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# Message from the Publisher

## Reverend Sun Jo Hwang

### Words to Conclude and Begin a Millennium

#### HOW WE SHOULD LIVE IN THIS TIME OF GREAT TRANSITION

*From a sermon by Rev. Hwang at the early morning service on December 26, 1999*

ON the foundation of True Parents' and True Children's successes, on December 17, and holding the position of national leader of Korea responsible for internal matters, I once again had a precious opportunity to meet our nation's president. We had a private meeting for one hour and 25 minutes at the president's official residence, Chong Hwa Dae. Our discussion ranged from the providence that True Parents are guiding, to our movement's activities and the future path for the Korean people.

In terms of the providence, I can say that this year was one that bore fruit and a year of internal and external blessing: we have seen the Il Hwa Cheonma soccer team winning the league title, the great success of Universal Ballet Company as an ambassador of *shimjung* culture, the involvement of the Women's Federation with the Seoul NGO Conference, the True Family movement for all citizens, pure love education in middle and high schools all over the country, True Family seminars and hoon dok hae meetings for community leaders, and the winning of government authorization to enter into a business relationship with North Korea through Pyeonghwa Motors Corporation.

[Rev. Hwang mentioned that Father had suggested members make extra conditions at the end of the year.] The most important thing is that we should examine once again the original relationships, centering on God, between God and man, and between people. What do you think faith is, concretely speaking? Until now, the way of faith has placed strong emphasis upon the spirit world. Religious understanding traditionally encourages proper behavior so that the person can go to the Kingdom of Heaven. Also, faith is affected by the expectation of reward. Yet, from the Principle point of view, the reason we go the way of faith is neither to go to heaven nor to receive blessings on earth. The reason we must go the way of faith is to restore our status as an original human being. A life of faith repairs our incorrect attitudes and imperfect character. It is the process of restoring our true nature that was lost

through the fall. Faith can be called the primary course of overcoming our fallen nature. Faith is restoring the proper relationship between God and man, and restoring the originally intended relationship between human beings.

How much have we been able to maintain relationships of heart before God and True Parents during this year? There are different forms of relationships. Recently, True Father has been emphasizing relationships. Relationships between relatives, between school friends, relationships in society, and so forth. Father has concluded that everything to do with life can be described as relationships.

However, the relationships we should have with God and True Parents are the most essential of all relationships. These can be called the 'Relationships of Heart'. We must reflect on how much we have created a relationship of oneness with

God in our lives. We must examine how much we have been able to live feeling True Parents' heart and circumstances.

#### A time to examine our relationships

We must also reflect on whether we have been able to maintain the original relationship of heart with people and church members. Dear

members, the most regrettable things before heaven are not to do with the tasks we undertake. The work we do comes and goes. Yet relationships remain forever. Nothing is more regrettable than when hearts have been scarred in the relationships between members living under True Parents.

When we are in discord with someone, when we have such wounds in our hearts, it may not destroy our relationship with that particular person, but it does destroy our relationship with God. God cannot exist where there is conflict. When you are unable to maintain a relationship of heart with other members, and with the world, this destroys your relationship with God.

Therefore, when we are loyal to people, we become loyal people, and then we are loyal to God. When we love people, we are loving God. When our relationships with people are sound, our relationship to God becomes sound.

Most fundamentally, it is important to examine our vertical relationship with God and True Parents, and

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# TRUE GOD'S DAY MIDNIGHT PRAYER AND SPEECH

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## Midnight Prayer

**B** <sup>ELOVED</sup> Heavenly Father, Centering on the motto of 1999 “The Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting out of the Satanic Blood Lineage,” and greeting a new two thousand year period, we could establish the realm of the fourth Adam on earth, on a victorious foundation. With the victorious history of the providence that can be declared on the foundation of the several hundred million blessed couples in the spirit world and physical world, and the six thousand years of history through which the providence of salvation could be brought to its conclusion—the closing of four thousand years of the history of the Jewish people and the ensuing two thousand years—we are now welcoming a new millennium.

From now the Unification Church will be able to stand before heaven and earth without shame and, centering on the blood relationship of the True Parents with all the people of the world, I earnestly thank You for the heavenly grace that has allowed all those in the spirit and physical world who created the foundation of the blessing in the name of heavenly lineage to attend this ceremony opening this new millennium before the entire cosmos and without shame centered

on the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Heavenly Father, I am grateful for Your grace that has allowed us to meet the historic new era of the millennium in which you are able to grant a new heaven and earth based on your ideal, by settling the sorrowful providence of salvation and welcoming the dawn of a history of heaven and earth full of hope. And I thank you for your grace that allowed the establishment of the liberated realm of victory for heaven and earth through declaring Ku Ku Jeol (Day of Nine Nines) and Sam Ship Jeol (Day of Three Tens). Through this, we were able to root out the blood lineage of Satan and subjugate the archangel Lucifer in the name of True Parents so that we could lead the evil Satan and his followers with God’s victorious authority.

Now I wish to open a new millennium at the beginning of this new year with the motto, “The Cosmic Expansion of True Love is the Perfection of the New Millennial Kingdom of God.” Father, I earnestly pray for Your blessing on this.

We know the cosmos symbolizes a house in which God’s love dwells in all created beings. I thank you, Heavenly Father, for the grace by which we can welcome a new era when we can begin to move toward the completion of a peaceful base of a sabbath for the Kingdom of Heaven on



earth, from the tiniest lower animal to the spirits of the heavenly realm, centered on God's true love.

I earnestly hope and pray that all the blessed families in the spirit world and physical world can unite with True Parents and our Heavenly Parent in heaven creating one family, and can make the foundation for the sabbath-like liberation of the individual, family, tribe, nation and cosmos, and finally establish the independent nation of love where God can have dominion with His independent authority, freedom, hope and will.

All blessed families have gathered here. Wherever in the world the members of our church are watching this place, please, Heavenly Father, may Your work of love and grace together with the grace of the spiritual and physical realms become a strong iron-like foundation in each family centering on relationships of true love. Please allow them to become blessed families who could offer a victorious cheer of Mansei for liberation based on this. I also thank You for letting us welcome the era that allows ancestors and their descendants to become one and to be able to bring together the people of the Kingdom of Heaven. I cannot help but thank You that the liberated Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth has been declared through everyone's cooperation centering on God's joy and glory. I earnestly hope and ask that in this new millennium this world will have an independent form as Your nation and that You will become the Lord of love and of all nations, King of Kings and the Supreme Monarch.

Please allow us to have, through unity, dominion over Your world of love, which from the smallest things to the entire created world can respond to Your love, Heavenly Father. With the victorious supremacy of the realm of liberation of all people, allow us to welcome a free, victorious heaven and earth in which all nations can become the Kingdom of Heaven. I earnestly ask and pray for this.

I earnestly pray and hope with countless cheers of Mansei that all the blessed families in heaven and on earth and even the descendants scattered all over the world can become united as one and settle as one heart and body before heaven. I bless and pray all these things in the names of the True Parents. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Father's Words

**M**AY God's blessings be upon you in the new year! Today's title is "The Cosmic Expansion of True Love is the Perfection of the New Millennial Kingdom of God." What is the meaning of this motto? The cosmic expansion of true love means that heaven and earth should be the house of true love. The cosmos is the house of God, the house of the Heavenly Kingdom. The title has the meaning that the perfection of the Kingdom of God comes through all the homes where God can dwell throughout the entire world during this new millennium. The perfection of the Kingdom of God in the new millennium will begin in the family wherever God can eternally dwell. Amen.

"True love" has a different meaning in the Unification faith. It has a deeper meaning than the secular one. All creation—minerals, plants and animals—exists in relationships of pairs. That is, they come into existence through the rela-

tionship of male and female, plus and minus, and subject and object. When both entities become one centering on true love, this becomes a house of love in which both subject and object, plus and minus or man and woman want to live.

Without exception, all beings from humans as the highest, to the lowest, exist in pairs. They are originally created to exist, relate and multiply based on relationships of love.

Let us think about human beings. A person possesses mind and body. Where do mind and body come from? They originate from the blood lineage of the parents, based on the love between the father and the mother. They represent the life of the mind and the life of the body respectively. A person is like a house in which both aspects enter and become one centered on true love.

Families are created in the same fashion. When a man and a woman as subject and object enter the house of love and become one, they are called husband and wife. The wife is the house of her husband's love. The husband is also the house of his wife's love. When the couple is united horizontally, God is able to dwell in this family, uniting vertically with them. You should know that the house of true love in the family is the house of the husband and the wife, and is consequently one with God's love.

When God enters such a family, the house of love, and dwells there, that family can become one with God. Then God becomes the vertical and spiritual parents for both of them, and the husband and the wife become physical parents horizontally. Each of them can unite his or her mind and body as subject and object, based on the 90-degree concept of love.

Who is God? He is like a house of love that a husband and wife can enter. The family in the Kingdom of Heaven appears in this form. Originally, when the family had realized the form of the Heavenly Kingdom, children would have appeared. In a family there is the vertical parent-child relationship and the horizontal conjugal and brother-sister relationships. God and Adam and Eve are like the house of love where children can enter and live. The children

are like the house of love where God and Adam and Eve can enter and dwell.

The model of a family as a house of love expands to a tribe, nation and to the world. When the people of the Kingdom of God spread everywhere like fruits originating from one seed, and become one in heaven and on earth, this will be the Kingdom of God in heaven and on earth that God desires. Amen!

What is a family? It is a model of God's love, where original love is realized and shaped. Then what is God's love? It can be described as the love of parents in the relationship of parents and children, as the love of husband and wife, and as the love of brothers and sisters. When these three great loves become harmonized and become the center of life, the family can enter directly into the blessed Heavenly Kingdom.

Such a family cannot exist alone. It needs a tribe around it like a fence. It means the family is protected by the tribe. Therefore, the tribe is the house of love for the family: a higher-level house. Next is the nation. The nation is the house of the nation's leader and the people. And in such a nation, the house of the people is also the house of the nation where the nation's leader can dwell. Next is the world. The world is the house of love where the nation can enter and live. It must also become the house of the world where any family from any nation can be welcomed. When we think about the cosmos,



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*Being Father's translator requires the ability to instantly interpret Father's meaning not only in words, but also, on occasion, through more direct mediation!*

body and that good and evil are fighting inside you.

Centered on this boundary, if you live self-centeredly, the result will be hell. But if you live centered on the public purpose, the result will be the Kingdom of Heaven. When you think of mind and body, you can understand that the mind is closer to the public way. Therefore, if you absolutely follow the mind's directions, you will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But if you deny your mind and follow your body, you will absolutely fall to the bottom of hell. Can you understand?

The relationships of parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters exist in the family. The family is the foundation these unified relationships create. But self-centered individualism has no such foundation. In individualism, grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters, society and even the nation are considered unnecessary. If such a man and a woman lived together in a house, no one would desire to enter that house. Such people would be shunned and all things of creation, which move in accordance with heavenly fortune, would avoid them. Then eventually they would decline.

Reverend Moon, however, has shown the ideal of the Kingdom of God. No matter how much grandparents and parents have come against him, their children and grandchildren should welcome this ideal and love Reverend Moon.

The cosmic expansion of true love is the foundation of the

this principle works the same way. The cosmos must become the house of love where the world can enter and all the world's families can unite. Consequently, when all people throughout the past, present and even the future, including all things, build the house of love and invite God to live together with them, such a united world is the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Amen!

You should know how different true love is from secular love, and the difference between the ideal true love world of the Kingdom of Heaven and the secular world. This original world in which there is no fall is the world of public life, which everyone desires. On the other hand, the fallen world is the self-centered world. No matter how big it is, it will eventually perish if it exists based on self-centeredness. Although God expected to succeed in building His ideal through the combination of love and life dedicated for the public purpose, the self-centered blood lineage appeared as the consequence of the fall. The world turned out 180 degrees different from the original plan and the current fallen world emerged.

In this fallen world, there are good people and evil people. Good people are more public-minded. They do not ignore even the small people and they treat them well. In a good world such people would cooperate for the sake of others; however, in an evil world the opposite is true. Evil people follow their own selfish desires, and consequently conflict occurs everywhere.

What is self-centered individualism? It is the evil among all evils. The pursuit of individualism can lead one to become a champion of dictators, occupy the evil palace and eventually drop to the bottom of hell.

What about Jesus? He completely forgave even the Roman soldiers who had speared him in the side. This is an amazing thing. Even though Rome tried to put Jesus into hell, Jesus went to the opposite world, the Kingdom of Heaven.

You do not fully know how to distinguish between good and evil. You should clearly know that within you there is a boundary between mind and







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**True Parents cut the celebration cake for True God's Day 2000 at Pledge Service**

Sabbatical realm that God and all beings, from the smallest to the largest, desire to enter. This perfects the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. Amen! [Amen!]

Did the people of America love Reverend Moon or hate him? [They loved him.] No, they were against me! But I have invested myself for more than thirty years and have even forgotten how I much I gave for the sake of saving America. Therefore, no matter how much the first generation of America opposed me, the second and third generations will respect Reverend Moon as a righteous man and savior. They will create a movement to carry Reverend Moon's photograph and even organize demonstrations in his honor. Amen! [Amen.] If they do this, will America perish or prosper? [Prosper!]

How can we define the Kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God has eternal freedom. It has eternal hope and happiness. Eternal true love and eternal life exist in this Kingdom. Why? It is because God dwells in the home so that everyone becomes one with God's love. The members of the Unification faith should stand for the ideology that family, brothers and sisters and relatives are most important, because the family is at the center in the realm of the Sabbath. That means we must stand on the principle of true families connected to the true lineage and centered on true love. When the blood lineage of Adam and Eve, the blood lineage of their children and of their children's children are all vertically connected through God, and families are established, that world and cosmos

must be the Kingdom of God.

What is the role of the Unification faith in this process? When enemies join the church, according to its teachings they stop fighting, unite as brothers and sisters and form one big family. That is, the Unification Church creates one family. That is such a wonderful thing! God created this ideal of the family. If you embrace God like your children, love Him like your husband or wife, and respect Him like a representative of your nation, you will be a true prince or princess and receive the qualification of ownership.

Once you join the Unification Church, you try to live here, suffering together with Reverend Moon, even though you may have to live in difficult circumstances. Why is that? It is because this is the house of love. No matter how strongly I admonish you and call you 'rascals,' you keep returning!

At this moment, everywhere in the world people are able to listen to Reverend Moon's word through the Internet and satellite relay. There are about 3,000 people gathered here to listen directly to Father's words.

Father has passed through his teenage years, his twenties and thirties, and is now eighty years old. Then, if you Unificationists have lived according to Father's word, would you expect to be better than Father or worse than Father? Would you expect to still follow this eighty year-old man or to run in front of him? Raise your hand if you will run in front of me. Are those people good or bad? [Good.]

So, I can rest from now on, can't I? If I ask you to fish, hunt, and cook for me, and so forth, while I rest at home, and if I ask you to prepare the food I could not eat, the clothing I could not wear, and the things I have been unable to do, will you do these things or not? You have come to know the will of God and where to go. You are convinced that you can surely become the beloved sons and daughters of God in heaven and on earth. Who helped you to know this? Do you appreciate Father for this? Do you feel like doing something in return?

How many countries have you gathered here from? You are from 180 nations, aren't you? Even if God and True Parents are not with you, if you determine to love and live for the sake of the people of your nation more than for God and your own siblings, then, of course, God and True Parents will say "Okay!" Do you understand? Please promise me that you will love the people in your own nation and in the world, even more than Father does. Our families are families of true love! Absolute love relationships make one family! Absolute love in the past, present and future. True love, true lineage, and true family!

Let us now stand and pledge to heaven to absolutely go forward to build the Kingdom of God centered on true love, true lineage and true family, and eventually to liberate our True God in this new millennium.◆

[Edited for Today's World]

**Father writes the title for his True God's Day morning speech at the 10 a.m. commemorative service: "To fully realize the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven in the Completed Testament era means realizing it on earth"**



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## DAY OF VICTORY OF LOVE

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**I**N what position is Heung Jin now in the spiritual world? Heung Jin was sent to the spirit world as flesh and blood of the True Parents. He then became that realm's supreme representative who opens the door to the completion of the blessing ideal in the spirit world. He has the mission of commander-in-chief.

The name 'commander-in-chief' is derived from the fact that Heung Jin became the representative of all blessed couples in both the spiritual and physical worlds. He is therefore in a position to take responsibility to unravel and eliminate all the deep-rooted sorrows of both worlds. Only Heung Jin has walked the way of setting the condition for unification on the basis of the Unification Ceremony held by True Parents. He established the tradition of the elder brother. For this reason, you must remember the fact that Heung Jin went to the spiritual world in place of True Father. We Unificationists must think of Heung Jin even more than Jesus. Heung Jin is at the apex of the world of love.

Now is the time to fill both the physical and spiritual worlds with blessed couples. Then, what has originated out of this renewed world is the "era of registering in the family register" centered upon the tribe and nation. The 40-day workshops currently held in Jardim constitute the preparatory stage for the era of registering in the family register. After his death, True Father will become the first generation. From the 1st generation through the 2nd, 3rd, 4th generations and so on, the needs that were not completely fulfilled for each generation of ancestors should now be so.

Heung Jin has been doing everything possible in the spiritual world, including the work of resolving the problems of our ancestors and of the spirit world in general. The work of Chung Pyung is thus the work of Heung Jin. It is not the work of Dae Mo Nim. Elder Hyo Nam Kim (Dae Mo Nim's medium) must understand this well. Chung Pyung does not come first. You must assist in and cooperate with the road Heung Jin is walking, following the path of True Parents, and with all that Heung Jin wants to accomplish. Chung Pyung is not the primary thing.

Some time ago, Heung Jin said that he could not equal the value of all the blessings given by True Parents even if he died ten million times. If I had not intervened, he would have gone to the spirit world according to his own level. He would have gone to place of some difficulty and had to walk the path of indemnity. Knowing that he can hold such a position in the spiritual world only due to True Parents, Heung Jin earnestly asked his older brother for help while he is investing so much effort. Brothers should be united as one body.

Because he is the representative elder brother who has gone to the spiritual world, everyone

should attend and work to help him. Everyone should bow their head before Heung Jin, the sacrificial offering, because he went as a sacrificial offering in place of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Though it is not a natural custom for elder brothers to bow to a younger brother, they do so before Heung Jin Nim. Heung Jin died in place of Father—which

had such providential significance—and came to the earth to do the work of a second-self of Father. This is why all siblings respect Heung Jin Nim and offer a bow to him. Everyone, even Sung Jin, will have their way blocked in the spiritual world unless they resolve everything on earth.

You must know that anyone from the 36 Couples could lose their position. A complete overhaul is needed. You must establish standards for daily life by which you can check your own life. Thus, you can examine yourselves and see whether each one of you—among the 36 Couples—has perfected yourself based upon the Principle, living up to those standards. In case your life falls short of the criteria of a principled life, you must be ready to make your voluntary withdrawal. Otherwise you will inevitably be blocked in the spirit world because your unprincipled life will contradict the conditions required there. I am warning the 36 Couples! Would you say you joined the Unification Church? It has no meaning—because you have not entered your name in the family register. You must register! To enter Heaven you must fulfill the proper conditions on earth. If you do not enter your name in the family register, your relationship with me will be cut off. Thus, after Father's 80th Birthday, you will not be permitted to come and see Father just as you please. You will be able to stand in a liber-



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ated position leading to Heaven only if you have been trained by Father's teaching and become a mature person, so that you can receive approval from True Parents.

The essence of the Completed Testament Age is characterized by the incorrupted original world. The Old Testament was an era of promise lost and the New Testament one of promise left unfulfilled. The Completed Testament era embodies the realization of the First Family so that God's blood lineage can be firmly rooted on the earth, centered upon God's love. The Completed Testament is the inheritance of the model of the First Family.

No blessed couple, including the 36 Couples, will be admitted to Heaven if, after receiving the blessing, they fail to form a 90-degree angle in love while on earth. To create the 90-degree angle of love, everything in the realm of the corrupted world should be restored. This is why both blessed couples on earth, and those couples in hell, who are not blessed, have their unfinished roads of indemnity. Do you understand? In fact, all people blessed by Father have been unqualified. Father has carried the responsibility on their behalf, as they have not completed the road of indemnity on earth. Can you conceive of giving the blessing to people even in a washroom, or walking down the street? To do that is the privilege of the heavenly world. It will be possible to give the blessing to even unqualified people on the condition that the entire heavenly providence of redemption reaches its conclusion before the 80th birthday of True Father.

True Parents gave the blessing to the evil murderers of hell as well as to the saints of heaven. That was the Blessing Ceremony of June 13, 1998, which was a tremendous event. Then, if Japan had known God's will and had given permission to hold the following Blessing [February 1999] in Japan, and furthermore if that Blessing Ceremony had been organized mainly by the Christian sphere, the 360 Million Couples Blessing would have been carried out with the supreme leaders of the spiritual world and earthly world in attendance.

Regrettably, the Japanese government was unable to recognize Japan's responsibility to hold the Blessing Ceremony. Then in January it was necessary to decide on the next-best choice, Korea. Since then, Japan has been kept in the hands of Satan due to failing in its responsibility. In light of this, Korea was placed in the position of Father's shadow [in that the country must follow and become one with Father], and this year Korea and Japan were tied together as one "father and mother" country. In addition, America was made the elder son nation. In this way, everything was reorganized. In October 1999, I made a proclamation the central significance of which was establishing the standard of heart that the three nations of Korea, Japan and America be united as one. It was also determined which course each of these countries should take. In conclusion, we should not follow America. We should not follow Japan. We must follow Korea. As far as depth of emotion is concerned, there is no race of people that can compare with the Korean race.

How long has it been since Heung Jin went to the spiritual world? It has been 16 years. The number 16 has been fulfilled in 16 years. At last, the mysteries of the spiritual world are beginning to be revealed. True Parents have continued to teach you



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the key truths of the spiritual world so that you can remember them and will feel no boundary between the spiritual and physical worlds. You must take these truths and make them an ongoing part of your daily life.

True Parents will no longer pay attention to you. From now on, you must do everything yourself. Whose help is needed in the age when you pray in your own name? Do not be indebted to the Unification Church. Such a time has passed. Now is the age of equalization. So, anyone praying in their own name must be able to connect all his tribe to his country so that they can take joint responsibility for building a peaceful world. The time is coming when you will not be able to just ask for help from God or True Parents. Do you understand?



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From now you must donate money for the sake of the education of the children of future generations, and for the sake of the future world. It is time that you should establish the condition of utmost sincerity that can be eternally imprinted. In this time, you should take the opportunity to add something, even saving one penny, for the benefit of the country, the world, and humankind. You must know that if you have not lived for the sake of others, you will be left out of the genealogy of Heaven.

You may feel disappointed, but Father will cut off his relationship with everyone,

**Photos: Facing page top, Heung Jin Nim; bottom, True children at the commemorative service for Heung Jin Nim (Day of Victory of Love) on January 2. This page top, True Parents pray at Day of Victory of Love; bottom, Father shares his heart with the assembled members**





**True Parents with grandson Shin Chul Nim (Hyo Jin Nim and Yun Ah Nim's first child) on the Day of Victory of Love, January 2**

proud of your family and the blood lineage of your tribe.

You are the ones who are connected to the blood lineage of thousands of generations. Therefore, you must know that you are related by blood to Adam and millions of ancestors. That blood is still flowing inside you. To purify your blood, good blood must be injected. To do this, a filter apparatus is required. Do you understand? What God regards as the ultimate report is for someone to stand before God at the last moment and report that his or her blood has been completely purified, and that no drop of satanic blood remains.

If you clearly understand this, make a vow with both hands raised high. Wave your hands in tune with the spiritual world, with a heart of welcome. Now, think that your waving hands are Heung Jin's hands and the hands of the entire spiritual world, and commit

yourself to inheriting the tradition of Heung Jin, Jesus and True Parents. Let us rush forward to enter the age of the liberated original world of the realm of the fourth Adam, through the Unification Church that is unified in heaven and earth! [Amen.] That is where we are to go! [Amen!] The spiritual world will answer together with you. I am thankful that you have made a unified commitment. ♦

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even 36 couples, after Father's 80th Birthday. The blessings of 36 Couples, 72 Couples, 124 Couples, 430 Couples, 777 Couples, 1800 Couples, 6000 Couples, 6500 Couples, 30 Thousand Couples, 360 Thousand Couples, 3.6 Million Couples, 36 million Couples, 360 Million Couples have all been completed. Then what else is needed? There was one unsolved condition that was hindering us, and that has at last been liberated. This final liberation has brought you the possibility of standing face to face with God and praying in your own names. You must realize how truly great this is.

Praying means reporting one's achievements. Based upon today's work you must add something every day. Everyone must lead a busier life than Father. When you reach the age of 60, not much of your life will remain. It is clear that you must not just think according to your own viewpoint. Think in terms of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience! You may also follow Father in the spiritual world on condition that you have desperately followed True Parents on the earth to the last hour of your life. If you do not do this, fortune will go against you. I have taught you everything clearly.

There must be an unbroken blood lineage where True Parents' tradition, the painful history of tears, sweat, and blood, is bequeathed to the descendants as their tradition and pride. You must take pride in the authentic, pure blood lineage. You must know that this is the era of the realm of the fourth Adam, when you can be



**Father speaks to all assembled leaders and members at the January 3 meeting for leaders held in the Manhattan Center in New York**



## THE CHALLENGE OF THE VERTICAL TRADITION

HYUN JIN MOON

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*On December 3, Hyun Jin Nim convened a meeting of leaders of different organizations within the larger cause of Unificationism to address the issues of education and cultural homogeneity. The following is edited content from Hyun Jin Nim's extemporaneous remarks at the beginning and end of the one-day conference.*

**A**s you can see from the participants of this conference although we are talking about the education of the second generation, I want the scope of this conference to include many other activities of our movement. I look at education from a very comprehensive point of view. I believe that education begins first in the family and then extends to the institutional level, instilling in the individual not only a sense of vertical tradition (through the parent-child relationship) but also a sense of mission and social purpose (through the conventional or institutional forms of education, such as schools, workshops, Sunday school, church services). If education is looked at in this light, one recognizes a continuum in the educational process that encompasses the whole life of an individual where both the vertical as well as horizontal tradition or perspective are instilled. I have called together church leaders, youth leaders and educators, representing this full range of education so that we can address the full spectrum of this issue.

### The ideal is still to be reached

When I was given the responsibility of Vice President, I asked True Parents what I should talk about in my inaugural address. Father mentioned two specific topics: The first was educating the second generation. The second was to help the first generation to inherit the tradition of True Parents. I think you can understand why I started looking at education from a more comprehensive viewpoint, instead of merely from the viewpoint of what we traditionally understand to be the vehicles for educating the youth of our movement—such as the second generation department or CARP. I recognized that to fulfill this two-fold purpose, I had to go beyond the scope of those two organizations. Our education should reflect how we identify ourselves as a movement that seeks to build true families. It is in the family first then, that I see where the education process begins.

When I visited Sun Moon University, I emphasized to the second generation their need to inherit the vertical tradition from the first generation as we enter the Settlement Era. Thus, I emphasized the need for cooperation between the



first and second generations. Why? It is because the responsibilities of the first and second generations are necessarily connected and inseparable. The first generation is in the position to offer the foundation to the second generation. The second generation will inherit the foundation from the first and needs to expand it to its fullest expression. Looked upon in that light, the responsibilities of both are absolutely intertwined. That is why I have called such a mixed and diverse group, representing both the first and the second generation here today. Although we are here to talk about second generation education, I want to expand it beyond that. I am proposing that we should build an ideal culture as a model that will give us our identity as Unificationists and blessed couples.

Today, I want you to let down your guard and sincerely try to think about how we can establish *one* cultural traditional pattern that originated from and was revealed by our True Parents, the restored parents of humankind.

I know many of you, as first generation blessed couples, were moved by True Parents' call to create one God-centered family and joined this church with a sincere and earnest heart to fulfill that ideal. I know that it was with this heart that many of you chose and accepted international blessing by my parents as a condition to substantially resolve the historical conflicts that existed between individuals and your nations through the bond of true love as husband and wife. Ideally that victory should have been passed down to your children so that they would have been raised as universal people who represented God's true ideal. However, many of these difficulties were not resolved and thus our second generation has inherited these divisions and struggles. Why is this the case?

### Why a chosen nation?

These are questions that I have pondered for many years. Being Korean but growing up in America I have directly experienced the effects of both Korean and American cultural and traditional patterns. I came here at the age of four and received most of my formal institutional education here in America. Yet, in the True Family, I recognized the importance of Korean familial model. True Parents are very traditional Korean parents and the way they look at familial relationships that exist within our family is from a very Korean perspective. For example, if brothers and sisters have conflict, the resolution or the suggestion for resolution that Parents have is rooted in the culture of Korea. When True Father talks about



the role of new members coming into Father's family, it is looked upon in the light of Korean tradition.

Yes, Father is a universal man! Father is a man that came to unite all of humankind into God's family. Yet one must recognize that one can never completely divorce the man from his culture and his nation. I make this point because, if you look at the providence from a historical, restorational point of view, you will recognize that God moves through history with purpose. His providence is not random but has a definite purpose. If you believe this to be true, then you will recognize the historical and cultural importance of the chosen nation. One can clearly see God's purposeful nature in preparing the Jews for the advent of Jesus Christ. God invested in four thousand years of history to build that foundation so that ultimately Jesus could come upon the national foundation of Israel to start his universal mission, to build one human family. That is why Jesus' short ministry was primarily focused on the Palestinian Jews, those very people whom God had prepared for four thousand years.

I will try to explain why the chosen nation is so important and why Korean tradition and culture are so important to us as blessed couples. I want to expand on this idea in light of Father's words: why is a chosen nation so important? The Jewish understanding of the Messiah was that he would bring about national unity and national sovereignty. In other words, he was to inherit the Davidic throne and become the king of Israel. It was upon that base that the Jews believe that the Messiah will expand his mission and bring all the nations under Zion. In other words, there was a mechanism that first an ideal nation had to be established before God's message could be expanded to the rest of the world.

Now look at Father's understanding of the Messiah. In 1945, the Korean Christians were analogous to the religions of Judaism and the nation of Korea analogous to the nation of Israel. Had Korea united with Father, he would have brought these two houses together. Then upon that foundation, the foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven could have been established on earth within seven years. In other words, implicit in Father's understanding of the role of the Messiah is that he has to eventually build a model sovereignty upon which the expansion of his universal mission is to take place. Yet what happened? Christianity and the nation of Korea did not receive Father just as Judaism and Israel failed to receive Jesus.

Many times I have had intimate conversations with True Parents and asked why we are doing something that doesn't seem to be practical. Yet, Father always tells me that when you look at God's providence from the perspective of restoration through indemnity, you have to indemnify in a certain systematic order because the fall was also that way.

### What I learned through my upbringing

A vertical tradition of heart is first rooted deeply in the family. You can never deny who you are in relation to your family. Never. That is where absolute, eternal relationships are built. For example, Mo Sook will always be the youngest in the Park family. She is always connected to that lineage. It's an absolute and eternal relationship that you can never change. That is why when we talk about the vertical culture and the vertical tradition, it is rooted in the family.

I feel that this conference is a good first step. I want to

put forward several major themes which you can reflect on. Through your participation here, I hope you will contribute your unique insights.

I grew up here in America. I was educated here. I was influenced by pluralism here in America. Yet, as I grow older, as I raise my own family, my heart goes back to the nation of True Parents, and to the culture of True Parents. Why is that? As I mentioned, no individual can divorce himself completely from his own culture or language. That is one of the reasons why God recognized and invested so much time in developing the chosen nation! We can see this in the Old Testament, in the Jewish experience. So, too, we can see in the five thousand years during which God has cultivated and developed Korea, that God's hand was moving in the history of that nation, developing the culture that focused on family and familial relationships. God cultivated the relationships that

exist within the family to a point where this is the closest reflection of the ideal and the substantial form that we can see. Granted, it is not the ideal, because it needed the presence and authority of True Parents to make it ideal. Yet, the perspective, language and relationships exist there.

I remember growing up in the seventies and eighties. In one sense I have a closer affinity to you, the Americans who are in your mid 40s and 50s, because I identify so closely with that time. It really molded who I am. I remember the energy then... I remember the fire then... I remember the purity of devotion then... I remember the time in which you were willing to even

give up your future for the sake of building an ideal nation. Remember that the second generation wants to look to the experience of the first generation and inherit the lessons learned.

### Why the oriental tradition?

When I was inaugurated to the position of Vice President of FFWPU, I felt my initial responsibility, if I wanted to start a public mission, was to first go to Korea and Japan. Why Korea first? Because that is the nation and birth place of True Parents and of this movement. That is where our identity begins. And then, I went to Japan because, providentially speaking, it is the Mother nation. Throughout the course of the last twenty years, Japan has consistently sacrificed tremendously for our worldwide movement. As a person who sincerely wants to be a conscientious leader, when I looked at the situation of Japan and studied their history in our movement, I can say that it affected me very much. Yet, the thing that I admire so much, and this is not only true for Japan but also for Korea, is that they can endure regardless of difficulties, regardless of pressures faced.

As an elder brother I empathize deeply. In many ways I felt that it was my duty and obligation to change the situation. Of course, there are providential conditions that still have to be met. But I cannot help but empathize. And I cannot help but think and reflect deeply about my experience there. They still need to have the same level of devotion. But what gave them that strength? Is it because the Japanese and Koreans are born naturally endowed with tremendous, superhuman stamina? Is it because they are not human? Is it because they do not feel? Is it because they do not feel the pressures or weight of the providence as we do here in America? Do you not think that they also sometimes question

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why this is being done, why that is being done, and face that struggle in their life of faith? Yet, what allowed them to hold on? What allowed them the strength and capacity to be able to endure?

Having experienced both the western perspective and the oriental perspective, the answer is very clear to me. It is because the Orient has a more vertical tradition. In other words, identity is first defined from the top, God being the ultimate source of that inspiration. If God wanted it this way, regardless of how we fail to understand, recognize, or comprehend, there is an innate culture that cultivates this perspective. Even the language itself supports a vertical attitude.

When I went to Japan, Japanese leaders would sit in front of me and weep because it hurts them so much to push members who are supporting our movement financially. As an elder brother, I was deeply affected by this. Yet what is it that has allowed them to persevere through such trials? It is the vertical culture and vertical attitude.

### Why we are convening this conference

Father has explained many times the reason that he brought Korean leaders and Japanese leaders here was to instill in you the vertical culture and the vertical tradition. I don't think someone can really begin to understand the value of it unless he starts looking at from the other person's perspective. The ideal of sacrificial love, in fact the whole mechanism of love, starts not with the individual but with the willingness to offer oneself for the sake of a greater whole. So the first quality that we have to cultivate is empathy—understanding the other perspective first, because we already know our own. Looking at it from this light, there is tremendous wisdom and tremendous value in the insight of True Parents in bringing Korean leadership and Japanese leadership to America.

Now this meeting is not a meeting to make excuses for leaders. We are not here to justify actions of past. There is individual responsibility. Even though intentions may be good, the responsibility of the individual who actually manifests the direction is grave. I'm sure all of you have stories. So do I. But it does not mean that you throw the baby out with the bath water. It does not mean there was nothing valuable here. It means it was expressed wrongly at times. It means that we did not understand it fully.

I convened this conference so that we can start with a clean slate, and we can start looking at this issue here in America more sincerely and genuinely. If we accept the fact that Asia or the oriental culture is more vertical, then we have to start thinking what are the vertical models that we have out there.

In my private conversations with many members, they pointed out that in the fifties America and Europe had Judeo-Christian values and there were more vertically-centered families. That is true. But I think there are aspects that still fall short of the models that came out of Asia, especially from the chosen nation.

So there are two topics in this conference that I hope all of you will address sincerely in the discussion groups. Two topics are: a) How to think in terms of cooperation between the first and second generation when we think about the settlement age, and b) How to build a homogeneous community of faith.

So how do we first recognize a common goal, and how do we utilize the positive contributions of each participant so that we can start developing concrete programs? Each participant means institutions as well as individuals. The topics are focused on building a closer relationship between the first and second generations. We recognize the importance of the contribution of parents. In the process of education, we also recognize the contribution of the second generation in inheriting the tradition. In other words, by inheriting the tradition, the second generation will make the tradition substantial in the next generation, thus establishing a substantial vertical tradition.

To build peace and mend bridges, you have to first take away all the social and cultural obstacles that separate people from truly being brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, fathers and sons, and mothers and daughters. This is the purpose of this conference. The first and second generation issues are intergenerational issues. That means getting rid of the generation gap. Too many intergenerational issues are skewed by the perspective of that particular generation, which is fleeting for it does not focus on the relationships that are absolute.

We are experiential beings, and it is the heart that moves us. Yet it is the cultural baggage that we carry that does not allow us to relate to each other in the realm of heart. I know this personally and intimately because this is a challenge of the True Family. You know there are difficulties in the True Family. I know this personally because I live it. It is my life. It is my family. As I have said, relationships in the family are absolute, eternal and unchanging. The challenge is to build the true family and to build one common cultural identity so that once again the heartistic relationship can be established and free flowing.

Why do I mention True Family? Because it is the fulfillment of God's providence of restoration. Therefore, its value is tremendous. I know that especially at this time as a member of the True Family coming before you, I might not have the authority that the True Family should have. But I have to tell you even though, whatever circumstances of the past might have affected you or lessened the authority of the True Family, the value of the True Family in the substantiated dominion of God is going to be absolute, eternal and unchanging. You have to remember although even in the time of the Garden of Eden, when there was no satanic dominion and no satanic influence, Adam and Eve still fell from God's original purpose. Did it mean that God gave up on humankind? No. The whole purpose of restoration attests to the fact that God loved humankind, the children of Adam and Eve, so deeply. In the same way, parental heart is unchanging and absolute. Not for one instant has God turned His back on humankind. Not for one instant! We can see in history that God is moving tirelessly.

The challenges the True Family faces are immense and historical. There will come a time in which all the representative struggles that we see in humankind will be resolved through





the True Family. I want you to participate in this process. I want you to discuss the issues that I just raised in your discussion groups and start developing concrete plans which we can substantiate here in America. When True Parents left to South America, Father told me strongly that even hoon dok hae in East Garden should only be done in Korean from now on. I have younger siblings who cannot speak Korean that well, but Father said we have to build that tradition.

If you truly believe in True Parents and their purpose, if you truly believe in the blessing and your blessed family, you have to engraft yourselves into the tradition of True Parents. What is the tradition of True Parents? Why did I talk so deeply about the vertical culture and the vertical culture being firmly established within the family? Why did I talk about the importance of the chosen nation? Because we have to build the substantial foundation within our own family and within the overall movement that reflects the tradition, value and perspective of True Parents, if we want to build a homogenous community of faith.

### HYUN JIN NIM'S FINAL REMARKS

I know today was a long day. Thank you for your participation and your sincere effort. A lot of good comments were made and a lot of good suggestions that are somewhat concrete that we can work from. Most of all, I think this meeting was important in that it set the agenda and the overall direction and purpose for which we can all work and strive together. I know there are still a lot of different individuals that have to be pulled together. But I think with this core group, if you are committed and dedicated, then, this can certainly be accomplished.

This should be a time when leaders come forward and take initiative, a time when, rather than vacillating on the sideline, sitting and watching, people take initiative and responsibility because this is a time in which substantial fruits of labor can be harvested, if we are committed. In any time of crisis, difficulty, and transition, I think the destiny to come is truly determined by the efforts of those committed to a cause.

One of the things that I tried to do was to outline a cause, outline a purpose which was: first, to recognize the necessity of the first and second generations to work together; and the

second, to build a homogenous community of faith that represents the ideals that True Parents have set forth.

I am sure a lot still needs to be developed. But recognize that this small step today is going to take us that much closer to the end result that we're all striving for. If we stay on the sidelines and don't take any steps, if we simply accept the status quo and do not commit ourselves, then basically the vision and the dreams that we profess to have are pipe dreams, not substantial. And within the context of the providence, we're not fulfilling our responsibility. Although this message is universal and will open doors for many to come back to the movement in the future, there have to be leaders that come forward right now to initiate that change, to initiate that process.

As Father said, the time of the settlement age is when you can extend the blessing to the Cain realm. It's not reserved for Abel alone. It's not reserved only for those who followed him closely, but it's something that can be extended to the Cain-type world, so eventually we can build the Kingdom of God in heaven and on earth. Yet it is Abel who has to rise up and make the initial sacrifice.

If anything, this meeting is a call to seek out those Abel types who will become the leaders within the families, within the communities, within the school systems, to educate other members, educate Unificationists, in building a sense of community based upon the vertical tradition.

I want to challenge you, each and every one of you who are gathered here today, who are participating in this conference, to take this message forward, to be the advocates of this message. I know that throughout the discussion there was mention of including other people in these steps and you are absolutely right. The scope of this type of conference should be expanded.

One thing that I appreciate is that this forum allowed a lot of participation, a lot of give and take. I'm sure a lot of things were brought out in this forum that you had kept beneath the surface. I want that. I like that because it allows me to address them. As long as they just ferment underneath the facade of what we profess to be building, we can never deal with them. I am of the belief that you need to know both the positive and negative elements to be able to develop substantial courses of action. This is not

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defeatism. This is not merely accepting the fact that things are not good, or making a criticism of what went on before. It is asking, "What is the situation now, where do we have to go and how can we reach it?"

If we are under the illusion that everything is perfect, or we not only want to protect our own culture and our own identity, but also the affiliation or occupation that we have in this movement, then if that is our purpose for speaking out, we are making a grave mistake. Because this is a public forum, it should go beyond our own personal interests. This is a forum that should expand into a universal mission and ideal, the creation of one God-centered Family.

Let's look at this as simply as possible: What is True Parents' tradition? What are True Parents' directives? And then, let's also look at it in the context of providence, from the perspective of the Principle, recognizing the importance of the chosen nation. I don't know how else to convey this message and I don't know how to make it understandable here in America. If you know the answer, please let me know. I'm soliciting your help.

## Settlement

Those who are gathered here, you are a representative body of the American movement. Have I reached you? Have I convinced you? That is the question that I have. If I have, to what extent, to what degree, to what level are you committed? And can we be committed beyond our own individual interests? Can we be committed first to the overall purpose? Even willing to forego our own individual or organizational interests? Isn't that what Father has always been professing? So I hope that this conference will set the precedent for future conferences to come.

We have entered a new age. We have entered a new age in which we shifted from the individual to the family. We have entered a time of settlement in which we have to build a substantial foundation. I know that we carry not only the baggage of all of history but we also carry the baggage of the providence of restoration directly because it is part of our Unification experience. Father even said that the period of restoration has come to an end. We have to build a new canon based upon a new model. And this is what Father is doing right now. The paradigm is shifting. If we hold on to our old ways, our old concepts, our old beliefs, and our old affiliations, how can we prepare ourselves to enter the new age?

When I was in Korea I had a chance to sit down and have a frank talk with all the Korean leaders there, about how they had been through tremendous difficulties, making tremendous sacrifices in their personal lives and in the lives of their

own children. It was like the time when the Israelites were in the wilderness. We had no nation and therefore, we were not settled. There were necessary conditions that had to be set in the wilderness: the conditions of faith, of absolute devotion. The time in the wilderness was a time when God was separating the Israelites from the Cain-type world, moving them away from Egypt and giving them a new identity before they entered into the land of Canaan. Yet, ultimately the first generation could not enter. Why? Because, they carried the baggage of Egypt, their old ways.

Yes, we have a legacy, a foundation, we have a heritage. We have a tradition but it has been a tradition rooted in restoration. That is not the original purpose of God. The entire providence of restoration was not the original choice of God. Because of the failure of humankind, God had to walk this restorational course and move through history. Religions and churches had to be built, and the foundation for the Unification Church had to be established. Father has said that all the indemnity conditions of the providence of restoration have been set up and that we are now on the verge of entering a new era, the era of settlement. It is a time in which we have to leave our old precepts and concepts behind.

Unlike the time of the Israelites when the first generation was left behind and only the second generation entered the settlement period, this is the time of True Parents in which the substantiated blessing is extended. We can enter into the settlement era together, but under one condition: the first generation should change their mind-set. I think this is a first conference in that direction.

At this crucial juncture in the providence, if we cannot address many of the issues that still plague fallen society and our own movement as well, then, I'm telling you, we have not offered substantial dedication. I felt the urgency, before this Christian millennium ended, to aid our Parents' work to create the type of family that carries an imprint of their tradition. That is why I felt a deep need to initiate these conferences at this time.

So I want each and every one of you to take this very seriously. I look at it very positively. If I don't convince you, I will find the people who can be convinced. That time will come and I believe that the energy can be sparked here. I would like each and every one of you to be participants in that, in advocating it, in building a common cultural tradition, a vertical culture of heart.

So with that said, I raise a challenge to each and every one of you. Who among you are going to be true advocates of establishing this vertical culture and tradition in your families and the institutions that you run? Please raise your hands.

## From Hyun Jin Nim's comments during the reports on group meetings...

The issue of building a nation is very important. Father talks about the unification of Korea. Only when that comes can Father start to talk about the heavenly standard for a constitution. Father even said that in the settlement era it will be much more of a meritocracy. A constitution is the standard of judgement. Even in the settlement era, there will be deviations because we have free will.

Just because you are Korean doesn't mean you have inherited the culture of True Parents. Just because you are American doesn't mean you have not inherited True Parents' tradition.

If reference to the Korean traditional familial model creates difficulty for you, what can we use for the heavenly model? What substantial model can we find? That is why I utilize the Korean model. It is not to elevate Korea, or to place Koreans over Americans. If True Parents are really the True Parents of all humankind, then we should inherit their cultural context. It is that simple. We try to filter it through our own cultural experience. If you do that you are not inheriting True Parents. In doing that you put yourself in the position of an adopted son forever. You will forever be struggling between an old identity and a new one!





## Eighty Years for God's Providence

### America Honors True Father

*Under the guidance of Rev. Chang Shik Yang (from whose testimony the following content is taken), the members in America worked together to prepare a special occasion through which representatives of the whole nation could honor True Father's eighty years of service to God and humanity, and forty years of mission work in America.*

**W**E received a strong inspiration from heaven that, as the elder son nation, and in the position of the ancient Rome of the present day, America should hold a convocation to celebrate True Parents' birthday.

America was established by the Pilgrim Fathers who came to establish a new land at the risk of their lives. The footsteps of God's providence, which had lost its foundation in Rome after the death of Jesus, passed from the Italian peninsula through the British Empire to a new continent—North America. American politics, economics, society and culture are built on the Christian spirit, and True Parents consider the United States a unique Christian nation prepared by God.

True Parents spent thirty years, most of the golden age of their lives, on the American continent since Heaven called them to go there in 1971. Six of their children, beginning with Kwon Jin Nim, and most of their grandchildren, have been born in the United States.

Three thousand two hundred people, including religious leaders, ambassadors and leading intellectuals, attended the event at the Hilton Washington and Towers, held on January 22, 2000, under the banner

*America Honors Reverend Sun Myung Moon  
80th Birthday Celebration*

President Clinton, the Chairman of the House of Representatives, governors of each state, mayors of major cities, leaders of congregations, heads of state government departments and ambassadors of various nations sent letters congratulating True Parents on their birthday. In all, more than two thousand such messages were received from around the country. The mayor of Washington, DC, along with the city congress, formally declared the day "Reverend Sun Myung Moon Day." Kenneth Kaunda, champion of the independence movement in Africa, read a poem for True Parents that he had written himself. True Parents also took special pains to invite veterans of the Korean War, who received a standing ovation.

Tickets were \$200 each, but were sold out a week before the event. A specially made video introduced True Parents and the origins of the Unification movement, their work for inter-religious harmony and to counter the rise of communism, their educational work around the world, and their many projects for the benefit of society in America. Guests rather than members testified about True Parents' work for family values with the blessing as the focal point.

The highlight of the evening was True Father's speech, "The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days," which followed the video presentation.

After this, three special awards were presented to True Father and True Mother together. The first was from religious leaders in honor of True Parents' interfaith work, the second

from political leaders honoring Father and Mother's contribution to world peace, and the third, a plaque of appreciation for True Parents' 40-year mission in America, was presented by continental directors Dr. and Mrs. Yang and church president Dr. Hendricks and his wife, on behalf of all members.

Hoon Sook Nim and dancers from the Kirov Academy performed a congratulatory ballet, and afterwards guests were invited to view a program depicting Reverend Moon's life, work and thought. ♦





## The Path of America and Humanity in the Last Days

*Father's speech to the more than three thousand well-wishers was a call to America to rise to its historic calling and responsibility as Elder Son nation*



"When a nation places its self-interest first, it will not be able to lead the world. Therefore, we need a people or a nation who are willing to sacrifice for a higher purpose and strive to build or become an ideal nation that embraces the entire world.

With this view, in response to the call of God, I came to this country, the United States of America. I have been making my utmost effort to revive America, by educating the youth for a country that is faced with a moral crisis and declining Christianity. You might be curious about what I am teaching to them. It is actually simple. First, it is "to live for the sake of others." More specifically, my teaching is that the individual lives for the family, the family for the society, the society for a people, a people for a nation, a nation for the world and the world for God. Then, God will come to us..."

"Since the fall began on the individual level, salvation should also begin on the individual level. Accordingly, a representative of humankind should come and proclaim, 'I will take full responsibility as a representative of all humankind. I will pay off all the debt that man has incurred during the entire course of history and I will become a person who will make God indebted to me instead.' Without such a realization

and determination, restoration is impossible. We should not be only conceptual or theoretical. On behalf of God, unless we are willing to experience miseries more than the one who is undergoing suffering in the world, we cannot reach God's heart.

Have you ever prayed in desperation for the 6 billion people of the world, with a feeling that your own children are dying? How much heart have you invested to save a family, a tribe, a people, a nation and the world, with a willingness to sacrifice yourself for them? I believe few people are confident to give a positive answer to that question. However, the Lord of the Second Advent comes to the world with such an absolute standard as the representative of all humanity..."

"Who is the master of America? It is neither white Americans nor black Americans. The true master of America is the person who loves America as God does..."

"I hope each of you will open your hearts and that you will be able to feel the earnest desires of the pilgrim fathers and many patriots who have lived in America's history..."

"It is time for us to unite together and open the path that humankind must travel. It is time for America, as the elder son nation, to take the lead in attending God and to complete its mission as the helmsman that brings the nations of the world to God. I ask you to stand with me in accomplishing this historic task."◆



**Photos:** Facing page top left, the celebration cake; top, Birthday bouquets; middle, the American church honors True Parents for 40 years of mission work in the United States; bottom, the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington presents a special award to Father and Mother.

**This page top, Father greets the thousands of guests who came to see him; middle, Father and Mother welcome guests; bottom, musicians from the New York Symphony Orchestra accompany a congratulatory song.**





Frank Kaufmann  
New York, USA

## At Home in God's Great Big World

**T**HE expectation of overflowing crowds at this year's True God's Day ceremonies made the prospect of passing up the whole thing very tempting indeed. Fortunately friends helped me to see that one wants to look back and have a story more worth telling than one that suggests some sort of resignation or preference for comfort. Thanks to these friends I willed myself to make my way to the celebrations and conquered the temptation to opt for a quieter observation of the traditions with my family at home.

My fears that God's Day 2000 would be chaotic were paralleled by similar fears that pervaded the world at large with regard to the public celebrations of the New Year. People were canceling preparations in large numbers thanks to worries about terrorism, Y2K computer disasters and the resulting upheaval. Both sets of expectations proved precisely and perfectly false.

The three day Unification festivities proved completely free of the anticipated difficulties: Travel through New York City was easy and safe; all events were well organized, and each part of the three-day program proceeded with dignity, joy, and well conceived crowd management.

The same was true in the experience of those who attended the public celebrations. For those brave enough to go to big celebrations (such as that held in Times Square in the center of Manhattan), they too found their events to be calm, trouble free and well organized. They were without excess, and remarkably joyous and peaceful all the way around. Thus, the Unificationist experience of the Holy Day mirrored this phenomenon in the world at large. Each part of the God's Day 2000 program was glorious and memorable, and secular folk found their evening of celebration also happy and without troubles.

There is an additional point of my experience at God's Day which pertains to the issue of attendance and presence: We all already know that reading Father's speeches is just not the same as being there, despite the many profound experiences we are having

under the regimen of the *hoon dok* hae tradition. There is something uniquely spiritual about the presence of a master, which touches one's life beyond the content of the message. It is a force for transformation that occurs between the speaker and the hearer. This time with Father, this unique aspect of "presence" seemed particularly pronounced. A great amount of Father's self-expression was non-verbal. In fact the True God's Day morning message was so incredibly playful and filled with dance and pantomime as to be virtually theater. No words can capture Father's palpable and infectious joy, childlike playfulness and delight that characterized his speech.

This seems increasingly to be the case as Father moves ever more radically into a sphere of heart to heart communication, and what might be perceived as a "direct presence" that might characterize the era of the Fourth Adam. We feel as though we may be moving farther and farther from the driven, embattled qualities which so uniformly characterized what might be dubbed "the (ideological) war years."

I deeply hope that those blessed by God with the opportunity to be *with* Father on these important and precious occasions, take great pains to communicate this poetic realm of freedom which Father insists is upon us. I am of the opinion that this new quality of communication creates a serious challenge for those leaders responsible for mediating and communicating about Father to those who cannot personally attend. Perhaps increased dissemination of videotapes might help leaders respond more fully to this [*The culture department of the church in Korea currently produces a monthly video magazine in English - Ed.*].

If my earlier observation about the world mirroring the movement has a basis in reality, then we have reason to be hopeful. It would signify, in my interpretation, that True Parents are in fact accomplishing what they set out to do: Father's earliest preaching shows him to be a solitary, condemned figure, cast out in the wilderness, unknown, and under a death sentence from the universe under Satan's command. This reality is one in which the Unification "movement" (consisting simply of Father himself) is most perfectly dif-

ferent from the "world at large." The world is vast, powerful, and satanic, and the movement is one individual unlikely even to survive.

This discrepancy is steadily equalized and reversed through the course of eight stages of unspeakable and unknowable indemnity, through the restoration of the elder son's position, and finally to the settlement of cosmic True Parents in the era of the fourth Adam. This means that the fortitude and doggedness of True Parents has made the world belong to God through them. With this, the experience and feeling of the larger world should come to match the experience and feeling of Father's world. This is why I note as significant the similarities between the Unification True God's Day 2000 and the world's New Millennium New Year's celebration.

Imagine this: At around 2 a.m. the Unificationists left Manhattan Center filled with joy and peace. Father had given a joyful, hopeful, loving message, painted a glorious motto, and life was grand. We made our way around the corner from the 34th Street Manhattan Center entrance to the 8th Avenue, New Yorker Hotel entrance. In doing so we had to pass revelers from Times Square who were ending their festivities at just the same time. I am well accustomed to these two ships passing in the New York night. Each Sunday I drive through the 4 a.m. debauchery on the New York City streets on my way to Belvedere. On those mornings the world and we Unificationists are opposites indeed. But this time it was not like that. The two communities were not so radically distinct. The revelers were tired, relaxed, relatively sober, and glad to wish us a happy new year. We were just about the same: tired, happy, hopeful, intoxicated with True Parents, and at the end of the day quite at home with our brothers and sisters in God's great big world. ♦

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## True Family Portrait

*Father and Mother flanked by Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim, with Hyung Jin Nim at back, surrounded by many in-laws and grandchildren, take a commemorative family photograph on the Day of Victory of Love*

## True God's Day Evening Entertainment

*Right, Father and Mother appear relaxed as they watch the God's Day entertainment; below right, true brothers sing for their parents and the assembled members; below, with US church leaders in musical support, True Parents demonstrate perfect harmony in song, and in love*



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# Inside the Heart of North Korea

Antonio Betancourt  
Washington, DC, USA

*Some of the work Unificationists carry out around the world requires great discretion. Although this can mean that we cannot freely report about some of the most amazing projects in their early days, it is very heartwarming to now be able to offer these words (which were originally recorded in an interview with Antonio in his Washington office) to the worldwide readership. Antonio requested that Today's World state, and we hereby do, that the ideas expressed in these articles are his alone, and do not necessarily represent those of the Unification Church or Unification community in general.*

**M**Y focus over the last twenty years, initially with CAUSA — later with AULA (the Association for the Unity of Latin America), the Summit Council for World Peace, the International Security Council and the Federation for World Peace — has been to reach out to the international community and to the top level of world leadership, such as active and former prime ministers, presidents, heads of government, and heads of state, through the above-mentioned organizations. Our job has focused on the original purpose Father gave to the Summit Club, which preceded the Summit Council for World Peace in 1981, that is, to provide a forum, infrastructure, and an organization for world leaders where they can put their statesmanship and experience to good use for the sake of peace and development around the world.

One of the things that we have done is to create and pioneer certain standards and ways of approaching leaders from many fields as well as of organizing conferences adopted by other church organizations that later entered the national and international arena. We had no prior experience in dealing with presidents and other leaders in the political corridors of power. When we began with CAUSA back in 1980, we were in

totally unknown territory.

I remember going to meet with prime ministers or presidents of countries and having no idea what I was going to say. I only knew that I felt it was God's desire that I meet with the head of state or national leader and tell them about our movement, and how our ideas were good for their country,

Uruguay, Brazil, the United States and ultimately around the world. The purpose of CAUSA, which eventually was fulfilled, was to present an ideologically God-centered solution to communism, and to introduce Unificationism or Godism.

I could never have achieved this without the help of 24-hour prayer.

It was not just a prayer condition of forty minutes or an hour, although we did those. It was constant, 24-hour communion with God through True Parents. I would talk to Heavenly Father with my mind as I went to the interview, as I sat waiting to be received by the president, and as I was introduced to him. In conducting my visit I would be in constant mental give and take with Heavenly Father, with the understanding that I was not by myself capable of doing this work.

I was trained neither professionally nor academically in school, college, or diplomatic academy to do what I was doing. I needed God, through True Parents, to work with me. Mentally, every step of the way, I would ask, "Heavenly Father, what would you do, what would you say to what he is saying, what would you reply? You are the one who knows what this person needs and what this country needs. You are the one who knows the situation of this nation." I always prayed deeply for clarity in my mind, clarity of purpose and ideas, and clarity to know what needs to be done to advance God's providence.

I found myself saying the most profound things that I would never have thought of otherwise. The president would be so moved and touched by the things that I was saying. Day after day, experi-

ence after experience, was a testimony to the spirit of God leading our diplomatic work. Through that, we were able to establish a network in many countries. We began in Latin America and expanded to Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa.



Antonio Betancourt with Premier Kim Il Sung in 1994

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and specifically for their young people. My intention was to secure an appointment to receive Dr. Bo Hi Pak as special envoy of our founder. This type of outreach began in Bolivia when CAUSA International was founded in 1980, then spread to Argentina, Paraguay,

Today, after twenty years, we are in a position to serve the movement as advisors and facilitators. We use our experience to help the missionaries in the field, the national messiahs, offering practical advice and contacts to facilitate their work, so that we can exceed or surpass what we did in the 1980s and 1990s.

We are always ready to offer our limited resources. For example, some time ago there was terrible misunderstanding on the part of the Philippine government regarding our blessing ceremony, and a great controversy about the roles of the Korean men and the Filipino women who had participated in the joint blessing. We requested and received support from our highest level contacts in America to impress upon President Ramos' government the truth about the role of our movement in the Philippines, and to clarify and defuse all the explosive words our detractors and enemies were using to try to destroy our movement in that country.

The welcomes our True Parents have received from heads of state in Latin American recent years has partly been the result of the Summit Council's efforts. We have reached out to the highest leaders in Latin America and other parts of the world and explained to them the value and contributions of our movement and thus inspired them to treat True Parents with proper protocol and dignity.

The Summit Council and the Federation for World Peace are equipped and trained both through our experience over many years and our high level contacts around the world to be a force for peace on behalf of True Parents. We have the desire and capability to support True Parents in their emergence as major players in the affairs of conflict resolution, economic justice, and world development through our contacts and liaison with international financial and technological institutions, and with people who are making very positive things happen in America and beyond.

## The Path to North Korea

After successful meetings with the North Korean delegation to the United Nations in New York in the spring of 1990, Father appointed me his special envoy to North Korea. It was decided that in my travels around the world that if there was an embassy for North Korea in the city, I should step into that embassy. I was to present myself as a special envoy of Reverend Moon and testify about the Unification Church, our worldwide work, and why we were good for North Korea. Furthermore, I was to explain that our stance in rela-

Premier Kim Il Sung on his behalf, but it was impossible for me to get a visa since the North Koreans knew clearly who I was and who I represented.

With the encouragement of Dr. Pak, I eventually requested the support of one of our Summit Council members, a former president of Costa Rica. Through him, we were able to enter North Korea. They gave us a visa to visit the country knowing that I was a delegate of Reverend Moon and a member of the Unification Church. In that sense, I broke through because up to that point, to my knowledge, they had not received anyone officially representing the Unification Church and Reverend Moon.

We met with the late Premier Kim Il Sung and other important officials. We realized that unification could be promoted by helping to remove the barriers to the relationship between the United States and North Korea. This process is not just a North-South Korean issue, but something in which America plays a major role for many reasons.

One of these is the presence of 37,000 American troops south of the 38th parallel, a deployment that goes back to the

Korean War for which there is as yet no final settlement. Another is North Korea's alleged pursuance of a nuclear weapons program that could trigger an arms race of weapons of mass destruction in Northeast Asia.

Under the guidance of Dr. Bo Hi Pak, the Summit Council received assistance from those having significant and appropriate influence in the corridors of power. Through these contacts, we expressed what we felt to be the importance of upgrading the discussion to a level that could effect changes in US-North Korean policy. With the support of the members of the Summit Council, former presidents and heads of state who became part of the commission on Korean reunification, and other prestigious citizens with whom we had been able to build relationships, we contributed to North Korea's being given greater priority on the US international agenda. We nourished the dialogue



**Antonio Betancourt and Bill Selig (second from left and far left) and members of the Summit Council's Commission on Korean Reunification meet with Premier Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il in their homeland of North Korea**

tion to North Korea was no longer one of confrontation and conflict, but that we were promoting reconciliation and the healing of the past, and looking for a way to work together toward the unification of both Koreas and the creation of a new Korea with God at its center.

Because of our controversial past, I was kicked out of several embassies. In some places I found myself persona non grata, for example, in Moscow and Beijing: even though they welcomed me as a director of an international NGO, when I told them who I was, the ambassador would stand up and leave, and ask his people to escort me out. They were very upset. I was determined to enter North Korea because I felt that the Summit Council could do a lot of humanitarian good for Korea, promote unification, and help change the image that North Korea had of True Parents and our movement. Father requested me to personally meet with



once it had begun: through bringing US dignitaries to North Korea we assisted Pyongyang in understanding the US and what they could do to improve relations with the United States. Summit Council efforts helped open the way for True Parents' historic trip to North Korea in 1991 [when Father met with Premier Kim Il Sung], which set the course for the Summit Council in its pursuit of peace and the resolution of conflict through dialogue for the Korean peninsula in the 1990s and beyond.

Always under consultation with Dr. Pak, I shuttled back and forth between Washington and Pyongyang. I met five times with the late Premier Kim Il Sung and twice had the opportunity to meet with General Kim Jong Il. I was the only American to attend Premier Kim's funeral. I was in Pyongyang the day he died. I left the same morning, only to return two days later when they invited me to be present at the funeral together with Dr. Bo Hi Pak.

When the famine started in North Korea back in 1995, and the problem was totally new, the Summit Council worked to help alert the world about the hunger problem. I traveled to Europe and spoke in Strasbourg at the Council of Europe with members of the European parliament. I spoke in France with President Mitterrand's advisors on Korea. I spoke with the Korea desk at the US State

Department and with the United Nations. Through our contacts, we impressed upon some of the western governments that it was important for them to consider assisting North Korea through the UN. When the UN launched its famine appeal for North Korea, our Summit Council members were already in place to advise their countries to help. We have been doing a lot of humanitarian work for North Korea behind the scenes.

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The South Koreans and Americans need to grow in heart and intellect about the real situation in North Korea. Both countries need a long-term vision on how to engage the North. Of primary importance is to stop using food as an economic tool for foreign policy. Food and other humanitarian assistance should be given without any strings attached. Our move-

ment should continue to assist, especially in educating the world so that it can better understand North Korea.

We are peacemakers, unifiers, and harmonizers. The leadership in North Korea needs to understand that they need God and True Parents. As children



we all need parents and the unconditional love that comes from parents. True Father and Mother are not just some leaders who want to lead or influence North Korea, politically or economically. They come in the position of True Parents to raise this country to what it should be in the region and world. We will continue to help and to raise the consciousness of leaders in South Korea and the United States to guide North Korea out of its present predicament with respect and dignity, and eventually to the unification of both Koreas which is the will of God.

Today through the Federation for World Peace, AULA, and other offshoots of the Summit Council, such as the World Institute for Development and Peace, our work continues and expands in areas important for the providence.◆

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## Nation of the Devout

*During the interview, Antonio shared his insight into the reason for North Korea's resilience as a nation and people.*

**I**N North Korea, Kim Il Sung's legacy embraces many points. First of all, he wanted to establish a socialist state that would exceed any other experiment in the Eastern bloc or even China, but he could not step outside his environment, a 5,000-year-old Korean culture that comes with the influence of many centuries of Confucianism. Kim Il Sung's *juche* (self-reliance) philosophy today exhibits aspects of ancient Korean culture (Confucian in nature), especially the absolut-

ism of the Korean kingdoms, mixed with the thought of Marx, Engels and Lenin (the revolution of the proletariat, and so forth). It is a kingdom with an absolute monarchy in the historical Korean style, without the traditional claim to divine rule. The North Koreans do not consider themselves a monarchy, of course. They are the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The DPRK's system has not been influenced by traditional American or European values of democracy and freedom, either economically or politically. It is a system that is very difficult to explain in traditional western thought:

neither a typical communist system, nor, as it has been labeled, "a Stalinist regime." It is not that simple.

Kim Il Sung and heir, Kim Jong Il could have probably gotten away with preventing any kind of reform in the country after succeeding in creating their own socialist system if God's providence was not at work, that is, without the presence of the United States and Europe as the so-called safeguards of Western concepts of democracy, freedom and human rights, or without the opposition from South Korea, or, indeed, if there were no system superior in thought and power to the ideology



they had designed. They really believe that their system is the best. There are a lot of people in North Korea at the top, the middle, and the bottom who sincerely believe this. They are not self-serving. Sacrifice is a daily affair. They are ready to die for what they consider to be in the best interests of not only North Korea, but the entire peninsula and the world.

A lot of people do not understand North Korea. They do not grasp what *juche* thought has done for North Korea and its people. For example, the United States and its allies thought that isolating North Korea completely, especially after the fall of the Soviet empire when all the communist countries that had been trading with North Korea demanded hard currency for their trade (which basically reduced trade to zero) would force North Korea to change and follow the fate of other communist countries. Otherwise, they thought, North Korea's self-imposed isolation, together with this new isolation imposed from outside, would cause the regime to completely collapse. They were using conventional western values and thinking as a basis for analysis. Even South Korea has failed to understand the North.

About three million people are alleged to have died of starvation in the North because of the massive flooding that cruelly struck in the years 1995 to 1997, aggravating the structural and systemic problems already present. No one can figure out how this country has survived.

What Kim Il Sung did was to build a monastic country without God. The people of North Korea are mystics in a humanistic way. They have a man-centered ideology. The model of the perfect man was Kim Il Sung himself, and "perfect man" is now embodied in his son, Kim Jong Il. Everyone is called to emulate him.

Most North Koreans do not believe in God in the theological sense, but they believe in Kim Il Sung as God. Kim Il Sung has replaced God. All the other aspects of faith, sacrifice, stoicism, surrendering one's personal sovereignty to a higher being are there. Nobody has analyzed North Korea from this perspective. They worship Kim Il Sung as God and follow his ideology as a gospel that has been preached for the last fifty years as the absolute and cosmic truth. *Juche* philosophy is appealing because it is impregnated with truth. It has a lot of partial truth from a philosophical, scientific, social, and economic point of view. However, it demands a level of sacrifice very similar to that which religious communities require.

In addition, there is no way to dissent, both because dissent itself is viewed as a tremendous sin and unpatriotic, and because of the price a dissenter might pay.

The West has made very little attempt to understand what North Koreans believe in, or to engage them in healthy ideological or intellectual debate. North Korean thought is dismissed with contempt. This is similar to how the West has traditionally treated Islam. If Islam were not so powerful because of oil, we might have a tremendous adversary today. Most Islamic countries are absolutist, closed societies, similar to North Korea. In the same way, there has been very little attempt on the part of the West to seriously engage North Korea in discussion about what it believes.

One cannot think of North Korea

in terms of Western values. It is a monastic, man-centered culture. At the same time, North Korea is relatively pure when

measured by western standards of individual depravation and decadence. Of course, no country can be free from evil, but in North Korea, the social decay of promiscuity, prostitution, homosexuality and alcoholism are almost non-existent. People do drink, but if you become an alcoholic you will be sent to

a special reform institution because such things are an aberration to their society.

The principal problem is that North Koreans do not know God. Because of that there is no basis for divinely given rights or human rights that spring from such religious beliefs. They believe that they do observe human rights, but these rights are based on a man-centered ideology. It is a totally different perspective,

which makes discussion difficult. Our basis for human rights, whether it is the United Nations charter or the United States Constitution for example, is the existence of a creator, God, who created us with inalienable rights. We therefore have to understand very clearly that what North Koreans understand about human rights is not the same as what we understand.

Their relationship with the outside world for the past fifty years has been very limited or totally cut off for ideological survival. They did not want to have open relationships with the outside world because they considered that world a contaminant. They did not want to be ideologically polluted. They allowed restricted relationships with the Eastern Communist bloc and other similar regimes including China because of their common pursuit of socialism. But there has been almost no relationship with the western world because of the difference of belief systems. Similar to most Islamic countries' restrictions in relation to the non-Islamic world, there is a free flow of economic activity but no free flow of ideas and people.◆

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***Photos: Facing page, an old snapshot of the house where Father was born in the North Pyong-An Province countryside; This page, the Potonggang Hotel in the capital, Pyongyang***



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## For the Survival of Humanity

### Dr. Thomas Walsh

**T**HE series, which convened seven seminars in Washington, DC, from July 1999 to January 2000 was attended by a total of approximately 1500 participants from more than 100 nations. Well over 200 participants from approximately 80 nations participated in the final seminar, and joined the celebration banquet for True Parents' 80th Birthday on the evening of January 22.

The seminars were jointly sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), the World University Federation (WUF) and the World Media Association (WMA). In those nations that were able to fully participate throughout the series of seminars we now have a core of well-informed, and in most cases, genuinely inspired allies in the work for world peace.

### Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

For these people, such a seminar is unusual; they are used to always speaking and guiding others, not sitting and listening. It is not easy. But I am thankful that they willingly followed our schedule. It is because God and spirit world were working, and every day, every moment, Father is focused on the conference, even if he is not there physically. I felt Father's power. Because of this kind of spiritual environment surrounding them, their attitude is really good. Many guests at the end of the second day ask



us how we make such a high spiritual atmosphere. Then we can introduce many things about True Father.

Father sent Hyun Jin Nim to some of the closing sessions. Because Father's words form the content of the seminar on the family, spirit world and true love, they are automatically very interested and curious from the outset in True Parents and True Family. In such an atmosphere, the appearance of a member of the True Family is therefore very meaningful. When Hyun Jin Nim is on stage, the participants are 100 percent focused on him. One person said, "He is an inspiring and explosive speaker. Did he get that from Harvard or from his father?"

The term "True Father" is not so much a problem for Muslims as for Christians. In the group discussions, the issue of Father's Messiahship and the status of True Parents became an issue. At the first three seminars were our friends who accept True Parents, but at the later ones were newer people.

Many were shocked with Father's claims and the issue was hot in group discussions. "Do you believe Reverend Moon is the Messiah?" they would ask. We answered clearly. We have received so much persecution over this claim, but now that is almost overcome.

The international seminar series has helped expand the foundation of our movement in many parts of the

world. In some cases, in fact, seminar alumni have already advanced into prominent positions in their respective countries. For example, one early seminar participant from the Marshall Islands was recently elected as that nation's president. Furthermore, many participants have expressed interest in helping organize the national and regional level seminars that are planned.

One "Jesus Miracle Crusade" leader participated. He has more than 5 million followers. He is recognized throughout his country and has been on national television for more than a decade. When we approached him, he received a revelation from God that he should attend.◆

### The Participants

❑ "I plan to immediately put the contents of this seminar into action in working in the poverty-stricken areas of Quezon City." Erlinda Pelim, Philippines

❑ "As a politician I need this kind of teaching." Ichiadi Moyo, Congo

❑ "I see universal moral values in Rev. Moon's words, even though I am a non-believer. They can be applied to real life. These truths should become the basis for our life and our relationships." Nadezhda Kozlovsaya, Russia

❑ "Rev. Moon's teaching is needed for the survival of humanity." Dr. Didria Nistrenia, Moldova

❑ Secretary General of the Council of Churches, Liberia "I came to this seminar with one idea of Rev. Moon but I am leaving with a different one altogether. I had been led to believe that he was a cultist, but I see the work he is doing and see that it will benefit all mankind."

❑ A parliament member from a South Pacific island nation: "We must push our government to adopt policies to support the family and improve society. I am the third parliament member to attend from my country. We will make an impact."

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## School of Healing

*“When you came we could not trust you because of our past experiences. But you have done what you said you would do.”*

*(Zutuhil grandmother at the Santiaguito School opening ceremony)*



*Gerhard Bessell*  
*Guatemala City, Guatemala*

*National Messiah to Guatemala Rev. Gerhard Bessell and his family are developing a school project that is bringing new hope to a local community in Guatemala. The Zutuhil people are descended from the ancient Mayan civilization whose culture dominated Central America for a thousand years, but have been somewhat marginalized in modern society. Rev. Bessell's educational work has caught the imagination of both the local and national leadership. The following account was partly drawn from a report in *Tiempos del Mundo*.*

**T**HERE are early written accounts of how the Zutuhil people fought bravely for their freedom against the Spanish invaders. Four hundred years later, the Zutuhil have to confront the dawning of another new age, and a new battle: the battle for education. The majority of the women in the village of Santiago Atitlan do not know how to read or write. Some do not speak Spanish, the main language of Guatemala, and the extreme poverty makes matters worse.

Run by the the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the Santiaguito School project has, in a short period of time, made a very valuable contribution to the local educational system. It provides a way for the poorer families to educate their children. Many of the students at Santiaguito School are the children of native women whose families have been torn apart by bloody conflicts within the country. Two thirds of these women are widows. Yet their brave spirits have enabled them to surmount personal tragedy, and in keeping with this they look to the future through the eyes of

their children.

Through the work of the FFWPU, eight educational establishments have received help to better the conditions under which they teach and study. But it is the Santiaguito School, which the Family Federation created and is committed to developing, that is having such an impact on the community. Last year, with six teachers whose native tongue is Zutuhil and one director, the school educated 130 students of both sexes from kindergarten to the fifth grade of primary school.

The newspaper *Tiempos del Mundo* was invited to attend the end of school year ceremony for 1999 and reported how moving it was to see these mothers expressing their hope and gratitude because their children had learned to read and write. Parents were so pleased that the program would be extended into the sixth grade that they immediately began to register their children. There is great enthusiasm that their children can continue to study. Traditionally the boys have to contribute to the family income at a very young age. Now that they can study, they have faith that God will help them.

The new building, currently under construction, will eventually have three floors, including a big hall for sports. The investment of time and money is considerable, but the potential of the project to inspire and re-energize a community—and even the nation—motivates Rev. Bessell and his family to continue to devote themselves. ♦

*Gerhard Bessell and his wife Ulrike are from the 35 Couple Blessing in 1976. They are national messiahs to Guatemala in Central America where they have moved with their family of seven children.*





## For the Soul of a Nation

Foreigners living in Korea, not to mention Koreans, tend to count the relative innocence of her youth as one of the nation's most attractive features. Even so, a battle is raging in the country for the minds of the young people. On its front line is the Pure Love Movement for Youth in Korea. The following is from the candid words of its public relations officer Mr. Jae Ho Lee, who was interviewed in his Seoul office by Julian Gray towards the end of last year.



important and necessary.

As a new movement without government affiliation, we needed to first communicate the importance of Pure Love Education to school principals and teachers of sex education. We then met with the sex education teachers in each school to arrange lectures for their students.

Although the teachers largely had a misconception of pure love education, one by one they began to cooperate with us on the basis of our perseverance and effort. The audiences themselves were comprised of a mixture of those who were very cooperative in their attitude and those who were very opposed to the ideas of pure love.

To expand the Pure Love Movement as a popular movement, in July and August last year we held concerts and rallies to clarify our objectives to the public and foster our own determination. These were at Chamsil stadium in Seoul, and Changwon stadium in Kyung-Nam Province—where twelve thousand gathered. These rallies were broadcast on public radio to every corner of the country. We also took part in a prime time, nationally televised debate on the pros and cons of sexual purity before marriage.

**Julian Gray:** Could you please explain the focus of the work of the Pure Love Movement over the past year?

**Jae Ho Lee:** (Reading from the Pure Love Movement newsletter) In a five month period until July, 1999 the Pure Love Movement for Youth in Korea educated 3,031 school principals, 648 teachers, and 10,585 parents in 130 schools in the Seoul area and 5,215,800 students in 9,040 schools around the country. In 8,055 of these schools video presentations were given, and at the remaining 985 schools a Pure Love Movement member gave lectures. Through this work we have established that education on purity in our society is both

The Pure Love Movement has four goals at this time. First, to redirect sex education from education on sexual functions to values-based sex education. Next, to guide students in the path of practical ethics through the Pure Love Pledge. Third, to raise the consciousness of the value of pure love throughout the country. And finally, to find 5.2 million people to participate in the movement—all of this without asking for government support.

**JG:** Please say something about sex education in Korea.

**JHL:** In Korea, ordinary sex education is carried out by school nurses, most of whom are women. There are people who refuse to take part and others who say they already know about such things and that they do not need the education. We would visit the schools and offer to give our presentation. After receiving the education, headmasters and parents gave us very good evaluations. In particular, the school nurses said our knowledge of sexual matters was very broad and accurate. It was especially liked in the elementary schools.

In middle and high schools, sex education is not yet an official subject. The Department of Education has a policy of having 10 hours of sex education in high schools, and 5 hours in the upper two years of middle school. Even with this little, if a full hour of proper education were given to each designated class it would perhaps be acceptable. But schools assemble the students in the main auditorium in a spare hour somewhere and just try to fit it in casually.

Like anywhere else, Korea has a problem of sexual violence. At the same time there is a burgeoning sex industry. A flood of pornography is gushing into the society, a good proportion through the Internet. Some young people seek this kind of stimulation constantly. Their ability to study therefore suffers. If they are to study they have to be able to concentrate, but if you turn on the computer and naked bodies appear, how can you study? It is a problem of addiction, and people are immobilized by it. It is a very serious situation. To solve such problems, our nation should adopt a policy of purity education.



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Until now, such issues have not been discussed.

If a person sexually assaults another, there must be due legal process by which the perpetrator must compensate the victim. Unless you have this, sexual violence will not be reduced. Moreover, compensation for mental and physical suffering must be adequate. If the person committing an assault cannot take financial responsibility, the parents, even, should be held accountable. Then

families will be obligated to carry out education properly. Such violence must therefore be blocked by the power of the law. Our immoral culture has to be completely cleaned up. This is why we need the purity movement.

**JG:** What do you say to young people about responsibility in matters of love?

**JHL:** The love you can have when you are pure is very precious. Only the love you have when you are pure can exist eternally. You are capable of love even if you are immature. But if you have sex then you will feel uneasy.

That is because a sexual

relationship requires responsibility and must have love as its purpose. If a woman becomes pregnant, and if she does not have the ability to take responsibility financially, or she is not yet mature in character, she cannot cope well. In any case, therefore, you must keep your purity. Only in that way can you get married with many people giving their blessings and congratulations, and establish a happy family. Do you think that someone who has dated many men or who has had relationships with many women can easily establish a happy family? That is very difficult to do.

Meeting someone and creating a relationship means creating trust. When you do business, credit is very important. So even in the relationship of man and woman, trust is very important. In the love relationship, trust gives birth to joy and happiness, and has more value than money or political power. So there must be education of the conscience. The man-woman relationship is so precious. True values are needed. If you have that kind of consciousness, you

will be able to wait until you are mature for the person you truly love. Love will not be fully realized unless you wait.

Love is not just a game or something you own and can treat however you like. The whole world is treating the man-woman relationship as a game—or as a business. There is no basis for young people to live in a proper way. I am emphasizing that purity education is absolutely necessary for your own happiness. People say they have sex because of love. But actually, you should not just have sex with someone just because you love that person. If two people really love each other they can maintain the relationship even if they do not have a sexual relationship, until they marry.

A survey was done among 5000 male and female high school students in Japan to see whether couples were still together a year after their first sexual relationship. Of these, 56.2% had completely separated and 21.9% rarely had contact. This would seem to me to be a result that could be roughly applicable not only in Japan, but globally.

There are many temptations for people to have sex at an immature age. But it damages a pure heart. Even if you later meet the person you truly love, it will be very hard to find true love. That is why you must keep your purity and value it. Only when you do that can you love very deeply, and merge your spirits into one.

Purity means something physical, but it also means the purity of your mind and heart. So you reach purity through the process by which both your mind and body is very pure, denying evil within you. Such effort is necessary. Through such effort you gain in love. It does not come easily or freely.

**JG:** Do you give practical advice to young people on how best to deal with their sexual desire?

**JHL:** When you express your sexuality while immature, according to free will, then misfortune and pain will follow. When we look at scenes of abortion, we realize that even if sexual desire is very strong it must be endured. To restrain that desire you should avoid such things as looking at pornography. Instead, involve yourself in healthy sporting and cultural activities. Our nation should develop strategic methods by which the young can express their energy, for example, hang gliding, skiing, mountain climbing or other

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*Top, Two young stars, Jae Na Lee and Ji Houn Lee, from a TV series are MCs for one Pure Love Concert; middle, "Pinkle" whose four singers have pledged to work as public relations ambassadors for the Pure Love Movement; bottom, popular singer Ki Young Pak lends vocal support*



**JG:** Does this mean you feel that the government must bear some burden of responsibility?

**JHL:** Structured sex education and purity education should be properly scheduled into the regular curriculum, and enough time allotted for it. A culture that rejects pornography must emerge. But this cannot be left as something for economic forces to play with. Based on clear regulations and standards, the nation must take official steps to prevent youth from gaining access to the sex industry's wares.

If a woman has a child before marriage, it should not just be a problem for the single mother: single fathers should be required to take emotional and material responsibility, and this should be legally enforced. If a woman gets pregnant and the man runs away, the woman is basically put in a losing position. Therefore, lawful responsibility must be made to rest with the man.



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to reflect on how much we have been aware of God and True Parents' pain and deep heart. At the same time, we must once again reflect upon our relationships with other people.

We should reflect on how much we were able to become one in our relationship with our church leader, to share in relationships with members, to share in relationships of heart with other people in the world—starting with our own families. If we have lived as a person of both vertical and horizontal harmony in such relationships, we can conclude that our life has been fruitful. However, if we have not fulfilled our role as a central figure of harmony, we should realize that our life cannot receive a high score from heaven.

Now the new millennium is waiting for us. You should know that the new millennium is not simply a change of a century; it is a change in the providence. From the point of view of providential history, the new millennium is beginning. A history of 6,000 years has passed and a new history is beginning. When we look at this centering on True Parents, eighty years of True Parents' providential life is concluding and a new era is opening up.

Even with regard to the providential history of Unificationism centering on True Parents, one era has passed, and a new era, the new millennium, is just ahead. How are we meant to greet this new millennium? To welcome the new millennium we should change into new clothes. That means we should throw away our old clothes.

To allow the new skin to emerge, we must shed the decayed skin of the past. Our Family Federation should look at the new millennium with a different viewpoint from that of the past. We must begin the new era with a more sincere heart, and with a more thorough heart toward ourselves.

### Let's become victors of the new millennium

Since this is the era in which we can settle at a new level, the most important thing we should consider in the new millennium is the establishment of tradition and education for the members and for the second generation. We must spread a culture of the holy spirit throughout society based upon *hoon dok hae*. The strategies of our church headquarters will be employed centering on these points.

Until now we could say that the flow of the providence was to embrace the world, but in this new millennium we are welcoming the era of providential settlement. We plan to begin the new millennium by firmly establishing our tradition. Through education, we will initiate and expand a new culture that can continue from the second generation to future generations. I truly hope you will be able to greet the millennium based on such tradition and education.

If you have not been able to participate in the providence, I hope you will make time for deep repentance and reflection. Trust that all our mistakes made during this past year will be indemnified and forgiven when we have the heart that we are paying off a great debt to God and True Parents.

In addition, if there were any uncomfortable incidents between people horizontally, I pray from the bottom of my heart that each person will be able to meet the new year after reconciling and resolving everything on the basis of relationships of heart. I pray that this new providential era will be a time of blessing in which all of us can become victors.

I pray from the bottom of my heart that God and True Parents' blessings will be with all of the families of our members, and I would like to conclude this sermon for the last early morning service of 1999.◆

## THE MEANING OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*The following is excerpted from Rev. Hwang's first early Sunday sermon of the new year, given January 9, also at the Headquarters Church in Seoul.*

### The true meaning of *bok* (blessing; fortune)

We have been expressing good will to people on meeting the new millennium and new year. We usually greet people by saying *Sae hae bok manni bad-eu-seyo*, "May you receive abundant good fortune in the new year." By such a greeting people normally think of health, honor, monetary fortune and promotion at work. But for those of us who are going the providential way it has a different meaning.

So what is true fortune for us? The person who was given the greatest *bok* in the Bible was Abraham. In Genesis Chapter 12:2, when God summons Abraham, He promises to give him fortune. God gives special grace to Abraham, saying that he will be the origin of blessing [English version: that he would be a blessing].

As we already know, we cannot find great material blessing in Abraham's life. After his call, his life was one of continuous suffering and trials. However we cannot deny that he went the eternal way of life after receiving blessing from God.

Therefore, to those of us who are going the way of God's will, blessing does not mean material value. Rather, true blessing carries the notion of providential, spiritual or internal value. From this point of view, when we greet each other at the beginning of the year, I feel the true way to greet one another is to say "Please endure more hardship and please carry more providential burden."

From this point of view, suffering is blessing. When we have a heavy responsibility, that means we have more commitment to God. The fact that we carry heavy responsibility can be evidence that God trusts us.

One thing we have to think about beginning a new year and millennium is how we can go the way of God's will throughout the generations of our own descendants without their becoming absorbed by fallen culture. We must begin the new year on a level where we consider this point more deeply.

The year of 1999 was providentially very important. We determined that the whole year was the complete fruition period of the providence and made a lot of effort. I would like to thank all of the members for making so much effort during last year.

### The year 1999 brought providential victory

Now the 20th century has passed and the 21st century, and a new millennium, has begun under the blessing of True Parents. Already a few days have passed but no external change is apparent. Last year we speculated that many changes might occur in politics, finance, and society, but no sudden change has yet occurred.

However, the course of the internal providence is now changing rapidly. This year, True Parents gave us a new motto. As we know, the mottoes True Parents give us have significance from the viewpoint of the history of the providence. This year's motto is "The Cosmic Expansion of True Love is the Perfection of the New Millennial Kingdom of God." It clearly has a different providential meaning from past mottoes. Last year, it was "The Cosmic Expansion of the

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## Renovations at the Old Headquarters Church

**M**embers coming to Korea often make time to visit the former Headquarters Church in Chungpa-dong, one of the most historically important sites in terms of True Parents' course and the history of the movement they have authored.

In recent months, the buildings have been undergoing renovation. A number of previously inaccessible rooms, including those used by the True Children when they were young, have been opened up to public viewing. In addition, a small courtyard at the rear of the building can now be visited and the beautiful woodwork of the rear downstairs rooms admired from outside.



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The Old Headquarters Church building is a beautiful and significant piece of architecture from the early part of this century. This, even, is overshadowed by the profound history enshrined here. This is where Father would spend countless hours speaking with members, and praying in preparation for his global mission. It was also here that Father and Mother received the Holy Blessing in 1960, many of the True Children were born, and the blessings of 36, 72 and 124 couples were consecrated.

As such, the Old Headquarters Church is one of the roots that has nourished the expansion of God's providence. ♦

*Photos: left, the courtyard at the rear of the building; right, the sun shines into the main chapel*



True Blessing and the Rooting Out of the Satanic Blood Lineage." And prior to that the 1998 motto was "To Be Proud of and to Love True God Absolutely is to Complete the 360 Million Couples Blessing and Eradicate the Blood Lineage of the Satanic World." So mottoes in recent years included Satan as a major concept. But from this year it is completely different. Just as *My Pledge* and the *Family Pledge* are different in quality, we can see that the mottoes up until last year and that of this year have a different focus.

*My Pledge* was a confession of faith during the era of battling with Satan. When compared to the *Family Pledge*, *My Pledge* was a confession of faith admitting the actual sovereignty of Satan. *Family Pledge* is different from the point of view that it is a confession of faith not admitting the sovereignty of Satan. Similarly, until last year mottoes expressed a providential task in relation to Satan, but this year True Parents have given us a motto the content of which dismisses Satan's sovereignty.

"The Cosmic Expansion of True Love is the Perfection of the New Millennial Kingdom of God" has the meaning of a new world settling on the earth. Its purpose is the completion of the Kingdom of Heaven in the new millennium. Perfecting the eternal world of God's original creation is a providential task that can be accomplished through the cosmic expansion of true love. This is what this year's motto means. From this point of view, what meaning does the year 2000 have providentially?

The year 2000 is the first year of the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. When will the first year of the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth be? Of course, True Parents will

clarify this after history unfolds. No one knows if the beginning of the Completed Testament Age, or the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World, or the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, for example, is the founding year.

However, looking centered on the mottoes which have appeared during the course of the advancement of God and True Parents' providence, we can see that the year 2000 could well become the first year of the completion of the Kingdom of Heaven. By the calendar, the beginning of the year 2000 will be January 1, but from the providential point of view we can say that it begins from the 6th day of the first month of the lunar calendar (True Parents' Birthday). Looking from the point of view of the time of the providence, the new era begins from True Father's 80th birthday. Marking from this day, the completion of the eternal Kingdom of Heaven on earth will begin.

If we look from a broader viewpoint, and examine what True Parents have said in their speeches, the beginning of the realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for True Parents was July 7, 1997, by the lunar calendar. Moreover, Father has said that during a seven year course beginning from that time, the providence will be completed. Thus, while the year 2000 might be the first year of the completion of the Kingdom of Heaven, when we expand the scope to looking at a period, True Father said the Kingdom of Heaven will settle on this earth through a course of seven years beginning from July 7, 1997 and ending July 7, 2004.

The 360 million couples became the standard to win back



sovereignty from Satan. And based on this restitution of sovereignty, the realm of the sabbath was declared. Centering on the realm of the sabbath, the sovereignty of God will settle on this earth through this seven year course.

We consider 1945-1985 the period spent in the wilderness. And we have called the period from 1985-1992 the time of settlement. This period was like the repetition of the seven years from 1945-1952. During this time, the Lord of the Second Advent should have become one with his bride, Christianity. However, Christianity could not receive the Lord of the Second Advent and therefore a wilderness period ensued. And on the basis of the Day of Total Victory (Il Seung Il), August 16, 1985, Father again began a seven-year course. The result of this seven-year course should have been unity with Christianity. But since Christianity could not fulfill this mission, the Women's Federation for World Peace was born with the mission of the bride and a new providence of becoming one with the bride began. Therefore, through the Women's Federation for World Peace, the proclamation of the Messiah was made in 1992.

Then, from 1993, the Completed Testament era began. The year 2000 is the eighth year of the Completed Testament age. After seven years of the Completed Testament age we reached the year 2000. During this period, the providence of the restoration of elder sonship (the right of the elder son), parenthood and kingship (royal authority) were completed. The providence of the restoration of kingship was completed in 1997. The seven year period would have ended in 1999, but it was shortened and the providence of the restoration of kingship was completed on July 15, 1997. On this foundation, the declaration of the realm of the Sabbath was achieved, and passing through the seven-year course beginning from the point of this declaration, we can understand the providence for the settlement of kingship (royal authority) on earth.

Therefore the year 2000 will be the founding year of the building of the Kingdom of Heaven, and by expanding this a little we can say that the eternal dominion of God will settle on this earth through the seven year course starting from

the Declaration of the Realm of the Sabbath in 1997. During the True God's Day celebration, True Parents gave us a new providential explanation. They said that True Parents would complete all of their courses on earth through the seven year period from the Declaration of the Realm of the Sabbath.

How will the Kingdom of Heaven be constructed? What is the secret of building the Kingdom of Heaven? Among the words that True Father shared over the God's Day period, he spoke of there being one principle by which the Kingdom of Heaven would be built, from the lower animals to the cosmos. This principle in creation was "existing for the sake of others," the fundamental principle of the existence of all things God created on this earth. A being's existence is not possible unless it is there for others. On the 33rd True God's Day, True Parents reaffirmed to us that this principle of existing and living for others is the fundamental foundation for the realization of the Kingdom of Heaven. "Living for others" is an eternal principle for the realization of the world of the original creation, from the small to the large including the universe. It is the principle of true love. We are saying "Cosmic Expansion of True Love" and this means the ultimate ideal world of altruistic life, the key to the realization of the heavenly kingdom.

So how should we live during the coming year? How can we maintain the lifestyle of the people of the Kingdom of God? Only by living for the sake of others. If this one point could be instilled into the hearts of all people, conflicts would be resolved and the world would become good.

How can we settle such peace on earth? Will it be possible, as True Parents have stated, to realize the millennial Kingdom of God? This will be possible through the cosmic expansion of true love, which, expressed another way, is "living for others" as True Parents have mandated.

Three years have already passed since 1997. If we live for the sake of others for the next four years, the Kingdom of Heaven and God's sovereignty will be realized on earth.◆

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sports. More internally, in order to help the fostering of self-control, our nation should invest in supplying good movies and books for youth. Education is our only way.

Furthermore, we should clearly teach what a terrible thing sexual violence is. Then, even though someone might experience sexual desire, he would not easily act in that way and commit such crimes. We must teach them that we can only create a true family by controlling sexual desire and having a pure heart.

**JG:** Historically, Korean women in particular have protected their chastity outside the bonds of marriage. Do you educate men and women differently?

**JHL:** The purity education program we provide is the same for both male and female students. In Korea, during the period of the Three Kingdoms up to the beginning of the Choson Dynasty, men and women had more or less equal rights. But from the latter period of the Choson Dynasty, Confucian ethics were applied wrongly and women were

given a different status. Our viewpoint is, of course, that both men and women should maintain chastity before marriage and fidelity within. Women's rights are protected only if men guard and protect them as well.

Some people are against our work because they feel purity education is being used to repress women. Yet, purity education empowers both men and women to hold themselves to an absolute standard in sexual mores. It does not differentiate between them. Human-kind consists of men and women. Spiritually, psychologically and physically, men and women are created to become one in love.◆

*Jae Ho Lee was blessed in the 6500  
Couples Blessing in Korea, in October 1988*

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## On-Line Family Values

With recent advances in communications technology have come opportunities for members to develop novel and powerful methods of outreach in society. One innovation is web-based publishing. We visited Karl Ebinger's on-line publication and were impressed. He visited Today's World and talked about it.

**F**AMILIEN Perspektiven (Family Perspectives) began as a quarterly printed publication in 1999. Since January 2000 it has been exclusively as an Internet magazine and is updated monthly. "Our goal is to help families come together even if they don't live next door to one another," said Austrian editor Karl Ebinger in describing his vision for the new project:

The magazine facilitates the sharing of experiences based on true family values and provides useful information concerning the practical life of families. We cover a variety of themes: personal development, parenting and the man-woman relationship.

I was strongly motivated to establish a foundation in the media world in Europe that God could use. I wanted

to find a way to explain aspects of Divine Principle in language that people with a feeling for values and common sense could understand.

We have a team of members, each with a unique ability to contribute and role to play in putting out the magazine. This is a very exciting undertaking for us. Although we all have day jobs, once a month we meet, planning and working late into the night, just like the old days. For the rest, we keep in touch by e-mail.

One key to the expansion and rapid development of the electronic magazine has been webmaster Florian Kliman, a computer programmer who is based in Vienna. Florian, whose greatest goal is to be a good father, has spent many nights making the site dynamic, colorful and easy to navigate.

The magazine adheres to a trusted



formula: one centerpiece article, a few smaller articles and a lot of pictures. Though currently published in German, there are plans to render the main articles in English in the future. The January issue included an article entitled "The Time of Adolescence," on the experience of children entering puberty and includes advice for parents on religious education. Dr. Friedrich Moshhammer, whose PHD is in education, is one of the feature writers. In a recent issue he wrote on "Family and the Internet." Well-known Theologian Heinrich Kreck contributes a column entitled "For God's Sake."

Familien Perspektiven also provides interactive elements. In the section "Family Corner," counselors from the Shimjung Institute for Social Competence teach meditation and answer e-mail questions online.

"We wanted to use the Internet for the benefit of others; to find a place on the vast Internet where God could land." So, where is this landing site? It



Commemorative Service for the Ascension of Kyung Gye Kim Choong Mo Nim (Father's Mother), held Jan. 7 at Dae Mo Nim's Memorial in central Seoul

### Some Events in Korea



A presentation on "North-South Unification and True Family Movement for the 21st Century" at Yosu in the far south of the peninsula, Jan. 28



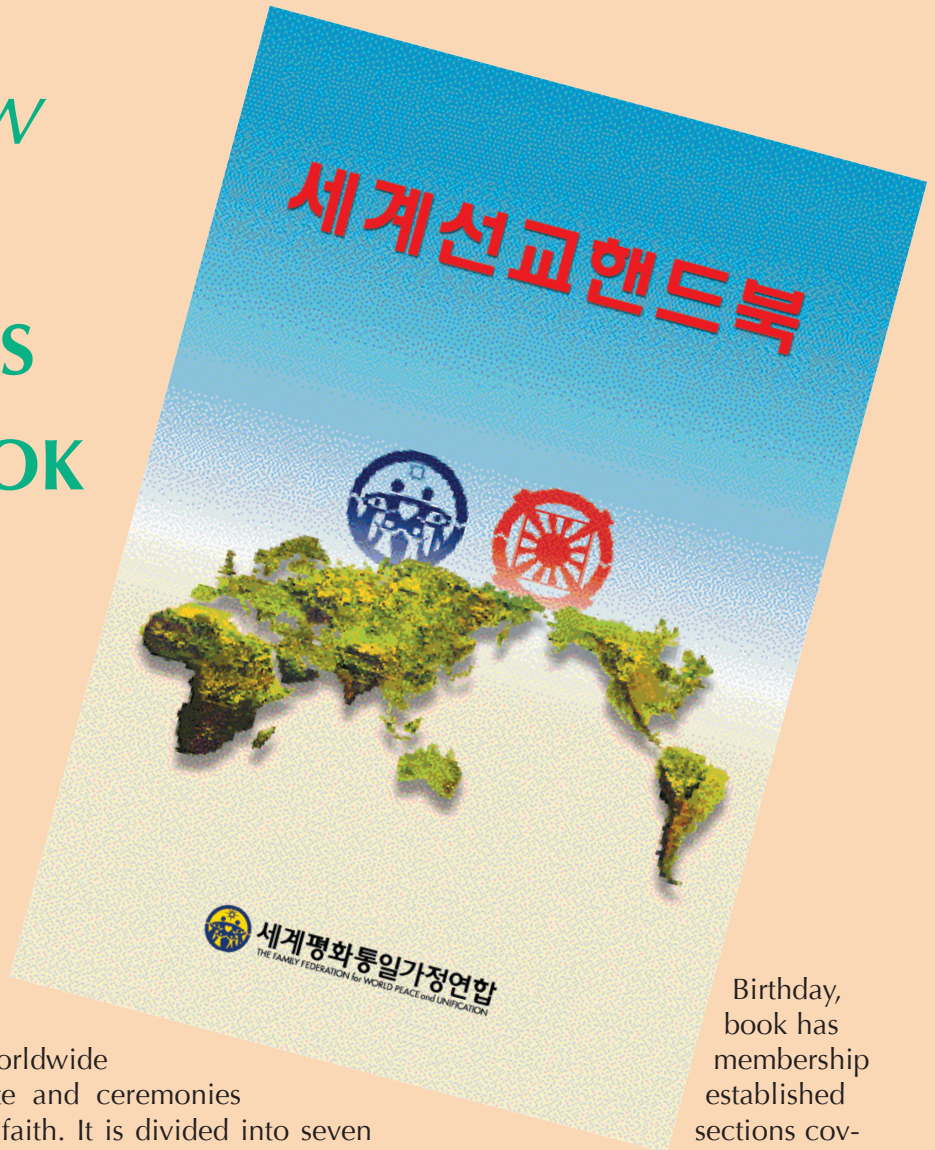
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The guidebook has already been made available to Korean national messiahs and missionaries, but there are some extra copies. If you wish to order one please send your name and address, plus \$10 to cover mailing costs, to the world mission office in Seoul.

*"The most important aspect of ceremonies is the heart with which they are carried out."  
- Father*



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