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# Further Legal Developments

## **NY Deprogramming Bill Vetoed**

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For the second year in a row, New York's Gov. Carey has vetoed a controversial bill that would have permitted parents to legally kidnap their grown offspring from new religious organizations and deprogram them for 45 days.

Carey's rejection of the so-called "Anti-Cult Bill" was hailed by religious leaders and civil liberties groups as an "act of wisdom and courage." His veto of the Lasher-Pisani Bill was expected to greatly influence several states that were contemplating enactment of similar legislation.

The governor said the state attorney advised him that the bill was "susceptible to attack on the ground that it is unconstitutionally vague; that because the temporary guardianships which would be authorized by the bill may have the effect of preventing religious conversions, the bill tends to infringe on areas protected by the free exercise clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution...."

Carey said "establishment of such temporary guardianships of individuals over the age of majority, without requiring objective showings of present or potential harm, also violates those individuals' constitutional right to privacy by preventing them from choosing their own life-style."

The bill was approved by narrow margins in both the Senate and the Assembly earlier this year and sent to the governor for signature. Citing a host of religious and civil liberties organizations that opposed the measure, the governor said he understood "that the emotional distress of the families of those whom

this bill is intended to help is unquestionably real and heartfelt. Nonetheless, I am constrained to disapprove the bill."

## **Unjust Media Attacks on Father's Immigration Status**

*Excerpted from an editorial in The News World, July 11, 1981*

President Ronald Reagan initiated a new era in America when, during his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, he concluded with a prayer for God to guide the nation's destiny. In his speech, he said, "I ask you to trust that American spirit which knows no ethnic, religious, social, political, regional or economic boundaries; the spirit that burned with zeal in the hearts of millions of immigrants from every corner of the earth who came here in search of freedom."

But holdovers from the Carter administration, entrenched in bureaucracies where his reforming broom cannot sweep them out, are working behind the scenes to weaken and corrupt that spirit. This is happening especially in the ongoing attempts by government opponents of new religions to deport the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) at first denied media reports of a move to deport Rev. Moon, saying that no action was being planned against him and his wife. However, they admitted that there had been an ongoing investigation of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's residency status for two years. Now it appears that those spokesmen had been deceitful and have every intention of targeting Rev. and Mrs. Moon for deportation, even though millions of other cases lie unattended in INS file cabinets.

That these agencies would be gathering information about the controversial Korean evangelist is not surprising, considering the frenzied yet underserved hostility that he has received from some segments of the American public. Professional "deprogrammers" have played upon the anxiety and ignorance of parents whose children have joined, not only the Unification Church and other new religions, but established religions as well. This along with sensation-seeking news media has whipped up tremendous pressure upon lawmakers to "do something" about the so-called "cults." Responding to this pressure, a few congressmen and senators have for many years been pressing the Justice Department, the FBI, the CIA, the IRS and the INS to probe the Unification Church's tax exemption and legal status, as well as launching headline-making investigations of their own such as that by former Rep. Donald Fraser of Minnesota.

Despite this intense controversy and unfriendly scrutiny lasting almost 10 years since Rev. Moon came to the United States, not a single indictment has ever been brought against him. Wild allegations have abounded, but no objective inquiry has ever come up with any concrete evidence to charge Rev. Moon with any crime. Few other individuals or groups, even well established and respected ones, would have come through such intense probing as cleanly as Rev. Moon has, which should be a tremendous factor in his favor.

Unfortunately, religious and racial bigotry does not require concrete facts of wrongdoing to engender hostility and persecution. It is enough of a "crime" that he has brought new ideas, new faith and new inspiration to thousands of Americans,

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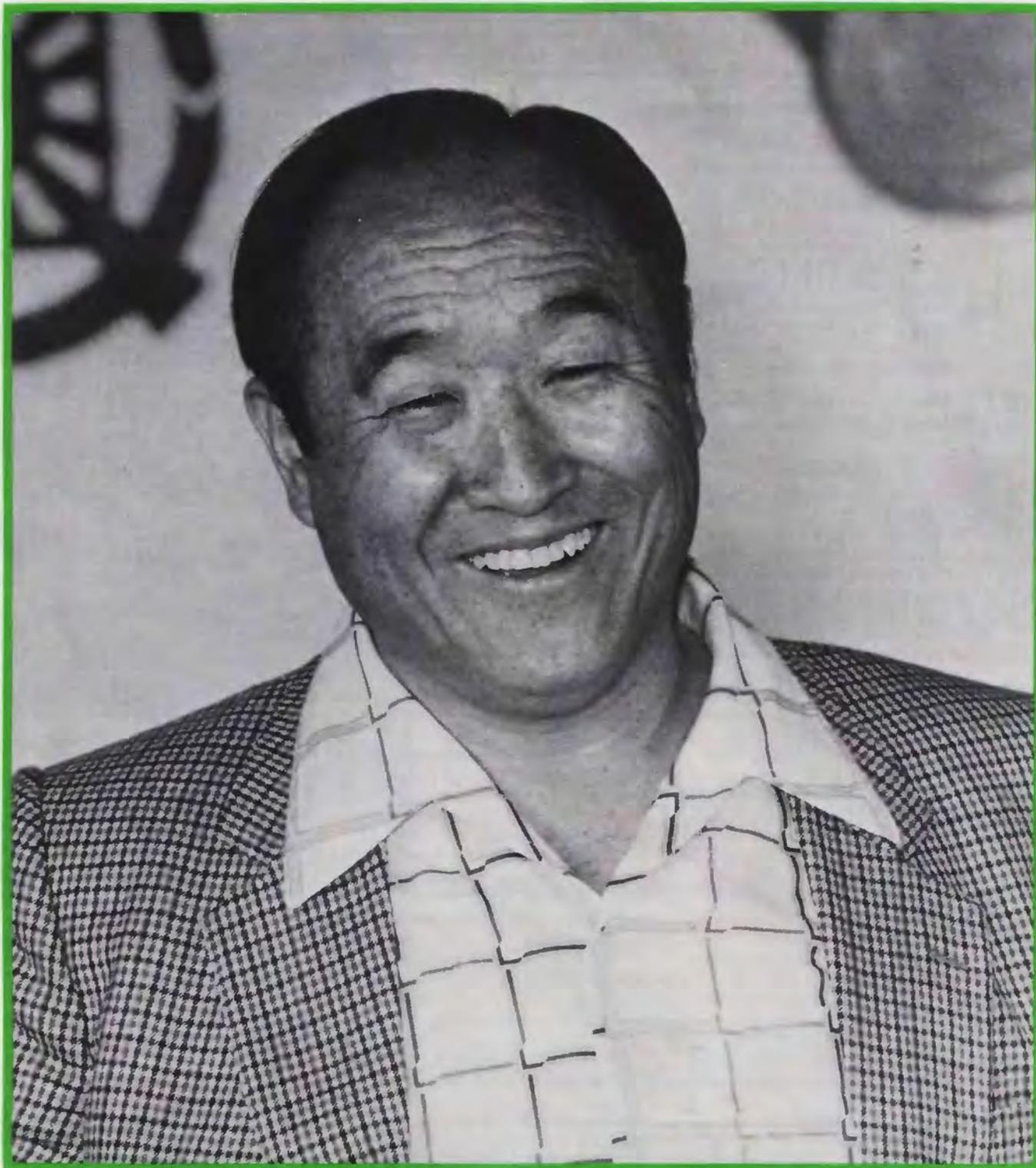
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# Address to the French Family

Reverend Sun Myung Moon June 1981

Father has not come to give you gold and diamonds, but if you listen to his words, you will find them far more precious treasures.

Centered around God's heart, we are gathered here. Are you happy to see your Father, even though he is an oriental man? It does not make any difference, because we love each other, with a heart of love that comes from God.

All of you gathered here want to save the world and save your country France; you are heavenly soldiers gathered together here. If your Father is a great general, then you must be great soldiers, right? But traditionally, the French people have more of a feminine nature; they don't like things which are too big or too strong, they seek beauty. What about you? Do you like big things or small things?

Actually, we are living in an age of great and violent struggles. If you are a heavenly army, you should know whether this is the time for training or the time for fighting; also, you should know whether your enemy is strong or weak.

If you want to understand the history of the Unification Church, you should first understand the history of our Father. We call him our Master, but what kind of person is he and what has he done? He is working to save the world and create the Kingdom of Heaven. The simplest thing that can be said is that he is the one who is accomplishing the will of God.

God had an ideal for the family and for the world. But we are imperfect, tainted by sin and surrounded by fallen mankind. Let's make an analogy to someone in danger of drowning; some people are still desperately trying to stay on the surface of the water; others have swallowed much water and are at the point of death. There are many different situations. We in the Unification Church have to throw the lifeline out to these people; the water, however, is not always calm, sometimes it flows very rapidly.

## Lines connecting you to heaven

You want to be saved and go to heaven. So God has many lines tied to you and is going to pull you up to heaven. If He pulls all the lines simultaneously, you will have perfect equilibrium, but if He yanks the one tied to your feet, you may be pulled to heaven upside down!

There are just two ways of reaching heaven. One is to climb to heaven by your own power and the other is to hang on to the line God throws down and beg Him to pull you up. You may be very heavy, but you would cling desperately to the cord, hoping to be pulled up. But when you beg God to pull you up, He will ask who you are. "I'm Your son (or daughter)," you will cry out, but He will reply, "I don't know you; I'm just searching for Adam and

Eve. There are a lot of people down there suffering in the fallen zone, go and save them!" You are still tied up, but you reach out and try to save people, even though you are bruised and bleeding. Maybe you don't like that kind of life; you want to be free. But our Father tells us, "This is the only way I can save you."

Then your parents come and say you are crazy; they try to slash the lines connected to you. When they find out Reverend Moon got you to do this, they become angry at him and say he is a dictator.

But the Unification Church has many lines by which you can be saved. One of these is fundraising, another witnessing, another is the standard of purity before marriage, etc.

Not all the members of the Unification Church will be pulled to heaven together, but rather one after another. Furthermore, the longer we throw out the lines, the more people we can connect to us. As long as you are connected to a line, you will not drown.

Father is a good swimmer, swimming in the sea of the fallen world to save countless people. He insists that God hold his arm and not let him go. That is why he came to France, to throw out more lines to save fallen man. Do you think our Father can literally save every fallen human being in the world? He is really busy, so you are going to do it for him. The line must be strong enough to pull those wrapped in skins of the serpent, and those who are drawn by it will discover that it is the Tree of Life.

Now Henri Blanchard has returned from the 120-day training in the United States, and our Father is visiting France for the first time in a long while. So should you throw out a lot of lines or just a few? Father has observed that you don't like it when someone opposes you, but if you just sit around calmly, you cannot be saved. This is the time to put forth all your efforts.

## Working to save France

In the time of battle, even the weakest sister may be stronger than satanic men. You are familiar with Joan of Arc; she was a woman. Will Unification Church members be weaker than Joan of Arc? During the period of restoration, women should work harder; they must establish the tradition of the Divine Principle, and men should follow Eve. The women are daughters of God and the men are in the position of the archangel, or the son of Cain. Who then is closer to the Kingdom—men or women? Men must work still harder in order to come near to the kingdom.

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married, or do you want to get married first? Until now you have probably thought a lot about loving your ideal fiancée. But without your country, you cannot approach your fiancée. The true fiancée is the one who devotes himself or herself for the country. Those who will devote yourselves to saving France, please lift your hands. Father sees you.

Our goal is to save France, not to work for the Unification Church. We will sacrifice ourselves for this goal; it is your privilege to save France all by yourselves. Once you have saved your country, you can work for the salvation of Europe, and after that the whole world. Do you like sacrificing yourself? Afterwards, you will be in a central position; you will be sons and daughters of filial piety towards your parents, because you have sacrificed yourselves for them. You will be patriots who have sacrificed themselves for their country. You will be the saints who sacrificed themselves for the salvation of the world. Until we become the children of God, we must work for heaven and for God, forgetting ourselves. God wants an individual to sacrifice himself for his country more than for his family, and to sacrifice himself more for the world for than his country. These are different levels, like kindergarten, high school and university.

If you work hard, one thing is sure; you will become the center of the environment.

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### International unity

Father has not come to give you gold and diamonds, but if you listen to his words, you will find them far more precious treasures. Father is telling you to go out and suffer and sacrifice yourself for the salvation of the world. If you cherish him and really do that, Father knows that you will become the center of the world of the future, without the slightest doubt.

Father matched many French and Germans together; he knows that these will be good matches because from the children you give birth to will rise a new Europe. The children born from such couples will have no enemies; just as they study the history of Germany, they will also study the history of France. As the children grow up, they will think, "Even if my mother and my father do not speak the same language, they were married for the sake of God. My parents are truly extraordinary parents." If your son decides to work for France and for Germany, with the hope of uniting them, you can truly be proud of him. When Orientals marry Europeans or Americans, regardless of the differences of language and culture, their children will truly be ties uniting the world. You can teach your children that despite

the differences of language and culture, you agreed to marry your spouse for the sake of God and for humanity and the world. You must transmit this tradition, never forget it. If you educate your children, they will be exemplary children, and we will accomplish unity in Europe without fighting, just with love.

Unity among men is what history hoped to achieve and is the goal of all religions. Napoleon wanted to bring about European unity, but he tried to do it by force and bloodshed. Hitler attempted the same thing. But these two failed because they used force and did not hesitate to shed blood. But by love and centered on love, Europe should come into unity; this is what God has hoped to accomplish centered on Reverend Moon.

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In our work, we have to restore what Jesus lost. This is the heritage our Father is giving us through home church; before this, no one could do home church. If Jesus had been able to gather 120 disciples, representing the world, he would not have had to die. So we should work to fulfill what was left unaccomplished at the time of Jesus.

We have worked hard while the whole world has persecuted us. But the day will come when people will say, "Even though they are members of the Unification Church, they are not different from others." Later they will confess, "They are better Frenchmen than we are." Eventually, people will admit that they cannot find anything to reproach in Reverend Moon.

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### The way of suffering

You will experience a time of persecution and a time of welcome, but in which time would you prefer to work to bring about God's goal? According to the Principle, the one who works under persecution becomes the center. Reverend Moon is actually the most persecuted person in the Unification Church, and therefore he is the center.

The worst punishment which people could inflict on you would be to tell you to lead an easy life. If Father decided to hold a great banquet but told you to go out and suffer, would you rather go out and suffer or stay and enjoy the banquet? There are always two kinds of people, those who

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want to go outside and work and those who would rather stay inside where it is warm. Our spirit tells us to go outside and work, but our body doesn't want to. Which would you choose?

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Our Father wants you to be pure sons and daughters of God, nothing less. In time of suffering, even if your body has not had a bath for a long time, God will search you out and come and caress you. When our Father was in the most miserable circumstances, God would come in his

sleep to console and embrace him. God would tell him, "If no one wants to be your friend, I will be your Friend; I will be your Father." What greater happiness could one find? When God comes to visit you, you will be so happy, for He will tell you, "I will be your Friend, I will be your Father." If you obey our Father now, you will experience the same things he has. And if you work hard, our Father will give you blessing after blessing. Even if this is the first time you have heard Father speak, you love him because he is the center of love for all mankind, especially for our members.

Throughout history, those who have suffered have become the central figures for mankind. The only means of subjugating Satan is by suffering. If you are arrogant, you are offering Satan a condition to use, but if you are kind and humble, God will recognize you. Do you then want to become an offering for God or for Satan?

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The best way to become liberated is to be persecuted.

It took 6,000 years for God to accomplish just the perfection of Adam and Eve, but our Father, during the course of his own life, laid the conditions of indemnity in 21 years; he achieved the perfection of the individual, the family, the tribe, the country and the world. Of course, not everything is completely fulfilled, but the conditions have already been set, and now it is just a question of time.

The ideal of God is not just individual salvation. Someone must lay the foundation to save the family. In this world, there are millions and millions of families, just waiting to be saved by someone. But Father has set not only the foundation for restoring the family, but also for the clan; this is home church. Once home church is accomplished, there will be no more problems; even if the country is large, it will follow the example of home church.

In our Pledge, we say we are proud of the one sovereignty, proud of the one land, proud of the one people, proud of the one language and culture centered on God, proud of becoming the child of the one True Parent, etc. In other words, we are proud of this ideal and we will fight throughout our whole life in order to accomplish it. Isn't that our Pledge? We want to see God's country and God's world. Satan will try to impede you, but you have a hydrogen bomb of love which is more powerful than whatever weapon anyone may try to oppose you with. With the weapon of love, we can change the world forever.

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### Pioneer witnessing

Beginning July 1, you will go out as pioneers, throughout 120 towns in France, for 40 days. During this time, each member should bring three or more spiritual children who can attend the 21-day workshop. If you bring more than three people during that time Father will invite you to New York. Those of you who are working in businesses will go out to witness after 5:00 p.m. Also, you should witness to your parents and brothers and sisters; they can join after attending two and seven-day workshops.

This 40-day pioneer witnessing applies not just to the French family, but also to Korea, Japan and all the other countries in which we are working. For many years now, Father has been asking the Korean members to do the same thing, set out for a pioneer mission, taking no money other than enough to buy a bus ticket. Members find some kind of work or get some support from the people they meet. The summer season is the

warmest time of the year, so you can sleep anywhere. If you are hungry, you can invite yourself into someone's house to eat. If you have a fishing rod, you can catch some fish and cook them. You should learn how to do everything while you are young. Learn to identify the different plants in the woods, recognize edible mushrooms, etc. Never stop learning.

When Father used to go out witnessing, he would look for middle-aged women and think of some way to make a good impression on them, by speaking well, singing, etc. You should be capable of fascinating people to the point where they will invite you to eat every time you need a place to eat. This is a good way to learn to know people.

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This kind of training is similar to what you gain by fundraising. By fundraising you eventually learn to know people; you know in advance who will buy and who will not buy. You can determine, for instance, that you will sell your product to eight out of ten people, and if they persecute you, you will follow them until in the end they buy your product.

Father can adapt to whatever situation he is in and wants you to be the same; nothing should embarrass you while you are young; you should be able to make friends wherever you go. Father has never seen so many French people before, but during this trip he feels completely at ease. Even if Father appears to be a stranger to other people, he considers every person like a member of his family.

To aid you in your pioneer witnessing, you will need some itinerary workers, seven older members who can give advice and guide activities. Focus on those who oppose you; go to see them and demand why they are against you. Don't hide the fact that you are a Moonie, but let it be known from the beginning that you are members of the Unification Church. There is no reason why the people should think we are bad. We are working for the good of France, so why should people constantly oppose us?

Our Father himself is very proud of being Reverend Moon and the leader of our church; so why should you be ashamed of being a Moonie? Have confidence in yourselves and what you are doing.✱

# Ye Jin Nim's Testimony



*Ye Jin Nim returned briefly to New York in June, after her matching and Blessing. New York area leaders hosted a reception for her at Belvedere, where she gave the following short, tearful testimony.*

First of all, I'd like to thank everybody for coming here to congratulate me. It was very special for me too, and I still don't believe I'm married, but I believe it's all for the best. It's a new beginning for me and for our family, and our church. I want to be a good example and also try to make an exemplary family.

As many of you might know, I have such a sharp character, so until I really polished it, I didn't expect to get married. I expected to wait maybe another ten years. But anyway, I hope this way I will improve much more quickly.

But Father, of course, is concerned with future, and especially, the right spouse for me, so from time to time, he used to tease me and ask, "What kind of husband would you like?" But I really wasn't so interested in that.

We True Children have to be a great family, and it would be most wonderful if from the time we were born we would be perfect, a superman or superwoman. But if that were the case, God would not be a fair God. Everyone has to grow through three stages, and overcome a lot of Satan's temptations and attempts to distract and destroy us. And we have to come out as a winner in order to really be God's True Children. But we feel like we did not have a childhood.

Plus, there are always high expectations of us. Members expect and want to see some ideal family with children who are different from the outside kids. But we have to go step by step, and to jump from the creation stage to perfection in one big leap would be contrary to the Principle and outside of the universal law. We try really hard



but many times we have been confronted with problems from outside people in schools.

Also, because we are the first children in this fallen world, many people do not know whether to "handle us with care," or how to raise and educate us. That can sometimes become a poison for children.

Furthermore, our parents are always touring and speaking to members and trying to raise the members, and they have very little time with us. And when they do have time it is so short that all we hear is education; so we understand that Father expects us to grow quickly.

When my brothers and sisters are very young, they are very isolated from the world and don't even have True Parents around. I feel it's very difficult for them; people have high expectations of them and they may receive lots of accusations. We push ourselves towards perfection, but when we cannot determine our course of growth, we feel a lot of self-accusation.

I'm in a kind of special situation in the True Family, because I'm the oldest. I felt that when I got matched, I would like a husband who would be like a father and mother to the other children, someone unselfish who could really care for the children and be a good example for them. I told Father, "I don't care about the face or looks, but I really want a husband with a heart which is able to carry heavy responsibility." If I ever prayed concerning my marriage, that was my prayer.

I think I have been really lucky, and I am really grateful for Father and Mother, for giving me such a wonderful husband. And I hope he can be a great strength not only for me but for True Parents and also for our family and for the

Unification Church.

I promised my husband I wouldn't cry any longer. For 21 years I cried so much, so I told him I wouldn't cry any more. But as I am crying now, I guess I'll just have to make another exception.

But anyway, I'm not standing here trying to make excuses. Try to understand. It is very difficult, and we are trying; but even to stand in this world is already a difficult thing. Don't lose hope in this sense, and we will appreciate your support and many other positive things. Of course we have our five percent responsibility to perfect ourselves, and we are trying very hard.

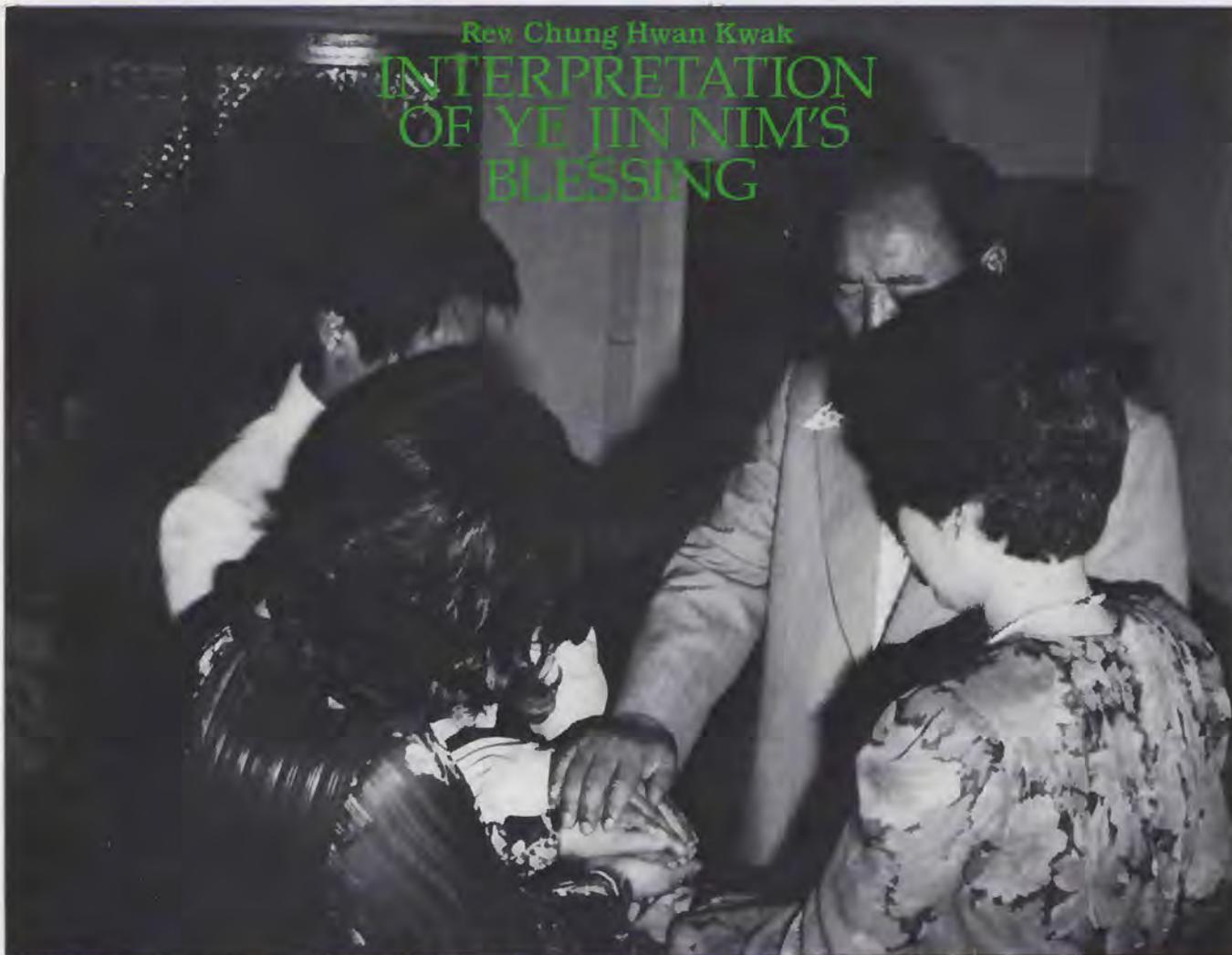
I think I understand my younger brothers and sisters' situations, because I have been through what they are going through, and maybe more. I want to help them and guide them.

If I weren't Father's child, it would be really difficult to marry somebody younger; what it comes down to is trusting that Father and Mother's judgment is the best. I couldn't have picked out the perfect match for me. I'm really glad that I obeyed Father and Mother's direction, and I feel like I'm a new-born person; I feel happy, and for the first time in my life, I feel like I am living.

Rev. Kwak already explained that this is the second set of three seven-year courses and is a point of new beginning; so for my family, I would like to become an ideal center for the following generations and the younger blessed children who will soon be married. I will try to be a strong and non-shaking center, so that from this time Father's four-position foundation can start to grow and we can truly become True Sons and Daughters to True Parents and Heavenly Father. ★

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

## INTERPRETATION OF YE JIN NIM'S BLESSING



Father offers the matching prayer for Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim at Chung Pa Dong, May 15, 1981.

### Report on Ye Jin Nim's Blessing

Ye Jin Nim's matching and Blessing came so suddenly. I was in America making plans for the upcoming Korean Evangelical Association workshop in Korea when Father called me unexpectedly and asked me to arrive a couple of days earlier. Knowing that Father planned to visit other countries after leaving Korea, I thought that he might have decided to leave earlier and needed some report from me before setting out. I had absolutely no idea he was planning to bless Ye Jin Nim. Then the next day he called me again and told me to bring Ye Jin Nim with me.

When I conveyed this message to Ye Jin Nim, she said her college schedule was really busy; we still had no idea of Father's plans. Father had set the date when she had to arrive, so she had no choice. The day before leaving for Korea, she took exams in four courses.

On the plane, we talked together about so many subjects, but she had no inkling of any matching. She had not prepared any dress for such an occasion. She had brought along only American-style clothes, thinking she was just coming to Korea for a visit.

On the morning of May 15 we arrived at Kimpo Airport and went directly to headquarters to offer our greetings to Father and Mother. Breakfast was delayed while Father listened to my report. Then Mother came down and said, "Father, we have no time." Actually, Father always decides the time schedule; previously, Mother never said this kind of thing. I had no idea of the events being planned, and therefore I gave a long report. After my report, we had breakfast. Then Father told Mother to explain things to Ye Jin Nim. "You will be matched and blessed at this time," Mother told her. I don't know in detail how Mother guided Ye Jin Nim.

Father gave directions to headquarters to assemble all the 36 couples at the church, together with their oldest blessed son or daughter. Three representatives each of the 72, 124 and 430 couples were to gather there as well, at 11:00 that morning. Not quite two hours remained before the appointed time. The blessed children had already gone to school, so word had to be sent to them there.

We gathered at the Chung Pa Dong church, where our True Parents' holy matrimony took

place, and where the 36 couple Blessing was held. Even the 36 couples had no idea of what would take place. Father had never told us before that we needed to have a True Blessed Couple.

Father began by explaining the providential meaning of Ye Jin Nim's matching and then questioned the blessed couples and their children. He also asked each of the 36 couples to nominate candidates for Ye Jin's spouse. Each person had to write down three names. I don't know who got how many points. Afterwards I asked the other 36 couples whether they thought their votes were effective. Father already had an idea. But I think Father wanted to test the 36 couples to see how close their ideas were to his.

Then he explained that he would match Ye Jin Nim that day. The atmosphere became serious, especially for the children there. They really had no idea of what would happen. He asked the blessed children if they could accept Father's choice in a matching.

Father then explained about the importance of True Children's father-in-law and mother-in-law. Father makes decisions not only considering the spouse, but also the family. Even among the 36 couples, there are differences in lifestyle.

Father turn to Ye Jin Nim and said, "I want to match you today; can you accept it?" She answered yes. "I will pick one brother and then you can discuss with him and decide," Father explained. Ye Jin Nim's reply was, "I do not need to discuss anything; you make the selection for me, and I will accept it."

This may sound simple, but really for Ye Jin Nim it was not so simple. There is quite a difference between her age and that of the other blessed children, and girls develop faster than boys in their understanding and knowledge. But the important thing is that she could accept everything, and that her acceptance was not just a casual yes, but offered with deep feeling and many tears. Many couples will receive a lot of benefit because of her attitude.

So Father picked out one brother, Mr. Jin Whi Hong, and offered the matching prayer.

I am so thankful for Ye Jin Nim. I know her, and even though she did not share her internal feelings at the time, I could imagine them. We should really give heartfelt thanks to True Parents and Ye Jin Nim.

Ye Jin Nim's husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sung Phyo Hong; they are among the third group of the 36 blessed couples and part of my Blessing trinity. I know him well. Mr. Hong joined our church in 1957, and did various pioneer activities; he was a regional director and later director of the Seoul region. His main activities

were church activities. When Il Hwa began, he took care of the ginseng business, because his educational background was pharmacy. He pioneered the ginseng business, developing the tea and everything. Also, because of some persecution of Il Hwa, he went to jail a couple of years ago.

The police testified that they really respected Mr. Hong. No matter what they did, still he maintained his dignity and took responsibility for everything. Sometimes when the Korean leaders would face some difficulties, they would write letters to Father and I would read them to him. But Mr. Hong never sent a letter to Father during his time of difficulties, he never tried to make excuses. Even after he was released from jail, Father never mentioned his name, and some leaders thought Father didn't like him, or maybe he failed. Once when I visited him in Korea, I suggested that he write to Father about his situation. But he told me he would not write to Father, and that he himself took full responsibility for the situation. He told me, "Until Father asks me for details, I will never complain or give him excuses." He really set a good example, and I can deeply understand his heart. Even we as leaders often try to share our heart or give some excuse to True Parents. However, even though Satan causes difficulties, etc., we have to take responsibility. Until some indemnity period passed, Father never said anything to him. Internally, Father must have made this kind of plan. Nobody understood, but perhaps he had been planning this for a couple of years, but still he never showed any close feeling for him. So we should never make decisions based only on Father's external attitude.

Of course we 36 couples are not enough for True Parents, but I told Father, "Even though we are not enough, I recognize today that you need us. This is not only Mr. Hong's blessing, but the rejoicing of all 36 couples, because in this way we are offering one son."

Surely God must have been preparing Ye Jin Nim's husband for a long time; He must have focused a lot of attention on preparing someone for the True Daughter. When Jin Whi Nim was attending junior high school at the Little Angels School, he was president of the student body. He is a wonderful speaker and a very gentle and humble person. He is a wonderful example in every way. We are expecting him to come soon to America and hope to be able to greet him directly.

We want to offer Ye Jin Nim and her husband our most sincere congratulations, especially for having laid such a victorious foundation. We have so much to learn from their example.



**Members of the 36 blessed couples who attended Ye Jin Nim's Blessing**

1st row, left to right: Mrs. Han Che Chung, Mrs. Yo Han Lee, Mrs. Chan Kyun Kim, Mrs. Kwong Chul Hong, Mrs. Sung Phyo Hong, Mr. Sung Phyo Hong, Mr. Soo Kyung Lee, Rev. Yo Han Lee.

2nd row (seated), left to right: Mrs. Won Jin Hwang, Mrs. Joo Chan Choi, Mrs. Yong Suk Choi, Mr. Han Che Chung, Mr. Yong Suk Choi, Mr. Kwang Chul Hong.

Standing, left to right: Mrs. Soo Won Chung, Mrs. Chong Pok Hong, Mrs. Sung Nyong Moon, Mrs. Hyo Yung Eu, Mrs. Hyo Won Eu, Mrs. Sang Hun Lee, Mrs. Moon Kyu Song, Mrs. In Chul Kim, Mrs. Kee Suk Lee, Mr. Soo Kyung Lee, Mr. In Soo Han (B), Mrs. Byung Ho Kim, Rev. Jae Suk Lee, Mrs. Jae Suk Lee, Mrs. Bo Hi Pak, Mr. Sung Nyong Moon, Col. Bo Hi Pak, Dr. Sang Hun Lee, Mrs. Won Pok Choi, Mr. Soo Won Chung, Mrs. Young Whi Kim, Col. Sang Kil Han, Mr. Chong Pok Hong, Mr. Hyo Yung Eu, President Young Whi Kim, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Mr. Won Jin Hwang, Mr. Moon Kyu Song, Mr. Chung Un Hwang, Mr. Chan Kyun Kim. (There may be some slight misspellings)

## Significance of Ye Jin Nim's Blessing

Ye Jin Nim is still a college student and just 20 years old. So why did True Parents match her so suddenly and give her the Blessing? As you know, the other blessed children are younger than Ye Jin Nim, and the mental development of girls is generally faster than that of boys, right? So until the time of her matching, she had thought that there was yet no suitable candidate with whom she could be blessed. It is not difficult for us or even for True Parents to understand this kind of attitude. Then why did Father give her the Blessing at this time?

We can only conclude that Father did this to start the children's course.

### *It marks the beginning of the second 21-year course*

We have often listened to Father speak about the second 21-year course, centering on ourselves. Hearing Father speak like this, we might imagine that because Father said this was now our 21-year course, we could easily start it; but that is a mistaken concept. Without Ye Jin Nim's Blessing we could never start the second 21-year course. May 16, 1981, the date of Ye Jin Nim's Blessing, marks the end of Father's 21-year course and the beginning of our 21-year course.

Please think about True Parents' providential



After the traditional Korean ceremony, the wedding party poses for photographs. Mr. and Mrs. Sung Phyo Hong, parents of Jin Whi Nim, are on the far right and far left.

A joyful reception was held following the two wedding ceremonies at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul.

course. Before he could begin his public life, he needed God's recognition. Actually, his public life already started a long time ago, but he counted his 21-year course as beginning in 1960.

We need to understand the whole perspective, not only of True Father's activities, but of his motivation as well. He is always conscious that both God and Satan are observing him and that only after receiving God's recognition and the holy marriage could he start his real public work, the three seven-year courses. As you know, the first stage was the family level, the second stage was the national level, and the third stage the worldwide level. All the indemnity conditions made during these 21 years were not just for himself, but for the restoration of the family, the nation and the worldwide environment.

We have to study his course after 1960 and follow it closely, in order to begin our 21-year course.

The basic content of the second 21-year course is home church activity. To be a tribal messiah is the responsibility of the blessed families. The second set of three seven-year courses is the age of our responsibility; we have to inherit everything from our True Parents. This is why he has been urging us, over the past couple of years, to become tribal messiahs through home church, because he wants to pass on to us the mission of becoming tribal messiahs. Now with Ye Jin Nim's Blessing this is possible.

### *It establishes the True Children's blessed couple as our Abel*

We need to make a vertical relationship with True Parents and horizontal unity between Cain and Abel, centered on this vertical relationship. When we unite completely with Ye Jin Nim's family horizontally, we can fulfill this responsibility. This is another sense in which Ye Jin Nim's Blessing brings us such a wonderful benefit.

It is crucial to remember that even though we have been blessed or matched, our status is still that of a Cain-type son or daughter of True Parents. We are of a different lineage and actually have no relationship with them; however, on the foundation of our faith and our heart, because of God's benefit and through His Blessing, we are adopted into True Parents' family. Thus our position is that of Cain-type sons and daughters.

Cain absolutely needs an Abel figure. Without Abel, we cannot reach the Parents. Even though externally we call them parents, still we need an Abel figure. We may have previously understood that True Children are our Abel, but it should now be absolutely clear that without the True Children's couple, we can do nothing.

So from now on, our eternal Abel couple is Ye Jin Nim's couple. We should develop the attitude of a restored Cain towards them. We have to make a strong vertical relationship with True Parents and then inherit their general tradition and life. Then the value of our life and the value of our blessed couple is connected on a horizontal level with the True Children's blessed couple.

Jesus always emphasized the vertical relationship with God, because he could not give the Blessing. But in our age, everything can be completely realized; this is the preciousness of the Kingdom. Also, the process of the providence is now easier. Before, it was centered only on True Parents, but now there is a True Children's blessed couple, meaning that there is a central position for the vertical and horizontal foundations. As a result, there can now be more unity spiritually than ever before.

### *Ye Jin Nim's spouse becomes a True Son*

Father explained to us how the Kingdom of Heaven and the eternal world required twelve tribes and twelve chiefs of tribes. Heavenly Father could not expect twelve sons from one True Mother, but fortunately—and actually miraculously—our True Parents were able to give birth to twelve children during their 21-year course. This is one evidence of how miraculously God protected our True Parents and our movement. Usually in Korea, when a girl is married, she goes to her parents-in-law's house to live. But in this case, a brother comes to live in True Parents' house. Father proclaimed that sons and daughters have the same value; thus, Ye Jin Nim's spouse became a True Son! Ye Jin Nim will not need to go to his house to live, but he can come and join True Parents' house.

I was deeply moved when Father announced this. I pictured a banyan tree, a very unique kind of tree whose branches sometimes bend down and touch the earth and take root. Once when we were

visiting Hawaii, I described this tree to Father, and he was very fascinated. The True Parents are the origin of life, and they shared their Blessing with the 36 couples, who were as dead people. So the blessed couples are like Father's branches. The Unification Church needs twelve tribes and twelve heads of tribes, so Father took from the blessed couples one branch, Jin Whi Nim, and made him a root.



### *It ends our chance to contribute to the success of our True Parents' 21-year course*

Because of this central True Couple, we can start the wonderful age of our responsibility. According to the Principle, we have understood that we are blessed at the top of the growth stage, and as a couple we must grow from then on to perfection. However, until True Children could pave the way for us, we could not really begin.

The 36 couples, for example, received the Blessing 20 years ago; other generations of blessed couples have followed them; but still, until Father proclaimed the second 21-year course, all couples stayed at the top of the growth stage. Maybe some wonder whether all their efforts over the past ten or twenty years have been in vain. But please do not doubt the benefits of your labors.

When people who joined before 1960 gained certain results, through deep devotion and hard work or sacrifice, these results were not only their own but became linked to Father's personal indemnity course. After 1960, this opportunity was never repeated. For those who joined between 1960 and 1967 and gained some results through their personal sacrifices, their fruits were connected to the True Parents on the family level. After 1967, this chance could never return.

So in this sense, until May 16, 1981, all our efforts and all our results could be encompassed within our True Parents' 21-year course, even though we worked at different levels—family, national or even worldwide. Ye Jin Nim's Blessing closed that opportunity to contribute to the success of our True Parents' 21-year course.

### *It multiplies God's providence horizontally*

Beginning now with Ye Jin Nim's Blessing, True Children's couples can now multiply centering on True Parents. This means that the mainstream of Heavenly Father's activity is no longer only vertical; the providence can now be easily multiplied horizontally. Thus, the True Parents' foundation of victory can be quickly multiplied on the worldwide level.

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Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim march towards True Parents, through representatives of the 36 blessed couples, to receive the Blessing (new Chung Pa Dong church, May 16, 1981).



Because of their original nature and feelings, True Children have had to go through a lot of struggles, internal struggles whose cause or meaning even they do not understand.

## True Children's Situation

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I had the good fortune to be able to live intimately with our True Parents for many years. When I joined, Father completely shared his life with us. He had only one room, on the second floor of the church building. Next to his room, we ate together and lived together. The earliest members shared even more closely with him.

### Father's lifestyle is totally for the public purpose

After his Blessing, he was a little more distant, but still he lived together with us. Up until now he never had a private house in Korea. Just this year, because of providential reasons, the Korean church bought a house for him. His children as well usually lived in the church building on the second floor. On the first floor there were always many kinds of meetings and training programs in progress; there was noise 24 hours a day. But until he left for America, his family always stayed in the church building. We have much to learn from his attitude and example.

Because of his lifestyle, his own sons and daughters suffered. More than us, they needed True Parents, for they were their only parents. But remember one thing, state leaders have spent more time than True Children have listening to their father speak.

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### Father devotes practically all his waking hours for the public purpose.

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Since I came to America, I have been living at Belvedere. Father asked me to eat breakfast with him every day, and many times I have eaten lunch and dinner with him as well. But only since the beginning of this year have True Children been able to join their parents at the dining table. Until then, they ate with their parents only on special occasions or ceremonies; otherwise, they ate at the kitchen table.

My personal case has been very precious and privileged, having had the chance to be with True Parents in this way. But I am very ashamed in front of True Children and so sorry for them, because sometimes they commented that they supposed that unless the 36 couples were eating with Father and Mother, their food had no flavor! That is how they thought!

Because of this feeling, a couple of years ago I told Father, "It is such a wonderful opportunity for me to be at the dining room table with you; because of this I can get a lot of work done." (It was true, because every day I had to ask Father for advice on many things happening throughout this country and worldwide. Just eating breakfast

together with him, I was able to accomplish a lot.) "However, I feel sorry for True Children," I continued. "Please take your meals with True Children and meet with me maybe only three or four days a week, and then I will report everything to you." His answer was simply "No."

I concluded that until his 21-year course was over, he had to follow this kind of lifestyle, and that afterwards, perhaps it could be different. But actually, it has not changed yet.

Father devotes practically all his waking hours for the public purpose. Of the 24 hours in a day, often there were maybe only four hours when he was not with us. I know he never went to the bedroom before midnight, and often it was an hour or more later.

Once I asked Mother about his early morning schedule. She said that he had completely trained himself not to sleep more than three hours. He would always rise early, sometimes at 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. and begin his daily schedule with two hours of prayer and meditation.

This early morning prayer and meditation must be one key to his wisdom. Because I was so close to him, I know well that so many times questions would come to him from various leaders working in many different fields. Whether it was at a public meeting or an informal gathering around the dining table, his answers would be so wise. Even though in many cases, it would indicate a completely different direction from that dictated by common sense, it would always seem so right. Obviously, before he even heard the question, he must have already meditated about so many possible issues and their solutions, and as a result was able to give such unbelievably wise answers so quickly.

At 7:00 a.m., his public schedule begins with breakfast. Those who will eat with him will be there waiting, before 7:00, for him to come down. He never eats alone, always with a minimum of one other person; so he has no private time. Even when he goes somewhere by car, another person always accompanies him. In this sense, we have to respect Mother; hers is no ordinary woman's life, but rather one of complete devotion to him.

### True Parents have little time for their own children

When the children wake up, they go to see their parents and greet them with a bow. When they are ready to go to school, they greet Father and upon returning they again greet him, if he is there. But so many days, Father is not home when they return from school; he may be visiting some



department or holding some meeting. The children have no chance to listen to his speech or guidance. Often their only opportunity is at the 5:00 pledge service with the family at East Garden, but even then, he has to leave right away for the meeting.

How do you think True Father and True Mother regard their own children? Because of the love they feel for them, they are so grieved at the lifestyle the children have experienced over the past 21 years. Someone who has so much love inside of him but who cannot give it out feels deep pain. True Parents are the owners of love, but they have not been able to share all of that love with the True Children. This has been a great sacrifice on their part.

If True Parents had invested in their children the tremendous love they have given to us members over the past 21 years, imagine the spiritual, physical and mental benefit the True Children would have received and how much maturity they would have attained. In this sense, we have stolen from True Children their Parents' concern, care, time, guidance—everything.

You truly must re-evaluate your viewpoint of the True Children.

### **We expect too much of True Children**

It seems to me that we make two kinds of mistakes regarding True Children. First, we gener-

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ally expect too much from them. You know, True Children are supposed to be exemplary children, but we expect them to be too different from other children; we expect too much maturity from them.

One time Ye Jin Nim mentioned that she had no childhood. Because she is the eldest daughter, from the earliest times, everybody looked to her, expecting maturity and perfection of her. This is really a terrible position in which to put True Children. Children are children, especially True Children; their nature is that of children.

When they go to school, because they bear Reverend Moon's name, no one can accept them as just ordinary people; everybody has a certain viewpoint of them. Furthermore, in our church, everybody expects perfection of them. Also, they cannot freely bring friends over to visit them. Our members and leaders, because they expect too much from them, cannot be close to them, and even their parents have little time to spend with them. So what should they do?

Actually, we stole True Children's parents away from them; we robbed them of the precious names of Father and Mother; we monopolized their parents' time and energy. Because of our respect for them and faith in them, we can so easily say Father and Mother, but how do True Children feel? They almost feel that they have been robbed.

At a young age, they must wonder why other people call their parents "Father" and "Mother." How would you feel if you were in their position? Later, as they grow up, they can understand the reason, but still, True Parents' lifestyle does not allow them to spend the time that a father and mother should spend with their children. Many times, children need to discuss something with their father or mother, but True Children have no opportunity.

Why does Father do this? One of the main traditions Father has had to establish is to love Cain; therefore, he has given us, as Cain, more love than he has given his own children. Hopefully, from now on, he will have more time to take care of his children; but actually, he recently went to Europe to begin a new phase of public pioneering life.

### **True Children should have a godly environment**

In the second place, our mission is to attend the True Family and provide an environment of goodness for their children.

For True Children, and even for other blessed children, Heavenly Father wanted them to live in a pure and perfected environment, where goodness



abounds. Our Blessing needs a blessed environment, but our generation in particular receives the Blessing like a bridge; we experience the conditional value of the Blessing. Still, True Children at least should have a pure environment. I have repented for this many times.

True Children have the original mind, of course, and a basic good nature. But unfortunately, we did not provide an environment full of goodness for them. Their nature tends towards a godly character, but they have not had a godly environment in which to develop it.

We should have been able to offer them an education in our own kindergarten, primary school, junior high school, high school and university. But because we did not build this kind of educational system for them, they have had to attend public schools and they have received a lot of influence from the satanic side. This is really unfortunate. Even though we now have in Korea a junior high school and high school, Ye Jin Nim is already attending college.

Because of their original nature and feelings, True Children have had to go through a lot of struggles, internal struggles whose cause or meaning even they do not understand. Their pure, original mind is uncomfortable when surrounded by bad spiritual influence. When members look at them and see them struggling, they do not understand the internal reasons and therefore sometimes judge them. Even the True Children as small babies go through these struggles; they complain, without understanding the reason for their difficulties.

In our daily lives, we sometimes feel uncomfortable, but we cannot compare our feelings with those of True Children; their situation is different. Therefore, you should try to understand the internal situation of True Children. Although they never complain to us, still we should feel sorry and ashamed in front of them.

### Ye Jin Nim's loneliness and suffering

Ye Jin Nim, in particular, has suffered from this situation. Because hers has been a pioneer course, who has been her friend? Nobody. During much of her 20 years, she has been so lonely, missing parental love; she could have been so easily influenced from the outside, at school, for example.

Just after the matching and Blessing, Father asked for my response to these events. For one thing, I told him, I am so proud of Ye Jin Nim's victory and that she was able to receive this Blessing. Her life over the past 20 years has been filled with constant struggles and battles, but she overcame all these struggles and circumstances and was finally able to receive the Blessing.

Basically, True Children should be blessed with other blessed children. But in Ye Jin Nim's case, there were no candidates, because she is already two or three years older than the children of the other 36 blessed couples, and furthermore, girls' mental development is generally faster than that of boys. She is a very mature child, and from her viewpoint, there were no candidates; the blessed sons of the 36 couples did not seem sufficient.

Our members look forward to the Blessing, believing that Heavenly Father has prepared some wonderful spouse for them. At the time of the matching, there are hundreds of possible spouses. But in Ye Jin Nim's case, she could count only a few potential spouses.

Ye Jin Nim's matching and Blessing is an historical victory; the position of eldest daughter, which is hers, is a most difficult position. In the midst of untold difficulties, she has stood strong, upheld the original standard and overcome everything. Deeply devoted to True Parents, she is a true example of filial piety. Now that she has laid the eternal foundation of victory for herself and for all our members, she deserves our deepest congratulations.✱

# The Age of Our Responsibility

With the Blessing of Ye Jin Nim, all blessed couples are standing now at the same starting point, ready to enter the age of our responsibility.

## Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

Generally speaking, the first 21-year course refers to the age of our True Parents' responsibility, and the second 21-year course refers to the age of the responsibility of the blessed couples and the members. This second 21-year course started on May 16, 1981, with Ye Jin Nim's Blessing; that date was a very, very historical turning point. Now we have to prepare ourselves for joining this second era, which is our era.

Our life in the Unification Church can be divided into three stages.

The first stage goes from the time we joined the church until our Blessing. Usually we refer to this period as *the way of restoration, or the way of indemnity*.

The second stage is from our Blessing until our perfection. This period is *the way of Principle, or the way of our responsibility*.

The third stage is perfection, where God's ideal is fulfilled, and we can follow our original mind.

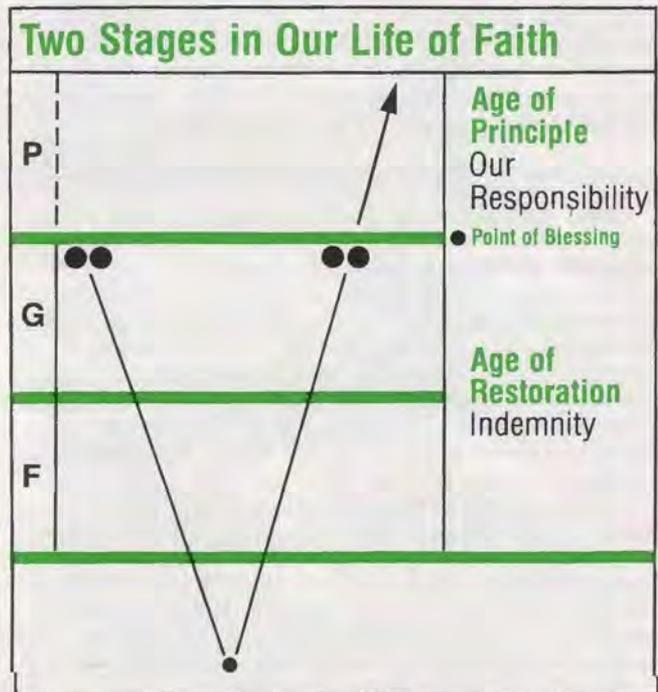
It is important for you to know that the second period is fundamentally different from the first. Originally, Adam and Eve had to pass through the period of growth, and afterwards they would have reached perfection and enjoyed a complete relationship with God. They were supposed to go through this growth stage by following the Principle and fulfilling their own responsibility—in other words, by following the way of the Principle.

But unfortunately, they fell from the top of the growth stage, and as a result, man has missed the chance to fulfill his own responsibility. This is a fundamental weak point of fallen man, because although God blessed us with the three kinds of blessing, the missing point is man's responsibility; man received God's blessing and has to respond to it. God gave us responsibility for this most important blessing; in contrast with the plants, animals, rocks, whatever, only man has responsibility. Even though fallen man does not like responsibility and considers it as a burden, responsibility is the most blessed point.

After the fall, we lost our chance to fulfill our responsibility; instead of being able to fulfill our responsibility, we can only lay indemnity conditions in front of God. Even though indemnity conditions are set for fallen man's lack of responsibility, we must know that this does not mean that we can thereby fulfill our original responsibility. Our original responsibility was God's blessing to sinless, unfallen man. Since we have had absolutely no chance to fulfill our responsibility, we have had to lay indemnity conditions.

Through God's guidance, we can reach the top of the second stage, the point of the Blessing, but until we are blessed, our way is the way of restoration through laying indemnity conditions. Only after the Blessing can we follow the way of Principle, according to our own responsibility.

Once we ultimately reach perfection, we can serve and attend God and live in the ideal world. There we will have no further responsibility to fulfill, because we become completely free. We can enjoy complete freedom with God, living according to our original mind.



### Our attitude at this turning point between two ages

We are now at the turning point between the age of indemnity and the age of responsibility, so I want to explain to you what kind of attitude we should now have.

Until this time, all blessed couples have been standing together at this line separating the age of indemnity from the age of responsibility. No one, not even the 36 couples, who were blessed 20 years ago, could enter the age of responsibility.

According to the general content of the Principle, we receive the Blessing, and after the Blessing grow to perfection and finally reach the ideal world. However, the course you and I have to go through is not the ordinary course; we are historical pioneers. Ours is the pioneer way, one

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which we are traveling along with the True Parents.

In 1960, our Father began his 21-year course. The 21-year course can be divided into three categories: the first focused on family perfection, the next on national restoration and the last on world restoration. So the first seven-year course is for our own family, the second for the central country of Korea and the third for the world, centered on America.

However, until our True Parents completed their mission, we could never inherit it. A couple of years ago, Father began urging us to do home church activity and told us that through accomplishing home church we could become tribal messiahs. Until now Father has just been letting us practice being tribal messiahs; he needed to perfect the necessary worldwide conditions before he could pass on to us the right to be tribal messiah. This condition took place on May 16, 1981.

In order for you to be able to understand the fundamental nature of the two different ages—that of indemnity and that of responsibility—I want to define them in terms of three characteristics: dominion, requirements and love.

### Dominion

First, let's think of the difference in terms of dominion. Originally, God wanted to have direct dominion over man; the ideal world is the world of God's direct dominion. The period of growth, however, is the period of God's indirect dominion. Unfortunately, because of the fall, man came under Satan's direct dominion, and even in the course of restoration, fallen man remains under Satan's indirect dominion. Satan has always attacked those who reach the top of the growth stage.

So in terms of dominion, along the way of restoration neither side—neither God nor Satan—could completely dominate man. Man's position is the middle position, and the direction he takes, whether towards God or towards Satan, is determined by the indemnity condition he makes. This is the *mixed indirect dominion of God and Satan*.

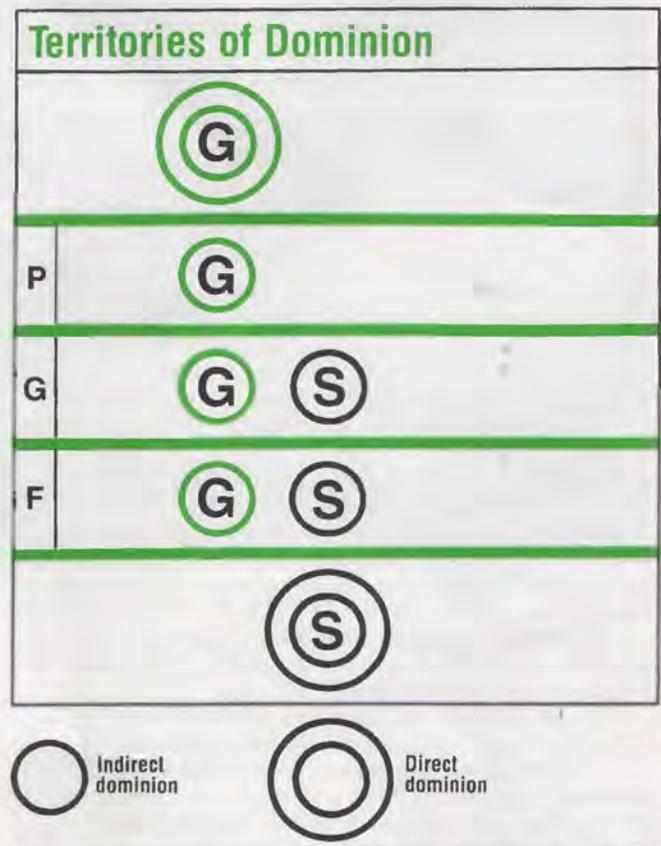
But the important thing is that after the Blessing, you begin the way of the Principle and your dominion changes to the *indirect dominion of God*. Although you remain the same person, one moment after receiving the Blessing, the territory of dominion in which you dwell completely changed. After the Blessing, you change from Satan's dominion to God's indirect dominion.

The third phase of dominion, upon entering perfection, is the territory of *God's direct dominion*.

Please remember these three different dominions our members go through during the course of our life in the Unification Church.

### God's requirements

Next let us analyze these phases in terms of what God requires of us at each level. In the way of restoration, we have to *lay indemnity condi-*



tions through sacrifice, hard work and devotion. Of course, Unification Church members sacrifice a lot, but even at this moment there are other people on the earth who are making greater sacrifices, facing hunger and more difficult situations than Unification Church members do. But even though they are working hard and sacrificing, that does not necessarily mean they are laying indemnity conditions. An indemnity condition does not just mean sacrificing or working hard, because unless God accepts it, it cannot become an indemnity condition.

For this reason, we need a central figure (True Parents), through whom to offer the condition, and a pure mind. God does not like a self-centered, unjust or impure mind; so when you make a sacrifice, be sure to have a pure mind. Then all your conditions can become indemnity conditions.

Also, never tally up your indemnity conditions or sacrifices. It doesn't make any difference to God. Don't say that you have been a member of the church for a certain number of years or that you have made such and such sacrifices and therefore have paid a considerable amount of indemnity. If you do that, you have no ground on which to stand, because from God's viewpoint if fallen man sacrifices even his life, it is still not sufficient for his restoration. The way of salvation is not accomplished by fallen man's efforts, but only by the Messiah. When the

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Messiah picks us up, we can be saved. We can be saved only by God, and not by ourselves.

The ultimate goal of the way of restoration is the Blessing. Usually, to be a candidate for the Blessing, you must have fulfilled certain conditions, such as three years in the church, three spiritual children, contribution to the indemnity fund, etc. Some members have already fulfilled these, and other members have not done enough. But actually, both types can receive the same gift of the Blessing. If the hard-working members complain, they are making a big mistake, because the Blessing is completely due to the grace of God and True Parents. We can receive the Blessing by True Parents' grace, not because of our indemnity conditions.

So someone who has been a member of the church for 30 years, has 300 spiritual children and has fasted for 70 days still cannot ask True Parents to bless him on the basis of these conditions. The Blessing is completely the grace of God and True Parents, not because of our merits. Even though we make some conditions of a lesser amount, what could we do to overcome 6,000 years of sinful history? How could we clear fallen man's background?

Setting indemnity conditions is like paying back our debts to God. Fallen man has billions and billions of dollars of debts to God; Mr. A and Mr. B began owing the same debt to God, billions of dollars. Compared to the total debt, how much difference is there if Mr. A pays \$100 and Mr. B \$200? Don't accuse your brothers and sisters who may be a little lazy or problematical. We are basically the same: we have original sin and we owe a billion-dollar debt. So even those who are lazy are still loved by True Parents. Don't think I am encouraging you to be lazy; actually such people should feel ashamed. In this sense, although some work hard and others are lazy, both receive the Blessing.

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Receiving the Blessing means that the debt has been repaid; now, in the age of responsibility, we have to make deposits. Fulfilling our responsibility is like depositing money in the bank. When Mr. A deposits \$100 and Mr. B \$200, the bank records those amounts, and the interest that accrues corresponds to what they have deposited.

I am afraid our members around the world may have misunderstood the importance of fulfilling our responsibility. After receiving the Blessing, they may think they no longer have to do anything. There is an absolute difference between the first stage and the second stage. Now we need to fulfill our responsibility. We have to become

serious, as though running the marathon for eternal love. We need to speed up.

Before the Blessing, lazy people could be forgiven, but after the Blessing, nothing can be accomplished through laziness. When your spiritual senses are more open, you will understand more clearly how distant you are from other blessed couples; that realization will be really painful for you. You don't really know the taste of original love; therefore you become lazy. But if you knew even a little of the taste of original love, you could never stay still.

Since this is so, why are certain minimum indemnity conditions asked of Blessing candidates? Because of Satan. Because until the Blessing our members are under the mixed indirect dominions of God and Satan. When God and the True Parents gain members through the Blessing, Satan loses members. Of course, he does not like to lose members, and therefore he challenges God and True Parents and accuses the member of not having enough merit to be God's son or daughter; he demands that the Blessing not be given to the member. Every day his faith wavers, Satan will say. He goes up and down; from morning to evening he changes his mind. He is completely mine and not yours. Because of this accusation from Satan, True Parents need you to make some minimum condition; then they can make some excuse to Satan on your behalf. True Parents will reply to Satan, I know well that what you are saying is true; but still, even though he is living in such an evil environment, he has tried to overcome satanic power; even receiving persecution, he shared God's heart and witnessed to me. He belongs to me. Therefore, based on these conditions, I will make him my child.

On the other hand, if True Parents pick up someone walking down Fifth Avenue and bless him, we cannot complain. From our point of view, it may be unjust, but from Heavenly Father's viewpoint it may be fair because of some good conditions in the person's ancestry or spiritual background.

So please remember, indemnity conditions become valid only after God accepts them.

Indemnity conditions have the main purpose of separating man from Satan. After joining the church, the most important thing is to quit being self-centered. If you are self-centered, you cannot separate yourself from Satan. The only way you can separate yourself from Satan is to keep from being self-centered. Why do you fast? Why do you pray so much? Why do you lay so many conditions? To separate yourself from Satan; there is no other way to achieve this. Even with small conditions, we can separate from Satan and then receive grace from God and True Parents.

In contrast, the second 21-year course is the age in which we must *fulfill our responsibility*. Through fulfilling our responsibility, we can inherit God's character and become God's sons or

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daughters and have the authority of owner of all things. This is completely different from indemnity conditions, for although the indemnity conditions laid may vary from one person to another, the result is the same, and each person receives the same benefit. But in the age of responsibility, we receive benefit only according to our fulfillment of our responsibility. In other words, along the way of indemnity, True Parents can pick up members and help them. But we can go through the way of Principle only by fulfilling our own responsibility; nobody can help us. If God could support us in this age, then He would have supported Adam and Eve.

After the Blessing, blessed couples can advance only through fulfilling their own responsibility. Therefore, Father said very poetically that when you as a couple receive the Blessing, the gate of heaven stands open before you. The gate, however, is only open; you need to walk to the gate in order to gain entrance to the kingdom. Unless you walk together to the gate of the heavenly kingdom, without anybody pushing or pulling you, you cannot reach the kingdom. If you take only five steps, that is all the advance you have made. Thus, in the second period, there is a vast difference between those who are lazy and those who work hard. In the past, you may have often vacillated, going up and down in your mind, but the benefit you could receive was so amazing. Now this period of responsibility is completely different. Each of us has to fulfill man's responsibility.

### **The meaning of the Blessing is to graduate from God's pitying love and at the minimum seek God's original love.**

Our present blessed couples are transition-era blessed couples. Originally, the Blessing was to be given to individuals, because going through the indirect dominion was an individual responsibility. But Adam and Eve fell as a pair, and thus the fallen unit is a pair. So only by making a pair can we reach salvation and be completely restored. So we receive our Blessing at this transition point, and after the Blessing, in the era of the blessed child, each of us must fulfill his or her personal responsibility. The responsible unit is now a pair.

Then, after reaching the ideal world, what is required of us? Only *attendance*, only living according to our original mind. This is perfection. In our ultimate destination, the Heavenly Kingdom, our original mind is perfected and we will follow the dictates of the original mind, according to heavenly law. There, you will have no problems because you can follow your original mind, and you will be able to live in eternal freedom and joy.

### **God's Love**

Our main source of life is God's love, so we have to restore and inherit His love. What then are the differences between these stages from the viewpoint of God's love?

Along the way of restoration, we ask for God's love, but all we can receive is God's pitying love, not His original love. A sinful person must *seek pitying love from God*—forgiveness, support, help, etc. Since he has nothing on his own merit, all he can receive is pitying love.

The meaning of the Blessing is to graduate from the pitying love and at the minimum, *seek God's original love*, even if it is only indirectly. After the Blessing, if we continue to expect pitying love from God that is a mistake. All blessed and engaged members have to think about this; if your prayers are just centered on yourself or your family, you are just asking God for pitying love. At the minimum, you must ask for original love, even if only indirectly. You should be praying for original love and expecting original love.

After perfection, you can *reach original love* and enjoy God's direct dominion and original love eternally.

### **Commentary**

For many years I understood that after the Blessing, all blessed couples could reach the point of perfection; I also understood that we did not need to count the time, because we would know when we arrived; but at a minimum, I thought it would be seven years since it took our Parents seven years, and we would need at least more time than they did.

But one thing I did not understand: Even though we have received the Blessing and even though we call our Parents True Father and True Mother, how could we actually become their sons and daughters? Now I realize that although we use the title son or daughter, we need to qualify it as Cain-son or Cain-daughter; we are Cain-couples, Cain-families. The only way Cain can reach the parents is through Abel. In this sense, all blessed couples absolutely need the True Children's Blessed Couple.

With the Blessing of Ye Jin Nim, all blessed couples are standing now at the same starting point (the top of the growth stage), ready to enter the age of our responsibility. This is true whether we received the Blessing last year or 20 years ago. Of course, after the Blessing, we have to invest our own efforts, and because of this effort, early members and hardworking members have a stronger foundation. Couples from the earlier Blessings can advance more rapidly. Even though the starting point is the same for everyone, the capability or process of each may be different. But at least one thing is clear, all blessed couples

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are now one line, as of May 16, 1981, and from here we can advance only by fulfilling our responsibility.

Those of you who are not blessed or engaged may not feel this topic applies to you, but actually, Father has permitted everybody to do home church activity, even though it is specifically the responsibility of the blessed couples. In actuality, home church is something that only blessed couples can fulfill, for without receiving the Blessing we cannot inherit the title of tribal messiah. Still, for the past couple of years Father has been urging all members to do home church, for when you do this, its benefit will accrue to you after your Blessing.

So May 16, 1981 was a major turning point; that day a new era began. This is now the age of our responsibility. In this sense, we are at the same stage as True Parents were in 1960. But our circumstances are entirely different. His environment was complete darkness; satanic power conquered everything; no one supported him. But now True Parents have already set the providential pattern, worldwide there are many blessed couples who can support each other horizontally, and our Parents are still here to guide us.

Adam and Eve are solitary, but the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve can fulfill their responsibility under the guidance of Adam and Eve. So even though we have to go the way of Principle by our own responsibility, the main difference is that we have True Parents guiding us. This is really a wonderful benefit. We are not going the invisible way but the visible one, because True Parents have already trod this path; they are guiding us in general, constantly urging and supporting; but the details are our responsibility.

The way of Principle is different. There is no Satan. We have to follow the Parents' way. So from now on, we need to learn God's tradition and follow our Parents. Tradition is the key. We need to learn the tradition of the Unification Church and the True Parents. Therefore, we need to study Father's 21-year course beginning in 1960. If we follow the mainstream of tradition, we can easily go on our way; if we do not, our course is so difficult.

Each couple is like one drop of water, destined to reach the ocean. If this small drop of water joins the main stream, it will easily reach the ocean. But if it wanders around and gets caught in a side stream, its way is delayed. So from now on, Unification Church members have to become wise and really research our tradition.

### A final question

Then do blessed couples still have to lay indemnity conditions? I already mentioned that our blessed couples are only transitional blessed couples. Even though we were picked up at the top of the growth stage, we have no blessed environment, no blessed external foundation. Originally, the

blessed environment preceded the coming of the blessed children. But our Unification Church members were just picked up, according to God's grace and received the Blessing, although we have no blessed society, no blessed country, no blessed world, no blessed things. So until we build this kind of environment, we have to lay indemnity conditions for this level—not the heartistic or personal level. Although on one hand, beginning with our matching, we can go the eternal way by our responsibility, still we are concerned about this country, this world and our environment. This situation, I trust, will apply only to us and not to the next generation.

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Do you remember when Father told us he expected us to fulfill the second 21-year course during the first seven years? He urged us to give it our best effort, and then we would be able to shorten the time. This is really important, because if you do not fulfill your responsibility within seven years, then your blessed children will have to take on this burden.

What is the difference between fulfilling your responsibility within seven years or within 21 years? There is a difference, of course, of 14 years, but more than that, if you fulfill your own responsibility, become perfect and create the blessed environment, then your blessed children will not need to sacrifice so much or work so hard.

You know, Heavenly Father does not want blessed children to receive influence from the satanic environment, but because we have not yet fulfilled our responsibility, our blessed couples and especially their blessed children become damaged. Heavenly Father does not want blessed children to have to place their feet on the satanic earth; their damage is so great. Think how wonderful it would be if all blessed couples lived in a heavenly environment, with heavenly houses, heavenly education, etc. So if the parents fulfill their responsibility within seven years, even though the blessed children receive some damage, it will be negligible and can be overcome. But if the course is extended another 14 years, the blessed children's damage is too big, and because of this influence, they would need to make conditions to overcome it.

So the problem is not simply prolonging the course another 14 years; your blessed children are directly affected. So from the providential viewpoint as well as our own best interests, we need to hurry up and start this second set of three seven-year courses.✱

Over mountain, fields and trees, dusk settled down, peace was everywhere, and inside the house our True Parents were giving the greatest Blessing on earth to European couples.

# European Members Welcome True Parents

Angelika Walther

## Camberg, Germany, June 7.

A parents' weekend had just finished when Johann and Traudl Ebi, our leaders, called all brothers and sisters together to announce the most exciting news in a long time: A call had come from Rev. Kwak saying that all our European leaders from the 120-day training in America would return, plus that all European members 22 years old or more with at least two years in the family were invited for a "special workshop" in Camberg. Guess why?

Quickly, preparations were made. Some 600-800 brothers and sisters were expected. The final count was 1000. Since they would be staying for an indefinite time, where would they all sleep? Outside? Well, no problem; we'll organize big army tents, just like six years ago when True Parents were in Germany the last time. We also have some big trailers which will serve well.

For such a long time, we had been waiting to see our Father and Mother again. We had been hoping so much that they would come. For years, there has been a deep hunger and thirst in Europe to see the True Parents and learn from them directly. Soon the tents were set up, creating a pioneer-like or even vacation-like atmosphere. Everybody worked around the clock to make the place as beautiful as possible.

On Thursday noon, June 11, the first bus from England arrived, loaded with brothers and sisters. More cars, busses and trailers kept coming with more "heavenly loads" until late at night. I was in the reception area taking down all their names. Looking into their bright faces was a real delight! They seemed so young to me. Their excitement and joy soon filled the air even more. Two days were set aside for a workshop; Rev. Byung Ho Kim and Mr. Abe arrived from England to give special lectures on the subjects of Blessing, purity, repentance and forgiveness. This really helped most of the members to understand many things and get into the right spirit.

The whole scenery was very harmonious and peaceful; the weather and nature as well



seemed to participate in that preparation. Many different languages could be heard, but there was only one spirit. Banners proclaimed "Welcome True Parents to Europe." For sure, they couldn't come in the clouds, because there weren't any.

#### **Saturday, June 13**

On Saturday afternoon, we heard that all the previously married couples eligible for the Blessing should prepare their white robes. In only a few hours, True Parents would arrive. Where to get all the white robes, pants, etc., so quickly? They came somehow, from England and from France; good cooperation among everybody made it possible to provide everything on such short notice. Some hems had to be adjusted, the clothes pressed, etc. Kneeling on the

floor, the wives did everything themselves in a hurry. In the midst of all this, suddenly the national leaders arrived. Word was then passed around that our True Parents would come in two hours. Will they really come? Still it was hard for me to believe it.

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Then we were all called to the main yard to greet them as soon as they appeared in the driveway. One sister pointed up to the sky; a most beautiful rainbow had appeared in the middle of the blue sky. Incredible! Just as if Heavenly Father was smiling

from ear to ear. "Peep, peeeep," the walkie-talkie of the brother next to me sounded. Then a voice said, "A big car is coming! But wait, oh, no, it's not them." But finally they did come: three dark blue Mercedes pulled up the driveway and out came Col. Han and other Korean leaders, and in the next car we saw our Father and our Mother. What a great moment of joy to see them! Even three of the children had come along with them: Heung Jin Nim, In Jin Nim and Un Jin Nim. Some brothers and sisters next to me cried.

The Blessing candidates were summoned to the main hall. Father wanted to give the Blessing right away. He took no rest. That's our Father! That was how he "worked" those three days he spent in Camberg; from his arrival on, there was not one minute wasted. True Parents

hardly ate a thing before they went to the main hall, the former barn of the farm. Everyone else waited in silence in the area. The 40 Blessing candidates were seated inside, and the rest of us watched from the windows or the open door to see what would happen inside.

Father spoke briefly to them, and soon they put on their white robes and received the Blessing. It seemed like a dream to me. A holy atmosphere filled the air; the day slowly waned. Over mountain, fields and trees, dusk settled down, peace was everywhere, and inside the house our True Parents were giving the greatest Blessing on earth to European couples. I felt so much hope and gratitude.

Father had hardly finished the ceremony when he announced a matching for all the younger candidates, about 600 of them. They all packed themselves into the main hall. There was scarcely room to breathe. The joyful atmosphere from the Blessing was still in the air. Father, Mother and two of the children came in again. Father began joking around, uplifting everybody in a very personal, familiar, family-like gathering. It was sheer pleasure just to be together with Father, just to watch him.

I had managed to get a good spot by the open door in order to watch a little. Father distributed his famous clouts and hits in order to establish a more close relationship with the brothers and sisters. When he asked who had met him before, half of those present raised their hands. He then spoke about the meaning of the matching and how he was the all-time matching champion. "If you were to take all your life to choose," he said, "you would not find your match; for me it takes less than one minute." A few times he asked them whether they wanted him to match them and whether they would trust his choice. "Yes, of course." So after some time, he told one brother to stand up, and another brother, and so on until a line was formed. He did the same with some sisters. Suddenly he just pushed them together as they stood in front of each other! "O boy, what's that?" we wondered. But wait, he pulled them apart again and matched

them in all directions, smiling broadly. A big round of applause greeted each couple. It was an exciting experience to see the new couples coming out. Many resembled each other externally. During that first night, Father put together about 150 couples, continuing without pause until 5:00 a.m.

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### Sunday, June 14

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At 10:00 the next morning Father continued matching. Already-matched couples walked around talking and enjoying together the beauty of nature and the preciousness of that day. That morning Father spent much time speaking to the older Blessing candidates, asking them about their lives, their dreams, their desires. He also told them about their strong and weak points and outlined the kind of partner they would need as their complement. Some chose their eternal mate themselves. He really is our Father. It took a long time that morning until the first matched couples emerged; but then many, many burst like bubbles out of the hall.

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Such a joy and happiness Camberg hadn't seen in a long time! At that moment, a united Europe didn't seem to be far away at all. As I heard from brothers and sisters, Father also had explained in detail the importance of matchings between Italians and Germans and between each different European nation. For such a long time in history they had been separated, often waging wars against each other. The only way to really unite them forever is through marriage. Also, this is the key to restoring the mistakes in history.

Around 2:00 p.m. Father finished matching. There were about 302 couples in all. The holy wine ceremony was announced for after lunch. Quickly, lunch was served. In the

meantime, Father went to another area to speak to some brothers and sisters who had refused the matching. Two black couples had wanted to be matched with white persons, but Father explained to them very deeply why the time for interracial marriages had not yet come. Only now and then could he match couples of different races, but the foundation is not yet strong enough to do it on a large scale. He also told those couples why he had chosen that particular mate for them. Father's way of thinking is so different from ours, so wide and beautiful. They all had some time to think over Father's words and reach a final decision. All except two couples eventually accepted Father's choice, and two new couples were matched as well. As Rev. Kim told us later, Father was very happy that almost 100 percent of those he matched accepted the match. Surely the days of preparation had contributed to that.

It may be interesting that Father himself has usually prepared the candidates for matching, but this time his first followers took that position. Most likely it was Ye Jin Nim's marriage that brought a change to that tradition.

About 100 brothers were left over from the matching, so Father consoled them with quite a long speech about Cain and Abel, which he repeated in a way in his engagement talk.

Then the holy part—the wine ceremony—began, and afterwards Father spoke. Father then asked who would like to sing a song. An Italian sister and a German brother presented two deeply touching pieces; Father was delighted. As usual, of course, he and Mother sang some traditional songs, such as "O Maya." But the time was getting short and Father had to leave. Rev. Kim then instructed the engaged couples on their new mission. "How to move Europe is now in your hands," he said.

That night was spent in talk, rejoicing or meditation. There was a Kingdom of Heaven-like feeling in the air.

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### Monday, June 15

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The following day, Father called together all European





leaders as well as their assistants and gave new directions and guidance for the coming years in Europe. From now on, there will be only a united Europe, he said. He announced a great witnessing and prayer-campaign and emphasized the necessity of establishing a tradition here, something lacking so far.

In the meantime, since Father's children were around, we asked them how they viewed their parents. They gave the most moving testimony I have ever heard.

Then the moment of departure came. Our True Parents again had hardly eaten or rested when they got back into their

cars to take off. Many tears rolled down our cheeks, tears of love, longing to be with True

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Parents longer, hope to see them again. We all waved and waved until the cars had disappeared behind the curve.

So, now they were gone. We still waved. They were gone, but still they were here, I felt. We didn't quite know what to do now. So Rev. Kim began to speak, expressing his feelings about True Parents. He cried and many of us did likewise. Such a deep feeling of unity. All brothers and sisters from different nations in Europe—only through True Parents was this possible. We felt so much hope for the future. We ended with a deep common prayer and determination to help True Parents in Europe. We know it is now up to us. We'll bring the victory with His power, but with our own hands.★



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# Father's Activities in Europe

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

According to the Principle, our True Parents have two kinds of missions: one important kind of mission is restoration of all mankind, and the other kind of mission is to begin a new world, a new life.

As you know, before creating man, God first created the environment. But after the fall, God's activity of salvation focused only on the restoration of man. Actually, God has no space in His mind to devote to thinking about the restoration of environment or things, because He has been so urgently focused on man's salvation. Restoring man is not simple; God created man to be His son, but this son turned against Him and became His enemy. An enemy cannot be restored back to the position of son in just one day; therefore, the process of restoration unfolds from the position of servant of servant, to that of servant, adopted son, son and finally parent. This kind of pattern is so serious; countless indemnity conditions had to be laid at each step, and God had to push the central people so seriously to make the proper sacrifices and lay the necessary foundations.

Thus, God could not focus any attention on restoring the environment.

So many Unification Church members, even though they have received the Blessing, don't have the Blessing environment. Furthermore, even True Children are unable to live in an environment surrounded by goodness. So from the spiritual point of view, the True Children and the blessed couples stand exposed, as if in an open field, enveloped by darkness and menaced by strong wind.

So someone must lay the foundation, representing fallen man. Because central figures have made mistakes, Jesus, and our Father as well, had to go through a sacrificial course. However, after the holy Blessing of our True Parents, God did not expect them to have to continue suffering from any difficulties in environment or circumstances. But unfortunately, Christianity did not fulfill the preparations for True Parents, and we as members did not fulfill our own responsibility. Therefore, True Parents have had to stand on the front line and make the foundations alone.

The root of eternal life and the foundations for the eternal family, the eternal race and the Heavenly Kingdom already exist, but Father himself chose to stand on the front line, because we have not fulfilled our responsibility. Day and night, he has been focusing on achieving one goal: the worldwide financial foundation.

I myself do not understand completely Father's purpose in going to Europe. In general, of course,

he is visiting each country and giving guidance to the members.

In Father's mind, there are no distinctions between the various European countries. In actuality, of course, there are still many barriers to be overcome. For many people, national barriers are still of paramount importance; but there should be something greater than nationalism which can bind together the people of Europe. Differences in language are one obstacle; also each country is jealous of its technology and wants to protect its industry from competing countries. More ideally, international travel and even international marriages should be encouraged.

After the workshop in Korea was over, my original plan was to return directly to America, but Father called me to Europe. When I visited the place where he was staying with Rev. Byung Ho Kim (who is in charge of Europe spiritually), I was so shocked. It was a very, very humble house, nothing was appropriate for True Parents. Please understand that Father has already finished his 21-year course, after suffering so much persecution. If he wanted to, he could just stay at Belvedere or East Garden; he could relax and take the easy way now.

Furthermore, many European countries had been expecting his coming, and they had prepared lovely houses and apartments for him. But he did not go to any church center. Instead, he stayed in a humble place; every morning, even, people had to stand in line to use the bathroom.

Last February, Father summoned the European leaders to America for a 120-day training program; each was to bring along three assistants. Some national leaders had been concerned mostly about the work in their own countries, he observed, forgetting the larger international mission. Our ultimate goal is one world, and in our movement we at least want to set the goal of European unity.

After the training program concluded, the graduates returned to Europe and spent 40 days doing pioneer witnessing. Just as in the United States and around the world, many European members also went out for 40-days pioneer mission, beginning on July 1.

To give better guidance to the European movement, Father divided the larger countries into four sections; smaller countries were divided into two or three parts, and the tiny ones remained one unit. Each section will be led by a graduate of the 120-day training program. So our movement in Europe is now apportioned into 40 or 50 areas, similar to the number of states in the United States. Former national leaders will be assigned as itinerant workers or given an international mission or some new responsibility. ★

# Unique Evangelism in Africa

Unity among Christians is very difficult, because we have to overcome immense barriers between black and white races, between missionaries and Africans, barriers of resentment.



Nsuka wins people's hearts with her solo, "O, My Little Lambs."

## Hanna Reinbold

After our central figure, Mary Bizot, came home to the Central African Republic from the 40-day training in New York, we were all very inspired to do our best in order to advance God's providence.

We were able to tape two television programs, one for Easter and the other for the May 1 celebration of the 27th anniversary of the Unification Church. Both were very well received. As we found out later, even the head of state watched our Easter program. Everyone seemed to appreciate our chorale, although we ourselves thought of it more as a "No Hope" or "Little Hope" Singers. In New York, Mary had some T-shirts printed with the red Unification Church symbol

and "A.U.C.M. Bangui," which made a good effect (A.U.C.M. is the French abbreviation for the Association for the Unification of World Christianity, our legal name in Central Africa).

In May we were authorized to have a regular broadcast on the national radio. Here in Central Africa the radio is even more important than newspapers or television, since only a privileged number of people own a television set, and those few are only in Bangui, the capital. Yet with the radio we can reach most parts of the Central African Republic. Some travelers coming from other towns to Bangui visited our center, being very curious to learn more about this "new religion." Now, every Tuesday morning people throughout the Central African



People of all ages and from all churches were attracted to the conference on African Christianity.



The New Hope Singers of Bangui sing at the public conference.

Republic hear "Tongil," and more importantly, they are able to listen to the Divine Principle.

Since February we have been in contact with a local church leader who studied Divine Principle and became inspired by it. He has helped us obtain permission to use the television and radio.

On May 30, we met the president of this nation and spoke to him about the three main goals of the Unification Church: (1) to unify Christianity; (2) to raise up the standard of morality, especially among the youth; and (3) to counter atheistic and materialistic ideologies.

The following day Gregory Novalis, our regional director, arrived. This time he stayed with us for ten days, longer than usual, in order to assist at our first public conference, which was planned for June 7, Pentecost Sunday, at the local Protestant Youth Center.

For days and weeks before, we had struggled to get flyers printed. It is hard to imagine how many obstacles can come up. Still we had a true Unification Church-style campaign, just like a mini-Madison Square Garden rally. Our brothers put

up posters in all public places and decorated nearly all the trees along the road. We visited pastors and churches to invite the Christians to share the "New Horizon of Christianity" with us. Our brothers and sisters also went from house to house, and radio and television announcements publicized the event. On the morning of June 7, we had an "electronic Sunday service" to commemorate Pentecost, followed by an interesting interview. This was also a very good witness for the evening conference.

About 400 people came to the event at the Protestant Youth Center. We had put up a giant red Unification Church symbol, painted on a big white sheet, just like in Madison Square Garden. Our "Growing Hope" chorale did its best and received very warm applause. Most importantly, everyone present was surprised and deeply moved by the honesty and sincerity of Gregory Novalis' message.

Gregory said that to achieve unity even among the people present, who were already all Christians or believers in God, is very, very difficult, because we have to overcome immense barriers of the past and present:

barriers between black and white races, between missionaries and Africans, barriers of resentment. He put the cards open on the table and spoke realistically as no other evangelist (white or black) has ever done in Bangui or perhaps in the whole of Africa. Gregory further explained that in order to overcome these barriers and to achieve unity, we need two elements: love and truth.

### **White missionaries coming to Africa should be in the position of servants.**

But how can love begin? Love begins through pardon and repentance. He then repented publicly for all the sins and crimes white people have committed against Africans both during the past and at present. Many persons were openly and genuinely moved. He asked for forgiveness in the name of the white ancestors and the white "men of God" who came to Africa in the past, as only tears of repentance can wash away the problems of the past.

Also, he said that the disunity of the churches in Africa is a reflection of the churches' situ-



Gregory Novalis, director of central African region, speaks on New Horizon of Christianity.

ation in Europe and America. This disunity between Christian brothers is mostly based on cold hearts, so God needs to heat up our hearts before they can be melted together.

Another mistake of European and American missionaries who came to Africa has been their failure to distinguish between the Christian message and the European culture. One does not need to give up the African culture in order to become a Christian, Gregory declared, because Christ's message deals with the hearts of men and not with external aspects of culture. White missionaries coming to Africa should be in the position of servants. They come to serve; thus they should never ask an African to polish their sandals or to wash their clothes, but instead they should be washing the clothes of their African brothers and sisters.

The second ingredient for unity is truth. Some might say that since we all believe in the same Bible, the churches should be able to unite around the Bible. But the past 2,000 years of efforts in that direction were fruitless, and just the opposite happened. The more the Chris-

tians studied and tried to understand the Bible, the more confused they became; as a result of differing interpretations of Bible passages, they cut themselves off from each other. Today, in the 20th century, we need a new and higher expression of truth, one that is able to unify and strengthen Christianity. This new expression of truth must come from no other source than God Himself, by way of revelation.

At this point, Gregory declared the Divine Principle to be God's revelation to our True Parents in our time and invited all to come to investigate and study the Divine Principle. Also he spoke firmly against church leaders who try to stop their fellow Christians by accusing Reverend Moon and the Unification Church of being anti-christ and heretics. He invited everyone to judge for himself.

After his speech, which found a grateful and sympathetic response, we showed the film, "Reverend Moon: the Man and the Movement." Everyone could see our True Parents projected bigger than life on a huge screen. The audience was surprised and amused by Father's

dramatic way of talking. African people like that. Also, they were truly amazed to see the great crowds at our Father's rallies. After the conference, we distributed questionnaires and literature. Only a few persons tried to heckle or disturb the meeting.

The week after the conference many people came to the center. We organized an "evening of friendship" and a two-day workshop to receive them all. Our goal is to have many more active members, in order to expand God's work in this nation; we know that all our public activities can be recorded as a victory in history only if many hearts return to God and True Parents.

We are immensely grateful to Heavenly Father for His help, encouragement and support, to Gregory Novalis for his inspiration and guidance, and to all the brothers and sisters in our region who supported us with their heartfelt prayers. Our only prayer is that this can be the spark that kindles the holy fire in the hearts of men and contributes to the unification of African Christianity and, at last, of all mankind. ✱



## Summer Witnessing Campaigns

Continuing a tradition established by our church in Korea more than 20 years ago, members around the world set out for 40 days of summer pioneer witnessing.

In addition, the wives of the 36, 72, 124 and 430 couples in Korea left their families behind to spend seven months witnessing and teaching in villages throughout Korea. Once before, in 1970, Father had asked the blessed wives to leave their families for three years and devote themselves to pioneer witnessing and teaching. The sacrifices they made left a deep impression on Korean people.

Traditionally in Korea, our members have gone out twice a year for 40 days of pioneer witnessing: once in the summer and once in the winter. Last summer Father asked our members worldwide to begin following this tradition. This summer is now the third such large-scale pioneer witnessing effort.

There are no figures available on how many members worldwide

participated in this summer's pioneering effort. In the United States, Europe and the foreign mission countries, leaders were instructed to send members out to witness in new towns beginning July 1. In the United States, more than 300 members were sent out: approximately 145 from the World Mission Center, 16 from New York church and about 150 from the other states. The largest concentration of American pioneer witnesses is in small towns of the northeastern United States.

In New York City, those who did not go out for 40 days were asked to witness at least two hours a day on the streets, setting up literature tables and colorful Divine Principle charts along the sidewalks to attract passersby. Complementing the usual weekend introductory seminars at nearby workshop sites, extensive lecture programs were set up in the World Mission Center, so even those who are not able to leave New York for an extended time could study the Divine Principle in the equivalent of the 2, 7, 21, and 40-day workshops.

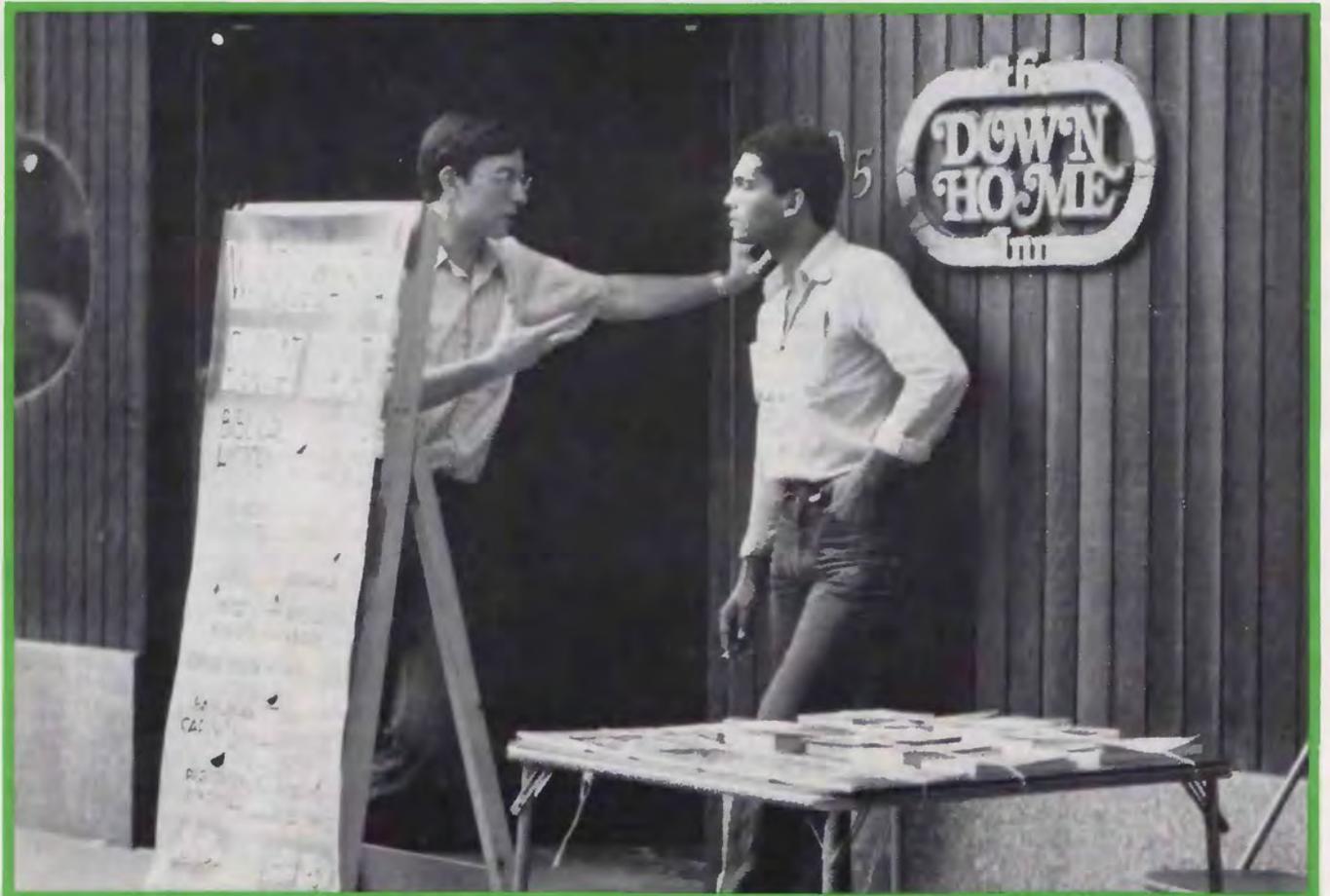
*The following general instructions were given to American 40-day pioneers.*

### Fundamental attitude

Remember that you are God's representative to the village or town you will pioneer. Even though you will be alone externally, you are actually not going alone. When you go to your town, you should feel that you are the bearer of Heavenly Father's treasure of truth. Therefore, no one will actually be alone. Never forget just how much God is concerned about each man's eternal life. God paid indemnity for 6,000 years to prepare the people who are to meet you. It is their destiny to meet Heavenly Father now through our True Parents. You are witnessing in order to fundamentally revolutionize their lives and the world.

Remember that you are fulfilling a historical role. These 40 days have the potential to indemnify the 4,000 years during which God prepared for Jesus' birth. Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness, and John the Baptist did the same; no one helped them. We should work in this way, too.

Remember to trust the Principle. Whenever we follow the truth 100 percent, we have give and take with God and we feel



joy. Therefore, we should expect to feel joy and confidence during seeming external hardships. Feel that you are going through the same course as Jesus (he had no room, little money, etc.), bearing in mind that he never lost his connection to Heavenly Father's heart.

### Priority activities

Upon arrival, report first to God. Find a place to pray—a mountain, a high hill or a park—and pray along the following lines: *"Heavenly Father, You sent me here. I arrived in this town as Your representative. Because You and True Parents need a substantial instrument to use, I pledge to work to save the people. I ask the assistance and support of the spiritual world to accomplish this historic mission."*

Set a 40-day prayer and fasting condition. Shower and shampoo and begin with serious prayer at 12:00 midnight. Fast at least the first and last days of the condition (drinking water only). A stronger condition can be set by fasting three days rather than one. Promise God you will pray at least three regular times each day (recommended hours: 5:00 a.m., 12:00 midnight and one other time during the day). Keep a careful prayer list of all spiritual children. Pray for them diligently at least three times a day.

Survey the town. Drive around or take a tour: select the neighborhood with the greatest activity—hopefully near the bus station—to live in.

Send your mailing address to your headquarters. Even if you cannot immediately find a room, try to send some type of address which could be used to contact you.

Next, greet the leaders of your town: the mayor, the police chief and other influential people. You should simply explain that you are a member of the Unification Church and that you have come to serve their community as well as bring a message of truth.

Contact any other Divine Principle members in your town. Participate in any lecture programs and Sunday services by bringing guests and occasionally lecturing or sharing. If no programs exist, organize them immediately.

Keep a guest book with names,

addresses and telephone numbers of people who have heard lectures; re-contact them frequently and systematically.

Develop a regular schedule of calling your central figure.

Establish a daily schedule and be utterly faithful to it.

Father has emphasized that results come according to the following proportion of investment: spiritual foundation (40 percent), explanation and teaching the Principle (30 percent) and exemplary activity and lifestyle (30 percent).

### Spiritual foundation (40%)

Reflect on the town's general spiritual foundation. Research to discover the loyal people who prayed for the town and were extremely concerned about its future. Also, research and locate those who are presently the most active and concerned about the town. When you understand these situations, strive to work harder and pray more deeply for the sake of the people of the town than anyone in the past or present has ever done.

If you really love the people and are concerned with their eternal lives, trying hard to meet those whom God has prepared, you will be able to experience and inherit God's heart. You should long to meet people, desperately searching for those whom God truly prepared for you to meet.

You should serve the people even more than they serve you. Even if they invite you to share a meal with them, offer all of your physical strength to clean or to assist them in their housework, yardwork, etc. Don't use people in a self-centered way for a self-centered purpose. At all times, be sincere in your concern for people's eternal lives. In order to do this, you will need a tremendous amount of prayer.

True Father has mentioned that for every hour he witnesses he needs three hours of preparation in prayer. Even though we may not reach this standard, keep in mind the necessity of continuing to pray whenever you have the chance. You should check the effect of your prayer. You need to have a 100 percent pure mind and to feel that you are close to the True Parents. If you make some mistake, you should repent and start anew, resolved to obey God's direction absolutely.

### Explanation and teaching of the Principle (30%)

Be clear and comprehensive in explaining the Principle, the True Parents and the goals and ideals of the Unification Church. Listen to people's stories of situations before you speak about the Principle. After you know their character and experiences you can begin. You can use brochures, videotapes and Principle books to augment your explanations.

You may sometimes encounter a difficult question about the Principle. Please be careful about answering; it is important that you give an accurate answer. If you don't understand the question or what answer to give, be honest about it. Tell the person that although you don't know the answer, you are sure that with research, the Principle can give you the answer; then offer to find out the answer and contact them afterwards.

### Character, exemplary activities and lifestyle (30%)

The Unification Church movement has a vision and hope which we want to share with people throughout the world. We should share our daily lives, our own unique characters, our activities and our attitudes. Therefore, we must first establish an exemplary lifestyle which will not only attract others but fill them with a desire to follow. Learn to be a person of integrity whom people can naturally trust.

Share your love with people and show them your deep concern with their eternal lives, your devotion to God's will and your desire to help the world through your daily activities.

You will draw people to you by your teaching, your character and your love. They will want to share their lives with you; they actually desire to share all of this with God, through you.

You should guide your contacts towards this standard. They should eventually come to feel that they can discuss anything with you. You can guide them in so many ways. Give them eternal memories; speak to them all night on a mountain or hillside; go street cleaning together with them; pray with them in the quiet of dawn in a park. Through these types of things, they will have lasting memories of the taste of prayer, the taste of Heavenly Father. ✱

challenging established orthodoxies and threatening certain vested interests in the process. America's Founding Fathers, recognizing the injustice of such bigotry and its danger to freedom, wisely protected diversity of belief and expression in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

And Rev. Moon's activities have been of positive benefit to America. He established a theological seminary, founded numerous international humanitarian projects including food and medical care for underdeveloped countries, and sponsored international gatherings of scientists to discuss moral values—certainly nothing to justify calls for his deportation.

But most importantly, he has dared to successfully challenge the worldwide power of atheistic and materialistic ideologies. His success in this field has won him acclaim throughout the world, but in this country it has won him the enmity of liberal-leftists. It is not unusual, therefore, that Rev. Moon, his wife, and top leaders of the Church have come under increasing harassment and persecution from the INS, considering that the Carter administration was a haven for leftists.

The fact that information regarding a confidential investigation was leaked to the press indicates that some elements within the INS are seeking to whip up public sentiment in support of a move to deport Rev. Moon. If not deportation, these officials may be seeking at least to curtail the freedom of Rev. Moon and his top aides in traveling abroad to inspire the far-flung international missions of the Unification Church, thus hindering its growth.

A blatant example of this harassment occurred in New York recently when Bo Hi Pak, publisher and president of *The News World* and the Spanish daily *Noticias del Mundo*, as well as Rev. Moon's chief aide, was detained by INS officials for several hours at Kennedy airport upon returning from a trip abroad. His passport and resident's "green card" were confiscated pending a hearing next week in a blatant denial of his civil rights.

This is surprising, considering that Mr. Pak has, for over 15 years, traveled freely in and out of the country without the slightest problem. Furthermore, he obtained his resident status under "Section 13" of the INS code, reserved for special for-

eign diplomats and officials, which requires approval by the secretary of state, the attorney general and members of Congress. Pak's name was on a list available for review by congressmen for over a year without a single objection. Yet only now does the INS see fit to question his residency status.

The recent leaks alleging deportation proceedings against Rev. Moon are similarly suspicious. Rev. Moon has lived in this country since 1972 and obtained permanent resident status in 1973. Five of his 12 children are American citizens, and most of them are studying in schools and colleges here. Why only now, eight years later, is there talk of deporting him?

The evidence shows that these INS actions against Rev. Moon, his family and his church are motivated by politics, not by any legal or ethical concerns. Apparently, a long-range campaign to discredit, harass and possibly deport Rev. Moon, which began under the Carter administration, is just now surfacing. This is happening even under a new government which would never have permitted such persecution of a religious minority, if Reagan's words quoted above have any meaning.

## Coming Next Issue:

Father's words on home church & practical suggestions for home church activities.

