and tradition, and contribute to the stable growth and development of our movement?

5. How can it be a source of unity?

Since our last meeting, all of us at the Cheon Il Guk Secretariat along with the FFWPU International Headquarters staff and the staff of the five *wons*, or branches, have worked diligently to analyze carefully to develop concrete proposals for revisions.

I am very encouraged with the progress of the working sessions and proposals for revision. Rather than relying on our random ideas, we adhered to a very systematic and disciplined approach to proposing adjustments. As we worked and deliberated, we adhered to the following guidelines:

1. Balance of Power
2. Keeping logical consistency throughout the Constitution and the bylaws
3. Practical application and usefulness of the Constitution and the bylaws
4. Sustainability of organizations
5. Good governance
6. Smooth Succession

Also, as I think we all recognize, the most important and recurring issue that emerged from going through each article of the constitution during our fourth and fifth Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council meetings had to do with succession, after True Mother is no longer with us.

This sixth meeting of the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council will be a critical and important meeting, since we will have the opportunity to deliberate and vote on both the proposed amendments to the Constitution and the management bylaws. Our recom-

mendations will be presented to True Mother for her final approval.

Given the importance and magnitude of this sixth Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council meeting, let us each use our acquired wisdom, experience, knowledge and heart to deliberate carefully and wisely. Also, please feel free to express your opinion and vote according to your conscience. We are a team, and we can trust and respect one another, centered on true love. But even greater than this, we are one family centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Let us work together as filial sons and daughters to realize a harmonious, victorious nation of Cheon Il Guk. It is my fervent desire that we can help improve the Constitution, applying all our love, prayer, wisdom and hope, so that it can become a secure resource of harmony, peace, and love for generations to come.

Even though we are very blessed to have True Mother with us on earth, providing wise leadership, there is no time to spare. Therefore, we have an urgent responsibility. I know that if we can invest our hearts as a team and become one family under Heavenly Parent during this process of developing the Cheon Il Guk Constitution, future generations will look upon our efforts with gratitude.

Once again, I want to thank you for your attendance upon True Mother and for your service as members of the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council. Let us use these precious two days together to give our very best effort for the sake of our Heavenly Parent, our True Parents, all blessed central families and the 7 billion people of the world. ㄸ



Supreme Council members who participated in their sixth meeting

Korea National Joint Worship Services

The FFWPU-Korea Headquarters initiated a National Love and Altruism Joint Service in commemoration of True Father's Third Seonghwa Anniversary. Seven thousand members from the Seoul District and Central Districts attended the service at the Seoul Olympic Park Handball Gymnasium, which during the 1988 Summer Olympics was used for fencing completion.

The purpose of this joint service was to reflect on the significance of the third anniversary of True Father's seonghwa and share True Parents' love of life and of peace with one's neighbors. In addition, it was to provide a place to begin a new era of peace and unification through religion and for members to begin uniting through repentance and forgiveness.

The district leader of the main church, Park Jeong Ho, was the emcee and two hundred and fifty choristers from twenty-five churches sang worship songs in a joint choir. Through his sermon, "God's Longing," and


his closing prayer, Rev. Ryu Kyeong Seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea, encouraged the members to renew their resolve to fulfill their missions.

President Ryu said, "In commemoration of this year being the third year since Reverend Moon's ascension, we prepared this event to honor and share his spirit of forgiveness, love, and unity, which he firmly demonstrated throughout his entire life, on a social level. Reverend Moon transcended numerous obstacles erected by religions, ideologies, nations and races and practiced love in the most remote and lowliest places. In this way he laid down his entire life for the realization of a peaceful world. As blessed members filled with love and heavenly tribal messiahs filled with wishes for peace and unity, let us honor his desires and create a Family Federation filled with hope for the world to see!"

The Love and Altruism Joint Services began with the Seoul District and surrounding districts. Four consecutive joint services for members in all

districts will take place. The Yeongnam Region is scheduled to hold their joint service at the Busan BEXCO Convention Hall on October 4. The Central Region joint service will be held at the Chungnam Asan Yi Sun Shin Gymnasium on October 25, and the Honam Region joint service will be at the Gwangju Kimdaejung Convention Center on November 1.

In addition, in commemoration of the third anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, twenty-two churches affiliated with the main district and our peace cultural centers will host bazaars, run campaigns to collect and donate rice, give support to teenagers that are heads of their respective families and do volunteer work until November.

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification hosted more than twenty different events to honor True Father's lifetime achievements including Peace Road 2015, UPF's World Summit 2015, the World Youth and Student Assembly, and the Seeds of Dreams Music Concert. 



One of the four joint services the Korean church will hold

The Significance of the third anniversary of True Father's ascension Described in the Korean Media

With the theme, "Let's Connect the World with Peace," about forty commemorative events for the Third Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon took place centering on each regional headquarters and providential institution, especially the FFWPU International Headquarters, the FFWPU-Korea Headquarters and the HSAUWC-Japan Headquarters. The media reports surrounding the third ascension anniversary shed new light on True Parents' ideology of peace and achievements in their activities for world peace. The result from the Family Federation point of view is that the media has become clearly aware that though the third anniversary of True Father's ascension has passed, it is continuously propelling worldwide peace activities centered on True Mother.

Foremost, before the third anniversary at the end of August, a press conference was held with the Korean Family Federation president, Ryu Kyeong Seuk, and journalists who cover stories for daily newspapers. President Ryu quite plainly introduced the various events taking place in commemoration of the third anniversary, which was held in the Republic of Korea, the fatherland of faith. The journalists honored the Third Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and True Parents' achievements for world peace. They took deep interest in the various events such as the First Sunhak Peace Prize, which was enacted to enhance and develop noble will and spirit, and Peace Road 2015, which local members and friends of our movement conducted in 121 nations as expressions of the wish for Korean reunification and world peace. President Ryu also introduced the ascension an-

niversary in more detail through special interviews with daily, weekly, and monthly newspapers.

Related articles lit a flare that let the nation know about the third anniversary of True Father's ascension in a number of newspapers such as the *JoongAng Daily News*, the *Dong-A Daily News*, the *Korean Daily Report*, the *Munhwa Ilbo*, the *Kyunghyang Shinmun*, the *Maeil Business Newspaper*, the *Korea Economic Daily*, the *Business Herald*, the *Yonhap News Agency*, the *Weekly Kyunghyang*, the *Monthly JoongAng* and the web site, Newsis. The *Maeil Business Newspaper* quoted President Ryu under the headline, "A Religion the Local Society Will Acknowledge." "We will become the religion which the local society will acknowledge and desire. We will strive to become a religion that the citizens need and that is supportive of national interests. We have been maintaining an annual 5-6 percent growth rate in membership around the world."

Media Reports Recognize True Parents' Achievements

Through the third anniversary of True Father's ascension, for the first time, a significant event of ours has been displayed to the world. The Sunhak Peace Prize, which was enacted to enhance and develop True Parents' noble will and spirit and honor their achievements for world peace, was a meaningful moment in which True Parents can be recognized as people who love the world more than anyone else does. Especially as climate, environment, and food problem are becoming issues effecting future generations, the media acknowledged the Peace Prize as significant even just for selecting the Kiribati President Tong and Dr. Modadugu Gupta of India as co-recipients of the first Sunhak Peace Prize.

These results were proven through

media reports. The First Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony received spotlight attention in Korea from broadcasting stations such as KBS (two times), SBS (two times), MBC (three times) as well as YTN, JTBC, MBN, SBSCNBC. It was also reported in newspapers such as the *Chosun Ilbo*, the *JoongAng Daily Newspaper*, the *Hankyoreh Shinmun*, the *Seoul Shinmun*, the *Munhwa Ilbo*, *Maeil Business Newspaper*, the *Korea Economic Daily*, the *Seoul Economic Network*, the *Business Herald*, the *AJU Business Daily*, the *Segye Times*, the *Yonhap News Agency*, and Newsis. In addition in weekly and monthly newspapers such as *Weekly Chosun* (two times), *Weekly Dong-A*, *SisaIN Live*, the *Weekly Hankook*, *Shindonga*, *Weekly JoongAng*, *Forbes Korea*, the significance of the enactment of the Sunhak Peace Prize and information on the first laureates were reported in detail.

Through the media reports the First Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony was placed before the world as an independent peace prize reflective of True Parents' ideology of peace and life achievements. It was also promoted extensively as a world level peace prize that presented a new vision for future peace. To the Korean media, the Sunhak Peace Prize was named after True Parents as a result of the concentrating their heart and soul for world peace.

In addition, Peace Road 2015, which began in Las Vegas in the United States; Santiago, Chile in South America; and the Cape of Good Hope in the nation of South Africa in Africa, simultaneously on May 30 was successful. A hundred and twenty-one nations took part in Peace Road as they hoped for the reunification of Korea and world peace. On August 30, the day of the third anniversary of True Father's ascension, the event successfully concluded their 93-day effort at the Seoul



1 An article on the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony by the JoongAng Daily
 2 An article covering the third anniversary of True Father's ascension on TVChosun

Gwanghwamun Plaza with a Korean National Assembly event. On November 10, 1981, True Parents presented the International Peace Highway at the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. This holds providential significance in that they then toured a hundred and twenty nations, proclaiming the importance of the International Peace Highway to people on all social levels including global opinion leaders.

Various media also reported on Peace Road 2015's launching ceremony and conclusion ceremony: KBS, SBS, MBC, the JoongAng Daily Newspaper, the Yonhap News Agency, Newsis, News1, Ilgan Today, Money Today, and President. Many people participated in Peace Road 2015, which was created so that members all over the world could participate in a project as they commemorated True Father's ascension anniversary. It was even more meaningful as True Mother declared that it had concluded successfully.

The climax of the approximately forty commemorative events held for the third anniversary of True Father's ascension was the main event itself. This event was truly a time for members to look back on True Parents' teachings, love and achievements and resolve to follow their examples and teachings to establish a peaceful Cheon Il Guk. The main event was reported about in the following: KBS, SBS, TV Chosun, Channel A, JTBC, MBN, Yonhap News TV, YTN, OBS, the Chosun Daily Newspaper, JoongAng Daily Newspaper, the Korean Daily Report, the Seoul Shinmun, the Hankyoreh Shinmun, the Kyunghyang Shinmun, the Segye Times, Maeil Business Newspaper, the Seoul Economic Network, the Business Herald, the Asia Economy

Daily, the Yonhap News Agency, Newsis, the Huffington Post, the Daily Hankook, the Korea Herald, Korea Times, the Kyodo News, E Today, Money Today, and Daily Sports.

The media also paid close attention to the letter of condolences and flowers sent in the name of Kim Jeong Un, the First Chairman of the North Korea National Defense Committee. True Parents' devotion toward North-South unification could also be reconfirmed through True Father and Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea having had a face-to-face meeting in 1991. Recently North Korea and South Korea are in a period in which they are perhaps moving toward reconciliation and away from their cold-war mentality. Thus, the media reports may engrave the important roles True Parents are playing for reunification into the Korean citizen's minds.


The Chosun Daily Newspaper reported the entire condolence message from North Korea: "The First Chairman Kim Jeong Eun said, 'On occasion of the third year since Reverend Moon Sun Myung of Family Federation of World Peace and Unification has passed away, I offer my deepest condolences to Dr. Han Hak Ja and Reverend Moon's family. Reverend Moon Sun Myung put a lot of effort into the reconciliation and unity of the people, for the unification of North Korea and South Korea and for world peace. I hope that Dr. Han Hak Ja and Reverend Moon's family carries on his dying wish.'

Three Documentaries Broadcasted

The most surprising of all this is that three shows were broadcasted as documentaries on the Sunhak Peace Prize and Peace Road 2015. SBS-CNBC

broadcasted a special documentary on the topic of the Sunhak Peace Prize, which True Parents have established, entitled "People Preparing for Future Peace." It was a fifty-minute show aired at 5:00 PM on September 12, and at 1:00 PM two days later. The MBCNET documentary special covered the same topic entitled "Sunhak Peace Prize: A New Message of Peace." This was a forty-minute show, which aired twice at 8:00 PM on September 24 and at 9:00 AM on September 25. In addition, MBCNET did another documentary special on Peace Road 2015 entitled, "A Journey for Peace: Peace Road 2015." This one was aired for thirty minutes beginning at 10:30 AM on September 25 and re-run at 8:00 PM on September 26. All together the documentaries were aired six times.

The material in the documentaries included True Father personally marking a map and proclaiming the International Peace Highway, True Father declaring to societal leaders the importance of solving food problems and the global warming problem, and scenes showing fish powder production and food from krill, which True Parents had inspired to solve the food problem. Through these scenes True Parents' devotion toward building world peace was delivered vividly. We will translate these videos into English, Japanese, and Spanish and provide them to our missionary nations, so that they can use them as witnessing material.

We were able to gain all these results on the foundation of True Parents' victories. We will advance without ceasing for the success of Vision 2020 by attending True Father in the spiritual world and True Mother on earth. We will share through the media that only True Parents' ideology of peace and peace activities can solve conflicts, put an end to war and overcome environmental problems. Through objective reports based on facts, we will boldly declare True Parents' original value. We are confident that the day will come when the Family Federation will grow into a citizen's religion that the whole world will recognize. 

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The New Zealand Global Women's Peace Network Inauguration Ceremony

Inauguration of Global Women's Peace Network

New Zealand, September 14, 2015

By Yeon Ah Moon

On September 14, 2015, the inauguration of the New Zealand chapter of the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) took place in Auckland at the Quality Hotel Parnell.

The event commenced with welcome remarks from the mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Ruth Cleaver, a founding member of WFWP New Zealand. She explained WFWP's founding vision and elaborated on the status of WFWP as an NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN ECOSOC.

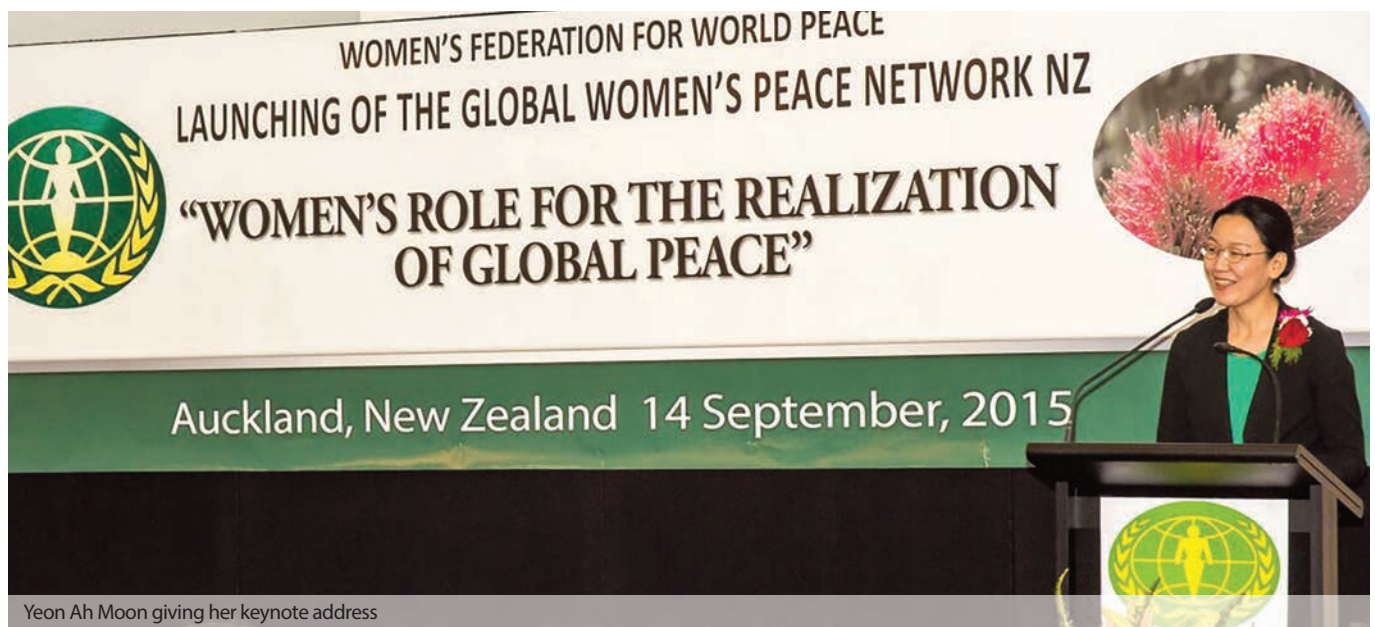
Before dinner, Dame Jane Seccombe, a WFWP member and an ambassador for peace, said grace. The session started with a beautiful duet from James and Elinora Prentice followed by a video presentation of the activities of WFWP worldwide, including the international

inauguration of GWPN in 2012. Panel speakers focused on the topic, "the Role of Women in the Twenty-First Century." Alexis LewGor, national president of the New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Councils, and Rev. Diane Winder, an interfaith minister and former vice-president of the UN Association of New Zealand, gave presentations. Yeon Ah Moon stressed in her keynote address, "Women need to form a network by educating from the lowest levels in our own communities." She expressed her hope that the women of New Zealand will work for peace together with WFWP.

Mrs. Felicity Cairns, president of WFWP New Zealand, introduced the Bridge of Peace Ceremony. Mrs. Miyuki Fyers, who is Japanese, spoke about the culture in her native land. Debra Taylor spoke about Western

culture. Dr. Rafah Smith spoke about Islam, while Mrs. Susan Hosokava spoke about Christianity. The Bridge of Peace Ceremony is project that symbolizes reconciliation, resolving conflicts and creating harmony between different races and people. Mrs. Anne Bellavance, president of WFWP Australia and international vice-president of WFWP Oceania, stressed that if women with a will work together, a new cultural era can begin.

GWPN is currently holding inauguration ceremonies by region and nation to expand the Abel Women's UN, which True Parents' founded on July 16, 2012 at the Cheongshim Peace World Center. GWPN advocates the advancement of women and the formation of a women's peace network all around the world in order to realize world peace.



Yeon Ah Moon giving her keynote address

I would like to express appreciation to all the peace loving woman leaders for coming to the launching of the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN). As leading citizens and residents of New Zealand, you have the responsibility of guiding the world in the twenty-first century. The promise of a peaceful, prosperous future depends directly upon the collective actions we take today. In the previous panel discussion, we shared field experiences of great woman leaders. I believe this will prove helpful in making specific plans as you work in the field to build a culture of peace.

I would like to share with you the vision and purpose of the Global Women's Peace Network and how it was founded. I believe women should play a central role in building peace in the twenty-first century. I wish to provide motivation and a starting point as you discuss how women can work together to realize a culture of peace in your community, nation and the world.

This year marks the seventieth anniversary of the UN. For WFWP, it marks the third anniversary of the passing of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who devoted his life to establishing world peace and one human family. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, as a cofounder of WFWP, is continuing Rev. Moon's vision for peace and his efforts to establish peace in every part of the world. As a part of this effort, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon held the inaugural Sunhak Peace Prize Ceremony last month.

Both recipients of the Sunhak Peace Prize are examples of creating a culture of peace based on a strong deter-

mination that creating a peaceful civilization for future generations is the responsibility of this generation. These times desperately call for women that feel a sense of responsibility toward their community to step forward and cooperate in building a world where our future generations can live in peace.

Peace loving woman leaders of New Zealand, this is an age where input from a woman's viewpoint is an important addition to the successful efforts at achieving peace. In 1992, Father and Mother Moon proclaimed the dawning of the age of women. Ever since then, they have been educating and supporting women to be leaders that prepare for a century of true peace and happiness. To that end, they initiated the Global Women's Peace Network project in 2012. Woman leaders and NGO's are uniting to establish a collaborative foundation for a true culture of peace through service, education and reconciliation strategies.

In March 2012, WFWP International inaugurated the GWPN International Assembly with six hundred woman leaders from thirty-three countries in Korea. Since then, GWPN has been launched in different areas of the world including the Middle East, Europe, the Americas, Asia and Eurasia and today in New Zealand. That we are here today to build solidarity and determination to establish peaceful communities is significant. Launching GWPN in New Zealand will be a great addition to the cooperation of women worldwide for peace

and happiness among all humanity.

What is the original vision of these peace movements led by women? To quote Father Moon, it comes from "the motherly love of living for the sake of others" and the "True family ideal where peace and harmony are achieved centering on a family formed by a man and a woman each representing the yin and yang sides of God." "The basis of creating a world of peace is an ideal family formed through respect and love between a man and a woman."

Next, I would like to share the cofounder's speech given at the inauguration of GWPN in 2012.

The UN has not been able to advance beyond the level of an organization nor balance the various interests of each nation. That is why we urge today that a new system, a women's peace movement centering on an NGO, to replace the current male-centered system of governmental organizations in order to overcome their limitations and ultimately to usher in world peace. Since a women's peace movement can only be realized through global cooperation, which is beyond the capacity of an NGO, the establishment of the GWPN is necessary. When we look back, today's historical establishment of GWPN began from the establishment of the Women's Federation for World Peace, which we created as the backbone for a women's peace movement according to Heaven's will in April 1992. For twenty



Yeon Ah Moon with WFWP members



Women establishing sisterhood relations through a WFWP Bridge of Peace event

years, WFWP has constantly been engaged in a global peace movement through creating networks for peace movements centering on women in 160 nations.

WFWP is different from the aggressive and political women's movement that sought to achieve goals through conflict.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and I, as co-founders, have been creating foundations around the world since the creation of WFWP. The peace movement was able to expand with the help of 1,600 Japanese volunteers who went to those 160 nations. Even now, it is advancing reconciliation between nations through various volunteer and educational programs that transcend racial, religion, language and national boundaries.

All of this is occurring in accordance with the message I revealed in my speech at the establishment of WFWP: "We must realize ideal families through a true-love movement. Then, we must wage the fight, in every part of society, to realize true love, living for others' sake, so that we may realize world peace."

Following a special address that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon was invited to give at the UN Headquarters, in New York, in September 1993, and three years of international humanitarian activities, WFWP was approved by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as an NGO with General Consultative Status in 1997. WFWP's Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East, an annual event since 1997, has attracted interest and participation from woman leaders from many nations in the Middle East. Now it has expanded and given birth to additional con-

crete activities in the field, about which I am glad to be able to report. At the end of June 2012, WFWP sponsored its sixteenth annual Middle East conference, held in conjunction with the UN Office at Geneva, on the subject of Children Affected by Conflict and Disaster: Prevention, Protection, Healing and Empowerment. The contribution by speakers from UN organizations, experts in relevant fields—combined with the active participation of UN ambassadors, counselors and international NGO representatives—led me to feel that such meetings have the potential to offer real solutions to the healing of our world if the conclusions reached can be acted upon.

Moreover, WFWP actively provides relief to victims of natural disasters and helps children and women in North Korea. These endeavors have been successful. I extend my sincere gratitude to those who have helped WFWP to stay on track. However, WFWP must now advance even farther. It must go beyond the next step, to follow the path toward the creation of a peaceful world through joining forces with other NGOs and other woman leaders in the world. The establishment of GWPN—which will go beyond the level of a women's NGO and bring governments around the world together—is absolutely necessary.

I solemnly declare the establishment of GWPN, which will help all the women in the world to realize this historic mission, and will expand the scope of women's movements to the entire world.

In today's world, where must humanity go? The problems that humanity faces today can only be

resolved through the ideals of true love centering on God and one family under God, which my wife and I have been teaching all our lives from the moment we received this understanding from Heaven. These ideals alone represent the only path that will lead humanity to a world of everlasting peace and happiness. In the twenty-first century, women should play a major role in world history by serving with men as one of the wheels of the engine pulling forward the construction of a peaceful world. Going beyond a century of power and technology, women will be the central axis in building a century characterized by its loving, peaceful culture, and their role will be more important than ever before. I sincerely ask you to choose a true mother's path, the path of a true wife, the path of a true daughter, and the path of a true woman leader who will build a unified world where freedom, peace, and happiness in its truest sense, overflow. I hope that you can deeply consider the vision I introduced today, as a result women movements can develop on a new level. Through this event, the launch of the Global Women's Peace Network, I sincerely hope that a plan can be established for an annual Global Women's Peace Network assembly or symposium as a contingency plan for collaboration of women in New Zealand.

Please work together with the WFWP New Zealand for developing GWPN for the peace and happiness of our next generation. ♪

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South American Success Stories as Examples of Missionary Strategy

By Kim Dong Woo

From August 6 to 12, I visited three countries in South America—Brazil, Bolivia and Argentina—to promote Universal Peace Academy (UPA) and to speak to candidates for the 2016 class. I met Rev. Shin Dong Mo, the regional president of South America, and went over my schedule with him after arriving at the São Paulo church in Brazil. I had many expectations and deep curiosity, as it was my first time touring South America. Recently I had been hearing a lot about the home group activities, which have been active across South America, from Rev. Shin and other leaders. So I wanted to go out to the field and experience them personally; I saw my stay as an opportunity to observe what elements led that movement to success.

Winning over Brazilian parents

The morning after I arrived, I attended hoondokhae at the main church. Two hundred young people filled the chapel, singing hymns in Korean and following along with the service in Korean, in perfect order. I was strongly moved as I observed so many young people reading the hoondokhae material with bright eyes and praying with tears early in the morning. The tradition of following a public path and a church life began with only a few second-generation members, but it has not only become generalized, it is booming in growth as they create a culture with other young new members.

I heard that in the beginning, when a small number of second-generation Unificationists started out on their public path of faith, suspicion and opposition arose from their parents. However, now parents voluntarily have their children participate in church programs to train their faith. Parents are even taking the lead to guide young people to take the path

of a vertical tradition. Moreover, I feel respect for the Brazil leaders when I think about how much effort and devotion they made until they could create a model path through which the second-generation members could inherit and maintain a tradition of faith. As I saw how those in the second generation started to formally witness to university students by making elite witnessing teams on university campuses centered on a foundation of faith, I prayed for culture of heart movements to spread out across Brazilian universities.

Emulating Korean church methods

After I concluded my schedule of UPA applicant candidate interviews, I boarded a plane for Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Lee Jeong Moon, special envoy to the nation and the Santa Cruz church leader warmly welcomed me when I arrived and then we went to the church that the members had built themselves. After worship service the next day, I attended a cultural event that had been prepared for my visit. In Bolivia's capitol, La Paz, the headquarters' director and his wife, UPA applicants, and young members from

other churches gathered. As I watched performances introducing their home groups, mostly of song and dance, that they had rehearsed, I felt as if we were all brothers and sisters attending True Parents. As I watched the young people in traditional Bolivian clothing, doing their best to perform, I felt a tingling at that moment when everyone was one in a shared heart and culture though our language and customs are different.

To the Bolivian missionary, they said that vigorous witnessing at universities for a long period became a turning point. They were unable to recruit many people for the first few years, but to educate that small number with the Principle and tradition thoroughly, they applied the method used during the early days of the church in Korea and Japan. When they dispatched young members to do pioneer witnessing, they only gave them one-way transport fare and had them survive on their own in the field. Some places failed but after seeing their success rate, recruiting a hundred and twenty people in a year and a half, they have continued to hold fast to this tradition with conviction.



UPA Principle Kim Dong Woo at the São Paulo church, Brazil

tion until now.

Currently there are twelve churches in the nation, and they are continuously sending out people on pioneer witnessing missions. After the new president took up his new post, he grafted home group movements onto this foundation and applied relationship witnessing and one-on-one Divine Principle education. With this result, the door opened for members to witness to their relatives and those around them with the Divine Principle. Currently, Bolivia has about four-hundred members, and they are improving their organizational structure and rearming the members with the goal to reach a thousand members by next year. I felt at that church in Santa Cruz that just as in any developing community, the church is alive. The young member's spiritual standards are clear, they express abundant love and compassion and the absolute nature of their attitude toward the word and tradition made me feel as if


I had gone back to the heart-based community I experienced at the church centers when I first joined the church.

The next day, I offered a sad farewell and I set off to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The director of the Argentina headquarters and the first- and the second-generation members in the Argentina church focus education of the second-generation and witnessing. In South America, I observed that second-generation members from other countries are living a life and faith, being educated and doing activities together. Seeing this, I felt that Brazil's church system is expanding and settling all across the South American continent. I was deeply inspired upon hearing that the oldest second-generation member in Argentina was witnessing at universities in Cordoba. As I saw that the elder second-generation members have become good examples of faith and stand at the head of a public path, I

could confirm that there was great hope for many more second-generation Unificationists to go to key positions with responsibility for the future providence.

Activating tribal messiah activities

On my way back to Korea, after completing my schedule in Argentina, I made a brief stop in São Paulo and heard good news from Rev. Shin, the regional director. He said that the Sorocaba juvenile soccer team, which True Parents have invested in, is going to compete in Pyongyang's International Youth Football Competition. Even in the midst of busily preparing the team's visas and administrative management, he went to Paraguay to meet that nation's special envoy, Seo Seong Jong, to share the joy. I watched as they prepared to enter the Democratic Republic of Korea with a heart to practice love toward the North Korean people as True Parents have shown us, even if they have to pretend. I think that if all Unificationists in the world developed a regional project to express love toward North Koreans unconditionally, a shortcut to providential unification might emerge.

This seven-day visit was short, but I made effort to organize what I learned from my tour on the plane back to Korea. I believe that South America's current growth suggests that their missionary strategy could become a model for all other countries. By developing a home group movement and revitalizing the church, they have been able to raise members to develop a backbone composed of the Divine Principle and word as expressed through True Parents. I was able to confirm that on this foundation they are pioneering a method to spread the Divine Principle through one-on-one lectures, establishing a substantial witnessing foundation and vitalizing tribal messiah activities. In addition, when I see that the second-generation members growing at a tremendous pace, I see that there is a possibility to raise them into global leaders by giving them vision and hope for the world providence. 

Dr. Kim is the principal of Universal Peace Academy.



Dr. Kim at the church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia



Dr. Kim at the church in Argentina

Japan in the Age of World Unification

The following information, regarding a change in the organizations' name and logo, is on the Family Federation of Japan web site in Japanese.

The name of our corporation has changed to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. As of August 26, 2015, the name of our corporation, which had been the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (the Unification Church), has officially been changed to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. The Japanese Agency for Cultural Affairs, whose jurisdiction our corporation is under, issued a certificate of change of rules for the name change on August 26. Based on this, our corporation carried out procedures to register the name change to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification on August 27.

With regard to the name change, our corporation will display the new name as well as the previous name on the church sign, publications, official documents, etc. for a period of a year, from August 26, 2015 to the same date of the coming year. We will be notifying you of our logo design for the new name soon.

On April 8, 1997, the founder of our organization, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, announced that the name, Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity would change to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. At that time, he spoke of its significance as follows: "The restoration of the right of elder sonship and restoration of the right of parentship have been completed, and therefore, we will move on to not only the unification of Christianity, but the era of unification of the world. Thus, from this day forward, the name of the Unification Church will change; as of April 10, 1997, the name, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, should be used.... We will convert to a movement of world peace and unification family culture, centered on God, through the salvation of the family."

Based on these words of Rev. Moon's, as of May 19, 1997, the churches worldwide had completed their name change to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Until today, legal decisions existed about the liability of our corporation as an employer, due to issues such as donations and soliciting activities by members or members' organizations. As a religious corporation, we will strive for appropriate management and operations so that such issues will not arise in the future and that we may be trusted by the Japanese society and the nation.

Eiji Tokuno, President, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (Formerly the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity)


Notice regarding the official abbreviation and logo of our corporation

On August 31, 2015, we announced that the name of our corporation has been changed from the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification; its official abbreviation will be the "Family Federation."

The Family Federation logo will be the same one already being used by the Family Federation chapters worldwide.



On April 10, 1997, when the Rev. Sun Myung Moon changed the name of the Church in Korea to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, he instructed that the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification logo be used alongside the Unification symbol. Since then, this has become the official logo of the Family Federation. The Family Federation logo visually and symbolically expresses the ideal of the "true family centered on God," and indicates that "a true family centered on God and true love is the foundation (root, essence) of the true universe."

The Family Federation will continue to make efforts to fulfill its mission of "realizing a world of freedom, peace, unification and happiness by promoting a life lived for others and the true family movement, founded on the ideal of 'One Family under God,' centered on true love." 



Matsuo Machida on a highway in the United States

The Road Within

It is not easy to gauge what is in another heart, especially across the divides of culture and age. We may have some vague sense of what motivates a person, but when that motivation is particularly intense, clear understanding is elusive. For example, many of our members have fasted, and knowing why we did so, we might empathize with others who fast. We probably begin simply fasting with the wish that we could do more to accomplish God's will if we were a purer vessel for him to work through. Denying ourselves food for three days or seven days is like going through a narrow gate through which the spiritual atmosphere that surrounded us before the fast began cannot squeeze. Thus, we might infer that others who fast do so in order to go through just such a rite of passage and make a fresh start.

Yet, that relatively common experi-

ence within our movement seems an insufficient guide to understand what drives those people that have gone to much greater extremes than most of us have. In its December 2006 issue, *Today's World* magazine reported on a Japanese man, Inoguchi Yasuo, who had succeeded in doing a fast that lasted forty days. In fact, he had also done a forty-day fast in 1984 to protest True Father's imprisonment in the United States. In between 1984 and 2006, he had done eight other forty-day fasts. In those twenty-two years, collectively, for more than thirteen months he ate nothing.

The *Today's World* article appeared after the conclusion of his tenth fast but the picture that accompanied the article depicted a group of church leaders, well-wishers and friends surrounding a somewhat plump Mr. Inoguchi at midnight, forty days earlier, at the moment that his tenth fast

began. In the front row, off to one side, was one person, Machida Matsuo, who is likely to understand what compels a member to fast for so long and to do such long fasts so frequently.

Recognizing Mr. Machida today, in the photograph, it seems fitting that while most people in the group were sitting, he was standing on the two feet that have carried him thousands of miles as he trekked across various nations as an expression of his heart and faith, because primarily (it seems) Mr. Machida is a walker.

In addition to his recent walk from San Francisco to the Washington Monument, which concluded on September 18, on three occasions, Mr. Machida has traveled the length of South Korea, a combined total of a thousand kilometers, on foot. He testified that he had wished to reverse the course that True Parents took, coming



Chizaru and Amica Quigley serving lunch

south to Busan more than sixty years ago, as darkness descended on northern Korea, sealing it shut for all the decades since. Mr. Machida has walked the length of his native Japan as well (apparently the four main, contiguous, islands) twice, for a total of 7,600 kilometers.

Once before, in 2004, he walked most of the breadth of “the lower forty-eight” (the states that compose



While traveling West to East, Mr. Machida met a man from England traveling from East to West

the main body of the United States; that is, the US minus Hawaii and Alaska). He walked from San Francisco, California, to Danbury, Connecticut. He began then, as he did this year, at our holy ground, San Francisco’s Twin Peaks, accompanied by many members. The group of members in 2004 was so large, in fact, that as they approached the Golden Gate Bridge, the police mistook their peace walk for a protest march. Only after they had convinced the police that they were not attempting to disrupt traffic over the bridge were they allowed to proceed. It took Mr. Machida 103 days to reach Danbury and most

of that distance he walked alone. Hot summer had turned to early winter and for every day of that time, he had hiked relentlessly, covering 4,200 kilometers.

Then, as he did this year, he used a system by which a car-based member loosely accompanied him. This member would arrange media interviews for Mr. Machida, rectify problems with the route, find sleeping accommodations and arrange for members to meet Mr. Machida along the way.

Machida Matsuo hails from Nagano, a city in center of Japan’s main island that has experienced twenty earthquakes in the past year. He drives a taxi when he isn’t setting walking conditions. His backpack weighed 30 kg and he often walked for fourteen hours a day. All the facts somehow fall short of the power we suspect lies within the heart of this person.

When Mr. Inoguchi finished his tenth fast, he mentioned seven others in the room that had also accomplished that remarkable feat, forty days without food, “Mr. Iida Tesuya,” Mr. Inoguchi said, “fasted with me this time. Mr. Kajikuri has done this twice. Mr. Fuchimoto, four times. Mr. Machida, once. Mr. Yoshino, twice. Chunja-san, five times.” We may not easily comprehend what compels such sacrifice, but we can dare believe that it moves God’s heart. *TP*



Arriving at his final destination, the Washington Monument

This was contributed by a TPmagazine staff member.

Finding Your Percentage of Joy

By Miilhan Stephens

We are pleased to present excerpts from a Sunday sermon delivered (by invitation) at the Clifton Family Church of New Jersey in the United States on July 26.

I want to thank you for letting me speak today. I always feel that sermons are a way to share my heart and digest the word of God.

When this opportunity presented itself, I leapt at it. So, here I am today.

A little bit about myself: My name is Miilhan [He pronounces it Millhan]. The Korea word is Mi-Il-Han, which literally means America (*Miguk*) Japan (*Ilbon*) and Korea (*Hanguk*). After having explained that a thousand times, it has definitely had an effect on me. I feel that part of my destiny is to bring these nations together. I am the vice-president of the church with two others, Mari Curry from Florida and Alexa Ward. Most importantly, I am a husband and a father. My wife and baby are not here today. They are in Japan; we are going to meet at the Top Gun workshop at Cheongpyeong. My wife's name is Sayaka; it has the same vowel, Sa-ya-ka; she is wonderful. My baby, her name is Ayumi, so Ah! You! Me! That's her name. Many of you are Japanese. Ah is short for ai, yu is like a connecting character and mi is beauty. So it's like the unity of love and beauty or harmony and joy in the Divine Principle. Something you should know about me is that I love the Divine Principle. [Applause] Yeah! So much so that I named my daughter after something in chapter one. I am happy to hear that your pastor, Manoj Jacob, is doing a series on the Divine Principle. This week, he is giving me the chance to talk about the human portion of responsibility, our 5 percent and God's 95 percent.

Trust and investment

Dr. Balcomb asked us all to read at least from Book Four, chapter two, in *Cheon Seong Gyeong* before the seonghwa memorial to understand

True Parents. Section two of that chapter is titled "Our Growth and Portion of Responsibility." I know that we often talk about our 5 percent, but we do not emphasize that God always does his 95 percent. It seems we do not trust that God is going to be with us in giving his 95 percent, as if we are going out on a limb to do our 5 percent, which of course requires 100 percent of our effort. That is a realization I came to.

God will always do his 95 percent if we do ours. That is nice in theory, so the question for me has always been, What is my responsibility? I feel as if once you understand your responsibility it's somewhat easy because you can just pursue that with all your heart.

To talk about this I want to share my experience meeting True Mother. I was appointed with Mari and Katarina Connery. Right after that, we were called back to Las Vegas to join in a witnessing effort there. We did

not know what we were going to do. We were there for just for a weekend, but we joined the witnessing team. We went out and just shared love with people and brought them to our evening program. It was nice.

The next day, after our Sunday service, we were told that True Mother wanted to meet us. I did not know we were going to meet with her and was not properly dressed. I was wearing a flannel shirt. She came and the six of us—Dr. Peter Kim, Dr. Balcomb, Dr. Jenkins and the three vice presidents, Mari Curry (FFWPU vice-president), Katarina Connery (WFWP vice-president) and I—went in to see her. We all humbly went in, got on our knees and waited for what would happen next with True Mother.

Interestingly the first thing she asked was, "Did you witness?" It was a good thing we had. That was, after all, the reason we had gone to Las Vegas. So, we said, "Yes, Mother, we did." She then asked, "Did you bring



Rev. Miilhan Stephens with his Global Top Gun certificate

any guests?" Again, it was good that we had. So we said, "Yes, Mother, we did."

She seemed pleased with that and went on to talk about America. She talked about what America was like during the Great Depression, and how America was down internally and externally. Obviously, it was a very hard time, but despite all of this, all that had happened, we created the Hoover Dam. She said that the Hoover Dam was more than just a beautiful, phenomenal structure, but it represented hope. That we could create something like that was a miracle in a bad economy. Many believe that that helped us move out of the Great Depression.

She told us that as new leaders we have the potential to make miracles happen. I was thinking, "Wow, that is very inspiring." But then, "Wait a second: She is asking us to make miracles."

She went on to talk about "building your following." It was interesting. Ultimately, we were just talking about witnessing, but she was saying that if you do not have anyone that can find True Parents through you, you have nothing. There is no substance for when you die. I guessed she meant we would have nothing to hold on to. I felt she was showing another way of looking at tribal messiahship.

She was telling us to witness. I never forgot about that. I never forgot about what True Mother told us. For me the biggest miracle that I could make is to become a spiritual father. Have a spiritual son or daughter.

The name

I have been working on this miracle recently. A month and a half ago, we went out witnessing with some others on the headquarters staff. The plan was to go out to Bryant Park [in New York City] to meet people.

This was during the witnessing revival, a Friday afternoon. Before going out I prayed. Father once said that before going out to witness, you need to pray for the people you are going to meet. You may even go so deep into prayer that you find the name of the person you are going to meet. So I prayed. I was sincere and then the name came to me. "Brian!" the guy's name was Brian. Later, I

wondered if our going to Bryant Park had any influence.

So we're walking up to Bryant Park and I'm with Damian, and Carlos, and Koichi, and we're just having a good time. You know guys on the streets, it's great. We're walking and I tell the others that God told me I'm going to meet Brian, and it was like, yeah, cool. We get to Bryant Park, we split up and talk to people. I'm challenging myself, because Brian is going to be a white guy, right? I'm talking to more white people, which is a little more difficult. I mean, come on, they are usually less open to things, generally speaking. Umm It's true.

I met some people and had some good conversations, but I didn't meet Brian. I met one white guy, sat down, and he was just in the area, from Boston. He had a job interview or something. His name was not Brian, but we had a good conversation.

As we were walking back, Damian asks me, "Did you meet Brian?" "No, I didn't meet Brian, but I many great people; it was really nice."

Then Damian just shouts out, Brian! in the street as we were walking back to the New Yorker. Two guys were standing right outside their office, and the four of us were walking that way. Right when Damian yells, this guy was like, "yeah?"

I am thinking, "This guy is joking, right? He's not serious," because he acted as if he had just responded with Hello.

I am in shock. my heart is beating like crazy. I am scared. I do not know what is going to happen next. I just said, "Hi, uh, God told me I would meet you today." We were all just smiling, making light of the situation. I got his phone number. The next week, we had lunch together. It turns out this guy is the same age as I am; he is married and has a four-year-old son. I was nervous. I was scared the whole time but he was natural and we actually have a lot in common. I checked his Facebook and we both like basketball and are both kind of into technology. I was thinking, "This is amazing; nothing short of a miracle." I told Dr. Kim, who was very excited about it and told True Mother.

Life before Ayumi

Ever since we had a baby, actually be-

fore then... Let me rewind a little bit. I remember once after church service when I saw some people cleaning. A lady was working with her husband to clean up the building. She was with her four- or five-year-old son. I saw how they interacted and somehow I just felt, I want that. I want a baby, to share that kind of love. So recently, I felt the same way about having a spiritual child. I want a spiritual child, someone who can grow through every step they take in finding True Parents and truth after truth. Learning this in the Divine Principle, finding... "Oh my God, that's the God that I have been looking for my entire life!" I want to be with that person all the way. I want that. I need that in my life. How about you? Is that something that you want? I feel that that is where it starts, where it started for me, anyway.

Rev. Rendal told me something. He has spiritual children and I like to talk to people who actually have done this before. He told me that whenever you witness, you are looking for your second self. That made a lot of sense to me, because your children are almost like you. Right? So naturally, if your spiritual children were just like you, too, it would be nice. You would somehow be seeing yourself growing again in the faith.

I heard that after I met Brian, and I thought, Wow this is meant to be. But of course there is nervousness, uncertainty about what's going to happen. Maybe he is just going to forget everything and cut off our relationship. All these fears that I have... But I understand that God never forgets anyone and your investment is never lost. Whenever you invest in people, really love people, that love is never lost and even if that person leaves, the next person will inherit all of that. That was encouraging for me, because it was easy to feel that it was all going to be for nothing. Yet, I don't feel that now. I even want the pain of going through difficulties or when the person struggles in understanding the faith and goes this or that way. I even want to experience that. That real love, where I actually care about this person enough that even when they hurt me, it really hurts. I want it to be like having a child; I want all of it.



Miilhan Stephens with his wife and daughter

I want to read another passage from *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, which I cannot forget because it is so true. This is from Book 8 "Life of Faith and Training," chapter 2, p. 864.

When your heart moves you to witness and tells you, Let's go witness, there are those who witness because they want to, those who go with the flow, and those who witness because they are scared or afraid for their lives. How should it be for us? Should we witness because we welcome it, because we go with the flow, because we know we will die if we evade it, or because we are afraid? Which one is it? All these motives fail the test. How then should we witness? The mind and body stand in the position of the subject and object partners, and you start out with joy when the environmental conditions conform to your partner's intent. Your mind was meant to begin with happiness, not sadness.


The experience of joy, rather than of sadness, was to come first. What was the Fall? The elements of sadness took primacy before happiness could blossom. We are people in search of the path of destiny leading to redemption. Therefore, we need to begin with joy and internalize God's will in a joyful process.

What Father is saying is that witnessing is to experience joy. It is for joy and it is not complicated. That makes sense. Why do you have children in the first place? For joy. Isn't that right? You invest in them and you get something in return. That is what witnessing is for.

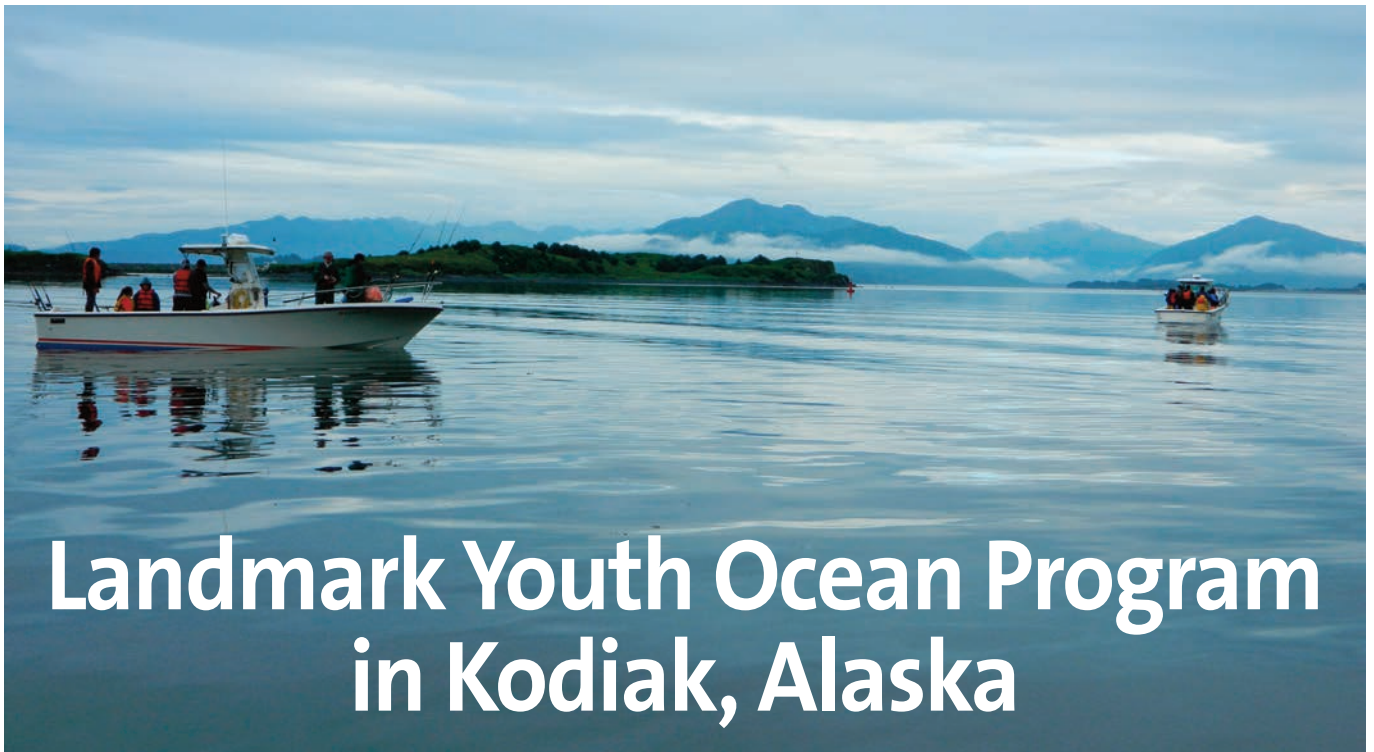
You know it's not for just to bring in Unificationists. I love that Dr. Kim, our regional president, was saying how we should witness not only to people outside of our movement but also people that are a bit on the fringe, a little bit uncertain about what's going on in the movement, and have

not been so involved. Reaching out to our brothers and sisters who are looking for joy is just as valuable.

I want to close in saying that our responsibility is to experience joy. Isn't that nice? To witness, to testify to the love that you received from God, is a natural thing to share with people. Don't worry if things don't go the way you planned, because that is not the purpose. The purpose is for you to experience joy. You could even think of it from an entirely selfish perspective: I want to experience joy. If I get a spiritual child out of that, great. Yesterday, I went through my tribe list and Facebooked a few of them, and I am just feeling joy! So much joy.

So continue to dream big because God is going to take care of the 95 percent. Just do your 5. Witness. Share True Parents' love. Share any happiness or inspiration with others. Enjoy. Thank you. 

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Landmark Youth Ocean Program in Kodiak, Alaska

By Chris Fiala

“Building a culture of heart; developing character while learning maritime skills in the Alaskan wilderness” is the Kodiak National Ocean Challenge Program mission statement.

There was a consensus from participants and guests that the seventh annual National Ocean Challenge Program (NOCP) in Kodiak this July was a very special one—for many reasons.

Visits and inspirational messages from top leaders in our movement, including Michael Balcomb, president of FFWPU in the United States;

Michael Jenkins, the financial director of FFWPU in the US; Michael Faris, president of Ocean Peace, Inc.; Joshua Yashiro, president of Ocean Providence LLC; and Kensaku Takahashi, president of Ocean Church U.S.A. embellished the experience of participants, who had come all over the world.

Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, regional president of North America, en route to Kodiak as well, but was waylaid at the airport by a request to meet with True Mother in Korea. Naokimi Ushiroda, president of CARP USA, spent five quality days speaking with the participant’s key management and goal setting ideas.

Dr. Balcomb encouraged us to pursue an organic relationship with True Parents. “Father is with us today more than ever,” he said.

Dr. Jenkins emphasized that with the successful advent of True Parents, God has a handle to elevate “the word” to a whole new level. His excitement was contagious.

Clint Woods, the director of NOCP, who has been working tirelessly to bring True Parent’s Ocean Church vision to fruition, orchestrated the high profile assembly. Pursuant to this, Clint also created a nonprofit entity, Ocean Providence International Inc., to act as a clearinghouse to secure and facilitate our movement’s ocean-related activities (see www.OPIINC.org).

This year’s NOCP, filled to capacity, took on a particularly international flavor with participants from Korea, Japan, Canada, Austria, the US and Uruguay. In this unique oceanic “age of women,” exemplified by True Mother’s leadership, nearly 50 percent of those taking the “Ocean Challenge” were young women.

Many of those that became team leaders and CITS (Captains in Training) and did so with gusto and commitment were members of our second

generation. Overall, young second-generation members facilitated the program, with senior captains and staff members on hand to support when needed. A team of second-generation Unificationists, which Branch Gaarder led, prepared and maintained four twenty-eight-foot diesel boats, which True Father had designed. Minoru Kageyama, the longstanding NOCP senior commander, was on hand to monitor all tackle preparation, teach fishing and navigational techniques and oversee the fleet.

Core Ocean Church alumni from the original Gloucester, Massachusetts, Ocean Challenge project, which True Parents initiated in 1981, started the Kodiak program in 2009. It was their belief that the ocean—especially the pristine Alaska environs—was an ideal setting for those in our second generation to find their identity and create the culture of heart True Parents had ushered in. The assets for the program—boats and the training center—were already in place as a consequence of directions from True Parents during numerous visits.

True Father, who visited Kodiak during the early editions of the program, did not interfere much except to say once that the program needed



Participants with their fish



Happiness comes with catching a fish.



A prayer circle



Indoor education

to have a strong foundation to succeed. We interpreted this to mean that this historical effort needed to connect to the strong root of indemnity True Parents and ancestors had laid—surely this was not a normal project.

In an effort to realize that strong foundation, as well as to supply needed marine training, the twenty-one-day schedule includes daily study of True Father's teachings, Divine Principle education, education on the meaning of the ocean providence, and evening testimonies reflecting first- and second-generation members' experiences with True Parents. Each participant receives top level Coast Guard training, Red Cross CPR certification, a salmon hatchery tour, river and ocean rod use training, as well as training in boat docking and handling, knot tying, fish filleting, and to top it off, ten days of the world's best ocean fishing.


Additionally, everyone is treated to a campout and river fishing excursion, unequaled hiking and beachcombing, the best food of any camp ever (unanimously agreed) thanks to

Mrs. Oka and her assistant "chefs." The grand finale included an ocean fishing tournament with prizes, participation in the Peace Road Tour with Michal and Fumiko Balcomb, and a wonderful graduation ceremony replete with a near all night talent show the last evening that all could be together. Visitor Jennifer Yashiro, who attended with her husband said, "I would never have believed how wonderful this program was without actually being here; the youth are so alive with creativity and excitement."

After seven years, we are still going and have attracted attention and support from around the globe. Gradually, individual, family and company donors began to contribute. Soon thereafter, True Parent's Ocean Peace company stepped up to help start a scholarship program for young people due to the higher than average cost to travel to Kodiak. Thanks to all of our generous donors, participants graduate and leave Kodiak with real world connections and options for their future, unparalleled experiences with God in creation, and complimen-

tary boxes of the finest king salmon, halibut, and other fish fillets to be found anywhere on the planet; a gift to share with family and friends back home. (Visit Donors Hall of Fame tab at www.oceanchallenge.org)

Since this is a youth project, centering on those in our second generation, that they take ownership is imperative. In a recent Kodiak gathering of second-generation members, program alumni—including Rebekah, David and John Reyes, Ethan Barker, Kahye and Myo Yeon Yu, Lukas Bercy and the program coordinator Naria McGee, we examined whether the program was hitting the mark.

Naria said that the overwhelming take-away mentioned in reflections by attendees was the joy of making new friends, building that "culture of heart." She said it was a "good feet-wetter program" for the maritime realm, but the real importance was the opportunity for second-generation members to be among each other in the last frontier. They all agreed. She added, "It's the perfect environment to feel God." 

Saving My Life at Cheongpyeong

By James M Powell

All throughout my life, the spirit world has guided me. When I was six years of age, I experienced a dramatic spiritual vision in which I saw thousands of couples, men and women, standing together in front of a large outdoor stage. On the stage was a gigantic ball of golden light radiating a love of such warmth and beauty that I had never experienced before. When I asked what it was, I heard the reply, This is a God-centered marriage. Do you want this James?

I said yes.

I am a first-generation blessed family member from Wales in the United Kingdom (UK) who grew up having this hope and expectation for my future. I met my spiritual father, Natty German, in Wales in 2007. The spirit world strongly influenced our meeting. I was not surprised that I met him on that day. In fact, I was expecting to

meet someone specifically then, and I knew the person would change my life completely. Nevertheless, how bright he was spiritually very much surprised me!

I have met many spiritual earthly people in my life but none of them—even the oldest who had been meditating their whole lives—was as naturally bright as this second-generation child of God. When I described this to him, he told me that he did not feel particularly special and he had not been trying to be particularly shiny. God’s love was coming out of him so easily. This is truly the value of the blessing.

After joining, I was sent to Albania on a mission the following year, 2008. In 2009, I was blessed with the most amazing sister, Elona, from Albania in the 10.14 True Parents’ Cosmic Blessing Ceremony in Seoul, Korea, which was the fulfilment of the vision I had

had when I was a boy. I cannot imagine ever meeting as a good person as my wife if True Parents were not involved. Elona and I remained in Korea and were able to liberate and bless our ancestors back two hundred and ten generations.

Before returning to the UK in 2011, I had noticed that one of my testicles was swollen to more than twice its normal size, but decided to finish what I had come to do first and then have a check-up after arriving back in the UK. The doctor told me that it was cancer and he said it was good that I had done the check-up when I did, otherwise it would have been untreatable. Within three days, I had an operation to remove a tumor. The cancer seemed to be gone. Yet, the following year it returned.

The Principle and prayer

The second time, it was in my ab-



James and Elona Powell receiving a benediction at the blessing

domen. The doctor did a blood test and told me that my markers, which reflect the speed of growth of the cancer cells, were tripling each week. He said that he had never seen anyone's markers multiply as fast before. He did some calculations and said that if I do not begin chemotherapy within two weeks it would be untreatable and I would die. I have his official statement printed out.

Nevertheless, with what I understood in my mind about the Principle, I thought about it in a different way. Regardless of my father tearful begging me to do chemotherapy (He was present when the doctor gave me his diagnosis.) I said that I needed to check some other sources first and then I would let them know what I had decided. My actions made no sense to them.

The first thing I did was report everything to my wife. I then immersed myself in the Principle and prayed. I shared my situation with my public central figures and then with my closest brothers and sisters. The overall conclusion was that I should go to Cheongpyeong to do a forty-day workshop.

True Father's seonghwa occurred at this time. My church leader offered to send me to Cheongpyeong as a representative on behalf of Wales, so I was able to attend True Parents at True Father's seonghwa on behalf of Wales and also offer a representative bow in front of True Father's body in the Original Palace.

I personally feel that I was born to go through this era, so in my heart True Father's seonghwa was really more of a celebration of victory than mourning. Yet I can never forget the feeling from the vibrating sound of all the cries and tears of thousands of brothers and sisters—many of whom have been with True Parents since the early days—as True Father's precious casket was carried down the aisle to True Mother at the front of the stadium. That was overwhelming. I can still feel it today.

As soon as the ceremony had ended, I walked across to the Heaven and Earth Training Centre and began the forty-day workshop. I requested a meeting with Daemo nim for a personal consultation. I met her in her room, behind the Cheongshim Won (prayer hall), with a few other brothers and sisters. There, I received healing.

During the consultation, Daemo nim told me that she had removed the main spirit causing the problem. She added that I should do the forty-day workshop and then return to Wales to do chemotherapy. I had planned to have frequent blood tests in Cheongshim Hospital to check if the cancer cells were going away or not. Since Daemo nim had told me to do the workshop and then go back to do chemotherapy, I reasoned that I did not need to check and that I would instead just do as she had said.

My church leader in Wales told me that taking as much responsibility as I could while in Cheongpyeong would

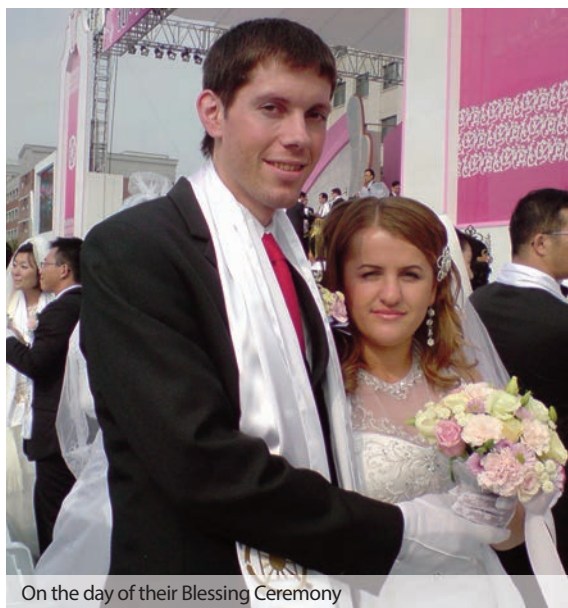
be good for me. Based on that advice, I volunteered to be the Chanyang Team leader.

This was an unforgettably good experience for me because I saw how some brothers and sisters on my team genuinely struggled with personal issues to fulfill their roles in a public position, but then invested sincerely and overcame their difficult challenges with strong determination. I feel so proud of them all for doing that!

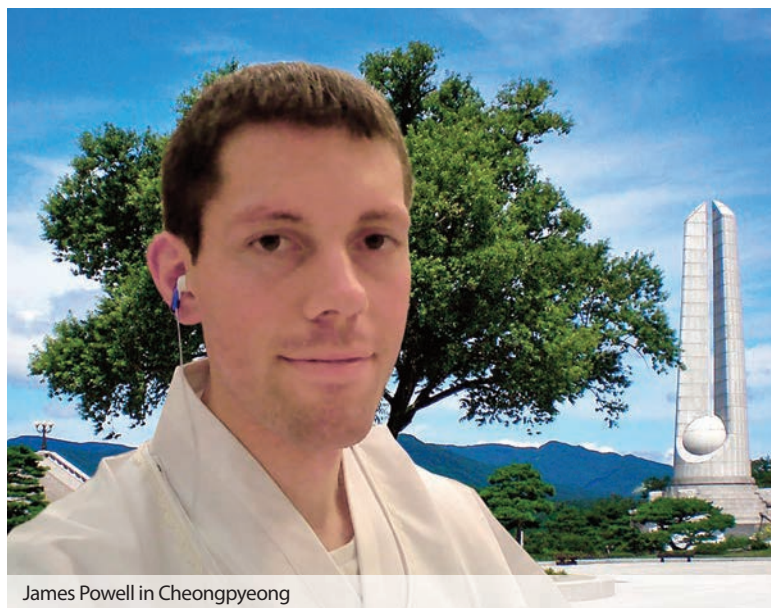
Being on the Chanyang Team was even more special for me personally, because we were the Chanyang Team for the first Special Great Works that True Father could attend spiritually after his forty-day period following his seonghwa. Daemo nim confirmed this when she spoke onstage during the Special Great Works. She told us that if the Special Great Works was within the forty days, True Father could not have come, but it started on the forty-first day. What an amazing blessing.

We have been prepared

A brother in Wales asked me to win the Divine Principle test during the forty-day workshop, because he and another Welsh brother had won it. Winners of the Divine Principle test for the forty-day workshop receive a Divine Principle from Daemo nim with her personal stamp inside. The brother wanted three for Wales. I won the test but was kindly told by a Cheongpyeong staff member that they don't usually give two Divine



On the day of their Blessing Ceremony



James Powell in Cheongpyeong



James and Elona Powell

Principle books to the same person in a forty-day workshop. I was already getting one for being the Chanyang Team leader. I decided to accept the Divine Principle book for being Chanyang Team Leader because I felt it represented more the purpose for which I had gone to Cheongpyeong, but also so that the second person in the test competition could also receive a book.

Earlier in the year, European family members had been reciting the Lisbon Resolution as part of one of the forty-day European *jeongseong* conditions. The final paragraph in that resolution reads, "We pledge to resemble True Parents' life or death determination in fulfilling this resolution." I did not understand that, so I began to pray. I prayed about it for weeks.

It was not until Daemo nim said something while onstage during the Special Great Works that a deep realization came to me. She said, "Everyone who has come here has been prepared." When Daemo nim told me at the beginning of the workshop to do the forty-day workshop and then return to Wales to do chemotherapy, I felt that I did not need to think about

myself during the forty days. Instead, I would just focus on attending Heavenly Parent and True Parents as much as I could while I was there. Since the moment she spoke, I have felt that I now understand what it means to live in attendance to Heavenly Parent and True Parents at the literal risk of my life.

Returning to the UK

According to the doctors in the UK, by the time I returned to them after being in Korea, I should have gone so far beyond the point of being treatable that my death was guaranteed. What they actually found, though, was that my markers were decreasing by themselves, which meant the cancer was going away by itself. They even delayed chemotherapy to do more tests to try to find out why I was getting better. They did not find an answer, so I gave them a copy of True Father's autobiography and told them, "This is why."

You would think that that would be it, right? But there are three stages—formation, growth and completion. Likewise, there are symbol, image and substance. In my youth, I

was in another life-threatening situation in which I cried out spiritually in my mind three times, "I want to live! I want to live! I want to live!" I do not have enough room to describe it in this article, but that saved my life then. Now I have had to go through the same course three times physically.


Applying the Principle

The third time I had cancer was the year following the second time. You might be thinking now, as I did then, What else could possibly be done? I had gone to Cheongpyeong and amazing things had happened. What could possibly do more than that? I tell you: living a Principle lifestyle saved my life. But I did not do it alone.

With the love of my wife and her guidance centered on the Principle and True Parents' hearts, I was able to change the fallen habits that had caused the problem to recur. Even though Daemo nim might remove a spirit that causes a problem, if the person does not change his fallen habits for the better and does not have a Principle lifestyle, he will attract more of the same and the problem will return. This is within the realm of personal responsibility.

The day I made the change with the help of my wife was the exact day the cancer went away. Without the love of Heavenly Parent, True Parents and my wife, and without the Principle, I would not be here today. It is that simple.

I constantly feel that my life is on the line and the only reason I am here today is because True Parents clearly do show the way. Heavenly Parent does not give us what we cannot handle, but sometimes we need to exert ourselves to the maximum in order to succeed. This chapter of my life has caused me to seriously reassess my purpose for being here on earth. I have concluded that in addition to living a blessed family life, witnessing to True Parents is the most important purpose of my life.

All our gratitude goes out to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and to all you amazing champions of true love. If you have not written your testimony yet, please do it. Collectively, they become a record that can change the world. 



The 2015 Brittany Summer Camp participants

Nurturing Faith by the Sea

Bretagne (in English, Brittany) is the name of France's north-western peninsula, just southwest of Normandy. In ancient times, leaders that had roots in Britain controlled this territory and between the fourth and ninth centuries much of Brittany's population migrated from the southwestern British Isles. Thus, the term "Great Britain" came to be used to differentiate the large part of Britain in the sea from the smaller part of Britain then on the continent. Today Brittany is a region of the French Republic.

For young members of the French church, Brittany has been the location to head to each summer for the past six years to meet friends and to deepen their lives of faith through a summer camp experience. It has developed into a major summer event. Indeed, this sixth iteration of the summer camp brought together more than forty second-generation members. The theme of this year's get-together, which occurred August 8–16, was "the ocean providence."

A young Unificationist, Jonathan Burt, initially launched the summer camp project in 2009. It has continually improved year after year. The first year, it took place in a small field with only few Breton church members. The workshop then moved to a small campsite. Eventually, the organizers were able to hold it in a luxurious three-star campsite, near the Atlantic Ocean. This is where they held it this year.

What was once a small, local event for the Brittany church community has now reached the national level. Unificationist campers came from all parts of France. Two members of our second generation, sixteen-year-old Solange Colléter and seventeen-year-old Laurent Drevici organized this year's camp. These two teenagers dedicated much time to preparing the week-long program.

What motivated them to invest their time and effort? They expressed their feelings by saying, We know how concerned True Father was about the ocean providence, because he strongly emphasized the ocean's value. We feel deeply blessed to live near to the Atlantic Ocean, and it has been such a pleasure to hold this camp on the Breton shoreline. The Paris community does not have the chance to witness the beauty of nature and the beauty of the sea. It is a great privilege to live our lives surrounded by such beautiful landscapes. We felt the need to share this blessing with the highest possible number of people.


Camping by the sea

This year's summer adventurers (ranging in age from nine to twenty-five) had the opportunity to participate in several activities such as beach volleyball, a challenge day and a treasure hunt. Both the young participants and the not-so-young ones seemed to appreciate these events. They suffered through a thunderstorm with heavy

rainfall, but these seemed necessary to fully appreciate the sun's rays when they could feel them again.

They started off each day with a morning sport on the beach, the perfect way to enjoy the beauty of the rising sun. The morning sport sessions were followed by hoondokhae, reading about Father's hopes for and explanations of the ocean providence.

The teams prepared their own meals. Teams evaluated other teams, not only for the excellence of the food they prepared but for all activities, creating a competitive yet friendly atmosphere and reinforcing the quality of the workshop. At the end of each day, the teams would meet and their members would fill out a "souvenir booklet" with drawings symbolizing the day that had just passed. They would then conclude the day by playing card games or having a quiz. They enjoyed various activities, including testimonies from France-Pol Ladouce and others and one by Jonathan Martin on his trip to Korea. Parents provided a lot of support. In addition, the manager of the camp supplied equipment, such as tables and chairs and two refrigerators, free of charge.

Eventually, the sixth Brittany Summer Camp ended with a prayer vigil followed by the release of twenty red lanterns that floated on the surface of the sea, beneath the starry sky. 

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Visiting the oldest Cheongpa-dong church, where the True Family lived and the Holy Wedding occurred

Blessed Children Visit God's Homeland

Over 100 second-generation Unificationist children came from Belarus to Korea on an August 17-31 pilgrimage to holy places connected to the lives and work of True Parents. This is the second time a group of children has come from Belarus for that purpose.

Eleven children took part in the program. Seeing and listening to True Mother during a three-day workshop, which took place at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, made the deepest impression on them. To feel True Father's heart, they visited the first holy ground, in Busan. While there, a typhoon hit and they endured gale-force winds and heavy rain. They held hands and resisted the strong wind as they sang together "The Principle Youth March."


After having prayed and sang, the wind began to calm down and the rain almost ceased. For these second-generation members, it was a special experience. It was great!

In their effort to unite with True

Parents in their hearts, the participants visited Cheon Jeong Gung, the earliest remaining former national headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong, the workshop center in Yeosu and Sun Moon University.

Belorussian and Korean second-generation children went through a Peace Bridge Ceremony. Once paired as "siblings" through the ceremony, they spent time together, developing friendship, which fit with the pilgrimage

motto, "We are one family under God."

Notably, the children had been preparing for the pilgrimage throughout the year, participating in Divine Principle workshop and a workshop on True Parents' life courses as well as setting spiritual conditions. Naturally, their participation in the third Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind was a wonderful finale their pilgrimage. 



Praying at the Busan holy ground



The West African twenty-one-day workshop participants

Leading Young People to Adopt Filial Piety

By Eugene Ahondjo

The first international twenty-one-day seminar for CARP in the West Africa region started on July 27 and ended on August 16. Our members in Abidjan, the capital city of Côte d'Ivoire, held the workshop, initiated by the FFWPU West Africa headquarters under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Cho Dongho, the regional president. Fifty-seven students in high school or university have joined, coming from six countries (Burkina Faso: 21, Benin; 9, Côte d'Ivoire: 18, Liberia: 5, Mali: 3, Niger: 1) opening a way for second-generation members to deepen their understanding of True Parents' teachings and life courses and to get to know one another.

As the West Africa CARP director, I supervised the workshop with the support of Hiroki Matsuoka, our youth special envoy. The core of the seminar was to help young Unificationists to "become dutiful children who will accomplish vision 2020" as stated on our banner. In difficult environments, the children studied diligently and shared good brotherly

times. For the first time, they came to know one another and spent time and made unforgettable memories, as some mentioned after spending the first ten or so days together.

On July 27, at 3:00 pm, we held the opening ceremony as the special envoy, the FFWPU Côte d'Ivoire staff, the education department's director and the secretary general and I look on. After the prayer, the FFWPU president delivered welcoming remarks to attendees expressing how lucky they are to be in our second generation and to have come together to learn True Parents words and deeds. I then explained the motivation of the workshop, and how it was of a great concern for FFWPU West Africa president, Dr. Cho Dong ho. Members from each country introduced themselves and the ceremony ended with a commemorative photograph.

After the official opening ceremony, an orientation session took place. It was an occasion to establish teams, decide team leaders and start to know each other. Mr. Matsuoka led ice-breaking activities to help create

sense a brotherhood among all. Seven teams were created with meaningful names, Shimjeong, Unity, Moon-light, Peace Soldiers, True Love, New Hope and the Winners.

The next day, lectures started with a presentation on the Family Pledge by Mr. Matsuoka, translated by Mrs. Furukawa, a Japanese woman blessed to an Ivorian man in 1992. From July 29 to August 5, lecturers presented Divine Principle material to the students. Every morning, all participants attended hoondokhae. The hoondokhae material came from *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. The thirty-minute reading was followed by discussions within each of the seven teams. When young people speak to each other they are more open and less shy; expressing freely and without any complex or reservation.

After Hoondokhae, they participated in a special exercise bringing everyone to develop a sense of teamwork and living for the sake of others. Every night, all teams gathered to discuss the material taught during the lectures and to practice Divine Princi-



Dr. Cho Dongho with participants from Côte d'Ivoire



Dr. Cho Dongho with participants from Mali



The Give and Take Game, an ice-breaking activity

ple lectures.

After arriving from a tour in central Africa, Dr. Cho came on fifth morning to meet workshop participants from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. He spoke briefly about True Parents courses and the status of unification church members in the current providence. On Saturday August 8, he came once again to share his heart to CARP members. He then posed in pictures with participants from each country and presented scholarships to beneficiaries who attended the seminar. Dr. Cho explained to them how concerned our True Mother is for our students and how important it is for them to be the best in their classes, to earn scholarship and have the opportunity to study in Korea, True Parents' homeland.

August 6 was reserved for sport and entertainment preparation for the coming national Sunday service to be held on August 9. On that Sunday, all participants introduced themselves and offered some songs. To look at and listen to an improvised choir singing so beautifully was amazing.

It was noticeable that after a week of living together, relationships among the students were so good despite occasional quarrels that never lasted long.

True Parents life courses over two days led students to appreciate their victorious lives and to be more concerned about them, realizing how True Father and True Mother were so faithful to God in spite of all their difficulties.

The internal guidance based on lectures from Korea brought them to understand the model lifestyle that they have to live as children born from True Parents' lineage. On August 10, seminarians received training on how to conduct services and on project planning and implementation.

From August 11 to 13, they raised funds. It was the first time for many of them to experience that. They were invited to collect money for a project concerning a social issue, early pregnancies among primary school and secondary school students. The total goal set was US \$1,000 in those three days. The amount was divided as a goal for each team. All the teams had to strive to reach their goal and help other teams when they could not reach theirs. As some mentioned when they came back, they could understand the path followed by their parents in the church and come close to feeling God's Heart. During the three days, they went out, even if they

were tired, from 8 am to 6 pm.

On the last day of raising funds, many were exhausted but proud of having participated to this challenging program. On the morning of August 14, the West Africa CARP Assembly 2015 took place, leading each delegate to present his activities and an action plan for the following four months.

In the afternoon, a special lecture was given by the sub-regional director, Dr. Zinsou Paterne, on the impacts of the new media culture on young people. He advised them about dangers coming from the internet and android phones, so pervasive today, and that have become vehicles of pornography and junk music.

Friday August 15 provided an opportunity for all participants to go on a tour of Abidjan. They could visit almost forty sites and have seven stops including the Administrative Area, with its skyscrapers, the Saint Paulus Cathedral, the Harbour, the Airport, the Third bridge, the National University and the five-stars Hôtel Ivoire.

On the night of the same day, the closing ceremony took place. The regional president, Dr. Cho Dongho, education department director, Dr. Zinsou Paterne, the president's assistant, Mrs. Brou, and I were on hand as participants expressed their gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for this unprecedented gathering, pledging to become owners of the providence and to contribute in their respective countries to witnessing to True Parents' greatness. *✠*

Rev. Ahondjo is the president of CARP for West Africa.



Our Togolese brothers and sisters remembering True Father and renewing their determination to follow in his footsteps


Togo Commemorates the Third Anniversary of True Father’s Seonghwa

Togo is a narrow nation between Benin and Ghana in West Africa. Togo has a population of 7.5 million people. The members of our Togo church commemorated the anniversary of True Father’s ascension together with fifty guests on August 29. In the speech given by the national leader, which began the ceremony, he quoted from True Father’s autobiography,

which in Togo has the name, *My Life in the Service of Peace*. He concluded saying that the two most important things that we need to pass on to our descendants are inheriting True Parents’ tradition of true love and education centered on creating true family values.

They watched a video introducing True Parents’ achievements for peace throughout the world. Next, a presen-

tation by the national vice-president of Togo, Mrs. Antonio Ayélé Flore, about the First Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony and its laureates was given. Scholarships from True Mother were also awarded to four second generation students.

The accomplishments of True Parents’ achievements in Togo and other nations could be confirmed through this event. 



Recipients of scholarships from True Mother



The national leader quoting True Father's autobiography in this speech



A Strategy for Tribal Messiah Outreach

The city of Beaverton, in the northwest US state of Oregon, is home to 92,000 people. Beaverton is a suburb of Portland, where 620,000 people dwell. The state of Oregon is part of what was the Oregon Territory, comprising the modern-day states of Oregon, Washington and most of Canada's British Columbia. That remote, mountainous region was one of last areas that people of European stock settled in the United States.

Today, Beaverton is home to the global headquarters of Nike Incorporated, the footwear manufacturer. Yet, as if to remind all residents that they contend with nature just as the early settlers did, visible on their horizon is Mt. St. Helens, a snow-capped volcano that when it erupted in 1980 "blew down or scorched 230 square miles of forest," killed scores of people and spewed ash that reached at least as far away as the

Philippines. In Beaverton, as elsewhere in the US and the world, Unificationists are seeking ways to pioneer the territory we call "tribal messiahship."

Air support

Mr. Jon Brooker and his wife Liz utilize the internet, not as a stand-alone method of outreach, but in support of their efforts to connect with people through person-to-person contact and continual events. "We have created a brochure that we hand out in the neighborhood that introduces True Parents to our neighbors through the website and through events that we sponsor every month on an annual basis. We list these events on the home page for any locals who would like to come," Jon explained.

One example Jon gave of their monthly events was a sushi party, which some of the Japanese women

among our members in the Beaverton area hosted. At that event, which they held in a public library, the guests were encouraged to try on a kimono. Another event was a Father's Day picnic that attracted twenty guests and fifty members to a local park. Having the events spurs them to hand out brochures, which features a list of events over a six-month span, such as "On October 30th we will have a Costume Party (details will be posted on the website)." In this way, their web site supports their work on the ground much as an air force gives substantial support to soldiers in a military campaign.

Yet, the web site, which they call School of the White Crane, does much more than list events; it is a means of outreach and a source of education that visitors can look through on their own. One of the first concepts visitors will encounter on the web site (www.schoolofthe-



- 1 Celebrating Father's Day with an outing in Beaverton
- 2 Jon Brooker
- 3 Teaching how to make sushi
- 4 A mutual massage



whitecrane.com) is that they established it "to introduce the revolutionary insights of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and his wife Hak Ja Han."

Continual education

At first, that they have named the web site a school may be off-putting. The brochure explains that "The values being taught to our children in school, on television, and in the movies" had prompted them to teach values-related materials on weekends. The web site is the platform they now use to give access to a portion of their educational materials.

The site has photographic updates of events that have recently occurred. These photographs show a happy, active community comprising people of various ages and ethnic backgrounds, which is the core of what many people are seeking.

The educational material is in four categories, religion, history, politics and economics. All four cat-

egories has material in articles, videos, PowerPoint presentations as well as recommended books. The PowerPoint presentations are for site members only, requiring a password but anyone with an internet connection can freely access all the other formats.


Heart-based cyber outreach

The web site and the outreach as a whole is a collaborative effort. The Coxes may be one of the rare couples that are active within their blessing trinity, which goes by the acronym, ABC. Jon wrote, "The Asaoka, Brooker and Cox families are cooperating in witnessing and holding events. Janice Asaoka is fluent in Spanish and is translating Dr. Balcomb's Divine Principle PowerPoints into Spanish so that they can be added to the website in a video format. We have already made this series and the OSDP into English in the religious video section. Yoshinori Asaoka is the photojournalist." He

added, "My oldest son Shawn is helping me produce one video a week for our internet ministry. We post them on True Family Values TV on you tube. We have sixty-four videos so far."

Our church has many web sites, but few of those that created to assist work being done on the neighborhood level seem as developed or as well tied in to outreach taking place on asphalt and through meetings in parks and homes and community centers as does School of the White Crane.

Please visit this site. It may be a good model for work you are doing in your village or neighborhood.

Jon testifies, "It is wonderful time in history and we are looking forward to blessing twelve families this year. True Parents and our movement are the greatest and we are thrilled to be a part of it.... God Bless all the blessed families and may their work also prosper." 

Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship, Support in Reaching Our Dreams

By Anna Rivetti

A year ago, my husband and I decided to move to Korea and join the Wonmo Scholarship program, which True Mother had created. The scholarship consists of studying Korean for a year in the Sun Moon University Language Institute. Once a big language test is passed, we are free to pursue a major of our choice in Sun Moon University, and start our four-year education in Korean. My parents are a happy Swedish-Italian couple and my husband, Wansong Mukendi comes from a happy Brazilian-Congolese family. Wansong and I were matched at True Mothers' matching in 2013. We received the blessing a few days later. We did not have a common language at the time, but such challenges did not seem overwhelming to a nineteen-year-old newlywed couple. In the following year, Wansong left Brazil and moved to Europe, first to live with my family in Sweden and then to England, where starting from scratch he became fluent in English in a little over six months.

Our motivation to come to Korea was similar to the reason we attended True Parents' Matching: we long to be close to True Parents, to support our church and to be able to work toward the goals we believe in. After spending some valuable time in Cheongpyeong cementing our relationship as a couple and sincerely inviting God into our marriage, we decided to stay in Korea and to study here together.

We made this decision without knowing much about what moving to Korea entailed. Though we both have moved between countries and continents a couple of times, we only had each other in this new country. Nevertheless, at twenty years old, we were excited about building a life here together independent of our families and far away from our comfort zones.

What we knew of Korea we had experienced through the church's lens. We had many realizations and eye-opening moments to look forward to.

Sun Moon University impressed both of us; our church can be proud of this establishment. Thousands of students, not exclusively from our church, and a beautiful campus welcomed us. If you have tried to learn Korean, you can understand how challenging it truly is. Perhaps one of the toughest moments that most of us students have had to endure is the realization of how much patience and perseverance we need to learn this language. To a western mind, it is not very logical, and you truly have to start from absolute zero. Trust us, combined Wansong and I speak eight languages and we both have endured the painful process of learning new languages before starting our Korean adventure. Learning Korean, however, brings deep insights into our church; for example, we finally are able to distinguish and recognize the difference among the True Children's names! Jokes aside, we truly have found great inspiration when reading hoondokhae in Korean. Even if we do not fully understand the material, it helps us feel connected to True Parents.

Listening to True Parents speaking in Korean and being able to understand them has been the most rewarding experience. Perhaps the satisfaction of being able to understand True Parents directly has been one of the stronger contributing factors to our maintaining our motivation and inspiration about learning. Understanding a sentence, a word or a question from True Mother's speeches is simply thrilling. Korean is no longer a block of strong, impenetrable sounds; it is becoming something we can understand and absorb on a deeper level. We have a long way

to go before we gain the confidence in translation and in interacting with leaders, but we have great examples of non-Korean students with an outstanding level of fluency whom we look up to.

About our experience with Koreans and Korean culture, we can truthfully say that we have gained appreciation for old people in this country. At a time when I was actively praying and wanting to understand and love Korean people, I had wonderful experiences with older Koreans. I could feel how those in the previous generation were prepared to make a great difference in this country. They have an extremely disciplined work ethic, and they will gladly share with you—a foreigner—food and laughter and joyfully react to your Korean greetings. We have all had experiences of rough Korean grandmothers complimenting our simple Korean or offering food straight from their tables and inviting us to sit with them, loudly chatting with us, completely ignoring the fact that we do not understand much of what they are saying. Their lifelong values, hard work and caring for their families, emphasize the beauty and the tradition of building united families whose members can support and love one another.

Another contributing factor to our daily life here is that we have received great inspiration by observing the foreign members living here in Korea. There are many foreign families that have built a life here, some of whom have even become Korean citizens. I try to picture them in the 1980s deciding to build a future in the chosen nation, sticking through the process of learning a very challenging language and adjusting to a completely different culture. I am so touched by their love for True Parents and by their faithful hearts. The beauty of our

Both Anna Rivetti and her husband came to Korea as Sun Moon University Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship recipients with the heart to live in close proximity to True Parents. Through reading about her experience, readers can see the challenges faced when studying in Korea and learn how Anna gradually came to understand Korean people and Korean culture. People often say that young people represent the future. It is important that young Unificationists are able to inherit the vision for the future that has motivated their parents' generation. Living in Korea, experiencing the culture within True Parents' nation is one way for this to happen. True Mother, through the scholarships she has made available, is allowing young members to have a visceral experience with their faith through living and studying in God's homeland.



Anna Rivetti and her husband

worldwide unification family is evident, especially in these beautiful families with children that do not have Asian features yet are fluent in Korean and play around with their Korea friends. That reflects the absolute faith of the parents that took the step of building a life in True Parents' country. Many members took to heart what True Father had said about Korea and every day face the struggles and the joys of loving Korea and raising a family here. Many beautiful African families here are helping break down concepts and are winning the hearts of Korean people on a daily basis. That is true witnessing and the practical way of building one family under God!

We are extremely grateful for this

opportunity to study Korean here. We look forward to the scholarship, in that it will aid us in growing, developing and becoming even better.

Some extremely good benefits from living in Korea are our close connection to the providence and to activities that are happening here. We could help the staff at the Blessing Ceremony, work for major UPF events, participate in workshops, take part in the Great Works in Cheongpyeong and attend meetings with True Mother. One of our most cherished memories from our time here has been being part of the Global Choir that sang for True Mother in March. Around fifty Sun Moon Korean Language Institute students, all foreigners, sang two Korean songs for True

Mother during an event held for all the hundreds of students receiving scholarships from her. For months, we joined our faithful Japanese brothers and sisters—whose sincere hearts, diligent attitudes and beautiful faith were an inspiration to us—in choir practice sessions that required incredible dedication and discipline. It was an emotional and amazing experience to be able to stand all together singing for True Mother, expressing determination to study Korean and to help her achieve our ideal.

Overall, we want to focus on the positive aspects and experiences we have had here. Of course, it has not been easy, the scholarship provides tuition fees but many of us are struggling to pay our living expenses. Even if our external situations can be challenging, the main feeling we have is that we are grateful, so grateful to be here, to be close to True Parents, to experience the sincere hearts of the members around us and to resolve each day to overcome obstacles and keep True Parents in mind. Most of us here are studying Korean because it is True Parents' language, no other obvious reason, and we sincerely hope that our efforts can bring results and inspire others. Challenges will always be there no matter where we go, but we chose to have faith and to look for inspiration and for love to True Parents and hopefully our faith and vision can help us achieve great things for the sake of the whole and for the sake of our families. We chose to pursue a life with the hope of supporting our church, while working on our relationship as young couple, living in Korea, having our families on two different other continents. Our prayer is that we can be able to use Korean in our professional lives and be able to testify for our church and True Parents teachings. 