

Foundation Day of the Nation of the Unified World Celebrated in Brazil

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The morning of October 3rd, 1998, one group of Korean National Messiahs and local leaders and other representatives gathered at the 5th floor temple of the Brazil FFWPU HQ to celebrate the 11th Foundation Day of the Nation of the Unified World.

True Parents, accompanied by Young Jin and Hyung Jin, entered at 7 am to initiate the ceremony.

Rev Kwak called the name of the groups for the representative bows, then True Parents, standing and facing the audience, raised their arms and True Father offered the prayer. After they ate some food from the offerings on the altar, Father gave one piece of rice cake to Young Jin and Hyung Jin.

Everybody joined in singing for the cake cutting.

Father then gave a speech in Korean for about two hours. He talked about many different topics; sometimes I could get some translations in Portuguese from Alejandro sitting in the back with a small group of Brazilians. History of restoration, Cain and Abel, Israel, Jesus, lineage, Christianity, globalization of the Bless-



ing; Father mentioned the 5 declarations of Jardim, that the 40 days in Olimpo is compulsory for the Korean national messiahs, etc.

Then Father sat on the floor and started to demonstrate some exercises. Rev. Kim mentioned to him that the main temple was full of Brazilian members who had gathered from the Sao Paulo area. Some came from neighboring states, some started to come at 8am and they were singing and waiting for True Father speech. It was about 10:15 am then. Without breakfast, Father asked everybody to go down to the main temple.

Rev. Kwak started to talk to the audience of 700 to 800 members with the translation into Portuguese by Alejandro. He explained the his-

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WHY WE ATTEND THE IDEAL FAMILY 40-DAY WORKSHOP

A Testimony of the Pioneer Ideal Family Workshop held in South America

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Pledge #8—Our family pledges, as we enter the Completed Testament Age, to achieve the ideal oneness of God and humankind in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, thereby liberating the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on True Love.

Blessed families now have the opportunity to go to South America for the 40-day Ideal Family workshops. Senior blessed couples should plan to lead the way. The education we receive guides us into the future. The 21st century is the Century of the Family, centered on True Love.

At this workshop you are liberated, your family is liberated. This is the place of liberation. As a result, you become stronger. "Birds that migrate become stronger," True Father said. "The world of God's perfection is the era of the world of liberation."

During this Ideal Family Education for World Peace we find ourselves being cleansed and renewed. Parents have been separated. Brothers and sisters have been separated. Through this 40-day work-

shop this is healed. Heavenly resentment is resolved. No one stands over you, prays over you or delivers you from anything specific. Some inner

strength begins to surface within you, just by the education you are receiving and just by "the nature of the place."

The nature of the place, "New Hope

East Garden" (formerly New Hope Farm but renamed by True Father 7 / 22 / 98), Jardim, Mato Grosso, Brazil, is a Garden of Eden. It has been prepared to be a territory where high heavenly standards and heavenly tra-

ditions will be maintained by those who dwell there; where no barriers exist—whether national, racial, religious or otherwise—and where the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth can begin and spread. When you

go there, you are to think of yourself as Adam or Eve, having no possessions, just growing in God's Love.

The basic reason we should be willing to deny ourselves, our possessions, is because Adam and Eve had nothing in the beginning. We have been falsely taking what is not ours. We must reverse that. We have to restore Adam and Eve's positions. God gives Adam and Eve possessions *after* they have kept His conditions. In the Old Testament they offered "all things." In the era of the New Testament "children" were the offering. "Parents" are the offering in the Completed Testament era. The future will be the era of liberation; the world of liberation; the completion of God's Will. So here in this Garden of Eden we can reflect on how we can offer everything to God, thus restoring these 4 eras of time.

Realistically speaking, at the present time New Hope East Garden is still under construction so it is not yet the peaceful and beautiful place it shall

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True Father speaking to the workshop. Below, Rev. J.R. Yoon, education director, with some of the Americans attending. Right, the main hall.



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Mrs. Betty Lancaster

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SPEECH TO EAST COAST MEMBERS

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

This is from a speech given September 21, 1998,, at East Garden, New York and is derived from unofficial notes taken by Dr. Hendricks from Rev. Peter Kim's simultaneous interpretation.

How many church leaders are here? What are the other missions? You are all blessed couples, right? Do you know the responsibility of blessed couples?

Spirit world is in the position of cause. Human beings in this world are resultant beings. The purpose of the providence of restoration is to go back to the world of cause and fix it for the fallen descendants, then to come back here. Therefore, without knowing the world of cause clearly, we cannot understand the world of result.

What is the crux of spirit world? (God) Yes, God. But that is too simple. Since God is the cause and we are the objects who resemble Him, we consist of dual characteristics, and so does God. We have mind and body relations, resembling God's original nature. Our mind connects us to God. Do you feel it? Does your mind function unchangeably every day, or does it change? The body changes even more than the mind. Why? Did God create us with mind and body changeable or unchangeable? (Unchangeable) But how can you prove that? (We believe it) What you believe may be different from reality.

We know for a fact that our mind and body are changeable. Do you think this came about gradually, or through an accident? If God created us to be changeable, then He is not absolute. God is unchangeable. (He is our parent) Did you say parent? If we simply say that, it doesn't mean much. We need to dig into that statement to find its meaning. As our parent, whom does God resemble? He resembles humanity, as parents do their children. Our character distinguishes us from animals. The mind includes knowledge, emotion and will. Having these, what do we want? Truth, goodness and beauty. Our character should be full of truth, goodness and beauty.

What does truth mean? Does it change? (No) Do you know truth? (Yes) What is it? (DP) Yes, but the DP itself is a written text, not perfect truth. When we say right hand, it should be the truth of the right hand. If a finger is missing a joint, it is not perfect yet. Truth should meet a standard. The finger should be based on the perfect shape of the finger. Men have a right arm, which they might claim as a true right arm, but if you have only that, then you cannot say you are a true model human being.

We compile components to build a house, each of which should be perfect and when assembled it is a perfect house. Have we all established perfect character? (No) How would you grade yourself? We can judge ourselves, how filthy and changeable we are. Does anyone want to be changeable? Nature embodies truth, hence it is unchangeable. When changeable human beings embrace unchangeable nature, nature shakes its head and asks not to be

touched. The food we eat is unchangeable nature; does it enjoy going into our mouth? (No) As changeable beings, should we consume unchangeable food? No, by consuming it, we are killers and thieves. Can we find any perfect, righteous person in the world? We judge each other as nice and honest, or cold, but is that right to do?

Those who oppose the UC say it is satanic, with a lot of secrets, that I am the king of thieves and liars. After you have heard that, why do you still follow me?

The truth never changes. The body is an individual truth body in itself, but also the head represents the whole body, then the trunk, and then the limbs each represent the body. Which is more critical? The eyes, the navel or what? What determines your sex? (The love organ) Do you have a love organ? (Yes) Is it the most fearful or most joyous part of your body? (Both) Are Americans' sexual organs changeable or unchangeable? (Changeable) Then are they true or false? (False)

The horizontal line and vertical line inside a circle both want to be as long as possible, hence to meet in the center. As object of God, human beings are horizontal. Where do they meet God? In the center. If the center point moves up the vertical axis, the circle is shrunk. Meeting in the center, the radii are equal, creating a perfect sphere. A perfect sphere is the best form to revolve without resistance. There is no noise when it spins. Its spinning is even difficult to discern with the eyes. In this spirit, we all want to become round, a perfect sphere. Then we can move without being hurt. This is the purpose of dual characteristics in every being, by which each can move. This is the formula of the universe.

We have five senses, each taking four years to form a perfect four position foundation, equaling twenty years. Then all five senses are focused in synch with each other. The power to focus them is love. Love focuses the five senses to form the sphere. We also have five spiritual senses. All ten senses should focus at one point. Our ten senses and God's ten senses should focus at one point. That one point determines peace, happiness, etc.

The variety of combinations make the beautiful creation, including color, form, action, etc. Plug the north and south poles together to light up the globe. Love color music power, immediately occupies you. Sound, action, dancing, everyone together... When God watches this, will He be happy or sad? (Happy) Man is the north pole, woman the south pole. The voltage comes from God. Entire cities will be glowing in God's love. Don't you think God wants to possess such a man and woman? For one day, or eternity? (Eternity) God will be steered by whatever this couple wants. That is the picture of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven.

Once we are activated by this true love power, there is no change. It is like getting water from a well forever. God created Adam and Eve with unchangeable mind and body, and by their maturation, God's love power

would have inserted there, and their mind and body would have lasted eternally, unchanging. This is so that the core and core can be connected forever, as if with crazy glue. On the other hand, the spark created by free sex does not connect; it is separable....

The one who sacrifices his nation for the sake of its better future is a patriot. He who sacrifices his nation for his own sake is a traitor. What of the person who proclaims himself a great UC leader, and then turns into a great proponent of the position that the UC is a bad place? That person is Satan. Have I ever criticized or blamed anyone? When it was the USA as plaintiff and I as the defendant, who criticized whom? The USA criticized me. Communists attacked me, but in the end they said I am innocent. I was imprisoned in the 1950s and the entire government mobilized to dig up crimes they could attribute to me, but they found nothing and I was released innocent.

In Korea I was labeled a thief of women. It started from the opposition of Christianity. They knew that I brought the most powerful truth, which they feared. Once they accepted it, they knew it would unify Christianity, Catholic and Protestant, as well as all religions and the secular world. That's why the men stood against me. The women looked on at their husbands' reactions and decided to check it out. They discovered the truth and decided to follow. Then the fathers and husbands went crazy because their children and wives were following me. Threats and persecution came to me. Men with rifles and bats came at me. Which are more beautiful, oriental or western women?

Oriental women's' faces are flat, which is nice, but western women have higher and lower aspects to their face, much more variety. Oriental women smile just with their face, but western women do so with their entire body. Their laugh is much louder. So, the CIA tried to tempt me by sending women agents. Those agents wrote confessions to Father about it later.

If I open my arms to embrace you, you western women will come forward, right? (Yes) Oriental women are lonely because of this, and are jealous of western women and say I am prejudiced. So some oriental women feel I teach true love but practice discrimination by shape and color of skin, so they leave the movement. True daughters see that Father cares more for western and oriental women members than them, so they do not like Father. They ask, "How can we call you our father?" It is the same feeling of lack of love as in the Garden of Eden,

leading to the same feelings of jealousy. Have I proved that I love the Cain type children more than the Abel type children? (Yes) Even as I leave for South America, my children grab me and beg me to stay. I often stop overnight in New York and my children stand by to talk with me, but I cannot even give them ten or twenty minutes, because I have a public schedule lined up. Don't worry about Nan Sook's story. I never even spent one hour talking with her. Of course she came to the True Family at 17 and her life has been lonely, miserable and hard. [Note: she was 17 by Korean determination of age; 16 by western] So when she felt a lack of love from True Parents, she developed a bitter feeling. Now the time came that I made the 4.4 Commemoration [this September 8], which means I can embrace my family and enter heaven with them. If I had even spent a few hours with them, this problem would not have occurred.

Nan Sook says I cannot be the messiah because I do not love my own family. From my point of view, my heart first goes out to the members who went to South America and are suffering there. But the True Children complain that we take leaders out to buy them suits, but rarely do so for our children. I have focused on restoration of the world, so this trouble came into the family. I globalized this offering table of love for the sake of humankind. My parents and family are the offering, because they are the closest to God. In history, the closest to God are offered. UC members want to piggyback on the True Family because they are on the offering table. Once the 360 million couples blessing is completed, think

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- 3 FOUNDATION DAY FOR THE NATION OF THE UNIFIED WORLD (1988)
- 4 Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
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- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
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- 27 Shin Myung Nim's 12th Birthday
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- 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

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- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 4 Shin Eh Nim's 9th Birthday
- 6 Shin Ok Nim's 9th Birthday
- 8 Hwa Yun Nim's 21st Birthday
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- 22 Shin Sun Nim's 8th Birthday
- 24 Yun Ah Nim's 20th Birthday
- Shin Hoon Nim's 4th Birthday
- 29 3.6 Million &
- 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

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- 6 Jin Whi Nim's 35th Birthday
- Shin Young Nim's 12th Birthday
- 11 Heung Jin Nim's 32nd Birthday
- 22 35 Couples' Blessing (1976)

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of how the world will respect and adore the True Family. The time is coming when all humanity will understand the suffering of the True Family for the sake of humanity. Once the foundation of all humanity being blessed, God will arrange this.

If True Family had stayed in Korea, this wouldn’t have happened. It is partly a result of the culture of extreme privacy and individualism, which is evil. Does anyone disagree? (No one) In my life there have been and are many enemies trying to get rid of me. I try to forget and ignore them. But Satan expects me to fight them. If I had to deal with those billions of enemies, it would be endless. All families opposed me. It would take forever. That’s why I forget it. I know that I have to restore 4,000 years in 40 years. I have no time to fight anyone. I know those world leaders who once opposed me are now friends.

The road may be twisting and rugged, but we have to reach the goal I had nothing to do with violating law, but I was put in jail. I knew that Satan wanted me to stand up and fight. If Christianity had accepted me at the start, there would have been no divorce. Upon being received by Christianity, I could have united Christians in Korea, Asia and the world. Why would I need a divorce? I violated no Korean laws, but because women followed me so fervently, their husbands plotted against me. This spread to put me in jail, but I am ashamed of nothing, because I taught those wives to be celibate. Naturally they separated from their husband. The husbands assumed they were in love with me. There were many accidents or episodes due to curfew. They would climb over their house walls and our church walls at 4 am, and they would hurt themselves or dogs would bark, and this caused persecution.

In those days, women felt as if I were their brother, fiancée, husband and father. That close spiritual feeling was typical. They experienced the four realms of heart. They could not eat or sleep. Then the spirit world showed them what I was doing. They would know where to meet me. Usually it was the males opposing, because the women neglected their housework. So persecution started because of women. I was threatened at gun-point, beaten. Because I had to restore women from Satan’s side, women of all ages. I came to restore the women’s side first, so that they would serve as a bridge. So women love Father. This is a worldwide phenomenon.

As long s there is a feeling of enemy, it is impossible for God to see the ideal. So He teaches, love your enemy. This swallows communism, democracy, and everything. So many enemies passed away and I forget their names. I forget forever, and only love remains. Those who live for others are in the center, taking responsibility, ownership and protection. That is the result of love power.

If it can be said of anyone, it can be said of me that I live my life for others. If anyone opposes me, what do they gain? Those who try to destroy my family will not be successful. Some anti-moonie Jews and Christians teamed up against me. Even the Old and New Testaments together do not defeat the completed testament. If I teach religious young people the DP, they all will follow. The problem is that they have

not heard it. It is that powerful. That is why the leaders oppose, so I feel pity for them. The opposition is perishing, one by one. Research shows this. 80 percent of opposers have perished or subsided. I never perished, but still am prospering. It is heavenly fate. Because I am minus to God. Even the communist world fell. The religious world is falling as well, and the secular family is falling. The core place is the real family. Smoothly going over every level to the spirit world. The True Family is the center. It is the starting and returning point of every kingdom.

There are people who are working against my family and me for a selfish purpose, despite the sacrifice of myself and my family for America. If we sympathize with them, God will judge us. We should challenge those who speak unrighteously against my family. Have a strong spirit and nothing will happen. They will perish. Do not pray that they will perish; rather, have parental hearts. If your son were about to be executed for murder, you would wish there were no such law as the death penalty.

As the UC founder, my life is to practice true love. Then why is there trouble in my family and was there more than one woman involved? God advocates absolute sex, and He cannot touch or intervene in fallen sex. He could not intervene in the fall. True Parents only can fix it. The restored Adam came in the place of God, so when True Parents play the role of God practicing absolute sex, think of the cross they need to carry. God has trained them in the spirit of true love. So why was there a divorce? I was trained to control myself even with the most beautiful woman tempting me in bed, even if about to make love, I can turn around and cut it off. So Father cannot think of another woman or of divorce.

Women destroyed Adam’s family, Jesus’ family, and now are trying to destroy my family, the family of the Lord of the Second Advent. What shall I do? It is the course of the cross. True Parents are the only ones in history to make the road carrying the cross of love. Even after 1960, my first wife still loved me. I may have set the world’s record at dealing with attempted seductions. Crazy things happened. I had to put four locks on my bedroom door. A woman once tore down the door. A woman came in naked and took my blanket and said, please save me. Then, when I said no, she said, it takes only five minutes; aren’t you a man? I said, I am impotent. She tried to make it work, but I made it not work. This woman was the daughter of a tycoon,



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very influential. I knew that I would be putting God’s love organ into a trashcan. So I couldn’t do it. I had the responsibility to continue the true love lineage even at the cost of divorce. As with Jacob and like Muslims today, there were different stages of wives. For Jacob to have 12 sons, he had two wives and two concubines. In the restoration history through Jacob’s course, the lineage went through the second wife, the concubine. It is my responsibility to accomplish the true love lineage. This is the course of the love cross, for the sake of women.

Women killed Adam and Jesus, and are ready to kill the Lord of the Second Advent. Because of this chaos created by women, my family was destroyed and I married a second time. Korea was divided and the world suffered. Eight years elapsed before I could choose a teenage girl as my wife. It was such a heavy public mission, but I could not accuse God. The entire spirit world was against me, preventing me from going back the original way. At one point I spent 43 days fighting the entire spirit world. All the creation was against me as well. Finally God approved and the entire spirit world bowed down. Why did all of this happen? Because of the history of false marriage and the false use of the sexual organ. All of Satan’s world power was against me. Finally the Cain and Abel worlds connected and made the foundation to choose a bride. This explanation can come in the last days, 2,000 years after Jesus, at the time of the Second Advent coming down. This power connects the poles and east and west. It takes off and never stops.

To build the kingdom of God, I should use the Internet technology. I predicted it many years ago and they thought I was crazy. One Christian minister laughed and opposed this prophecy, and now he realizes my predication

came true and he is now deeply repenting. Similarly, you may not believe what I’ve said today, but God is using True Parents to create pure love and true families. At Madison Square Garden I blessed Sung Jin Nim’s mother and grandmother. Those who are opposing do not understand how precious it is for me to be in this world. When they understand, they will change and follow me.

Dozens of women offered themselves as candidates to be True Mother. They are still waiting for me to hold their hand or kiss them, but I never will. They know me as cold as a rock or tree stump, a man with no feelings. But if I ask them for their honest answer as to whether I should love them or pursue the straight path of the Lord, they cry tears, bow down and say that what I am doing is right, and that is why they like me. There are many like that.

Please remember that there are millions of opponents of the Unification Church, but we forgive and embrace them to build the true family and true kingdom on earth. I will be recognized as the eternal king eventually. Those who follow are glorious couples. Concerning the secular world, say, “I don’t care!”

No matter what interference, God ignores it and just loves and gives His mission to me, so that I can go through persecution and prosper. Similarly, we will ignore the flack and continue to build the kingdom of God on earth. (Applause) Even if the entire nation of America opposes me, I ignore it, because if God exists, the secular world is like dew in the morning. It will disappear. I don’t care about the media. So send me to South America with a comfortable heart, by reassuring me that you will be strong to deal with this media and keep going toward the goal. ❖



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These are the last days and our faith should be centered very closely on the Messiah. The time calls us to confess our belief in the Reverend and Mrs. Moon as the True Parents of all humankind. A Unificationist confession of faith is the humble and open admission and proclamation that Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon are the True Parents of all humankind. Confession of faith is beyond reason; it is based upon God's revelation. It is to stake one's life upon this.

It is a very serious matter to follow the True Parents, so our life of faith begins with the confession that our True Parents are the Messiah. The starting point of our faith is the revelation of the identity of the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. They are the True Parents, the new ancestors of humankind. This point is the essence of our faith.

Confession is a form of witness. Consider Andrew, Peter's spiritual father. We see in John 1:35-42 that Andrew was a follower of John the Baptist. Andrew was always looking for the Messiah. Andrew witnessed John's baptism of Jesus and recognized, by revelation, that Jesus was the son of God. Andrew was deeply moved by this experience. Out of curiosity Andrew asked James who was Jesus, and they both started to follow Jesus. Jesus spoke to Andrew and James and they followed Jesus as the Messiah.

The first thing Andrew did, according to scripture, was to go to his brother, Peter. Andrew told Peter, "We have

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tory and the significance of the Foundation Day of the Nation of the Unified World and gave an overview of the main providential events until today. The back was quite noisy with many children moving around. True Parents were patiently sitting on the stage and looking and waiting for the end of Rev Kwak speech.

At about 11:30 am, Father started the third speech of the morning, and he talked about basic principles, physical/spiritual, God/Man, Man/Woman, living for others, with many gestures and moving around to maintain the attention of the audience enduring the long hours since early morning. The doors were opened and we could smell the smoke and the odors of the meat cooking outside on the giant barbecue being prepared to feed the crowd for the late lunch.

The next program was the evening entertainment at 7pm. True Parents came and were watching from the top balcony with the Korean national messiahs. We could see and hear a diversity of artists, songs, dances, choirs, clowns, from the eastern and western culture, including the traditional Brazilian samba. At the end Hyung Jin Nim sang a Spanish song, accompanied by Kurt at the guitar, with the audience standing and clapping. ❖

The Affirmation of True

found the Messiah." This was the first act of witnessing to Christ. In our church we usually say indirectly that the True Parents are the Messiah, sharing many other points first. It is better if we declare as did Andrew, "I have found the Messiah; I have found True Parents."

Later, in Matthew 16:13-19, we read Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ. There were many rumors about Jesus in that society, so Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered with his confession that Jesus is "the Christ, the son of the living God." We must answer this question. When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" he was happy with Peter's answer because he wanted to give his mission to someone who could understand who he was. Jesus blessed Peter, called him "the rock," and gave him the keys to the kingdom.

Based upon our confession, we receive blessings. Sadly, none of us appreciate God's blessing. We easily take it for granted. We treat it as if it is a common stone on the street, not the diamond that it really is. But if we look in the Bible, it was very rare for an individual to receive God's blessing. God directly blessed only Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In the New Testament, only John the Baptist, Peter and the disciples received a direct blessing from God. True Parents' blessing is most valuable. Conveying the blessing is just as valuable as receiving it. The fact that we recite the Family Pledge means that the True Parents gave their inheritance to us as blessed families.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan openly declared that the Reverend and Mrs. Moon are the True Parents and that we should all become True Parents. No one asked him to do that; he spoke from inspiration. Because he is their spiritual leader, his followers have also come to believe that Reverend and Mrs. Moon are the True Parents. So when True Mother came to their cities, they clearly knew that they should help in whatever way they could to attend True Mother.

We also should clearly confess our faith in the True Parents. We need to establish a clear foundation of faith and confess that the True Parents are the Messiah, that they are the living, substantial God. Let us make this confession with conviction. Through making this confession, we can separate from Satan. If you doubt, if you find it difficult to make this confession, you should pray and ask God directly if the True Parents are the Messiah. Through confession we should develop an ever-deepening understanding that the True Parents are the Messiah.

Everyday I renew my answer to the question, "What is the mission of the Messiah?" I believe that the essence of messiahship is the love of true parents. The Messiah in the fullness of marriage and family love manifests as True Parents. Adam and Eve were born to become the True Parents, but they failed. Jesus and the Holy Spirit suc-

ceeded as the True Parents in spirit. Through them we are spiritually reborn. Reverend and Mrs. Moon are the physical True Parents.

Why I Believe Sun Myung Moon is the Messiah

1. Every morning we gather for Hoon Dok Hae. I realize from his words that Reverend Moon is the king of the truth. He is the greatest teacher. He is teaching a worldview that encompasses the spirit and flesh, religion and science, history, the present moment and the eternal future, heaven and earth, man and woman, everything, under the principle of true love. It is the perfect development of God's words recorded over thousands of years in the Bible. I confess my faith that no one else has approached such an understanding of the truth of God. He is one with the truth that he teaches, so he and True Mother are the truth itself, the living representation of the truth of God.

2. I confess my faith that Reverend and Mrs. Moon are the king and queen of true love. They practice absolute love for God, humankind and all things of creation. He and True Mother are love itself, the living representation and model of the love of God. His life is one of continual sacrifice. He goes out on the ocean even during heavy rain and snow, even in his 60s and 70s, to pray and to console God. This love is at the root of a vision that has brought forth a revolution in culture without precedent. He has created a network of leaders and simple people alike transcending race, religion, nation and culture, dedicated to the family and life for the sake of others. Through this foundation of love for all humankind, "the government shall be upon his shoulders, and he shall be called, prince of peace."

3. The origin of my faith is not myself, but God. The earliest Unification Church members exemplify this. They received revelations and spiritual guidance directly from the True Parents through dreams and visions. They were called, chosen and justified directly by the Holy Spirit.

In Pusan, the first member in South Korea, Miss Hyun Shil Kang, had been searching for the Messiah. Reverend Mrs. Kang, now National Messiah of Russia, heard directly from God that she should go to a particular mountain to meet the Messiah. She had been looking for the glorious Messiah coming on the clouds. She was so shocked to see a small, shabby hut on that mountain. God told her to open the door, but she ran away from the door, disbelieving that the glorious Messiah could be inside such a place. She was told again by God to open the door. Again, she ran away in disbelief. Where were the trumpets and angels surrounding the coming of the Lord? Finally, she opened the door and Reverend Moon welcomed her. He was there by himself, kneeling on the floor and looking up at her. He said that he had been waiting for her to come, that Heavenly Father had told him to expect a righteous daughter of God. He knew that she had struggled to open the door.

There are two important lessons to be learned. First is that because the spirit world witnessed directly to the

early members, those members will never deny their faith. In this light, it is important to realize the messianic prophecies of world-level spiritualists such as Nostradamus. One American scholar listed the possible candidates for the position of the Messiah based upon the prophecies of Nostradamus. Of those whom he suggested, one was Reverend Moon. The others have faded away, and the only one who has maintained his mission and thus his qualification is Reverend Moon.

The second is that the Messiah appears not in external glory, but as another human being. By my spiritual eyes, I can see his internal glory. He suffers from heat and cold, he endures hunger and thirst, he gets lonely, he is in most ways just like us. The main difference is that he is consumed by God's love and is anointed by God to establish His life, love and lineage on earth as Jesus did in Heaven.

4. What is the method of the Messiah? He discovered that the path of God's people is the life of indemnity. Human beings are debtors; we have made so many mistakes. The Messiah pays back the entire debt and liberates humankind. He walks the road of indemnity. Laws and values change according to social convention. The Messiah obeys the laws of his society but at the same time obeys the law of indemnity. Generally, a person sacrifices only to benefit himself and his family. But the Messiah sacrifices for God and all humanity. He leads a public life and has no private life.

No one sought to comfort and serve Jesus after his 40 day fast. Who came? Satan appeared to show a kindness to Jesus. Satan offered food, angelic support and all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus refused the temptations and triumphed over Satan. Satan is afraid of those who obey the law of indemnity. If he had followed Satan, no one would have persecuted Jesus. Persecution comes when we follow the way of indemnity.

True Parents' entire life has been one of paying indemnity. Reverend Moon went through the entire eight stages of the indemnity course, from servant of servants, to servant, to step son, to adopted son, to true son, to mother position, to father position, to God Himself. He celebrated this victory with the Pal Jong Shik ceremony in 1989 here in Kodiak.

5. I always strive to see Reverend Moon with my spiritual eyes. Simon of Cyrene met Jesus on the road to Calvary. He saw Jesus carrying the heavy cross. Simon was a black Jew from what is now Libya in North Africa. He had come to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage. Simon had heard that the Messiah was in Jerusalem. Not one of the disciples was there to help Jesus, but Simon looked at Jesus and Jesus returned Simon's gaze. Simon and Jesus communicated briefly, but directly, eye to eye, on the way of the cross. At that moment, with one look, Simon realized that this pitiful young man carrying the cross was the Messiah he had sought. I want to see True Parents with that perception. I live in the presence of the Messiah, so my faith must

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be even stronger than Simon's.

Naturally Simon sought to help Jesus. He carried the cross for Jesus. Simon was one of the last people to whom Jesus witnessed before his death. Without a word, through only eye to eye communication, Simon recognized Jesus as the Messiah (Matt 27:32).

The Book of Acts records the presence of Simon's family along with the 12 disciples at the Pentecost (2:10). Upon his return to Cyrene, Simon must have witnessed to his wife and son. There is no further record of Simon, but in Romans 16:12 there is an interesting reference. St. Paul sent this letter to the church in Rome to let them know that he had plans to come to Rome. Since it would be a while before he could arrive in Rome, he sent this letter to give spiritual guidance. In the last part of the letter he greeted the church members in Rome. In Rom 16:13, Paul mentions Rufus and his mother, who was Simon of Cyrene's wife. He referred to her as being his mother too. This means that Paul saw her as a mother figure for the Roman church.

It seems that Rufus and his mother went to Rome and gained Roman citizenship. Then they were able to witness and pioneer legally. She could take care of the early members. Similarly, in our pioneer churches, we had the concept of father figure and mother figure. Simon's wife laid the foundation of faith in Rome. She also supported Paul financially. Jesus witnessed to Simon of Cyrene just before the cross. Simon then witnessed to his wife and son, and they went to Rome and pioneered one of the early churches. This was the plan of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The last person to whom Jesus witnessed was the thief by his side on Calvary. He witnessed without words. We do not know what moved the heart of that thief, but it came from Jesus on the cross. The thief could see that Jesus had committed no sin. He was moved to defend Jesus publicly. The other thief tested Jesus. "If you are the Messiah, save yourself and us too!" he said. He judged Jesus according to his own selfish desire. Show me you are the Messiah by releasing me from this punishment. How might Jesus have gazed upon that fallen man! The effect upon the other thief was to repent, confess his own sinfulness, testify to Jesus' innocence, then testify to Jesus' messiahship by asking that Jesus remember him when coming into his kingdom (Luke 23:39-43). This thief saw Jesus' innocence in the midst of the world condemning Jesus.

6. I pray to God deeply and study the Divine Principle and Unification Thought, and through these means I understand that Reverend and Mrs. Moon are the Messiah and True Parents. My deep original mind tells me to follow them as the Messiah. My original heart knows the truth. I strive to follow my spiritual senses. Without True Parents, I am lonely and in constant danger. With True Parents I become a man of God and receive God's power.

7. I believe in Reverend and Mrs. Moon because the world needs godly

leadership beyond boundaries, and I see them taking that responsibility. We live in a world in which each nation influences all the others. Our problems now are global problems, such as civil wars between racial and ethnic groups, organized crime, AIDS, drug traffic, pollution and mismanagement of natural resources. We need planning and governing on a global level. But America is weakened by the moral crisis of the presidency. We lack military preparedness, and this compromises world peace. There are armed conflicts all over the world.

The United Nations is a paper tiger. It allows each nation to work for its own self-interest. This is why many in the US want to dismantle the UN. Reverend Moon, on the other hand, says that we should restore the UN. He says that if it does not improve, it will decline and a new UN will rise up. I see our True Parents devoting all their resources into solving global problems, centering not on one nation or bloc of nations, not on one race or one religion, but on God.

8. It is the dawn of the new millennium. We know from Divine Principle that God works through time periods. Therefore, time is significant. The year 2000 marks a transition in the cycles of time going back to the Garden of Eden. Thus it is the time at which God can bring about great changes in the world. This is why human life is changing so dramatically. In this era of change, things can get better or worse. To improve the world, we need a God-centered vision and plan of action.

I see Reverend Moon's messianic status in his provision of this bold vision for the world. Before the year 2000, Father wants to guide all people on earth to life within the true love of God. This means that we all will become children of God in the household of God and citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven. The Messiah's responsibility is to pioneer the path for betterment in all areas, technology, science, art and culture, politics, and so forth. Most important though, the Messiah is a spiritual giant; a religious giant who brings the revolution of heart, the revolution of love and life style and the revolution of blood lineage. This is a true love revolution centering on the perfection of love within the family. This is very simple. This vision is not completed without the fulfillment of the responsibility of each and every person.

By the year 2000 our blessed couples and everyone have to reach oneness with the heart of God. The Messiah's primary job, the job that only True Parents can do, is to bring a transformation in our fundamental relationship with God and Satan. Jesus on the cross made the condition for all to receive spiritual rebirth. True Parents have made the condition for all to receive,

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for want of a better term, physical rebirth. This means that our entire being, physical as well as spiritual, can separate from the realm of the fall, the realm of sin. St. Paul offered a glimpse of this in Ephesians chapter 5, but could not grasp it totally and he finally called it a mystery.

Our True Parents have fulfilled the pre-blessing of 360 million couples, and by the year 2000 all the couples of world will receive this grace. Who, can we conceive, would ever be given by God such a vision of love and the responsibility to bring it to pass? Only a messianic figure. If only by the scale of what he is conceiving and taking upon himself, I know that Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the messiah.

A New Standard of Judgment

We need a new set of eyeglasses, a new worldview, a new standard of judgment. This standard by which we are measured is absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. We need to deny ourselves more and more to realize absolute faith. Does absolute faith mean absolute faith in oneself? No! As Reverend Zin Moon Kim puts it, we need to end our fixation on "I, my, me." I need to deny myself. I am an unworthy person. Further, I need to give true love, live sacrificially for others and follow the True Parents, not my own will. God used this standard of judgment at the time of the creation. True Parents have continuously followed and exemplified this standard. This standard is my new eyeglasses. The lens of these eyeglasses should be my own tears. I seek to see the world through the lens of tears.

The True Parents are not just fighting visible evil but are also fighting the invisible power of Satan. Father discovered the principle of separating from and subjugating Satan, which explained the course of God's providence revealed in the Bible. We separate from Satan by our faithful offering of our material goods, ourselves and our families to God. We should do this not just for a day, a week or year, but over a significant period of time. Noah, for example, spent 120 years building the ark, sacrificing his material comfort, himself and his family for God and His will. This sacrificial offering reversed the lack of faith demonstrated by Adam and Eve. This act of indemnity separated Noah and his family from Satan.

The next stage is one of substantial change of heart through sacrificial love. The paramount biblical example is that of Jacob changing the heart of Esau, who wanted to kill Jacob, by offering his material goods, his family and himself to his brother. The hatred in Esau's heart changed to love as the brothers embraced. As Noah exemplified vertical love for God, Jacob exemplified horizontal love for one's brother.

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the ultimate act of indemnity. Jesus loved the world, forgiving his enemies at the cost of his life. God loved the world so much that He gave up His only begotten son. Through our faith in the resurrected Christ, our hearts are substantially changed, evil is changed to love, and we are reborn. This is indemnity.

Our True Parents have followed the course of indemnity their entire lives. Father teaches about indemnity by using examples, such as the life of the salmon. Salmon pay indemnity and practice true love. They follow an incredible suffering course on the way to mate and procreate. They have many enemies, hurdles and handicaps to overcome. They must travel through streams where brown bears are waiting. A brown bear will eat up to 20 salmon a day. Also eagles are searching them out. They must jump up and over waterfalls and avoid the hooks of fishermen. Father said we should say "salmoon," not salmon, because the life of the True Parents is like that of a salmon.

Like the salmon's suffering course, the True Parents have fulfilled the 8 stage course of indemnity. Everything they do is a condition to bring God's love to this world. Through my faith in them, my heart is substantially changed. True Parents have paid the necessary indemnity and have won. True Parents have sacrificed both spiritually and physically to restore true love. I testify without hesitation that our True Parents have never misused love, manpower, money or time. They have absolutely followed the Principle and have paid the indemnity required at each stage of the restoration providence.

Conclusion

In the early days of Christianity, the church went through great difficulties and challenges to their faith. Peter wrote to his brothers and sisters about this, saying "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you." (1 Peter 4:12-14)

With this spirit, let us make a new start with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Let us boldly declare, as Andrew did to Peter, "I have found the Messiah and the True Parents. Who are they? They are the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon." The 1998 motto is to love God and the True Parents and be proud of them. Heaven is ready to support us if we first believe in the blessedness of the time in which we are living and go forward. Through this faith we can build the kingdom of heaven on earth. We all have received the blessing directly from God and the True Parents. We repay through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. ♦

Celebration of Chusok Festival in Sao Paulo

by Christian Lepelletier—Sao Paulo, Brazil

The Chusok festival, or Moon festival, is widely celebrated throughout the Oriental culture. In Korea the families gather at their ancestor's graves on the 15th of the 8th month of the lunar calendar, the most beautiful full moon of the year. Yesterday Father instructed to prepare a small altar with offerings, a cake and to make a special ceremony at 8am this morning.

Until 3:30 am in the night Father was talking to the Korean National Messiah in the 6th floor room. This morning they thought the program would start at 8 am, so every one was still in bed at 6 am. When True Parents came down to the 5th floor temple for the Hon dok hae at 6 am, no one was there. I saw Mrs. Won Ju running through the corridor, knocking on doors, to quickly wake up all Korean national messiahs. They were rushing to dress and to enter the hall

one by one and making a full bow in front of True Parents who were waiting patiently for the whole group to assemble, before they began the reading. At 6:15 am Mrs. Won Ju started to read from the same book as yesterday, until 8 am.



Everybody rose, and True Parents initiated the ceremony, with a special prayer, which sounded deep and tearful. Afterwards Rev. Kwak comment-

ed that the title of the ceremony was the Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification Between the Physical and the Spiritual World.

Through the prayer Father assigned a mission to the 5 major saints previously blessed last June at the Madi-

son Square Garden Blessing ceremony, they are assigned to work on earth with their followers as follows: Jesus' couple will be in USA, Joseph and

Mary's couple in Latin America, Buddha's couple in Korea, Confucius' couple in China, Mohammed's couple in the Muslim world. Rev Kwak said during the ceremony they were all present with many disciples and followers. True Parents cut the cake and we had three cheers of mansei. Then Father asked to line up by continent, and we could take a continental group photo with True Parents.

After breakfast, the Korean national messiahs gathered in the 5th floor hall. They were preparing for a yute tournament, but Father appear again in casual clothes, grabbed himself a chair from the corridor and sat in front of the group. He spoke quite a few hours until afternoon. Lunch and the yute tournament were delayed for a few hours.

People then were divided into 16 teams for the yute tournament which lasted until the evening. They competition continued until the final team won a cash prize. ❖

by Lourdes Swarts—New Hope East Garden, Brazil

I can't thank God enough for affording me the recent opportunity to visit New Hope East Garden in Jardim, Brazil—or rather to return home, since I was born and raised in a small city only 500 kilometers farther south. I came to this area this past August in order to take part in the first American 40-day workshop in New Hope East Garden. "New Hope East Garden" is, of course, the legal entity comprising what was formally known simply as New Hope Farm, but which has grown so large, with innumerable educational and business sub-entities, that the word farm became misleading. This corporation now includes, or will soon include, a secondary school, a university, a hospital, an educational center, a hotel, a research institute, many scenic properties, and businesses such as agriculture, ostrich farming, fish and escargot farming, ecotourism, and engineering, construction, fiberglass and machinery firms. And this is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg in terms of developmental plans.

This first thing I noticed in my travels to Jardim is that True Father is known in this state of Mato Grosso do Sul simply as O Reverendo' (the Reverend). As we traveled from Campo Grande to Jardim by bus I felt the need to speak about Father and the principle. I stood up in the bus and begin reading the Today's World and made sure people could see our Father's picture. Well, I noticed a great deal of interest from my new friends: Do you work with O Reverendo? I was asked.

Good question, I thought! And the whole trip I was able to speak about our Father's vision and doctrine. I can't imagine a better way to travel to the farm. There is certainly a great deal of interest in our True Father in this state. To the citizens in this underdeveloped region, True Father represents hope as they eagerly look to him to usher in a new era of prosperity.

After several hours in the bus and a short drive to the Farm (at

New Hope East Garden, the Place to Go After Chung Pyung Lake

the end of 48 hours in airports and planes due to some technical difficulties,") , I finally crossed the recently- inaugurated bridge which takes us to the main educational center. Just two years ago, the route to the farm involved 50 minutes over a very rough and sometimes impossible to transverse dirt road, and one would arrive at a tent and bamboo settlement. Now one travels via an asphalt highway, and the tent and bamboo settlement is a brightly lit village of beautiful buildings, including a large meeting hall, a two-story restaurant, and enough individual rooms (with private baths) to accommodate 1,000 people. The top of the restaurant also serves as a conference center, and it was in the south east wing of this conference center that the American 40-day workshop was being held.

This is the place where heaven is to begin. To top at all, the great breeze makes you feel like God is saying, "Welcome, I am here! You are at my home!" I immediately joined the workshop and was able to attend True Father's speech—one of many he gave to this first workshop.



The meeting room—which can accommodate 1,200, and has a large stage and high-ceiling—is fully decorated with the bright faces of our adorable Japanese brothers and sisters, over 300 families, and the 300 Korean families likewise brings a great deal of spirit and dignity to the floor. The small American contingent—11 families—sit in the back where we can receive interpretation..

True Father's message that first night was the commitment of us during these times: Absolute love, Absolute Faith and Absolute Obedience. Certainly not a new message but one that had a whole new impact when heard here in this

developing model village, set in a floral and faunal paradise. With Father looking at us, we can sense the intensity of his heart. The heart of father wanting his children to become a unique reflection of divinity, and of a Father wanting to be loved and understood. I wish I could whisper into Father's ears a word of love. But he has heard so many false words over the years that the thought causes pained reflections.

During the time I was there, Father addressed the members many times. Every morning, True Father and Mother would gather with all the members for pledge, prayer and Hoon Dok Hae. Late at night True Father would once again be sharing himself with the members. At times, we were laughing with joy, at another moment we could hear the whisper of the wind and the gasp on our brothers and sisters as our Father addressed them in Japanese, quietly. Even without understanding the Japanese, we were caught up in the moment, just watching our Japanese brothers and sisters weeping as Father spoke in hushed, tearful tones.

The giant faith of the Japanese moved me beyond words. Centered on the leadership of Mr. Hideo Oyamada, The Eve National Messiah of Brazil, the Japanese members live a life of service at New Hope East Garden reflecting their service to True Parents throughout the world. A service of great sacrifice. History will record that these faithful brothers and especially sisters carried our movement during times when we could

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Dae Mo Nim’s Visit to Europe

by Remy Hammett—Frankfurt, Germany

We recently had a series of special workshops here in Europe together with Dae Mo Nim. The workshops have brought about a lot of hope through the liberation of our members from countless evil spirits. The success of these workshops could only come about through the incredible hard work and investment made by both leaders and members alike. Every workshop was a victory. European members could receive from Dae Mo Nim incredible spiritual support during this precious time.

In Germany, the preparation of the workshop was very good. They set a good standard for the other workshops. Through these two workshops in Camberg, over one thousand brothers and sisters from Germany and neighboring countries could reflect upon their life of faith, repent for their unprincipled actions, and liberate their hearts.

The start in Great Britain was a little difficult, but everything ended up with a victory. Dae Mo Nim had to speak very strongly to wake up the member’s spirits. She was very inspired but the big tent which the British Family had erected for the meeting. Around 800 brothers and sisters were present. The Hungarian brothers and sisters gave all their hearts to welcome Dae Mo Nim. The hall was full of brothers and sisters (almost one thousand from 14 nations) who have been waiting for Dae Mo Nim. With hope and desire. They were so enthusiastic that even Dae Mo Nim warned that the police might cause some problems. The help of the Korean students from the Sun Moon university was one of the supporting factors for a wonderful workshop.

Dae Mo Nim was very happy after the workshop, saying, “It was very good”. The Italian movement was also able to organize a wonderful event in Colle Mattia - their national headquarters. The hall was full of around 800 brothers and sisters. The Italian

family could organize a separate room for mothers and their children apart from the main from where Dae Mo Nim spoke. Through his, Dae Mo Nim was more able to concentrate on her speech and her spiritual work. She was very happy about the atmosphere brought about by the fully heartistic participation of the Italian brothers and sis-

tered. We could see and feel her True Love toward our brothers and sisters in everything she did and said. Dae Mo Nim promised to bring a special gift for European brothers and sisters when she visits Europe again in the near future. In Chung Pyung Dae Mo Nim found and established a unique water spring with a source that is 940 meters

content of her messages varied slightly from nation to nation, the underlying contend was the same. During all of her speeches, Dae Mo Nim emphasized seen fundamental points necessary for our life of faith:

1) We have to establish True Families. Husbands and wives must practice True Love between themselves.

The should not fight with each other but unite and make harmony.

2) This point relates to the Fall of Man. Do not look, touch or eat. There must be no compromise. You have only one spouse; there cannot be any other objects.

3) Do not misuse public money.

4) Do not hurt the heart of others. We have to be careful what we say about others. When we talk we should speak nice and beautiful words.

5) We have to give tithing.

It is a condition to offer everything to God. In Korea and Japan even three times ten percent is offered according to True Father’s direction. 6) Pledge service on the first day of each month, Sundays and each holiday must be kept. Hoon Dok Hae on every single day must be kept.

7) We must respect and attend the church leader. The church leader is in the position to represent God and True Parents. Heavenly blessing can only come through the church leader. Therefore, we should be eager to attend the church leader. ❖



Photographs of exhibits in the Dae Mo Nim meusem in Seoul, Korea, taken by Ken Owens

Dae Mo Nim brought many good spirits to Europe who had been liberated from European members whilst they attended workshops in Chung Pyung. These spirits who were originally evil spirits liberated from our members’ bodies have since been educated by Heung Jin Nim in the spiritual world and have now been able to return to our members as good spirits and as their spiritual children. At the same time, Dae Mo Nim took away many evil spirits, which have been attached to our bodies and has sent them to a hundred-day workshop in the spiritual world. In the same way, they will eventually be able to return to members as “good spiritual children” and support us in our work.

Through Dae Mo Nim’s tour throughout Europe, the hearts of our brothers and sisters has been very much

under the earth. True Father named this spring “Chun Sin Soo” which means, “Water of Heavenly Spirit”. It has the same effect as the Water of Life, the only difference being that it can be used outside of Chung Pyung whilst the Water of Life cannot. On every occasion when she had to say goodbye, Dae Mo Nim expressed her pity for the very short time she was able to visit. Though the



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not imagine going down such a thorny path.

The schedule at the 40-day workshop was not the intensity one finds at the Chung Pyung workshops. Here the premium is placed on personal and family reflection, and experiencing the principle and Father’s words in a paradise-like setting. Surrounded by beautiful trees, macaws and coatis, in an environment where chirping insects and croaking frogs replace traffic noise, and walks on dirt roads replace traffic congestion, the principle seems to

come alive. Many participants, and especially my husband, have commented on how many intense insights one can get from studying principle and Father’s words in such an environment. The laws of the universe, the meaning of unconditional love and richness of interpersonal relationships, and the basic principles of creation, all become so much clearer. Father has stated that one must leave the cities in order to better understand principle. That becomes much clearer here.

The schedule also includes tours to other properties owned in the area, including the Salobra Hotel in the Pan-

tanal area, the Fuerte Olimpo workshop area on the Paraguay River, and the Rio Perdido, which is a beautiful, clear river with shoals of beautiful fish visible. Individually, the families walk to the ostrich farm, or take a nearby tour to the escargot farm.

This workshop is a workshop for couples and families—not individuals. Many individuals without their spouse were quite distressed when realizing the fullness of the blessing available was reserved for families. Indeed, as we know, it is couples and families that will enter the Kingdom of Heaven together, not individually, and thus the Registration for the Kingdom of

Heaven requires a family or couple registering together.

All the sounds of love can be heard at this Educational Center of New Hope East Garden. The squawks of the paired macaws, the chirps of crickets, the low bellows of the wild rheas on the property, the occasional chattering of monkeys, the calls of the parrots, and the croaks of innumerable frogs pierce the air. But the most beautiful sounds were that of the words of harmony between our brothers and sisters gathered from the far corners of the world, engaged in constructing a literal Garden of Eden on the earth. ❖

Producing Blessing '98: Behind the Scenes

by David Eaton—NYC

The Blessing '98 event at Madison Square Garden was undoubtedly one of the most significant events that our movement in America has produced. As producer of the overall MSG program I was presented with the challenge of fashioning an event that would reflect the spirit of True Parent's vision and values. With guidance of Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, Mr. Neil Salonen and Dr. Tyler Hendricks, and with the talents of numerous individuals, we were able to produce an event that many felt True Parents could be truly proud.

Assembling "The Team"

Needless to say, an event this magnitude in a major venue such as Madison Square Garden, required enormous logistical planning and preparation. Productions aspects such as lighting, sound, video recording and production, satellite broadcasting, image magnification (I-mag), art design, staging, decorations, credentials, security, talent coordination, musical production, finances, media coordination, transportation, catering and archival photography made this event extraordinarily complex. Working in Madison Square Garden with the various trade unions that are part of the Garden's infrastructure made the task even more daunting. Fortunately, having produced the Blessing '97 event at RFK Stadium with a talented group of members and professionals just seven months earlier,

made the MSG project a bit more manageable as we were able to reassemble most of our production team for Blessing '98. Key to this was our ability to hire Robert "Mo" Morrison as our production coordinator. Uncle "Mo" (as he is affectionately known) is one the production industry's most talented and highly regarded producers. With concerts and tours with Michael Jackson, the Grateful Dead, and Woodstock under his belt, Mo has a wealth of experience that we were able to draw upon. The fact that he was a pivotal player in the RFK production and had previously worked at MSG, made his presence on the Blessing '98 team all the more helpful.

In addition to Mo Morrison there were several talented individuals who were on board to expedite the Blessing '98 program. Television Director Ron De Moraes (another RFK veteran) was the executive in charge of the line broadcast and satellite shots, Alan Nuemann of Metropolitan Entertainment our television line producer, Bill Popa (who was with us at RFK) was the satellite up-link provider/coordinator and Ken Viola of Metropolitan Security (also at RFK) was our security liaison with the Garden. The contributions of FFWPUI members were also important to the success of Blessing '98. Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Linda Eisenberg and Larry Moffitt were the script writers, Peter van Geldern was the art director, Simon Kinney was the I-Mag director, Adruma Victoria and Sandra Lowen were the line producers for the 2,000 Voice

Inter-church Choir, Jerry Heying was our director of security, Michael Lograso was credential manager. There were numerous advance meetings at Madison Square Garden to work through labor requirements, scheduling and production parameters. The fact that we had only two and a half days to accomplish all load-in and set-up tasks made scheduling and advance preparations crucial. A one hour delay in production procedure could have potentially added tens of thousands of dollars in labor charges as several trade unions were involved in providing the necessary technical support. Working through all the production parameters with Mo Morrison, Ron DeMoraes and the Garden staff provided valuable experience for all of us.

The 2,000 Voice Inter-church Choir One of the most significant aspects of the Blessing '98 was the participation of the 2,000 Voice Inter-church Choir which was comprised of 83 choirs from various churches from the East Coast. The inter-church choir concept was based on the inspiration of Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, North American Continental Director. Rev. Pak felt that this choir would give strong impetus to our mobilization effort as congregations of the participating choirs would attend in order to support their church's choir. It was strategy that worked brilliantly. Originally the idea was said to have a 1,000 voice choir, but as the idea caught on the number of churches wanting to be part of this historic ensem-

ble increased rapidly. Rev. Pak felt that any church willing to participate be accepted. Singers from New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Virginia, Chicago, Richmond and Washington, DC were involved with the New Life Tabernacle Baptist Church of Brooklyn and their dynamic conductor, Angela Moses, acting as the lead choir. Those who were in attendance couldn't help but being moved by the power and majesty of the choir and Rev. Pak deserves enormous credit for seeing this aspect of the production through to its successful culmination.

A Reflection

For me personally Blessing '98 was a very rewarding experience. Having been in the Performing Arts in our movement for over 22 years, Blessing '98 represented a culmination of sorts. This was a harvesting of many of the seeds that True Parents have planted in their quest for an ideal world. Obviously, Father has hope and a certain faith that we can eventually achieve our innermost goals as Tribal Messiahs and professionals in our respective areas of endeavors. I feel very strongly that with the proper spiritual attitude and external circumstances, many of our talented members can produce significant results in their professions. This was evident in the efforts of many members who were involved in the Blessing '98 production. I thank God and True Parents for their support in making the production of Blessing '98 as successful. ❖

by Ajay Rai—Great Britain

In December 1997 in Beijing, China, I joined with 350 students, professors and young people from all over the world to participate in this providential event organized by CARP and the Youth Federation for World Peace. The main theme was "The Role of Youth for Peace and Unification in the 21st Century." Sub-sessions on other themes looked at issues on the environment, science, family ethics and the prosperity of northeast Asia, in particular the unification of the Korean peninsula. Beijing is probably one of the few places in the world where both North and South Koreans can come together for dialogue and exchange. It is indeed neutral ground.

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China Conference: The Role of Youth for Peace and Unification in the 21st Century

This is important because in one respect this conference was an expansion of the whole Jacob-Esau dynamic on the national level. I was privileged to be there, and in reflection, I think my role was to be so to speak as one of the servants or event cattle that Jacob sent ahead of himself before the moment of his encounter with Esau. My job however was not simple. As chairman of Session Three, entitled "The Present Society and Family Ethics," I was in the spotlight for a few fluttering hours. This turned out to be quite interesting, as I am not your typical English gentleman; but there I was sitting in front of the Union Jack with my audience looking back probably more confused than I was. In this session, essays were presented by Italy, Taiwan, Hungary and Thailand, as well as Great Britain. A cultural festival was held to conclude the seminar. Eleven brave brothers and sisters represented Europe in a performance which included technodisco dancing and the singing of "Stand By Me," "Lean On Me," and a multi-lingual version of the European anthem, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." This was put together in the late hours of the night before, but with a touch of the British sense of humor, and all went down well in the spirit of unification. In comparison, the North Koreans came prepared with the complete per-

formance—including stage cuesto instruments and props combined for a real show which brought the filled banquet room to its feet. Of course, there were some professionals in the group, but isn't that what the vision of this meeting is all about—to bring the best of the world's future generation of leaders together to share their intellects and offer their talents, but most of all to give their hearts to one another: "Brother love binds man to man." One nation's sense of patriotism can definitely rub off on others, as I learned through this experience. Seeing is believing, and if you can see it from the moon then you have no choice! The Great Wall of China is most definitely more than just a wall. It stretches 1200 km and it cost millions of lives to build. It is the legacy of a great culture which I could not help but compare to Noah's ark—crazy perhaps, but inspired. On our sight-seeing schedule there was also the Forbidden City, now known as The Palace Museum, underground tombs (which are in fact empty boxes!) and the most serene temples and palaces, sitting atop the Beijing skyline. Alas, I had no camera, but these are memories that I will not forget. **Giving and forgiving** At times the giving being done by the South Koran participants, who were mostly second generation, was painful to observe. By this I mean it was beyond

normal everyday justification, and I, being an observer, was challenged as to whether I would do the same were I in their shoes. It was these young adults who truly made this providential event a success. The first generation played their part in organizing it, but they were not able to melt hearts in the way that the hope and innocence of the second generation did. Through this, young and old could cry together, forgiveness was no longer an issue and the Principle was personified. No doubt there will be a fifth seminar, a sixth and more. It is my hope that these will develop and expand the foundation of the past four. There is always room to improve, and I strongly encourage anyone who is thinking to participate in the next one to get involved as soon as possible. Remember, this is open to all students, and Rev. Won Pil Kim's definition of being young is simply someone who wants to take responsibility. True Father even defines the age bracket as extending up into the late fifties! So come on! With strong hearts, open minds and willing bodies we can achieve our great goals. The good things that we have been waiting for are already on the way. *Ajay Rai is the president of CARP in Great Britain. Reprinted from Today's World.* ❖

Montana Big Sky and Big Hearts

by Michael Yakawich—Billings, MT

There is so much going on in this world that it seems so hard to keep up. Yet, in this fast pace, I had to take time to reflect once again as the ol' Christian tune reverberates in my soul, How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art!

We have all been inundated with the media and other forms of scrutiny. It was during this time that I received a phone call from a friend who requested me to marry some friends of hers. She being the maid of honor could only think of me to marry her friends. Through some marital counseling on the Blessing (marriage) in which the couple sat down to hear some lectures at the church and deeper explanation of the Blessing vows, they were set. On Oct. 4, with my wife's support, I conducted the wedding in their friend's home with 50 guests. It was so wonderful to be invited and allowed to share such a Blessing. The rest of the story however remains. Let me call her Pauline. Pauline (the maid of honor) met me out fund-raising a few years ago. She was an employee in a business which often had a hard time to welcome church members who were fund-raising. She expressed this to me very strongly. Yet with patience and a good heart, she was moved by the Christian response. She was moved by the Christmas cards and other acts of kindness to a point she requested me to marry her good friends. This is the way of our founder which I could see actualized.

And now, we have had so many other activities lately with the media. Yet, what has been so moving to me has been the letters and cards from the leaders in the community who continue to encourage me to keep going. As one community leader wrote, "You and your mem-

bers of the church are like army ants...working hard and not being always recognized...don't forget that others do see your efforts...don't ever give up!"

With the opportunity to host some of the activities of the IOWC team in our region, it has been a great oppor-

tunity to continue to build our outreach. We could focus a lot on social service as a way to reach out and witness. One local paper covered the river rafting trip we had sponsored with parents and children in our community. The IOWC team could both experience Montana plus help support the witnessing of the community. We were able to have a seminar along the river after the rafting trip. *The Stillwater County News* stated, on Aug. 26, 1998, "River rafting links parents, kids for a day of fun."

In some other projects, we were able to do community service at the local YWCA, a Baptist community center and neighborhood cleanup. The largest paper in Montana, the *Billings Gazette* covered this with the title, "Unification Church, Volunteers help needy in Billings." It stated in the beginning of the article, "Honoring the spirit of Paul and other great philosophers, a group of international volunteers is spiffing up Billings for the winter." The local YWCA sent out a newsletter statewide informing its members about the work of the Unification Family Church's volunteer work for them. What a great witness.

I believe we have so much to be proud of. Though we may get unfair media coverage sometimes, there is so much good we are doing that we can hold our heads up and be proud of who we are and what we represent. At the end of August, we were able to host an ecumenical service at our church. About ten churches, pastors and congregations converged here for worship. The IOWC team and our local church members could celebrate with so many of our Christian

friends. There is a respect in the grass-roots toward Rev. and Mrs. Moon and our church that even we as members forget to recognize.

I am proud of our local church members and the dedication of the IOWC team as they worked together in witnessing, conducting service projects and hosting seminars in Billings. Twice we gave international singing performances in the local convalescent homes. Seeing our members singing, sharing and embracing the elder residents was both heart-moving and inspiring for both the participant and observer, entertainer and entertanee. We have so much to offer. As the *Billings Gazette* reported, one IOWC member, Chris Saito, stated, "It's a good feeling to help people accomplish something. It sounds basic, but if you donate your time to others, the pleasure really comes back to you."

In conclusion, our lives can be so rich and rewarding. Seeing both new and old friends coming to our center to hear Divine Principle seminars is so encouraging and inspiring. There are many people out in our communities who do appreciate our friendship and others who long to meet one of our church members. Yes, at times persecution is good for our soul. It can strengthen us and help us think more deeply. Nevertheless, I can see we are surely and steadily building faith communities. As we dwell more on what we can each offer to our communities, I believe we will be astounded how much we are not only welcomed but vitally needed. As the *Stillwater County News* reported in the article, "The focus of the group is to help families stay together in the face of social struggles, such as drugs and alcohol." As I work in our community, I realize more and more how much people need our support, our friendship and fellowship, our internal guidance and external role models that so many can offer within our church. As Jesus reminds me again and again, let us not hide our candle under a basket but let it shine for all to see. ♦



IOWC & Montana members, top, cleaning up a Baptist center, center river rafting with guests, and bottom, at the YMCA

UTS Student Wins Templeton Prize

Earlier this year, several students of Dr. Dietrich Seidel's class on Religion and Science at UTS participated in the Templeton Foundation's international essay competition for graduate students on that topic. In August, it was announced that Claude Perrottet had won the fourth prize for his essay entitled *Can Scientific Research Enhance Theology? A Case Study on the Understanding of Mind - Body Uniduality*. The following introduction to Claude's essay provides a summary of its content.

THE MANY FACES OF HUMILITY

by Claude Perrottet—Barrytown, NY

The injunction to be "humble" should certainly be difficult to challenge for anyone dealing with the complexities of present-day scientific research. And yet, past abuses of related concepts, such as that of mystery, by traditional theologies, do raise some doubts. After all, is it not

easy to hide mere ignorance behind a facade of humility before almighty God and his creation?

Our hope, in these lines, is to use the example of neurosciences to show how the "humble approach" advocated by Sir John Templeton makes such reservations superfluous, as long as it is understood as a challenge to the self-content (and self-defeating) attitude of dogmatism that insists it possesses the key to absolute and ultimate revelation.

We are still facing a paradox: as finite, created beings, what claim can we indeed have to ever fully know the infinite something (or somebody) that somehow must be our Origin? And yet, one part of our intuitive self-concept as humans also tells us that we have precisely been created



with the ability to resonate with, and relate to, our universe and its Original Being in the most intimate way. This seems to exclude ignorance.

This particular paradox, though, can be elucidated if we compare our growing knowledge with an expanding sphere. While the content of the sphere (assured knowledge) keeps growing, so does the surface of the sphere, i.e. the interface with the unknown, the beyond.

In a very realistic way, and without any stretch of the imagination, we can thus affirm that with each new answer a host of new questions appears by necessity (not because the answer is incomplete or inaccurate): the more we know, the more we are faced with renewed ignorance. This ignorance, however, appears

as an opportunity for further increase in knowledge, rather than an admission of defeat.

Understood in this way, a theology of humility is closely related to the concept of object-consciousness of Unification Thought. This concept offers a further tool for harmonizing the seemingly contradictory notions of the limits associated to our finitude, and of our potentially unlimited capacity to know, discover, and create. As long as we exist as the visible expression of a Creator, no matter how conceived, the very notion of creation includes both the idea of humility (finitude and submissiveness), and that of inheritance (limitless potential).

At this point, and based upon the assumptions just described, we will proceed with a brief analysis of modern brain research and its implications for a global understanding of the human mind. We will then suggest a possible way of overcoming the dualistic views of mind and brain without resorting to reductionism. ♦

St. Petersburg Prosecutor vs. CARP

by Konstantin Krylov—St. Petersburg, Russia

Starting September 21st, a hearing took place in St. Petersburg City Court on the suit of the City Prosecutor vs. CARP. The court heard the explanations of the Prosecutor, the representative of the local Justice Department of the City Hall who joined the Prosecutor's suit and the objections of the students representing CARP.

The Prosecutor's suit follows a infamous suit brought by anti-cult activists back in 1995 demanding the dissolution of CARP and the payment for compensation of emotional distress in the amount of \$6 million. At that time the St. Petersburg Court for the procedure on the suit accepted the proposed allegations of brainwashing and destroying Russia's people. The problem for the anti-cult movement was that it did not have the legal right to demand the dissolution of the organization. After CARP pointed out this circumstance to the court, the Prosecutor and the Justice Department joined in the process in 1996. Since then neither the Prosecutor's nor the suit of the Justice Department was scheduled for hearing because it was obvious to all that they served as a cover-up for the anti-cultists' process.

The present hearing came as a consequence of the radical changes that took place in the anti-cult case.

First Week

First of all, a Court Psychiatric Expert Examination was requested by the anti-cult activists to prove that due to brainwashing the members of this youth organization had become deeply insane and required forced psychiatric treatment. The examination demonstrated the opposite. Moreover, the psychiatrists, headed by the chief psychiatrist of St. Petersburg, proved that all the examined members of CARP were fully sane and that conflicts in their families originated long before the Unification Church was registered in Russia. The anti-cult activists relied next on a Criminalist Expertise Institute of St. Petersburg. Nevertheless, after studying the documents and publications of the Unification Church and CARP, the examination by this institution proved that there is nothing of a criminal nature in the teachings of these organizations. Later in May 1998 the same anti-cult group lost a court case in Moscow against the Unification Church. That is why the old suit of the St. Petersburg Prosecutor had to be pulled out of the closet. What was its formal basis?

In 1994 a group of student believers decided to register a branch of the Unification Church in St. Petersburg. There immediately came a warning from the Justice Department demanding that they stop religious activities. The stubborn believers nevertheless submitted the request to register their church bylaws in order to have right to rent halls for their services, etc. In response to this, the Justice Department sent a new warning to CARP demanding that they stop religious activities and the Prosecutor solicited the court to dissolve the organization. The students disputed the Justice Department's warning in the court. At the same time the believers of the Uni-

fication Church addressed their complaint to the court about the Justice Department's refusal to register their bylaws.

It became absurd. The public organization CARP is to be dissolved due to its religious activities. At the same time the church community cannot register because its teaching is not recognized as religious.

All this would peacefully be resolved but the failure of the anti-cult group created complications. For example, the court has not dealt with the complaints of the student group and religious community for three years. The chairman of the court explained that the hearing couldn't take place without the documents that still have not been provided by the Justice Department. Now the anti-cult group can be saved through the Prosecutor. The group was called to the court in the summer of 1998 and found a pretext to have the court postpone its hearing until November. The anti-cultists made every possible effort to become witnesses in the Prosecutor's case. It was suddenly scheduled for hearing after three years of inactivity. In reality, if the Prosecutor succeeds in dissolving CARP, it will automatically stop the anti-cult group's case and will also solve the problem of refusal to register the church bylaws in St. Petersburg.

Another issue is whether the Prosecutor has enough of a legal basis to liquidate CARP. The main claims of the Prosecutor have not changed since 1996. These are artificial formalities not required by law, studies of Unification Church teachings (directly stated in the bylaws), no re-registration of the association's bylaws in accordance with the new law "On Public Associations" of 1995. The Justice Department joined these allegations, adding, "the charity programs held by the students violate the law and the organization's bylaws."

The students demonstrated in the court that they fulfill the formal duties, even exceeding the legal requirements. They showed their registered bylaws allow them to carry out charitable activities and studies of Unificationist teaching and the Justice Department had refused to re-register their new bylaws. However, neither the Prosecutor nor the Justice Department changed its claims. At the same time the Justice Department came up with a new argument: It was not aware what kind of philosophy the Unification Principle (the Unification Church teaching) is, even though it had been presented to the Justice Department in 1991 when registering CARP of St. Petersburg. The Judge declined all the questions of the CARP lawyers addressed to the Prosecutor and the Justice Department.

The false claims were not the worst for the students. It was the obstacle to their active work. For several years they have been conducting charity projects for children in orphanages and were committed to taking care of dozens of children.

The court minutes go like this, for example: "If the study of the Unification philosophy is your goal, then why did you stop it? Does it mean that your

organization does not exist anymore?" asks the Prosecutor.

"Your honor," responds the student, "in 1996 the Justice Department considered it an illegal activity. We stopped it until the court considers our complaint about the Justice Department's warning of this and decides if it is legal or not. For now we are focusing our efforts on charity projects, hoping to practice the principles laid down in our bylaws."

"Well," concludes the Prosecutor, "if you do not study the Principle, then you do not need your organization."

One can see the attitude of the Judge just by her refusal to accept into evidence materials and photos confirming the charitable actions of CARP.

Next the questioning of the witnesses began. These are members of an anti-cult group, invited by the Prosecutor, who go from one court to another testifying about the horrors of brainwashing. CARP protested that the witnesses are juridically interested in the solution of the Prosecutor's case and requested the court to dismiss the witnesses. That was rejected

Second Week

The second week of the court hearing began on the 28th of September and was dedicated to questioning the anti-cult activists, who are witnesses

in the court case, and their adult offspring, who are members of CARP. The court also studied the minutes of the members' meetings and membership forms produced by CARP which the Prosecutor alleged that CARP does not have.

The chairperson of the Inter-regional Committee for Salvation from

Totalitarian Sects, and two deputies testified about the horrors of "totalitarian sects" and the harm inflicted to the mental health of their children who "got involved in CARP by fraud." The activists appealed to the judges' patriotism and stressed that their children rejected traditional values, they became religious, quit their jobs and left home. They stated that CARP and the Unification Church were the same entity, which "brainwashes children and submits them to the will of foreigners — the leaders of the sect."

The judge either dismissed the questions of CARP's lawyers to the anti-cult activists or answered these questions herself. The judge refused to accept as evidence the results of the court-psychiatric expert examination of the CARP members. According to its results, the adult children of the witnesses were found to be totally sane. At the same time the court accepted as evidence a letter of Father Oleg Stenyaev, a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church and the head of the Center for Rehabilitation of Victims of Non-Traditional Religions, and various other negative evaluations of the teachings of the Unification Church.

Both the Prosecutor and the Justice Department representative actively supported the anti-cultists. Moreover, the Justice Department officially stated that in 1991 when registering CARP, they had no idea about its ideology.

After a book of Unification Church teachings was presented to the court, the Justice Department said that they are not familiar with it. They could not answer the question about how it was possible then to register an organization that according to its bylaws studied this very book.

Because the anti-cult activists insisted that this literature was harmful, CARP requested the court to accept as evidence a resolution of criminology experts who found no such harm in the literature of CARP. The court refused.

After this the children of the anti-cult activists were questioned. They clarified that they had voluntarily joined and after that left the student association. They explained that when they were members of CARP, they attended its meetings, visited orphanages and took part in other charitable programs, and studied the teachings of the Unification Church. All this was in accordance with the bylaws of CARP. Their testimonies did not help the Prosecutor dissolve CARP and the judge began asking them why they changed their system of values. One witness testified that the Prosecutor calls her mother every day and discusses the development of this court case. The judge interfered and said that these calls have to do with informing the witness about the time of their interrogation. However, the witness pointed out that this would not have taken 30 to 40 minutes every day, as the conversations actually took. She also stated that the funding for the Committee for Salvation from Totalitarian Sects, according to her mother comes from the City Hall of St. Petersburg. Her testimony was stopped at that point.

The defendant expressed the opinion that the court is biased, referring to the judge's negative statements toward the Unification Church, the judge's juridical assistance to the plaintiff and the Justice Department's inability to answer the defendant's questions. As a result, CARP demanded that the judge be dismissed. The court refused.

Nevertheless, the next day the judge gave the Prosecutor two months, requiring the Prosecutor to specify the claims of the dissolution suit and postponed the case until Nov. 30.

Let us conclude. After two weeks of the court hearing, submission of all the evidence and interrogation of all the witnesses invited by the Prosecutor, no basis for the dissolution of CARP were established. The Prosecutor received an extension and an opportunity to reformulate the dissolution claim. CARP was obliged by the court to submit further documents, which are not required by any law. Among those are the registration documents of the Unification Church in Russia and the USA, the list of missionaries of the Unification Church in St. Petersburg, the list of members of St. Petersburg CARP throughout the history of its existence, including information about their addresses, jobs and occupations. It appears that the Prosecutor will continue looking for compromising material against CARP. While the Prosecutor demanded the dissolution of CARP in March 1996 they have not provided proof by September 1998, and need still more time to prepare.

Your prayers for victory over this unjust challenge will be most appreciated, ♦

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Spiritual Growth on the Pure Love Tour '98: Japan and Korea

by Victoria Onishi Wilding—Blaine, WA

Imagine marching in line under pouring monsoon rain with 300 other people. Sound like the army? Close. This is what it was like during many of our marches during the Pure Love '98 tour across Japan and Korea. It was an all-out war against Free Sex. Dressed in our blue "PLA" (Pure Love Alliance) caps, Pure Love '98 T-shirts and blue shorts, we were ready to fight with our banners, placards and slogans, such as "One love, one life, one man, one wife!" In less than three weeks we hit five cities in Japan and three in Korea, blitzkrieg-style, then concluded it all with an intense three days at Chung Pyung Lake. Although it was tough physically, as we were always on the go, this year's tour was not only an eye-opening cultural experience, but a heart-moving life experience.

Our first and most important city in Japan was Tokyo. The outcome of the Tokyo rally would set the tone for the rest of the Japanese cities. Hundreds showed up at Yoyogi Park in the heart of Tokyo and proved to be a loyal and supportive crowd even under the heavy rain. I had the honor of being chosen as the student speaker from America. Actually, I had volunteered the night before, prepared the speech that morning in less than 30 minutes, and then just prayed desperately as I awaited my turn to go on stage. As the rally schedule kept changing by the minute, I wasn't even certain that I would give my speech until one minute prior to going on stage. I felt that through my being able to keep a prayerful heart however, God let me give my speech and helped me do it with much confidence and passion. The rally in Tokyo was a success. The Associated Press covered our event, allowing news of the Pure Love Alliance in Tokyo to be in newspapers all over the globe. In fact, we got more media coverage there than at any other rally in Japan.

People's eyes

The Tokyo rally was followed by a rally in Osaka (held indoors) and one in Nagoya. After each rally, we marched through the busy downtown streets of these cities, attracting much attention from skeptical young people. As I stared

into these people's eyes, I kept a smiling face to inspire them about purity, but deep inside my heart was crying out. Sometimes tears almost did surface, as I thought of how much God loves and longs for each and every one of them. As my brothers and sisters, I felt I missed them and loved them so much, too. I just wished that they could come back home, back home to God's love. As I thought of this my heart always became more desperate to spread this message of abstinence before marriage and fidelity within to all of Japan and the world.

In Hiroshima, I was privileged to be able to act upon my heart's desire by collecting signatures for the "Pure Love Pledge" from people on the streets during the march there. Even though that morning we had seen how silent the city had been some 53 years earlier after the A-bomb had been dropped, that afternoon there were so many people coming and going in such a hurry, I didn't know whom to approach first. I did approach many people but few even smiled and fewer still stopped to listen and sign the pledge. Once again I had a taste of God's heart.

There was more of a joyful spirit at our last Japanese rally, held in Fukuoka. Everyone patiently endured the hour-and-a-half long rally sitting in the blazing sun, then gave their best during this final march in Japan. The chanting grew louder towards the end turning into a celebration of our victory. The president of the PLA, Mr. Robert Kittel, announced that although we had very little media coverage, we were able to meet several high-ranking government officials in the education department and discuss the issue of pure love. He also mentioned that our victory was each participant's personal growth. Indeed, many of us hit our limitations during the stay in Japan. But, we quickly learned to be grateful, for instance, to never ask what you're eating, just eat it and be glad to have a place to sleep, even under a grand piano in a sleep-

ing bag with two other people in it. In fact, we had the opportunity to share our experiences until then in the form of skits and songs on the ferry between Fukuoka and Pusan, Korea.

Screaming for purity

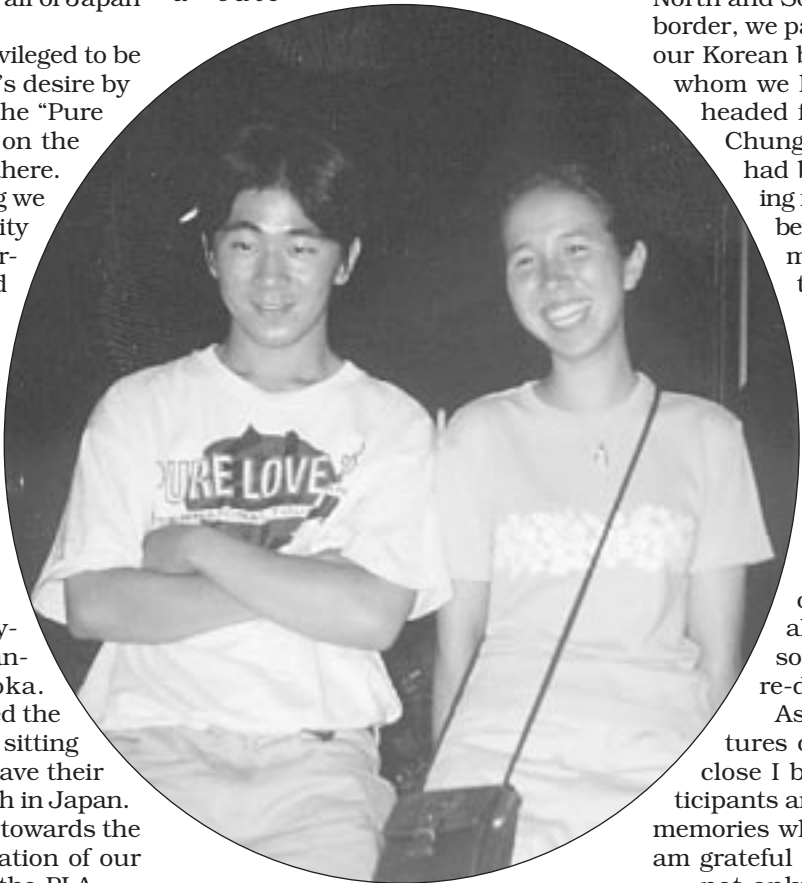
The atmosphere was completely different in Korea. From the outside the country seemed a bit untidy. However, the Korean PLA members, who hosted the rallies, were bursting with enthusiasm. For example, they had created a cute

television after the Pusan rally.

Even after all the rallies and marches were over we received many blessings. First, we received from True Mother a personal breakfast invitation to Han Nam Dong (True Parents' home in Seoul) at which time Hoon Sook Nim gave us a moving talk before flying to Russia for a ballet competition. Then we had the chance to see North Korea from a park along the border. There we held a special ceremony during which we prayed for the unification of North and South Korea. As we left the border, we parted, some in tears, with our Korean brothers and sisters with whom we had built close ties, and headed for our final destination, Chung Pyung lake. Although we had been yelling and screaming for purity for several weeks before going to Chung Pyung, many of us were not living the ideal lifestyle of purity, as Dae Mo Nim told us. However, the three-day workshop allowed us to take a deep look inside of ourselves, and to truly repent and purify our spirits. To me, this workshop was the best way to end the tour and prepare to face life in a world of free sex, because it allowed much time for personal reflection, prayer and re-determination.

As I look through my pictures of the tour, I realize how close I became to the other participants and that together we made memories which will last a lifetime. I am grateful for the experience I had, not only in reaching out to the youth of Japan and Korea, but in stretching my heart to embrace the people I ate, slept and bathed with each day. Pure Love '98 gave me profound understanding of the importance of purity and the determination to practice purity in its complete sense, and I can't wait for all the new experiences I'll have on Pure Love '99, wherever it will take me!

Victoria was blessed with Mr. Tomihiro Onishi (second son of Mr. and Mrs. Kunihiro Onishi, 777 Blessing) in June 13, 1998 at Madison Square Garden in New York. ♦



Victoria with husband, Tomihiro, in Japan with the PLA tour

song and dance about purity to be sung between acts during the rallies and at the conclusion of each rally they burned a hand-made "Free Sex Man" to signify the end of free sex. We rallied in Pusan, Taejon and Seoul, and as the Korean people have a strong sense of family values ingrained in their culture, we seemed more welcomed by the public and the media than in Japan and were even broadcast on national

Word Poem

Mortal man maimed by tempest treason
Scarlet scions searing steadfast reason
Tulips transpire tuneful odors
Beguiling breezes brush baleful boulders
Paradise proposes perplexing paradox
Misbegotten mind mocks heaven's fox
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What did Chung Pyung Lake mean to me up until February 1998? I was never really sure. When I left for Europe with American Music Abroad (an international high school choir) in June 1996, my parents were just who they were. When I got back a month later, I was taken up to Camp Sunrise, where they were finishing up directing the Second Generation camp and agonizing over whether they would become National Messiahs. The next week I went to visit my friend Romin Johnson at the World Mission Center. In the middle of the visit I got a call from my mom that she was going to Korea and would see me in six weeks! That meant enduring my dad's cooking (mostly beans and other healthy stuff), so I extended my visit to the Johnsons, made visits home only when I really missed my dad, and ate out as much as possible.

I was really happy to see my mom again; school shopping had been miserable and I was out of Burger King money. She had written me letters about angels and trees and the Water of Life—not at all like the down-to-earth woman I knew. She seemed to have enjoyed herself, even though she had written that she was doing a seven-day fast. She came home much thinner and more lively than I remember her being. She was bubbling about our new mission as National Messiahs to Argentina. Even though he had agreed to an overseas mission before Mom left, my dad walked around shaking his head and declaring that he wasn't going to just dash off on some dang-fool mission; he was responsible for the family, he had just gotten a new job that he couldn't walk away from, and he just didn't know about 40 days in Korea. Mom was unemployed and who would take care of us while he was gone? But his good friends "Uncle" Adruma Victoria (NM-Kenya), "Uncle" Anthony Aparo (NM-Thailand) and Dr. Kevin Pearson (NM-Malta) who had attended Chung Pyung with my mom, as well as Dr. Daniel Cabrera, went to work on him; and just before Oct. 1, he announced simply that he was leaving, told me to take care of Mom, kissed her good-bye, and took the train to the plane.

Life Without Dad

We always had a spiritual life at home. We did Pledge, held morning service, as we lived a distance from a center, and prayed before our meals. In spurts, we would read a few paragraphs of Divine Principle before I left for school. But now, Mom went into overdrive. She led prayer and every night we lit our candle, prayed together for Dad's support and our new mission, and sang Tong Il. She absolutely inundated me with travelogues and books about Argentina. She went to work at a bank in town, and just from inspiration I would walk by every evening as they were closing and we would walk home together or take the bus to the mall and just look around. She talked a lot about Chung Pyung Lake and her experiences there, as did "Uncle" Adruma.

Dad has always been one to talk about insights, rather than actual experiences; but his telephone conversations seemed to go from "I-came-here-



for-Mom" to personal experience. I know my dad; I was impressed. As time passed, Mom grew increasingly restless. Uncle Adruma had left for Kenya. Dr. Pearson had left for Malta. She began to become anxious about at least visiting Argentina; she said she or Dad needed to go by the end of the year. Fat chance! The stack of bills we had amassed was going down slowly and Mom had her little job; but people were constantly calling from Dad's job to know when he was coming back. He had worked only two months before he left, but Mom had insisted that if he had faith the job would be there for him when he returned. And I was seeing miracles happen every day. A check would arrive unexpectedly in the mail. We'd get an invite to dinner. Our next-door-neighbor, Rev. Nicholas Pierce, would knock to say he'd made too much food to fit his refrigerator, and could we use it? A ten-dollar bill would turn up in someone's old sweater. And when Dad came back, not only was his job waiting for him, but they later paid him for the time he was at Chung Pyung Lake! Mom seemed to have no concern that she would not arrive in Argentina before the end of the year.

"Aunt" Linda Perry called one evening to tell her that True Parents would be receiving the National Messiahs in Montevideo, Uruguay, which is just across the river from Buenos Aires. She really wanted to go, but there really was no way; VISA was trying to decide if we deserved to live or if it was time for the hit-men to come shoot off our kneecaps. Mom prayed the next morning, "Heavenly Father, you know I'd like to go, but I don't have a way that I know of to get there. If You want me to go, I know I'll get there; otherwise, I'll just wait on You." An hour later, the phone rang. It was Mrs. Philippa Clarke, then of Harlem Center, asking if Mom had heard that entertainment was being sought for the program at Montevideo, and performers could go all expenses paid. I couldn't go with her, because it was Midterms week.

Education

Now that I had two parents on fire for God and the mission, I had to remain calm. I put my foot down about one thing: I was going to finish high school before I left for South America. I had just entered my junior year of high school, and these folks were talking about leaving a.s.a.p. I brought the subject up at a pow-wow following Pledge and morning service, and my parents, who tend to think very much alike, said almost in unison, "So hurry up and get out; go to summer school."

Therefore, I doubled up on my cours-

es, stopped playing around, and started studying. I took three courses in summer school in 1997, even though I hadn't failed anything. I got a job working evenings and weekends in a clothing store, so that I could help out by taking care of myself financially. I took a college course to supplement my high school course needs. There were fringe benefits, of course; I had the coolest clothes (at a 30% discount, yet) and moved around so much that I had to get my own car. No complaints there! Mom had a full-time job in the city by now, and I was asleep when she and Dad left in the morning and asleep when they came back at night. We'd try to call each other during the day, but it was a busy time.

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ADVENTURES OF THE SECOND GENERATION

Life on the Lake

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Sad Good-byes

I think it had just been kind of understood that I would go to Chung Pyung Lake before I went to South America. After all, my parents had gone to qualify for the mission, and I am the Second Generation Abel National Messiah, so I should qualify, too. "When" had always been the question; but the Public School System of Beacon, New York solved that one for me. I was informed in September that I would have enough credits to graduate in January 1998, three months



Among the Chung Pyung trees with "Uncle" Jack LaValle

before my 17th birthday. The time came up so suddenly that one morning I got up and realized high school was over. The next day my mom took me Chung Pyung shopping. I would be going from Feb. 20 to March 31—hardly the balmiest season! I wanted the physical challenge, though, and agreed to go then. I would miss my old friends at school, especially my chorus mates. I felt sad that I would maybe never see them again, and wouldn't have the chance for a proper "good-bye".

One Friday evening Mom brought Kevin Brabazon Jr. over to spend the weekend. This was highly unusual; I hadn't made any plans with Kevin. Then Romin Called to say he was going to "stop by." We went to the mall, and I ran into my choir friend, Jijo Thomas, who said something to my mom. I guess I was just in a "thick" mood; I didn't think anything of it. Uncle Adruma, Aunt Fiona, and their children, Justin, Alex, Ashia and Kiah, were at the house when we arrived, and Rev. Pierce volun-

teered to drive us to the China Buffet for lunch. We had just gotten there when a couple of my school friends came in. Dad called them over. Then two more came in. Some of our neighbors came, and a whole bunch of kids from my choir. Then came Uncle John Gehring and his daughter, Hye Won. Hey—don't they live in New Jersey somewhere? Why would they come to Poughkeepsie for lunch? When my school choir director Bruce Simmons walked in, I at last became suspicious: my parents had reserved a section of the restaurant and invited everyone they could think of to say "" to me and wish me well on my journey. We had a wonderful time. My friends and neighbors gave testimony to my influence in their lives or their wishes for me. My parents talked about the blessing of having such a son who was obedient (most of the time) and determined to have a successful life. Then it was my turn to speak. I was shaking as I talked about my gratitude to God and my family for the support they had given me and my friends for their loyalty to me. I vowed to make them proud of knowing me. I think I said a number of other things, too; but I was caught in the moment and don't recall it all. We all toasted and they gave me cards and gifts. While everyone was happy for me, some of them cried and cried. My friend Matt later told my mom, "I hate Al; why? Because he didn't take me with him."

Countdown

The next week was filled with packing and boxing; not just for me, but also for my parents, who were moving out of our two-bedroom apartment in a very nice complex to one tiny room in the New Yorker, so that they could save money. I felt sad for them as my friends and I moved their things into a small space; but I also felt the enormity of their seriousness about the mission.

Next I went for shots. I was not only going to Korea, but also for the

pioneer experience in Bangkok, Thailand with the Aparos after my training and before returning to the U.S. Then there were visas, pictures....

I had heard that haircuts were not allowed at Chung Pyung, and since my hair grows fast, I had no desire to come back looking like Hanson. Uncle Adruma agreed to cut it for me. I was going to get it cut short; but then I got inspired. I would have my head shaved. I felt it was a good spiritual condition to make; to arrive at Chung Pyung without vanity. I had heard, as well, that spirits like to cling to the hair, so I decided to give them no place to hang out. Of course, I regretted it a little the next day, especially as the wind was really whipping and there was nothing for a cap to cling to, either. I decided I'd never let another bald man give me a haircut!

My parents took me out to dinner several times; I think they forgot they had done it the night before, and we just kept going. No complaints, though. The last night, Mom, Dad, Uncle Adruma and Kevin Brabazon Jr. drove to Kennedy for my flight. They had arranged for Uncle

and Beyond

John Doroski to be my seat companion and to keep an eye out for me while I was in Korea, for which I was grateful. I was never big on flying alone; of course, now I've done it so often that I don't think about it. I started to feel even a little adventurous as I saw other members arrive. My parents introduced me to many of the people, who knew me, though I didn't know them. A few minutes before flight time, we gathered in a circle and prayed together. Each person hugged me and told me how proud they were of me, and how brave I was for going off on this spiritual adventure at 16. Then it was time to go.

Immigration was returning a criminal to Seoul on my flight. They had handcuffed him, and he passed me as I turned to raise my hands in a Mansei response to my family, who were Manseizing like crazy on the other side of the security glass. It was the last thing I saw as I entered the ramp to the plane.

Seoul City

What can I say? It was a plane flight. We watched some movies, I talked with Uncle John some, and slept some. I wondered what was going to happen next. My parents had loaded me down with Hoon Dok Hae books, advised me to get a bottle for my Water of Life, and warned me not to touch the trees or go to the mountain late at night. Mom had carefully put money in envelopes for me (for transportation, touring, workshop fee—I was particularly interested in the one marked “Daily Expenses—don't spend more than \$4/day.” Uncle John maneuvered us through immigration and onto the buses for our participants, and we were on our way.

I was very happy to see Su-jin Bowman there, doing the full 40 days as I was. I did wonder if everyone would be 50, and I would be the only kid. What a relief! Su-jin is 19 years old, and wanted to go to Chung Pyung Lake before starting college. I had seen her before at summer camp, but we had never spoken to each other. At Chung Pyung we became good friends, and she suggested that I write my Chung Pyung memoirs for the U.News.

The tents gave the area the appearance of an army barracks, with tents everywhere. If I thought of myself as being in Army boot-camp, it was easier to get up at 6am every day and keep up a busy schedule until I fell into bed—er, bag—late at night. It snowed a couple of times, which made a beautiful landscape, but climbing the mountain every day became quite a challenge. To meet that challenge, I decided to climb up three times every day. My favorite tree was the Tree of Loyalty; I felt a special peace there, and always paused a little longer beneath it. There were certainly some exceptions; but most days, for meals we had kim-chee and rice, except for those days when we had rice and kim-chee.

I was looking forward to meeting Dae-mo Nim/Mrs. Kim, but in a way the thought was a little scary. Could she

read my mind? Was she going to be critical of me? One afternoon I was in prayer at the Divine Principle reading, and I suddenly got the urge to look up. She was looking right into my eyes, and she smiled.



My 17th birthday in Bangkok with the Aparos.

Our workshop was pretty small, except on weekends, when hundreds of people came from Japan and Korea. My group was small, too; besides Su-jin, my group consisted of Dave Kurpitch, Jack LaValle, and my adopted uncle and aunt, Jack and Claudine. We all became very close and knew each other well by the end of the workshop. As for the repetitions of singing and reading Divine Principle, well, my group read through eight times. I could see how the spirits would get bored and leave.

I had heard that diseases and illnesses are often caused by negative spirits which cling to our bodies. I had suffered from pretty bad asthma for some time, but as a leap of faith I had left my machine at home and brought only a pump. One day I realized that I was breathing deeply and without any trouble. I was climbing the mountain with ease, even though the air was cold. Suddenly I was able to run without getting winded. Several months later I visited a lung specialist, who found absolutely no trace of asthma. I had been healed. I gave out some happy shouts, did a little dance, and dedicated myself to an increase in activity which this healing was allowing me to do.

Many people asked me what it was like to be at Chung Pyung Lake at 16, without my parents. I would never say that it was easy, but I did enjoy it. I would recommend the experience, especially for the young person who wishes to experience

God and True Parents first-hand. It was a hardship; but in hindsight, I came to appreciate the experience, and even to miss it.

Beautiful Bangkok

The idea of my pioneering after Chung Pyung also just was there. Uncle Tony Aparo had been a friend of my parents for a long time, and he had recently come through Beacon while visiting from Thailand. When his family accepted my family's request that I visit them “on my way” from Seoul, I was happy for the opportunity to see him again, but I didn't know his children, Vince, Alex and Hannah, and I wasn't sure what to expect.

The flight was the most miserable I had experienced in recent years. There must have been a monsoon, or something, going on outside; there was a lot of turbulence, and people around me were looking concerned. I was starting to search through my seat pocket for the barf bag, when we finally landed.

It was the middle of the night. Would anyone be up? Would they be there to meet me? What about the confusion of the International Date Line?

Had they been there the night before? But there was Uncle Tony. I really wanted just to drop into bed, and it was a joy to have one, after 40 nights of intense floor-sleeping. But I was also curious about this new place I was in. Say—isn't this where they made Mortal Kombat? So where was the Emerald Buddha?

Thailand is a thoroughly modern town, with lots of high-rise buildings, just like New York. The only difference is that everyone is shorter than I, and everyone has straight black hair. But every once in a while one saw some sign of ancient Thailand; I was playing handball on the roof of a condo, for instance, when the ball sailed off the roof and into the river. As I looked over the railing, I spied a magnificent junk, sails flut-

tering, gliding by, and I thought This ain't America!

The Thai people were very open to receiving the Blessing. Uncle Tony would periodically take us to the villages around Bangkok, where we would meet with the village leaders and receive permission to give the pre-Blessing. If the village chief said to do it, the people followed. Soon I was blessing people like an old pro; I blessed several thousand people there. It was easy. It was even fun.

A Brief Trip Home

It was hard for me to leave Thailand for the return trip home, even though I

missed my parents. I had grown so close to the Aparos that at times I called them “mom” and “dad”, and I thought of their children as my own siblings. The country was very beautiful, and the people were very wonderful. It was definitely not New York!

New York was abuzz with Blessing activity. I arrived in time for a brief trip home to pre-Bless my maternal aunt and her children and a next-door neighbor from our old apartment. My parents were now living in a single room at the World Mission Center, and I spent most of my time with the Victorias and the Johnsons. I was able to find a mini-mission as an usher at Madison Square Garden, and I was able to rehearse with the 2,000-voice choir. We then traveled to Chicago, where we spent a few days with Jack and June Kiburz and Caleb and Renee Thompson and their children. They saw me off at the airport. Late I heard that they saw my plane as it was about to taxi down the runway, and raced alongside it on the highway for as long as they could until the plane left the ground and disappeared into the clouds. I didn't know their prayers and cheers were rising with me as I left America.

A Mission Of My Own

Montevideo, Uruguay is a bustling and beautiful city. I was very excited to see our ship sitting at the dock. As I spoke with David Rogers, who heads up the Atenil, S.A. project, and with the ship's Captain Hull, I had visions of being a part of launching this great vessel on its first mission.

However, I was attacked by a very tiny “Satan”: a flu virus. After only a few days of greasing great pistons even larger than my body, I found I could not breathe and was coughing all the time. I thought my asthma might be returning. I was always cold (July is winter in the Southern Hemisphere), and I felt miserable. Fortunately, I have an aunt and a great-uncle in Montevideo, who took me into their homes and nursed me. Other crew members were ill, as well. This flu lingered and lingered and seemed to threatening to drag me off to the spirit world. It was just awful! My parents, my relatives and the Atenil staff decided that it would be wisest to send me to Argentina to recover, so I was soon off on a boat.

What's a 17-year-old supposed to do in a foreign country alone and with no direction? Why, to quote my dad, to wit-ness, of course. I was soon off to the streets, giving the pre-Blessing to everyone in sight. Within a week or two I had pre-Blessed more than 2,000 people. I was feeling better, so I went back to Uruguay and Atenil. This time, I was involved in computer data-gathering, which was great fun and taught me a lot.

My visa was about to expire, so I returned to the United States, where I found my mom in the end-stages of her job and my dad working seven days a week. They were serious about this mission! That made it difficult for me to just sit around. After a quick trip upstate to pre-Bless my school friends, their siblings, parents and grandparents, I helped the Victoria family for a week, and then went to Washington DC, where I found restoration work with a Church mission.

My mother will be leaving for Argentina very soon, and I shall be going with her. I'm sure there will be a lot of exciting adventures in the summers ahead—Blessing, college, missions and professions. If this vacation is any gauge, however, I'd better keep my passport current! ❖

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With the “China Buffet” crowd: all second generation or pre-Blessed

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One Mind Focus, written by True Father with bold Chinese characters, hanging on the wall at East Garden, has a very deep meaning. To have this quality at a moment's notice may be like imagining what it is to uncover the true potential of our pure original selves. We are all like an uncut gem that is being asked to be revealed. True Father urged many times for the blessed children to study an instrument. To practice repeatedly to master an instrument is like cutting away at a stone by hand until the beautiful facets sparkle as in a diamond. Tests have proven that an activity as playing an instrument requires intense focus; therefore, it stimulates the brain cells to work at an optimum level. Why then don't more children master this art? Most people would answer, "Because our children don't have talent". Unfortunately, it takes more than just talent.

When True Mother was a young girl, one of her desires was to take piano lessons. It was natural that she wanted to give all her children this opportunity. When I arrived at East Garden in 1986, Mother gave me the mission of teaching piano lessons. I didn't know then that Heavenly Father would reveal to me that through this mission, I was to come up with a "new formula" to help children to practice piano. Enjoying the process would be a definite "plus" in contributing towards them becoming wonderful pianists.

My first two students were 10 and 11 years old and had been studying for a few years with other teachers but, after hearing them play, I knew they had some ways to go before piano would become a fun thing for them to do.

They understood my explanation of techniques to develop freedom in playing and were both brimming with talent. The problem was both of them had difficulty reading notes. When going to the music store, I looked for music that was fairly easy to play as well as satisfying to their taste. In the classics, there were a few Bach pieces that they liked and were within their piano capability, but most of the music that would help develop their coordination skills, were few and far between. Before too much time elapsed, I found I was very unsuccessful in helping them read notes without their getting frustrated. Mostly this was so because they had to remember too many notes at once to be able to play their intermediate level music. I finally concluded that

the note reading habit has to be established in the beginning stages of learning piano. Sun Jin-nim and Kwon Jin-nim would be prone to neglect this area only because they caught the melody quickly through listening because they were born with what the musicians call a "good ear".

My next two student's instrument was the violin. They, being also blessed with "good ears" and taking the Suzuki method that emphasized ear training rather than note reading, were also in need of help. They had the advantage of age on their side. They were young enough (6 and 8 yrs. old) that I might have some success teaching them note reading via the piano The first thing I did was compose a song that they could sing to learn the "nasty notes!" that eluded them. This was the start of composing many pieces that eventually I would publish. The first book called 21 Winners, Op. 10 for Beginners was published, using the precious "seed" money that True Parents presented to me in 1987 after Shin Won's birth. True Father asked me to continue to publish more books. I eagerly took on the task to complete and publish 74 more piano solos. Father's idea at that time was that

I do this so that eventually, it will go out to the whole world. What an inspiring idea that was!

The opportunity for trying a different and more simplified way of teaching a young child would occur to me. I introduced the piano keyboard by pointing out only 5 alphabet letter keys located in the middle of the piano. They were Middle C, D, E, F, and G. They were given names as follows: cat, do-nut, elephant, fish and "good", meaning "Good, you now know 5 keys!" I made standing billboard style cards with the animals etc. pasted on them and I would ask my students to place them on the proper keys.

After he knew the keys well, I presented him with a sheet of paper divided into 8 squares. I wrote a song choosing, for the right hand, any of the 5 alphabet letters mentioned above and for the left thumb, the G below middle C. With the right hand letters written "high" inside the square and the left hand note "low" in the square, there was no confusion. Because most children are right handed, they can manage to play any of the 5 notes without too much problem. The left hand being more awkward, playing with only the left thumb would give their playing the "balance" necessary to help them in their coordination of both hands for future playing. I found his facility developed rapidly because he was focused only on one thing. That was connecting the specific alpha-

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bet letter to the piano key that had that name.

By having to do the "see-saw" action from right hand to left hand, he was able to achieve the "relaxation technique" more quickly. I was happy that this particular range in the piano was easy for him to sing. Rhythm by singing became a part of his whole being when the half notes became "squat notes, the quarter notes "walk" notes, the eighth notes "running" and the whole notes "touch the bench" notes or "sit down" if it's at the end of the song. In this way, Shin Myung was able to have fun by thoroughly understanding the two very important aspects of the early stages of playing piano, relaxation technique and counting. His hands began to look as if they were doing a dance, rhythmically bouncing back and forth. Thus, the book, Music Letter Names, was born.

Note reading

The next big step was not impossible when I introduced note reading through the book, NOTES, Our Friends, Op. 19. It was easy to transfer his playing skills in C position to reading the notes on the music staff in the same C position. He surprised himself when he could apply the written notes to his playing so quickly. His parents were also surprised at his sudden progress. If he ever forgot the name of the notes, I would start singing the Note Song and he would finish the song with

me and proceed to tell me the correct notes without missing a beat. This is how easy it is for children to latch on to something difficult when it is through song.

Shin Won who had been studying with a Russian teacher before he came to me was playing intermediate level music at the time he bruised his left "pinkie" playing ball. I decided to

use this time to test his sight-reading through these simple 5 finger C position songs. later, his sincere comment was, "This book is simple and enjoyable!" This was a sign that signaled to me that many children would have the same reaction. We don't know what kind of gem we can uncover unless we give every child a chance to become successful in the early stages so he can make a decision whether he wants to continue piano or not. Note reading should be an adventure of meeting new friends and looking forward to their becoming their best friends. When I heard that my student's younger sisters or brothers were dancing and singing with the music, I began to see that this music was infectious. Their relaxation

approach imbued rhythm to the music and their note reading gave them confidence. My plan was taking "root".

Relaxation

The next question was how can I initiate enthusiasm from teachers to incorporate this kind of teaching? They could use my books and help their students from "alphabet letter reading" to "note reading" but they wouldn't know how to teach them the "relaxation technique". If this isn't taught in the early years, they would develop what the professionals call, pianists' syndrome; their fingers

would be "tight" and their rhythm "stilted". With this kind of emergency, I thought I must make a video. One day, a mother, who was in my choir and knew how to play piano, asked me to teach her daughter. My schedule

was filled up; however, I knew I could not refuse her. My heart responded to her because she would always tell me how much she loved music, so much so that she couldn't stop singing a song I had composed for the choir. Trying to solve the problem of already having too many students, I hoped that I could train her to be my future teacher under me. I told her I would teach her daughter on the condition that she would videotape the lessons, study my teaching style and eventually take over teaching her daughter. She happily agreed.

As we started working together, I was surprised she was so creative with the camera angles. I found her comments helpful for improving the quality of the video. She, in turn, was so enraptured with any ideas that had to do with my music dreams that she would literally force me to stay for lunch so she could hear more. It was a wonderful creative time for me with her by my side. For the introduction to be aesthetically beautiful, she took scenes of Mother's rose garden in full bloom and the majestic pine trees at East Garden. I was anticipating making more videos after we finished the first one because this "tool for teaching" is a wonderful way to quickly spread this kind of teaching. I taped a song called, Circle of Love which I had composed for Sun Jin-nim and this provided the background music for this opening scenery. When I donated a set of my music and this completed video to the music director of Hackley school, she was elated to understand what was wrong with her piano technique by watching this video. I wanted to share this victory with my devoted camera lady and friend, but Heavenly Father took her to Spirit world before I could do so.

The ultimate testing of my theory of teaching came with Shin Yeon. I was



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teaching Shin Eh and Shin Won in the music room at East Garden when Shin Yeon, taken by their music making, would come in every week, begging to also be taught. At that time, she was not yet 6 years old. After spending a few minutes with her, I realized she needed a little more time to physically develop the coordination demands of playing the piano. I told her to wait until she was 7; however, I explained I would spend 5 minutes every week just to teach her the “letter names” of the piano keys and the “relaxation” feeling. She was happy just for a “tidbit” of what piano was about. As she approached her 7th birthday, I knew that she understood everything I was saying because she is a very bright girl, but she still could not play without fumbling. At that time, everything I wrote had to be xeroxed and one song, Snowflakes was her downfall. She couldn’t handle it and so was willing to wait a little longer. My conclusion was that maybe she would be better off pursuing sports or some other instrument.

In the fall of that same year, I hoped Shin Yeon would have forgotten about piano but when I saw her, she asked again about lessons. I really was moved that she was so persistent. To teach her on a regular basis was difficult because suddenly she would have to take a trip with either True Parents or her father, so I was not expecting her to do too well. To my amazement, she took off like a bird with wings fully developed. Her brain had finally connected to her fingers! The astonishment on her face was something I will always remember. She could now play Snowflakes without any problem. From that day on, whether she was sick with a fever or had just come back from a trip and was tired, she came to her lesson and was willing to even come twice a week to “make up”. Her “relaxation approach” is so natural and “right” that this sound which I call the “window into one’s soul”, makes her piano playing very pleasing to everyone who hears her. There is a reason that I went into such detail about Shin Yeon. She proved to me again that 7 years old is the most advantageous year to start piano lessons. To find out more about the history behind my conclusions, please read my book, *Piano Teaching with Love*, Op. 15. I outline what the 3 age groups are for optimum natural development of the children’s skills in piano playing. Of course, I hope you understand that there are always exceptions to the rule, possibly one in a million. These children do not need to be addressed because they will learn despite any circumstance, bad teacher or no teacher.

My thanks go to all the True Children and True Grandchildren in my 11 year venture to publish the *Children’s Piano Course*. There was no question in my mind that these solos would be helpful to other children because they were written for a most critical group of children. What flair and emotion they brought to the music when they were touched by the music! On some occasions, they would say something that would bring the comfort to my heart that I needed to continue working at this task. I remember the

times I failed to write at their level and then, I had a crying child. A child’s expression and opinion of something is always so spontaneous and honest that I could only gain by taking their reactions very seriously. Thus, they helped me compose better music, more conducive to their liking and ultimately, they felt more successful. I told Father in the spring of 1993 that I completed the children’s course. He put his signature on my last and final book.

The story should end here and I could say I’m finished. Wrong! When I was in full swing teaching Shin Won and Shin Eh, I found it necessary to compose more songs for them. After 5 years of not publishing music, the piano solos started to pile up on my shelf and in 1998, I suddenly received a strong message that I must continue to expand this children’s course to print more Level 2, 3, and 4 music. An example of what would happen when I would get a notion to compose was as follows: Shin Eh came to a lesson one day and said she was going to be a flower girl for Hyung Jin-nim and Young Jin-nim’s wedding. This was a time to write *Wedding Piano Solos* spreading the essence of love. *Dressed in White, Wedding Cake, Wedding Bells and Wedding Wish*, although written for children, I knew even adult beginners would enjoy playing them. I could write a message



through Wedding Wish to the “public at large” with words of love and God. God could become an integral part of many people and children’s lives through their hearts responding to this music. Shin Won, being a boy, wanted solos that celebrated Haraboji’s victories so the music is dramatic. Others evoke adventure, turbulence or celebration with the songs, *New Adventure, Twister, and I’m Now*! Shin Won told me last week that he wants to make drawings to enhance the titles of these songs. To him, he feels he is an integral part of my project. To have him express his desire to offer his talent was another unspoken victory for the project. These solos became incorporated in the books called, *Sharing Time Piano Solos*.

Again, I found that when love is given, it has a way of coming back. Yun Shim Kim, my niece and student since 9 years old, became my first student teacher. She

was a “whiz” at computer and helped me by doing the computer work for the first two 1998 books. Although I thought I would never learn how to operate a computer, especially engraving music, she gave me one lesson and with trial and error, I began to engrave the more difficult level 2, 3 and 4 piano solos. I am finding that my personally being involved with the engraving process gives me the luxury of changing the notes any time I want. The computer is sitting next to my piano but after completing the notes, I don’t have to move over to the piano to test it. All I do is point to the icon button that says, “play” and I can hear it exactly as I engraved it. What a time saver this is! I never ever have to hand-write the changes anymore! I remember the many years of losing sleep because I couldn’t make any changes after the music was sent to the engraver. Last but not least, Jin Hong Park, Yun Shim’s brother-in-law and now my relative through her marriage, got “snagged” by Yun Shim to do the cover designs. What a heart he has! I can only say that his generosity in offering his talents was the only way I could complete this most difficult but important project.

To come full circle to what I mentioned in the beginning about why Father repeatedly emphasizes the importance of discipline, I think he does so because discipline (persistent practice) is challenging in this day and age because of the many distractions we are bombarded with. In my case, coming from a family of 8 girls and one boy, we all took lessons. I was one of the girls that really “loved” music, according to my mom. When love of music is that pronounced, it usually means that a “gift from God” was given and so I had an obligation to develop this gift. Working at it means I had to make choices to give it priority. Also I was faced with difficult obstacles or circumstances. There were times I wanted the best teacher who could make a difference in my playing, but as a full time university student, I had a partial scholarship but it didn’t cover paying for piano lessons. I needed to find a job but I had to fit this job into my schedule. I auditioned for a job accompanying ballet which required I play non-stop for 3 hours. I was accepted. It was tiring to play “forte” (loud) to help the dancers in the “lifts” and the “grande battements” but it helped pay for my music lessons and gave me more confidence in performing.

Because of this background, I felt Heavenly Father asked me, through Mother, to try to untangle some difficult problems in teaching music. This article is somewhat long but short compared to my life-long pursuit to do something meaningful. Because I was composing for the needs of this special family, I felt I was more able to quickly compose something definitive with a fresh spirit. With gratitude, I acknowledge that without the many challenging experiences I faced here at East Garden, I would not feel an urgency to design my children’s course as I did. I am concerned about the par-

ents understanding my conclusions in my book. (Op. 15). It was quite evident to me that there is a difference of opinions in educating children music because of our cultural differences. A child’s desire to practice piano could be “squashed” if the parent handles it in the wrong way for the wrong reasons. The guidelines I give did not come without much suffering on the part of the children and myself as the teacher.

Over 200 piano solos for the children have been published. To teach the principles I believe in are already in book form and video. What remains is for me to extend this article to other publications to spread the word that it is now available for you to use and as Father hoped, for the whole world too!

To see children happy to share their accomplishments at the piano and brightening the atmosphere (including spirit world), is truly a blessing for all of us. What music can do for you as it has done for me is: “Mind and body working together will make you feel yourself evolving into a bigger person spiritually and your overflowing joy will enable you to embrace others and be more giving. God’s joy is reflected when our expression in music conveys love and beauty on the highest level.”(Book, Op. 15).

All these book are available at 43rd St. Book Store and Accord Book Store. If you have any questions, you may write to me at 120 N. Broadway #8A, Irvington, N.Y. 10533.

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The relaxation approach: before a key is played the hands look like this

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one day be, with tree-lined avenues, sparkling lakes and such. We also have to realize that the property as a whole here is vast, and we are just talking about one area which is set aside for the educational grounds and facilities. There are other areas adjoining, such as property with 22 natural waterfalls which will be used for other purposes; and there are other properties, in addition to all this, which are to be used for various projects.

The Grounds

But even in its present state you will find the educational facilities to be quite adequate. You will room in a house with eight units. There are many such houses. Each of the eight rooms have ample space and each has its own bath and hot shower. You will take your meals buffet-style in a beautiful, large 2-story structure with 4 dining halls and a veranda all around. A lake

will soon be made behind this hall. Of course, the whole community is surrounded by bodies of water, but this lake will be in full view of the “restaurant” as the community calls it. The



On the veranda of the dining hall

two upstairs dining halls are used for classrooms right now, with windows on all sides.

Just across the street and a few steps away is the splendid Temple (the main lecture hall), which seats 1,000 and is used for worship, classes and special events. Behind the Temple, there are six good-looking schools, three in a row, which are scheduled to open in February, grades 1-12.

Washing is done by hand, in your own bath or in outdoor laundry tubs, with nearby clotheslines. Speaking of clothing—some people dress up, some people dress down. To dress comfortably, casually and respectably might be a good code. And put a couple of “dress up” items in

your bag. There is Sunday Pledge service to consider, maybe some stage entertainment, an invitation to lunch or dinner with the Education Director Rev. Jung Rho Yoon or you might have to lead a group sometime. You might even find yourself in some nearby town having your photo taken

early a.m. and late p.m. in spring, autumn and winter. Take a pocket radio for translation.

Jardim is only 1 hour ahead of New York. Money denominations are the same. Very convenient. And you can exchange monies almost dollar for dollar. And you should do so because you will need some Brazilian money for in-country expenses, tips, and so forth.

Education

In a place like this, we stand a good chance to get a glimpse into the spirit world. This is something we should not delay any longer (after all, a glimpse or two gave St. Paul the enthusiasm and fervor to march on for years). We, likewise, will be invigorated. Since June 13, 1998 the physical world and spiritual world are one. We do not need to be in darkness anymore. We can develop our five spiritual senses in the same way we develop our five physical senses, which is done over time after we enter the physical realm from the womb. It is the same process. We want to be able to live with God.

We have three parents who take care of us from our beginning throughout our eternity: Our physical mother, while we are in the womb; [mother] nature, while we live on Earth; and God, after we go to the spiritual world. True Father

told us this. We need to be prepared for the transition.

Angelic activity takes place very much at New Hope. We were told that here we would understand the Divine Principle more clearly. This was definitely experienced even before we heard that it was so. And some were

very much aware of ancestors accompanying them for learning. Answers come through more clearly to questions you might have on your mind.

Until this time, the Blessing has been on an individual-level. It is now the era of the family-level Blessing. On attending the Ideal Family 40-day workshop, participants can resurrect to the family-level Blessing, which represents the national level.

Upon receiving the family-level Blessing, the family is then entered into the Eternal Family Register of True Parents. On this foundation a family then becomes one having the same value as



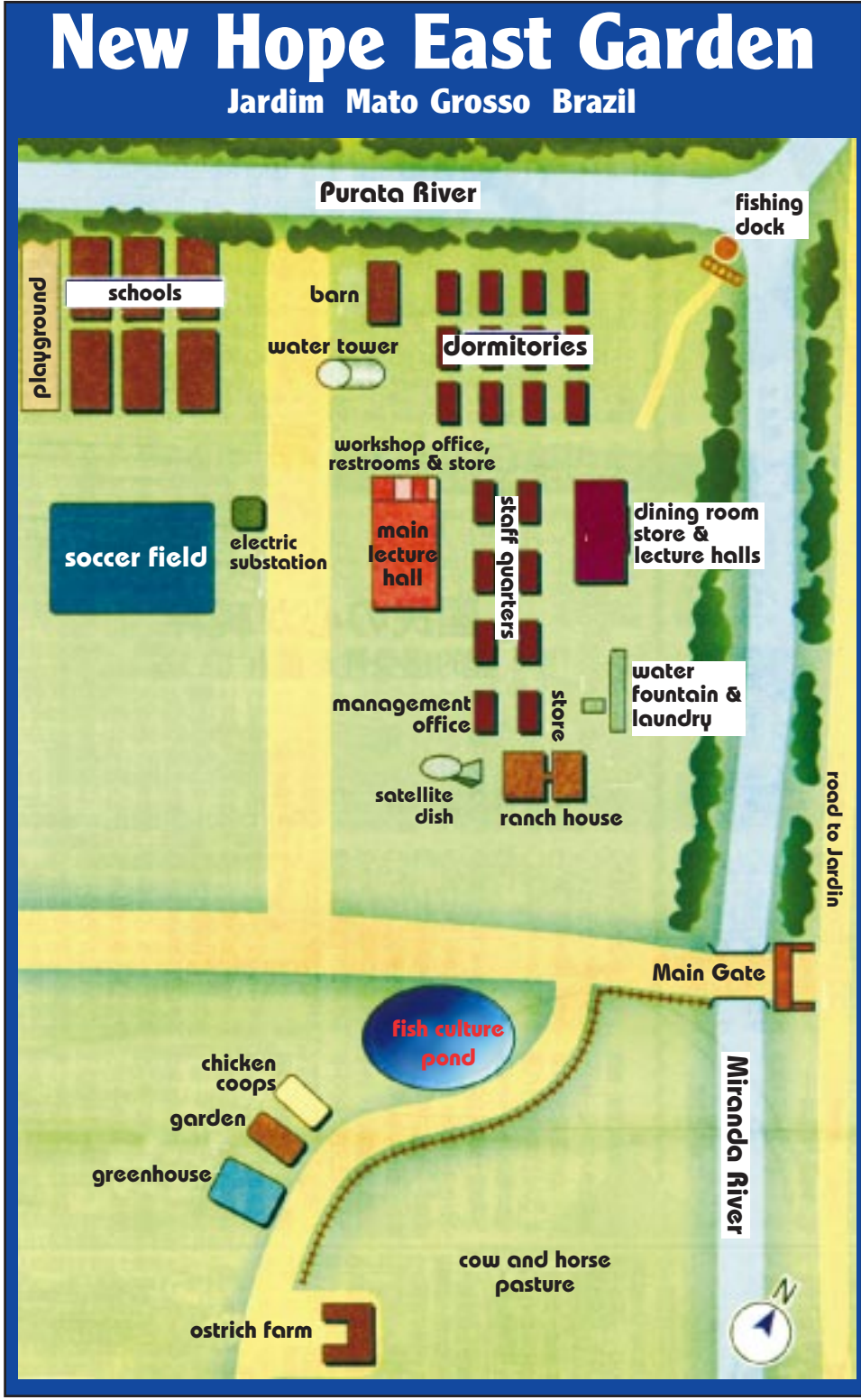
A Holy Day children’s performance

with its mayor. This happened to our group one day. Then there is family picture-taking day and who knows what else might come up when you want to be better dressed.

Take an umbrella and poncho. There are downpours off and on. You most probably will see the soccer field double as a lake sometimes! Rubber or plastic boots are a good idea as well. Tennis shoes or something similar are good for walking. “Keds” have excellent soles because they don’t pick up the clumps of clay that larger treads do. Take sandals or slippers for indoors. You will need a pair of work gloves for community service days. Take a flashlight. The power occasionally goes out for short periods. The temperature is usually warm, hot and hotter, with an occasional cool



The greenhouse



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True Parents family. When your family is entered in the Register of True Parents Family you have then entered the era of the Fourth Adam, as tribal messiahs, so that now your family can inherit the authority to give the Blessing to your tribe.

During the 40-days we 1) become educated about the heavenly traditions of God and True Parents and 2) we learn to put these traditions into practice. We study True Father's New Hope Farm, Jardim declarations.

The Four Declarations

For example, in True Father's 1st Declaration—April 3, 1995, at New Hope, Jardim, in front of leaders representing 160 nations—Father declared: Have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. At that time we learned of the purpose for the establishment of the model for an ideal society and ideal nation, where God's people will live in cooperation and true love; where nature can be loved and preserved; a place where blessed couples have restored their blood lineage and the realm of ownership and will center their lives on God's heart, language and culture; where all will live for the sake of others, transcending all barriers known to humankind in absolute faith, love and obedience to God. (Read *Way of Unification*, v. 2, ch. 8, HDH series.)

The 2nd Jardim Declaration centers on God's four major attributes. As citizens of the Kingdom of God, we must become people of God's character. The new nation will center on God's character and attributes.

During this 40-day period, we study God's attributes and realize that we must quickly take on these attributes ourselves in a substantial way:

- God is Absolute, Unique, Eternal and Unchanging.
- As God's children we also become Absolute, Unique, Eternal and Unchanging.
- We live as Absolute couples, Unique



Uyama Family

Activity before a big soccer game; right, community work day.

- couples, Eternal couples, and Unchanging couples.
- We become Absolute parents, Unique parents, Eternal parents and Unchanging parents.
- We live as Absolute families, Unique families, Eternal families and Unchanging families.

At the 3rd Jardim Declaration Father declared: The first creator is God; the second cre-



On the ostrich farm

ator is Adam and Eve; the third creator is their children. God can now say He has grandchildren. The creation of the universe is the ideal of God's creation, in a real, visible sense. The entire universe is becoming perfected now in our 3-level family structure.

We have entered the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the great era of transition. The Elder Son must save the world's families. We can prepare ourselves to go out in the world as saviors. It is interesting to move to to another country, especially this one, Brazil, where you can gain the benefits of being in the midst of the providence. The 40-day family workshop is the equivalent of attending True Parents directly for

a three-year period.

From the 4th Jardim Declaration we learn that as blessed couples we offer ourselves and all we possess on the altar, as conditional offerings for the sake of humanity and restoration.

On the foundation of this 40 days, your family resurrects to the formation level of the perfection realm. In this new era we will come into the direct dominion of God. Through this workshop True Father is opening a new age. This workshop is different from the past.

Schedule

Following the Blessings of June 13,

8:30am	Classroom
10:00am	Break
10:30am	Classroom
12:00	Lunch
2:30pm	Classroom
4:00pm	Break
4:30pm	Classroom
6:00pm	Dinner
7:30-9pm	Classroom

There are some variations, especially in the afternoons and evenings. Your group, for example, might want to visit the local ostrich farm and learn the interesting aspects of that project, or whatever else might come up. Some groups extend the evening sessions to 9:30 or 10pm. Some groups keep late, late prayer conditions.

Our group would occasionally set aside time during some sessions to have guest speakers. There are members on the property, for instance, with special missions that are of interest to everyone. Or sometimes we invited a leader from another workshop to speak, like Rev. Hideo Oyama. One day all workshops were

called to meet together in the Temple and the mayor of Jardim came to speak to us.

In the second part of the workshop you will be spending 7 days traveling back and forth by bus to various other church properties. At these places you will be educated about the projects going on there and you will most probably be doing some fishing. Each family should take fishing equipment. They sell things like leaders and hooks at New Hope but you need to bring your rod and reel. Various baits are used: live small fish, corn, meat, worms, artificial bait and such. You will probably want to fish also at the local lakes on

New Hope property during breaktime.

The third and final session involves 12 days of working for the community. There are many categories to choose from so everybody's skills (or lack thereof) can be put to use. When you someday look back on this and realize, no matter where you may be, that you played a part (though maybe it was only a matter of hours or days) in building this kingdom, it will be your heavenly pride.

As far as children are concerned, you just hang loose. There were toddlers, pre-schoolers, on up to teenagers and young adult second generation. Japan had the largest group of children. So many, in fact, that the Japanese set up two age group classes to keep the children occupied, probably rotating the caretakers.

For others, you just do what you



1998 and February 7, 1999, a new world will start. True Father will solve the youth problems and family problems as we go into the new age.

It is best to take three generations to the workshops. Husband and wife is a must, and children and grandparents should accompany the couple if possible. This will enrich and empower your 40 days of learning and practicing.

At this workshop we inherit True Parents' heart and tradition. Through the first 21 days you will be in the classroom reading and sharing together *The Exposition of the Divine*

Fishing during break time



Principle; Blessing and Ideal Family; The Way of God's Will; True Parents (v. 10, HDH series); *Life in the Spiritual World and on Earth* (and *Father's Prayers* when it is translated into English). Be sure to take all these books.

This is a family-style workshop; it is serious but relaxed at the same time. The schedule we had, for example, was as follows:

6:00am	Pledge & Hoon Dok Hae
7:00am	Breakfast



Occasionally, the river runs through it

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have to do. In our class some brought their children and hoped they would quietly play in the corner. Some sat on their parent's laps. Some children found friends there and went off to play. Or sometimes the father or mother would stay in their room while a child was sleeping. It is not something that needs to be worried about. The children enjoy the fishing and walking times, meal-times, the bus trips to other places, the animals, and just being with other families.

Way of Life

Speaking of walking times: One day a couple of us were strolling down a dirt road and suddenly we heard a loud hissing sound! It was undoubtedly targeted at us. We stopped dead in our tracks, our hearts thumping! Then, out of the corner of our eyes we saw a mama duck nestled in the brush, sitting on her eggs, hissing at the top of her lungs! We had greatly disturbed her. We politely hurried on our way.

The meals at the workshop are good—a combination of oriental and Brazilian food. It would be nice, however, if they would include some wild or brown rice to add nutrition and fiber to the white rice! You can have plenty of fruits, ice cream and snacks which are sold at a concession outside the dining hall. All proceeds go to the project there, so it is a pleasure to support the food concession as well as the “shopping center.” I laughed when I first saw the crude little sign with an arrow pointing “Shopping Center.” It turned out to be a tiny room in one of the buildings, but there's a whole lot of stuff in that little room. Baby diapers and such are no problem. And if they don't have what you need, they can probably pick it up for you on one of their daily trips to Jardim. Take any special medicines you need; maybe throw in some stomach medicine and laxatives, just in case the change in diet and water might effect you, but probably it will not. Take mosquito repellent and itch medicine as well.

Our first workshop was incredibly fortunate to have True Parents there a great deal of the time. In truth, because they were with us so much we were hardly aware that Parents actually came and went so many times, between us and the National Messiah workshop, which was a day's journey away, not to mention their coming and going as well to the Northern Hemisphere workshops during that time! It was quite incredible. True Father is so seemingly omnipresent! So that first pioneering workshop had a more varied schedule than the ones to come are likely to have!

Our little band of pilgrims from North America, symbolizing the number of Jesus' disciples, held strongly and tightly to the schedule, and though our 12 representative families came along at staggered times, still we anchored ourselves as much as we were able; and as clearly and correctly as we knew how, we made our mark

in God's history.

On August 28, the Holy Day of the Cosmic Sabbath and our graduation week as well, the Temple was filled and True Parents were present for the entertainment. Amidst the large classes of Koreans and Japanese, with their various performances, when our time came to perform, our little group proudly walked up on the huge stage and lined up representing North America, and to the best of our ability, we delivered several songs (one Korean, one Japanese, and one English), ending with “America the Beautiful.” We appropriately changed a couple of things: “America, America...became “America, the Americas...” and “brotherhood” was changed to “fatherhood.” It also seemed appropriate for us to take the children of our group on stage, so there we were, one baby in arm, three small children and one teenager all singing together. A true family group. It felt good.

Inheritance

Upon completing this workshop, blessed couples should now substantially become the couples that God intended for Adam and Eve, having no national, racial, cultural or language barriers. All will become one. This is how we secure our eternal life. We learn to live earthly life correctly—in practice. In our life of prayer we begin to be conscious of communing with God in terms of “we” not “I”; praying in terms of family instead of self, according to True Father's instructions.

Through practice of Absolute Love, we can obtain Absolute Lineage. And

on that foundation, we can attain the four attributes which engrafts us to God's Lineage and God's True Love.

Between the satanic world and the Fourth Adam era, we will learn to build ideal families. “Crossing the Jordan

between the trees, or just stroll along the ground at certain times of the day. You might be sitting on a bench nibbling a cookie or cracker and plop! You will have company beside you! Green parrots are there as well, sitting in the trees around you.

Dogs, cats, ducks, and even a few wild animals are all present. Some frolic together. Picturesque white Brahmin cows are seen everywhere. Eating beef is no problem there. A cow sells for one or two hundred dollars. Easy to feed a large crowd.

The fish you catch in South America will “talk” to you. Some of us have been surprised to have them sing

or look up at us making funny little noises after they are caught.

When we return to our nations

after this workshop we return as Abel-type citizens. There is now no opposition and no persecution for us. We begin anew our heavenly families.

True Father is the victor of land and water. The National Messiah fishing workshops that have been held represent the water, and the classroom workshops represent the land, so land and water are being connected, by true love. And by having simultaneous north and south workshops, True Father has been connecting the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. He long ago connected the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. How marvelously wondrous and all-encompassing is our beautiful True Father. Who else in all of history past

or that which is yet to come could so beautifully weave all things, all beings together in the Cosmos to be harmoniously one. There is only One—Our Beloved and Revered True Father. Marching in complete harmony with God, Our True Father and True Mother have brought that harmony to the horizontal level, that all of humankind and all creatures might live and walk in that same harmony on Earth and in the Spiritual World forever.

Imagine how Jesus Christ and all the Christian martyrs feel right now. All the blood they shed, all the suffering paths they trod will now be totally glorified on Earth as well as in Heaven. Christianity itself can be united. What a glorious new age this is. Daytime is coming.

(For this article, I have drawn from my own experiences at the Ideal Family workshop as well as notes taken there from True Father's talks or talks of other leaders; some notes came from Rev. Kwak's memos; some notes came from True Father's recent speeches at Belvedere; and some words were taken from True Father's Hoon Dok Hae series.)❖



Our North American group—some were not present for the photo.

River” means departing the satanic world and reaching the heavenly shore. The Jordan River lies between these two borders. (Read *Way of Unification* from the HDH series, v.1, p.189). At this workshop we can cross the Jordan. Soon we will reach the other great shoreline.

We have to inherit God's tradition of loving and protecting nature. South America is the place to do that. In fact, it can begin at your very door, where you most certainly will feed, hold or just chat with the gorgeous macaws that dwell in the trees in front of True Parents porch. With their beautiful feathers of green, yellow, red, and blue, they will perform for you on the wire

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Hyun Jin Moon Inaugurated as Vice President of FFWPUI

by Richard L. Lester—NYC

It was truly a day of celebration. The ballroom was beautifully set for a banquet for 300 guests with congratulatory honorees—at least 60 of them lining the ball—from the many different churches and organizations supporting the FFWPUI. The guests were a mélange of races, nationalities and cultures—some in business attire, some in traditional garments.

Hyun Jin Moon was inaugurated as vice-president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International on July 19, 1998 at the Manhattan Center Ballroom, NYC. The ceremony was presided over by the founder of the FFWPUI, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.

Ned Schones, Secretary General of FFWPUI, opened the celebration by introducing Rev. and Mrs. Moon and their son, Hyun Jin, who took their place on stage in a standing ovation. The welcoming address was given by Rev. Chang Heon Kwak, president of FFWPUI, who welcomed “this young leader of enormous potential.” He spoke highly of Hyun Jin Moon's character and accomplishments. In finishing business, his graduation from *Yonsei* from Columbia University and his recent MBA obtained

Improving Your Marriage by Setting Goals

by Dr. Deborah Seidel—Barrington, NY

Goals provide direction and purpose, serving as an ever-present catalyst in interpersonal relationships. Especially the development of the marriage relationship depends on a clear vision of the spouse about their common future. There is one effective way to go about goal setting, namely, to come up with a mission statement. Here you make it clear for yourself and your spouse what specific vision you have for your marriage and how to accomplish that vision in daily life.

First, you both agree to put down in writing several major goals that provide an ongoing direction and purpose to your marriage life. It is best to start thinking about the higher purpose of your marriage in terms of serving God and humankind.

1. Such a higher purpose manifests itself in the desire of husband and wife to actively contribute to the fulfillment of God's will. As a couple, we can get involved in church or mission activities, for example, helping with Sunday school or supporting an overseas missionary. To love God is also deeply connected with loving our neighbor.

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Hyun Jin Moon giving his Inaugural Address

Bringing the Blessing to Burkina Faso

by Will Suttles—Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

In recent months you have probably read that Burkina Faso was one of the top ten Blessing countries for the 40 Million Couples Blessing, after such well-known luminaries as Ukraine, Philippines and Zaire (now Congo). Your first response may well have been: Burkina Faso? Where is that? (Or worse: What is that?) Burkina Faso, formerly known as Upper Volta, is a relatively poor, landlocked country in the center of West Africa.

I came to this country in 1996 as a part of the National Messiah providence. At that time there were two cities with church centers and an active membership of around 20. Using a method pioneered in Burkina Faso called “community Blessing,” the members had blessed over 3,000 couples in the 360,000 Couple Blessing. They were preparing to do the community Blessing for 1998 with basically the same people and same method. At this point our Korean National Messiah, Rev. Dae Sub Jung, appeared on the scene and transformed the country. He and the former missionary, Kenichi Ito, held a 21-day workshop in the Chung Pyung tradition with clapping and singing and reading in addition to lecture practice and Divine Principle lectures. Then all the members who were willing were sent pioneering. Fund-raisers or office members or CARP leader or general affairs, all who volunteered were given a province. Where before there was one team which covered the whole country, now there were 12 pioneer centers focused on the Blessing. We spent the next 9 months helping with the Blessing providence.

In our faithful 1983 Peugeot 305, Rev. Jung or Peter Haller and his wife, or myself and my wife and sometimes Jason (our 4-year-old son) would travel from village to village with the local pioneer giving the Blessing. The chief or his representative would call the people and they would come out. The pioneer would give an inspirational talk and reveal why all needed the Blessing. Then all who agreed, usually everyone, would line up for the Holy Nectar. Since most villages had substantial Moslem populations, no alcohol was served. Sometimes a mint syrup drink was used or a local drink called Zoom Koom, made with millet and sugar. Rev. Jung would pray Father’s prayer, and three cheers of Man-sei and a photo would complete the ceremony. Sometimes the Chief would present Rev. Jung with a chicken or even a sheep. Or they would have a presentation of dance with African mask figure. Then on to the next pre-Blessing.

Many of the villages were off the main asphalt road. Many were off anything which could be called a road, and we pushed our Peugeot to the limit more than once, sometimes driving through dry river beds, sometimes through not-so-dry river beds. Many times the asphalt road turned to a dirt road, which turned to a track, which turned to a path, which would have been a challenge for a Land Rover. But we never turned back.

After the Blessing of Nov. 27, 1997,



First meeting of the Club 360 Million—Ouaga



Tenkodogo representative, Begnedo Chief, Peter Haller and the Suttles



Will and Hiroko Suttles officiate at a Blessing in Zitanga



The Blessing near Bobo-Dionlasso



Rev. Jung officates our first Blessing in Barma, near Onogadougou

Rev. Jung gave the direction to expand all the pioneer centers to regular church centers with center members and witnessing activities. The pioneers, now church regional directors in charge of 3 to 6 provinces with 2 or 3 province leaders under them, secured larger houses with indoor plumbing (!) and telephones to communicate with Headquarters in Ouagadougou. Now instead of 12 pioneers, there are 35 (out of a total of 45) province centers, many led by new members who have gone through the 2-7-21 day workshop system instituted by Rev. Jung. Total active membership is well over 200 now and rising. And the Blessing process goes on. June 13 found us with almost 400,000 new pre-Blessings.



The Koudougou center with the director and his wife, right, and new members.

In Ouagadougou, where the power of community and the authority of the chief are much less, we are starting a different process, a network of Blessed Family Clubs, called Club 360 Million Ouaga. In the introductory meetings we intro-



A mask dance in appreciation of the Blessing in Manga

duce and give the Blessing. Then we invite them to educational meetings in which we introduce True Family Values, in depth study of the four Blessing Vows, the Fall, etc., information that can improve the quality of their family and community life. We began the Club last month. In Club 360 Million Ouaga, the family can learn how to be a true family and at the same time learn how to survive in the 21st century with real skills and progressive attitudes, as we will include health, education and economic talks with the family information. We hope these clubs can become popular so that the new members can promote the Blessing to their friends and their friends’ friends, creating a multi-level expansion pattern. The motto will be “It’s good to be Blessed!” How about you? Don’t you think it’s good to be Blessed?

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Family restoration and hometown tribal love have been a challenge to me and my family. The hometown providence has given me and my family a perspective on God's historical heart, through the enduring situations. This story of family perseverance shows that to gain victory of tribal love, one has to set the goal and, step by step through God's formula of True Love, establish victory.

In 1990, the message for hometown sent us from the World Mission Center (full-time missionary) to do hometown in north-eastern Ohio; we could move to my home neighborhood in 1992. There, with family and clan and all my home schoolmates, we started the tribal love work. Every year in my town there is a summer celebration for the city folks to gather in the town square. From here I started our family's work by having a booth set up to bring them the Blessing. The first year I made a booth for sales of gift items. The following years I made information booths for Women's Federation, then Family Federation, and now the True Blessing Booth. We became known as the city's Moon family. At first we were externally persecuted; sometimes we were even rejected. But folks here in this town are still friendly and know the good basic family root that I came from. I was known as the rebel. The one who did things different from others: becoming a hippie, rock and roll and being a Moonie! Publishing my own high school underground newspaper REVELATIONS, I was well known as a person who was not afraid of speaking the Truth. Well, that all changed when it became known I was a Moonie disciple for the last 20 years. People believed me in heart, but they were apprehensive about my so-called religious beliefs. When they would talk with me, they found I was very full of spiritual insights and scriptural understandings. This led them to have a change of mind about me and my family. Especially, being an international family, the ethnic and racial barriers could be overcome. Hometown for me was dealing with a small community which did not have too much concern or connection with the larger realms of society. It has been well contented with its ongoing situation. The problems of societies have been very mini-

BLESSING MY HOMETOWN

mal; that is to say, there have been no natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes or the like.

I have every year, at this summer festival, become a symbol of a new tradition of strength and perseverance. At

my Moonie perspective be known in many areas.

Last year, 1997, I blessed folks from all areas of lifestyle, such as: bank robbers, ministers, Cleveland Indians players, school teachers, etc. My family has been supportive but I have always served and made effort to be a good, filial son. This is important; doing it becomes a tradition. When you do something and then forget about it, that is the key plan. One must never count the many good deeds one does, but build upon it as one takes responsibility doing it with a loving heart. After a while it becomes a natural love that you enjoy doing for others, as well as others feeling that joy when you do it. Only love can give this feeling.



first I could meet many young couples for whom my proclamation about True Families had great appeal; this message made sense to the elderly as well. I was calling this my home and I was staking the Moon claim of the True Love Tribes here in the town.

Within the Structure

Through the children's activity and my volunteerism, I could begin to win the hearts of the folks here in town. I knew it would take time for this family feeling of True Love to grow, but I still had to persevere every day, and year after year making a mark of accomplishment showed at the fair. As a parent at the birth of a child, one might feel pride, but the job of being a parent is just at its beginning. Blessing '98 the meaning of Parentism and town education is really the time to begin the true mission. The family training of True Love now will be implemented in the creation of Hometown Family Values. I have a good heart connection with my involvement. through last year's summer party I have Blessed many people, such as the judge and the local city, state and congressional officials and representatives. I have let

Blessing '98 Family/Tribe

After returning from Puerto Rico, working at the Navy base, I had a chance to bless many for the '98 Blessing. My wife being Japanese, she went to do Blessing work and family witnessing in her hometown for three weeks in Japan. Back at the Blessing '97, I worked



for three weeks in Washington DC, so now my wife was working in Japan this year. This family sacrifice and offering was made by all the family. Coming to America 25 years ago, my wife only visited her hometown once; it was 10 years ago, after our first son was born. She really did not get a chance to see all her childhood friends. This time she could go home as a Moonie and proclaim her Love of God and True Parents. Testifying to the international Holy Blessing, she could give many Blessings to her hometown family.

On Father's Day, June 21, both Eiko and I had the opportunity to Bless our Tribal Clans. In America, my cousin (who has received us warmly since 1982) had a graduation party for their youngest daughter. I Blessed the celebration cake with Holy Wine with permission to give this special Blessing to all my relatives young and old, creating a true celebration day. On the other side of the planet, my wife was having a special banquet with all her relatives and she also had a special Holy Wine ceremony sharing the cup of True Love Blessing with them. This is now a Tribal Holiday for us!

Hometown Tribal Blessing

My family became involved in sign-

making and poster-making for this event. I had spiritual dreams every night for seven days. I met many ancestors of the city and dreamed of holding a Blessing rally every night. Most of the booths at this city fair are 10 feet by 10 feet, but I rented two spaces making a very large statement about what I was doing. I felt the need for as much spiritual space as possible. I used some special gifts, showing the banners and flags to really decorate and honor the Blessing booth. I set up a Holy Wine table with blessed lemonade as well as a video display table, which accented the charts from the True Family Values book.

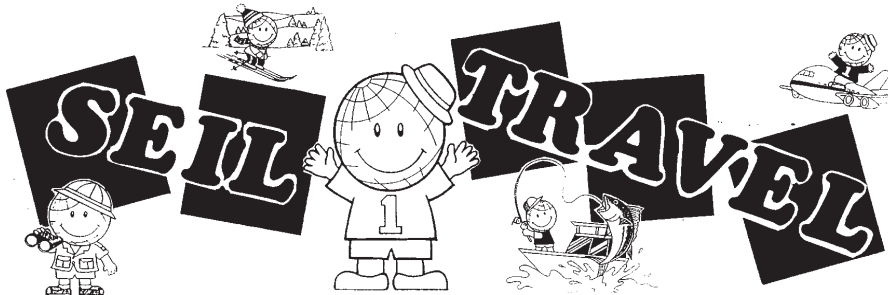
One of the best situations working to create this hometown Blessing was the Blessed children, who were really investing themselves giving out the holy wine and candies. The Cleveland church director, Joel Lindstrom, along with three blessed wives and their children, also participated with the Blessing Festival. This is the Northeast Ohio Blessed Families who together could make this victory. We also had others who had been Blessed last year come to the booth and help too.

Buying and pre-Blessing the candies was important because when the festival was on, so many could receive the blessing as fast as we could give it. Keiko Biddle, Martha Toshiro and Megumi Lindstrom helped to make that foundation of having the candies ready and putting them together with flyers. The Blessed children were so pure in heart that even the hardest of hearts I have known for five years broke down and received their Blessing from them. Yoko, my six year old daughter, was out there for almost 20 hours in three days. But the support of my two boys, ages 12 and 10, supplying a tandem effort, played a part in passing the goal. I truly did not expect at first the 8,000 goal beforehand, but by that Sunday evening we were out of Holy Juice and Holy Candy and were well beyond our goal. This made a joyous sound unto the Lord!

My biggest joy was Blessing so many friends and family in my True Tribal Hometown. Example: my high school friend's band was ready to play music for the townspeople in the gazebo. I went with a silver tray holding 12 cups of Holy Wine to the band. I announced this is the time of Blessing. One of the Carrol twins (in this famous local band) said "OK, everybody, drink!" The bass man said, "Is this Moonshine?" The other twin said, "Not! It is Moon Wine!"

I said, "Yes! It is Holy Wine! I give you the Blessing!" The whole band drank up, said thank you and the music played.

Next month is the county fair; the Northeast Ohio FFWPU has a Family Booth, and we will also have a Family Federation Trailer in the County Parade. The Blessing is coming! Truly the Kingdom is come like the lightning flashing. All shall enter the gates of Heaven! Now is Parental birth and responsibility. ❖



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An Evening at the New Life Tabernacle in Brooklyn

by Christine Libon—Clifton, NJ

The “Easter in New York” and Macy’s Brooklyn” events were sponsored by the Christian Times. Christian Times editor Rev. Dillon, New Life Tabernacle’s Rev. Billings and Rev. Al Shapton are important figures in the Christian Church and black communities of New York. They all know and support each other and have begun to know and appreciate our True Parents. They invited our church and Dr. Tyler Hendricks to their most important annual event, held on Sunday, Oct. 7, hosted by the Rev. Figueroa and Rev. Billings. The New Life Tabernacle is the nest of the New Life Tabernacle Choir, led by Angela Moses, who played such an important role as leader of the 2,000-voice choir at Blessing ’98.

It was truly *The* place to be, as those attending included Rev. Holt, Rev. Clarke, Rev. Pierre-Louis, Rev. Hiro, and Aduma Victoria (please forgive me if I neglect to mention all names). I found this night to be a precious chance to meet saints of the new age where the will of God is being done. Being before Angela Moses in person was incredibly exciting and

emotional. At least one brother took the opportunity to get her autograph. What does it take to be the kind of leader she is? I’m sure, if asked, she would attribute it to the power of the Lord working through her. Such leadership offers great hope to this trouble society. What kind of character do dedicated members of the family of God have? Such thoughts were with me as I participated in the congregational hymns.

The pastors clarified our purpose for gathering: to offer praise and gratitude for God’s blessings on the abundant harvest of the past year. “Don’t eat the seeds,” was one strong emphasis of the opening message, “plant them.”

As for the regional choir, we really felt spirit world supporting our efforts. Usually it would be difficult to gather many people to travel far distances. We believe it was accomplished quickly and smoothly because the event directly supports God’s central providence. Rehearsals went well and we were able to learn the two pieces, “He Watching Over Israel” by

Mendelssohn and “If I Can Help Somebody,” a traditional gospel number. Francesco Santelli directed, Rikako Asanuma accompanied, and Daryl Franklin performed a solo.

But most inspiring was what followed—the speech by Dr. Tyler Hendricks. In the heart of his speech Dr. Hendricks said

You’ve got to get serious, you’ve got to be faithful, you’ve got to be able to invite God into your home and your family.

that Jesus told the woman at the well to go and get her husband. Jesus couldn’t give the “Living Water” to her alone. Surely, if she had brought her husband to Jesus he would have blessed their marriage. “Go and get your spouse,” Dr. Hendricks told the congregation. “But you’ve got to get serious, you’ve got to be faithful...you’ve got to be able to invite God into

your home and your family.” Rev. Billings added that it’s okay to be the bride of Jesus, but “You’d better bring José along, too, because just you and Jesus ain’t gonna fill my church; but you and José and your kids will!” He also really liked Francesco’s baton for con-

ducting. The closing prayer was powerful. Citing specific problems in the community, Rev. Billings prayed that some deadbeat dad “gonna feel convicted by this prayer and come back to fulfill his responsibility. Some teenager going astray from mother’s guidance is going to feel convicted and make a change this day.”

We are thankful for the spirit of true brotherhood and sisterhood and unity of all races which permeated the atmosphere. We are thankful for the warm welcome and the honor of your hearty applause given in appreciation of our performance.

I would like to commend the UTS students and all others who made a wonderful offering by dedicating their heart and time to participate in this event. Special thanks to Rev. Hong and the New Jersey choir whose support of the regional choir has been so consistent. There is so much more I want to say in appreciation of the exemplary service, sacrifice and untold dedication of Heavenly brothers and sisters, yet somehow it is not now possible or appropriate. However, when we go to the blessed land where precious treasures are being held in store, and when the time comes to pass out the golden crowns, all these wonderful deeds will be made known. ❖

Testimony to Mrs. Chang Song Kim

by Ennio Garau—Cyprus

I had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Kim as she was guiding the prayer to support the campaign for RFK. I had the privilege to be there when she gave a short testimony.

Her paternal Grandmother was a very devoted Buddhist. When her mother became pregnant with Mrs. Kim the grandmother had a dream that the child to be born would be a very special child. Therefore she prayed that the child would become a person totally dedicated to Buddha, every day going to the temple and making offerings and prayers for the sake of the child.

Her Mother was a very strong and faithful Christian and she prayed every day “Please Jesus take this child and let her be a missionary for your will”. She grew up with these two very strong spiritual influences. She was absolutely and totally loved by all her relatives and grew up surrounded by the love and attendance of her family.

After she joined the Church she could not understand why people had resentment or hated each other. At the time of our engagement, the spring of 1981, she was in Kwangju, my wife’s home town, and I probably met her at the church at that time. She was a regular member, her husband was the local VOC leader while she was busy raising her three small children. Although aware of her spiritual gift, she did not want to have anything to do with it until somehow God told her *He* needed her and she accepted. True Father has said that she is a

gifted person and wherever she goes she has the ability to move the spirit world. He also said that if he could have ten people like her it would be very easy to restore this world, and that a person like that is born every three or four hundred years. True Father called her “My friend”. She always teaches to pray and her prayer is always very strong and yet just at mentioning True Father’s or the True Children’s names she is always in tears. Her love towards True Parents and True Children is something I wish I was able to develop.

Her greatest wish is that we all are able to move the spirit world to be able to accomplish the great task ahead of us. She is not a pusher or someone who speaks from on high but wants to empower blessed couples to be what they know they can be. She is a wonderful loving person and her sincere love for all members is the most amazing thing that I have witnessed, especially for a Korean she has the ability to embrace and lift up all people of any race or color.

Her basic teaching is about prayer and how to get practical results with it. She has been an invaluable help to my spiritual life and I wish everyone had a chance to meet and pray with her. Her great ability, in my opinion, is to empower the blessed couples to exercise our God given power to work with and dominate the spirit world. Our mission is an impossible mission and the only way to be able to do it is through prayer. I am learning to pray after 21 years in the UM. I wish you all success. ❖

Disability and Spirituality

Reviewed by Cathi Close—Arlington, VA

JONI (pronounced “Johnny”) is not only an unforgettable story but Joni, herself, is an unforgettable person. Paralyzed from the neck down at the age of sixteen as a result of a diving accident, Joni’s life, as she knew it, changed forever. This is her story, written from the heart, about her experience. From agony to acceptance to rebirth, Joni transcended her physical condition to find true spiritual purpose and joy.

During the process of rehabilitation, Joni learned to write and draw by using her mouth to hold pencils and paintbrushes. Her artwork is astounding, incredibly detailed and professional. Joni also founded the PTL (Praise the Lord) ministry which reaches out to aid handicapped people throughout the world. Her spirit and determination are truly amazing as is her faith and love for God.

Our family had the unique opportunity to hear Joni Tada speak, in person, this past spring at a local Christian church. Physically, she is a beautiful woman who bears an interesting resemblance to the late Princess Diana. Spiritually, one feels to be in the presence of an American Mother Teresa.

Joni openly shares her long cherished dream to finally be free of her disability, to meet Jesus in Heaven and to dance with him. But first, she says, she’ll send her wheelchair to hell (with a thank-you and

good riddance). She looks forward to the day when she’ll be able to wipe away her own tears, but until then, will continue to work tirelessly to aid, encourage, inspire and uplift handicapped people everywhere.

Wheels for the World is a project initiated by PTL ministry. It’s purpose is to collect and restore previously owned wheelchairs. The chairs are personally delivered to people in need in many areas ranging from American cities and towns to small rural villages in Africa. People who may have spent their lives being dragged around in a cardboard box or pulling themselves through the mud or even of being shut up in a windowless room in a hut are given new freedom through the gift of these wheelchairs. In addition, Joni never neglects to deliver, along with the chair, a Bible which offers the promise of an even more important spiritual freedom.

Recently Joni has published a shorter version of her autobiography for young readers (8 - 12) which sells for only \$5.

There is also a video available based on her book in which Joni plays herself.

Most Christian bookstores stock or can order JONI. Or you can call 1-800-523-5777 for ordering information direct

from the PTL ministry. Many other materials are available as well as information on services, missions and retreats for handicapped children and their families. Contact Joni’s website at <http://www.jafministries.com>.❖



BOOK REVIEW

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

by Chris Garcia

Let's play a game then. Just you and me. Let's do it this way: We'll pretend you're not who you are; you're a different person. You're a Korean person, and you live in Seoul, Korea, and it's a long time ago when your parents were the age you are now—probably the late '50's or early '60's. Got that right?

It's summertime, and it's really hot. You're walking fast, because you have to be somewhere special, and you can't wait to get there. There aren't any cars or buses in this area, and you have to walk a long time to get anywhere. You're almost there. You're walking fast, and you pass a little store on the corner where the old man sells fruit and dried fish out of wooden boxes. You look for him, because the streets don't have names or signs, but you know that when you see him you're almost there.

You wave and say "Sugo hasayo, Halaboji," which means "You're working hard, grandfather." He's not your grandfather, but that's how you always say hello to him and all older men. You come to the little side street, and you turn into it. Children are playing some kind of game in the dust. Down the little street is the house you've been looking for, the place where the crippled man teaches about God.

He's a special man. There's a sign hanging in front that says, "The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity." It's a big name for such a little church. In a way, it's not even a real church. It's a broken down old house, where the teacher lives. It's where people meet to learn about the teachings called The Divine Principle.

You run to the door, and someone opens it even before you knock, because to them you are special, and they've been waiting and praying for you a long time. You feel good. They're terribly poor, these people; but you love them dearly, and they love God. They call Him "Heavenly Father."

They're so excited to see that you have come, and they bring you into a room with a chalkboard on the wall like in school. But this chalkboard is hung close to the floor, because the man who teaches here can't stand up very well. Sometimes, he leans on his cane to teach, but often he has to sit. Sitting on the floor is also difficult for him; and sometimes he even lies down while teaching. Strange, isn't it?

When he sees you, he tries to get up, but you quickly bow to him and sit down to save him the trouble and pain. The teacher is Mr. Hyo Won Eu. He's a real person, and in real life he was our church's first lecturer of the Divine Principle. What that means is that he was the very first person, besides True Father, to teach the Divine Principle to people. A lecture is a talk about something. A lecturer is someone who teaches.

You sit there waiting for the other people to get settled, and you think, "What if he gives a lecture about Jesus today? The way he tells it always makes me cry, because it's such a sad story. But it also makes me realize how much God loves us all."

The Crippled Teacher

Then you have an idea. "Perhaps today I should get up enough nerve to ask him about his own story. I'd really like to know more about him. Maybe when his regular lecture is done, I should ask him. Maybe he'd be surprised. Probably, people don't ask him about his own story; but maybe he'd really like to tell it but is too modest to volunteer."

Mr. Eu's life had been difficult. He had wanted to know about God so much that it almost made him crazy at times. He was a very educated man. He had a logical and scientific mind. That means he

his life.

Then one day a friend came to him and said, "I met a very interesting man, Hyo Won. His name is Moon Sun Myung. He's a teacher, and the things he teaches about the Bible are astounding. He seems somehow to know the answers to all the mysteries in the Bible. You should check it out."

Mr. Eu wasn't too interested. No one could understand the mysteries of the Bible.

Later, his friend sent two older women to visit him. Perhaps they could convince him to go hear these teachings. As soon as they explained a few things to him, he started asking questions. His questions were so difficult that they didn't know how to answer them. They tried, but they were simple women and couldn't answer such a smart and educated man. They started crying. They stood over him and just cried and cried and silently prayed for him.

He sat there thinking, "Who are these women, anyway? And why do I feel this strange feeling going through my body? Like heat. Like electricity. My heart is pounding. I feel like crying; but I mustn't. Men don't cry."

Finally, he felt he just had to go with them. But why? He couldn't answer that, but the inner tug got stronger and stronger. His mind wasn't touched, because they hadn't answered any of his questions; but something spoke to his heart.

He went with the old ladies to a small house. He couldn't just get up and go, of course. The house was on a hill, and the hills in Pusan are very steep; so he had to have two men carry him. They brought him into the little house, and he had to lie down on the floor, because sitting was too painful.

The group of people who followed Father at that time were few in number. Mrs. Kang was in Taegu, and Father was in Seoul. That left Mr. Aum who was away at his job a lot, a few older women, such as Mrs. Oak, and Won Pil Kim who was very young.

Since Father was gone, Won Pil Kim was the only one available to teach, and to Mr. Eu he appeared to be just a kid. Won Pil Kim seemed rather nervous, and when questions were asked, he didn't seem confident to answer them. Mr. Eu didn't know what to think. "Are these teachings worth listening to or not?" he asked himself. "Why am I here? Where are the old women?" But he kept feeling that strange tugging on his heart and that strange sensation of heat and electricity.

Mr. Eu's inner struggle showed on his face. Won Pil Kim noticed it and felt badly that he couldn't lecture as well as Father. He really wanted Mr. Eu to understand that the Divine Principle was God's most wonderful message in the world.

Then he had an idea, "Mr. Eu, would you like to borrow these notes on the Divine Principle and study them for yourself?"

Mr. Eu's face brightened. "Could I?"

"Yes, of course. It was written by Moon Son-sengnim. It's the only copy we have, but I would really like

for you to study it."

Mr. Eu took it home with him. He read it. He read it again. He studied every word. It made sense! It did explain the mysteries of the Bible! It explained the mysteries of life. He still had a lot of questions, but he knew he wanted to join this small group and work full-time for God. He was the very first person to join without first meeting Father.

Mr. Eu eagerly looked forward to meeting this great teacher. When Father came for a visit from Seoul in December 1953, Mr. Eu met him for the first time. He was quite surprised to see that Father was younger than himself; but it wasn't long before he saw that age didn't matter. He asked Father directly all the questions that were on his mind, and Father answered them all.

After Father's Christmas visit, Mr. Eu felt he should move to Seoul with Father. This he did right away.

After helping Father find a small house with a room for meetings, Father spent many hours with Mr. Eu, teaching him, training him, helping him to understand The Divine Principle. As Mr. Eu developed diagrams and descriptions that would make it easier for people to understand, Father was by his side, making sure everything was accurate.

Mr. Eu soon became the official lecturer. Even though his body hurt, he gave lectures all day long, every day. Over and over, he taught God's Truth. Even if nobody came, he continued lecturing the Spirit World. A person might look in and see him teaching an empty room and wonder what he was doing. Sometimes, he stood with a cane; often he sat. Sometimes, he even had to lie down to teach because of the pain in his body.

In the beginning, Father listened to all the lectures, and sometimes, he helped Mr. Eu explain some point or answer a question. At times, he would cry. Sometimes Mr. Eu would cry and continue lecturing through his tears. It was all right for a man to cry.

Finally, Mr. Eu took all his lectures and all the knowledge he had learned from Father, and he wrote The Divine Principle book. It was the first time Father's notes had been made into a book so that people could read it for themselves.

Mr. Eu later became the first President of the Unification Church. Therefore, we call him President Eu.

He loved Father, and he always felt badly that he couldn't bow to him. In fact, he loved him so much, he went out and had a special operation just so he could bow to Father at least once in his lifetime.

The life of this educated crippled man had been completely changed. No longer did he think of killing himself. Even though his body was weak, God could use his bright mind to teach others the Divine Principle. God always has a way of using a person, if that person really wants Him to.

In 1970 President Eu went to Spirit World. But whenever you hear a lecture on the Divine Principle, or whenever you see the Divine Principle book, you can think of him. And somewhere in Spirit World, he's standing on his own two feet—strong and straight—and he's teaching the Divine Principle to all your good ancestors—and probably mine, too. ❖



DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING

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Many people acknowledge the fact of individual sin, but they are reluctant to trace it back to a primal source. Both theologian and lay Christian alike have wondered how a single sin, whatever its gravity, could corrupt the entire human race. To answer this question, different analogies have been offered. The original sin has been compared to one puncture of the eye which causes permanent blindness or to a single perforation of the heart which brings life to an end for the whole body. Several rabbis compare it to a poison whose effect is passed on from one generation to another.

Psychoanalysts have often traced severe mental disturbances back to a single psychic shock. One could further say that it is like the contamination of a water supply at its source which inevitable affects an entire city, or like a disease that enters the roots of a tree and gradually infects every branch and leaf. In the family tree of mankind, Adam and Eve were the roots. In addition to original sin, we may mention hereditary, collective and individual sins. Hereditary sin is passed on from our ancestors and is conveyed to us, the descendants, through our blood lineage. Collective sin is neither one's own sin or hereditary sin, but it is the sin for which all members of a particular group are responsible; for instance if a group of people lynch an innocent man, every member in the group is responsible for the action.

Finally, individual sin is the sin committed by each individual in his daily life. For Divine Principle, it is God's will that we ultimately be liberated from all sin. even while we are on earth. However, we cannot be cleansed of sin without first removing original sin, the root. Such a task is one aspect of the mission of the messiah, a mission that will be discussed in the next section.

Fallen nature

God created everyone and everything to be good, including Adam, Eve and Lucifer. While Adam and Eve were still growing to fulfill this ideal, the fall took place. Through the fall, the personality and character of Adam and Eve were corrupted, changed from what God had originally intended. In a word, Adam and Eve inherited a fallen nature. Throughout history, this fallen nature, or, as it is termed in Roman Catholic though, "second nature," has been passed on to Adam and Eve's descendants.

Divine Principle identifies four major aspects of humanity's fallen nature. Let us look at them briefly.

1. God's viewpoint, our viewpoint

One dynamic contributing to the fall was the failure to see things from the standpoint of God. As we have said, before the birth of Adam and Eve, Lucifer was the major recipient of God's love.. If, after their arrival, Lucifer had loved Adam, and Eve in the same way as God loved them, he would not have fallen. If he had struggled to stand with God, loving what God loved instead of sub-

mitting to his own self-centered feelings, he could have overcome his jealousy and avoided his tragic error. Instead, however, what God loved, Lucifer hated, This tendency to see things from one's own self-centered perspective was transmitted to Adam and Eve, and this nature has been passed down to us throughout history. A well-known example of this inherited tendency was displayed in the lives of the twelve sons of Jacob. Of all his sons, Jacob favored his eleventh son, Joseph, which the ten older sons knew. Had they truly loved their father, they would have struggled to see his point of view, accepting Joseph and remaining confident that their father loved them, too. Rather than striving for this response, however, they became jealous of Joseph, hated him and sold him into Egypt.

We may see something of this same tendency in our own lives today,. Students may feel jealous of another student who because of his diligence seems to be the teacher's favorite. In a job situation, people may feel jealous when a co-worker gets a raise or promotion for excelling in his work. In these instances, we may say such jealous individuals, like Lucifer, have failed to appreciate things from God's point of view. The task is to appreciate people for their own merit, regardless of how their position relates to one's own personal status.

2. Improper position

We have also inherited the tendency to leave a position that has been given us. In God's original creation, a position was ordained each creature. Angels, for instance, were created as servants of God while Adam and Eve were created as His children. If these positions had been maintained, order and harmony would have emerged. Sadly, they weren't. Reflecting this, a New Testament author writes: "And the angels that did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal judgment . . ." (Jude 1:6) Similar phenomena occur today. In each of our lives there are proper roles which, when fulfilled, lead to happiness and satisfaction for ourselves and for God. When the proper relationship is established between parent and child, or student and teacher, or husband and wife, for example, both parties can be pleased and contented. Apart from working out these roles, however, no larger order or individual peace is possible.

3. False dominion

Another aspect of fallen nature that we inherit today is the tendency to reverse dominion. As was previously indicated, there was a certain order of authority in the creation: God, Adam, Eve, followed by the angels, and finally the things of creation. When the Fall took place, this order was reversed. The archangel successfully enticed Eve to sin. bringing her under his servitude, and Eve, in turn, led Adam to sin. Ultimately God was left entirely out of the picture.

The tendency to reverse dominion has been passed on to us, often originating in a Lucifer-like desire to receive more love. We tend to want to climb over others, even those who are properly in authority over us. We may pursue a false ego trip, seeking to subjugate others to our own desire for glory and recognition. Ultimately, of course, such efforts are doomed. We need to remember that the only way ultimately to receive love is to give it first.

4. Multiplying evil

A final quality we tend to inherit from

others involved in our wrongs. In this way we seek to protect, support and justify ourselves. Perhaps in gaining the external support of others, we seek to defend ourselves against our own internal sense that what we have done is unacceptable. As we do, however, we spread the evil we have done. The fact that in our present world evil is more rapidly multiplied than good is a manifestation of the reality of this original fallen nature.

Throughout modern society all of these fallen nature have practically become a way of life. It is common to feel jealous of someone who

receives more love than we do, and common to see disloyalty in families, betrayal among "friends", and grabs for power and recognition. Finally it is common to see evil passed from person to person more rapidly than goodness. The entire society has become a reflection of the fallen nature that originated with Lucifer, Eve, and Adam.

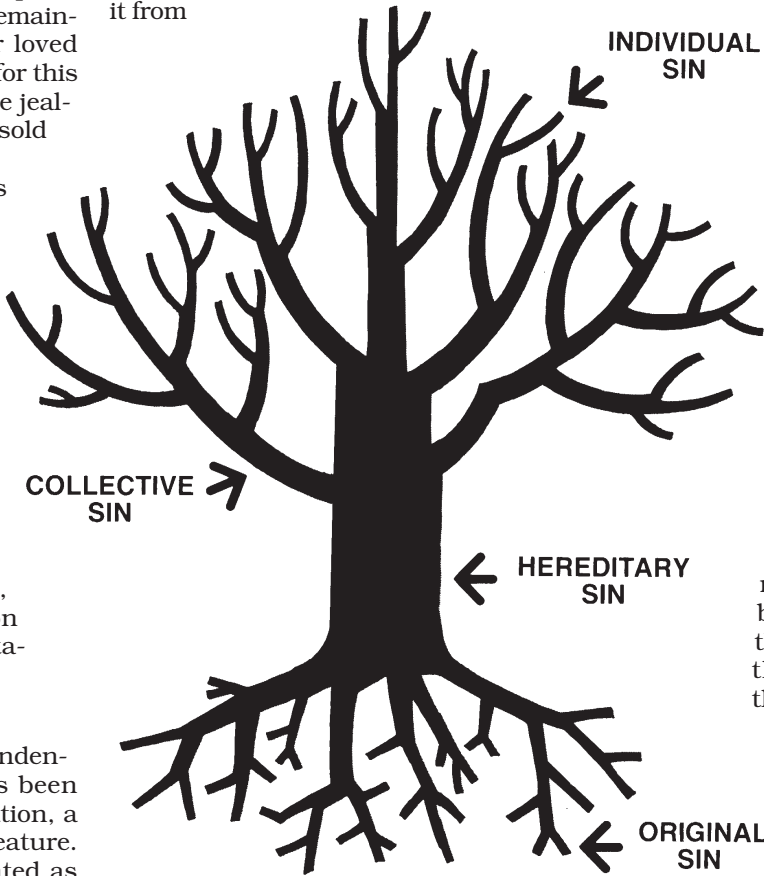
The Messiah

Adam and Eve were meant to be the link between God and all of their descendants, up to the present day. Thus, through our first parents a world of happiness and joy was to have come about—the Kingdom of God on earth. However, because of the fall, Adam and Eve were disconnected

from God, severing the link between God and all their children. Ever since the fall, both God and mankind have been seeking happiness and peace. Yet, apart from each other there has been no way for either to reach these goals.

To solve this problem, God's strategy has been to establish a mediator between Himself and mankind, this is the role of the Messiah. ♦

Our tendency today is also to get



the original dynamics of the fall is the tendency to want to get other people involved in the wrongs that we have done. Eve appropriated to herself the archangel's unrighteous desire and then further multiplied her wrong by tempting Adam. If Eve had not multiplied her crime Adam could have remained pure and ultimately could have restored his mate. However, Eve multiplied her wrong in Adam, and the fall was completed.





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The Big Picture

by Simon Kinney—NYC

With all the recent activity in television and the print media giving a generous amount of coverage to our movement, it has become increasingly difficult for many members to see the forrest for the trees. People I have spoken to seemed either wounded or confused about what they have heard or seen on television. For at least two people I had met, it meant turning the lights off and leaving the movement for good. Such a dramatic turn of events seemed almost surrealistic. Only a few weeks earlier some level of confusion

reigned in my mind when I approached one church official about a particular issue. This person's explanation of the situation differed dramatically from a previous discussion I had

ally in all likelihood, none of them were accurate. This experience was nothing new for me. However on this occasion it was undermining the faith of several friends, and since I was not able to access a clear answer, it was hard to help clear their concerns. As in most situations like this, it was evident that a much larger scenario was at play, and any one dimensional explanation of the facts was not going to cut it, even though that was what people wanted to hear. Without expectation I made my way to Belvedere on Sunday morning, September 20th to hear Father speak. I arrived shortly after 6am. Parents had not arrived and I took a spot on the grass overlooking the dense fog rising from the Hudson River. The place was

In My Opinion...

with another church official. In fact three or four discussions had yielded three or four completely conflicting explanations of the same important question I had posed to them. Which then was the correct one? The case in point was not a matter of opinion, but of fact. After a short period of consideration, I realized that actu-



KIM KORMAN BROWN

The Berenstain Bears Visit the Gynecologist

I was reading my little boy a bedtime story the other night, entitled, "The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist." This book is recommended reading for children before going to the dentist. It paints a picture of a sweet guy with a fun chair and interesting tools, and the whole visit turns out happily ever after. One of the reasons people don't find out about maladies developing in their bodies is that visits to the doctor are

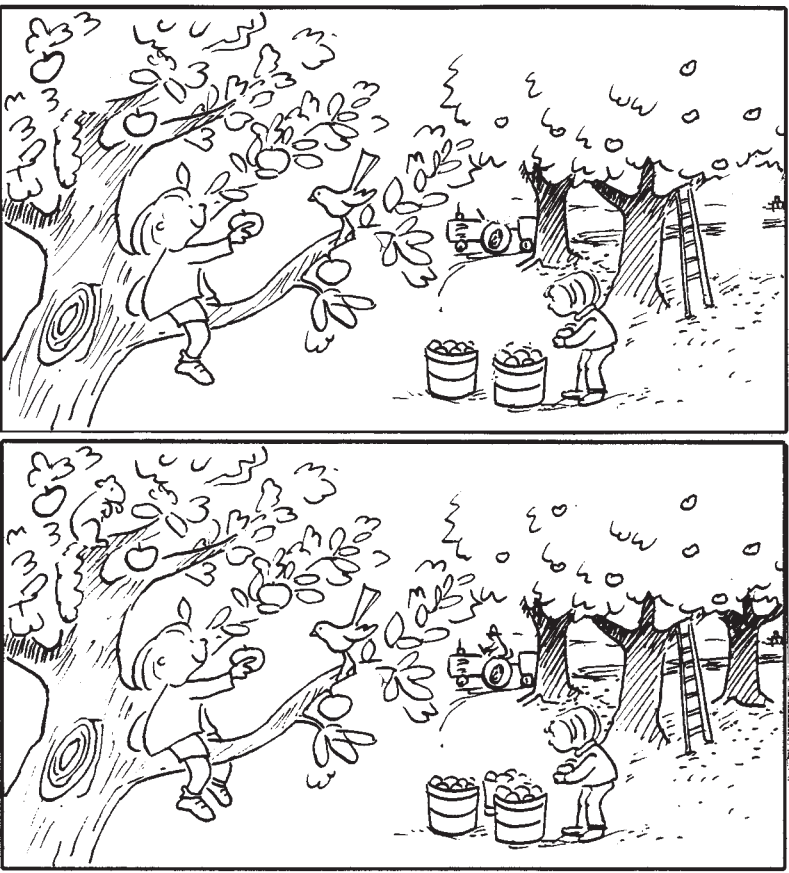
so unpleasant. More people would go if it was easier. I propose that Stan and Jan Berenstain write a series for adults that could psychologically, "take the worry out of being close", that occurs in many types of procedures. For example, my experiences visiting the Ob/Gyn usually include a long wait in a room filled with anxious faced women glancing at their wristwatches. When my name is finally called, I'm taken to a chilly room with a stainless steel table in it. Metal stirrups attached at one end, gleam in the fluorescent light like descendants of the tools of the Inquisition. A paper "gown" sits on

the table and I'm advised to "slip this on" and wait for the doctor. I fold my clothes in a neat pile on a chair, don the drafty, enormous paper towel and try to act nonchalant. It's hard to be nonchalant dressed in a paper towel with big gaps. I practice various styles of greeting while I'm waiting for the doctor, like, "What's up Doc?" The periods of waiting are almost worse than the procedure. I scan the table of medical instruments: A car jack Ice cubes A harpoon A blow torch

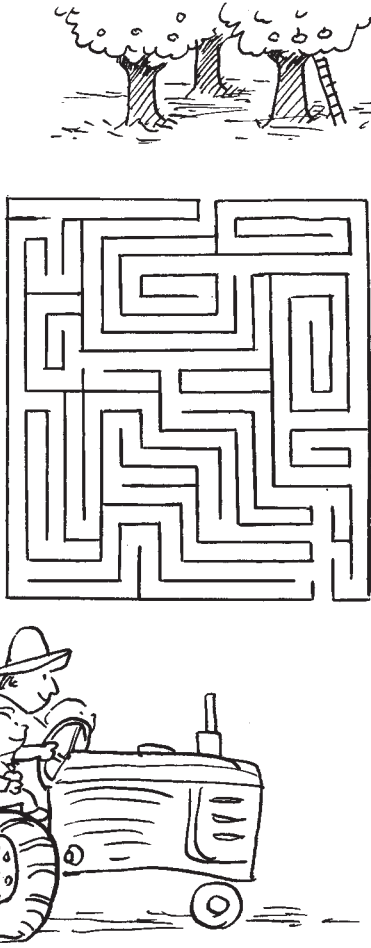
jammed to the rafters with the flock, not only in anticipation of Parents, but also of the impending television airing that evening on 60 Minutes. As I stood in thought, I glanced above the roof of Belvedere training center towards the Hudson. I must have been standing still for less than ten seconds when the last movement of Bruckner's Fourth Symphony came crashing into my conscience. Almost simultaneously, one very clear sentence presented itself: "Father represents only God's viewpoint". That was it. Since this kind of activity, as dramatic as it was, had happened on numerous occasions, it came as no shock to me. However it managed to clear my mind of the most recent vagaries. Even though Parent's had not even arrived, I could have left right at that moment and I would have felt completely happy. If only every day could be so dramatically directional. ❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of picking apples



Help them find the apple trees

A live lobster with clicking pincers Cue Cards that say: "Relax" "Can you scoot down more?" "This might feel cold." "This might pinch." "Are you feeling an adequate dose of total humiliation and misery, as I probe you while I am fully dressed and you lay there like an animal preparing for slaughter?" After scanning the equipment, there are usually diagrams of reproductive organs, spleens or fat cells to stare at, or brochures to read such as, "The Pap Smear is My Friend". I don't know what can be done to humanize the whole experience more. I would paper the ceiling with frescoes from the Sistine Chapel so that patients have something beautiful and calming to look at. If it were up to me I'd provide cotton gowns that fit people larger than Olive Oyl. Maybe turn up the heat too. I might make the doctor wear an outfit with his hiney sticking out as a gesture of solidarity. Whatever method we use, there has to be a way to help people feel more confident about doctor visits. As Bill Cosby said, "As long as you don't go [for a medical exam] you don't know if you have 'it'. As long as they don't tell you, you have 'it', you don't have 'it'. You only have 'it' when they tell you." Mystifying logic! I propose Stan and Jan write: The Berenstain Bears Visit the Proctologist The Berenstain Bears Have a Colonoscopy The Berenstain Bears Have a Prostate Exam The Berenstain Bears Try on a Prosthetic Limb The Berenstain Bears Have a Mammogram. It may not totally solve the problem, but it couldn't hurt! Kim can be found at web site: "http://futurerealm.com" and has email address: kimbrown@futurerealm.com. ❖

by **Larry R. Moffitt—Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen. I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

As it is in many Latin American countries, it is a custom among some observant Catholics in Argentina to cross themselves whenever they pass a church of their faith. However they are traveling: walking, bus, train, car – they cross themselves as they rumble past. Just the act of watching people do that makes me feel a little more protected, as it must do even more so for those who make the sign.

It's a fleeting, discreet movement, which though it takes place in a public setting, is not at all a public moment. Up, down, left, right, kiss the back of the thumb.

...in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti.

I'm not Catholic and don't need to be, I think, to feel that my fellow passengers make the sign of the cross for as many reasons as there are people doing it. Maybe deeply held conviction or a parochial school autonomic reflex, or a momentary reconnect with eternity in a life that is otherwise temporal, secular and self-absorbed – nobody knows. In the darkened back seats of the Avenida Maipú bus at 1:00 AM, it's one of the rare human acts utterly without political motivation. A handshake with the unseen God and the faith that He is there to reciprocate.

I spend between two and three hours a day on mass transit to and from the office. It's a complicated trip from the backwaters of the suburbs, hitting the whole sampler of urban public conveyance: bus, train, subway and my own two feet. Occasionally it feels like the commute from hell, but it gives me a lot of time to read and watch faces so I mostly forgive it. *Te absolvo.*

Among the faces is a dark-haired, woman on the subway, early 30ish, office worker by her clothes, but not management. A book has her full attention. Her head tilts forward to reveal an area of thinning hair on top near the back that is evolving into a strikingly noticeable bald spot on an otherwise attractive head, face and body. Men expect to lose their hair. How terrible it must be for a woman.

A man who shares my subway ride almost daily (inbound, third car from the end so as to be right by the exit when it stops), has a red birthmark around his eye. It is his further misfortune that the blemish is not dark enough to be an obvious birthmark, which people would notice and then studiously ignore and make no comment about. It's just red enough to resemble the result of a run-in with a door a week ago. I know it's permanent because I've seen it for months, but it looks enough like a minor accident so that even strangers who sit next to him say, "Ooo, I see the missus clobbered you a good one." I see him getting this a lot and whatever he thinks, it's probably way past what did I do to deserve this.

When I round the corner of the stairs heading for the lower level of Retiro Station every morning at 7:21 there are one or two or three young boys asleep on the bare floor next to the wall in this unheated passageway. Sheltered from the wind, but not the cold, the boys have their

Ego te absolvo...

sweatshirts and dirty jackets pulled as far over their heads as they can get them. What is most jarring is that these are young children, eight, maybe twelve years old and they live at Retiro station. They are still asleep at that hour, and commuters hurrying past set food down beside them. But it's all snack cakes and cookies, coffee break food at the Twinkies end of the nutrition spectrum.

No matter how many times you see them, it's not something a person can get used to. And this is nothing. I've seen thousands more doorway children ("gaminos") in Colombia and Mexico. Zillions in Brazil, where cast-off children live downtown, begging and stealing, selling their bodies. A mini-scandal erupted in São Paulo a couple years ago when it was revealed that a businessman's organization had hired people to go through the alleys at night and kill the street children to thin their numbers.

When blessing-counting time rolls around, as it does for everyone now and then, a millisecond on the street is all most of us need to dredge up a sincere there but for the grace of God. It's so easy to find a reason to make the sign of the cross.

Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducate ad vitam aeternam.

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

My observation is that one or two per bus or train car, and every fourth or fifth taxi driver, will do the sign of the cross. When I first came to Buenos Aires I noticed it, but it took a few weeks for me to associate it with passing a church. There is one spot on my train commute, near the horse track, where I still haven't been able to locate the church. People swirl their hands across their foreheads and chests as we zip past what looks to me like a small string of establishments that includes a fitness center and a bar. Maybe it used to be there.

I'm sitting on a crowded late night bus from the train station, the final leg of my homeward commute. I never met a third world country (or "emerging nation" as we like to call ourselves) where the buses aren't packed solid all the time. It's not hard to figure why. Most can't afford a car. It's related to why you see so many young people passionately kissing on the park benches, in the grass, leaning against lamp posts on the corner. There's no car, you live with your parents; this is the only place you've got. It's here or cold turkey abstinence. We're talking extreme heavy passion under the statue of the liberator, José de San Martín. It can be quite an aesthetic experience for the passer-by.

The bus is coming up on a small cathedral and I'm playing a game I invented where I try to predict who of those around me will make the sacred gesture. I'm nearly always wrong. I think I've guessed right maybe one time, and that was a nun, so it really doesn't count. It isn't always the little old lady or the man put on the social margins by his physical deformity. Often it's the hunky young turk fast-tracking at the firm and the virile secretary who pay homage to the custom. I have yet to see the cross made

by a couple, a man and woman together, for whatever reason.

Standing in front of me on the last bus of the night is a red-haired man in his 20s. Lean and strong, he hasn't shaved in four, maybe five days. On his arm is a tattoo of what looks like an oak tree with a big grinning skull imbedded in the trunk. A snake crawls out one of the eye sockets. As we pass under a street lamp, a beam of light skims across the man's bare arm. It's not an oak tree; it's a naked woman. Boy am I tired.

He scowls through eyes dark and twisted. He looks over at me in my hoity-toity suit and wimpy tie, registering angry confusion. He keeps looking at me and I stare back at him way too long. I'm fascinated and I realize I'm not breaking eye contact as the rules call for. What do I think I'm doing? Larry, are you nuts? You have five children to think of. I look away, but he doesn't, not for a long time. I'm dead meat.



I would like to say that in the moment of our contact I could sense, in his dark recesses, a tiny spark of original humanity, something in there a compassionate man could reach out to and connect with, given enough time.. A beautiful thought, and it would be so very Bing Crosby wouldn't it? Like in the classic "Going My Way" – jaunty Father O'Malley in black clericals and a straw boater turns a hardened street gang into St. Dominic's choir. Maybe God was speaking to my heart at that moment. I'm now looking for the humanity in my knuckle-dragging brother, and for the Bing Crosby in me, but it's a tough sell either way. What would Father O'Malley say to him? Hi there, I see your mother's a troglodyte?

The problem is, there doesn't seem to be anybody human at home. Not even remotely so. To the very core of his bottom corpuscle, he looks like Central Casting's alienated postal worker, Arlo Guthrie's "biggest, meanest, mother-raper of them all."

Then it hits me. I'm so totally wrong about people that this guy will probably defy all odds and cross himself when we pass the church. He's probably a future saint, on his way to donate a kidney. What he'll probably do is cross himself. And then after that, he'll come over and kill me for looking at him too long because...well, because this is Argentina.

I'm nearly ready to bet the ranch on it. We pass the church. He doesn't. But I do.

I have to say there is something foundationally powerful in the Catholic tradition. Something there for me. I admire their...I don't know exactly what...the faith they place in faith?

I remember an old woman in Oaxaca, Mexico in 1973, advancing the last hundred meters toward the basilica doors on her bare knees. She inched forward a foot or two at a time along a path of sharp stones that cut her legs. She wrung her hands and cried and cried and cried, wailing loudly, fervently. Whatever had broken her heart, the stones had nothing to do with it.

Two small daughters or granddaughters placed a scarf on the ground for her to crawl over. As she passed, they retrieved it and brought it around in front for her to pass over again. The scarf and the hem of her dress quickly became streaked with blood.

She made the sign of the cross. *Dominus noster Jesus Christus te absolvat...*

Our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you...

I was a hitchhiker just out of communication grad school, a "mochilero" with a backpack and jeans. I felt self-conscious and a little embarrassed but I stopped and watched her anyway. Other people were passing by like this happens every day. I think I may have promised myself that as payment for my intrusion, I would remember what I was seeing. Someday I would tell somebody about this and maybe it would help them.

As it turns out, I am the one helped. My beliefs and life and the teachings of the past 24 years liberate me to be as fully one with any earnest attempt to touch God, in any faith, as my own maturity will allow. My God tells me that before it's over, everyone of us will be that old woman at least one time. If I want it to be my course, and risk the risk, and set my heart ablaze daily, and toil in the vineyards of the Lord and be about my Father's business, then I can be her lighted candle. I am free to be all faiths, to make all Gods my God, all people my people. I am Unificationist. I make the sign of the cross. ❖

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by Tim Comey—Boise, ID

A recent memo circulating on the internet referred to the purchase and deploying of mobile homes in the 80's as being a mistake. This was an example of "even Messiahs sometimes make mistakes."

I guess there are many ways of looking at the world. I wanted to share a thought or two.

Father brought some of the American regional leaders (Jenkins, McDewitt, etc.) together in the early 80's for a uniquely memorable experience for over a week, as I recall. In addition to some travel, and close personal time with his family, Father shared his enthusiasm for the bus tour idea. The reports on the time spent together were extra special.

We then proceeded to organize tours, rent buses, and bring our contacts to New York, to see the sights and attend an evening program at the World Mission Center. The Statue of Liberty, the

Empire State Building, and Dr. Bo Hi Pak. All in one day ! Wow !!

I'm not sure how other regions implemented the idea. But Father had an inspiration at that time, and shared it with key Americans in the field.

He knew the importance of getting our contacts, members, and ourselves "up and out" of our circumstances and able to experience something new — to laugh, interact, to feel, to understand anew. This way of working has meant a lot to people who appreciated our efforts over the years. How many times have we heard, "This was the best experience of my life. " There has been tremendous gratitude for our projects, conferences and achievements.

In that same spirit of adventure, the mobile home providence was initiated. I understand that there was considerable debate about it, and heavy lobbying from competing points of view, with sparks and fur flying. Advice and

The Mobile Homes:

council was given. Decisions were agreed upon.

Matthew Morrison, the Northwest Regional Director at the time, once told me that it was important to Father that at the time of the trial, intense persecution and approaching sentence in Danbury Prison, the activity of the mobile homes was like Father's "face" all throughout America. It was our pride. We were visible and at work on the front line.

The IOWC Teams campaigned throughout America. Trucks and mobile homes were dispatched. Then the videos and video machines were shipped by the ton. The equipment took hours to unload. It was to reach out and lift up America. Educate, inspire and energize ! Father would laugh with us as

he described the living arrangement — 10 members per mobile home, sharing one restroom.

I understand that the trucks, which would serve the churches in particular, in their efforts to help the poor, were purchased as Father was going to prison. He would give generously, even while being rejected. His response to the injustice was to give, and to forget. And in prison, he would conceive of the ACC.

There was a call one day — it was probably in the middle of the night — for all seminary graduates to come to New York for a conference with Father. It was about mobile home leadership. Seminarians were expected to take a leading role. As I recall, not many responded. This would affect the func-

One God, One World, One Family

by Cathi Close—Arlington, VA

The first time I came across the teachings of Rev. Sun Myung Moon was through a book of his speeches entitled, New Hope. I was eighteen years old and wandering through the college campus at U-Mass in Amherst. The Unified Family had a table of books they were lending and the cover of that particular one caught my eye. I could use some hope, I thought. I took it home and as I read the speeches I was quite amazed. While so much of what Rev. Moon was saying was difficult for me to comprehend (and still is!), I remember thinking this guy really knows what he's talking about!. In other words, he "spoke with authority, not as one of the scribes or Pharisees" (and he still does!).

I decided right then and there to join this group, whatever it was. Boy, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. God knew, though, and He pushed me right along.

As I look back over the years and experiences, both good and bad, I like to think in terms of the Native American concept of time. Progress and growth are not looked upon in a linear perspective but as concentric circles that are ever-expanding and evolving. Picture a spiral that gets wider as it gets higher.

Now, when I consider my own and the many, many lives which have been touched throughout the world with this same message, the organizations, the campaigns, the families, etc. that have multiplied, I find myself in a parallel place on the spiral of my life once again of questioning, wondering and struggling to understand our purpose and the complexities of God's providence. (This isn't a first. I've been here many times before.)

What is the role of the church? How do I or don't I fit in? Is the church as an institution really going to change into something that's not a church? Will merely the external form change or will there also be a transformation within? Will there be any encouragement toward or opportunity for reflection and renewal? Just as the caterpillar must go through the chrysalis stage before opening it's new wings to fly, and a baby spends

time in the womb before birth, so also Jesus spent three days in the tomb before the resurrection. No matter how much we like to believe we are making progress, we cannot evolve without passing through the same cycles that affect everything in the universe. Preceding new life there is always a time of darkness, a time of going and growing within. There is always winter before the spring, darkness before dawn.

I have a lot of questions now and not all of the answers. I have some of the pieces of the puzzle, I think, but the puzzle also seems to be getting bigger. Instead of aggressively challenging myself to find answers to every question all at once, I feel that it would be more fruitful to reflect instead upon what I *do* know and to build upon



that. Recently my husband and I took a trip out West to look at possible areas to relocate to once our house in the DC area sells. We stayed with and met members in both Colorado Springs and the Denver area. Along with spending time looking at real estate, we also had the opportunity to have interesting discussions with these members about some of the various aspects of our life of faith. I found that regardless of to what degree a person is involved in church activities, regardless of our own personal perspectives or priorities, there is a real genuine element that binds us together. Even if we had never met each other previously, it didn't matter. There was a comfortable and secure feeling that we were brothers and sisters. We were family. We have True Parents in common and God as our parent. What a blessing and comfort! This is so precious to me because it is one thing that endures even when everything else seems to be changing.

These somewhat simplistic truths, I find in life, tend to often be the most profound at the same time. Consider that, compared to friends, family members don't choose each other. (Sometimes mates don't either!) We can be as different as night and day and often

don't even get along. However, when times get rough, it more than likely will be our families that we turn to for help and support. It's interesting that no matter how dysfunctional families are these days, still the busiest time at airports is always during Thanksgiving weekend. It's not because it's the year's biggest weekend for business trips but because people all over our country are traveling to be with their relatives. Why is this? Families are fundamental.

It goes back to the original intention of our Creator. As He

invested His love and hope into each one of us, He also created a loom with which to bind us together. He created families. So, like brightly colored threads, even though we are individually beautiful to behold, together we can weave a tapestry that will become a splendid masterpiece of it's own.

It will be a long time before this world and cosmos are completely restored and healed and love flows to every corner of the globe and beyond. A long time before all families are close to being ideal. Who knows how long before the need for religion and churches no longer exists or jails and armies become obsolete? There are still many challenges before us. There will be successes and yes, defeats as well. Happiness and also suffering. It's nowhere near over yet. Along with the privilege we have the responsibility and burden to be a part of this heavenly healing effort. However, in our eagerness to reach out to as many others as we can, let's not forget our own. Along with outreach and campaigns we *must* pay attention to the needs of each other. Within our immediate families, within our communities, within ourselves. There are wounded among us and it's imperative that we acknowledge and tend to those as best we can.

I find myself asking a lot of questions these days. I love True Parents. I love Divine Principle. I respect the many accomplishments of the Unification Church but I also have valid concerns about some of the problems we are con-

fronted with. It's not easy in this church, or any church for that matter, to bring up doubts or differences. These are often viewed as a lack of faith or weaknesses. This is the typical nature of institutions. I once heard the comment made that if institutions and governments changed as fast as individuals did that there would be total chaos. I had to think about that one. It made sense but at the same time we ultimately need to work toward a balance.

I'm hopeful about the possibilities of the Family Federation of World Peace. I look forward to a new concept that can expand well beyond the boundaries of any one particular faith or outlook. At the same time, it's important to retain a solid foundation and stability. We don't want to be wishy-washy but clear in our values and practices. We also need to create the space to acknowledge our differences and weaknesses. We do have them and if we simply try to pretend they don't exist, whether as individuals or as an organization, then they are going to simply come up from behind and pull us down. I hope that we can find a way to balance these many needs and to create not only another organization but a genuine bridge that can support us all and carry us toward our destiny.

To revive the long forgotten knowledge that we are all truly one family of brothers and sisters under one loving God. Isn't this our ultimate purpose? Witnessing, evangelism, public relations, marriage rededications, service projects, conferences, educational seminars, spiritual traditions, etc. All of these efforts have meaning only when they can result in the tangible building of God's true family.

I recently came across a decorative magnet that I bought to put on my refrigerator. It says:

One prayer - peace ; One hope - harmony; One dream - understanding.

I'm sure this is desire of all people and of God, Himself. I hope that the FFWPU can be successful in reaching out to not only embrace all cultures, races and religions but also will inspire and motivate others to work actively toward building God's Kingdom on this earth. ❖

A Mistake?

tion and success of the teams throughout America.

Recently, when cleaning up a mobile home, I realized how much Father envisioned us being out in the splendor of America’s beauty, directly experiencing a full range of situations, and learning to work closely together. He envisioned the large numbers of Americans of all ages meeting us, and hearing our ideas on video tape given by exemplary American lecturers.

It all may have been as much for us as it was for the nation and providence-at-large. I guess a loving parent thinks that way. Give a hope, an opportunity, a promise.

Remember the devotion which some teams demonstrated in the care of the mobile homes?

The heart of members from around the world would be given for America. And they gave abundantly. The American movement would have faltered without world support.

In the 1980’s, Father would awaken the American mind with the Reli-

gious Freedom Crusade He would empower America through the CAUSA movement, with conferences, slides and projectors, and revival. Then, church buildings in every state would be purchased. The ACC would begin. Years later, the most gifted and/or determined would have established themselves in society.

That must make Father feel very good. I remember Father once said to us long, long ago, “You are my calling card.” We serve that role on the front line.

He said long ago that it is vitally important to know the Providential Time, to “know what time it is.” “What is God doing at this moment ?” he taught us to inquire. Father has always demonstrated that he is responsive to God’s time table, and consistently demonstrated that he was instrumental in what God is doing. Our pride as church members has been, in part, being on the front line and cutting edge of the Providence. Father can see a broader dimension than I, and knows how history is unfolding, and what part we play in the incremental steps to its fruition. We have all come to regard Father’s directions with this under-

standing, and have attempted to respond with the proper attitude, willingness, and urgency. In hindsight, I can see that the course of action was the right thing to do... in the greater sense, and was also in our own best interest.

A section in the new “Exposition of the Divine Principle,” in “Some Lessons from Noah’s Family,” (P. 203, section 2.3) reads: “Yet instead of trusting Noah, who had been justified by Heaven, Ham criticized him from a self-centered perspective and showed his displeasure by his actions. His disrespect had the effect of frustrating God’s long labors to work His providence through Noah’s family. We, too, need humility, obedience, and patience to walk the path toward Heaven.”

I would emphasize the part about “God’s long efforts,” and apply this quote to the idea of “what is God doing now ?” and how I reflect on a direction and a leader. Noah wasn’t perfect. Sometimes I can’t get the picture without really thinking it through.

We have tried to avoid being a barrier to the work in progress. My offering is lamentably small. Many people endure the consequences of our shortcomings. Some areas will go completely neglected without our sincere investment. God seems very forgiving, for the most part. But directions from the cen-

tral point are our best asset.

I think Father is big enough to include different points of view. He has laughed about some of our flaws, and we’ve laughed along with him. (I made him laugh pretty hard a couple of times. After some reflection, I figured out what he found to be so humorous.) He wanted us to be self-sufficient as ACC. I think he trusts that we can get the job done. He knows that we make mistakes.

On a calm Sunday, one may look upon the old World War Two battleships in a quiet salty harbor and see just a memory. But one time,... long ago,... they were proud, strong, ready, with flags flying and powerful engines working for history’s triumph, with sailor boys - some too young to shave - on board and ready to fight, maybe with a photo or two of someone they loved and some letters from home in their duffel bag.

Sometimes you see an old car in the annual parade. It still runs good. And looks good, too. Like some members I know.

There are some good mobile homes out there. You can still feel the prayers that were offered when you sit inside.

Like at Valley Forge or Gettysburg. You don’t feel that you are alone there.❖

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Although we have seen some relief from America’s obsession with sex in the “True Love Waits” movement, Joshua Harris’ book is a breath of fresh air in that it goes beyond the pledges of abstinence to propose a new lifestyle for singles, that of not dating. It’s a solid, principled proposal, and has the extra punch of being written by a 21-year-old and directed to young people his age. Parents with teenagers who have experienced the problems of dating will also benefit from having these dangers spelled out in black and white. Harris describes in detail the destructive aspects of this cultural pastime. And, he knows what he is talking about. Even as a very Christian young man, he was engulfed in the dating scene. He describes from personal experience the tricks, the lies, the game of “dumping” someone before they dump you, and the terrible hurt that is caused when it happens.

We think of dating in America as being as natural as Mom and apple pie. Harris reflects on Beth Bailey’s work *From Front Porch to Back Seat*, to remind us that dating is a relatively recent phenomenon; it was only after the invention of the automobile that it really took hold. Here Harris could have gone further, informing his readers of what the traditional customs of America were before the 20th century, and reminding us that still, in much of the world, dating is not the norm as a way for two young people to come together.

The cornerstone of his work is the chapter entitled “The Seven Habits of Highly Defective Dating.” Here he lays out the false goals and assumptions which dating embraces. Defective Habit Number One is that dating stimulates intimacy but lacks commitment. In high school two teenagers meet, date, become a unit, and then “go steady.” But for what purpose? The logical goal of such a unit is marriage, but this is far from any kind of reality in their minds. The

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relationship deepens emotionally with no thought of where it will go. Harris likens it to two climbers supporting each other going up a mountain but then, at any random point, one just says he needs his freedom and leaves the other to fall or survive as best she can. The relationship is for recreation and to serve the individual’s needs. When it is time to move on, it is broken off with the resultant turmoil for one or both partners.

Even when partners want a long-term commitment, Harris rightly points out a fallacy in our concept of how commitment comes about. We tend to think that intimacy promotes commitment. In reality the reverse is true. Commitment promotes intimacy. As Harris states, “intimacy is the icing on the cake...intimacy without commitment, like icing without cake, can be sweet, but it ends up making us sick.”

Harris describes another defect underlying the common notion about intimacy, the mistaken belief that sex equals love. In fact, the cornerstone of dating is the fantasy of “falling in love” with a physically attractive person. However, based on stimulated emotions, the relationship steamrolls much

too quickly toward intimacy. The passions of the moment take center stage and outweigh any other consideration.

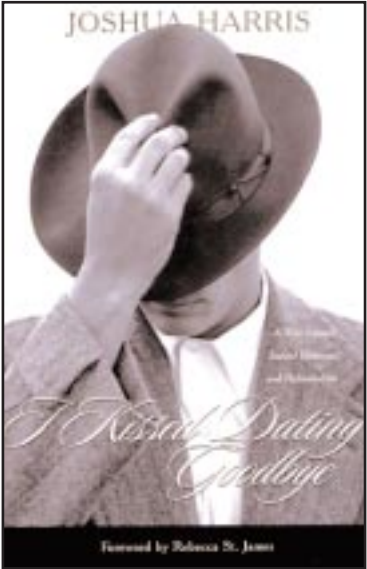
With no other considerations, the gauge of the seriousness of the relationship is the level of feelings. Thus the rollercoaster of falling in and out of love begins and too often chaos is the result.

Harris deals with the core issue when he gives the Biblical perspective on love. He states that the world’s deceptions flow from the central problem—that love is seen as being primarily for the fulfillment and comfort of the self. Here Unificationist thought can be of great use in Harris’ proposal. It is only when we understand that the cause of the fall of man was the misuse of love that we clearly understand his statement, that this “comfort of the self” revolves around the sacrifice of others to gain love for the self. From a Unificationist perspective, what Harris is describing in the culture of dating is the activity of young Lucifers, Archangels, hunting for Eves to entice and use for their benefit. He does have some intuition of this: his direction to guys is to stop acting like “hunters” trying to catch girls. Instead, he proposes men be “warriors” standing guard over them. Instead of warriors, Unificationist thought would

urge them to a broader ideal, to be “True Adams” displaying the image and character of God, as Jesus did, in male-female relationships.

So dating is flawed. As Harris says, “God’s true love pretty much nullifies dating as we know it.” Incidentally, this is why the True Love Waits movement, as it stands now, is not likely to succeed. Leaving dating in place and saying “control yourself” is a losing proposition. But what is the alternative? Harris’ proposals for an alternative lifestyle are to be commended: singleness is a gift from God to be used to its fullest while one can. A better way to get to know someone is by working with them on a service project rather than putting one’s energy into creating false impressions on a date. Parents of both parties should be included in the equation when getting to know the other person. Good as they are, they still come short of the perspective presented by Unificationism. That perspective includes nothing less than the creation of a marriage culture. It’s only when we realize that God designed the world around the marriage of man and woman, that the goal of life is not to be a holy individual, but a holy couple, that we get a true perspective on marriage. When children are given this vision with the extensive guidance and example of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, we have hope of transforming our sex-obsessed culture into a culture of the highest dignity of conjugal and parental love.

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BOOK REVIEW

I Kissed Dating Goodbye, Joshua Harris, Multnomah Books



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In this article we're going to take another look at the American educational system. We can't ignore its flaws, but this time we'll concentrate on the good news.

Like the proud ship *Titanic*, public education is undergoing a slow-motion disaster. Bad news follows it like a shadow, from steadily falling test scores to horrific student massacres. As with the *Titanic*, this disaster stems from a combination of design flaws, criminal incompetence, and simple carelessness.

Severe flaws were "built in" to the public school system, beginning with the socialism and Unitarian philosophy of its founders. Many had lived in failed Owenite communes, and concluded that "adults are already too contaminated." They decided to seize the levers of State power, in order to impose their "collective utopian" dogma upon America's impressionable children.

They succeeded. The first Public school opened in 1818, in Massachusetts. Today, the true result of their machinations is getting difficult to conceal.

The incompetence reaches from Teacher's Colleges that emphasize trendy, ivory tower "pedagogy" over tried-and-true learning, to classroom teachers who, no matter how awful, are defended by their powerful union, the National Education Association.

Carelessness flows from thousands of "educators" in ever-multiplying Federal, State, County, District, consultant, and affiliated offices—who never set foot in an actual classroom. (While cutting on-site counselors, nurses, maintenance, etc.)

It is compounded by textbook scams. Textbooks are cobbled together by committee, dumbed down by intent, ridiculously expensive, often inaccurate, and made inoffensive to *any* group. Also, they quickly become obsolete.

Americans know there's trouble in the schools, and time and again they have opened their pocketbooks, from tax increases to bake sales. But "more money for public education" does not work. It only hastens the disaster.

Fortunately, that's not the end of the story. Concerned and responsible Americans are taking action. With our free market economy, and in defiance of the NEA, many alternative schools have appeared. This has not gone unnoticed: a huge percentage of public school teachers now send *their own* children to private schools!

Alternatives

The oldest private schools are the Academies, military and academic. They've filled a vital role, providing the competent, "elite" leadership that every nation needs to function and progress. However, they serve only a small fraction of America's children, usually the wealthy.

Then came the Catholic schools. Founding these was a difficult choice; they became havens from old persecution and new, state-mandated humanism. They are open to all, but few of their students are non-Catholic.

(Personal aside: As a writer, I sometimes regret not having experienced a guilt-ridden childhood, studying under the watchful eye of some astoundingly strict Catholic nun...)

Next, the Montessori schools became popular, based upon the teachings of that famous Italian educator. These cater largely to the middle and upper classes, often liberals who are perceptive enough to doubt "the Establishment."

With the infamous sixties came many new private schools. Some were "hippie" schools, who considered even Public schools too conservative. Outrageous by any standard, they broke enough molds to produce some extraordinary graduates. Reflecting the character of their supporters, most drifted apart within a few years.

Christian schools arose, most tied to some large and active congregation. These have strict rules, and continue to flourish. Many fundamentalist parents enroll their teenagers, to assure their education—and, just as much, hoping the kid will meet and marry an equally devout Christian! As one would expect, they frown upon students from divergent backgrounds.

Private schools were also founded in the inner cities, for communities that are "underserved"—to put it mildly. Though their clientele is impoverished, some have succeeded admirably. Most revolve around a single, strong personality or core group. Compared to the need, these schools cannot accept nearly enough students.

Some private schools are extremely narrow in focus, appealing to tiny sections of society, such as Orthodox Jews. While important in maintaining their faith, it has been reported that some rabbinical graduates can quote dozens of obscure medieval scholars, word for word—and cannot locate Canada on a map.

serving his parents breakfast in bed, by an older sister helping her younger sister ride a bike. It is expressed by a husband and wife sharing their deepest, most personal wants, needs and desires. This is God's internal glory. It is God's greatest gift. It is the manna from Heaven, the salt of the Earth. This is why Jesus did not come in external glory; he came in internal glory.

And that is what we missed. He did everything to the point of dying on the cross out of his love for us. The boat left the dock. We missed the boat. 2,000 years ago, the human race missed the boat.

The worst private schools are "deliberately isolated," like the handful operated by White Supremacists (and a few Black and Hispanic imitators). America's free society puts up with them, for any suppression would quickly expand to other "controversial" schools...

Costs

All private schools must, by their very nature, charge tuition. Everyone pays for the Public schools, even parents who send their kids to private schools anyway.

Activists are trying to correct this imbalance with "vouchers," or limited "opportunity scholarships." These are now the subject of furious debate; by scholars, at the ballot box, and in the courts.



The Left claims that the "State" would end up supporting the "Church," while the Right is afraid that such support might lead to government control.

Both public and court opinions are swinging towards some type of voucher system. In places where this support isn't available, philanthropists are stepping in, granting private vouchers to needy students.

Many families (especially large ones) cannot afford private tuition, and "home schooling" has grown dramatically. Hundreds of associations now support these in-home schools, as do specialized publishing houses, legal foundations, etc.

Response

The Public schools have finally begun to respond. At first, only with lofty but meaningless reforms, and now with "Magnet" and "Charter" schools. These schools are freed from bureaucratic rule, and can innovate as best their staffs can devise.

Some areas, like Seattle, are allowing their schools to compete for students, which has resulted in "specialization." Each school now caters to certain needs or ambitions; the main drawback is that the kids end up getting shuffled all over town.

In the worst situations, private companies like Edison are being allowed to take over Public schools completely. It's a bitter pill for the NEA, but so far the results have been good.

In the face of need, the lines between schools are blurring. Religious schools are leasing empty Public campuses. Both are providing course materials for home

schoolers.

The Internet is allowing schools to "go online." In San Jose, California, a group of Christian school students operate a 24-hour radio station, using Real Audio. You can hear them at, <http://kvch.valleychristian.net/>

This school has a special "teleconferencing" classroom. Students in other schools, at home, and as far away as Africa, attend its classes. Using a \$50 computer camera, the teachers can also see their remote students! Better yet, with password protection, that school is making a substantial amount of money from this venture.

Beyond Competence

Private schools normally outdo their Public counterparts. This has been known for a long time:

"In large [nations] public education will always be mediocre, for the same reason that in large kitchens the cooking is usually bad." - F.W. Nietzsche, 1878

Most private schools are going beyond competence to achieve excellence. Still, there are limits. Most enforce strict rules, and hope that an errant student will shape up in hopes of remaining. But, many kids do not realize what a great privilege their parents have afforded them. Thus, private schools usually end up expelling a great many students.

"Educational excellence" sounds like something from a brochure. For good reason: it isn't enough. Simply note that Bill and Hillary Clinton are highly intelligent, well educated people.

Modern civilization has many "internal" plagues. To survive and advance, it will need high moral standards. Schools must bring out the very best in every student, mentally and spiritually.

These aren't just fanciful clichés. The Divine Principle, and its companion the Principle of Education, provide a true basis for education. They're opposite from the ideas espoused by the founders of the Public schools. Our Principles could expand the reach and depth of any private school, and allow the religious ones to "go that extra step."

We ourselves are building real institutions of learning. Dr. Mose Durst's new book, *Principled Education*, describes the process. It combines our tenets with several years of practical experience at the Principled Academy in California. Other schools are putting these ideas into practice.

Our Unificationist schools may be small now, but then again, so was that first Public school. There's hope for America yet! ❖

and we trust him. Because we trust him, we know that he will come again. But how? Will he assume a new body? The Bible rejects reincarnation, Christianity rejects reincarnation. When God creates a new body, He creates a new spirit within it. He doesn't create a body empty of spirit to allow somebody else's spirit to enter.

Before discussing how he will come, let us consider why he needs to come. Hebrews 9:28 says "To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." ❖

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comes in external glory, we can trust Him, but it doesn't help us to trust each other.

Jesus did not come in external glory. He came in internal glory, the glory of God's truth and love. God wants us to touch His internal glory, His truth, His love. These are expressed not by a military commander, not by an emperor high on a throne, but by a father teaching his son to fish, a mother helping her daughter pick out clothes, by a brother

Now, we know that Jesus wants to be with us in everything that we do, in everything I mentioned—our love, our teaching, our sharing, our serving. But there's a little more to it than that. Jesus doesn't just want to be with us. Jesus wants to do it himself. God wants to do these things Himself. That's why Jesus said, the Lord will come again. And He will come again not in external glory, for He already has the external glory. He will come in internal glory, because that allows us to complete our unfinished business. The boat will come back to the dock.

Jesus will surely do this as he promised,



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"Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"(Mt 7:21-23)

The measure of trust is the extent to which you will endure disconfirming evidence. "I trust my son to be responsible." Trust is based upon a promise. "Dad, I promise I will not drink." "I trust you will keep the promise." Then you hear that the party he went to was a wild party and some kids ended up in a car crash from drunk driving. Do you still trust your son? Do you have confidence that he did not participate in that activity?

We read that we should trust in the Lord, for He is good. When you don't feel Him, do you still trust? God forsook Jesus on the cross. Did Jesus still trust in God? He did; as he said, "Into thy hands I commit my spirit."

Trust is necessary for a relationship to endure. A strong relationship is built upon absolute trust. Trust is a by-product of faith. In a relationship, trust is measured by your ability to allow your partner latitude to risk something of value to you both. For example, my mother encountered a friend who told her of a summer home up in the mountains for sale. She couldn't reach my father, but time was of the essence and she went ahead and signed and made a down-payment. This means that my father trusted her with the bank account. Also, my mother trusted her friend's word that this was a good piece of property. There was a lot of risk involved, but it worked out because there was a lot of trust.

And we have to be worthy of trust. Don't abuse it. If you inadvertently violate it, atone for it, which means be at one with the person again. Restore your oneness with that person.

Trust is measured too by the risk you take with the belief that your partner will be there for you. My mother trusted that my father would be there with her when he found out that she signed that deal. A soldier will take a risk on the battlefield in trust that the air-cover support will be there. A husband will confess his sins to his wife in trust that she will understand and hold them in her heart. In any counseling relationship, trust is an essential ingredient.

Do you have someone you completely trust? Are there many people who completely trust you?

Job trusted God. Satan challenged God to test Job's trust. God took up that challenge; that means that God trusted Job even before Job trusted God. Abraham also trusted God and it was accounted to him as righteousness. It is righteous to trust in God, because He is worthy of trust. In Him we have our life, our breath, our being. If He ceases to give and provide for us, we will die that instant. How vain, how selfish and vile, to question such a God. This means that distrust of God is unrighteous. Adam and Eve distrusted God. They did not believe that He had a plan for their life and for their family. When it came down to it, they trusted the serpent which led them

Trust in the God Whose Ways are not Man's Ways

to follow their own desires.

Their desires seemed more trustworthy than God. How about us? What if God tests us as He tested Job?

Applying this, it means that we should trust God even though the present reality seems to disconfirm His trustworthiness. Look at the Israelites in relationship to Jesus. They did not trust Jesus. They branded the son of God a heretic and blasphemer. It means they called God ungodly! As Paul said, ignorant people exchange the truth of God for a lie and worship the creature rather than the Creator.

God told the people of Israel that He would send the Messiah and He gave them certain expectations of a king of kings, a magnificent leader who would vanquish their enemies, a new King David. Then He tested them. When Jesus presented himself as the Messiah, it disconfirmed God's trustworthiness. But for those to whom the spirit revealed Jesus' identity, God was proven trustworthy. And when we accept Jesus, we encounter God's trustworthiness. God is proven righteous.

The Bible teaches that the Lord will come again. As in the Old Testament, there are many diverse prophecies in the New Testament about this. He will come in the air with trumpets blasting. He will come like a thief in the night. Every eye shall see him and every knee shall bow. Those who are asleep will not know that he came and went. Those who confess the name of Jesus will be saved. He will call many who did mighty works in his name, "evildoers" and cast him out of his sight.

In reality, even the disciples of Jesus did not recognize God in him. If they had, they never would have left him, denied him. It was not until he returned from the dead that they really trusted him. As a man on earth, Jesus was no different from you or I. He told people that to see him was to see God, but they did not trust him. He said that he was the way, the truth and the light, but they did not trust him. They were not willing to risk what they valued for him. Consider the rich young man. They did not trust Jesus when he told them God's way of life in the Sermon on the Mount. His parents did not trust him when he told them that he belonged with the teachers of Israel in the Temple. His mother and brothers did not trust him when he was teaching in the villages.



His disciples did not trust him enough to have confidence that they would not betray him. When he said, "one of you will betray me," each said, "Is it I, Lord?"

They did not trust him enough to stay with him when the soldiers came, or to testify on his behalf in the trial. They did not trust in his power. They saw it in the loaves and fishes, they saw him walk on the water, heal the sick, raise the dead. More than that, they saw him forgive sins and teach truth. But they always came back to the physical reality: he's a man; he looks just like you and me. He's not very popular. The scribes and Pharisees, those very respectable leaders, they don't like him. They say he's crazy. It was enough to plant the seed of doubt, of fear. It was enough to compromise their trust in Jesus.

Trust relates to love. If we truly love someone, we will trust that person. Love evokes oneness of heart, and when we are one in heart, we know that the other person will be true to the relationship. No one loved Jesus enough to trust him without the big "IF." If you are the messiah, do this. If you are the messiah do that. If you are the messiah, then where is Elijah? If you are the messiah, promise me the highest seat in the kingdom of heaven. If you are the messiah, tell me what is truth? If you are the messiah, fly down from the cross and bring me down with you. If you are the messiah, solve my problems for me. Then I'll trust you.

The human race never displayed absolute trust in God when He appeared in human form. It was always conditional. What a beautiful thing it is when trust is displayed. Think of Isaac's trust of his father, Abraham, on the altar. Think of Jacob's trust of Esau as he bowed before him seven times. Think of the Israelites trust in Moses as he led them out of Egypt, into the howling wilderness, and their trust in Joshua as he led them into the Promised Land. But these episodes are few and far between.

Now, think for a moment of God's dilemma. God wants us to trust Him absolutely for who He is. But as long as God is invisible, we cannot really know who He is. We have our various concepts of God, and even experiences of God's love in the Holy Spirit, but still we are just shooting at a target that we cannot actually see or touch. Millions of people might be bowing and praying before an idol that is not God at all. They are all facing in the wrong direction, but they are so intent in their misdirected worship that God cannot do anything about it. He has no form, no voice, no body. He sends someone and we reject him, saying that you're just a man. God wants to say that's the whole point! Jesus said if you see me, you see the Father-I and the Father are one. We human beings are experts at deception, and the first one I deceive is my own self. Thinking I'm going straight to heaven, when in reality I might be going straight the other way.

This is why God revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. He took human form. Why? To pay for our sin? It was not first and foremost to pay for our sin, but to reveal to us His love, His character, His heart, His personality, His reality. To reveal

that he's not so different from us. After all, He's our father.

I'm a father, too. Let's say that I died tonight and went to spirit world. Now, my children will miss me. They will talk to me in their prayers. They will cry out to have me next to them. And I might be right there next to them in spirit, but I can't touch them, they can't hear me, they can't see me. They might say, Dad, if you're here, let me know. And I'm trying and trying but I can't get through to them. How frustrating! How miserable a father I would be! Then they might say, Dad, it's okay. I know you love me, and turn off the light. This is God's situation! And I would watch my son growing up. I would watch him encounter good and evil. No! No! don't go the evil way! But he can't hear me. How grateful would I be for someone to intervene. Maybe God wants to intervene through YOU, in someone else's life. With his love, He mercy, His counsel, His protection, with His chastisement perhaps. Can you think of who that might be? Do you think such a thing would happen almost never? Or, perhaps, all the time? Do you know someone who's lonely, who's carrying a heavy cross? How about your wife? How about your father?

So how happy God was to be able to be with us in Jesus. But then what happened? They didn't recognize him! They didn't trust him! What anguish in God's heart. This may be why there is nothing recorded of Jesus' life until he reached thirty, save one brief, unhappy episode. If it were glorious, don't you think it would have been recorded, talked about?

So there is some unfinished business. What Jesus did is finished, but we didn't finish our part. We did not give our complete trust to God when He walked among us. We have proven for 2,000 years since then that we can give our complete trust to God the Son in spirit, so He doesn't need to return in spirit. He doesn't need to return in external glory. The Jews thought that the Lord would come in external glory 2,000 years ago and that's what tripped them up. If he had come in external glory then, they would have had no problem to trust him. If he comes in external glory now, mankind will have no problem to trust him. But that's not what God wants us to learn! He wants us to learn to trust the internal beauty that He places in each one of us. If He

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IRFF Hurricane Georges Relief Effort

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This is to let you know that IRFF is mounting a relief effort and project for those affected by Hurricane Georges. If you are interested in donating anything or have friends in other networks that would be interested, please contact me at this email address: IRFFint@aol.com. I can then describe what would be needed and what would be useful and other details. As IRFF is True Parents' relief agency, we have been consistently working on projects since 1975. Though you may not hear a lot from us, we have been there. We have

also become involved in partnering with other agencies for American disasters as well - such as Hurricane Hugo and the flooding in North Dakota as well as the international projects such as North Korea, etc. Besides trying to respond in some form to Hurricane Georges now, we are also planning a Christmas service learning project for second generation teenagers. We will be doing clean up and work in an area affected by Georges and possibly, by then, Hurricane Jeanne. Contact me either by email at IRFFint@aol.com or directly by phone for any information: (914) 366-0558.❖

LETTER

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

I read with interest the column by Paul Carlson concerning a serious topic we Unificationists should address. The topic was: What happens after the demise of the founder and leader? Carlson's article was well written and well researched. I found it educational and interesting. We can learn from the mistakes of others. He describes the woes of other groups when the founder passed away and the followers splintered. I am grateful that the writer has brought up these points for us to consider. What will happen in the future? Will we separate into factions? Will the family be split as sisters and brothers become enemies? My sincere hope is that now we can prepare for that day which is surely coming. We can make a smooth transition. Jon Wason, La Crescent, Minnesota ❖

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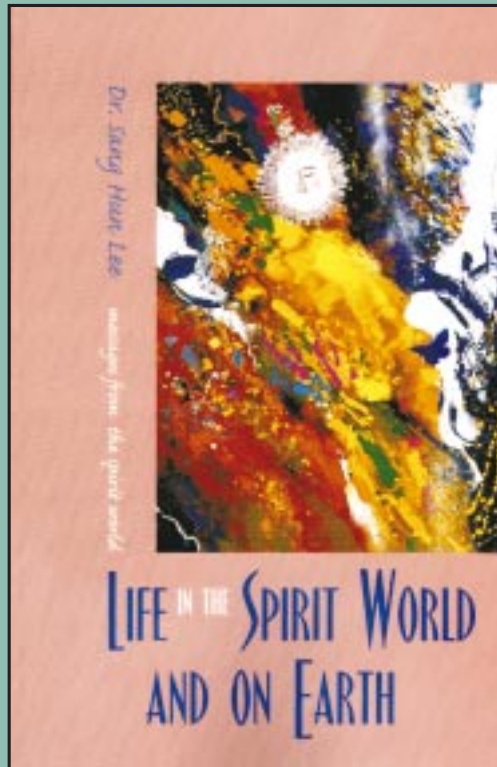
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