

During hoondokhwa in Manila, the Philippines, on September 26; seated next to Mother are Kook-jin nim, In-sup nim, Shin-mi nim, Lee Hyung-jin nim, and Shi-ro nim; at back, Hiro-taka nim, Yeon-sun nim and Jin-hwa nim



## One Love: A Global Family

By Park In-sup nim

We are pleased to include this reflection and personal testimony of the world peace tours sent to us by a member of the True Family

During the past year, my wife Sun-jin and I had the tremendous honor of participating in and accompanying our beloved True Mother on the South American portion of the second world peace tour. Also, for a month recently, I had the extreme privilege of taking part in the third world peace tour representing the three generations of the True Family. Prior to embarking on these tours, I reflected on the significance of these providential events. I asked myself why our beloved True Father, who is eighty-eight years old, is still directly reaching out to the world. It is difficult enough for most people his age just to stand up. I also asked why our beloved True Mother would be willing to sacrifice her health to stand on the front lines with our blessed family members and deliver True Parents' message of love and peace. After reflecting on reasons for conducting these tours, the obvious purpose that came to mind was True Parents' desire to connect, build and strengthen our much-loved blessed families throughout the world. Second, I believe that through the Universal Peace Federation, True Parents have the urgent wish to restore God's true love, true life and true lineage as well as to bestow the blessing beyond our core Unificationist communities to every level of society. With this basic understanding in mind, I embarked on these world peace tours in support of our beloved True Parents.

### Seeds of true love: Strengthening blessed families

I believe that one of the main purposes of the world peace tours was to spiritually strengthen our movement and build solidarity among all our brothers and sisters globally. The tours were spiritually, physically, emotionally and financially challenging for our beloved True Parents, as well as for all our dear brothers and sisters throughout the world. However, from every member that I had the blessing to meet during the

tours, I felt the sincere desire and willingness to unite with our True Parents to accomplish every event successfully. In my encounters with brothers and sisters during the course of the tours, I stated many times that the foundation, in terms of the number of members, varies from country to country. However, it is an astonishing fact that in the span of one lifetime, our True Parents—through their blood, sweat, tears and sacrifice as well as the through the deep conviction, devotion, and faith of our brothers and sisters—have created a global movement, and more specifically, a global family. We often take the remarkable blessing of having brothers and sisters and family members in virtually every country of the world for granted. Blessed family members in some countries may feel disheartened at times during their lives of faith because they feel isolated or their responsibility seems overwhelming, but we must look from a global perspective and never forget how far along we are as a family and movement.

Especially during hoondokhwa, I sensed the intense desire of our True Parents to strengthen blessed family members in each country. On many occasions, while accompanying True Mother, I witnessed her wholeheartedly investing in a country by taking time each morning to talk directly to our blessed family members. Her primary message was to allow love to flourish by giving and by initiating loving relationships. I could also sense her concern for the future of the movement because she would always emphatically request that CARP members and younger members of the second generation come forward to offer songs of celebration. She unconditionally taught and nurtured family members with deep concern and love in each country, as if each brother and sister were her very own child and a precious child of God. During breakfast after the event in the Bahamas, there was one poignant moment when True Mother, in tears, answered a minister's



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*Clockwise from top left: Lee Hyung-jin nim after speaking in Kaosheng, Taiwan, wrote in calligraphic style (roughly) "heart of sincerity"; A radiant Shin-sook nim after her speech in Cebu City, the Philippines, on September 25; Jun-sook nim receives a gift from prominent citizens in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where she spoke to 850 people on September 19; In-sup nim (center, with corsage) with student volunteers, after his speech in the Cameron Highlands, Malaysia, on September 23*

question about how it felt for her to be anointed True Mother. She replied that although she felt unworthy, at a young age she had made an absolute promise to God and heaven to restore the world back to God. With these spiritual "seeds of love" that True Parents have planted, I think True Father and True Mother want all of us to courageously go forth, so that we can prosper as a global family of God.

### **UPF: Advancement of the blessing**

With the Universal Peace Federation, I feel that we are at a crossroads in the history of our movement. With their bare hands, our True Parents and core blessed families have gone through the difficult process of establishing a Unificationist tradition, centered on True Parents and the blessing. Based on decades of dedication and sacrifice and on having created a foundation of faith, True Parents and the blessed families are continually developing a rich Unificationist tradition that we can be proud of. In the manner of St. Paul spreading the teachings of Jesus among early gentile Christians, by True Parents' establishing the Universal Peace Federation, I believe True Father is providing a means for us to spread the core beliefs of our movement—as key ingredients of peace—to a much broader base of people. Those core beliefs are in fulfilling the purpose for which God created us, in the need to engraft to God's lineage, in the importance of the blessing and of build-

ing harmonious, God-centered, three-generational families and in the power of true love and of living for the sake of others. The Universal Peace Federation is expanding God's blessing to the world at an accelerated pace.

I have witnessed how the Universal Peace Federation is allowing "non-core" families and couples to receive the grace of True Parents' blessing. I have met many ambassadors for peace who have taken personal responsibility for events, being involved in organizing as well as in inviting guests. With the Universal Peace Federation, True Parents are directly witnessing to new spiritual children who as ambassadors for peace will actively support and contribute to our movement at all levels of society in each country.

### **True Parents' message: an urgent letter to the world**

Someday, the speeches given by our True Parents and delivered during the last three world tours will probably constitute the core of our Unificationist canon, since True Father even stated within the text itself that they are the "summary of his divine teachings." As I contemplate the speeches further, I derive a deep sense of urgency from our True Parents. The messages of true love or living for the sake of others, true life, true lineage and the blessing seem on the surface like simple concepts. Especially for Unificationist blessed family members, though, I think it is easy to lose sight of the preciousness of



**Left:** In-sup nim greets Imam Mufti Mohammad Arshad from the Pakistani Association of Hong Kong, Hong Kong's largest Muslim group; **Middle:** The Holy Burning Ceremony at the Pakistani Association, where the September 21 event took place; **Right:** Shin-bok nim receives a gift from Nepalese Minister for Information and Communication Dilendra Prasad Badu, after his speech in Kathmandu on September 22

these words because we have been exposed to them so many times. Nevertheless, if we reflect on how True Father and True Mother uncovered these truths, the more profound meaning of these concepts becomes evident.

True Father and True Mother each have faced tremendous suffering during the course of their lifetimes, both externally and internally as well as both spiritually and physically. They have experienced the occupation of their homeland and the horrors of war. They have witnessed death and starvation. True Father has been beaten, tortured and imprisoned. True Parents have endured persecution, ridicule, betrayal and theft. They have overcome all the ungodly forces that Satan has thrown at them with the power of true love and forgiveness. Having set the proper historical and providential conditions and leaving no room for Satan to attack, True Parents have uncovered these precious truths to liberate God, individuals and nations. Rather than becoming victims of the cruelty that Satan and the world directed at them, True Parents have continuously subjugated Satan and given blessings to the world with the authority of true love. They have built this movement and global family not based on hate or revenge but on the force of true love and on absolutely living for the sake of others. I, myself, have had the tremendous honor of receiving their forgiveness, grace, patience and love on many occasions. The words in these speeches given by our True Parents empower and challenge us to do the same. Through these words and the authority of their example, True Parents have given us the force to recreate our relationships and families and to eventually restore the world back to God. As many ambassadors for peace have stated, this message is timely and relevant for today's world.

### People along the way

During the course of the tours, I had the tremendous privilege of meeting many great people. It was a joy and an honor to spend the time I had with them, even though the pace of the tours was fast. It is difficult to describe here the wealth of experiences compacted into such a short period of time. It would take a very long time for me to do each individual justice with a proper description. However, as if flipping through the pages of a photo album, I would like to briefly share some of the experiences that I had on the tours.

I could sense how dedicated to and serious about accomplishing these tours our True Parents were through such things as True Father intensely following every single line of the speech as it was being read by True Mother or one of the True Children as he watched events on the second world peace tour over the internet in Cheongpyeong. Also, although True Mother had influenza, chills and a fever, she bravely went onstage to give her speech without allowing the guests to notice her pain. The True Children and True Grandchildren displayed a tremendous amount of filial piety in ways large and small, such as when a True Son, True Daughter or True Grandchild read the speech in tears, inheriting True Parents' urgent heart or when my wife Sun-jin and Shin-mi, a True Granddaughter, would give True Mother massages and do whatever it took to support and comfort her during the course of the tours.

I was also able to get a firsthand glimpse of the spectrum of blessed families and ambassadors for peace that comprises our global movement today. I was moved by their dedication, sacrifice and history, and by their love for God, True Parents and their nations; I learned so much through them.

As if looking at snapshots, I hope readers will be able to sense the essence of these experiences with a simple description of each encounter, many of which I found memorable and inspiring. For instance, I was moved by the smile of a pregnant mother as she was drinking the holy wine and bowing to her husband. I met a brother who as a missionary had been imprisoned for several years under past communist governments. I met the mother of another missionary who had been imprisoned, who in memory of her child had donated her house to be used as a church center. One young member, despite being harshly criticized by an unsympathetic audience, had the courage and strength to assure me that things would be better next time. One brother shared his pride in having helped support the national movement for seven years through fund raising. I met a young blessed child whose parents had passed away but who was working and saving on her own to go to the blessing. I prayed with church leaders and members as they took me to the national Holy Grounds that True Parents had sanctified during their world tours in 1965 and 1968. A sister asked me to thank True Parents for her because True Parents had given the blessing to her and

## Causing a Stir in Grenada

Grenada is a small tropical nation consisting of three volcanic islands that the UN's Earthwatch web site lists as still active. Taken all together, Grenada is about twice the size of the city of Washington D.C. Jin-hwa nim visited there on October 11, as part of the third peace tour. Senator Ann David-Antoine, Minister of Health, Social Security, the Environment and Ecclesiastical Relations, made opening remarks at the event, which drew 85 people. Afterward, the Grenadians, who called Jin-hwa nim "Princess" as she seemed to them to be, all wanted to be photographed with her. "Grenada is a very small island, and when anyone comes to visit us, we become real close like family. Jin-hwa nim will never forget Grenada, and Grenada will never forget her," wrote Abel nation national messiah Roddy Portelance. He added, "Having True Family members, go around was the best experience members could have. Father is a genius. It brings us all together." *Right: Senator Emmalin Pierre, Minister for Youth Development, sent a letter welcoming Jin-hwa nim to Grenada*



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her husband, both of whose parents were divorced. A blessed child shared about her two-year experience on European STF and about how much she had grown spiritually through it. An elder member who had been in the church for forty years took care of us as part of the hospitality team. Because of lack of manpower, one blessed member did everything to organize an event from scheduling it, being the MC, giving the slide show presentation on the purpose and mission of UPF, moving stage props, inviting friends, neighbors and relatives to the event to even having her own children do a performance. Ambassadors for peace who had been inspired by their experiences in Cheongpyeong and at interreligious conferences organized events themselves and invited many of the participants to receive the blessing.

In addition, I had the experience of sharing many concerns with our blessed family members related to pragmatic issues in building communities of blessed families. Many blessed couples had concerns about the blessing and raising those in the second generation, such as how to guide those of their

children who though young had recently received the blessing or how to deal with children who are questioning the value of a life of faith and are not sure about getting blessed. Also, many shared concerns about how to create good organizations, so that we can sustain forever the message and legacy of True Parents and expand our blessed family communities.

### Thank you

One phrase that I was able to pick up very quickly during the tour was "thank you." With that in mind, I would like to thank True Parents for giving me true love, true life, true lineage and the blessing through their blood, sweat and tears. Also, I would like to thank all the brothers and sisters for their investment and effort to make the tours a success as well as for their warm and generous hospitality—from sharing their homes to sharing their meals. Thank you for truly making me—making all of us—feel like a part of your family, a global family with True Parents as the parents of all of us. ♦

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Ms. Shinwa Yoshida Moon  
Dear Ms Moon,

On behalf of the Government and people of Grenada and especially the young people of our nation I take this opportunity to welcome you to our nation. Indeed I am pleased that you have been selected to visit our beautiful island.

The issue of peace and unification is one which this Government continues to promote. Certainly it is only with unification that peace can reign. It is through peace that the stability and security of any nation can be assured.

I am pleased as well with the theme of this event:

*"God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World."*

Indeed through our various programmes at the Department of Youth Development we have been promoting principles of good family life and spiritual values in development of our youth. I am even more pleased to see as well that one of the younger members of the Moon family is here to speak at the event and spread the word of love, unification and peace.

May the good lord continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors and may you be successful in your tour as you continue to spread the word. My best wishes to Reverend Moon and the entire Moon family.

*M. McShane*  
Senator the Honourable Emmalin Pierre  
Minister for Youth Development



# Father Anchors the Tour to the Palace

Father participated in the tour every day from the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, with no regard for the hour, which with the time difference was often in the middle of the night. He watched the main event in each nation yet never missed hoondokhwaе at 5:00 AM

By Julian Gray

September 28 was a relatively ordinary day at the Cheon Seong Gyeong translation office, until someone came to say, "Today no group has been able to come to the peace palace to sit with Father and watch Mother give her speech. Could the Cheon Seong Gyeong translators please go immediately?"

Well, yes we could. Our team is located at the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology, situated lower down on the same hillside as the Peace Palace. So we donned our suits, jumped into a couple of vans and found ourselves following the winding road up to the palace.

For most of us it was the first time to actually go inside the building. We climbed the wide, marble-white exterior staircase, strolled across the perfectly symmetrical courtyard, walked down sedate hallways with shiny marble floors. We were escorted to a floor above, where we entered a wide room set with conference-style chairs and a large video screen at the front.

We sat; almost immediately the screen came to life and it was clear that Mother would soon come to the podium—in Sydney, Australia.

Father was not there when we sat down, but after a few minutes, we stood and turned to greet Father who would enter from a door at the back of the room. However it was a small boy – Shin-joon nim – who appeared first, running hither and thither joyfully, seemingly very at home with thirty guests standing as if to attention on his entrance. He was like a cherub heralding the arrival of the Lord; A moment later Father himself came in. I felt a stirring feeling; it is not always comfortable to be in the presence of such strength of purpose and utter self-sacrifice, but any fear was calmed by the warmth of Father's presence.

We bowed from the waist. Though he was dressed relatively casually in tan slacks and a dark red cardigan, Father looked majestic. He smiled and sat down behind a large table behind us at the back of the room, with a personal video monitor and a glass of barley tea. At his bidding we turned back to our seats and watched Mother come to the podium and give the main address, conscious of Father seated behind us. I hoped we could offer some support by being there, and I made effort to concentrate on Mother as she spoke.

At the end of her speech, flowers were offered to Mother; then Mother was gone from the podium and the transmission finished. We thought that would be the end of our connection with Australia, but it was not.

We stood and turned to offer Father our congratulations. The attendant staff members asked us to turn our chairs round so that we were now facing the King of Peace directly. (As fortune would have it, my seat, which had been at the back, was now in the front.) I hoped Father would feel some happiness from seeing the international translation team from many nations – Nepal, Lithuania, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Italy, the Philippines, Malaysia....and that he wouldn't ask me to sing.

Then something surprising happened; Rev. Peter Kim, Father's special assistant, walked quickly up to Father and handed him a mobile phone. Father listened to a familiar voice we could also hear slightly from where we stood in the quiet room. It was Mother calling Father from Sydney.

Father had a very warm look on his face. He spoke to his wife gently and warmly, congratulating her on her speech and guiding and encouraging her for the days to come. For a moment I felt that we might be imposing on Father that he would have such a crowd as us sitting in rows observing all this. But he was totally relaxed, so we listened while this loving couple shared their hearts through the phone line. Then we shouted "Og-mansei!" (several times) for Mother, for which Father turned the telephone round to catch our voices. Then Mother was gone, and Father turned his attention to us.

He seemed genuinely interested to discover that his guests for the day were from ten countries. After asking the Korean church president, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, to sing a congratulatory song, he then asked his little grandson to sing a children's song (and then another), which he did—while Father and the palace staff on hand sang along with him, which was rather cute. At Father's bidding, Shin-joon nim then took a small pot from the table and, carrying it along the rows of guests, offered all of us rice crackers.

Then it was time for Father to leave, and we stood once again to greet him with hearts full.

It had been an enchanted evening at the palace.◆